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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



My Brother's All,

I would just like to say a few thank yous to the Brothers for stepping up in the last month with a couple of the things we had going on.

Thank you to PGK Courtney and PGK Cronin for organizing a great car parade on July 31st for the outgoing police chief and to welcome the new chief. We had

about 50 cars, firetrucks and people on bikes come out, really something great.

I would also like to thank our Deputy Grand Knight Vince Sicari for stepping in on August 8 and presenting the RPPD with a plaque as a token of our appreciation and thanks for all that they do for us and for the people of Rochelle Park. I was sorry I couldn't make it but the warden has me under lock and key. From what I heard Vince did a great job with his speech and the officers were so happy to be acknowledged and appreciated for all their work, job well done! Thank you to Fr. Rich at Sacred Heart Church for allowing us the opportunity to make the presentation after mass and for the blessing he gave the officers.

And finally I would like to thank those Brothers who came out to pay their respects to Brother Grabusnik at his wake service. Again from what I heard we had a nice turnout and Rich's wife was appreciative of our support.

Vivat Jesus!
 Gerrard Sorrentino
 Grand Knight

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



My Brothers All,

Summer is over but COVID is still continuing, shame how that happened. Hopefully given the current circumstances everyone was able to have an enjoyable summer nonetheless.

As much as 2020 has been a horrible year that has felt as if has gone on forever and we can't wait for it to be over, we are now in September getting closer and closer to making this year history. Under normal circumstances as we enter the last four months of the year we as a council begin to prepare for our busiest time with toy and coat drives during Christmas along with feeding of the less fortunate on Christmas Eve and our Christmas Family Adoption program. We don't know how COVID-19 will affect these council traditions, there are the sad and unfortunate realities that some of our traditions might have to be modified or canceled all together. Whatever the case is we will be prepared as all we have done throughout 2020 is modify the way "normal business" was conducted.

Within the next few weeks and months we will be reaching out to the various chairs of our Christmas events to see what their modified plan of action will be

this year and if they do not have one, to start thinking about it for the Christmas season will be here before we know it and we want to be prepared.

On a personal note, I would like to say thank you to all my Brothers for their support last month. As Deputy Grand Knight my responsibility is to assist the Grand Knight in aiding our council. With our Grand Knight Gerry still recovering from his transplant surgery I had to step in on a couple occasions and speak on his and the council's behalf. This included speaking in front of a crowd consisting of police officers and speaking in front of a room of people mourning the loss of a husband, father and friend. Not easy but the support I received from my Brothers made it possible and so I thank you. I guess it's good practice for whatever the future of 2842 may hold.

Vivat Jesus!

Vince Sicari

Deputy Grand Knight

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



Worthy Brothers,

COVID-19 has definitely affected many things this year and slowed things down. Surprisingly since the pandemic we have actually gained four new members.

Brother Nick Manzo was the first, joining our council in March through a ZOOM interview and online exemplification. Last month we received word of two e-members showing interest in our council. One was Brother Joey Villegas who is a transfer to our council and the other e-member we are still waiting on interviewing for a time and date that works for him. And just a couple weeks ago we received word of yet another e-member, John Appice who we interviewed on August 24 and are in the process of setting him up for his online exemplification.

Recently I created a new t-shirt design for our council. The t-shirt features the updated official Knights of Columbus logo on the front with our council information and on the back has our web address as well as mentions our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts. Shirts are \$20.00, a link to order the shirts will be posted in this newsletter.

Brothers, continue to be fishers of men, telling all worthy candidates about our council and let's keep up the great work and finish the year strong.

Vivat Jesus!
Nelson Cupeles
Chancellor



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COLUMBIAN CLUB

Brothers,

As many of you may or may not be aware, we have had an ongoing parking issue regarding our lot and our neighbors to the right of our property.

Over the course of couple years we have noticed staff from the MRI center next door using our lot to park their cars during their business hours. In an attempt to be good neighbors, on several occasions we had politely asked the doctor and his staff to stop using our lot to park their vehicles, our request was ignored. In recent months as COVID-19 spiked and the MRI center began doing COVID testing, we saw a major increase in the number of cars parking in our lot without permission. Once again a representative from the Columbian Club spoke with the doctor once again requesting that he stop using our private parking lot and once again our request was ignored. So we went ahead and sent a formal letter of complaint to the doctor again requesting that he, his staff and his patients stop parking in our lot, once again ignored.

