



The Knight Light

Fr. Thomas A. Judge Council 6893, District 9 Suffolk Chapter
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The Grand Knight's Message December, 2016

Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Family and Friends of Father Judge Council,

The season of Advent is upon us and what better time to examine our lives. As we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas, Advent is a time for preparation. On the first Sunday of Advent the first reading, Isaiah 2:1-5, gives us a wonderful personal Advent checklist.

Isaiah tells us the Lord's mountain, is the highest of all mountains.

Is the Lord's mountain the highest mountain in my life? Or do I have other mountains that are higher? Wealth?

Possessions? Career? Family?

Isaiah also tells us that all nations and people will flow to the Lord.

Do the internal rivers of my life flow to the Lord? In my public life? In my private life? In my thoughts? Emotionally?

Finally, Isaiah tells us the Lord will show us his ways and set forth the law.

Do I get instruction on how to live my life and behave from the Lord? Do I attend Mass on a regular basis? Or do I get instruction from other sources? Individuals? Newspapers? Social Media?

Isaiah tells us that if we make the Lord the highest mountain in our lives and if our lives flow to the Lord and if we get our instruction from the Lord then nations shall not lift up the sword against each other, swords will be beat into plow shares and spears into pruning hooks. Brothers, take some time this Advent season to examine our lives and "Walk in the Light of the Lord".

November was another wonderful month for Father Thomas A. Judge Council. Our council displayed great Charity, immense Unity, unselfish Fraternity and overwhelming Patriotism. Our council demonstrated Fraternity as we hosted a 1st and 2nd degree on consecutive nights for the councils of the 9th district and western Suffolk County. Brothers came together to decorate our hall, attend our monthly Knights of Columbus Mass, and participate in our many acts of charity as an exhibit of Unity. The first and foremost principle of our order, Charity, was on display at our Thanksgiving Day dinner, the Thanksgiving baskets we donated to St. Vincent DePaul and through our RSVP program where donations we received from our Fr. Judge Family allowed us to sponsor four seminarians. Patriotism carried the night as we honored our Armed Forces Veterans at our social meeting on November 21st.

Our Patriotism Night was a great success and a wonderful tribute to the veterans in attendance. Approximately 90 members of the Fr. Judge Family came to honor one of America's greatest resources, our Armed Forces Veterans. The evening started with hot dogs and appropriate sides of baked beans and cole slaw. Everyone then gathered into the main hall for our program. PGK John Piropato, who planned the entire evening, put together a comprehensive program. Included was a tribute to our flag, a presentation by Sean and Kilian Duclay, co-founders of SailAhead (see details in monthly recap), story sharing by some of the veterans in attendance, presentation of certificates and pins to all veterans in attendance, an explanation of "one nation under God", Taps, and opening and closing prayers. When the program was over everyone enjoyed apple pie and ice cream. A wonderful time was had by all in attendance.

The other event that I am so proud of is our Thanksgiving Day Dinner. So many Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, family members, parishioners and total strangers show up on Thanksgiving Day to share their Blessings with those less fortunate. They chop vegetables, set tables, serve food, engage our guests in conversation, bus tables, clean the kitchen and so many other tasks that go unnoticed. We had ~50 guests come for dinner. The Fr. Judge Hall (bar room) was beautifully set, traditional Thanksgiving shows were on the TVs, the volunteers are friendly and dedicated and the food is second to none!

Having a professional chef that steps up and donates his Thanksgiving Day to prepare a delightful meal for anyone who shows up has been a Blessing to our Council. Tony Azic starts early in the morning preparing dinner. Around 9:00am the aromas start to escape from the kitchen. And sometime after 12:00noon the banquet is all set and ready to be served. This year Tony was under extra pressure as his wife MariAnn was recently released from the hospital. Please keep MariAnn Azic in your prayers.

