Ladies Auxiliary of the Father Joseph O'Connell Council #3481 Knights of Columbus

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Celebrating 71 Years of Charity

JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

Fr. Bret J. Stockdale

Moderator

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Dear Ladies, What a way to usher in the spring season than with the Highly Coveted Lady of the Year Award Celebration. It was truly an amazing night. PP Lisa James, it was my honor to name you Lady of the Year 2023-2024. Your dedication, devotion and love of our Ladies Auxiliary was of the highest level and helped us get to where we needed to go. I wanted to acknowledge the fact that this is your last year on the Auxiliary Board, and we thank you for your years of service and support. I also give the utmost thanks to our Board Members for doing such a fantastic job this year. I also give high recognition to all the Auxiliary members for your attendance and undying support which made this year a success. It has also been a great privilege to have been the Ladies Auxiliary President for a second time. It was a lot of work and I Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Come this September, I will start my new position on the board as a 3-year trustee. I leave you in great hands with our New incoming President Elect Lina Fusco who will further guide us. Enjoy your summer, God bless, Vanessa Ambrosecchia, President

PS, Thank you, to Father Brett Stockdale, GK, Chris Hegmann and our Chancellor Nick Episcopia for your kind support.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT: I would like to extend a special thank you to the Board and membership for their generosity and support throughout the 2023/2024 year. Your willingness to give time and service is greatly appreciated. Your support of the Ladies Auxiliary allows us to continue to fulfill our mission and serve people in our community each year. Have a wonderful summer-see you next year! Lina Fusco, President Elect

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Join us **Tuesday**, **June 4** for our membership meeting beginning promptly at 6:45pm followed by the Installation of Auxiliary Officers for the year 2024/2025 at 7:30pm. The cost for members in good standing will be \$30. This includes dinner with dessert, soda/coffee/tea. There will be a cash bar for adult beverages. Knights in good standing are welcome to join the dinner for \$30 per person. Reservations are a must. RSVP by 5/24/24 to Rosemarie Prendergast, PP at 516-996-5191 or Tricia Daley, PP at 516-398-6132. **Please note** that there are no refunds for this event and payment at the door will not be accepted.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: Attention all members in good standing. Please join us in our Memorial Day Parade March in patriotic pride. As a group representing the Ladies Auxiliary of the Father Joseph O'Connell Council #3481, Knights of Columbus. We meet at 9:00AM in the parking lot of TOWERS FUNERAL HOME and end at Oceanside High School for the Memorial Day Ceremony and Celebration.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Congratulations to the 2024/2025 Officers & Trustees voted on at the May7th, 2024 meeting

Vice President: Victoria Reesman Recording Secretary: Dorothy Episcopia

Treasurer: Jean Hegmann Financial Secretary: Amy Bermudez, PP Sergeant-at-Arms: Noreen McCabe

Three Year Trustee: Vanessa Ambrosecchia, PP Two Year Trustee: Kim Marchetti, PP One Year Trustee: Rosemarie Prendergast, PP

Proposed Charities 2023 - 2024

Oceanside Community Warriors Lustgarten Foundation, Pancreatic Cancer Research St. Anthony's Parish St. Anthony's Feast Tunnels to Towers Foundation Little St Nick Foundation Hangout One Happy Place Miracle House Jacie S Kids of LI Mount Sinai S. Nassau / Cardiovascular Health Services The Mary Ruchalski Foundation Bethany House of Nassau County Nassau County PBA Birthright of Nassau & Suffolk Inc

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2024/2025: Books for dues are closed for 2023/2024. Starting August 1,2024 please see Financial Secretary, Amy Bermudez, PP with your annual \$20.00 membership dues for the 2024/2025 Auxiliary year. Membership dues may be paid at membership meetings or by mail. Please make your \$20.00 check payable to Ladies Auxiliary and write your phone number on the check. If you are paying by mail, please mark the envelope ATTN: Amy Bermudez, PP, FS, and mail to KofC #3481, 2985 Kenneth Place Oceanside, NY 11572. Please remember to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope so your card can be mailed back to you. Membership dues need to be paid by December 1, 2024, to be considered a member in good standing. If we did not receive your membership dues for 2023/2024, you are in jeopardy of being removed from membership and mailing list (see By-Laws Article IX-Dues). If you have any changes regarding address, phone/cell numbers or email address please submit your changes to ladies.auxiliary.3481@gmail.com or contact (incoming) Dorothy Episcopia, Recording Secretary at 516-695-6921. For any questions regarding membership please contact Amy Bermudez, PP, FS at 516-384-9566.

<u>LIFETIME MEMBER 2024/2025:</u> If you were 80 years old by September 6, 2024, you will be considered a "Lifetime Member", and your dues will be waived. You must provide proof of age to Amy Bermudez, PP, FS at 516-384-9566.

FRATERNAL ASSISTANCE: If there is a sister in need of Financial Assistance through our Fraternal Assistance Program, all proposals must be submitted in writing. For more information contact Financial Secretary Amy Bermudez, PP at 516-384-9566.

SUNSHINE, SICK & VIGIL SUNSHINE: Please share your joys and blessings with us. Call Jane Magno-D'Anna, PP at 516-425-2768 with your May joys and blessings before our meeting. Sick: Notify us of a member/family in need of our prayers for their speedy and uneventful recovery. Vigil: Prompt notification is necessary of a member/family passing over to eternal life. Contact Chair Jane Magno-D'Anna, PP 516-425-2768 or email 2981LNC@optonline.net. Please keep in your prayers for a speedy recovery John Model, Mary Lawyer, Regina Cunningham, Beth Charbazuan's sister Sabina and Jennifer Corbett, Brother Knight, Sal D' Anna.

SCAM ALERT VERY IMPORTANTPlease do not get scammed by scammers asking for Gift Cards / eBay Cards, or Money. DO NOT REPLY TO THE EMAIL or TEXT! Under no circumstances would a member of the Auxiliary ever reach out asking for Gift Cards or Money! For the members who received this email or text, please DO NOT REPLY and BLOCK AND DELETE ASAP! If you need help or have questions, contact Vanessa Ambrosecchia, President cell: 516-551-5276.

Auxiliary Calendar 2024

All meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month and will begin at 7:00 pm (unless otherwise notified)

May 27th Memorial Day Parade June 4th Installation Dinner



BINGO: Wednesdays: Doors open at 6PM - O'Connell Gardens - 2985 Kenneth Place, Oceanside

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR: Sunday, June 2nd 11am Mass St. Anthony's Church followed by 12pm – 3pm Brunch O'Connell Gardens \$20pp includes brunch and brunch beverages. RSVP by May 28th GK Chris Hegmann 516-316-9328