The matter got worse when in addition to cars being parked in our lot without permission, on a recent weekend our lot was littered with dirty, used face masks and gloves, essentially hazardous materials. A decision was made amongst members of the Columbian Club that something had to be done since our verbal and written requests were being ignored. At the August 10th Columbian Club

meeting it was voted that we would tape off our lot to prevent any further unauthorized use of our lot. It was also recommended by our attorney that we close off our back lot by closing and locking the gate that leads to the back lot.

At the time of this writing the tape around the building has been removed and we are waiting for new parking signs with the updated ordinances to be posted. These signs will state that any care parked in our lot without permission will be towed at the owner's expense. We hope that this matter gets resolved quickly and that both sides can come to an understanding and agreement regarding this issue.

I remind all my Brothers that as members of the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus you are all members of the Columbian Club and I invite you all to attend our next Columbian Club Meeting to be held on Monday September 14, 2020 on ZOOM following the ZOOM Council Officers Meeting, usually starting at 8PM.

Frank Del Re
Columbian Club Chairman

PARISH NEWS

Dear Brothers,

Only a few more weeks of outdoor mass before we go back inside our worship space. At the time of this writing we are scheduled to go back indoors for mass beginning the weekend after Labor Day (September 12 – 13) with two masses on both days of the weekend (4PM and 5:30PM Saturday. 10AM and 12PM Sunday). Now with anything regarding this pandemic things change day by day and this scheduled series of events is subject to change based on what we get told by the Cardinal and by the Governor. Since things can change so rapidly, I strongly encourage folks who have been attending weekly mass and enjoy our parish, to become parishioners and sign up for text alerts through FlockNote so that you can be rapidly in the know. I promise to keep everyone as up to date as I can with everything going on.

October is scheduled to be a very busy month for us as we plan on doing First Holy Communion the first two weekends of the month and Confirmation later in the month. Let's keep all our youth in our prayers as they prepare to receive these beautiful sacraments.

Our slow return to "normal" has seen a return of our weekly Helping Hands Ministry. We are now accepting food donations every Friday between 9:30 and 11AM ONLY and Saturday between 9:30

and 10:30 AM ONLY! Please bring your food donations to the tower door of the church. Items most in need are

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Canned Tuna Fish

Pancake Mix

Syrup

Apple Sauce

Canned Fruit

We thank you for your generosity!

Peace and Blessings

Fr. Richard Kelly

Chaplain

COUNCIL GOLF OUTING IS CANCELED!

Due to the current situation regarding COVID-19, we have decided to cancel this years golf outing scheduled for Friday September 18. We thank the Brothers for their understanding of this decision.



Keith Hopkins and PGK Jon Kennedy – Event Co-Chairs

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 1: PGK Pat Ferrara and Nick Parrilli Happy 50th Birthday!

September 2: Anthony La Face

September 4: Robert Salvini

September 12: PGK Pete Crespo Happy 60th Birthday!

September 15: John Guy

September 17: Gary Kropilak Happy 70th Birthday!

September 20: Franklin Bay, Michael Hickey Happy 60th Birthday and Glen Miller

September 21: John Doyle

September 22: Evans Lazzaro

September 23: DGK Vince Sicari

September 26: PGK Bill Courtney

September 27: Peter Visconti, Kevin Smith and TJ Churchill

September 29: Raymond Hughes



MARCH KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

PGK William "Bill" Courtney

A pillar of our council and our own "Santa Clause", PGK Courtney is "Mr. Christmas". From organizing and running our annual toy and coat drives, to visiting the elderly at the Maywood Senior Center to organizing the ever popular annual feeding of the less fortunate on Christmas Eve at the Second Reformed Church, PGK Courtney has a big heart to go with his even bigger personality. Billy is always willing to lend a helping hand for anyone in need. In September 2019 when his son came to him with the suggestion of having a fundraiser for the widow of a friend, there was Billy running around getting donations for the tricky-tray and not stopping until everyone had a great time. It is because of all that PGK Courtney has and continues to do for our council that we are proud to award him with the honor of "Knight of the Month" for March 2020

