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# American Martyrs **KNIGHT LIGHT**

**Fr. John J. Murray Council #14666**

Twenty-Eighth New York District



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## **Grand Knight's Message**



Brother Knights,

In the past 4 months, our Council has been very busy and has continued to do amazing things. We have held two social outings - a Softball game and Trap Shooting, we had a First Degree which put us over 50% of the year's quota, we conducted our Officer's Installation, held a successful and enjoyable Oktoberfest benefiting the Jamaica Ambulance Volunteer Corp. We have partnered with the Columbiettes for a Back To School Bagel Breakfast benefiting Bridge to Life, and held an extremely successful Food Collection event with their help as well, and conducted another successful installment of the Greenway Clean-way Day.

In addition, with the help of Joe Timpa and Matt Tramonte we put together an incredibly successful TACHS (The Application for Catholic High School) Prep Course for 30 students free of charge! Special thanks to Mr. Joe Canzoneri for his wonderful and impressive teaching skill and Fr. Frank Schwarz for his continued generosity.

Finally, on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, our Council received the Double Star Council Award and the NYS Circle of Honor - Gold Award! This is a result of all the hard work of all our members. Thank you all!

All of this in the past four months! Keep up the great work men!

Vivat Jesus!  
Michael Mitts

## **Coming Soon!**



### **Jesus - The Reason for the Season Christmas Christian Car Magnet**

This high quality 5.75" car magnet is printed on premium quality, super-thick (.030) magnetic material with top quality, UV protected inks.

## Save the Date!

**Thursday, November 12.** (7:45 pm) First Degree and Meeting.

**Saturday, November 21.** Food Collection at Fairway.

**Sunday, November 22.** (9:15 - 1:45 pm) Ed Malench Memorial Blood Drive

**Monday, November 23.** (7:30 pm) Interfaith Prayer Service

**Saturday and Sunday, December 5 & 6.** Christmas Fair.

**Thursday, December 10.** (7:45 pm) Meeting and Council Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 20.** Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners Announced.

## Thank You

**John and Linda Limberg for  
Generously Donating your Fall  
Harvest of Pumpkins.**



## Queens Awards Night -

### Council Wins Two Prestigious Awards

On October 23rd, the Queens County Conference hosted the annual awards night at Hudson Council. Our Council received the **Double Star Council Award** and the **New York State Circle of Honor - Gold Award**. The members of this Council are the hardest working men around and their dedication and spirit show. Thanks to all who dedicate themselves to the principles of this order.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOLIDARITY CROSS

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*A council project in support  
of persecuted Christians  
in the Middle East*

Knights of Columbus  
Christian Refugee  
Relief Fund

## We need your help!

Christians in the Middle East face persecution and extinction simply for their belief in Christ. To date, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$4 million to relief efforts in Iraq and Syria through the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund.

To support this cause, our Council will be selling 5-inch olive wood crosses, crafted by Christians in the Holy Land. We are selling the crosses for \$10. We have placed an order for 100 crosses.

Please support this important campaign.

**Buy a cross!**

## Ein Prosit (A Toast) to a Fun Filled Oktoberfest Party

Michael Shoule

While it may not have the same following in terms of quantity that St. Patrick's Day does, the Oktoberfest revelers who celebrated together in the Sullivan Center after 5pm mass on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, made sure that the quality was there, and party they did.

Somewhere around 130 guests feasted on a delicious array of sauerbraten, sauerkraut, German sausages, meats, and other fare catered by Frank's Deli in Maspeth. A special thank you to Joe Timpa and the efforts of his youth group that aided in serving the food and other tasks. The dinner was washed down by many with a tasting from the keg of seasonal Oktoberfest beer which was of course followed by cookies and coffee.



The Sullivan Center was filled with Oktoberfest themed decorations that added to the festivities. And DJ Mikey Mike Chimenti put the finishing touches on the Oktoberfest atmosphere by blending in some traditional oompah music with a wide variety of dance music that had the little ones in particular getting their groove on.

The proceeds from the ticket sales were donated to the Jamaica Estates Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Our Council raised additional funds with the traditional 50/50 raffle and a basket of cheer that was donated by Mike Tramonte. Thank you to everyone who played a role in making Oktoberfest a success and to those who stuck around to assist with cleaning up the Sullivan Center once the party was over.