Two other noteworthy happenings in November were the Thanksgiving Day baskets we donated to St. Vincent DePaul and the RSVP program. Brother Knights did the shopping for 16 Thanksgiving Day Dinner baskets, organized them and delivered them. Brothers, the baskets we put together are something to be proud of. Thank you to the Brothers who contributed to this wonderful act of charity. Our RSVP program closed out in November with over \$2,000 in donations. We will sponsor 4 Seminarians this year. This is a fantastic program to help support our future priests. **THANK YOU!**

Our December schedule has many events for you to enjoy with your families and celebrate the Christmas Season. Our tree lighting will be held on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:30pm. Please join us to light our Christmas tree, sing some carols and for coffee and cake; *Bring the Family*. Our adult Christmas Party will be held at the Fr. Judge Hall on Saturday, December 17th. Please contact Mike Simonelli for information. On Sunday, December 18th we will host our Children's Christmas Party. This is another fun filled family event and there is no charge to attend. For more information contact Chairperson Danny Flinn. Finally, at our social meeting on December 19th we will host all members of the Fr. Judge family for some Christmas cheer and surprises. Please try to join us for our last Fr. Judge family gathering of 2016.

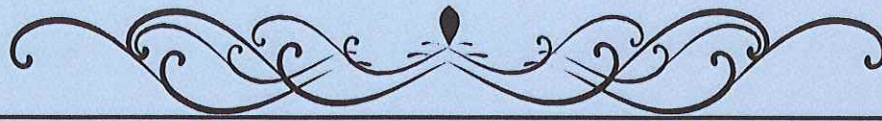
Brothers, what a wonderful time of the year the Christmas Season is. Decorations, presents, family gatherings are all marvelous things that occur at Christmas. But please remember the authentic origin of Christmas – The coming of *Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ into our lives.*

Mary and I want to wish our extended family, all the members and families of the Father Thomas A. Judge Council and Auxiliaries, a very blessed Christmas and we look forward to seeing you at our council events during the Season of Advent.