APRIL KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Tom Tomesco

When COVID-19 hit, our frontline workers immediately sprang into action. Doctors, nurses, EMTs, police and firemen and women instantly turned from average citizen into modern day heroes. Quickly signs went up on yards thanking these men and women for all that they did. Words of thanks were not enough for Tom Tomesco, for to Tom actions speak louder than words. Quickly Tom got to work creating a GoFundMe for our frontline heroes. The mission of the campaign would be to get the whole community involved in raising money that would be used to purchase hot, ready-to-go meals for the frontline. The campaign would also support local food establishments that were hurting as a result of having to be closed during the height of the pandemic. Through his efforts, and with the help of the community, Tom was able to raise more than \$1,000 and supplied several local hospitals with hundreds of ready-to-go meals. It is because of this action that we are proud to award him with the honor of "Knight of the Month" for April 2020

MAY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Jorge Ramos

When looking for worthy candidates to join our order and our council, we try to look for men who will be active members. Men who will give as much of their time as they can to events or any other need the council may have. We exceeded expectations with Jorge Ramos. Within a matter of several weeks of becoming a Second Degree member of our order, Brother Ramos had already volunteered to help with our Puerto Rico Earthquake Relief Drive and our Youth Basketball Free-Throw contest. When the church was in need of Brothers to assist with outdoor mass, one text message was all that it took for Brother Ramos to say "yes". Not yet a member for one year and already Brother Ramos has joined the ranks of an officer in our council as our new Outside Guard. It is this eagerness to get active and help out that we so appreciate in men who want to be Knights of Columbus. It is because of these actions that we are proud to award him with the honor of "Knight of the Month" for May 2020.

JUNE KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Robert Heyrich

"A big man with a big heart". That is probably the best way to describe Brother Heyrich. Robert joined our council in October and in less than one year has already shown that he's willing and able to volunteer his time whenever the need should arise. Brother Heyrich has volunteered his time and talents to assist in our garden along with Brother Ray Lancaster and Brother Tom Tomesco. He has also stepped in in assisting with outdoor mass and recently when the council was in need of someone to chair the 2020 Adopt a Family for Christmas project, there was Brother Heyrich, once again volunteering his time. It is because of these actions that we are proud to award him with the honor of "Knight of the Month" for June 2020.

