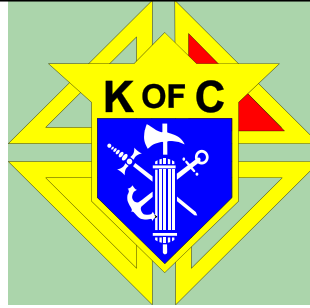


# ***A Knight's Life***

Meeting At Amvets Hall  
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**MARIA REGINA  
COUNCIL #12533  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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COUNCIL MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH

## **GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT**

**Brothers,**

I wanted to start off by thanking everyone who participated in the Installation for Father Jason. He was extremely grateful for the show of support and friendship. I want to thank Faithful Navigator Tom Knechtel and all of members of the Padre Pio Assembly for turning out and dressed- it was very impressive!!! I want to reiterate the commitment of our officers regarding everyone's health and wellbeing as we struggle with issues and concerns of Covid- 19. As you are aware, we did have a member test positive shortly after the Installation Mass. We made sure that we communicated the situation quickly to ensure everyone was alerted to the situation. Additionally, we cancelled the Thursday meeting and rescheduled our Memorial Mass on the side of caution.

I feel it is important to provide my "Report Card" to the Council as December is 6 months into my term as Grand Knight. On my first night, I spoke about focusing on these four items:

**Building a strong relationship with our Parish and Clergy:** This started with our new Pastor, Father Jason. We have had several meetings with him, included him in our activities and fund-raising events. He has become a friend to our Council and along with Father Ignatius, they are great partners. Additionally working with the Rectory Staff have ensured alignment and a willingness to assist when needed.

**Increasing visibility within the Parish:** We began our monthly Knights Mass, which was key to show the Councils visibility. Additionally, we provided bottled water after each mass on a Sunday in August. We are working on similar activities which will showcase the Knights of Columbus and hopefully drive new membership. Speaking of membership, we have 2 new members and 1 transfer since July. We have reached out to neighborhood organizations like King Kullen Corporation and the Nassau County and Massapequa PAL to help drive awareness of our events and help the community.



## COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain	Fr. Ignatius		
Grand Knight	SK Charlie Collora		
Deputy Grand Knight	SK Danny Schillinger	Trustee 1 Year	SK Alex Herrera PGK
Chancellor	SK Don Piscitelli, PGK, PFN	Trustee 2 Year	SK John Rollins, PGK
Warden	SK AL Valente, PGK,	Trustee 3 Year	SK Tom Knechtel PGK
Recorder	SK Kevin Keep, PGK	District Deputy	Kevin Hoffman
Treasurer	SK James Tierney, PGK		
Financial Secretary	John Carroll		
Advocate	SK John Raymond, PGK		
Lecturer			
Guards	Vito Romano, SK Ray Mitchell Tom Pfeiffer, John O'dwyer		

**Improving how we communicate:** Our team has been very active online. We now have a great website and are very active on our Facebook page with post added to the Parish page as well as the State and Chapter pages. We also announce all meetings and events by phone (Calling Post) and regularly send email, and text messages. (Please make sure your contact information is updated with John Carroll)

**Activities and events:** food drives, fundraisers, fraternal activities (Fishing trip, Rosary Walk, Soccer Challenge, PGK Dinner, Christmas Party, and others) **keeping our Council active and strong.**

None of this could be possible without you, my Brothers of Maria Regina. You have all been so generous and giving to make Maria Regina a great Council to be part of!!!

As we move into December and the Christmas Season, I would like to wish you and your families a Merry and Blessed Christmas and Happy and Healthy New year!!

Vivat Jesus,  
Grand Knight, SK, Charlie Collora  
Maria Regina Council 12533

email: [ccollora@verizon.net](mailto:ccollora@verizon.net)

Mobile: 516-659-1246

Keep up with our Council activities and information on our website:

## “Deputy Grand Knights Report”

Dear Brothers,

Hope you and your families are enjoying this fall weather and had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

On November 13<sup>th</sup> was the Nassau County Chapter Trivia Knight led by our own Jerry Woods with the assistance of family, friends and council members. Jerry should really be picked up by a network to host it on tv!! Jerry came up with great questions, I think everyone walked away learning something new, lots of laughs and just a great time.

