

## PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

REPORT BY PROGRAM DIRECTOR – Scott Behm

2024 Activities: as-of 12/4/24

### **FAITH – FRANK Vespe – New Lead TBD**

1. **NEW:** Adoration Service – 12/5 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM in the church
2. **NEW:** Decorate Church for Christmas on 12/17 & 12/20 – Leader Dom R.
  - a. Need volunteers to assist. Contact Dom if you are available.
  - b. Email will be sent to Council members
3. **NEW:** Conducting the Keep Christ in Christmas Program – Leader TBD
4. **NEW/TO SCHEDULE:** Healing Mass – Veneration of Blessed Michael McGivney Relic – Date TBD
5. **UPDATE/PENDING:** Prayer Garden – Frank DiNote picked up the new bricks 10/17 & is coordinating with the mason's union for installation. Action Items:
  - a. Prayer Garden Committee would be nice to have formed. In the interim Brother Dennis Lauria has volunteered to do whatever is necessary, we'll have him serve as Leader for Prayer Garden needs. If interested in being involved in Prayer Garden maintenance, please contact Dennis L. or Frank D.
  - b. What's the date for installation? - TBD
  - c. Volunteers needed to assist – Frank previously shared when he has a date, he'll have WGN Tony send out an email seeking volunteers to coordinate work with he & Dennis Lauria
  - d. Icon for Ginny Licata is planned to be added (similar to the Rosary icons); titled "The Way of The Cross in Memory of Ginny Licata"
  - e. The Prayer Intention Box will be moved to a location near the sponsor appreciation sign
  - f. There are 2 more statues pending delivery
  - g. There will be another bench to be donated by the Stephen Ministry
  - h. Security and lighting is also to be installed - **DATE TBD**
  - i. Michael McGivney prayer plate to be installed on the base of the statue
6. **UPDATE/ON-GOING:** Recognition for Altar Server of the Month & Baptism welcome card and gift
  - a. Presented 8 baptism welcome cards/gifts in October
  - b. Presented certificates for 2 alter servers in October
7. **ON-GOING:** Adoration Service on the 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays 9:30 am to 11:30 am
8. **ON-GOING:** Padre Pio Rosary on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month – Nov 4<sup>th</sup> & Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **COMMUNITY – BOB Starrantino – New Lead TBD**

1. **NEW:** Participating in the KOC Coat Drive for Kids – Leader WGK Tony D.
  - a. For this State Supreme Council is matching our donation and purchasing 4 cases of coats for children to be donated locally to the community/organization of our choice.
2. **NEW:** Supported the burial of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Time Capsule
3. **COMPLETE: NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland** – Donations collected in church vestibule Oct 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> and Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.
4. **COMPLETE: Extra Halloween Candy for our Vets & Troops** – Leader Robert M. Program ran from Sunday, 11/3 through Wednesday, 11/13. All donations were be hand-delivered to drop-off points for Soldier's Angels for distribution to Veteran's homes & military personnel.
5. **COMPLETE: KOC Council 11498 Recruitment Weekend** – Nov 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Father Jim allowed us to speak for up to 5 minutes after the homily at each mass. Thanks to those who volunteered: Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 4:30PM - Paul DiFranceisco; Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 8AM – Jeff Morris, 10AM – Frank Alexander, 11:30AM – Scott Behm. **We received 3 sign-ups!**
6. **COMPLETE:** Hosted along with Tristate Veterans Memorial Fung the Flags for the Forgotten Veterans on 11/10
7. **TO SCHEDULE:** Training for all Security & Sentinel volunteers - Leader. Jeff D.

