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Knights in Action

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Council Calendar

- JANUARY 9**
Officer's Meeting 7PM
General Council Meeting 8PM
- JANUARY 19**
Suffolk County Squires Roundtable Meeting
Bishop McGann Council Bay Shore
- JANUARY 20**
Free Throw Championship St. Matts
- JANUARY 23**
General Council Meeting 8PM
- FEBRUARY 4**
Council Super bowl Party
- FEBRUARY 13**
Officer's Meeting 7PM
General Council Meeting 8PM
- FEBRUARY 14**
St. Valentine's Day
- FEBRUARY 17**
District Free Throw Competition
- FEBRUARY 19**
President's Day
- FEBRUARY 21**
Ash Wednesday
Our Lady of Fatima Assembly Meeting—Farmingdale
- FEBRUARY 24**
Dinner for John Miklitsch
- FEBRUARY 27**
General Council Meeting 8PM

VETS DAY DEDICATION

On Sunday Nov. 12, the town of Huntington unveiled a tribute to veterans of all wars from the American Revolution to our current conflict. One plaque for each war was dedicated during a very wet but somber ceremony at Huntington Veterans Plaza. The event was attended by local officials and several Veterans organizations as well as several K of C Councils. 7479 was represented by our own GK Joseph Costello and PGK Ron Pizzolo, as well as several other members of our Council.



YOUTH 2000

All of our Brother Knights that assisted in all aspects of support during the recent hosting of "Youth 2000" at St. Matts should be proud that all went without a hitch and the guests were well fed and made secure. For those that were responsible, a lot of positive feedback was received from the hungry diners coming back for seconds on the "mini-meatballs".

NEW COUNCIL WEB SITE

Our new and greatly improved council web site (www.kofc7479.org) has been completely revamped and taken into the 21st century by our own Anthony DeLosa. The new Website provides for a wealth of information related to all that is going on in our council as well as an instantaneous means to communicate updated information. We all owe Tony a huge bit of thanks for the outstanding job he has accomplished in an extremely short period of time.

"KNIGHT" AT THE RACES

Our November 18th "Knight at the Races" helped raised the funds to purchase weekend food baskets, giving a helping hand during Thanksgiving for some local military families through Long Island Cares.



GK Joe Costello along with Ed McEvoy & Bud Pape presenting baskets to Long Island Cares.

Council News & Events

A message from the C&B Chairman:

A sincere thank you to all the Brothers who supported our annual C&B drive. Special thanks to the fourteen Brothers who participated in C&B sales outside of supermarkets. I would like to specifically acknowledge Don Mallon, Larry Savage, Joe Ozimek, Bob Munson and Vinnie Costello for their multiple tours and for the other Brothers who filled in. To all the Brothers who've supported the C&B program the last nine years of my chairmanship, my heartfelt thanks. See ya next year.
Sir George Schnell

Squires Update

Our council has filed our request for the start-up of a Squires Circle. I am hoping to have an "Open House" soon that would allow parents of potential Squires to see what the Squires are all about and how the program is organized. For updates on this and any other matter regarding our Squires program, please visit our newly updated website at www.kofc7479.org. Anyone interested in becoming a counselor in our new Squires program, please contact Frank Scotti at either 631-928-3688 or email at fscotti@balcoalarm.com.

Sir Francis Scotti

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Council 7479 will be sponsoring our "Free Throw" Championship on January 20, at 7:30pm at St. Matts Gym. Registration forms are available online at our council website.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Admission to our Feb. 4 Super-bowl party is \$15.00. or free if a \$50.00 box is purchased. Visit our website for further updates.

DINNER FOR JOHN MIKLITSCH

The testimonial dinner for PGK John Miklitsch will be on Feb. 24. Please visit our website for more information.

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights:

Let me wish all of my brothers a Happy New Year. I would like to thank Ron Pizzolo for all of his work in having a profitable party, what a great way to start off the New Year! !

I still hope to see more support by my brother Knights at our monthly business and social meetings. At our future social meetings we will try to have guest speakers. If you have any suggestions please let me know. At our meeting, January 27, I have invited Father Ignace Loelecke, who resides at St. Matthew, to be our guest speaker. Father Ignace will be speaking to us about his village in Africa.

