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Fr. Thomas A. Judge Council 6893, District 9 Suffolk Chapter

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Grand Knight's Message, February 2024 Knight Light

My Brother Knights, friends and family,

We held our business meeting on Tuesday, January 2nd, in observance of New Year's Day. It was a brief meeting as it was the first meeting right after ringing in the New Year. The meeting was highlighted by a few committee chairman reports. PGK Mike Norton gave a report on our RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program). This year through your generosity we were able to support 6 Seminarians. Each Seminarian received a \$500 gift from the Father Judge Council. Next, Fred Leonardo gave a report on our two food/gift card drives. Each year the St. Vincent DePaul society asks various ministries if they can donate a \$ 1,000 in gift cards or cash for each upcoming holiday (Thanksgiving and Christmas). I am happy to announce, the Father Judge met the call. We were able to provide St. Vincent DePaul \$1,000 each in cash and/or gift cards. Thank you all!!

Lastly, our C&B chairman, John Mahon, reported that the Fr. Judge council exceeded its modest quota of 210 C&B books sold. Thank you all, as I mentioned in the meeting, it was a heavy lift to ask for 4 separate donations to very good causes in a short window, but I am confident that it was not lost on those who may have benefitted. In addition, because we met our quota on selling C&B books we will be able to petition the NYS Council Knights of Columbus to independently send an additional \$100 to each Seminarian. A program started by NYS because of the largely successful fundraising effort of the football FUNDCRAZR. Since it was not known to be an additional perk for the RSVP and ASAP, (Aid and Support After Pregnancy), it makes our meeting the quota that much more rewarding. In addition to the \$100 for each seminarian, NYS will also send \$100 to the Life Center program of our choosing. While we are yet to make the donation in 2024 (last January we donated \$500 to the Life Center of Long Island). So brothers thank you again.

February is looking busy. On Saturday, February 3rd we are hosting a Past Grand Knight Testimonial honoring our most recent Grand Knight and previous Grand Knight Mark Guarriello. We have on Monday, February 5th our business meeting. On Wednesday, February 7th, there is a Countywide Exemplification at Holy Mother Mary. We are working on trying to get a new member or two to join. On, Friday, February 9th, at 8PM, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council (Ronkonkoma) the Suffolk County Chapter K of C is holding a Priest/Chaplain Appreciation Night. Followed by the 9th District's, District Free Throw contest at St. Anthony's School Gym on Monday, February 12th.

Lastly, thanks to Frank Courten, last year's Fr. O'Leary Scholarship Raffle was a huge success, therefore, we will run the 2nd Annual Fr. O'Leary Scholarship Raffle. Beginning with our business meeting on February 5th and running through May 27th (Memorial Day – drawing after the parade), we will sell 150 raffle tickets at \$ 20 a ticket. One half of the proceeds (\$ 1,500) Fr. Judge will fund 2 Scholarships (\$1,000 & 500) to be awarded to 2 scholarship winners who participate in the Fr. Judge's Fr. O'Leary Scholarship Essay Contest. The other half there will be 6 raffle winners, one first prize of \$1,000 and five consolation winners of \$ 100 each. For details please feel free to contact our Scholarship Raffle Chairman Frank Courten, 631-691-8490.

More dates: Tuesday, February 13th, Mardi Gras hosted by St. Anthony of Padua, Monday, February 19th, social night - K of C Video Series "Into the Breach" to be shown follow by Q&A session and Tuesday, February 20th Fr. Judge is hosting the District Deputy's meeting at St. Anthony's.

Again, to all the Brothers, Sisters and families of the Father Judge Family, thank you! Look forward to seeing you in February.

Vivat Jesus!

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Save the Date

Sunday February 4th

Long Island Conference Meeting
Patchogue Council #725 @ 2 pm

Monday February 5th

Council Business Meeting
Lower Church, repast 7:15 , meeting 8:00pm

Monday February 12th

District Free Throw Competition
Trinity School Gym—7:00 PM

Wednesday February 14th

Ash Wednesday

Monday February 19th

Council Social Meeting

Ride to 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!

Little Knights (Carey Ng)

The Little Knights Auxiliary is open to boys and girls ages 5-12. They meet monthly on Saturday mornings. They are involved in our charitable donations at Thanksgiving and Christmas time as well as participating in the Memorial Day Parade. Meetings are supervised by trained adult leaders and are always centered around a fun activity. We always welcome new members.

The Little Knights meet on Saturday mornings. Contact Carey Ng for the next meeting date.
Carey_Ng@hotmail.com

Scholarship Raffle

In Memory of our beloved past Council Chaplain Fr Lawrence O'Leary.

Two scholarships are awarded, the first for \$1,000 and second for \$500, to the winners of the Essay contest to assist students attending a Catholic High School.

Starting February 5th tickets will be available for the Scholarship Raffle.

Tickets are \$20 each and only 150 will be sold.

**Grand Prize—\$1,000.00
5 secondary prizes of \$100 each**

This will cover the Scholarships if all 150 tickets are sold !

