

"COUNCIL LIFE"

Pope Pius XII Council 4422, 18th District St. Raphael's Parish

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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE Cont'd

As we roll into February 2022, life goes on and even though COVID is still impacting our lives, day to day, the Knights are a hopeful, "CAN DO" group of brothers and we continue to expand our activities in support of St. Raphael's parish. Over the coming weeks and months we will continue to launch events and support St. Raphael in every way we can.

In January, in the spirit of the Knights of Columbus worldwide call for Charity, and in Unity with our sisters and brothers in St. Raphael's Filipino-American ministry, your council responded to the devastation that occurred in the Philippines from the December 16, 2021 typhoon by sending a donation to the Philippine Jesuit Foundation in their name. Charity certainly begins at home and that includes our home parish for sure.

In January your Council also sponsored our annual Free Throw Contest, held in St. Raphael's gym. Approximately 30 boys and girls (ages 9-14) came to play. There were eight boys and girls who won the different age categories and will be moving on to the next level of the competition to be held at St. Raphael's gym on February 13th at 1PM.

Also on February 13th after the 8 o'clock mass, we will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast in the Bethany Center for all families in the parish.

On March 19th, we will be holding our next BIG EVENT - Knight at the Races. Our monthly Casino Bus Trips will also be returning on May 14th so sign up for a Saturday of fun!

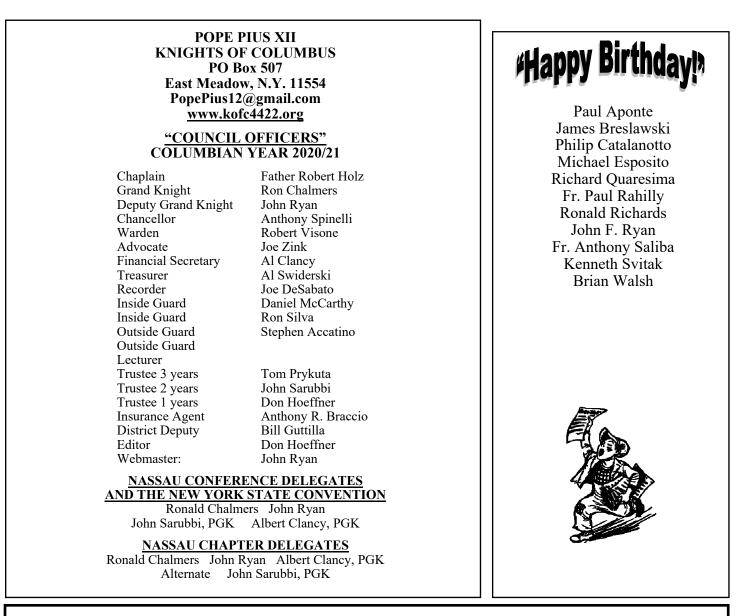
As some of you may know, in recent discussions with our newer brothers, it has become clear that, even though they received their first, second and third degrees online in half hour ceremonies, they don't have a sense of the history, dignity and deep meaning these degree ceremonies when they were conducted in person and separately.

This feedback got us thinking about updating the council Welcome Package we present to new members. The update contains significant sections on our council history, the role/ responsibilities of council officers and the important meaning of the first three degrees of knighthood. This is a worthwhile read for all our brothers, not just our new ones. So you will be receiving, as an email attachment, the new and improved update to the Welcome Package shortly. (If you would prefer a print copy, just let one of the officers know.) Please take the time to read it and provide feedback (good or not) to your officers so we can continue to improve the package.

Finally, now more than ever, always remember: Don't be a Knight in just name only, Be a Knight in your daily activities! Come to meetings, volunteer for activities. We are stronger together. We need each and every one of you.

Vivat Jesus Ron Chalmers, Grand Knight rc521@optonline.net





Fourth Degree

The next St. John XXIII Assembly Business Meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 23 at 8pm at Rev. Hartigan Council @ 517 Central Ave, Bethpage, NY 11714. A repast will be served after the meeting.

