

January, February, March 2018

Brothers & Friends of the Council --

Happy New Year! Let's make 2018 another successful year for St. Joseph Council. As always we had a very busy Christmas season. We started on Thanksgiving weekend with a yard cleanup and decorating of the Council for Christmas along with the setting up of our crèche for the seventh year at Harborfields Library. On December 2nd we had our Children's Christmas Party at Applebee's restaurant, which is always well-attended despite its early 8 am start. The December 3rd Christmas Tree lighting at Harborfields Library included many families taking pictures of our crèche. The sing-along sheet for the event concluded with Silent Night – a clear recognition that it was a Christmas tree lighting not simply a generic winter festival as is increasingly the case. Many voices filled the air that afternoon with this beautiful Christmas song. Dick Francis, Drew Lockwood and Chuck Sorrentino deserve lots of credit for getting the crèche there and for locking in this tradition. Our worldwide Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Lighting was festive on December 5th with a good turnout of Brothers and wives. Then it was on to the December 16th Michael P. Leonard Council Christmas Party with PGK Jim Weis doing an outstanding job as usual. During the cocktail hour we had Brother Bill Casey serenade us with his melodious Christmas tunes as he has generously done so these past several years. George Pozderic was recognized for his many contributions to our Council for the past 30 plus years. George always keeps us honest and true to the vision of Father McGivney. Congratulations George!

Backing up a little from Christmas, I need to mention that our C&B program turned out to be successful after a rocky start. We need a new chair for this important component of our Council's funding effort. Charlie Sorrentino filled the big shoes of PGK Lou Pryor extremely well for many years and has to pass the baton to a new Brother. If anyone is interested, please let me know. Our November 3rd Mass for our deceased Brothers was celebrated by Father Stephen from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, who filled in for our Chaplain Father Peter while he was on a religious pilgrimage in Europe. Father Stephen is an enthusiastic supporter of our Council and we welcome him aboard as an Assistant Chaplain. We look forward to an outdoor Mass at the newly constructed altar at OLQM some time in the spring. (cont. on page 2)—->

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How fortunate St. Joseph Council is to have two supportive chaplains. I look forward to some very important religious events in 2018. The annual Pro-life Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on January 21st is one where I would like to see a strong show of support from the Council. It has been 45 years since the Roe decision and, coincidentally, our current pro-life president is number 45 in the history of our great republic. His efforts to support pro-life measures are to be applauded. Faithful George reminds us that the annual retreat is scheduled for April 6th through 8th. I very much look forward to attending this year as I hope my fellow Brothers do also. Rounding out our Columbian year we have our annual Communion Breakfast scheduled for April 22nd. Please mark it on your calendars.

Vivat Jesus

Frank Murphy

Michael J Leonard Christmas Party;

My Brothers;

On Saturday December 16th, 2017 we had our Annual Christmas Party; the Michael J Leonard party apply named after our late Brother who thought of this idea over 40 years ago.

We had between 72 and 75 in attendance, less than in prior years. It was a fun night, the food was great, it was a pleasure to have Fr. Peter, Fr. Pat and Fr. Jacob join us from St. Francis of Assisi.

Of course, the idea behind this is to collect Donations in lieu of a set amount. Last year (2016) we had a record year, so I had high hopes for 2017. One thing we all must learn is to be able to accept disappointment, as the Donations made at the door, and through the mail were considerably less than last year. At the time of this writing (12/19/17) I am still hoping to receive more, therefore I do not have a final report as of yet.

I do however have to thank the following persons for their help (no particular order):

John Pelkonen, DGK Brian Pryor (Warden), Mike Martinez (Chancellor), Sherri Sorrentino, Chuck Sorrentino, PGK, Charlie Sorrentino, PGK, Adrianna Sorrentino, Stefanie and Julia Sorrentino, Bob Hilty, Andy Wagner, John Mastrimone (Former DD and Suffolk County Conference Chairman), Tom O'Connor, Willy Casey and Willy Pollack (Cocktail Hour Music).

At the end of the party, your GK, Santa Claus, and myself were proud to give this year's "Family of the Year Award" to George and Margie Pozderak. George has let us down the righteous path for many years, making sure we remember the importance of respecting those who wear the Collar, and our Holy Catholic Church.

