

Knight Notes



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MESSAGE FROM OUR

Grand Knight

Dear
Brother Knights,

Unity: None of us could be as good as all of us when we stand united. Members of the Knights of Columbus know that together we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together using the power of numbers to support those in need.

As brothers it doesn't always mean we agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. What it does mean, is that you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights working together to make life better in our parish and community. No better testimony to the power of numbers is in knowing that last year our council donated nearly \$55,000 and over 3,000 service hours. These are numbers we can all be proud of.

We Need Your Help: Keeping this level of activity up year after year is no small under taking. So a big 'thank you' is due to all our members who gave what they could, when they could. But to be completely transparent, there are 188 members in our council and only about 20% of those attend meetings on a regular basis. About half of those (10% of the total) currently shoulder the majority of the load necessary to carry on our long tradition of generosity.

Don't get me wrong, many have stepped up over the years, and it's OK to step back if time and other limitations take over. As those find a need to step aside, I pray others will take up the mantle to serve in whatever expanded capacity they can. Therefore, I humbly ask that each and every member think of new ways to increase their involvement... even if only in some small way. With 188 members strong, small incremental efforts will be greatly multiplied through the power of unity.

Please Come To Our Next Meeting:

September marks the return of our full schedule in which council meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month. For this month that's the 6th and 20th of September, starting promptly at 7:30 PM in Our Lady of Lourdes Community Hall. On September 6th our Trustees and Budget Director will submit the proposed Annual Operating Budget for 2017-18 and then open this topic up for discussion. At the following meeting, September 20th, the budget will be voted on by all our members in attendance.

I can think of no better way to get reacquainted with what we do, share in the discussion, and consider areas which you might be interested in pledging support for the coming year. I hope to see many more of you soon!

Fraternally yours,

Dan Murphy

GRAND KNIGHT, COUNCIL 6930

Meetings at a Glance

General Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of every month.

Start time 7:30 PM.

Your attendance and participation is encouraged.

**September 7 and
September 20**

**October 4 and
October 18**

Insurance Agent

Your family deserves your will, and your living will; so do you

Perhaps two of the greatest gifts you can give your loved ones is your will and your living will. This may not be a subject you want to think about, or talk about, but it is important, and these documents can provide clarity at some of your family's most difficult times.

What is a living will?

The terms differ from state-to-state, but generally, a living will actually consists of two documents: your advance directive for health care, which states your wishes regarding your care should you become unable to express your wishes due to illness or accident; and durable power of attorney for medical care, which designates a health care agent, such as a spouse or other family member, who will make health care decisions for you if you are unable to do so for yourself.

Standard forms are available

Since the passage of the Patient Self-Directive Act, most hospitals and healthcare organizations have standardized forms available for living wills. These documents will guide you through the decisions you should make, and gives all involved in your care the information they need to comply with your wishes regarding your healthcare.

Without these documents in place,

critical decisions will be left to be made at potentially critical moments. By having these documents prepared, a future health crisis may have a better outcome.

An attorney should draft your will

Unlike your living will, your last will and testament is a complex legal document, and your situation is unique. Seeking the assistance of an attorney in preparing your will should ensure your document is complete and valid.

Essentials of a last will and testament

A will allows you to name one or more individuals or entities to manage your estate upon your death, provide for the transfer of your property upon your death, and name one or more guardians for your minor children.

There are four essential criteria for executing a valid will:

- **Intent.** It must be clear you are the creator, or testator, of the will.
- **Capacity.** You must be of sound mind and memory to make your wishes known and valid in your will.
- **Executor.** You must name an executor of your will. This person, with whom you should discuss this role, will be responsible for executing your wishes according to your will. Depending on the complexity of your affairs, this may



be a big job.

– **Signatory.** Lastly, you sign and date your will, witnessed according to the laws of your state. This effectively voids prior wills, but it is recommended you express this in any new will you execute.

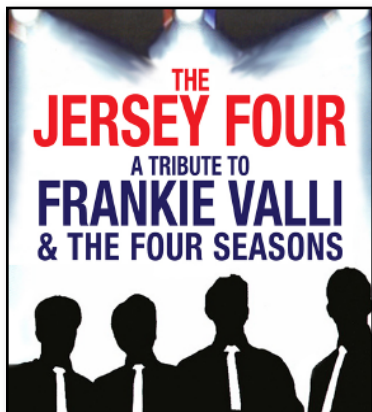
Inform your family

You may have seen it in the movies, but a family sitting before a lawyer's desk hearing a will read for the first time is probably not the best way to share your wishes with your loved ones.

