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## COMING EVENTS

### August 2017

8/3/17	Thursday	7:30 pm	Council Meeting	SMS cafeteria
8/13/17	Wednesday	6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Night	TD Ballpark
8/21/17	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Msgr. O'Grady Assembly Officer Installation	Our Lady of Peace North Brunswick

### September 2017

9/6/17	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Msgr. O'Grady Assembly Meeting	Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church
9/7/17	Thursday	8:00 pm	Council Meeting	SMS cafeteria
9/16/17	Saturday	7:00 pm	Half Way to St. Patrick's Day Celebration	St. Augustine Council #6345 Kendall Park
9/21/17	Thursday	8:00 pm	Council Officer's Meeting	Small Library Room

### REMEMBERING GABRIEL JAYANTHAKUMAR, PAST GRAND KNIGHT



**Gabriel Jayanthakumar, PGK** passed away on July 3 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. He was 61 years old.

He was born in Sri Lanka, and moved to the United States in 1987. Prior to moving to Somerset in 2005, he lived in Queens, Manhattan, and Jersey City. He was a member of St. Matthias Church in Somerset, served as Grand Knight of St. Matthias Council 9925, Knights of Columbus, and

volunteered for the Homebound Ministry. Mr. Jayanthakumar was employed as a Document Agent with Federal Express at Newark Airport, and also served as a part-time interpreter for the Immigration and Department of Homeland Security.

He was pre-deceased by his mother Navamany Gabrielpillai and younger brother Anton Joseph Rome.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Mercy Jayanthakumar of Somerset, and his father Manuelpillai Gabrielpillai of Canada. He is also survived by his siblings Juliet Mano, Dorothy Gnano, Jacintha Jenö, Depika Beno, and Cecelia Reno. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Gabriel served as our Grand Knight from 2012 to 2014. During his tenure he initiated the presentation of Family of the Month awards, Altar Server awards, and Knight of the Month awards. His exuberance and joviality was a mainstay of the monthly meetings he presided over. He will be dearly missed by every member of the Council.

During Gabriel's tenure as Grand Knight he closed each meeting with his favorite prayer:

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.*

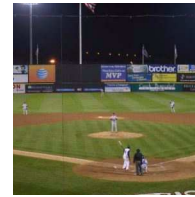
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NIGHT AT TD BALLPARK



The annual Knights of Columbus Night at TD Ballpark is Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017 when the Somerset Patriots

play the New Britain Bees. Tickets for Knights, their families and friends are \$5.00 for upper box seats. This event draws about 400 Knights from 20 different Councils each year. Councils in attendance will be announced over the PA system.

If you wish to attend this event, please email **Frank Rees** at [frees814@gmail.com](mailto:frees814@gmail.com) so we can purchase the discounted tickets.

## HAPPY BELATED JULY BIRTHDAY



Birthday greetings to our brothers who celebrate birthdays in July:

- **Martin P. Slyman**—July 42
- **Thomas F. Aussem**—July 7
- **William J. Barba Sr**—July 8
- **James M. Hnasko**—July 10
- **Edward J. Marotta**—July 13
- **David Ryden**—July 16
- **Robert P. Zaborowski**—July 19
- **Ronald J. Pavone**—July 21
- **Mark C. Stevens**—July 24
- **William J. Downey III**—July 27

## HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY

Birthday greetings to our brothers who celebrate birthdays in August:

- **William G. Oberlander**—Aug. 1
- **James J. Sabella**—Aug. 1
- **Robert Hicks**—Aug. 2
- **Karel Nelidin**—Aug. 3
- **Rod D. Cohen**—Aug. 5

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,*

*and it is in dying that we are born to eternal Life.  
Amen.*

In honor of Gabriel, **GK Bill Hanily** will recite the above closing prayer at all meetings.

- **Dominic P. Buzzerio**—Aug. 10
- **Robert J. McGill Jr**—Aug. 10
- **Francis A. Rees**—Aug. 14
- **Carter Coudriet**—Aug. 15
- **Scott M. Kurtz**—Aug. 18
- **George P. Cook**—Aug. 21
- **James W. Weber**—Aug. 25
- **Kenneth M. Stewart**—Aug. 29

**SK JAY BARATTA  
TRANSFERS TO FLORIDA  
COUNCIL**



**Sir Knight Jay P. Baratta**, a member of our Council since 1990, has transferred to Holy Family of Dr. Phillips Council

#11488 in Orlando, Florida where he has resided for the past several years. We wish him success in his new Council.

**SK ROBERT ZABOROWSKI  
BECOMES HONORARY  
MEMBER**



**SK Robert Zaborowski** has attained the position of Honorary Member in both the Council and the Msgr. O'Grady

Assembly of Fourth Degree Knights.

