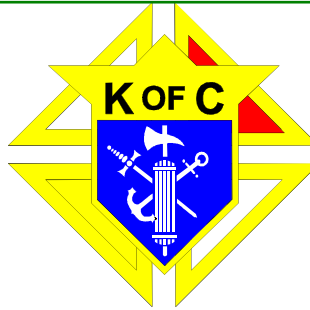


# ***A Knight's Life***

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## **GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT**

*Brothers,*

I hope that everyone had a very "Merry Christmas". I can say we had a very successful Christmas season at the council. It started with the tree lighting; I would like to thank everyone who came down for the event. It is nice when we keep getting together like that. I would like to thank everyone who helped put the event together. I would also like to thank Bob Lamberson for leading our Christmas carolers again this year. A few days after the tree lighting they were at the nursing home spreading the Christmas cheer, A very big "Thanks" to everyone who joined them.

On to the Children's Christmas Party, this was a huge success. In my opinion this was the best one yet. As usual, all the children had a great time. We haven't gotten the final report yet, but so far the party brought in \$400 to our council. Way to go Frank and Marie!, thanks for running this event year after year.

I'm sorry if someone feels slighted because I didn't mention the names of the individuals attached to the events above, but I think I'm going to need the room for this next point. We always talk about how it is the same thirty or so guys doing everything. Well these thirty or so guys make me proud to be a member of this council, allow me to explain. I was sitting at the council one day when I noticed 4 black garbage bags on top of the cabinets and asked what they were. Jimmy explained whenever the toy drive box filled up; he would empty it and store them above the cabinets. I can remember thinking wow we collected 4 bags of toys so far, I found our generosity overwhelming. Then at the Executive Board meeting young mister Dolan proposed adopting a family or two from the church community. He estimated it would cost about \$250 per family.

That night passing around the hat he collected over \$150, the same thing happened the next day at the meeting. In the end less than \$200 came from council funds, and we adopted 2 families. Now if that wasn't generous enough. The first place dart team donated their winnings to the adopted families, so gifts were purchased for the mothers of these families. The second place team donated their winnings to the bench fund. For those who do not know we have been collecting money to purchase a park bench at Marjorie Post Park as a memorial for our deceased brothers. So besides thanking Tommy Smith and company for the toy drive, and Jimmy Dolan Jr., John and Maureen Rollins for the adopt a family drive. I would like to thank you my brothers for your generosity of time, money and especially your love and big hearts--to support our community programs.

Please look inside this issue for details regarding our Chili contest and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party. In closing, I would like to wish you and your families,

**Happy and Healthy New Year.**

Vivat Jesus  
Donald Piscitelli  
Grand Knight

From the Desk of the Deputy Grand Knight:

**Happy New Year, to all my brother knights and their families!**

December was a busy month..

The ACDS Christmas party at St Bernards, was all about the kids. To see their faces when Santa showed up makes it all worth while. Thanks to the guys who showed up to help Holy Innocents Council to run this event.

Maria Regina's Children's Christmas party had lots of kids, prizes, and food. All topped off by a visit from Santa. Thanks to Frank and Marie Cox. A job well done as always.

The annual toy drive, assisted by the IRS. A tremendous amount of toys went to the Maria Regina Outreach this year. Thanks to T. Smith and all those who helped picking up and dropping off all the toys. A special thanks for all those who contributed toys to this wonderful event. Great job!

It's always good to finish up 2008, on a high note.

The council is entering its 10<sup>th</sup> year in existence. What a milestone. Congratulations to all the members of Maria Regina Council for making this Dream a reality. We will be celebrating this anniversary on Jan 24<sup>th</sup> at the Council. (More info in this newsletter)

The annual free throw contest will be held Jan 5<sup>th</sup> in the Maria Regina gym. Jan 8<sup>th</sup> is our first council meeting of the month. Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> is the second meeting. On Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be Chili night down at the council. There will be Prizes for the best Chili. (Do you have the best Chili?? Bring it on down!)

This month's mass at Maria Regina is Jan 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9am. The attendance has been getting better. Lets show our strength as a council and fill up the pews. There is also a Pro-Life mass at St Pats Cathedral in NYC on Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, that some members will attend.

Fraternally yours,  
Mike Latva

# *10th Anniversary Celebration*

*JANUARY 24TH, 2009*

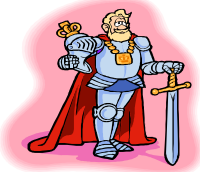
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*Maria Regina Council will be celebrating it's 10 year Anniversary, we have had many good times and some bumps in the road, but together we have survived and enjoyed each others company and friendship. Come and join in this happy occasion.*

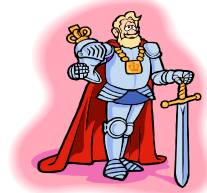
*Open to Council Members, Admission Free  
Please call and let us know if your coming.*

*We will have hot and cold food, coffee and cake. Drinks will be at bar prices. If anyone wishes to bring a dish or desert contact either*

*PGK Mike Colucci 516-454-0306 or  
PGK John Raymond– 516-578-2726*



## ***KNIGHT OF THE MONTH***

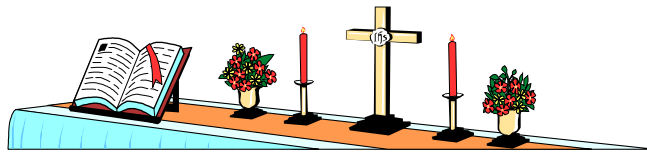


***December 2008***

The knight of the month for December has been an active member of our council since joining in June of 2006. As one of our newest and youngest members, he has always been involved supporting our council, either helping with our Membership/C&B drive, volunteering for our by-law committee, or this year chairing our annual Chili Night he is always there. This year was his biggest challenge, he got our Council Involved with the Adopt a Family Program this holiday season at Maria Regina Church. He made his presentation to the Executive Board and when he was done we not only adopted one family, but two. He represents and makes our Council proud.