8. **COMPLETE:** Blood Drive – Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 9AM – 2PM - Leader Dom R. – **Collected 53 pints, which equals 163 potential lives saved!**
9. **COMPLETE:** Service for forgotten veterans on Sunday, Nov 10 – Leaders Frank A. & Roman K.
10. **COMPLETE:** Holiday the meals program – Nov 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – Leader Paul D. Prepared and served approximately 300 meals to our local community

#### **FAMILY- JEFF DiNoto – New Lead TBD**

1. **UPCOMING:** Santa's Christmas Brunch – December 14<sup>th</sup> - Leader Charlie L.
  - a. Charlie shared at last meeting they have 4 cooks, but need 2 servers to start at 8AM.
  - b. Also need volunteers for set-up and clean-up.
  - c. Reach out to Charlie if interested helping support the event.
2. **PENDING – Tabling until 2025:** Family of the Month – Leaders, Tony D, Jeff D & Scott B.
  - a. Who else would like to be part of Committee? Review/select – submit ASAP
3. **TO SCHEDULE:** Communion Breakfast – date and speaker still TBD
4. **SCHEDULED:** Council Christmas Party at Luna Rossa – Jeff & Tony
  - a. Thursday December 19th at 6:00pm
  - b. Private rooms – capacity approximately 100
  - c. **\$60 per person - 4 course dinner w/desert and tip included**
  - d. **Cash Bar (not BYOB)**
  - e. Please contact Frank DiNote asap if you want to secure your spot ASAP - \$\$\$ due by Dec 5th. or register on-line. Refer to email from WGK Tony or via link:  
<https://forms.gle/XqX1kZeZtT1pXrmYA>

#### **LIFE – ROBERT Mazzeo – New Lead TBD**

1. **CONTINUING:** Pro Life Committee – Leader, Jay Harris; Share information about the Spiritual Adoption program to pray for an unborn child to protect them from abortion. See Jay for the form to complete if you want to be spiritual adopt a child.
2. **COMPLETE:** Baby diaper, clothing and food drive as part of our Respect for Life Ministry on which Robert also sits. **Any summary from this campaign?**
3. Highway Bulletin Board – Leader, Mark D.
4. **COMPLETE:** Sneaker Drive supporting Respect for Life Ministry. **Any summary from this campaign?**

#### **FUND RAISING**

1. **TO SCHEDULE:** Can Shake – Leaders Paul Dilks – dates needed & locations in January.
2. **NEW: Golf Committee** – Leader Jim W., Rich Fini, Frank D., etc. – January Meeting Needed
3. **COMPLETE:** Concert of Hope for Veterans – November 8<sup>th</sup> Raised an estimated \$2,750.00 to support Schad Veteran Homes & Send a Hero Home for the Holidays.
4. **COMPLETE:** Golf Tournament in September 14 at Wedgwood – Leader Jim W. **Would like recap of net return for fundraising.**
5. **CONTINUING/UPDATE NEEDED:** Football Charity Mania / Leaders Gary S., Frank D & Dom R.
6. **TO SCHEDULE:** Super Bowl Charity Mania for 2025 – Leaders Gary S. & Dom R.
7. **TENTATIVE:** Sweets for My Sweet Dance Party – February 15, 2025 – Leader Dom Renzi; Set-up will be Feb. 14th
8. **SCHEDULED:** Hosting the Pre-St. Patty's Day Dance Party – March 15, 2025 – Benefits Tristate Veterans Memorial Fund
9. **PROPOSED:** Casino Night. Leader Dave Gordon. Dave gave his pitch for this event. A motion was passed to form a committee to explore this further and present detail at a future business meeting for formal vote of approval or decline.
10. **ON-GOING:** Popcorn sale ACTIVE – Leader Jeff D.

### **CUFF DEGREE & Installations Frank A.**

1. **NEW:** CUF Degree scheduled 1/16/25 (time TBD) to welcome new Brothers – Leader Frank A.
2. **COMPLETE:** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification – Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was a true honor to receive the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree along with these men! Brothers elevated to 4<sup>th</sup> Degree included Scott Behm, Anthony DellaPia, Dennis Lauria and Mike Vitale. Special thanks to our Color Corp – Brothers Terry, Frank and Josef for being part of the ceremony.

### **SICK & WELLNESS – LOU B.**

1. Get well cards {please contact Lou Barnes with names of those needing a card or other}
2. Sunshine Club continues to support with Mass cards & gifts.

### **APPAREL & ITEMS** orders for Shirts & Jackets plus – new link established with 15% return to Council