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Grand Knight's Message

Hello My Fellow Brother Knights,

Happy new year to all! I hope this year brings much love and joy to you and your families.

I want to personally thank all of you for a very successful 2025. I have been getting a lot of compliments from other councils on how well we have been doing. All of that success is because of all of you taking time to volunteer and stepping up when we need assistance. I can't thank you enough.

I also want to thank everyone who was involved with the Children's Christmas party. We had a lot of happy faces even though the weather was pretty severe that morning. Not only were we able to give presents out to the kids that showed up, we were also able to donate plenty of toys to the John Thiessen Children's Foundation.

We also had a wonderful night prior to that at our annual Christmas party. Let's keep this momentum going for 2026. To start, we have country line dancing beginning on January 21st and 28th. As always, bingo is every Thursday with doors opening at 5pm. Whatever help we can get for bingo is greatly appreciated. Don't forget to check our website lynbrookkofc.com for upcoming events.

Vivat Jesus,

Vincent Bonfanti
Grand Knight

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Pray for our friends who are sick or disabled:

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 Shelly Stevenson
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*Happy Birthday to
All Our Members born in January*

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JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3
4	5	6 Officers Meeting 7:30PM	7	8 BINGO Doors open at 5:00PM	9	10 Taking down the Creche
11	12	13 Business Meeting 7:30PM	14	15 BINGO Doors open at 5:00PM	16	17
18	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY	20 Home Meeting 7:30PM	21  Country Line Dancing 7PM-8PM	22	23	24
25	26	27	28  Country Line Dancing 7PM-8PM	29	30	31
						

Snow can't stop Christmas celebration

By AINSLEY MARTINEZ

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The Lynbrook Knights of Columbus hosted their annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, welcoming more than 80 families despite a morning snowfall. The free community event featured food, games, a bounce house, and a special visit from Santa, who posed for photos with children and helped distribute donated toys.

Donna Ferrara, one of the event organizers, said the turnout exceeded expectations.

"We were a little nervous when we saw the snow in the morning, but it ended up being really successful," she said. "It was so nice to see families have fun and show up regardless of the weather."

After sitting on Santa's lap, each child was able to select a toy donated by New York families for children with autism and other needs. The donations were coordinated by the New York Families for Autism Coalition (NYFAC), a nonprofit organization supporting indi-

viduals on the spectrum and their families.

"It's all about bettering the lives of those with autism, one family at a time," said Frank Scafo, chairman of the board for NYFAC. Scafo, whose own son was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, has been involved with the organization since 2012. "We do job placement, training, basic life skills, sports programs... everything we can to support individuals and their families," he said.

The partnership between the Knights of Columbus and NYFAC highlights the community-driven nature of the holiday season.

"One hand helps the other. We're all brothers," Scafo said.

For local families, the event offered a festive way to celebrate while supporting a cause that touches lives across Long Island.

Organizers hope that the success of this year's party will encourage continued support and attendance in future years, ensuring that children of all abilities have a joyful holiday experience.



LYNDBROOK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - PHOTO BY AINSLEY MARTINEZ - December 18, 2023

Delish Roberts/Herald photos

Twins Zoey Smyt, left, and Fiona Smyt, 8, played in the Christmas bounce house.



Families played games at the event on Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall.



Donna Ferrara, left, Santa Joseph DiCaro and Ramona Scordia helped organize the event.



The Lynbrook Knights of Columbus hosted its annual Children's Christmas Party.



Joseph DiCaro took back his seat as Santa.









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