

A Knight's Life

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COUNCIL MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH

GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

My Brother Knights,

Sadly the holiday season is behind us. Hopefully everyone had a joyous Christmas.

On December 3rd, we had our Council Christmas party; during the party we raffled off baskets to raise money for Folds of Honor. My original plan was to raffle them off at Bingo night which we had to cancel back in November. We raised \$250.00 dollars to be donated.

Thanks to *FN PGK Frank and Marie Cox and Jayne Berg* for their dedication for holding a vey successful Kids Christmas party on December 12th.

January is usually the time for the Free Throw Challenge; due to the China Virus it has been canceled.

I have been informed the Amvets Post 88 will be closed till mid February due to renovations. Until then all council meetings will be held virtually.

The Executive Board will continue to meet in person at the church in the St Michaels room.

May the New Year Bless my Brothers and their Families with Health and Happiness.

Pray that the vaccine will eliminate the China Virus.

Fraternally,
Grand Knight Thomas E Knechtel

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Advocate	SK John Raymond, PGK		
Lecturer			
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	SK Allen, PGK, Conference Chairman		



Dear Brothers,

A New Year, new hopes, better times, and resolutions! We all are hoping and praying for a much better year. While the Covid-19 virus has consumed our everyday lives and affected all of us in some way, the New Year brings a vaccine and a hope of returning to some normalcy this year. The essay contest is completed, and I thank Richard Kaplan, PGK Gary Kromer for judging the contest. The essays were beautiful and brought tears to my eyes as the children expressed themselves and their religious beliefs.

Tribute to a Special Person

Father
Grandfather
Husband
Veteran
Police Officer
Grand Knight

These are just some of the roles assumed by our brother Knight Ciro Marino. Ciro never had a bad word to say and always had the best intentions when it came to helping others. He was kind, passionate, loving and a Knight for many decades. We can all learn from his good nature and strong religious convictions. Life is full of hills and valleys but no matter what, Ciro was steadfast in his efforts and embraced whatever came his way. As we approach the New Year let us remember him with an extra Hail Mary.

I am sure Ciro is sitting next to the “King of Kings”!

Rest in peace my Dear Brother!

“May the Blessed Mother come into your life today with a special blessing for you. May you always be grateful for the Blessed Mother. Without her we would not have Jesus. Our Savior “

Sincerely,

Charles Drago, DGK

Brothers,

I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. While there were several obstacles to overcome to pull off the Children's Christmas Party, we did it. We had 27 people including the children, we listened to Christmas music and had conversations with friends, something that has been sorely missed in our everyday lives recently. We wore masks and kept our distance, we had food, raffles, and a good time was had by all. I am happy to say that 18 days later we are all Covid free. Even with a smaller crowd we still had over 20 donated baskets to go along with the Red Ticket Raffle. Mike Martin from Holy Innocents Council won a TV and the 2nd TV went to Sandra Dabney from Virginia. Jana Gallar won the \$100 and my niece Melissa Rossi won the \$50. As I write this I realize that I was 4 for 4 on selling winners lol.

As far as the Fundraiser goes. It was incredible, we had several business donations as well as personal donations which all helped us, and once again, out do past years record setting numbers. I am happy to say that after expenses, which includes a donation to Holy Innocents for use of the room, I will be turning in almost \$8,500.00 I want to thank everyone that bought and sold tickets, donated baskets, and of course showed up to party. A very special thank you to Marie who once again made this event special. We look forward to getting back to normal for next year. I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Fraternally,
Frank Cox PGK 4eva



My Brother Knights,

Unfortunately the building at Memorare has been closed for a while now, it is my hope that they will reopen by the time of our meeting on January 27, 2021. November and December are usually a slow time in the Assembly with just the Christmas Party/Past Faithful Navigator Testimonial on calendar, which sadly was postponed. We will have a ceremony to celebrate PFN Edward Sheid at some point in the spring. We will be working on possible virtual meetings moving forward I'm just trying to jump some unknown hurdles but we're working on them. We should be having a Virtual Exemplification shortly, so, if any 3rd Degree Members want to join, I will advise you of the dates when they are scheduled. Happy New Year to all. God Bless You and God Bless America.

Fraternally,
SK Frank Cox
Faithful Navigator

Brothers,

All Council Meetings for January will be done virtually.

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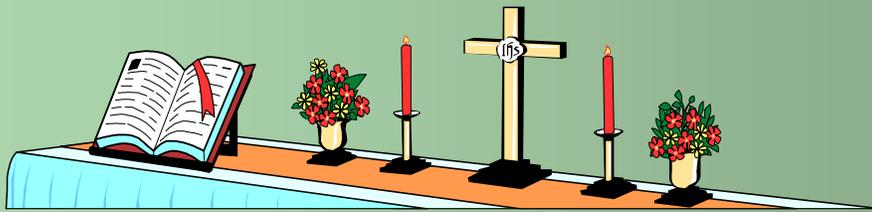
If you hear of a Brother or family member that is sick or should anyone hear of the death of a Brother Knight please notify our Sick and Distressed personnel.

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Executive Board Meeting *1/06/2021* *7:30 PM*
Pastoral Center, St. Michael's Room

Council Meeting *1/07/2021* *8 PM*
Virtually

Council Meeting *1/21/2021* *8 pm*
Virtually

ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR JANUARY WILL BE VITRUAL.