Contact:

Frank Courten—631-691-8490

Announcements and Committee Reports

1st Friday of the Month Nocturnal Adoration (Bob Slingo, PGK)

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](tel:631-486-2875). Father Judge Council Nocturnal Adoration at Saint Anthony's Parish covers three bands.

BAND SCHEDULE

NON-ROTATING BAND is always at 9:00 PM

BAND	FEB	MAR
FOUR	11:00PM	11:00PM
FIVE	11:00PM	11:00PM

Membership

(Ed Perillo, Jerry Dano, Carlo Buscemi)

If you have a potential member, please contact Ed Perillo at [631-754-8606](tel:631-754-8606). You can also email Jerry Dano at jeromedano@yahoo.com. If you email Jerry, enter "K of C membership" on the subject line. For questions on K of C degrees call Carlo at [631-261-1253](tel:631-261-1253).

Online membership: www.kofc.org/join

Promotional Items (George Morrish)

Knights of Columbus shirts, jackets, ties, etc. are available for gifts or for your own use. If you need an item, George has all Council inventory in his possession. You can call George at [631-368-7219](tel:631-368-7219). You can email George at piperncpd@aol.com.

Columbiettes (Theresa Lofaro, President)

If you are a Catholic woman who is 18 years old or older and are interested in making a difference in your community and your church through your faith, join the Columbiettes. For more information please email Jackie Piropatto at CaptJac921@yahoo.com or call Jackie at (516) 318-5809.

Fr. O'Leary Scholarship

(Frank Courten, Chairman)

The Father Lawrence O'Leary Scholarship was instituted at the May 2017 officers meeting. Please consider making a donation this year to help fund and continue the *Father Lawrence O'Leary Scholarship*. Thanking you in advance for all your support. Checks should be made payable to "Father O'Leary Scholarship Fund".

Knight Light and Website Sponsors

If you want to be a sponsor of the Knight Light, contact Rich Fitzgerald, PGK at [631 416-8759](tel:631-416-8759) or email Rich at Rfitzge370@aol.com. Sponsorships of the Knight Light are available for \$100.00 for 11 issues for a business card space. A double size is \$200.00. The fee for all larger spaces are roughly proportional to the size of the sponsorship and are negotiable.

Lent starts Wednesday February 14th

The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to the Eucharist;

"May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom..."

Membership is our lifeblood!

Have you asked a family member, neighbor or friend if they thought of becoming a Knight of Columbus.

We are in need of new members to help us with charitable endeavors.

Think back to how you joined and see if you know another Catholic Gentleman who would benefit from the experience of being a Knight.

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Nocturnal Adoration	3 GK s Testimonial
4 Long Island Conference Meeting	5 Council Business Meeting 8:00 pm	6	7	8	9 Suffolk Chapter Meeting	10
11 Superbowl	12 District 9 Free Throw 7:00pm	13	14 Valentine's Day ❤️ Ash Wednesday	15	16	17
18	19 President's Day! Council Social Mtg.	20 DD Meeting @ FTAJ	21 OLFA Meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		



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March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Nocturnal Adoration	2
3	4 Council Business Meeting 8:00 pm	5	6	7	8 Suffolk Chapter Meeting	9
10 St. Baldrick's Miller's Ale House 3pm	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 Council Social Mtg.	19 DD Meeting	20 OLFA Meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday February 3rd
 Monday, February 5th
 Monday, February 12th
 Monday, February 19th
 Tuesday, February 20th
 Wednesday, February 21st

PGK Testimonial
 Council Business Meeting
 District 9 Free Throw
 Council Social Meeting
 District Deputy Meeting
 OLFA Meeting

Trinity School Gym, 7 pm
 Church Basement, 8:00pm
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Wed., Feb. 14 – Sun., March 24, 2024

please join a **peaceful prayer vigil**
on the sidewalk outside 70 Maple Ave. in Smithtown.

Up to 70% of women cancel their abortion appointments when people are praying outside the clinic. We hope they will choose life and accept free pregnancy help from Women First Pregnancy Options (formerly the Life Center: 631-656-0441) across the street.

St. Anthony of Padua parish is focusing on Wednesdays. We are trying to cover as many hours as possible; year-round prayer warriors are there from at least 9:00-10:30 am. Feel free to choose another day of the week if Wednesdays are not convenient.

Sign up for your weekly hour at www.40DaysforLife.com/Smithtown and bring a friend! Contact Maria40Days@gmail.com or 40DFLSmithtown@gmail.com for help scheduling, to find a prayer partner, or for more information. Please also pray at Mass, during Holy Hours and at home for all mothers to choose life! Thank you, and God bless you!

 **40 DAYS FOR LIFE™**



On Sunday, March 10th the Fr. Judge St. Baldrick's team will be shedding their locks once again to raise more money to help fight childhood cancer at 3:00 PM at Miller's Ale House in Commack. It is our hope that the Fr. Judge council brothers and their families will continue to support this very worthwhile program by making your donation as soon as possible (see below). Of course raising funds for childhood cancer research not only helps our kids, but all of us. When you make your donation, please remember to honor someone you know who may have been stricken with this dread disease.