JULY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

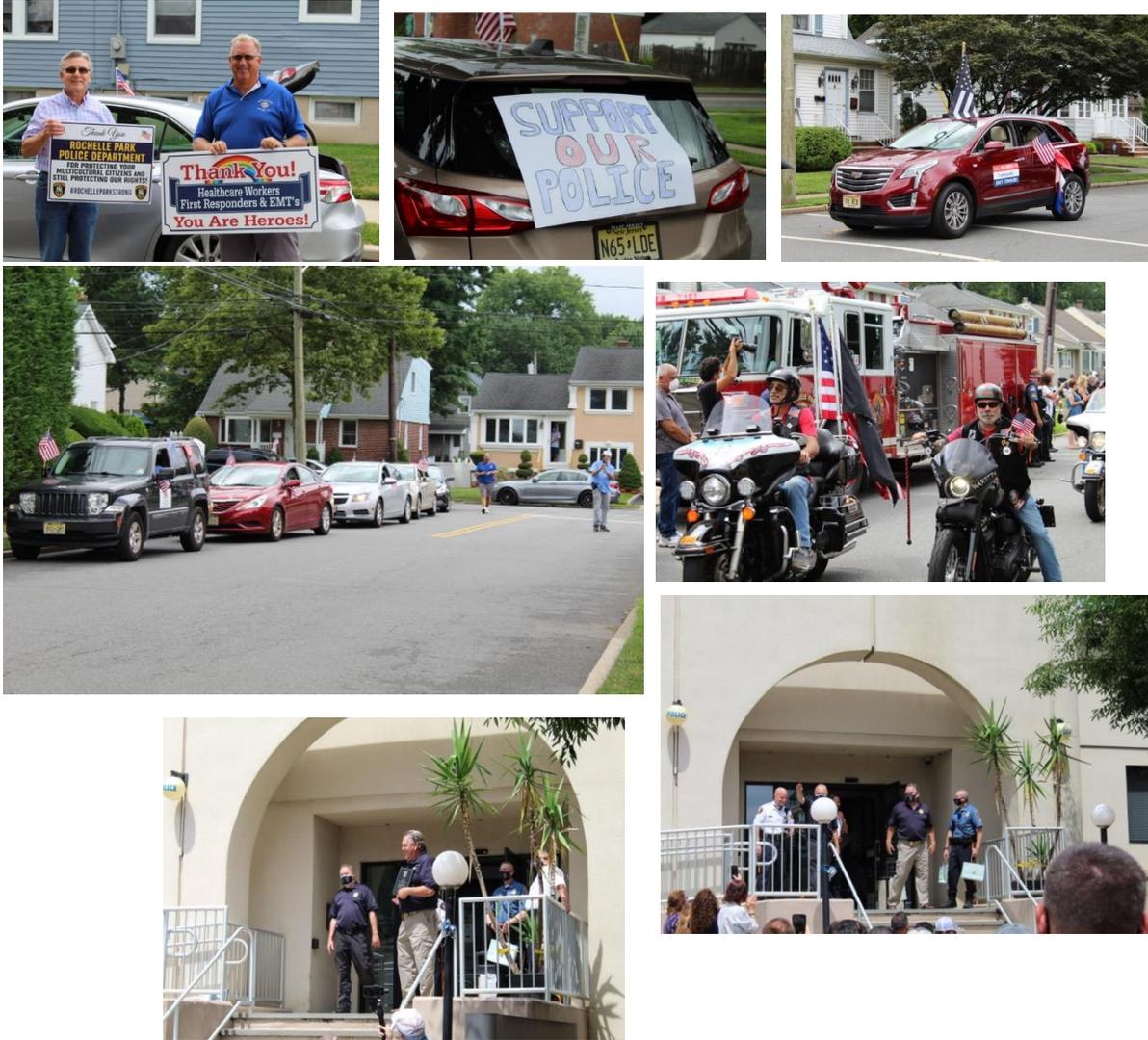
PGK Pasquale "Pat" Ferrara

PGK Ferrara is a man who seems to always be doing something. A "man with a mission" its no surprise then that he is the man behind our efforts at "Meals With A Mission" in Garfield. For more than five years, PGK Ferrara has dedicated the third Tuesday of each month to gathering Brothers, co-workers and anyone else he can convince to come down, to cooking meals for the less fortunate. It is through PGK Ferrara's commitment and dedication to helping those in need that our presence at "Meals With A Mission" on any third Tuesday is as common place as a 50lbs of beef in that same kitchen. It's not just "Meals With A Mission" where PGK Ferrara has left his mark, Brother Ferrara has literally spilt blood for our council as each year he, along with PGK Bill Courtney, organize and run our annual blood drive. And leave it to an Italian to be a ladies man, well at least once a year, as Brother Ferrara humbly hosts a romantic "Night of Wine and Roses" each year right around Valentine's Day as a way for us men to show that special woman in our lives how much they mean to us, now that's amore! It is because of these actions that we are proud to award him with the honor of "Knight of the Month" for July 2020.

SEPTEMBER 2020

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8 ZOOM General Council Meeting @8PM	9	10	11 Patriot's Day	12
13	14 ZOOM Council Officers / Columbian Club Meeting @7PM	15 Cooking team meets @5:45PM to cook at "Meals With A Mission"	16	17	18	19
20	21 ZOOM General Council Meeting @8PM	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

GET THE PICTURE



On Friday July 31st over 50 cars, firetrucks, people on motorcycles and regular bikes took part in a special car parade to say farewell to the Flannelly brothers and to welcome the new Police Chief Dean Pinto. Special thanks to PGK Bill Courtney and PGK Brian Cronin for organizing the event on the council end.



On Saturday August 8th during the 7PM outdoor mass at Sacred Heart Church, we had the honor of presenting the RPPD with a beautiful plaque as a token of our appreciation for all that they do in keeping us and the citizens of Rochelle Park safe. Fr. Rich Kelly even bestowed a special blessing upon the officers.