Hopefully I'll have some surprises in the mail over the next seven (7) days. Rest assure, next year we will have the next edition of the Michael J Leonard Annual Christmas Party.

Fraternally;

Jim Weis PGK, FS

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Applebee's Pancake Breakfast

My Brothers;

Mike Martinez and Sean Flanagan have asked me to write a report regarding this year's Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's on the morning of December 2nd, 2017. First let me say that without the hard work and devotion of Lauren Dunne, this event would not be what it is. Thank you, Lauren from all the members of the St Joseph K of C. Of course, Santa made his appearance to delight the kids, and members of the US Marine Corp. Toys for Tots Program were there, It is always an honor to be with them.According to the number of tickets turned in there were over 100 persons that came that morning and ate. We had lots of help from the Brothers and young helpers that acted as Servers that day, or Kitchen help. All said and done, we raised \$736 for Charity that morning. A good day indeed.

Fraternally; James Weis PGK

Corporation News

January 2018

I hope this Voyager finds you and your families doing well.

We had our fall clean up the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We had lots of volunteers which enabled us to complete the work in a few hours. Ed Zebrowski brought his tractor which made the work allot faster and fun. Earlier Drew Lockwood with the help of Ed and John Ferrone set up the Crèche at the library. Jim Weis and company decorated the inside of the council and Pete Esteve hung the decorations on the front of the building. It was a long day where allot was accomplished thanks to all who helped.

Joe D'Onofrio renewed the food manager's certificate which is required by the board of health. Joe had to take a three-hour online course. After passing the online exam Joe had to drive out to Yaphank to take the written exam were he scored a 95. Thanks to Joe we are renewed for another three years.

Our rental chairman John Pelkonen has finished up the busiest rental year we have ever had, thanks to John and our volunteers coordinated by Jim Weis it was a huge success. Because of the rental income and Walter selling out the three hundred club once again, the corporation was able to purchase a new oven. Removing and discarding the old will be a big task. We have needed to replace the oven with something safer and more reliable for some time now. The original oven was used when it was installed in the 1800's. With this new oven we would like to start making food for some of the meetings going forward. If you have an idea for food or would like to help cook a meal, please let me know.

Bob Hilty and Andy Wagner rearranged the Grand Knight pictures in the basement. They did a great job and have created space for future Grand Knights for years to come.

Happy New Year....

Jim Flanagan

\$\$ Financial Secretary Report **\$\$**

My Brothers;

Recently you have either received your Notice of Dues and or my friendly Letter of Donation request to our Honorary Life members. Please, respond soon to my request. If possible, include an additional Gift to your Council, or as an Honorary Life member, make a Gift. This is essentially your Council's main source of raising Revenue. I promise, as soon as I receive your Dues check I will send you out your Card. Note if you are an Honorary Life, you receive no other Card, please always use your LIFE card.

Please, if you are struggling, and cannot make your Dues payment this year, don't hold it in, tell me. I will send you your card immediately. This is between you and me, only. That is my responsibility as a representative of Supreme. The Gifts we receive help pay for those that are having a hard time. I hope you all had a wonderful, joyous, Holy and happy Christmas, and a very Happy New Year. Fraternally; Jim Weis PGK



Our own Grand Knight with Town Supervisor Chad Lupinacci with Andy Raia (state assembly) and Gene Cook, Town Council... Chad is a member of Gate of Heaven and Andy Raia is with Fr. Judge Council.

Upcoming Meeting Notice Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council 4810 Friday, February 2nd, 2018 at 8pm 24 Boulevard Avenue Greenlawn, NY 11740

At its next business meeting on February 2nd, 2018 at 8pm St. Joseph Council 4810 will hold a vote to adopt a written motion that authorizes its Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight to enter into a Terms of Use Agreement and Charitable Distribution Agreement with the 4810 Corporation. Your attendance at this meeting is strongly encouraged.

Calendar

January 5th and 19th Meeting

February 2nd ** and February 16th Meeting February 17th Lou Prior St. Patricks Day Party

March 2nd and 19th Meeting

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