He joins a growing list of our Council's Honorary Members, which include:

- Br. George Cook
- SK Russell Demkovitz, PGK
- Br. Ronald Guarino
- Br. Thomas Mager, PGK
- SK Glen Miller
- Br. James Sabella

**JULY FEAST DAYS**

- 1 St. Junipero Serrar
- 2 St. Bernardino Realino
- 3 St. Thomas the Apostle
- 4 Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati
- 5 St. Zoe of Rome
- 6 St. Maria Goretti
- 7 Bl. Pope Benedict XI
- 8 St. Kilian
- 9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong
- 10 St. Olivia of Palermo
- 11 St. Amelia
- 12 St. Veronica
- 13 St. Henry II
- 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- 15 St. Bonaventure
- 16 St. Marie Magdalen Postel
- 17 St. Alexius of Rome
- 18 St. Camillus
- 19 St. Macrina the Younger
- 20 Bl. Margaret of Antioch
- 21 St. Victor of Marseilles
- 22 St. Mary Magdalen
- 23 St. Bridget of Sweden
- 24 St. Christina the Astonishing
- 25 St. Christopher
- 26 St. Anne & St. Joachim
- 27 Pope St. Celestine
- 28 Sts. Nazarius & Celsus of Lyons
- 29 St. Martha
- 30 St. Peter Chrysologus
- 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola

**AUGUST FEAST DAYS**

- 1 St. Alphonsus Liquori
- 2 Bl. Jane of Aza
- 3 St. Lydia Purpuraria
- 4 St. John Vianney
- 5 Our Lady of the Snows
- 6 Bl. Maria Francesca Rubatto
- 7 Pope St. Sixtus II
- 8 St. Dominic de Guzman
- 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- 10 St. Lawrence of Rome
- 11 St. Clare of Assisi
- 12 St. Jeanne de Chantal
- 13 St. Cassian of Imola
- 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe
- 15 Feast of the Assumption
- 16 St. Roch-Rocco
- 17 St. Hyacinth of Poland
- 18 St. Helen
- 19 St. John Eudes
- 20 St. Bernard of Clairvaux
- 21 Pope St. Pius X
- 22 Queenship of Mary
- 23 St. Rose of Lima

- 24 St. Bartholomew
- 25 St. Genesius of Rome
- 26 St. Orontius of Lecce
- 27 St. Monica
- 28 St. Augustine of Hippo
- 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist
- 30 St. Fiacre
- 31 St. Raymond Nonnatus

**IRISH NIGHT  
CELEBRATION**



St. Augustine Council #6345 is sponsoring a "Half Way to St. Patrick's Day" celebration featuring an Irish dinner, beer and wine, and live Irish music by **The Brothers**

**Malone** on Saturday, September 16 from 7-11 pm at their Council home at 45 Henderson Road in Kendall Park.

The cost is \$25 pp or \$45 per couple. Reservations are required and may be made by contacting Mike O'Laughlin, DGK at 732-823-9384 or eventkofc6345@gmail.com.

**NEW  
FOURTH DEGREE REGALIA**

The 135<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention was the occasion for a historic announcement: the introduction of the new uniform of the Fourth Degree. After careful consideration, the Board of Directors took this action motivated by the best interests of the Order as whole and of the Fourth Degree in particular. The new uniform is part of a comprehensive and necessary effort to keep our Order relevant and attractive to men, particularly younger men.



*IN*  
New Regalia



*OUT*  
Current Regalia

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said: “We commend all of the faithful Sir Knights who have proudly worn the Fourth Degree regalia, bringing much respect to the Order. With the new Fourth Degree uniform, recently approved by the Board of Directors, this honor and respect associated with Sir Knights will remain, and it will open the door more widely for a new generation to join their ranks. In a spirit of unity, let us assist with a smooth transition to this new uniform and encourage it to be worn with great dignity and pride.”

### **OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is a great time to start prac-

ticating the First Saturdays devotion if you have not already made that commitment. This devotion consoles Our Lady, draws you into her Immaculate Heart and brings about graces necessary for the salvation of souls.

The August apparition at Fatima is worthy of our reflection on the deeper meaning of devotion to the Immaculate Heart. It was a significant turning point in the lives of the three Fatima shepherds and their call to holiness.



By now, the children had seen the vision of hell and understood the seriousness of this mission of prayer and sacrifice. Our Lady reminded them on August 19, when the actual apparition occurred: “Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners, for so many souls go to hell because there are none to sacrifice themselves and pray for them.”

The children had been kidnapped by the local mayor and held prisoner in

his administrative office on August 13, the day of the appointed apparition. And while imprisoned, they were pressured to recant their story or be boiled in oil. The children refused; they were not going to lie even if they had to die.

Like the Apostle St. John, they were called to the crown of martyrdom, they accepted martyrdom, but they were not asked to fulfill it. Instead, they were set free and called to carry out their mission differently, but this is when the children began to feel the heavy cross of the mission. Up to this point, they had been praying and offering sacrifices, but now they were asked to give their very lives as a sacrifice, like Jesus. This is the point when they stood up and said, “yes” to all that God was asking of them, much like when Mary said, “Be it done unto me according to thy word.”

With this holy resolve, the children were indifferent to all that was going on around them, including the unbelief of family members, the threats of government officials, the uncertainty of how things would unfold. They focused entirely on being obedient to God’s Will through the message of the beautiful Lady.

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