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"The Biggest Little Council on L.I."

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ST. VALENTINE'S IS FEBRUARY 14TH - HUG SOMEBODY SPECIAL



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Our Council was saddened to learn that our Co-Chaplain Fr. Jim Mannon is leaving Cure of Ars Church. Several brothers attended a farewell reception and presented Fr. Jim with a Certificate of Appreciation (and gift certificate) Recognizing his dedicated service to our church, community and council. We pray for his return to good health! Those who wish may write to him at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 29 Northgate Dr., Green Lawn, N.Y, 11740.

I had the honor and privilege to represent Father Reilly Council to two significant events: the Pro-life Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral, and the March for Life in Washington D.C. At St. Patrick's, our favorite son, Sir Knight and Master, Walter Shorak lead the 4th degree Color Corp as they processed down the aisle. It was truly an impressive site. His Eminence Cardinal Eagan thanked all Knights for their tireless pro-life efforts. The March for Life in Washington D.C. was also quite impressive as thousands of marchers from around the country marched in support of the unborn. Brother Knights from around the country

were well represented.

On January 24th we sponsored our Annual Basketball Free Throw at Birch School. A large number of boys and girls from age's 10-14 years old turned out. I was amazed how well they shot hoops. Our Council winners now move on to the district competition on February 7th at St Rachael School in East Meadow. My personal thanks Chairman Randy Shannon for doing his usual outstanding job facilitating our Council's Free-Throw Program.

On February 7th, the Nassau Conference is sponsoring a Council Officer's Training from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at Floral Park Council. Any 3rd degree Brother interested in becoming an officer (or in moving up in the chairs) is invited to attend. Please call me for further information if interested. God Bless!

Rich

PEANUT & JELLY GANG AT SACRED HEART

Beginning this month, the Men's Spirituality Group will prepare PNJ Sandwiches for delivery to the INN Soup Kitchen on Babylon Turnpike. We will meet at 7:30 PM each Monday for about an hour in the school cafeteria. All interested men are invited to join us. For information, please call George Castine, 781-1665.

SIGN UP, SPEAK OUT

JOIN THE

CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK

The Catholic Advocacy Network educates Catholics on the social teachings of the Church and the public policy positions of the bishops. It alerts Catholics to breaking legislative developments when action is needed. And it provides Catholics with simple tools to enable them to quickly and efficiently email, phone or write their representatives on matters of concern

You can join immediately by visiting www.nyscatholic.org, clicking "Join the Network," and completing the form provided. There is no cost to join and your name and contact information will not be shared with any other lists. It is hoped that the network will operate primarily by electronic means as it is faster and more economical than direct mail. They will even provide you with sample letters you can simply sign and send to your legislators with a click of your mouse. It's time for Catholics to be heard on the issues that concern us. Here's your chance so, Join UP/ Speak UP.

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

My dear fellow Knights,

As we know now, Father Mannion relinquished the pastorate of Cure of Ars last month due to the current state of his health. We commend him to your prayers as he works to recoup his health and to continue his ministry elsewhere.

But this occurrence brings to the fore the fact that several of our younger priests have been experiencing health problems in recent years. Commentators are saying that we need to pay attention to that because some of it is the result of the dwindling number of priests,

February begins with a Day to honor Consecrated Life, the life of the three vows. It is a month where we might do well to remember the need to pray for an increase in vocations as well as for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit on the Church to address this shortage.

Finally, it is also a good time to pray about what role the laity can embrace as they take an ever more active part in the life of our Church.

Father G.

Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner Scheduled for February 21st has been canceled. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

**FREE THROW CONTEST
A SUCCESS!**

Young hoopsters braved the cold and flocked to the Birch School as Father Reilly Council sponsored its annual Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Contest. The talented group of sharpshooters battled it out for the honor of going on to represent our council and community in district and county shoot-outs.

Allison Callaghan, Allison Tamney and Megan Vasquez were the champions for the girls. Brian Downey, Patrick Mills (shooting a red hot 14 out of 15!), Craig Fichtenbaum and Jesse Lubow were victorious for the boys. Familiar faces were again in evidence, as Megan and Jesse are repeat champions! A great time was had by all!

The District competition will be held on February 7th at St. Raphael's. Good luck to our sharpshooters as they begin their march through the next levels of competition. Many thanks to the Reilly Brothers who helped out!

Randy Shannon

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LADIES AUXILIARY NOTES

Our January meeting was actually dinner at Rana's on Merrick Avenue.

