



The Knight Light

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

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9A Hewitt Square, East Northport, NY 11731

<http://www.frjudge.org>



Grand Knight's Message, March 2020 Knight Light

Brothers, Sisters, Members of the Fr. Judge Family, and Friends:

As I write this month's message, I have to admit that I have great difficulty in finding the right words to express my appreciation and love of Fr. Judge Hall and for all of my fellow brothers and their families who had the vision to make this Hall a reality. As most are aware, the sun is setting on our time here at Fr. Judge Hall. Many differing factors have led to this unfortunate event. It was not the result of any one factor or any one person, but the result of many differing factors arising over the years. Diminishing finances, increasing expenses, disagreeable renewal terms are only a few of these factors forcing us down this path.

Over twenty-eight years ago, members of our Council had a dream – a dream of having a place to house our Council. These visionaries persevered and were committed to the idea of having something our Fr. Judge Family could call our own. I want to personally thank each one of these visionaries for their commitment, dedication, and devotion to not only our Council, but to the very ideals of the Knights of Columbus.

The walls of this Hall provided a young Fr. Judge Council, at the time, with endless possibilities and helped propel this Council to become one of the best-known councils in not only the County, but in all of New York State. When the Hall opened its doors over twenty-eight years ago, we started to create the stories and memories that are too countless to mention. We have celebrated countless Council functions and fundraisers at Fr. Judge Hall, we celebrated birthday parties here, we mourned the loss of loved ones here.

But it is important to remember that we do not mourn the loss of Fr. Judge Hall. Instead, this month especially, we celebrate the many memories that have been created at Fr. Judge Hall.

Fr. Judge Hall has meant a lot to me. For me, this is the only place I've known to house our Council. When I joined this Council nearly 14 years ago, I was merely 19 years old. Prior to joining I was a squire and a volunteer at our Feast and Festival. I've been coming to this Hall for as long as I can remember. Having traveled to other Councils, I've always felt lucky to be a part of a Council with such strong accommodations. Those who helped make this Hall a reality may not have realized it at the time, but the blood, sweat, and tears that went into building our Hall touched the lives of so many.

When the Corporation first approached me as Grand Knight and informed me of the news and the insecurity of our future here, my heart sank. But as I started to navigate these uncharted waters, I found consolation in my fellow brothers – many giving me assurances that we can get through this and that our Council will be O.K. As the weeks progressed to months, I have seen this Council come together like never before, working towards a common goal of securing the prosperity of this Council, no matter what the future was going to hold.

I want to thank everyone who attended and helped make our Fr. Judge Hall Blow-Out Party a huge success. While a bit bitter sweet, the evening was filled with laughs, hundreds of photos of all the good times we had at this Hall, great music and a strong sense of comradery.

It is now up to us to keep these traditions alive and to work together to secure this Council's continued prosperity. I have complete faith and confidence that this Council will come out of this stronger than ever before. During these past several months, I have witnessed our Council rally behind this event with such strength and vigor that I truly believe that our Council can achieve anything in the near future. But it is now up to us to be the visionaries that will help shape this Council. During our Blow-Out Party, I laid out a vision for the future. A vision that will help this Council find another Hall that we will be able to call our own again. It will take time, but the dreamers who helped build Fr. Judge Hall did what some may have thought to be impossible over twenty-eight years ago. As long as we stay the course and be patient,

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Save the Dates

Monday, March 2nd

Council Business Meeting

Parish Basement Alcove; 7:00pm

The March Council Business meeting will be held in the Church basement in the south alcove.

Friday, March 6th

Lenten Dinner—Fish bake

Fr. Judge Hall; 6:30pm

Our only Lenten Dinner of the season. Menu will feature a fish bake. See page 12 for details.



Sunday, March 8th

St. Baldrick's Celebration

Millers Ale House; 12:00noon—4:00pm



Support the Fr. Judge team of SHAVEES as they lose their locks to defeat childhood cancer. Stop by, have a beer, join the fun and be part of this great cause. **Please consider making a donation.**

See the details on page 14

Monday, March 16th

St. Patrick's Celebration

Fr, Judge Hall; 7:00pm

March's Social Meeting will be a traditional corned beef & cabbage dinner. Open to all members and their families. Details



Sunday, June 14th

Suffolk Chapter Charity Ball

The Manor, Patchogue; 2:00pm—7:00pm

The culmination of the 2020 Suffolk Chapter Charity Drive supporting "Families in Arms". For more information see page 8.



LET'S CELEBRATE!

St. Patrick's Day Social Meeting!

