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Fr. Thomas A. Judge Council 6893, District 9 Suffolk Chapter
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Grand Knight's Message, March 2024 Knight Light

My Brother Knights, friends and family,

The Season of Lent is here; a time to prepare for Easter.

The past month of February was short but eventful. It began with a celebration. On Saturday, February 3rd we honored our most recent Grand Knights; Mark Guarriello and Rich Fitzgerald. Mark served our council as Grand Knight from 2018 to 2020; Rich served from 2020 to 2022. Both span and led the council during a most difficult time in history, the pandemic. Both navigated through an ever changing world and held our council together. Thank you both!!

On Monday, February 5th we held our monthly business meeting. That night we kicked off our 2nd annual Fr. O'Leary Scholarship Raffle. We plan to sell 150 raffle tickets @ \$20 each to help fund 2 scholarships (1st award \$1,000, 2nd award \$500). Remaining proceeds will be for the \$1,000 raffle prize and 5, \$ 100 consolation raffle prizes. Scholarships to be award to eligible students attending a Catholic High School in the Fall of 2024. See the Fr. O'Leary Scholarship application on our website www.frjudge.org Raffle tickets are available at our council meetings.

On Friday, February 9th, the Suffolk County Chapter held a Clergy Appreciation night. A very nice night where the clergy are recognized for all they do. A total of 15 priests were honored including our own Fr. Edward Sheridan and Msgr. Joe Mirro. On hand, as well an old friend, Fr. Rudy.

On Monday, February 12th, the Knights of Columbus, 9th District Free Throw competition was held at our school gym / Parish Hall. Several boys and girls, representing Fr. Judge, are moving on to the Suffolk county wide competition on Saturday, March 9th, at St. the John the Baptist in West Islip.

Monday, February 19th we held a social meeting at the council where our Brother Chase Cetta led us in a question and answer session after a brief viewing of "Into the Breach – An Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men" a Knights of Columbus video series.

March promises to be rewarding as well. On March 4th is our business meeting, 8pm, lower church.

Our March 18th social meeting will have a guest speaker; Dr. Lynn M. O'Connor, MD MPH FACS FASCRS graciously accepted our invitation to speak at our social meeting. For the past 20 years, Dr. Lynn M. O'Connor has made it her mission to provide patients with the foremost treatment, technology, and information related to preventive public health issues and colon and rectal health.

On Tuesday, March 19th the councils of the 9th District will hold an Exemplification at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Ronkonkoma, 800 Portion Road, Ronkonkoma. Please brothers if you know of anyone a friend a relative, wishing to join the Knights of Columbus please have them join through the kofc.org/joinus link. As we continue to celebrate Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Beatification, please enter the Promo Code [BLESSEDMCGIVNEY](#) to join online for free. This way we can get him to the Exemplification.

Again, to all the Brothers, Sisters and families of the Father Judge Family, thank you! Look forward to seeing you in March and wish you all a Blessed Easter !

Vivat Jesus!

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Save the Date

Monday March 4th

Council Business Meeting

Lower Church, repast 7:15 , meeting 8:00pm

Saturday March 9th

Suffolk County Free Throw Competition

St. John the Baptist High School Gym—

9:00 AM registration

Sunday March 10th

St. Baldrick's Day Team Shave

Miller's Ale House –Commack 3 PM

Monday March 20th

Council Social Meeting

Easter Sunday March 31st

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	MAR	APR
FOUR	9:00PM -Spanish	11:00PM
FIVE	10:00PM English	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 Pirovato 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.

PGK Testimonial for our Past Grand Knights

On February 3rd a testimonial was held for Past Grand Knights Mark R Guarriello and Richard Fitzgerald. A great time was had by the many attendees and a great thanks from Mark and Rich for this wonderful Tribute.




District 9 Free Throw Competition

On February 12th the District Free Throw was hosted by the Fr. Judge Council in the Trinity School Gym. Thanks to all the competitors and volunteers who participated in the competition. On to the Suffolk County finals.



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 Suffolk County Free Throw
10 St. Baldrick's Miller's Ale House 3 PM	11	12	13	14	15	16 OLFA St. Patrick's Dinner @ Christ the King
17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 Council Social Meeting	19 DD Meeting	20	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Easter						



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April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Council Business Meeting 8:00 pm	2	3	4	5 Nocturnal Adoration	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Suffolk Chapter Meeting	13
14 PFN Testimonial For Paul D'Orio	15 Council Social Meeting	16 DD Meeting	17 OLFA Meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Monday, March 4th Saturday, March 9th Sunday, March 10th Monday, March 18th Sunday, March 24th Sunday, March 31st</p>	<p>Council Business Meeting Suffolk County Free Throw St. Baldrick's Council Social Meeting Palm Sunday Easter Sunday</p>	<p>Church Basement, 8:00pm St. John the Baptist HS, 9 am Miller's Ale House, 3pm Church Basement, 8:00pm</p>
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Wed., Feb. 14 – Sun., March 24, 2024

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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!

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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

As we begin the New Year, the Dress-a-Girl Ministry would like to share some wonderful news: During 2023, 343 dresses, 201 pairs of flip-flops, 251 pairs of underwear, 271 dolls and 21 pairs of shorts have been donated to the underprivileged children around the world! Over the course of our 7 years in existence, more than 3,100 dresses as well as hundreds and hundreds of flip-flops, underwear and dolls have been distributed to children in 15 countries, including the United States.

If you or someone you know may be going on a mission trip, please share our information. We are always looking to help children in need.

This Ministry runs solely on donations and we have been blessed by the generosity of so many people who continue to share their time, talent and kindness.

We meet at Elwood Library. All are welcome-please bring your sewing machine, if possible. Upcoming dates:

Wednesday, March 6th (2-4:30 pm)

Tuesday, March 26 (6-8:30 pm)

Tuesday, April 23rd (6-8:30 pm)

Questions or donations; 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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CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF ATTENDANCE SEPT. 2024 _____

GRADE _____ GRADE AVERAGE (present grade) _____

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

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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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