Fraternally,

Richard R. Ronde
Richard R. Ronde





Father Thomas A. Judge Hall

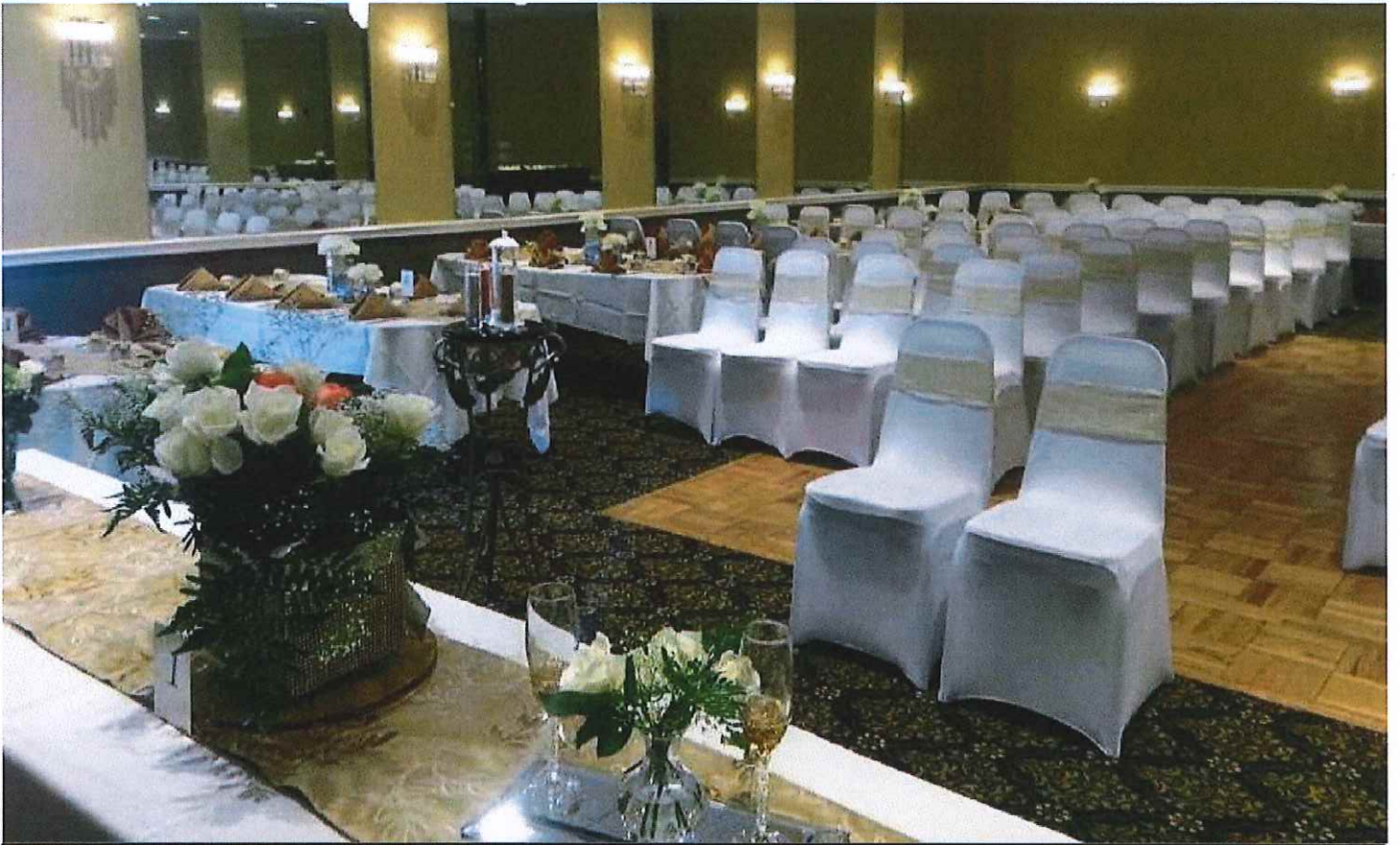


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Come to Knights of Columbus Bingo Every Saturday night at 7:30 in Saint Anthony's Bingo Hall below the Church.



Announcements and Committee Reports
Committee Chairmen in Parentheses

Nocturnal Adoration (Bob Slingo, PGK)

This month we have our annual meeting on December 2nd. All bands go to the 9:00 PM hour devotion. This meeting will be followed immediately by the annual meeting.

A new schedule for the first six months of 2017 will be in the January Knight Light. Father Judge Council Nocturnal Adoration at Saint Anthony's Parish covers three bands. These are bands 4 and 5 which rotate in time and a non rotating band that always begins at 10:00 PM.

Adoration is a good way to take time to relax and pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the solitude of our Church. If you would like to participate, call Bob Slingo at 631-486-2875.

Pictures at Council Events (George Morrish)

You should want pictures for the *Knight Light* for an event you are running and this should be a topic at your planning meetings. The best way to cover this is to ask someone to take your pictures; you will be too busy. Ask your photographer to take pictures of people in action and having fun. Recommend photos that you really like! If you want a staff photographer, ask Bob Spera in advance (631-680-1702) or email George Morrish at PiperNCPD@aol.com. **Joe DePenta**

If you want to advertise in the Knight Light, contact me, at 631-499-7792.

Membership and Degrees (Ed Perillo and Jerry Dano)

If you have a potential member, please contact Ed Perillo at 631-754-8606. You can email Jerry Dano at jeromedano@yahoo.com. If you email Jerry, enter "KofC membership" on the subject line. For questions on KofC degrees call Carlo at 631-261-1253.

Columbiettes (Karen Sheehan, President)

If you are a Catholic female who is 17 years old or older and are interested in making a difference in your community through your faith, join the Columbiettes. Please email Karen, for information at kandk1111@verizon.net or call 516-353-1820.

December 15, 2016 is the Columbiettes Christmas Party at 7:00PM at Orlando's in Commack. \$35.00 per person includes all. Please call Corey Mulvey or Theresa Lofaro (631)379-2655 to make your reservation and arrange payment.

Bingo (Ron Smith, PGK)

Father Judge KofC Bingo will come to a close on December 10, 2015. Grand Knight Rich Ronde and Bingo Chairman Ron Smith thank all those who have worked hard over the years to support our Council and our Hall through working Bingo week after week. They thank all our past Captains and the current Captains, Rich Fitzgerald, Don Maltby, and Joe Buscarello

December 10 Team 2 Last Bingo

Council Hall Rental (Bob Mahon)

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Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Tim O'Keefe

631-655-3971

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Need a ride to a meeting?

(Don Maltby, PGK)

If you need a ride to a Council meeting or any event for any reason, call Don at 631-368-6657. He will get a ride for you if possible. If you would like to help a Brother who needs a ride, call Don.

Cruisers, Mark your calendars -

Next year's Fr. Judge Cruise will be aboard the Royal Caribbean Allure of the Seas sailing out of Ft. Lauderdale on June 4, 2017. Contact Mary Ronde (631 754-4084 or

mronde@cruiseone.com) for details and to make your reservation. The time to get the best pricing and cabin availability is now. **See flyer on**

page 14 for more details but call now! (631 754-4084)

6893 Corporation (Danny Flinn)

Our Next Corporation meeting is Monday, **December 12th** at 7:30PM. The Corporation usually meets on the 2nd Monday of every month.

