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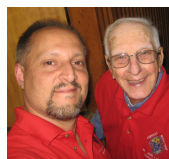
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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to our Deputy Grand Knight's drive and creative skills, the Grand Knight had to come up with a "message" for our council newsletter. Thanks Mike! I have already been warned about the hazards of plagiarism.



Our council was born on November 13, 2008 (almost four years ago already). Many of our charter members were strangers to one another. Some of us may or may not have recognized each others face; we may or may not have exchanged hellos; but on the common ground that is our Faith, relationships, wonderful friendships have developed. Fittingly, the council was named after a beloved parish priest who always referred to parishioners as "my dear family".

In the unity that flows from true fraternity, modest, but meaningful charity has resulted. "But take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them..." (Matthew 6:1).

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## SAVE THE DATE!

- September 13 Meeting
- September 16 Back to School BBQ
- September 27 Meeting
- October 7 Blood Drive
- October 11 Meeting
- October 13 Oktoberfest
- October 20 Greenway Cleanup
- October 21 Bagel Breakfast Feast of the North American Martyrs
- October 25 Meeting
- November 8 Meeting
- November 30 Christmas Fair Setup

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## We'll Miss You Lou!

*By Michael Shoule, Chancellor*

Our Council and parish family mourns the passing and celebrates the life of our beloved brother Knight, Louis F. Foresta. As anyone who knew Lou could attest, he surely left his mark on many lives during his 92 years of life. Well known, along with his wife Elle, for selling 50/50 raffle tickets at many parish events, Lou was anything but 50/50. He put 100% into everything he did – as an usher at 8:30 mass, as a member of the Catholic War Veterans, as a Bingo volunteer, as a helping hand at bagel breakfasts, Christmas fairs, garage sales, etc., and as a member of the Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council. We will miss Lou's wonderful smiling face and I for one know that I will strive to remember the positive perspective he brought to every situation so that I can be more like Lou.



*Editor's note:*

*Lou became a charter member of the council in 2008, at the incredible age of 88.*

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It is profoundly rewarding to be a part of a group that works sincerely towards worthy goals. We are a council of humble, talented men, a great mix of people and personalities. We continue to grow and together we continue to accomplish, with humility.

We are about to begin another year of work, with a full calendar of events. As I have said before, the service opportunities for us to address together will never cease. We will do what we are able to do.

It is my privilege to be a part of this council, this Order, and to call you brothers.

Lou Foresta, we miss you and we love you. We will do our best to take care of your bride, Elle.

Joe Timpa, GK

## FOOD DRIVE = SUCCESS!

Another successful Food Drive was held August 25, at the Shop & Stop on Hillside Ave in New Hyde Park.

Thanks to the hard work of our Knights we were able to restock the food pantries at American Martyrs and Our Lady of Lourdes. Knights also collected \$300, which went to the purchase of more food.

Special thanks to **JIM TAVCAR** for chairing the event.



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Can you guess who is making his Fourth Degree?

## EMBLEM OF THE ORDER

The emblem of the Order dates from the second Supreme Council meeting May 12, 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was then Supreme Knight.



A quick glance at the emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the Formée Cross. The shield is that associated with a medieval Knight. The Formée Cross is the representation of a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This then represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects: a fasces standing vertically, and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword.

The fasces from Roman days is symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order, while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters, K. of C., it proclaims this specific form of activity.

The red, white and blue in the background of the shield and the foreground of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our country. As such, red is the symbol of stout-hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God and of confidence in the protection of our country. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim and of crucible — tried ideals to be carried out.

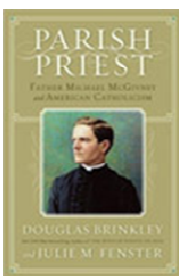
But there is another symbolism of color in red, white and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drips of Christ's redemptive blood shed upon Calvary, and of the martyr's blood shed in defense of the faith.

Red then is the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the Redemption and in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God has for man and the overwhelming affection which the God-man has for each individual. White then is the symbol of Christ-like Charity.

Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she wrapped her beloved Son, through Whom came salvation to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

*Courtesy of: The Official Knights of Columbus Emblems and Jewels.*



## Read the Book

We encourage you to read Parish Priest, a book that focuses on Father McGivney's priestly identity, his heart and manner.



## Congratulations to our six newest members!

Left to right:  
Dennis Beaudry, Michael Cassano, Patrick Dorelus, Fr. Frank, Roger Persaud, George Titza, Fernando Barreira