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Grand Knight's Message



Brothers.

As we close out the first third of the Columbian year in this strange year of 2020 our council has a lot to celebrate. Despite the obstacle of the current health crisis, our Council has continued to be active in support of our community and church.

In support of the Parish, every week we've been assisting the Parish with traffic and ushering help at the 10:30 Drive-in mass. The council directly donated 1000.00 to the church through sponsorship of a Ciborium dedicated to the memory of our deceased members, and another 1000.00 in support of seminarians, and helped make the parish farewell to Father Charles and the parish Oktoberfest successful events.

In support of our community our council hosted an extremely successful blood drive, and made available flu shots to our members and their families, and are in the midst of preparing for our fall clothing drive taking place November 14th and 15th. We also helped other parish organizations by cross sponsoring, and relocating the stock of the local St. Vincent de Paul food pantry to Travis Hall to allow reconstruction of their previous space

In support of our member's spiritual health and to support the Catholic Daughters of the Americas the council participated in a national rosary rally dedicated to the sanctity of life. We will also be hosting a Memorial Mass, presided by our Council's Chaplain Fr. Patrick in our Council Hall on Nov. 18th dedicated to the memory of our deceased members.

In support of fellowship, with the improved health situation in our part of the nation, we've started to run fraternal events. We had a very enjoyable RSVP Cigar and Whiskey tasting outside our council hall, where members brought potables and cigars to share amongst ourselves accompanied by an excellent steak, potato salad and pierogi diner for the extremely modest price of \$10.00, followed by a craft night open to members and their fami-While mindful of the need for caution, our council will continue to look for opportunities to host safe, socially distanced events to foster fellowship with our fellows and their families.

All this and more is enabled by a very successful golf outing. This annual outing, our 21st, was in honor of Christopher Raguso, an extraordinary man, firefighter and member of the Air National Guard who lost his life near the Iraq-Syrian border. His widow Carmela was in attendance, and gave a well prepared speech commending the Knight's for their charitable work. In our last general meeting Carmela came by with her and Chris's two daughters to receive a portion of the money raised to go into a scholarship fund for her children. She was again very gracious and thankful and brought a box of doughnuts for our enjoyment.

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FR SEYFRIED GOLF CLASSIC 2020D

We were fortunate that the Pandemic did not scrub this major fund raising event. Because of limitations on the gathering size, we were unable to hold the luncheon indoors, so this portion was held in the courtyard of the golf course. Since the weather cooperated is was a delightful affair.

The widow of Christopher Raguso spoke towards the end of lunch telling us about her late husband and his willingness to help others; Camella thanked the knights for our contribution to her childrens scholarship fund.

The golf committee is to be congratulated for managing a successful ay. Rich Garland



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FAREWELL FR CHARLES

Fr Charles Gnanapragasam came to St. Josephs parish about ten years ago. For a long time he was holiday assistant. , it became known that he managed his dioceses orphanage, which always could use help, which the parish proceeded to help.

About a year ago, it became known that the bishop would sponsor Fr Charles for emigration to the U.s. After being at St Josephs for close to a year, the bishop decided to reassign him to St Mary's in East Islip.

The council gave him a gift of vestments in gratitude for his contributions to the council. Rich Garland







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Grand Knight's Message

Perhaps the greatest cause for celebration, is that our orders founder, the Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney was beatified Saturday October 31st. There were many celebratory masses around the country, including of course St. Mary's church in New Haven. Locally a mass was held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Patchogue. Members of our Council were in attendance, and as it was held at 1:00pm the day of his beatification, this may have been the first mass where the title Blessed could be added before Fr. Michael McGivney's name.

Lastly I would like to thank all the members who make this possible. It takes many hands to run successful programs. If you are a "quiet" member who rarely joins our activities, I would ask that you seriously consider more active participation. Like many things in life, the more you put in, the more you get out, and there are few things that match the satisfaction of helping others and the fellowship fostered by shared good work. If you're unsure of how to contribute, make sure you're receiving Council activity notifications (see postscript), or attend our General Business meetings held the second Monday of each month at 8:00pm.

Jack Devine Grand Knight

PS: The Council regularly sends out email and text and calling-post (automated phone calls) notifications of upcoming events. If you are not receiving one or more of these, please email kofc821kingspark@gmail.com with your current email address and mobile phone number so the council's contact list can stay current.

PROCESSING THE EUCHARIST

The solemn purpose of this event is to move the sacrament from the church to the altar or the outdoor mass. Another occasion is an outdoor benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. During Easter season a parish would be blessed by an outdoor Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament., , usuallu at a grotto or shrine. The purpose of the canopy is to protect the sacrament from the elements. Rich Garland





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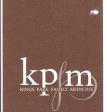
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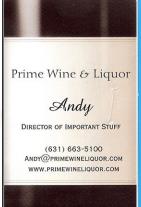
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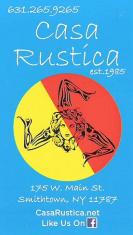
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