I'm also happy to let everyone know that over the last 18 years we have raised over \$140,000 to help fight childhood cancer! We hope to top \$150,000 with your help this year.

The quickest way to make your donation is to visit our Fr. Thomas A. Judge K of C team' on the StBaldricks.org website and make your donation in any amount now*. Or you may download the team donation form, complete it and mail it along with your check, made out to "St. Baldrick's Foundation", (Please note the team ID # in the memo section of your check.). If you'd like to donate to an individual "Shavee", just scroll down and click on that team member's photo and click on "Donate". Of course, if you'd like to join our team as a "Shavee" to help us raise even more money to help fight childhood cancer, just click on the team link above and click on "Join".

As in past years, all are invited to join us at the "Big Shave" for some fun and camaraderie at Miller's Ale House in Commack on Sunday, March 10th at 3:00 PM ... hope to see everyone there!

Thank you & God bless, Bob Slingo, Team Captain

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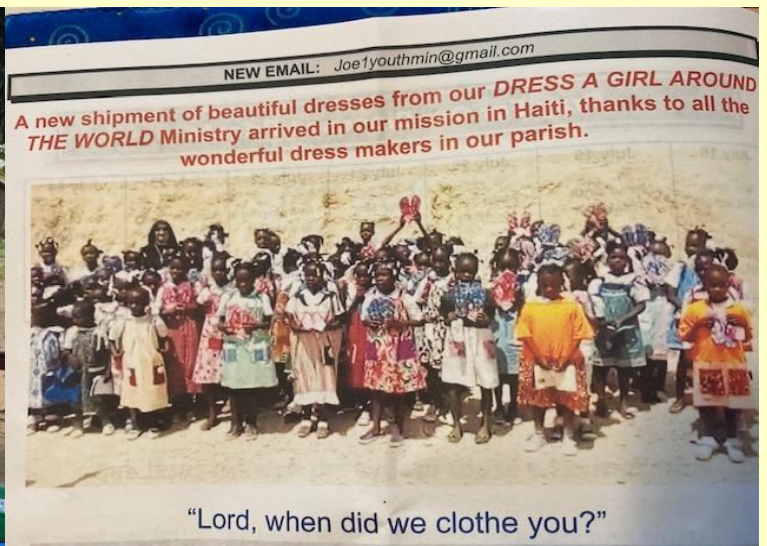
Dress-a-Girl Ministry Update

The Dress-a-Girl Ministry welcomes all who are interested in sewing dresses, putting dress kits together, making dolls or learning several other simple tasks needed for this ministry. All materials and instructions are included (except sewing machines). We meet at the Elwood library. The next meeting is Wednesday, Feb.7th from 2-4:30.

Last year alone, the loving, talented, and generous ladies have made/donated over 650 dresses, 400 dolls, 240 pairs of flip-flops, 20 pairs of shorts, and almost 500 pairs of underwear!

So, if you have questions, or want more information, please feel free to contact Agatha (631 499 7138) or Sue (631 617 2111).

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- Applicant must be enrolled in a Catholic High School, grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 as of September 2024. Proof of acceptance is required. Grade average at time of application must be a minimum of 2.0 or a "C". Transcript of latest grades will be requested.
- Applicant does not need to be related to a member of Fr. Thomas A. Judge Council, Knight or Columbiette or be a Columbian Squire.
- Application must indicate student's involvement in Church, Community or School activities and must include a statement from a Priest, program mentor, teacher, counselor, etc. as to student's character.
- An essay entitled, "How my Catholic background helps me be a better person for myself and for others." Essay should not exceed 150 type written words.
- Signature of parent or guardian is required.

Applications should be submitted to Fr. Thomas A. Judge Council, P.O. Box 1151, East Northport, NY 11731. Attn: John Becker, GK, and must be post marked no later than May 30, 2024. Scholarship award will be presented to the student at the Council's June 2024 meeting. Student's application will be given a numerical identification. Names will not be available to Scholarship Committee members.

The decision of the Committee is final.



**FR. LAWRENCE O'LEARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
FR. THOMAS A. JUDGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #6893**

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ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

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GRADE _____ GRADE AVERAGE (present grade) _____

NAME AND RELATIONSHIP OF FR. JUDGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBER (optional):

EXTRA-CURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT (i.e., Church, School, Community)

I vouch that all information above is true and will provide the required proof, if requested.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

GRAND KNIGHT SIGNATURE _____

FINANCIAL SECRETARY SIGNATURE _____

On a separate sheet, please attach a 150 word (typed) essay titled, "How my Catholic background helps me be a better person for myself and for others."

Applicant does not need to be related to a member of Fr. Thomas A. Judge Council, Knight, Columbiette or Squire . Applicant must be enrolled in a Catholic High School in September 2024. Application must be postmarked no later than May 30, 2024.

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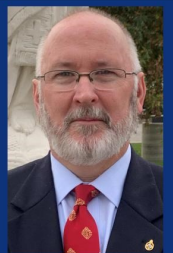
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