



# PIUS KNIGHTS

## THE NEWSLETTER FOR ST. PIUS X COUNCIL #10332 PLAINVIEW, N.Y. 11803

MEETINGS 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS' 8:00 PM ROOM #1

**\*WATCH FOR CHANGES\***

**13<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT JANUARY 2016**

Editor-in-Chief James R. Albert, PGK, FDD



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### **Grand Knight's Message:**

December was a beautiful and busy month! I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we have and had a very Merry Christmas. We started the month off with caroling at the annual Tree Lighting on December 1<sup>st</sup>. After, we shared a cup of hot chocolate and some treats together. As always, this is a great kick off to the Christmas season. Thank you Christmas Tree Chairman Bob Jurik for doing a great job leading this event.

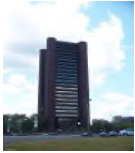
On December 13<sup>th</sup>, we had our Breakfast with Santa but if we had to judge the time of year by the weather we would have said it was breakfast with the Easter Bunny. I have to say that this year had to be the best turn out we ever had. We saw so many new faces, had to make a bacon run, and had the most attendees to date. We raised over \$2000, served over 200 adults and over 75 kids. I want to thank PGK Neil Derosa for getting everything ready from all the different vendors. Thank you PGK Jim Albert for co-chairing. There are so many brother knights that helped out for this 2 day event between setting up on Saturday, then cooking and serving the food and cleanup on Sunday. I also want to thank the Columbiettes for their delicious muffins, cakes and cookies.

Our Christmas Party was the place to be! Special guests included Father Valentine, Ralph Plaisance who ran our special 12 days of Christmas, Jim Albert's Karnight for the 9<sup>th</sup> year and Jose and Hose B. We had many different raffles including 50/50, Chinese auction, Gift Baskets and a Gingerbread house – all of which Ariana won. ☺ We changed the food to a buffet this year and it was delicious. Thank you Anthony Corrente and Tony Pierno, for the mashed potatoes meatballs, getting the GK mixed nuts and running and AMAZING event! It was a great time and I want to thank all of the Knights that helped set up and clean up.

We had a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree in Bethpage and had three new members!! We need 5 more new members to once again achieve Star Council. Let's all help get these new members in. Dues are due! Make them before March 1<sup>st</sup> to receive a discount! Get your superbowl boxes as well before they are all gone.

We are having our Annual Free Throw Contest January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and the winners go on to the district level which will be held again at St Pius on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Anyone who can come down and grab some rebounds would be greatly appreciated. Erica and I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

**Grand Knight Dominick Sala**



**SUPREME  
NEWS**  
**www.kofc.org**

New Haven, CT

Mother Teresa will be named a Saint by Pope Francis.

Mother Teresa addressed employees of the Knights of Columbus during her visit to the Supreme Council in New Haven, Conn., June 16, 1988.



State Deputy Bob Weitzman wishes all his "Brothers" in N.Y. State and their families a Blessed & Merry Christmas.

The Nassau Chapter Website is:  
<http://www.nassauchapterkofc.org/>

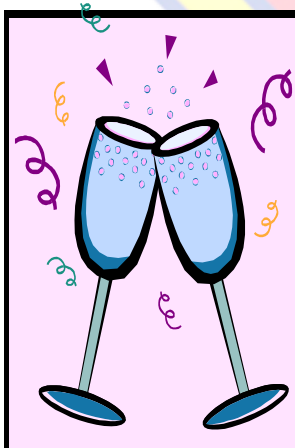


**Mike Galgano**  
is the Nassau  
Chapter President.

On December 18th President Mike Galgano announced at Alfred E. Smith Council the FAC funds were being distributed to those Council Members in need. He also wished all of Nassau a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Drawing will be Jan 15th at Fr. Farrell Council.

