Brother Knights,

As we enter this Lenten season, let us all pray for our Council and all K of C members that we can continue and improve in our journey to provide assistance in physical and monetary ways for those in need. We have begun our yearly Parish Membership Drives with Holy Redeemer on February 17th & 18th. Next, we have our St Joseph’s Parish Drive on March 10th & 11th. Last but not least, St Andrew’s Membership Drive on April 14th & 15th. We have scheduled a First Degree at our March General Meeting on March 14th and our first Invitational Dinner is scheduled for March 12th. Please continue your recruitment for new Brothers remembering that with additional Brothers our Council will continue to accomplish more for our community.

February’s Slam Breakfast was dedicated to the St Andrew’s Youth Group and they did a wonderful job at the Breakfast. Our turnout was great at 435 people and we will present a check for $850 to St Andrew’s Youth Group. This month’s Slam Breakfast is dedicated to the Martin County Special Olympics and we are expecting another great turnout of people.

We just had our scheduled “Tootsie Roll Drive” and ran into an internal problem with 2 of our 5 local Publix Supermarkets. These two stores did not allow us our 2 prescheduled days because of a corporate fund raiser scheduled for the same days. We will be rescheduling these stores and after completion we will let our Brothers know how we did. A “Great Thank You” goes out to all the Brothers who worked and volunteered on this project.

We are also looking forward to our St Patrick’s Day Dance on March 17th. It will be catered by Enrico’s Catering. Please get your tickets, reserve your tables early, and tell all your friends and neighbors about this great event. Let us make this another successful venture for our Council.

God Bless

Grand Knight, Jim Pritchard
Important Shield Information

Brothers,

The Shield will be available to all members online at [http://www.kofc6241.org/](http://www.kofc6241.org/) or by email distribution.

This move was necessary to reduce cost.

We know that some of our members still desire to receive the hard copy of the Shield. **If you wish to receive the Shield delivered to your home, you MUST complete the attached form and submit it to us in the enclosed envelope.**

The printed/mailed version only contains basic information about our council. For the full Shield, please visit the website for the electronic version.

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How (Social) Networking Attracted Millennials to Council

This past January, St. Philip the Apostle Council 11671 in Clifton, N.J., welcomed nine college-aged men as the newest members. It all began with a few simple phone calls. Brother Knight Raymond Lill called several members of his council, asking if their college-age sons and grandsons would like to become members of the Knights of Columbus. First, Lill invited his grandsons, Jack and Nicholas Garruto, to join. They became members along with several local police officers, and the event was publicized on social media. The social media coverage helped Jack and Nicholas network with local friends, almost all of whom had dads in the K of C. The young men were already familiar with the council’s various programs — including free throws and polar plunges — that involved families and young people in the community. Many of them had also participated in “tank pulls” organized by the Clifton Knights and the New Jersey State Council to support Wounded Warriors and veterans. Over the years, the tank pulls have brought together dozens of participants, including the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Seton Hall & Rutgers ROTC units and United States Marine recruiters. Within a five-year period, this event raised a total of approximately $700,000. The impact of having such a successful lineup of programs speaks for itself; all Council 11671 needed was to formally invite the young men to join. Since the majority of the recruits were attending college, the council used the First Degree Video Production. This DVD allows councils to conduct First Degree Ceremonials as needed without a team. Our thanks to Council 11671 for sharing the details of this successful recruitment event — and a very excited welcome to its newest members!

Six Recruiting Tips from Council 11671

1. Plan First Degree ceremonials around college calendars, and plan your Church Recruitment Drive around spring break weekends. Alternatively, welcome college-aged Knights to join you in attending the Easter Vigil and a council-sponsored reception.
2. Embrace social media. As Nicholas Garruto — a student at William Patterson University in Wayne, N.J. — shared, Knights of Columbus councils have the ability to introduce younger men to a wider segment of the community, helping Catholic men to network with one another.
3. Advertise council news and programs via Facebook, Twitter and other forms of social media — it is the type of communication that millennials (born from early 1980s to early 2000s) have grown up with, and communications that offer speed, ease of use and instant feedback still dominate the majority of their personal, educational and work relationships.
4. Participate in fundraising opportunities such as the tank pull. As new Brother Knight Michael McLaughlin — a student at Jersey City University — explains, they help to establish strong bonds of friendship.
5. Keep in mind that millennials are generally uncomfortable with bureaucracy or communication barriers.
6. Provide open communication and regular feedback. Recognize millennials for their volunteer involvement and welcome them to participate in a volunteer leadership role for an event. Speak to them about how being a Knight can open up many more flexible leadership opportunities, in both the parish and the council.
New Members

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus, have them complete a Form 100 or contact our Membership Director, Dennis Banks at (772) 214-8519.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to males 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics.

What is a practical Catholic?
A practical Catholic accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

Upcoming Membership Drives

The parish membership drives are all set, with the following dates:
1. Feb 17th & Feb 18th – Holy Redeemer
2. Mar 10th & Mar 11th – St. Josephs
3. Apr 14th & Apr 15th – St. Andrews

Please contact Membership Director, Dennis Banks at (772) 214-8519 if you would be interested in helping with one of the membership drives.

Terrific Tuesdays, Dinner Dances, and Grand Slam Breakfast
Who would like to win some money?