Help Wanted, Volunteers Needed

Drivers

Drivers are always needed for Brothers having no transportation to meetings, etc. Please call Don at 631-368-6657.

Knight Light Reporter/Assistant Editor

Call Bob at 631-680-1702 to volunteer for anything in this announcement. Better would be to email Bob at bobspera@optonline.net.

Membership Dues and Maintenance **(John Piropato Jr., Financial Secretary)**

Brothers, our new Columbian year began on July 1 and with that day came the assessment of the 2016-2017 dues in the amount of \$50.00 for regular members and \$10.00 for honorary or student members.

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If the payment of your dues would cause undo hardships or they cannot be paid for any other reasons, please do not hesitate to contact the Grand Knight so that other arrangements may be made. Any discussions and requests are always held in the strictest confidence.

If you are not required to pay annual dues because of your membership status please consider making a contribution to your Council by sending a payment to the Financial Secretary at the address above.

(More important Announcements are continued on page 7)

December

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| November 27 | November 28 Officers Meeting Father Judge Hall; 7:30pm | November 29 Suffolk Conference Meeting @ Saint Sylvester Center, 68 Ohio Avenue, Medford | November 30 | 1 | 2 Nocturnal 9:PM | 3 Bingo Team 1' Keep Christ in Christmas magnet Sale — |
| 4 Keep Christ in Christmas magnet Sale | 5 Council Business Meeting, repast 7:00 PM, meeting 8:00 PM | 6 Council Christmas Tree Lighting 7:30 PM FTAJ Hall | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Bingo Team 2' |
| 11 Car parking at St Joseph's Guest Home Christmas Show—350 Cuba Hill Rd, at 1:30 PM | 12 Corporation Meeting. 7:30 PM Love Boat Planning Meeting: 7PM | 13 Bingo Worker Christmas Psrty 6:30 PM FTAJ Hall | 14 | 15 7:00 PM Columbiettes Christmas Party, Orlando's 35.00 PP | 16 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, AHRC Christmas Dance St. Anthony Parrish Hall DD Meeting 7:00pm HMM Council | 17 Bingo Team 3 Christmas Party (Adult) FTAJ Hall Shop for food baskets |
| 18 FTAJ KofC 10:30 AM Mass All invited to attend Children's Christmas Party 1-5 PM | 19 Social Meeting, repast 7:30 PM, meeting Caroling 8:00 PM FTAJ Hall | 20 | 219 | 22 | 23 | 24 Christmas EVE |
| 25 Christmas | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 New Years Eve Party |



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Free ads are offered to significant sponsors (\$500.00 or more) of any Father Judge Council event. Events include the Annual Feast, the Sam Russo Golf Classic and the Squires Steak House dinner. Free ads are provided for any event run by the Father Judge KofC Council, the Columbiettes, Squires or Little Knights.

Free ads are provided to all charitable programs of local parishes provided all proceeds go to charity. Free ads are provided for any charitable purpose when presented by a Knight and approved at the Council leadership meeting. We all thank Joe for managing this important function.

Membership Membership Membership
November 9 First Degree at Fr.
Judge Council 7:00pm
Contact: Ed Perillo (631) 754-8606

SAVE the DATES

Mark your calendars for these very important dates coming up in the future. Watch for details in the November and December Knight Lights or go to www.frjudge.org and click **current events** **Saturday, December 17th**

Adult Christmas Party
Fr. Judge Hall

Sunday, December 18th
Children's Christmas Party
Fr. Judge Hall

Saturday, January 21st
"LOVE BOAT" Concert
Parish Hall

Father Judge Council 300 Club 2016

Our Council thanks all who participated in all the 300 Clubs. We donated over \$50,000 to various charitable causes over the years. Our **eleventh** 300 Club has begun. Brothers, Family and Friends can win (**many times**) **\$50.00** or **\$30.00** over the course of **30** weeks or win **\$600.00** or **\$1000.00** at our first and last drawings. The first drawing for \$600.00 will be held at our **Children's Christmas Party on Dec. 18th, 2016**. For the next 30 weeks we draw two numbers, one for \$50.00 and one for \$30.00. The winning numbers are returned to the drum and can be re-drawn. Each member can win at every drawing, for 30 weeks. **Our last drawing is at our annual Family Picnic in July for \$1000**. All members and friends are invited. The "Knight Light" will publish a list of winners and all winners will be notified by mail.