**"JOIN US" UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:**

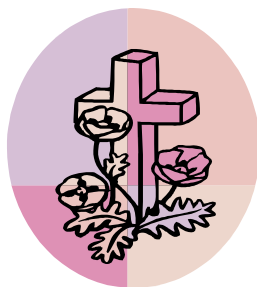
<b>January 1st</b>	<b>Feast of Mary Mother of God (Holy Day) Happy New Year!</b>
<b>January 7th</b>	<b>Officers Meeting Room #1 8:00PM</b>
<b>January 9th</b>	<b>K of C Council Level Free Throw Gymnasium 7:00PM set-up</b>
<b>January 14th</b>	<b>Thursday Council Meeting 8:00PM Room #1 (Join Us)</b>
<b>January 15th</b>	<b>Nassau Chapter Meeting Fr. Farrell St. Joseph's Church</b>
<b>January 17th</b>	<b>Pro-Life Mass St. Patrick's Cathedral 10:15 Mass K of C</b>
<b>January 22nd</b>	<b>March for Life Wash. D.C.</b>
<b>January 28th</b>	<b>Thursday Council Meeting Room #1 8:00PM (Join Us)</b>
<b>January 30th</b>	<b>District Free Throw Gymnasium 7:00PM set-up</b>



**Happy  
New  
Year!**



**CHARITY - UNITY - FRATERNITY - PATRIOTISM**



*Charles Lauer January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1994*  
*Louis DiBiasi January 30<sup>th</sup> 1995*  
*Edward Walsh January 30<sup>th</sup> 1996*  
*Salvatore Cesare January 13, 1998*  
*John Marrin January 1999*  
*John Cunningham January 20th 2012*  
*Gerry ALgiere Janiary 15th, 2013*

## *In Memorium*

## **HEADS UP!**

# **JANUARY 1ST YOUR 2016 DUES ARE DUE!**

IF YOU PAY YOUR DUES UP TO JANUARY 31ST 2015  
YOU PAY AT THE OLD RATE:

**\$37**



IF YOU WAIT UNTIL FEBRUARY 1ST YOU MUST PAY  
FULL PRICE OF:

**\$45**



**THE 2016 MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE IN !**  
 Send Your Check to Anthony Corrente  
 74 Central Park Road Plainview, N.Y. 11803



THANKS TO ALL MY BROTHERS WHO ASSISTED  
IN THE MANY EXTRA MASSES PERFORMED  
DURING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS!

***Usher Coordinator and  
Recording Secretary  
Charles Josten***

If you can commit to part-time or full-time  
please:

CALL BROTHER KNIGHT AND  
USHER COORDINATOR CHARLIE JOSTEN  
AT: (516) 935-6879

**Happy Birthday to:** Frank LaBarbera 1/24,  
Delores Mazzola 1/5,  
Cathy Komondorea 1/14. Michael Lauto 1/9,  
Pat Lauto 1/1

**Happy Anniversary to:**  
Josephine & Frank LaBarbera 1/25/53 (63),  
Katherine & Tony Musto 1/27/73 (43), Marion  
& Walter Priestly 1/17/53 (63), Mike and Pat  
Lauto 1/16/1960 (56)



# **CONGRATULATIONS**





Col. Steven Zellem Class of 52'

A posting from the United States Military Academy "West Point" archives was brought to my attention by Warden Bill Bullwinkel, PGK. I would like to share with you the mini-biography of one of our most beloved Council members. The Scholarship Aid fund in our Council is named after him. Both Steven and Louise Zellem performed many hours of their time for our Church, Community, and Country. My first memory of this special couple is when Dolores and I attended Mass at the St. Pius X Church. As with many young couples our children were toddlers and a handful. Knowing this, Steven and Louise secured the use of a room in the St. Pius X School to watch and keep them occupied (Drawing Arts/Craft) while the parents could attend Mass in peace. Unselfishly they donated their time so Dolores and I and other young couples could sit at Mass without the usual disturbance caused by young children. Please see the article below and enjoy!

Fraternally, Editor-In Chief Jim Albert, PGK, FDD

*Steven Zellem* was born in Listie, PA, Sept. 21, 1926 to his proud parents, Theodore F. and Bessie Zellem. Steve was the sixth of twelve siblings in a close-knit family. His parents both emigrated from eastern Austria and spoke Russian. They settled in the area of soft coal fields in southwest Pennsylvania. Steve was very sentimental and loved to recall the happy times of his youth. He delighted in recounting the tale of his participation in a conspiracy, when a skunk was mysteriously dropped down the chimney of the one-room schoolhouse, closing it for days.