Are You Called to be a Sir Knight? An in-person Exemplification of Patriotism (4th Degree) will be held on Sunday, March 26 at Russo's on the Bay, 162-45 Cross Bay Blvd, Howard Beach, NY 11414. Please contact John Ryan, 516.662.0820 or jfryan66@gmail.com if you would like to take part in this Exemplification.

The Color Corps is the visible arm of the Order. The public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity of each assembly. Members of the Color Corps provide an honor guard at the Wakes and funerals of Sir Knights and at events at parishes and community events. By these public demonstrations their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus. If you would like more information about joining the Color Corps, please contact the Worthy Commander, Sir Knight Joseph Lannon using this form https://form.jotform.us/70786886745174 or at pgkjoe5001@gmail.com.

CONFERENCE CALENDARS

There were no winners in January. Thank those who have signed up to participate.

Date	Number	Name	Amt Won	Winnings
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The Conference will be selling calendars again in 2022. I am told we will retain the same numbers, but please let me know if you want to purchase one or more. If you want a different number, I will contact you to see what you can change to. At \$20 for the year, it's the gift that keeps on giving. Please email me for more info or to let me know you want to be in it.

SUPERBOWL

The Superbowl is set and I will be sending out grids to those who are participating. Sorry I failed to post the info last month. Thanks all who participated. Will post winners next month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Pancake Breakfast is set for Feb 13 after the 8AM Mass in the Bethany Center.

We will be resuming the Knight at the Races in March and it is tentatively scheduled for March 19. We will be following Covid protocols and are limiting attendance to 125 people. Cost is \$15. For reservations and tickets email me at swideze@verizon.net. See flyer for more information.

Pasta Knight is scheduled for June. Stay tuned for more information on the date.

Lastly this year is the 65th Anniversary of the Council. We will be planning something locally in May so stay in touch.

Bottom line with this Epidemic is Stay Home! Stay Safe! Stay Well! And follow the information put out by your local leaders.

Vivat Jesus, Al Swiderski, PGK

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SICK AND VISITATION

Please pray for the following members who are sick and distressed and can use our support:

Ron Chalmers Mark Pozarycki John Reumann James Taggert	Michael Fitzpatrick John Scala Tom Clarke Selvaraj Anandan	Fred Garcia Paul Cheswick Doug Gondek, PGK	Dan McCarthy John Pavlica Billy Piesco Fr. Aaron Velaramparamparil
For our Deceased Brother	rs: Bob Stepnowski		
Prayers for sick and distr	essed friends and relatives	of Our Council:	

Carmen Garcia	Cathy Prykuta	Maria Schoen	Don Harold Francis Holz
Domenica Anzalone	Maureen Ryan	Pearl Gaag	Richard Valenti
Montserate Washburn	John Gondek	Bruce Driezen	Paul DiBenedetto
Brian Kenny	Rosemary Marchese	Betty Bonsignore	William Murphy, PGK
For our deceased friends: Matt Spiekermann	Michael Porciello	Martha Swiderski	Roseann Cirone

Our Country, The United States of America, needs our prayers for leadership to deal with the many issues it faces. Also please keep in your prayers the men and women of our armed forces and Children of Hope, and those dealing with

Corvid-19.

If you know of anyone who is ill, or who has recently passed away, or just needs to be remembered in our prayers; please contact the Council Life Editor.

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ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 13, 2022 Following the 8 AM Mass In the St. Raphael Bethany Center All you can eat, a Variety of Pancakes, Sausage, Orange Juice, Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate

ALL FREE COVID Safety precautions will be taken. Vaccination required. Masks must be worn when not eating.