On November 14<sup>th</sup> Father Jason Grisafi was installed as the 6<sup>th</sup> pastor of Maria Regina Church at the 12noon mass at which our wonderful Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski presided. Father Jason gave an inspiring and wonderful homily. We had the pleasure of being there along with our fellow parishioners to be a part of this momentous and special occasion. We had a great turnout. I would really like to thank our members, the Padre Pio Assembly members, and our families who attended and all who helped after at the reception that followed. I would also like to thank Eugene Peluso and Kevin Fitzpatrick for getting the fourth-degree honor guard to attend, honoring Father Jason's request, and also Sir Knight Roger Sirangelo and Sir Knight Chuck Kalinowski for coming from Suffolk and doing a professional and outstanding job as Honor Guard. It all turned out to be a terrific day for our amazing pastor Father Jason.

Life has a way of challenging us and our council in many ways. In these difficult times, I am truly thankful that we have Grand Knight Charlie Collora leading us through these difficulties. He is really doing a terrific job. We are also very blessed with our wonderful, dedicated membership and their families who have big hearts and are always supportive.

On December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> our Council will be selling magnet and lawn signs after each mass. We will need members and volunteers. Any time you can spare is greatly appreciated and needed. Please contact Jerry Woods if you are able to help.



On December 11th is the Children's Christmas Party from noon to 4pm at Amvets Post. The money raised all goes to charity. Let's all show our support for this great event. Please contact Frank Cox if you have any questions.

On December 16<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Council Christmas Party at Amvets at 7:30pm. All members are encouraged to come with their families to celebrate during this joyous time of the year.

Let us keep those who are less fortunate, sick, or alone and those who have passed in our hearts and prayers.

Vita and I wish everyone and their families a very blessed Christmas and a Happy and Heathy New Year!

Sincerely,

Danny Schillinger

Deputy Grand Knight, Maria Regina Council 12533

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Email: [seabrez69@verizon.net](mailto:seabrez69@verizon.net)



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to PGK, PFN Don Piscitteli for his outstanding work in Revitalizing Maria Regina Council's website .

Congratulations Don





Brothers,

I hope you're all well. We are quickly approaching the Children's Christmas Party Fundraiser, it will be Dec 11th from noon till 4pm at the Amvet's. We will have lunch and dessert, crafts for the kids, and a visit from Santa. I did not get nearly the feedback needed to warrant the cost of a magician so I'm a little disappointed. Please bring a wrapped gift with your child's name on it for Santa to give them. (\$20 max)

If you are able to donate a basket for the raffle please bring it to the meeting on Dec 2nd or you can bring it on the 11th by noon. If you would like to bring a dish or dessert please reach out to Marie. As far as Red Tickets go I am sure we are well behind past years, very few members have asked for tickets to sell, and quite a few big sellers are not participating this year, so if you'd like tickets to sell please reach out ASAP. All tickets need to be turned in before Santa pulls the winners at approximately 2:30 on the 11th.

Thank you to all that have helped out so far, and if you are coming with children please let Marie or I know so we have enough craft bags.

Thank you,  
Frank Cox PGK4eva

Frank 631-433-1658 [fc1702@verizon.net](mailto:fc1702@verizon.net)  
Marie 516-318-9945 [mil6465@verizon.net](mailto:mil6465@verizon.net)

# Kids Christmas Party

Food, Crafts and lots of fun for everyone!!

A surprise visit from the  
"Big Guy" SANTA!!

Win Big Prizes including:

2 Samsung 65" TV's  
\$100 and \$50 Drawings



When: Dec 11th

Time: 12 noon

Where: Amvets



Maria Regina Knights of Columbus  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY  
1ST PRIZE: \$100 SMART TV (1 WINNER)  
2ND PRIZE: \$50 GIFT CARD  
3RD PRIZE: \$50 GIFT CARD

Red Tix \$10 each!!

Contact: PGK Frank Cox (631) 433-1658



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# Annual Magnet and Lawn Sign Sale

- December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
- After Every Mass

Keep Christ in Christmas!



Brothers,  
Volunteers needed after all masses on December 4th and 5th. If you can spare sometime please come down if just for an hour or two it would be helpful.

Mass Schedule: Saturday 4 PM,  
Sunday 7:30, 9, 10:30, Noon.

