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Knights of Columbus

Mother's Day, State Convention, Memorial Day!!!

Faithful Navigator's Message!

Worthy Sir Knights,

First I would like to congratulate all the brothers who took their fourth degree to be called Sir. Knights! In the Catholic Church May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This devotion connects the natural renewal of spring with spiritual growth in grace, encouraging Catholics to honor Mary through prayers, feasts and devotion.

This month we also celebrate Memorial Day. There is a difference between a soldier and a veteran. A soldier is a current member of the armed forces who is actively serving and ready for deployment. They can be in any rank and serve in combat, support, peacekeeping or humanitarian roles. A veteran is a person who has completed military service and has been discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. This can include those who serve in active duty, the

reserves, or the National Guard. Veterans have transitioned from military to civilian life, bringing with it the skills, experience and often challenges in adapting to civilian roles.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Joseph DeMasi,

Faithful Navigator

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Membership Meeting
Thursday, May 14th at 8 pm
at Queen of Peace KofC Hall
194 River Rd, North Arlington

**Thursday, June 11th
is the annual
election of officers
for our assembly!**

**Will you step up and
serve in a position?**

Supreme Master's Message

Like Mark Twain, I moved from the south to Connecticut and recently survived my first full winter here. So, I have concluded that not even Mark Twain could have ever told such a lie about San Francisco because Connecticut winters are just too relentless, and now, with its recent arrival, I have concluded that a Connecticut spring is nothing more than a Tennessee winter.



But I digress...

Thankfully, there have been a few rare days of sunshine to allow me to dig a garden. I know it is necessary to wait until after the last frost to plant, and according to my Farmer's Almanac, here in Connecticut, that will be sometime in late July.

Meanwhile, I have been learning a lot about gardening courtesy of YouTube. Did you know that marigolds are a great border for deterring critters? Or that they are a cucumber's best friend, often thwarting destructive insects while attracting beneficial ones? I have also learned best practices for starting seedlings inside, how to thin them, and then how to properly place them to

conserve space while maximizing growth in the garden. I have also discovered which plants should never be near each other.

Like gardening, now is the time to plan for the next fraternal year. Just as Mark Twain blended reality with exaggeration to produce tremendous humor, so, too, can we appreciate the reality of our assemblies and find ways to blend them with untapped potential to increase success. This is only possible by identifying who best to serve as leaders, by understanding which programs will most benefit your parish and communities, through assessing the potential for continued success or the options for resurrecting a struggling assembly, and by demonstrating a willingness to learn from other successful assemblies in your area.

Summer draws near! Happy fraternal gardening! May your assemblies grow and prosper!

And one last piece of Twain's wisdom perfectly suited for the Fourth Degree:

"Loyalty to country ALWAYS. Loyalty to government, when it deserves it."

Vivat Jesus!
Michael McCusker
Supreme Master

Lyndhurst Council

Mary Immaculate - Secaucus

Scouts Robert & Joseph Paolazzi

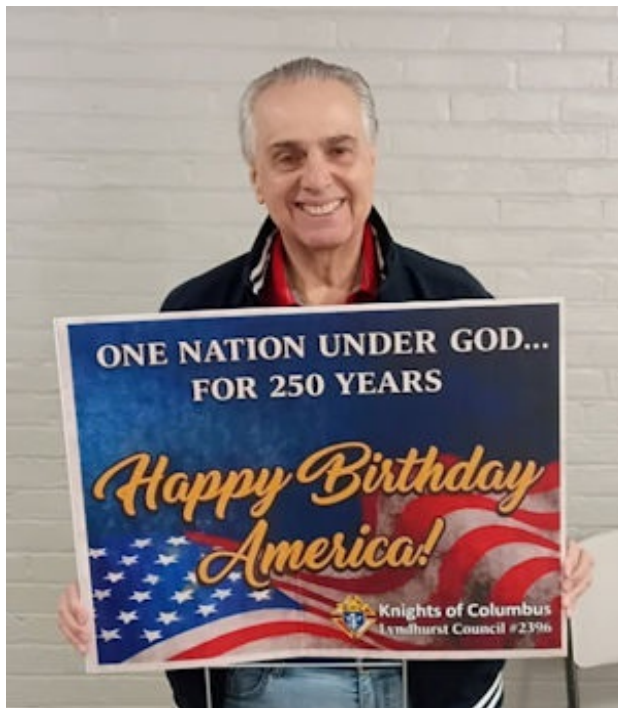
Getting Ready for Easter!



We honored 2 Scouts achieving their Eagle Scout rank as part of Lyndhurst Troop 86 at their Court of Honor on April 11th.



Lawn Signs for sale!

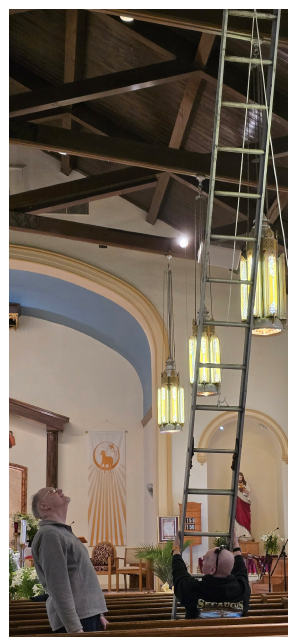


The KofC Work Crew

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SK Pete Furka is up here!

New Light Bulbs at ICC