Handicap Accessibility and Elevator at the rear entrance of the school building

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COUNCIL APPAREL

As requested by members we are taking orders for council apparel and below is a list of items that we use and their cost. Kindly contact either: Don Hoeffner, PGK at dchpe@aol.com or

Al Swiderski, PGKat swideze@verizon.net

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO POPE PIUS XII KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RETURN TO DON HOEFFNER, PGK DCHPE @AOL.COM MOBIL 516-805-1515

YOUR NAME NAME ON JACKET OR SHIRT PHONE NUMBER _____ OR EMAIL _____ INDICATE WHAT YOU WANT AND WHAT SIZE SHIRTS PRICE \$35 SIZE _____ STANDARD SWEAT SHIRTS PRICE \$35 SIZE _____ HOODED SWEAT SHIRT PRICE \$ 45 SIZE _____ SUMMER SPRING JACKET - ULTRACLUB 8944 LIGHT JACKET SIZE _____ PRICE \$ 80 Add \$8 for 4th Degree Emblem on Right Sleeve HEAVY JACKET THREE SEASON JACKET - GAME 9400

SIZE _____ PRICE \$ 90 Add \$8 for 4th Degree Emblem on Right Sleeve

HATS \$ 14

IRISH SWEEPSTAKES KNIGHTS AT THE RACES XVIV







COME JOIN US FOR A GALA EVENING OF FUN AS WE WATCH THESE BRAVE LEPRECHAUNS COMPETE FOR THE THRILL OF PRANCING IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE THERE WILL BE A TRADITIONAL IRISH MEAL OF CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE, POTATOES, SODA BREAD AND VARIOUS BEVERAGES TO TOAST EACH WINNER'S SUCCESS **\$\$\$\$** You Might Even Grab The Leprechaun's Pot of Gold **\$\$\$\$** SAINT RAPHAEL'S AUDITORIUM SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022 ******PLEASE OBSERVE NEW TIMES****** Doors Open At 6:15PM----- First Race Is At 7:00PM ADMISSION IS \$15.00 AND INCLUDES FINE FOOD & DRINK PLUS A CHANCE FOR SPECIAL DOOR PRIZES For reservations and tickets, contact: Al Swiderski, PGK 822-8562 Please make out all checks to: Pope Pius XII, K of C Don't delay **Tickets are LIMITED TO 125 PEOPLE**

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February 2022
01 Tue Bus Mtg 7:30 08 Tue DD Mtg 7:30
08 Tue DD Mtg 7:30 B16
13 Sun Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am
14 Mon Valentine's Day
15 Tue Social Mtg 7:30
18 Fri Chapter Mtg
21 Mon Presidents Day
22 Tue Officers Mtg 7:30
23 Wed 4 th Degree Mtg

Nassau Chapter

The next Nassau Chapter Meeting will take place on Friday, February 18 at 8 pm at Memorare Council, 2183 Jackson Ave, Seaford, NY 11783, USA. (The meeting may be switched to a virtual format. Subscribe to Chapter News or check our Council website's calendar).

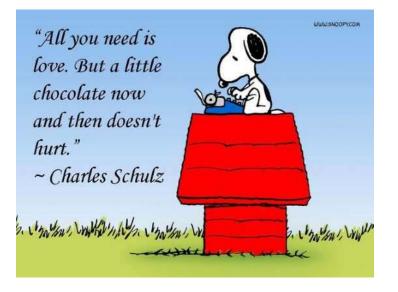
On Sunday April 3rd, from 12pm to 5pm the Nassau County Chapter will host its annual Charity Ball at Chateau-Briand Caterers of Carle Place N.Y. Cocktail hour with premium liquor and excellent food choices. Price per-person is \$90.00. Book your tickets or table quickly as this event sells out fast. Click here for more information and reservations: <u>Chapter Ball Flyer</u>.

This year the Chapter will be honoring and supporting the <u>Tomorrow's Hope Foundation</u>, whose mission is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic Schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by providing scholarship and program funding for the needs of students and schools.

In addition, we will be recognizing Dr. Anthony Battista, PGK, PFN, KCGS as our Knight of the Year and Joe Bonarrigo PGK, FDD as our Robert Hartman Lifetime Achievement Award Winner.

To keep abreast of all news related to the order consider subscibing to these newsletters

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There are veterans here willing to help.

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