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Fr. Judge Hall with the Fr. Judge Family.

Monday, March 16th

7:00pm

\$10.00/person

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Tap Beer, Wine, & Soda

Open to all members and their families

RSVP by 3/8/2020 to D.G.K. Rich Fitzgerald

631.416.8759 / rfitzge370@aol.com

Announcements and Committee Reports

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. Father Judge Council Nocturnal Adoration at Saint Anthony's Parish covers three bands.

BAND SCHEDULE		
NON-ROTATING BAND is always at 10:00 PM		
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FOUR	12:00 Midnight	1:00AM
FIVE	1:00AM	2:00AM

These are bands Four and Five, which rotate each month through Friday night into Saturday morning and a non-rotating band that is always at 10:00 PM Friday evening.

Membership and Degrees

(Ed Perillo, Jerry Dano, Carlo Buscemi)

If you have a potential member, please contact Ed Perillo at 631-754-8606. You can also 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.

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. You can email George at piperncpd@aol.com.

Columbiettes (Jacki Piropatto 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 President Jacki Piropatto at CaptJac921@yahoo.com. You can also call Jacki at (516) 318-5809.

Fr. O'Leary Scholarship

(Mark Fischer, 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 Ads

(Joe DiPenta, Chairman)

If you want to advertise in the Knight Light, contact Joe at 631-316-7109 or email Joe at jdpenta@hotmail.com.

Ads in the in Knight Light are \$100.00 for 11 issues for a business card ad. A double ad is \$200.00. The fee for all larger ads are roughly proportional to the size of the sponsorship and are negotiable. Small \$50.00 ads are no longer offered or sold. Existing \$50.00 ads will be continued.

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 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.

Fr. Lawrence O'Leary Scholarship

Application Period is Open

Fr. Lawrence O'Leary was our beloved Chaplain for 25 years. He was an active participant at our meetings and social events. Members looked to him for spiritual and personal guidance, which he willingly gave. This scholarship is a goal towards keeping his memory alive.

You can find the application and requirements on pages 10 and 11 of this Knight Light or you can down load it from the council website.

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Business Meeting 8:00pm Repast 7:30 Parish Basement	3	4	5	6 Lenten Dinner Fr. Judge Hall 6:30pm Nocturnal Adoration	7 Stonybrook VA Home 9:30am
8	9 6893 Corp. Meeting	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Social Meeting St. Patrick's Celebration Fr Judge Hall 7:00pm	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Officers Meeting Dress A Girl 6:00pm	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Nocturnal Adoration	4 Stonybrook VA Home 9:30am
5	6 Business Meeting 8:00pm Repast 7:30 Parish Basement	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 6893 Corp. Meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Social Meeting Parish Basement 7:30pm	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Officers Meeting 7:30pm Dress A Girl 6:00pm	28	29	30		

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 6th
Monday, March 16th
Sunday, June 14th

Lenten Dinner
St. Patrick's Dinner
Charity Ball

6:30pm; Fr. Judge Hall
7:30pm; Fr. Judge Hall
2:00pm; The Manor



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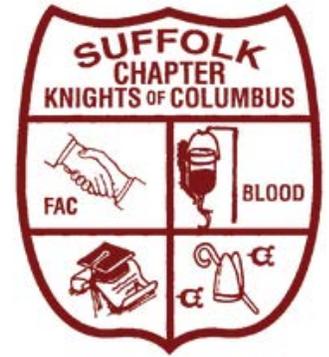
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The Charity Ball is the culmination of the
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Father Thomas A. Judge Council Knights of Columbus We Mourn our Losses

Recently our council lost two prominent brothers after long illnesses.

† We mourn our losses. †

PGK and Sir Knight Rocco Morro passed February 3rd, at 85 years of age. PGK Rocco was one of Fr. Judge council's very active PGKs who ran many of our social events including St. Patrick's dances, Memorial Day parades and supervised security at the St. Anthony Family Feast & Festival. He also held a children's finger printing ID program so parents would have a documented record of their children.

PGK Rocco was a retired detective of the New York City Police Department. He is survived by his loving wife Theresa and daughters Theresa Clauss, Joan Tramontano, Christine Morro, Patricia Tedeschi and his son Thomas Morro. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Our council and the 4th Degree Color Guard turned out for his wake service Thursday, February 6th at Brueggemann's. A mass of Christian Burial was said on Friday, February 7th at St. Anthony's Church and interment followed at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Huntington.

Memorial Donations are greatly appreciated to St. Anthony of Padua Parish Outreach, 20 Cheshire Place, East Northport, NY 11731.