Thank You





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# Christmas Party

**Please bring a dessert!!!**

**When: Dec 16th**

**Time: 7:30pm**

**Where: Amvets**

**Contact:**

**John Raymond (516) 578-2726**

**Tom Pfeiffer (516) 695-1742**

**AJ Dileonardo (646) 729-5648**



**Maria Regina Council 12533 will be honoring our deceased members and their families with our annual mass and breakfast**

Our mass will be celebrated on **January 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Maria Regina Church-** Members are asked to gather in front at 8:30am

There will be a **breakfast to follow at AMVET's Hall** on Broadway, Massapequa

If you wish to attend, please contact, John Raymond @ (516) 578-2726 or e-mail [jray144@aol.com](mailto:jray144@aol.com) or GK Charlie Collora @ (516) 659-1246

Please RSVPs by November 14<sup>th</sup> as we need to order food



**Past Faithful Navigator Testimonial and Christmas Party**

**Sunday Dec. 12th from 2pm-6pm  
Memorare Council  
2183 Jackson Ave  
Seaford, NY 11783**

**Honoree P.F.N. SK Frank Cox**

**Join us for a delicious buffet dinner  
Open bar for entire party  
\$30.00 per person**

**For information and tickets contact  
FN SK Thomas E Knechtel (516) 356-8193  
FC SK John Silvestro (516) 797-1920**

**As well as your 4th degree council chairman**

**Maria Regina council  
PFN SK Mike Latva  
(516)249-7261**

**Holy Innocents Council  
SK Hank Orlando  
(516) 731-1317**

Brothers,  
Everyone should know by now,  
Padre Pio Assembly's Testimonial and Christmas Party is fast approaching.  
This year we are celebrating one of our own as the assembly's newest PFN.  
I need to have a head count no later than **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** meeting.  
If you're planning on attending please let me know ASAP. Seating is going  
quickly don't delay and miss out on this event.

(516)356-8193 call or text

All are welcome you don't have to be a 4<sup>th</sup> degree member to attend.

Our newest Past Faithful Navigator  
***PFN SK Frank Cox PGK4EVA***

We all know Frank had an adverse year affected Covid. His personality to  
lead and never give up was contagious. The Assembly had a great year with  
new membership. The Assembly had a few events drew great attendance.  
*PFN Frank Cox* made the most of a situation no one had control over.  
Let's show PFN SK Frank Cox PGK4EVA that Maria Regina Council  
supports their own.

**\$30.00 pp open bar and hot food.**

For more information please see attached flier.

From my family to yours  
Hopefully everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year

Fraternally your newest PGK,  
FN Thomas E Knechtel PGK

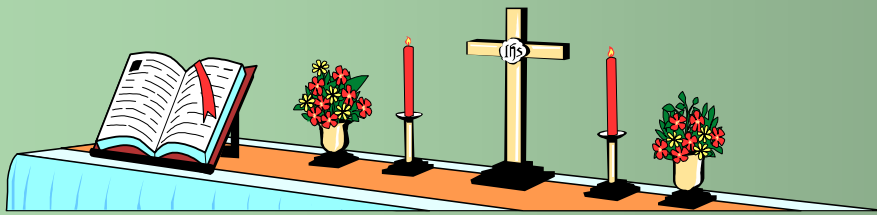
## *Sick and Distress*

*If you hear of a Brother or family member that is sick or should anyone hear of the death of a Brother Knight please notify our Sick and Distressed personnel.*

*GK Charlie Collora  
516-659-1246*

*or PGK John Raymond  
516-578-2726*

# Monthly Mass



**MONTHLY MASS  
DECEMBER 19th, 2021  
MARIA REGINA CHURCH**



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# **Basketball**

## **Free Throw Contest!**

### **Maria Regina School Gym**

**4045 Jerusalem Avenue**  
**Seaford, NY 11783**

**Saturday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Registration: 1:30 – 2pm**

**Contest: 2pm**

**Boys and Girls Ages 9 to 14**

**Awards to age group  
winners!!!!**

**No Cost/FREE!!!!**

**For more information call:  
Peter (516) 662-5698**



## MARIA REGINA APPAREL

Maria Regina wearing apparel, prices vary depending on size. Jackets, Shirts and Sweat shirts available. **If you need a shirt immediately Al has some in inventory.**

**Contact PGK Al Valente @ 516-303-5449**

### COMING EVENTS

Executive Board Meeting Maria Regina Conference Room	12/01/2021	7:30PM
Council Meeting Amvet's Hall	12/02/2021	8 PM
Children's Christmas Party Amvets Hall	12/11/2021	Noon
PFN/Christmas Party Memorare Council	12/12/2021	2 –6 PM
Council Christmas Party Amvet's Hall Meeting Suspended	12/16/2021	7:30 PM
Monthly Mass Maria Regina Church	12/19/2021	9AM