How can one group of women just keep getting better and better? We were going out for our semi-annual dinner anyway when Joann Bivona suggested we make it a going away surprise for Leonora who is leaving (left) for her new home in sunny Florida (boo hoo!). A great move for her, but sadness for us ladies. We also invited the Rosary Board to join us as Leonora was a two term Rosary President along with being a faithful member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Happily, several Rosary Board members joined us. We had a great dinner, lots of laughs and conversations. Leonora was charmed and touched by it all. As I said: "What a group". We are not a financially sound group, but we are all rich in so many other ways. We didn't have a collection for Christmas so I was thinking we could all get some stuff for Christa House. I hope you might have the list from last year but if not call me and I can get it to you. If you think we should wait until March that's o.k. too! Our February meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10th. Cake hopefully will be provided by Janet Castine. Thanks Janet!

Continued prayers for our members who need them, especially Dolores, Thelma, and Margaret McGrory and for all our men and women in our armed forces in Iraq. God help them all. God Bless. Love,

Mary

PGK AL PIROZZI'S TESTIMONIAL

By Bruno Reale, PGK

We are all gathered here tonight
To salute and honor our immediate Past Grand Knight
Contrary to the words of our current Worthy
This PGK's last name is not pronounced Pirazzi
We all know his name is Al
And he truly is everyone's pal
He succeeded me as our Council's coach and leader
However he had no curve and couldn't throw the heater
There were times when he was in delight to hit his mighty gavel
Even though the number of raps were a little unraveled
Al also became our new "Festival by the Sea" captain and bambino
As he took over for the ancient mariner Rich Marino
The stock market sweeps made Al happy as it brought in loot
Even though Catalano rambled his monthly reports to boot
Each month Al wrote an article for our Broadcast
Only to be at the mercy of editor Castine with pen so fast
At the Turkey Shoot the arrows shot by the kids made Al a little leery
But after all the chairman of this event was our resident turkey Tom Seery
Skip and I chaired our Christmas party with Al's hand
To our surprise we had both a DJ and a jazz band
In early spring we had our annual Spaghetti Dinner
With Marincsak in tuxedo it was again a charity winner
Al was happy to continue our Godfather's Ball
With not so big anymore Lou running it all
The 50's/60's dance was brought to you by the great Gandini
But with over 370 people there it made you feel quite teeny
Al's top recruiter was Neil Franzese
So I wonder why tonight's menu didn't include veal franzese
With "Longo" and "Sweet" behind the bar
Tis why Al drank a "short" whisky "sour" while eating caviar
Through it all he continued to be our Second Degree team's DGK
That's Al so what else can I say
Al participated in all our functions from July to June
But by the end of his 12 months he looked like the man on the moon
Through it all I will always attest till the end
From the bottom of my heart I'm honored to call Al my friend.



REILLY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Feb 05 (Thu)	Officer's Meeting	Mar 04 (Thu)	Officer's Meeting	Apr 01 (Thu)	Officer's Meeting
Feb 07 (Sat)	District Free Throw	Mar 09 (Tue)	Ladies Aux. Meeting	Apr 08 (Tue)	Business Meeting
Feb 10 (Tue)	Ladies Aux. Meeting	Mar 11 (Thu)	Business Meeting	Apr 13 (Thu)	Ladies Aux. Meeting
Feb 12 (Thu)	Business Meeting	Mar 13 (Sat)	Godfather's Ball	Apr 22 (Thu)	Social Meeting
Feb 14 (Sat)	Happy Valentines Day	Mar 25 (Thu)	Social Meeting	Apr 28 (Wed)	Padre Pio Assembly
Feb 25 (Wed)	Padre Pio Assembly	Mar 31 (Wed)	Padre Pio Assembly	The Reilly Breakfast Club meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Merrick Mall Diner at 9:00 AM. .	
Feb 26 (Thu)	Social Meeting				

MUSIC UPDATED FOR THE BOOMERS!!!

Some artists from the 1960's are re-releasing their hits with new lyrics to accommodate aging "baby boomers". Here's a sampling:

Herman's Hermits - "Mrs. Brown, You've Got A Lovely Walker"

Marvin Gaye - " I Heard It Through The Grape Nits"

Roberta Flack - "The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face"

Commodores - "Once, Twice, Three Times To The Bathroom"

Ringo Starr - "I Get By With A Little Help From Depends"

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