

#### **GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT**

Brothers,

This past week was extremely difficult for the men and women in law enforcement who protect us. We lost two innocent NYC Police officers who were doing their job, responding to a call for help, and were murdered. The total disregard for life is heartbreaking and is inexcusable. I ask that you join me in praying for their souls, and for their families. Please pray for all who protect and serve us, that they may stay safe and be able to go home to their families when the tour is done. Winter is here, well the snow is here. January was a quiet month as we recovered from the Holidays. That said our Council was proud to help clean up after the Wreaths Across America. The effort to remove all the wreaths across the National Cemeteries is a huge undertaking. I am glad that our Council took part in the event.

Looking forward to February, PGK Bobby Lamberson put out an urgent request from The Life Center for donations of boy's winter clothing sizes 4M to 4T. If you could help, please bring new or slightly used boys winter clothing to our next meeting on 2/3 at AMVETS.

Our monthly Knights Mass will be on Sunday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Please try to attend as these masses offer a chance for us to gather and pray as Brothers as well as making our Council visible within the Parish.

Please remember to look for emails or check out our website and Facebook page for upcoming events or changes in schedule. A change for this month was our Chili Night was postponed to April so please stay tuned for the date!!

#### **COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Chaplain Grand Knight Chancellor Warden Recorder

Treasurer Financial Secretary Advocate Lecturer Guards

Fr. Ignatius SK Charlie Collora Deputy Grand Knight SK Danny Schillinger SK Don Piscitelli, PGK, PFN SK AL Valente, PGK, SK Kevin Keep, PGK

> SK James Tierney, PGK John Carroll SK John Raymond, PGK

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SK Alex Herrera PGK SK John Rollins, PGK SK Tom Knechtel PGK Kevin Hoffman

We will be looking to start planning activities for the spring and summer. If you have any suggestions regarding an event or activity for the Council, please let me or any of the officers know. 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. We will continue to communicate situations that impact our members our order.

Lastly, none of this could be possible without you, my Brothers of Maria Regina. I thank you all for your generosity and to make Maria Regina a great Council to be part of!!!

Vivat Jesus. Grand Knight, SK, Charlie Collora Maria Regina Council 12533 email: ccollora@verizon.net : 516-659-1246 Keep up with our Council activities and information on our website: http://mariareginakofc.org/

## **Deputy Grand Knight's Report**

Dear Brother Knights,

Hopefully everyone is safe and sound and made it through the storm okay. While the cold winter weather has us tucked away in our homes, we should always take time in our busy schedules to remember what is most important in our lives. . . faith, family, and friends. We love and appreciate those who are with us now and those who have gone home to God.

#### **A Valentine Prayer**

I said a Valentine prayer for you

and asked the Lord above

to fill your heart and bless your soul

With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love

The kind that's meant to stay

Just like the generous love

You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family

And from every cherished friend

Then I asked the Lord to give you

His love that knows no end.

Worthy Guard Tom Pfieffer did a great job organizing the removing of the wreaths at the Long Island National Cemetery. I would like to thank everyone who came out to help and show their support.

Please remember we are not just a charitable and fraternal organization supporting our church and community but we also support each other. If anyone needs anything, please reach out to us, our council members have such big hearts!

### Sincerely,

**Danny Schillinger Deputy Grand Knight, Maria Regina** Council #12533 Mobile:516-672-2432 Email: Seabrez69@verizon.net

### Brothers,

I hope everyone is having a great Sunday!! Sunday the 16th was supposed to be our annual memorial mass for our Brothers that went home before us. We needed to cancel the breakfast this year due to the pandemic. Our Council did go to mass to celebrate and remember our Brothers who went before us. I started to think, and realized most of them I did not know. What I did know was that they were all special and contributed to our Council in great ways. As I looked around at our Brothers who attended mass. I also realized that all our Brothers are special individuals. Each take time out of their lives and away from their families to do for our Church, community, Council, and anyone in need. I also saw a young man who is not yet a Knight but standing besides us. In fact he is with us at most events (when he is not in school). Last year I created an award to recognize people who go above and beyond in support of our Council. At this past Thursday's meeting I recognized and awarded our first Grand Knights Award to Kevin Tierney for his support and dedication of Maria Regina Council. I can't wait for him to turn 18 so that we can officially call him **Brother!** 

### Congratulations Kevin..



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

The Knight of the Month award is given to the Brothers that goes above and beyond the call.

For November 2021- This Brother is a Council celebrity. He has created a trivia event that has brought members and families together for a great cause. He has additionally led our magnet and lawn sign sales for the past few years. These fund raisers have been very impactful and important for our Council.

The Knight of the Month for November is PGK, Jerry Woods.



# KNIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER

This Brother has been one who we can count on. He has answered the call whenever needed. He took on the role of apprentice to our Advocate for this year's Christmas party and will be taking over the party in the future. The Wreaths across America was a new event that our Council participated in. This Brother requested and led the effort our Council participation.

> The Knight of the Month for December is Tom Pfeiffer.





## 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

## **UPCOMING CALENDAR**

Executive Board Meeting Maria Regina Conference Room	2/2/2022	7:30PM
Council Meeting Amvet's Hall	2/3/2022	8 PM
Council Meeting Amvets Hall	2/17/2022	8PM
Chapter Meeting Memorare Council	2/18/2022	8PM
Monthly Mass Maria Regina Church	2/20/2022	9AM