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COMING EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
February 2017				
2/17	Friday	8:00 pm	Chapter 4 Meeting	Pope Pius Council #4885 1 Council Place Edison, NJ
2/22	Wednesday	8:00 am 2:00 pm	The Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima icon	St. Matthias Church
2/25	Saturday	6:00 pm	Night of Winners	SMS cafeteria
March 2017				
3/1	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting	St. Mary of Mount Virgin
3/2	Thursday	7:30 pm	Council Meeting	SMS cafeteria

NEW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL ESTABLISHED IN SOMERSET



Under the leadership of **SK Bill Barba, State Chairman for New Council Development**, a new Knights of Columbus Council was established on January 28, 2017 at St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Forane Church at 510 Elizabeth Avenue in Somerset. The Syro-Malabar Catholic Church or Church of Malabar Syrians is an Eastern Catholic Major Archiepiscopal Church in full communion with the Pope.

The new council, **St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara Council #16596**, has 16 new knights who are pictured below (*Msr. O'Grady Color Corps is in the back row.*)



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BIOGRAPHY OF ST. KURIAKOSE

Mar Kuriakose Elias Chavara is a Syrian Catholic saint and social reformer from the Indian state of Kerala. He is the first canonized male saint of Indian origin and belongs to

the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, an Eastern Catholic Church of the Saint Thomas Christian community founded by St. Thomas the Apostle in the first century. He was the co-founder and first Prior General of the first congregation for men in the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, now known as the Carmelites of Mary

Immaculate and of a similar one for women, the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel.

Early life

Kuriakose Elias Chavara was born on 10 February 1805 at Kainakary, Kerala in a Nasrani Christian family. Nasrani's are St. Thomas Christians (AKA Syrian Christians) who are the ancient Christians of Kerala baptized by St. Thomas the Apostle in the first century. He was baptized on February 17, 1805 at St. Joseph's Syro-Malabar Catholic Church.

In his childhood, Kuriakose attended the village school where he studied language and elementary sciences. He entered the seminary in 1818 and was ordained a priest on November 29, 1829.

Later Life

Kuriakose Chavara joined with two other priests to lead a monastic life. The name of the community they founded was Servants of Mary Immaculate. The foundation for the first monastery at Mannanam was laid on May 11, 1831 by Porukara Thomas Kathanar. On December 8, 1855, Kuriakose Kathanar and ten other priests took vows in the Carmelite tradition. He was nominated as the Prior General of Mannanam monastery. The congregation became affiliated as a Third Order institute of the Order of Discalced Carmelites.

Social Reformer

Kuriakose Elias Chavara was also a social reformer. Though he hailed from a Syrian Christian family he played a major role in educating the people of the lower ranks of society. In 1846, Fr. Kuriakose started St. Joseph's Press at Mannanam From this printing press came the oldest existing Malayalam newspaper in circulation *Nasrani Deepika*. He also started a school at Mannanam and

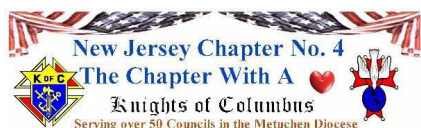
was responsible for introducing noon day meals in schools, a practice later adopted by the Indian government. In 1864, he was serving as the Vicar General of Syrian Catholics, when Bishop Bernadine Baccinelli ordered to start a school along with every church which was successful in making free education available for everyone.

Founder of Carmelites

Kuriakose Chavara founded an Indian religious congregation for men, now known as the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate. He believed that intellectual development and the education of women was the first step towards overall social welfare. He founded the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel, the first religious congregation for women in 1866.

Death

Kuriakose Chavara died on January 3, 1871, aged 66. He was buried in St. Philomena's Forane Church. His memorial is celebrated on January 3 as per the Syro-Malabar liturgical calendar.



The next Chapter 4 Meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 17, 2017 at Pope Pius Council #4885, 1 Council Place, Edison, NJ.

At this month's meeting former **Bishop and current N.J State Chaplain Bishop Paul Bootkoski**, our **State Deputy Bruce DeMolli**, and the State Officers will be in attendance. **PSD Robert Mate** will introduce the proposed slate of State Officers for the upcoming Columbian Year. The host council will serve a light meal after the business meeting.

