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## COMING EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b>January 2016</b>				
1/1	Friday	<b>Happy New Year</b>		
1/6	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Fourth Degree Meeting	Consolata Mission
1/7	Thursday	8:00 pm	Business Meeting	SMS cafeteria
1/15	Friday	8:00 pm	Chapter 4 Meeting <b>Guest Speaker: Bishop Bootkoski</b>	St. Andrew's Council Avenel, NJ
1/23	Saturday	4:30-6:30 pm	Council Bowling Night	Brunswick Zone Carolier Lanes North Brunswick
1/31	Sunday	After Masses	<b>Blood Drive</b>	Van in parking area
<b>February 2016</b>				
2/3	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Fourth Degree Meeting	Consolata Mission
2/4	Thursday	7:30 pm	Business Meeting	DePorres Room
2/7	Sunday	After Masses	Robert Norland Pancake Breakfast	SMS cafeteria
2/19	Friday	8:00 pm	Chapter 4 Meeting	San Salvador Council #299 Perth Amboy, NJ



### SUPREME COUNCIL REFOCUSSES THE ORDER

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced a new order-wide initiative "Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish" as reported in the December 2015 issue of *Knightline*.

"Councils should begin to end the duplication of programs that compete with parish activities," Anderson said. He also said that "councils

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should seek new ways to assist with the activities of parish-based schools.”

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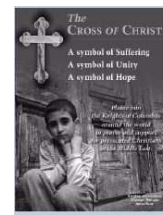
pete with parish activities. Instead, Knights of Columbus resources of time, talent and money need to be used to strengthen existing parish-based and parish-sponsored programs.

Councils will no longer sponsor Boy Scout troops or institute new Squires Circles and instead support new or existing parish-based youth programs.

Anderson also said “When formulating your activities in the coming year, give priority to those that support the Domestic Church initiative, and always seek out ways to involve your wider parish community.”

Additional details on this new initiative will be sent to councils in the near future.

### SOLIDARITY CROSS THE CROSS OF CHRIST



The Knights of Columbus announced the establishment of a fund to assist those – particularly Christians as well as other religious minorities – facing a horrific and violent persecution and possible extinction in Iraq and the surrounding regions.

During the Annual Report the Supreme Knight delivered at the 133rd Supreme Convention in Philadelphia, participants joined Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in showing their solidarity with the persecuted Christians of the Middle East.

Join your brother Knights in supporting these men, women and children by purchasing a 5-inch olive wood cross (\$10.00 each), crafted by Christians in the Holy Land.

The crosses are available from **Grand Knight Robert Quinn** (robertaquinn@yahoo.com).

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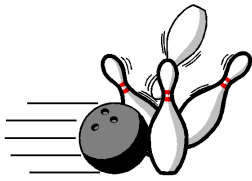
## WINTER BLOOD DRIVE



The Council's winter Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2016. Bloodmobile trailers will be located in the church parking lot from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm.

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## COUNCIL BOWLING NIGHT



The Council has organized bowling night on January 23, 2016 from 4:30 until 6:30 pm at the Brunswick Zone Carolier Lanes in North Brunswick.

The event consists of two hours of unlimited bowling, pizza and soft drinks for members and their families and friends and costs \$26.00 per person.

You can sign up for this event online at [www.stmatthiaskofc.com/Bowling.html](http://www.stmatthiaskofc.com/Bowling.html) or by contacting SK Andrew Rees at [amrees11@comcast.net](mailto:amrees11@comcast.net) or 732-659-6002.

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## HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### 1985-1999: One Christian Family

**1985:** The Order agrees to underwrite the restoration of the 65,000-square-foot facade of St. Peter's Basilica, the first time it has been cleaned in more than 350 years. Several subsequent projects have taken place at St. Peter's, including the restoration of chapels and of the Holy Year Door.

**1988:** Mother Teresa visits the Supreme Council office. The Order agrees to print copies of her Constitutions of the Missionaries of Charity, prayer cards and other religious items, a project that continues to this day.

**1988:** The Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family opens a North American branch in Washington, D.C., with funding from the Knights. Carl A. Anderson is the institute's first vice president and dean.