(Captain Daryl Mazlish, Ed Pearce, Lieutenant Bret Druss)



## Keeping the Greenway a Clean-way

Michael Shoule

Saturday morning, October 24th was a beautiful morning to be cleaning up litter. And just over 50 volunteers from our parish and community shared the same view, which was a good turnout despite a scheduling conflict with the CYO mass that morning. Along with brother Knights John Galanaugh, Rob Liatto, Pieter Bootsma, Sal Tartaglione, Dennis Wang, Mike Mitts, Bob Mitts and some of their family members, the Alley Pond Striders and the youth group from

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## Food Collection Report 9/19/15

Jim Tavear

On a beautiful early fall morning we had another fun food collection. We collected 40 bags of food along with \$191.74. All the food collected was delivered to a grateful Sister Kathy at Our Lady of Lourdes Outreach. Margaret D'Andrea came with Columbiettes Lillian - The Brownie Queen, and Gloria. Valerie Day and Marie DeAngelis (who has always been present since the beginning) came also. Margaret brought a creative sign that I'm sure will be used for a long time. Of course, special thanks to Sofia Mitts and Sophia T. for bringing their youthful charm. Extra special thanks to Dominick D'Andrea who made his food collection debut and set the tone for the day.

I have to say that seeing the Knights and Columbiettes along with the children presented a family type atmosphere which I'm sure left a positive impression on all who saw us. Thank you all.



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the Samuel Field Y in Little Neck made their usual contributions.

One additional note that was also shared in the bulletin - as our 9th Greenway Clean-way Day was coming to an end that morning, there were two men, probably in their 60s, walking on the bicycle path, arm in arm. One was wearing a Mets hat and the other was holding a walking stick in



his hand because he was blind. They stopped briefly and we started chatting about the upcoming World Series. Upon noticing my red Knights of Columbus shirt, he commented, "I see you guys at church sometimes." As he expressed his gratitude for us doing our part to keep the Greenway clean, he said "I am not surprised to

see that it is American Martyrs doing this."

That statement was the perfect reminder for me of how lucky I am to be a part of our great parish here at American Martyrs.

And it also made me reflect on how it is the collective effort of a

whole lot of individuals, over a whole lot of years and decades, pitching in and doing a whole lot of little things for others that has made American Martyrs a shining light in our community. A debt of gratitude is owed to those who have come before us and a heartfelt thank you to everyone who still does what they can, when they can today. And of course, thanks to all of the Greenway Clean-way volunteers for another job well done. Stay tuned for the date of the April Greenway Clean-way Day.





## Council Activities

Our Council continues to explore social activities for its members. Recently our brother Knights have spent some time together playing a friendly game of softball and on October 17<sup>th</sup> Sal T. organized a Trap Shooting contest at Suffolk County Skeet, Trap, and Clay.



**Congratulations to our latest Knight in Shining Armor award recipient - Chris Liatto**



(GK Michael Mitts presenting award to Chris Liatto)



## Back to School Bagel Breakfast in Support of Bridge to Life

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 after the 10:30 mass, our Council sponsored a Back to School bagel breakfast for the entire parish community. Teaming up with us for this event were the Columbiettes who not only assisted us with the event, but also made it a collection event, collecting items to donate to Bridge to Life. Because of their efforts and the generosity of the parish, they were able to collect 3 carloads of baby items. Thanks to all involved—GREAT JOB!

## Council Holds First Degree for the New Fraternal Year



Our Council started the Fraternal Year off in great fashion holding a First Degree on July 30th for 4 new brothers. Please welcome: **Dennis Wang, Robert Panepinto, Blaise Toneatto, and Stephen Liatto.** Seen above with GK Michael Mitts and our Worthy District Deputy Bob Doucet.

## Council Officers Installation

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, joined by family and friends, the Officers of this Council were installed in a beautiful ceremony conducted by our Worthy District Deputy Bob Douchet. Each Officer was given their charge and then Jeweled with the symbol of their office.



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## Liatto Brothers - First family with three member brothers in the Council



(FS Rob Liatto, Stephen Liatto, OG Chris Liatto)

## Congratulations to all our Council Officers



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