WELCOME BROTHER JAMES HAYES



Brother James Hayes made his Admission Degree into our Order on January 18, 2017 at

Our Lady of Lourdes Council #6930 in Whitehouse Station.

IMMACULATE HEART OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA ICON



The Diocese of Metuchen is coordinating a pilgrim tour of the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima throughout parishes in the diocese, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima.

The Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima statue was designed as she appeared in 1929 to Sr. Lucia in Tuy, Spain. It was during this apparition that Our Lady asked for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. The stature was blessed by Pope Francis on October 23, 2013, 10 days after his consecration of the world to Our Lady of Fatima on October 13. It was formally introduced at the 2014 March for Life in Washington, D.C., and was present soon after at the consecration of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon and the Diocese of Green Bay in Wisconsin.

The statue will be at St. Matthias on February 22, 2017 from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm in the Church.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE RAFFLE

The Ronald McDonald House (RMH) in New Brunswick provides free living space and meals for the parents whose children are patients in the RWJ Children's Hospital. The Msgr. John O'Grady Assembly of Fourth Degree Knights annually supports the RMH by providing a pizza night once a month for the parents residing there. The cost of this effort is \$600 annually.

In order to raise money to support this work of mercy, the Assembly is having a raffle for two tickets to the George Street Playhouse and dinner for two at the Latina Esquina restaurant in New Brunswick. The production at the Playhouse is "Bad Jews," a biting comedy by Joshua Harmon.



The play centers around "Who should inherit Poppy's Chai necklace?" A hilarious play about family, faith and legacy. *The New York Times* review said it's "The best comedy of the season."

Tickets for the raffle are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. If you wish to purchase a raffle ticket, please send a check made out to "Msgr. O'Grady Assembly" to **SK Frank Rees** at 129 Drake Rd., Somerset, NJ.

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY



Birthday greetings to our brothers who celebrate birthdays in February:

- **Dennis M. Goodman**—Feb. 2
- **Scott Howard**—Feb. 5
- **Eddie H. Reeves**—Feb. 7
- **William Clark**—Feb. 9
- **Henry V. Sullivan**—Feb. 11

- **Jack Harlan**—Feb. 15
- **Vincent P. Simpson**—Feb. 20
- **Christopher C. Williams**—Feb. 28

PRIDE IN PRIESTS DINNER

The 2017 Pride in our Priests Dinner will be held on May 4th, 2017 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at it's new venue, the Grand Marquis of Old Bridge, 1550 Route 9, Old Bridge, NJ 08857.

The new venue offers a sit down dinner entrees known as a *Duet*, an open-bar for liquid refreshments, and valet parking.

No formal program will be presented and comments will be kept to a greeting by his **Excellency Most Reverend James F. Checchio** and **Bishop Emeritus Most Reverend Paul G. Bootkoski, DD**.

The price is \$50.00 per person and St. Matthias Council will have table for 12.

FEBRUARY FEAST DAYS

- 3 St. Blaise
- 5 St. Agatha
- 6 Martyrs of Japan
- 10 St. Scholastica
- 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
- 14 Sts. Cyril & Methodius
- 17 Seven Holy Founders of the Servites
- 23 St. Polycarp

NIGHT OF WINNERS

The annual Night of Winners event hosted by the parents organization of St. Matthias School will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2017 in the SMS cafeteria.

The Council has been asked to help in this endeavor by providing parking assistance and monitoring the event indoors.

If you can help in either of these activities, please contact **SK Charlie Hicks** at britrob01@aol.com. Please note that those helping indoors will be required to wear a jacket and tie.

LOCAL SCOUTS RECEIVE PARVULI DEI AWARDS

Several Webelos Cub Scouts, children of our fellow Brothers, received the Parvuli Dei award on Sunday, February 4 at the 9:00 am Mass.



From left to right: Liam Hanily, Trevor Lavelle and Terrence Quinn

The “Parvuli Dei” is a program developed by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting for Bear and Webelos Cub Scouts of the Catholic faith.

Its purpose is to help young boys explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their family and parish, and also to develop a good positive self-image through the contributions they can make to the group or community.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2017 DUES YET?

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