

## The Knights of Columbus

## Father Seyfried Council 821 25th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC Honoring



## Dennis P. Ahern

Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Sponsors:

On Tuesday, September 17, 2024, the Father Seyfried Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its **25th Annual Golf Classic** at the Wind Watch Golf and Country Club in Hauppauge.

This year we are proud to honor <u>Dennis Ahern</u>, a man who dedicated his life to the community and the Town of Kings Park. For those who did not know Dennis, the words "CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY & PATRIOTISM" are the cornerstone of his life. (See enclosed Bio).

We hope you will help us recognize his accomplishments by giving us your support.

Our mission at the Knights of Columbus is to help others in the community where we live and work, and this golf classic is the principal fundraiser that permits us to conduct our many charitable efforts. Since our formation over 100 years ago, Father Seyfried Council has aided countless families and charities by donating monies and volunteer hours. Our Town officials, local business and civic associations, religious and educational organizations, and many youth groups, have recognized these efforts. The following are examples of some of our recent charitable activities:

- Raised funds for Stony Brook University Hospital's Sunrise Fund benefiting children coping with cancer.
- Awarded scholarships to two graduating seniors from Kings Park High School.
- Assisted veterans at the Stony Brook VA Nursing Home and Northport VA Hospital.
- Hosted the "Soccer Challenge" & "Basketball Free Throw" competitions/awards for our local youth.
- Supported multiple clothing and food drives for local families in need.
- Sponsored a children's essay contest at the Holy Family Regional School in Commack.
- Organized and hosted our annual "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" for neighborhood children.
- Provided continuous assistance to St. Joseph's Parish & financial assistance to local needy families.

Understanding that some may be facing financial challenges, any support you can provide for our community endeavors would be greatly appreciated. Your participation in this event can be in the form of a golfer, sponsor, or raffle donor.

Sponsors will receive special recognition by way of signage and program listings. In addition, a special "thank you" will appear in the Knights' newsletter following the event listing all supporters. We also encourage our respective membership and all participants to patronize those businesses that are supportive of our mission.

If you have any questions concerning the event or levels of participation, you may contact Ron Buell at (631)-449-0000

Sincerely,

Gene Fennell - Grand Knight

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## Dennis Ahern



The Knights of Columbus was founded on the principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.** This year we honor a man who dedicated his life not only to these four principles and +always went above and beyond in every aspect of his life.

The name, Dennis Ahern, became synonymous with justice, compassion, and unwavering dedication. As the community's most beloved lawyer, Dennis spent his entire career championing the causes of those who couldn't fight for themselves. His story is one of tireless advocacy, profound empathy, and an unyielding commitment to his community.

Dennis grew up in Kings Park. At an early age, he exhibited a keen sense of fairness and an insatiable curiosity about the world around him. Encouraged by his parents, he pursued higher

education and eventually attended law school; always with the intention of returning to his hometown to make a difference.

Upon passing the bar, Dennis could have easily opted for a lucrative career in a bustling city, but his heart was set on Kings Park. He married his sweetheart, Marybeth and raised a family of five very successful children, Sean, Brendan, Dan, Shannon, and Kiera.

He joined the family's modest law practice on Main Street, where the door was always open to those in need. Whether it was defending a tenant from an unjust eviction, ensuring fair treatment for workers, or advocating for victims of domestic abuse, Dennis' cases were often driven by a deep sense of duty rather than financial gain.

Dennis' commitment extended beyond the courtroom. Despite his professional successes, Dennis remained humble and approachable. He was a familiar face at local events and Sunday Mass and of course everyone's favorite basketball coach. His genuine interest in the well-being of his neighbors made him not just a lawyer, but a friend and confidant to many. His integrity and dedication earned him the respect and admiration of the entire community.

Dennis' life serves as an inspiring reminder that the measure of a lawyer is not found in wealth or prestige, but in the lives they touch and the justice they uphold. His dedication to helping others transformed the community, leaving an enduring mark on the town and setting a high standard for future generations. Through his work, Dennis showed that a hometown lawyer could indeed be a beacon of hope and a catalyst for positive change.

Your *SUPPORT* helps us *SUPPORT* the numerous charities aligned with the core principles of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus is proud to name Dennis P. Ahern as its 2024 Honoree!