Inside Guard and Sir Knight Dominic D'Amico passed February 21st at 75 years of age. Brother Dominic is survived by his loving wife Marilyn, his two daughters and grandchildren.

Dom had a good career going on Wall Street until he was seriously injured in a car accident and later on suffered a disabling stroke, which he lived with for many years. His right side was paralyzed so he had to use a crutch and his arm dangled at his side.

His speech was slurred too, but his mind was sharp and he was a very caring guy ... giving to others as best he could. Dom never gave up and tried to function as normally as he could despite his disabilities. He came to mass regularly, attended K of C meetings and activities ... always wanting to participate and do his share.

There's a lot more to the story, but suffice to say he suffered greatly and hung in as best he could. Unfortunately his health deteriorated recently and he spent most of the last year in the hospital and a nursing facility. May he finally rest in peace!

Our council and the 4th Degree Color Guard turned out for his wake service on Friday, February 28th at Brueggemann Funeral Home. A mass of Christian Burial was said on Saturday February 29th at St. Anthony's Church. Interment followed at Commack Cemetery.



FR. THOMAS A. JUDGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THE FR. LAWRENCE O'LEARY SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of these awards (\$1,000 for 1st place and \$500 for 2nd place) is to provide financial assistance to an applicant to further his or her Catholic High School education. This scholarship is a onetime award per student.

- Applicant must be enrolled in a Catholic High School, grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 as of September 2020. 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 must be related to a member of Fr. Thomas A. Judge Council, Knight or Columbiette, in good standing, living or deceased, or be a 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: Mark R. Guarriello, GK, and must be post marked no later than April 30, 2020. Scholarship award will be presented to the student at the Council's June 2020, 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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GRAND KNIGHT SIGNATURE _____

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Applicant must be related to a member of Fr. Thomas A. Judge Council, Knight or Columbiette, in good standing, living or deceased, or be a Squire and will attend a Catholic High School in September 2020. Application must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2020.

(For Committee Use Only)

CONTROL NUMBER _____



LENTEN DINNER

Fr. Thomas A. Judge Council

Friday, March 6th



FISH BAKE

Salmon and Flounder will be served with sides
We serve from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Soda, coffee and dessert are included.
Cost is \$12/person or \$30/family.

Contact Past Grand Knight Rich Ronde by
Wednesday, March 4th to reserve your place:
RRonde@verizon.net or (631) 889-3026

This will be our only Lenten Dinner for the season.



Fr. Judge Columbiettes

Dress a Girl Program

Our dedicated group of volunteers will be moving to a new home. Kathy Viard, the co-owner and community-minded lady of **Signature Properties on Laurel Road.** is graciously allowing us to use the meeting room there. We will meet on the 4th Monday of each month beginning on **March 23rd from 6-9 pm.** The space is ground level and had ample parking. Please bring your sewing machine if possible. Thank you to all who have made this move as seamless as possible. As always, volunteers and donations are appreciated. These most recent pictures are from India and Guatemala. If you have questions or need information, please call:

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St. Baldrick's Fund Raiser



It's that time of year again and we're kicking off our 2020 effort to fight childhood cancer by raising funds through the annual St. Baldrick's head-shaving event on Sunday, March 8th at Miller's Long Island Ale House in Commack. Did you know that kids' cancers are different from adult cancers? It's true. And childhood cancer research is extremely underfunded.

Thank you so much for your support in the past! Your donations have enabled the foundation to fund over \$282 million in grants, allowing the foundation to fund more in childhood cancer research grants than any organization except the U.S. government. Every grant goes through a rigorous scientific review process, ensuring every dollar has the greatest possible impact for children with cancer.

We need your help now! Will you make a donation? Every dollar makes a difference for the thousands of infants, children, teens, and young adults fighting childhood cancers. Last year our Knights of Columbus team raised over \$4,628 and all together over the last 13 years we have raised over \$100,000 to fund cancer research! The quickest way to make your donation is to visit my St. Baldrick's website at <https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/BobSlingo> and make your donation in any amount now. Or you may download the attached donation form complete it and mail it to me along with your check made out to "St. Baldrick's Foundation" at 12 Graystone Drive, East Northport, NY 11731. (Please note my ID # 1043026 in the memo section of your check.)

All of us have been touched by this disease and your support over the years has led to unbelievable breakthroughs in cancer research. When you make your donation, please remember to honor someone you know who may have been stricken with this dread disease.