Only **300** memberships will be sold. Sign up early to reserve your lucky numbers. Please complete the form on page 5 below the October calendar. Return the form to the address indicated on the form before Nov. 30th. Current members must respond by Oct. 15, 2011 to retain previous numbers. Again, complete the form on page 5 and thanks for joining;

John Hnath and Don Maltby, 300 club Chairmen

Recognition

The Grand Knight recognizes Brothers for a job well done. At Father Judge Council this is also one of the most difficult things to do. We have so many Brothers that go above and beyond, are always there when needed and help out in some of the most unimaginable ways.

It is my privilege to present the Knight of the Month and the Family of the Month for July – September 2016.

Knights of the Month July – September

July **Paul Mullman** – "I am a Catholic" message on Facebook

Aug **Dave D'Aurio** – Monthly Knights of Columbus Mass suggestion

Sept **Mike Simonelli** – Food prep and overall support of Golf Outing

John Hnath – Margarita Tasting

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Families of the Month July – September

July **Extended Leonardo Family** – Their work and presence at the St. Anthony Feast

Aug **Joe & Fran Vitiello & Al & Theresa Albano** – Rescuing our Communion Breakfast

Sept **Danny Flinn & Bruce Mulvey** – Preparation of the hall for Officers Installation

Certificates of Appreciation

Bob Slingo – Chairing our Golf Outing and recording a record profit

Mike Norton – The creation and launching of the Fr. Judge website

Roger Sirangelo – For his all-around support of our events and help at each of them

Mary Ronde & Ann Dabkowski – Behind the scenes work at the PGK Testimonial

Bingo News

Calling All Bingo Workers! A special Christmas party is being held just for you. Monsignor Joseph Mirro is hosting a Christmas party in your honor for all the hours you spend during the year working Bingo.

DATE: December 13th
TIME: 6:30pm
PLACE: Fr. Judge Hall, Hewitt Square,
East Northport, NY
RSVP: PGK Ron Smith by Friday,
December 9th

In case you have not heard yet, our last Saturday Night Bingo session will be Saturday Night, December 10th. We have decided not to renew our bingo license for 2017. Bingo was started in 1992 to help finance our Council Hall. Over the past 25 years many Brothers and their families have put in 1000s of hours working Saturday Night Bingo. Sometimes under some very difficult conditions. Do you remember when the players were allowed to smoke during the game? And there were more than 125 people in attendance? You could hardly see the other side of the room through the smoke cloud!

To all the Brothers and their families who worked Saturday Night Bingo for our council your Grand Knight extends a sincere Thank You and ask that God continues to Bless you.



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Fr. Judge Dinner Club

Brothers, one idea to help replace our lost Bingo revenue was to start a Dinner Club at our council. The Dinner Club offers members of the club a chance to go to dinner up to six times during a calendar for less than half the cost of going to a restaurant. Dinners would be scheduled on Friday nights during the year and the schedule would be pre-published.

Below is how the Fr. Judge Dinner Club would work. To join the Fr. Judge Dinner Club potential members would be required to purchase a minimum of six (6) shares. Shares would cost ~\$25 - \$30 (exact price would be predetermined) each and would need to be prepaid. *Example:* If the share cost was \$30, it would a member a minimum of \$180 (purchasing the minimum 6 shares) to join the club.

Each share would be good for one (1) person to attend one (1) dinner. *Example:* A member to attend all six dinners during the year by himself or attend three of the dinners during the year with a guest.

The prepaid shares are non-refundable but can be transferred to others.

A member would need to make a reservation by Tuesday of the week the dinner is scheduled for to participate in that particular dinner.

Dinners would consist of a salad, an entrée (beef, chicken, or pasta) with sides and dessert.

Members could purchase additional shares when they initially join the club.

The Fr. Judge Dinner Club will be marketed as “Dinner and”. The “and....” is an entertainment component that brings added value to the event. It might be a movie on our big screen TV, music for dancing, karaoke, or a magic act.

Participating in the Fr. Judge Dinner Club gives the member a night out for a reasonable cost, helps the council raise funds, and increases the utilization of our hall. For more information on the Fr. Judge Dinner Club contact Alex Short (631) 754-3248 or doctoral21@gmail.com

or PGK John Hnath (516) 526-6558 or hnathj@optonline.net

We are looking for 40 members to start the dinner club and holding our first dinner in the month of March.