***Let us stand and Congratulate December's Knight of The Month***

***Jim Dolan Jr.***



### ***ROSARY NIGHT***

***THURSDAY JANUARY 29TH 7:30PM***

***Bring the family down to the council and pray the Rosary with us.  
Refreshments served afterwards.***

### ***JANUARY MEETING DATE CHANGES***

***January's Meetings will be the 2nd & 4th Thursday's  
due to the holiday falling on our meeting day.***

***January 7th, Executive Board Meeting***

***January 8th, Council Meeting***

***January 21st, Corporation Board Meeting***

***January 22nd Council Meeting***

*Brothers,*

*Marie and I want to wish all of you and your families a Happy New Year, and hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas. This years Children's Christmas party was an overwhelming success. 23 children attended along with many members and friends. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree as Chris Pyzinski's daughter won the 42 inch TV. Douglas Byrne won the portable DVD player and then donated it back to the council, and finally Bob Lamberson won the \$50. Gift certificate.*

*I would like to first thank my wife Marie for everything she does to make this an incredible event every year, without her efforts this party Is just a bunch of people jammed into a room. There are so many people to thank and not much space, so thank you to everyone who brought down food, bought and sold raffle tickets, and helped with the kids at the party. I would like to thank DGK Mike Lavta for obtaining a bike for the raffle and a donation from O'Sheas funeral home to help with the cost of party. O'Sheas sponsors many of our causes and it is greatly appreciated. One more thank you goes out to the newest member of the Massapequa community, Al from Smokin' Al's restaurant donated a gift certificate and it was the 2<sup>nd</sup> most popular prize besides the TV, welcome to the neighborhood I'm sure you'll see many Knights at your tables. Finally how can I forget Santa, Once again he took time out of his busy schedule to visit with our children. Marie and I are already trying to make next years party better then ever, so until then, again have a Happy New Year.*

*Fraternally  
SK Frank Cox  
Chancellor*

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***Our annual Chili Contest is back***

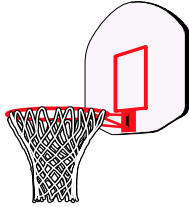
**January 10th, 2009, at 8PM.**

Bring down your best chili and try to dethrone our reining champs,

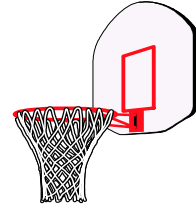
***Jen and Joe Bedell***

***(\$5.00 ENTRY FEE FOR EACH CONTESTANT.)***

This year Mr. Jim Dolan Jr. has volunteer to be our host and hopefully Kevin Fitz (work schedule allowing) will return. Try again Kenny Lee, no woks allowed.....



***FREE THROW CONTEST***



***JANUARY 5TH, 2009***

***6:30 PM***

***Maria Regina School Gym***

***Contact PGK Mike Colucci for more info***

***516-454-0306***

## *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 Distress Personal*

*GK Don Piscitelli  
516-731-6204*

*or*

*PGK Kevin Keep  
516-779-9026*

## *SHIRTS & JACKETS*

*Maria Regina Council Shirts and Jackets available at Reasonable prices.*

*Contact : PGK Al Valente or PGK Mike Latva  
516-30305449 516-249-7261*



## *SUPPER BOWL PARTY* *FEBRAURY 1st, 2009*



*Game time 6PM, doors open @ 4:30PM*

*\$10.00 per person, pay bar.*

*Hero's and wings, plus*

*Contact: John Rollins-783-8151*

*Or*

*Jim Dolan 695-9730*

*Super Bowl Boxes available at Council  
25 points each. Stop in and pick the lucky box.*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b><i>01/05/09</i></b>	<b><i>Free Throw Contest</i></b>	<b><i>6:30 PM Maria Regina Gym</i></b>
<b><i>01/07/09</i></b>	<b><i>Executive Board Mtg .</i></b>	<b><i>8:30 PM Council</i></b>
<b><i>01/08/09</i></b>	<b><i>Council Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>8:30 PM Council</i></b>
<b><i>01/10/09</i></b>	<b><i>Chili Contest</i></b>	<b><i>8:00 PM Council</i></b>
<b><i>01/18/09</i></b>	<b><i>Monthly Mass</i></b>	<b><i>9:00 AM Maria Regina</i></b>
<b><i>01/21/09</i></b>	<b><i>Corp. Board Mtg.</i></b>	<b><i>8:30 PM Council</i></b>
<b><i>01/22/09</i></b>	<b><i>Council Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>8:30 PM Council</i></b>
<b><i>01/24/09</i></b>	<b><i>10th Anniversary Party</i></b>	<b><i>8:00 PM Council</i></b>
<b><i>01/29/09</i></b>	<b><i>Rosary Night</i></b>	<b><i>7:30 PM Council</i></b>

## ***COUNCIL HALL RENTAL***

***Our Council Hall is available for rentals...  
Birthday's, Christening,  
Anniversaries, Meeting room, etc.***

## ***MEMBERS RATES AVAILABLE***

***Contact: Larry Caparco 799-8168***

***or***

***PGK John Raymond 578-2726***