You may also like to join our Fr. Thomas A. Judge K of C team as a "shavee", please visit our team website at

<https://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/FrJudgeKofC2020>

and click on "Join Us". Everyone is welcome to join our K of C team (spouses, children, etc.). Thank you & God bless!



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we will be able to achieve this goal. However, no matter what we do, no matter what we may decide, we must always be guided by the four principles of our Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Charity is at the heart and soul of everything we do, it is our guiding principle – it is the very core that keeps our foundation and organization alive. But to ensure a strong future, one with endless possibilities, we must rally behind the principles of Unity and Fraternity to work together. The future is not written in stone. We can set into motion the path this Council takes.

But our Council is blessed. We are blessed with a Chaplain and Pastor, Fr. Joseph Mirro, who has been so supportive and caring to our Council. As soon as this news broke, Father assured us that we will always have a place at the Church. And he did that and more. Father has offered to us the lower church alcove as our new meeting place. He is allowing us to adorn the walls with the Grand Knight photos, affix our Order's emblem and proudly display our nation's flag. He has done so much that I, the Officers, and the membership at large, cannot express our appreciation in words. Knowing that we can continue our good works without skipping a beat, without the fear of the unknown is truly something to be thankful for. Please, when you see Father, thank him. His generosity and support of our Council has allowed us to realize that the future is not going to be so scary; that we have a place to go – and what better place to be during this transition than in the church – the heart and soul of every charitable endeavor we set out to achieve.

When future generations join our Council and look back at these events, I hope that they can look back and say that we, “were the visionaries who faced uncertainty but made it work”; that we were “the leaders of our family that got us through.” To quote Walt Disney, “All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.” We are the visionaries who can shape this Council's future, but we must have the courage to pursue our dreams.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this transition go smoother, thank you for your support of our Council and our Order. Our Council will be O.K. We are the ones who will make the Fr. Judge Family dreams come alive no matter what the Council's new address may be. While we may be losing a place to house our Council, our Council is not losing its home. A house does not make a home. A home is built by the family that shares it. As long as we continue to work together, as long as we remain unified and we continue to have each other, we will be at home no matter where we go.

Please join me in saying to Fr. Judge Hall, “Thanks for the memories!”

**Vivat Jesus,
Mark R. Guarriello
Grand Knight**

Little Knights (Carey Ng)

The Little Knights Auxiliary is open to boys and girls ages 5-12. They meet monthly on Saturday mornings at the Father Judge Hall in Hewitt Square. 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 at the Fr. Judge Hall. Contact Carey Ng for the next meeting date. Carey_Ng@hotmail.com

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!

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

Brothers, our new Columbian year began on July 1. Dues assessment of \$50 for regular members and \$10 for honorary or student members for the 2019-2020 year have been mailed out.

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March brings thoughts of spring. For some, it's time to begin Daylight Savings Time; a little more sunlight into the evenings as the days become longer (And I can see your addresses on my evening appointments). Spring also brings thoughts of spring cleaning. After being cooped up all winter, it's traditional in many households to do that deep cleaning all throughout the house. That means washing down walls and moving furniture to clean behind pieces that haven't seen the light of day since last year's cleaning. This is a time when the whole family is expected to pitch in and my "Honey Do" list gets longer and longer. Spring is a time of renewal and revival.

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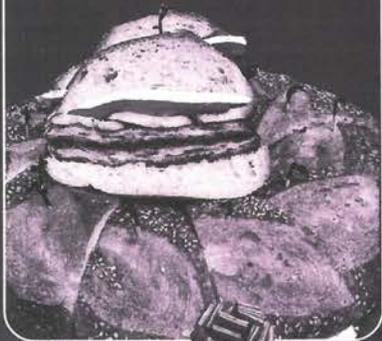
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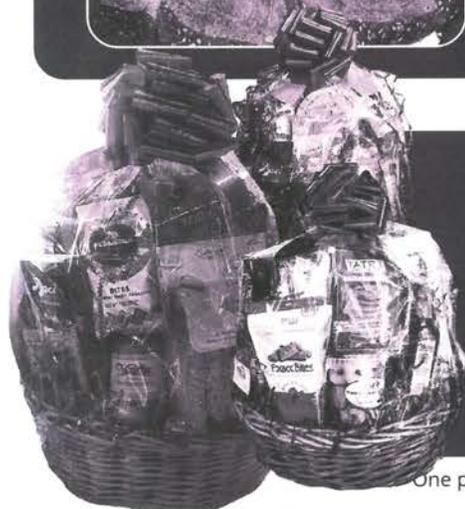
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