Steve was the first in his family to attend college. Early on he set his goals to fulfill the American dream. It was shortly after graduating from Somerset Township High School, PA, in 1944, that Steve knew he wanted to serve his fellow man and his country. His path was established when he visited a recruiter and enlisted in the Army Air Corps with the Army of Occupation in Germany. As sure as night follows day, he not only received his first stripe, but applied for and received a regular appointment in the U.S. Army. This appointment fulfilled the requirement for the next step of his ambitious goals, to the Military Academy Preparatory School at Stewart Field in preparation for admission to USMA.

Steve's years at West Point clearly identified him as a man with a mild and unshakable personality, congenial manner, level head, and cool temper. He was always available and ready to give sage advice and assistance. When not struggling with the books, Steve enjoyed extra-curricular activities, including the Russian language club and weekends "dragging his One and Only" gal from Brooklyn, Louise. He also spent many hours with the track team as its indispensable team manager.

The day after graduation on 4 June 1952, 2LT Steve Zellem and Louise tied the knot after two years of dating. Steve had recalled, "I'll never forget that blind date in October 1950, when I met the love of my life, Louise Elvira Baratta." She was the second daughter of the prominent Dr. and Mrs. Raphael Baratta of New York City. It was the start of a blissful, loving relationship that endured for a wonderful 51-year marriage. Steve happily recalled introducing city-girl Louise to farm life by informing her that a particular heifer was "fresh." Louise cautiously backed up, fearful of an ill-tempered cow and found herself the center of her warm and loving new family's laughter. They told her the meaning for the word "fresh" was recently pregnant. Steve's first military assignment after marriage was to branch qualification at Ft. Sill, OK. Then he went back to Europe, but this time as a married second lieutenant with the 5th Infantry Division in Germany. Steve's other duty stations were in California and Ft. Carson, CO, before retiring from active duty in 1956.

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However, his military career never skipped a beat, for he accepted a Reserve Commission immediately and was assigned to the 77th Infantry Division and its successor, 77th USARCOM. He retired in the rank of colonel from the Army Reserves Sept. 21, 1986. His USAR service included 13 years as commander of an artillery unit in Hempstead, NY. He then commanded the 310th MP Battalion and the 800th MP Group. Prior to his retirement, he was assigned to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. During his reserve duty time, Steve completed Military Police branch qualification, graduated from Command and General Staff College, received the coveted Army War College Diploma, and earned his master's degree in education from Hofstra University. His military decorations included the Meritorious Service Medal in 1979, and the Legion of Merit in 1981.

During his very active reserve career, Steve worked for eight years in private industry before he joined the Commack, Long Island, NY, school district for a very distinguished 20-year career. Steve taught chemistry and served as head of the department. He was also a student mentor. In tribute to Steve, his peers at Commack High School South said, "Steve has always conducted himself in an impeccable, professional manner, yet with understanding and sensitivity to all members of the science department and students alike." Steve was also a pillar of his church, participating in a broad spectrum of church activities, especially the Youth Council, which focused on activities with his two sons. He was an excellent baseball coach, serving also as a fair and respected umpire, who would diffuse any argument with his gentle and logical negotiations. His active participation in the Knights of Columbus prompted that organization to award a tuition-assistance grant to a high school student in Steve Zellem's honor.

Steve shared his deep and active love for God, his country, and his community equally with his devotion to his family. He is survived by Louise, his one and only love, confidante and soul-mate throughout life. He is also survived by his two sons. Ralph, a graduate of the St. John's University School of Pharmacy, has served in the Army Medical Service Corps for 20 years. Ron completed his residency in neurosurgery at Temple University and is practicing medicine in central Tennessee. Steve is also survived by daughters-in-law Patricia and Suzanne, and grandchildren Kimberly, Scott, Robert, and Jennifer.

