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Cerruti Attends Rededication



Gifts generously donated and prepared by volunteers.

President Cerruti did double duty representing both the Grand Lodge and Custodes Pacis at the rededication of the Boys and Girls club Frankford facility.

The club dates back to 1938, the building was once a Philadelphia public school which dates back to 1908. After years of neglect the building fell in disrepair. Then against all odds two

of our newest members to the Grand Lodge came to Philadelphia and assessed the facility and had a vision. Their vision seemed too impossible to many supports but that did not deter Joe and Lisabeth Marziello.

Their vision took five years, but all that hard work and sleepless nights came to fruition and the facility was rededicated January 11th,

2020.

President Cerruti was invited to attend the rededication and with the help of Custodes Pacis was able to donate over 200 toys for all the children attending the event.

Future plans include the construction of Bocce ball courts for Custodes Pacis to teach the children of a great Italian game.

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MENEFEE STARS AT MOUNT PLEASANT

The Mount Pleasant High School Soccer team has a fantastic goalie among them.

JOHN DANIEL MENE-FEE is a proud member of the Loggia Civiltà e Progresso #643 of Scottdale Pennsylvania. The High School Junior is the son of John Menefee, Orator for the Lodge and State Trustee

of District 11. He not only excels on the Soccer Pitch but also in the classrooms, he is an A and B student while taking advanced classes. After graduation he plans to further his education and major in Accounting and possibly Law Enforcement while attending College. On the Pitch he is presently the starting goal-



Mount Pleasant Soccer Player John Menefee

ie for the Soccer team and is looking forward to playing tennis this spring and also play Football next season while playing Soccer at the same time.

He joined the Scottdale Sons and Daughters of Italy #643 when he was 12 years old, he is very active in the Lodge in helping with the cleaning and the setting up of the hall for the numerous lodge activities. He participated in the annual Christmas Eve style Dinner that the Lodge holds every year to kick off

the Christmas Season.

He is very proud of his Italian Heritage and background and customs which he proudly received from his Paternal grandmother Eva Maria Menefee. Early on he was educated by Italian nuns who taught him Italian songs and how to pray and say phrases in Italian. He is very proud of his father who is very heavily involved at the Local, District and State level of the organization, from Orator at the local lodge to State Trustee. He proudly says

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