**1989:** The Bicentennial of the U.S. Hierarchy Fund is established in the amount of \$2 million to benefit The Catholic University of America. Earnings from the fund pay for projects at the university each year.

**1992:** The Knights celebrates the fifth centenary of evangelization in the Americas. Replicas of the Cross of the New World presented to Pope John Paul II on his pastoral visit to Santo Domingo in 1984 are distributed by the Knights and used in dioceses throughout the Order in prayer services highlighting the theme of evangelization.

**1992:** Mother Teresa is presented with the Order's first *Gaudium et Spes Award* at the 110th Supreme Convention in New York. The "Joy and Hope" award acknowledges her contributions to the Church and the world.

**1995:** The Order co-sponsors with the Diocese of Brooklyn, N.Y., Pope John Paul II's Mass at Aqueduct Racetrack during the pope's pastoral visit to the United States.

**1997:** The Archdiocese of Hartford officially opens the cause for canonization of Father Michael J.

McGivney with support from the Knights of Columbus. The Father McGivney Guild is established to promote the cause.

*To be continued.*

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## PGK JOHN OSTYNSKI WINS ANNUAL 50/50



SK John Ostynski, PGK was the lucky winner of the Council's Annual 50/50 Event when his ticket was randomly selected by **Bro. Tim Belloff** at the December business meeting. The winning ticket was worth \$888.00

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## HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

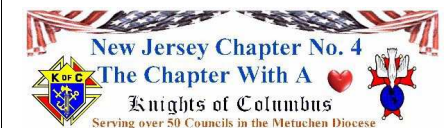


Birthday greetings to our brothers who celebrate birthdays in February:

- **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

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## CHAPTER NO. 4



The next Chapter 4 meeting will be on Friday, Jan. 15, 2016 at 8:00 pm in St. Andrew's Council #5088, 109 Morrissey Ave., Avenel, NJ.

**Bishop Paul Bootkoski** will be the guest speaker.

## SUPER BOWL 50 SUNDAY



Super Bowl 50 will be played on February 7, 2016 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, CA and, at this writing, we don't know who the participants in the annual event will be. But we **DO KNOW** where you can get the best Super Bowl breakfast in New Jersey.

That's in the SMS cafeteria! Its the annual **Robert Norland Pancake Breakfast** hosted by the St. Matthias Knights of Columbus.

The annual Robert Norland Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2016 from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon in the SMS cafeteria.

Breakfast menu will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, bagels juice, coffee and more. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 10-18 and children under 10 are free.

All proceeds from the Robert Norland Pancake Breakfast go to St. Matthias School. In past years, we were able to present St. Matthias School with about \$1,000.00 from this event.

## BROTHERS IN DISTRESS

Please keep following Brothers in your prayers:

- **SK Richard Curtis**
- **SK John Clyde**
- **Bro. Rev. Doug Haefner**
- **Bro. James Pettit**
- **Bro. Edward Rachilla**

## JANUARY FEAST DAYS

- 1 Mary Mother of God
- 2 Sts. Basil & Gregory
- 3 Holy Name of Jesus
- 5 St. John Neumann
- 6 St. Andre Bessette
- 7 St. Raymond Penafort
- 13 St. Hilary
- 17 St. Anthony of Egypt
- 20 St. Sebastian
- 21 St. Agnes
- 23 St. Marianne of Moloka'i
- 24 St. Francis de Sales
- 26 Sts. Timothy & Titus
- 27 St. Angela Mercı
- 28 St. Thomas Aquinas
- 31 St. John Bosco

## NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR



**GK Robert Quinn** has appointed **Bro. Eddie Reeves** as Youth Director for our Council. The Youth Director is responsible for pro-

viding for sports activities and championships, youth groups, educational programs, scholarships, and a variety of other initiatives, for development of young people as they follow their paths to adulthood. which the Order looks to foster development of young people as they follow their paths to adulthood.

## FULL KNIGHTHOOD ACHIEVED



**Brothers Jim Weber** (*left*) and **Joseph Schiavone** (*below*) became Third Degree Knights after taking their Second and Third Degrees back-to-back on November 6 at Our Lady of Lourdes Council #6930 in Whitehouse Station.



## In Memoriam

**Brother Robert O'Connell**

1927-2015

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