Aside from being an outstanding Army officer with deep Christian values, Steve will always be remembered for his sincerity, integrity, professionalism, and friendship.

Cullum No. 18963 • Oct 04, 2003 • Died in Plainview, NY

Interred in Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury, NY



Louise Zellem  
now makes her residence in Melville, N.Y.



**God Bless America**





**Pro-Life Mass**  
**St. Patrick's Cathedral**  
**Sunday January 17TH**  
**10:15AM**  
**JOIN YOUR**  
**BROTHER**  
**KNIGHTS** ®



The Editor-In-Chief Jim Albert and all of the "Pius Knights" staff of copywriters, proof readers, photographers, and printers local 10332 want to wish everyone a **Very Happy and Healthy New Year !**

*The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible*



**Walter P. Kellenberg**  
**Assembly 078**  
**YOUR DUES are Due.**  
**Please send \$25.00 to**  
**SK Comptroller**  
**Charles Pranci at:**  
**1130 Shelden Drive**  
**Westbury, N.Y.**  
**11590-5416**

**Congratulations To the following new 4th Degree:**  
**GK Dominic Sala**                      **Rec Sec. Charlie Josten**  
**Outside Guard Robert Masi**        **Louis Imbroto**



**The next Nassau Conference  
meeting will be January 31st 2:00PM  
Place TBD**



Recording Secretary Charles Josten attempts  
a long shot. "Lots of green Charlie" be careful"



Past Grand Knight Ray Ludwig is on a roll and so  
are those billiards.



Worthy Inside Guard Arnold Bendig organized and  
put together a "Boys Night Out" at the "Q9" Billiard Parlor  
in Levittown, N.Y. Brother Knights spent an enjoyable  
evening plying their skills. Arnie says he will do another  
"Knight Out" soon.

## ***K.I.N***

### **"KNIGHTS IN NEED"**

*Sal Mascolo, PGK (2),*

*Larry Herbst*

*.Christian Komonodora*

*Walter Priestly,*

*John Heilig,*

*Artie Venezia*

Please remember  
your "Brothers"  
who are Sick,  
House- Bound, or  
in Need!



*"We Remember two very special Knights passing"*

***George Raplee***

***James Rhatigan***



**They are already missed!**



**First Quarter Score - \$125**

**Half Time Score - \$250**

**Third Quarter Score - \$125**

**Fourth Quarter Score - \$500**

**FOUR CHANCES  
TO WIN!**

**Call: GK Dom and reserve a Box**

**CELL: (516)-457-1315**

**E-MAIL: dxkds@yahoo.com**

**\$20 @**

**There are still Boxes left**

**on the 2nd Board!**

# **KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST**



**On January 9th 2016 the St. Pius X Council  
"Free Throw Contest" will be held. We will need  
Council members to help with "Sign-Up", Ball  
Retrieving", and "Score Keeping".**

**Please come down for a 7:00PM set-up and  
7:30 registration at the St. Pius X Church  
gymnasium .Help and assist in this evening of fun  
watching the kids compete. Each child will  
receive a "Certificate of Participation" and  
embroidered patch. The winners receive a plaque  
for each Age Group.**

**JOIN US !**





**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA  
FUNDRAISER**



**SANTA ARRIVED JUST IN TIME FOR BREAKFAST  
FR. VALENTINE WAS THERE TO GREET HIM**

## **SOUTH OF THE BORDER**



The 2015 Christmas Party faithful participated in a "Sing-A-Long" Seen here left to right is Grand Knight Dominick Sala, District Warden Bill Bullwinkel, "Karknight the Magnificent", and District Deputy Doug Quinn.





Christmas tree Chairman Trustee Bob Jurik is pictured here with PGK Neil DeRosa, and Council Member Jimmy Zeigler on the trumpet. Once the tree was lit all enjoyed a repast in Madonna Hall of Hot Coffee and Hot Chocolate. Councils all over the world lit up their trees on first Tuesday of December.

# LIGHT-UP FOR CHRIST