Come to our monthly council meetings for your chance to win one of two attendance awards!

Must be present to win!

No names drawn!

NO WINNERS!
Around the Council

St Andrew’s Youth Group

A special thank you to the St. Andrew church’s youth group. They bussed tables at the February 2018 Slam Breakfast and did a wonderful job.

Renewal of Obligations – 4th Degree
The Columbiettes

I want to thank all our members for their help in putting our fashion show together. Naming everyone would lead to missing someone. One “someone” will never be forgotten, Yolie, you are amazing in what you do. Putting together 171 names, list them alphabetically, seat them and at the same time, her husband John, printed up that list and the baskets. We met our goal in both attendance, money raised from our 50/50 and the fantastic “50” baskets & gifts raffles. Thank you to Bert & Enrico, delicious buffet, Erin & Erica, waitresses, 4 teens from St. Joe’s church, 2 teens from the Vittorio family. Thank you to our models, Marlene, Joan, Joanne, Terri & Bob, Maryellen & Bob and of course Luanne, our hostess from Steinmart. Thank you to Chris, our bartender, who always gives of her time, became sick and had to leave, thanks to Enrico for filling in.

A new slate of officers is waiting for some names, we sure do hope it gets filled up with members who will take the place of president, vice president & secretary. At our April meeting, we will have Ed Daccarett, also known as “the prince of peace” as our speaker. He is a familiar voice at many gatherings and his topic will be “lent.”

Happy birthday to Marjorie Gaughan, Priscilla Joeckel, Carol Lonergan, May Looney, Francine Serra.

Get Well Wishes to Jean DeGiorgio, Margaret Tuzzio & glad to see Millie Capel & Rosa Jackson back after their surgeries. Our next meeting is March 14, 2018

Your president & friend, Barbara
God bless our military, the homeless, mentally & physically impaired, the abused, keep them in your prayers.

Barbara Guido, President of The Columbiettes

The 4th Degree

The 4th Degree had a successful Renewal of Obligations dinner dance on Feb 15th. There were 63 in attendance with Enrico as the Caterer. Our next dinner and meeting is March 15th. This past week our brothers participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive. We would like to give a special thanks to Enrico, Bert and their staff for making the Renewal a big success, also for their help at the Slam breakfast.

Thank you and many Blessings!
Artie Birke, Faithful Navigator
Save the Date

**St. Patrick’s Dinner Dance**
March 17, 2018 6 PM
Catered by Enrico’s
Salad Bar, Corned Beef and Cabbage, Dessert, Coffee
Music – Driftwoods
Tickets on sale now $28
Call 772-286-7507

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(Proceeds support Charitable Giving)

Culture of Life

**DAILY PRAYER TO END ABORTION**

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death, by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the Treasure Coast pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all.

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

March Birthdays

Mark Cassidy (3/22), Robert Clifford (3/26) Victor Competello (3/6), Reid Cuppett (3/23)
Charles D’Agata (3/30), Carleton Dodge (3/30), Joseph Gavel (3/20), Wyatt Godes (3/15)
Frank Leone (3/4), Anthony Losh (3/14), David Murphy (3/26), Thomas Nisa (3/6)
Robert (Mike) O’Byrne (3/20), Bruce Palme (3/14) Jesus Perez Barraza (3/8), Frank Polis (3/24)
Frank Rizzo (3/7), Ron Robinson (3/15), Bernard Roy (3/6), Eugene Shawaryn (3/3)
H Albert Silsby (3/8) Kenneth Sunshine (3/6), Frank Trimble (3/14), Thomas Wiseman (3/13)
Moises Yanez (3/8)
Saint of the Month – Saint Patrick

**Feast Day:** March 17  
**Patron Saint of:** Affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travelers, and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses.  
**Death:** 461

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, The Confession. In The Confession, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family. A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir:

"I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone. In His Footsteps: Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing -not even death. "The Breastplate," Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God: "Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

Read more at: [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)
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For the Soul of:
Fr. John DiFiore, Claire Schweizer, John Condon, Tom Boiano, Jack Heyer, Terry Nolan, Rose Ciferri, Rose Cavallo, Glen Mukahey, Daniel Rybicki, Chuck Costello

For Healing:

Hail, Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou
Among women,
And blessed is the fruit
Of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.
How to Pray the Rosary

1. Begin by making the Sign of the Cross
2. Holding the crucifix, pray the Apostle’s Creed
3. On the first bead, pray the Our Father
4. On the next three beads, pray the Hail Mary
5. On the last bead, pray the Glory Be
6. Announce the first mystery and pray one Our Father, ten Hail Mary’s, and the Glory Be. Note: The Fatima Prayer is optional and should not be said after the initial 3 Hail Mary’s
7. Repeat until the five decades are prayed
8. Pray the Hail, Holy Queen
9. Finish by making the Sign of the Cross

Sign of the Cross
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

Our Father
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

Hail Mary
Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen

Glory Be
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Fatima Prayer
O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Note: The Fatima Prayer is optional and should not be said after the initial 3 Hail Mary’s

Hail, Holy Queen
Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary
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Have something to share or would like to advertise? Submit it in The Shield via email to brianlucrezia@att.net
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