Please visit our NEW web site (kofc7479.org) to see all the work that our brother knight, Tony DeLosa, has done for us. You can also go on to the web site of St. Matthew (smrcc.org) and click on the K of C link. It is very difficult to thank just in words someone who has devote so much time to our council, but if all our brothers would say thank you to Tony, I would appreciate it. I know everyone would also like to thank another brother, Frank Scotti, for taking over and doing a terrific job of the "KNIGHT WRITER" and starting the Squire's Circle.

Just in case you have not read the LI Catholic on page eight it tells us that the Knights Of Columbus has donated a one million dollar gift to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. to create and install a mosaic depicting scenes associated with the Incarnation in the ceiling dome.

In closing I would like to leave you with the words of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen - - Having hope means that one will not give to an overwhelming anxiety, a defeatist attitude, or depression in the face of difficult challenges or setbacks. Hope is "more than the sunny view that everything turn out all right"; it is "believing you have the will and the way to accomplish your goals."

May God bless you,

Joseph Costello, GK



From the Desk of Deacon Jim Hanly

As we spent Christmas with the grandchildren, I was thinking back to my Brooklyn days – just a few days ago – when Christmas was a very different type of experience. Christmas trees were 50 cents; we took branches from the back, drilled and nailed them into the “bare” spots on the front; we hung “icicles” to cover the emptiness; for fear of fire, we never left the lights on too long and in the age of black and white TV, “Father Knows Best” was one of the most popular programs.

A gift is a tangible expression of love. That is why the best gifts that we receive are usually given by those who know us the best. As well as knowing our needs and wants, these people know all our likes and dislikes. One of the greatest ads today is the commercial for BMW with the little boy who gets the gift that he really wants for Christmas. God is the ultimate good gift giver! His knowledge of who we are is as limitless as his love for us. Not all of God's gifts seem perfect at first glance. Some are tough to accept wholeheartedly, especially those that teach us patience or humility. Trusting in God's goodness will help us embrace each and every gift that He sends to us.

Jesus said, “Your Father knows the things you need before you ask Him.” [Matthew 6:8] The “Our Father” was given to us by Jesus to teach us how to pray and ask Our Father for the things that we truly need. But just before Jesus gave us that prayer, He shared a few reasons why we should pray. Unfortunately, the examples that Jesus gave us were negative. Jesus told us that the Pharisees prayed in

public because they wanted to be seen as holy by others. He also said idol worshipers prayed, repeating themselves over and over, because they believed that the more frequently they asked for something, the better chance they had of having their request granted. It was only after these negatives that Jesus gave us the reassurance that God already knows what we need.

To some, Jesus' words may give us a false reason why we should not pray instead of why we should pray. If God truly knows what you need before you ask, why should we bother asking in the first place? The particular point that Jesus is making is that we should not be noticed by people when we pray – or even noticed by God. At all times, God notices us. He knows everything about us and about our lives. Prayer is not a way to draw God's attention to our needs. Prayer is a way to draw *our* attention to how much we *need* God.

Our greatest continual need is to better know and love God now and in heaven. The more often that we talk with God, the more often we see our lives as they truly are. Prayer also keeps us aware of how involved God really is in our lives. Our prayer and conversations with God also help us to see how many of our needs God fulfills each and every day. The more we recognize our dependence upon God, the more thankful we become for the gifts that He daily gives to us, and the deeper our love for God grows. There is no end to the generosity of

God's gifts to us. In the same manner that the sun keeps on shining even when the earth obstructs its light at night, God keeps on giving even when we do not notice what He is sending our way. God is always focused upon each of us. God's character never wavers and we know that His gift giving habits will never change. We can trust that He will continue to deliver wonderful surprises both now and throughout all eternity.

One of the devil's most effective lies is that God is not totally good, that He is holding out on us. It was the lie that Eve fell for in the Garden of Eden. There are times that we fail to remember the true nature of God and His gifts – God's gifts are not only good, they are perfect! God's gifts will keep our hearts filled with hope and gratitude. Most importantly, our eyes will be opened to the blessings both big and small that God chooses to send our way.

Now is the time for each of us to renew those New Year's resolutions that are going to draw us closer to the gifts that God is offering to us. Let us ask ourselves, are we truly grateful for all the gifts that God continues to give us? Let us begin to see the hand of God in the gifts that He brings into our lives each and every day.



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