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Grand Knight's Message

Hello My Fellow Brother Knights,

I was sitting in my rec room a few days ago when I decided to play some of my vinyl record collection on my turntable. I first started buying vinyl records in 1959 at the ripe old age of 10, and now at the age of 77 I have quite a record collection. Most of the time when I listen to music I just plug in my I phone into my turntable and let it rip into my 3000+ song playlist. The music sounds great and listening to it requires little to no effort.

However, every once in a while, I get the urge to go old school and play songs with my turntable and records. This requires a lot of effort but the payoff is immeasurable. Each song sounds better, and one appreciates the music more due to the physical requirements of getting the music to play.

I write this sort of parable because I think in a round about way one can relate it to being a member in the K of C. There are some members who put in much effort to make the council a better organization. They show up at meetings and often volunteer for what ever work is needed. Others come down once in a while, usually for a social event or a drink at the bar. Others are just content to pay their dues and hardly show up ever, if at all. All 3 types of members get some satisfaction and enjoyment out of being a knight, but the ones who are fully involved, appreciate the special bonds and friendships that take place here at St. Marys/Maris Stella. Their lives are much fuller, happier and satisfying.

Consider coming to our business meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. Get involved with all the activities here at the council. I guarantee you will feel healthier and happier!

Our annual Halloween party this year will take place on Saturday, October 24th at 7:00pm. Our past Grand Knight Vinny Bonfanti makes this very special each year. There will be a children's party the next day Sunday starting at 1:00pm. Saturday, November 7th brings us another great dinner and dance with Risky Business at 7:00pm. Get your tickets early from PGK Kevin Christenson. His hard work and dedication always makes this a great sold-out event.

Last but not least, I am looking forward to the soon to be opened bocce court in the back of our parking lot. No truth to the rumor Father Jim will bless it on opening day with a pot of sauce.

Vivat Jesus,

Alfred Carfora
Grand Knight

VIVAT JESUS! **VIVAT JESUS!**

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Whitney Knowlton Lowery

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Angela Felden

Vincent and Mary Ann El Doro

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Names will be carried on our Sick and Welfare rolls for three (3) consecutive postings. The names will be removed from the rolls unless a specific request is made to re-enter that person. If you would like to add or remove a name from the list, please contact DGK Joseph Malerba at 516-902-6270 or via email at joe.malerba.jm@gmail.com





Happy Birthday to
All Our Members born in November

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MICHAEL RIKER

THOMAS B BUCKLEY

SCOTT C HASTINGS

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ALFRED J SCORCIA

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Officers Meeting 7:30PM	4  LINE DANCING CLASS 7:00-8:00PM	5 BINGO Doors open at 5:00PM	6 FRIDAY NIGHT DARTS Start Time 6:00PM	7 RISKY BUSINESS 7:00-11:00PM
8	9	10 Business Meeting 7:30PM	11  LINE DANCING CLASS 7:00-8:00PM	12 BINGO Doors open at 5:00PM	13 FRIDAY NIGHT DARTS Start Time 6:00PM	14 GOBBLE UP BINGO 10:00AM-1:00PM
15 Bocce Court Dedication 12:00PM Thanksgiving Feast 2:00PM	16	17 Home Assoc. Meeting 7:30PM	18	19 BINGO Doors open at 5:00PM	20 FRIDAY NIGHT DARTS Start Time 6:00PM	21
22	23	24	25	26  THANKSGIVING	27 FRIDAY NIGHT DARTS Start Time 6:00PM	28
29 Holiday Vendor Fair 9:00AM-2:00PM	30					



Risky Business - Nov. 7
Gobble Up Bingo - Nov. 14
Thanksgiving Feast - Nov. 15
Holiday Vendor Fair - Nov. 29



Special November Message from Deputy Grand Knight

On Sunday, October 18th, New York State Assembly Woman Judy Griffin, held the Annual Veterans Hall of Honor Ceremony at the Malverne American Legion Post 44. This year there were thirteen Veterans that were honored to recognize their exceptional service courage, and dedication to their country and local community. One of the honorees was our very own Mike Ernst, who is an active Knight at St. Mary's/Marris Stella. Mike has dedicated 22 years of service in the U.S. Airforce and 28 years as a decorated NYPD Officer. Mike is a Veteran of Operation Desert Storm, and continues his service today with Joint Task Force Empire Shield, conducting vital Homeland Security Operations. We thank Mike for all of his contributions to his country and to our local community.

Another noteworthy event took place on October 21st. At Our Lady of Lourdes in Lynbrook, the Sacred Relic of St. Bernadette was displayed for all parishioners to view and pray to. Many parishioners were lined up outside the church to view the remains of the beautiful Saints display. It was truly a spiritual and emotional event for all who attended. People waited online to view the Relic and to have their crucifix, pictures of loved ones, and other personal items blessed beside the Relic.

A special thank you to Anthony Durand for working with Our Lady of Lourdes staff to organize security for the Relic during its stay at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Anthony, a fellow Knight at St. Marry's Marris/Stella organized our Brother Knights who volunteered to protect the Relic while parishioners were paying their respect and viewing the Relic. Anthony also worked with local Law Enforcement to provide additional security during evening hours. Thank you, Anthony for organizing the security and thank you to our Brother Knights who volunteered to provide the security.

Sincerely,

Joe Malerbo
Deputy Grand Knight

Message from the Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Ladies,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying this beautiful fall season!

What a wonderful and enjoyable October we had! We had such a great time joining the Knights for their Halloween Party, dressing up in costumes, sharing lots of laughs, and making wonderful memories together. We also had the pleasure of helping the Knights with their Children's Halloween Party. It was so much fun seeing all the children dressed up and having such a great time. Everyone had an absolute blast!

We also had the incredible honor and opportunity to attend a viewing of a sacred relic of **Saint Bernadette.** It was truly a beautiful and moving experience, and we are so grateful to have had the chance to be part of such a special occasion.

As we head into November, we have even more exciting things to look forward to! Between **Risky Business** and our **Gobble Up Bingo**, there will be plenty of opportunities to get together, have some fun, and enjoy each other's company. Be sure to check out our website for more information and details about our upcoming events. We hope to see many of you there!

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, I also want to take a moment to say how truly thankful I am for each and every one of you. Your kindness, generosity, support, and willingness to come together are what make our Ladies Auxiliary such a wonderful group. I am so grateful to be part of this amazing sisterhood.

On behalf of the entire Ladies Auxiliary Board, I would like to wish you and your families a **very Happy, Healthy, and Blessed Thanksgiving!** May your holiday be filled with love, laughter, happiness, and many blessings.

Looking forward to another wonderful month together!

Warmest wishes,

Alyssa DeMarco
President, Ladies Auxiliary
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Psalm 107:1

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