Affinity Program

Our Council is part of the affinity program at TD Bank. We will receive cash credits if you affiliate your accounts with the Father Judge account at TD Bank. This holds true for new and existing accounts. More details will follow in future Knight Lights and emails from our council.

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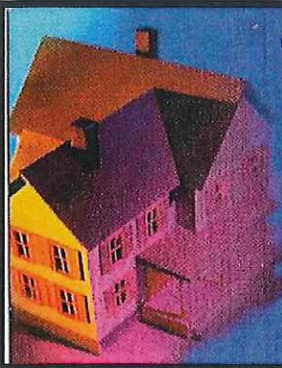
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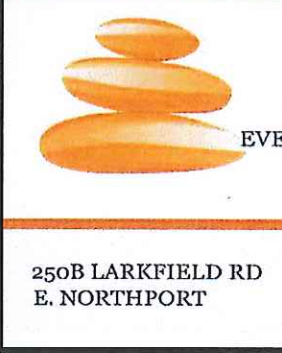




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Father Judge Council 300 Club 2011
 Our Council thanks all who participated in the fifth 300 Club. We donated \$5000 to various charitable causes. Our sixth 300 Club has begun. Brothers, Family and Friends can win (many times) \$50.00 or \$30.00 over the course of 30 weeks or win \$600.00 or \$1000.00 at our first and last drawings. The first drawing for \$600.00 will be held at our **Children's Christmas Party on Dec. 11th, 2011**. For the next 30 weeks we draw two numbers, one for \$50.00 and one for \$30.00. The winning numbers are returned to the drum and can be re-drawn. Each member can win at every drawing, for 30 weeks. **Our last drawing is at our annual Family Picnic in July for \$1000.** All members and friends are invited. The "Knight Light" will publish a list of winners and all winners will be notified by mail.

Only 300 memberships will be sold. Sign up early to reserve your lucky numbers. Please complete the form on page 5 below the October calendar. Return the form to the address indicated on the form before Nov. 30th. Current members must respond by Oct. 15, 2011 to retain previous numbers. Again, complete the form on page 5 and thanks for joining;



Father Thomas A. Judge Council

Monthly Recap December 2016



Brothers, here is a recap of our events and accomplishments for November 2016.

November 8th Bingo Meeting

20+ Bingo workers participated in this extremely important meeting to discuss the future of our Saturday night Bingo. After 30 minutes of discussion a motion was put on the floor to NOT renew our Bingo license in January. The motion passed unanimously. The main reason was the poor financial return for the over 1000 man hours put into Bingo each year. Several ideas to replace the Bingo revenue were brought up, including have members clean the hall after parties, a monthly dinner club and a Memorial Day 50/50 raffle. Brothers please be ready to support these new revenue producing efforts.

November 9th 1st Degree Exemplification

Father Judge Hall

Our council held its second 1st degree of the Columbian year in November. There were 10 candidates from four councils that made their 1st degree on this evening including four from Father Judge Council. Congratulations and welcome to Fr. Judge Council to William Crowley, Joseph Merenda, Robert Nock, and Robert Starzee. Congratulations!

November 10th 2nd Degree Exemplification / Fr. Judge Hall

The first 2nd degree for western Suffolk County was held at our council on Thursday, November 10th. Four councils for the local area were present and 10 candidates made their 2nd degree. A fantastic homemade meatloaf dinner was prepared by Inside Guard Mike Simonelli. Congratulations to the newest Fr. Judge 2nd degree members – William Crowley, Joseph Gracci, Volvick Osse, and Joseph Susco.

November 18th Cooking for Veterans

Month in and month out our cooks donate an entire Friday to prepare a hot meal for the veterans at Northport Hospital. This month one of our cooks, Joe Vitiello, suffered burns to his hands. Please keep Joe in your prayers. Thank you to our cooks and Dr. Ray who make this program an ongoing success.

November 19th Shopping for Thanksgiving Baskets

Each year at this time a group of volunteers led by Brother Fred Leonardo go shopping for food for the 16 Thanksgiving baskets we put together and donate to St. Vincent DePaul. Shopping for Thanksgiving dinner for 16 families is no small effort and the bill can easily top \$750. Thank you to all the brothers who helped with the food shopping, organizing and delivery of the baskets. We also receive many donations to help defray the cost of this program and we would like to thank everyone who made a contribution.