While sharing your will with family may not be an easy conversation to have, the sooner you have it, the less ominous it will seem. As with any big life event, it may be more meaningful when you do it as a family.

Fraternally,
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Another Great Dinner & Music Event

8PM, Saturday, October 14

Council 6930 is pleased to present **The Jersey Four** in a Tribute to Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons. This vocal group will perform all the hits and features a superb backing band providing great live music experience.

This exciting event will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes Community Center, doors will open at 6:30PM. Tickets are \$45 per person and will include a dinner

buffet with beer, wine and soft drinks.

For tickets and more information, please contact Tom DiQuollo at 908-217-4330, email tomdiquollo@aol.com or Roman Hnidj, 908-256-9760, email rhnidj70@gmail.com. Tickets will also be available at our upcoming General Meetings.

Don't miss out – after the huge success of last year's dinner and music production, we are expecting another strong turnout and tickets will be selling quickly.

Trivial Pursuit Night! Second Monday of Every Month

Volunteers are always welcome for joining in "Trivial Pursuit Night" at the Lyons VA Hospital Nursing Home Unit. We form two teams and attempt to answer Trivial Pursuit questions until one of the teams wins. Refreshments and snacks are served. The vets are great and really enjoy our visits – we always have a lot of fun!



We start at 6:30 PM and end about 7:45 PM, it takes about 30 minutes to get there and we can car pool. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Brother Tony Dargis at 788-2972.

Experience the Lyon's Nursing Unit Fellowship!

Marching in the 4th of July Parade ★★★★★★

Featured here are photos provided by Brother Mike DaSilva taken at the Lebanon 4th of July Parade. Council members help set up the Hunterdon County Right to Life float and march along side.



Brothers Roman Hnidj and Wayne McKay helping set up.



Your photographer provides a selfie.



Float completed and riders seated.



Attending Brothers left to right): Joe Caprarola, Wayne McKay, Ralph Fortunato, Roman Hnidj, Joe Olivo and Mark Donohue.



Lined up and ready to march.

They Say It's Your Birthday –

Happy Birthday To You!

Here is our next list of Council 6930 birthday boys. Please join me in wishing these men, whose special day falls in September or October, a very happy and healthy birthday!



9/3	John Barreira	9/18	Andrew Keeling	10/1	Tony Vecchione
9/7	Thomas Doyle	9/20	James Siessel	10/6	Daniel Kinney
9/7	John Kearny	9/21	John Burke	10/8	Mike Thalacker
9/9	James Piazza	9/22	John D'Aniello	10/10	David Fischer
9/11	Kenneth Wilshaw	9/23	Patrick Clare	10/11	Peter Payenski
9/13	Thomas Aquino	9/24	Joseph Olivo	10/14	Gary Drzewiecki
9/13	Ronald Drewery	10/1	Adam Freitag	10/20	Gerald Fusco
9/16	Father Murphy	10/1	Louis Mattera		

Four Month Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 7 General Meeting
- 10 Officer Installation, 4 PM, OLL
- 10 PGK Dinner, 6:30 PM, OLL Community Hall
- 11 Trivial Pursuit Night
- 20 General Meeting
- 29 Shepherd's Meal, 5 PM, OLL
- 30 Membership Drive, OLL, following 5:30 Mass

OCTOBER

- 1 Membership Drive, OLL, following Masses
- 4 General Meeting
- 9 Trivial Pursuit Night
- 14 Night Club Act Dinner, 6:30 PM, OLL (Set up in AM)
- 18 General Meeting/Open House
- 21 Carmelite Clean-Up, meet 8 AM, OLL
- 27 Shepherd's Meal, 5 PM, OLL

NOVEMBER

- 1 General Meeting 8PM
- 13 Trivial Pursuit Night
- 15 General Meeting followed by Open House
- 17 Shepherd's Meal, 5:30 PM, OLL
- 19 4th Degree Exemplification, Fiesta Banquet Center, Wood Ridge, NJ
- 26 Assist Vets to Mass, Lyons VA Home, meet 8:15 OLL lot

DECEMBER

- 6 General Meeting
- 11 Trivial Pursuit Night
- 13 Council Christmas Party, 6:30 PM, Location TBD
- 17 McKenna House, Christmas Caroling, Time TBD
- 20 General Meeting/Pizza Night
- 29 Shepherd's Meal, 5:30 PM, OLL

Stay involved by visiting our website:
<http://koc6930.wikifoundry.com>

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