November 20th Monthly K of C Mass

The 2nd Knights of Columbus monthly Mass was held on Sunday, November 20th at the 10:30am Mass at St. Anthony of Padua. Fr. Richard Kline gave the group of approximately 40 Fr. Judge family members a wonderful compliment by using the Knights of Columbus as an example of people doing good works in God's name. Mary and I were honored when asked to bring up the gifts. Our next monthly Mass will be held on Sunday, December 18th at the 10:30am Mass at St. Anthony of Padua. We look forward to you joining us there.

November 21st Patriotic Night / Social Meeting

We dedicated our social meeting in November to our Armed Forces Veterans. Under the direction of PGK John Piropato a wonderful program was put together. An all American meal of hotdogs, baked beans and cole slaw was served to the 90 people in attendance. After dinner we all gather into the main hall to honor our veterans. Approximately 25 veterans were in attendance and eight of them spoke during the program.

Sean and Kilian Duclay, two young men who co-founded SailAhead also addressed the audience. SailAhead is an organization that takes veterans suffering from PTSD, physical handicaps and depression out sailing all year round. The veterans help sail the boat and become part of the crew. SailAhead's mission is help prevent suicide among our nation's most valuable asset – our Armed Forces Veterans. To learn more about SailAhead and Sean and Kilian visit their website at www.sailahead.org.

At the conclusion of the program all guests were invited to dessert – apple pie and ice cream. Thank you to John and his team for this great event and THANK YOU to all our VETERANS!

November 24th Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Have you ever spent Thanksgiving alone? Did you ever think of spending Thanksgiving without family, friends or a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner? For some folks in our general location this is a stark reality. For the 5th consecutive year Father Judge Council opened their doors on Thanksgiving Day and prepared a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for anyone who wished to join us.

A tremendous THANK YOU to our own chef TONY AZIC who once again donated his Thanksgiving preparing a wonderful meal for all attendees. Approximately 50 guests were in attendance this year. We were blessed to have Monsignor Joe Mirro and Father Richard Kline join us to help serve and welcome our guests and volunteers. Many individuals contribute to this wonderful and heart-warming day and simple words like "Thank You" seem insignificant for their effort and sacrifice on this day. From a grateful Grand Knight, *THANK YOU* to all the volunteers and may *God continue to Bless You* and all your efforts.

November 26th Fr. Judge Hall Decorating

On Saturday of the Thanksgiving Day weekend more than a dozen Knights and family members showed up to decorate our council hall for the Christmas season. They started at 8:00am and everyone was on their way home by 11:00am. The crew decorated the inside and the outside of the hall showing our Christmas spirit to everyone who will be visiting us at our numerous Holiday Season events at our beautiful Father Thomas A. Judge Hall.

The decorations are beautiful but brothers please, remember the true meaning of Christmas and welcome our Lord Jesus into your homes and hearts.



Father Thomas A. Judge Council Thanksgiving Dinner



Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, including Father. Kline, a community Thanksgiving dinner (with all the trimmings) was served to all today, compliments of the Father Thomas A. Judge Knights of Columbus at our Council hall. A great day for all to share and enjoy our bountiful harvest in friendly environs.

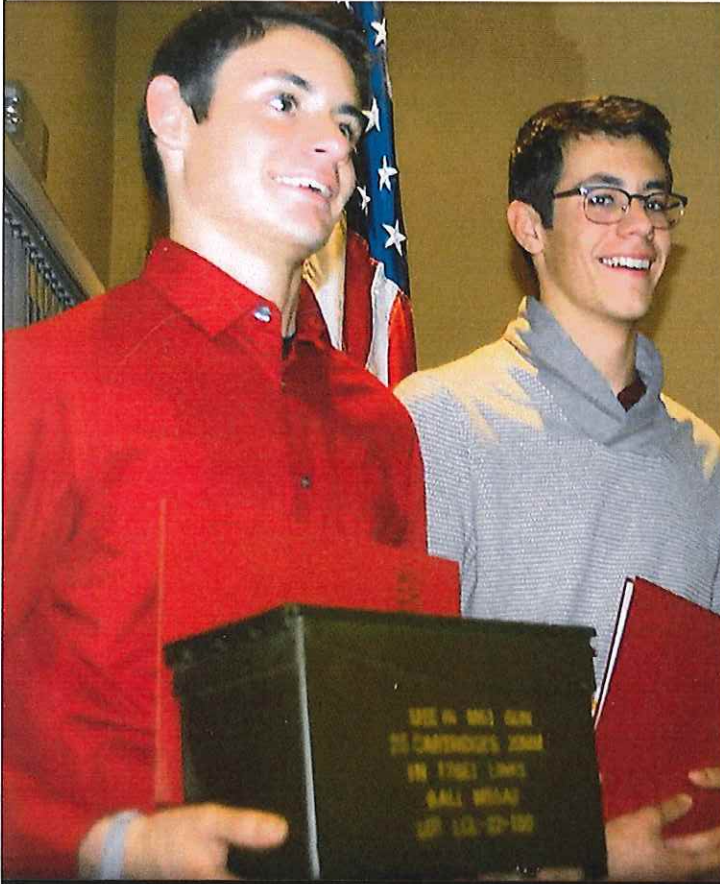
God Bless America!



Father Thomas A. Judge Council Patriotic Night



This past November 21, Our council continued its tradition of honoring our nation's heroes, our veterans at our annual Patriotic night. After opening prayers, led by Father O'Leary, we said the pledge of allegiance and we collectively sang *God Bless America*.



First up were Kilian and Sean Duclay (shown above). They are the drivers of *Sail Ahead*, a program that helps veterans cope and recover through recreational sailing. They were followed by Morty Roberts a World War II vet.

Colonel Jerry Weiss, USMC, (shown at right) described the tribulations of the Korean War. Retired Navy Captain John Cochran described in some detail the seizure of Kuwait and the first Gulf war.

Alan Bergman and Wally Malone describe the terrors of 9/11 and its aftermath.

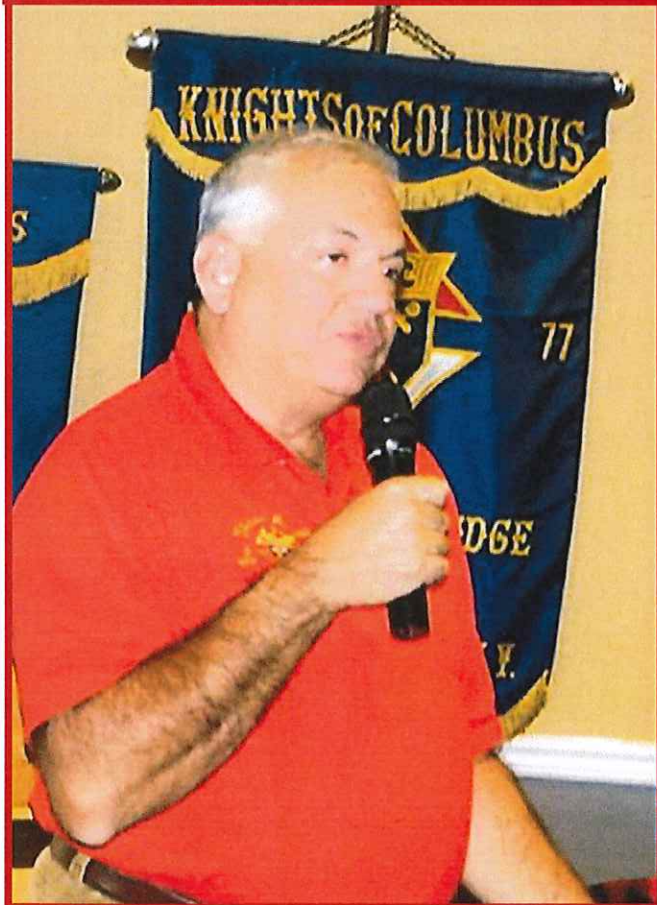
These military tributes were followed by tributes to



the heroics of homeland protectors like FDNY and the police departments of New York City and Long Island.

Grand Knight Rich Ronde then introduced all the Veteran Brothers of our Council and Parrish that were present and awarded each of them with a Certificate of appreciation. Father Judge Council other and local Vets can be seen at the top of the opposite page.

Toward the conclusion of the evening, Bother Ray Mascolo gave a moving description of the Council's efforts in support of Homeless and underprivileged veterans. Bob Slings concluded events with his always mournful and inspiring reedition of taps.



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