



# Knights of Columbus

*Serving the Parishes of Corpus Christi and Saint Aidan*

Corpus Christi Council 2502

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## Clarion



**April Showers Edition**

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### **Grand Knight's Report- Mike Villa**

Brother Knights and Columbiettes,

Buona Pasqua as my grandmothers used to say to us when we were growing up. How I miss those days. If you don't know, in Italian that means Happy Easter. Happy Easter everyone, the Lord has risen, let us rejoice and celebrate Christianity.

On February 29<sup>th</sup> we held an exemplification at our council. Jim Corrigan once again put together a fantastic degree team. Thank you, Jim. Please welcome our newest 3<sup>rd</sup> degree members: Father Jacob Quansah Kyei (Associate Pastor at St. Aidan's), Chad Bonaventura, Dan McDonough, Danny Going, Jimmy McCormick, Mike Setari, Justin Rivera and Paul Garibaldi. Gentlemen welcome to Corpus Christi Council. Thank you to all the brother Knights who came down to meet and support our newest members.

I want to thank Dan Albano and Pete Zayas for running another very successful night of amateur boxing on

February 24<sup>th</sup>. The bouts were an excellent contests of boxing skill and sportsmanship. The evening went off without a glitch and was very enjoyable. I also want to thank everyone who volunteered to assist. I would name everyone, but if I left someone out, I would feel terrible. All involved did a great job. Thank you.

The following week we had over forty marchers for the Mineola St. Patrick's parade. It was a beautiful day, and the streets were packed with spectators along the entire route. We followed that up with a great celebration at the council. Back-to-back weeks where our brother knights stepped up and volunteered to help in any way possible. We rotated bar tenders, Guinness pourers, although Tommy and Mike spent most of the day on the taps and John and Charlie were tremendous in assisting the staff with clearing tables and throwing trash out all day. It was an absolutely fantastic day. Once again, thank you all who marched behind our banner, and to those for volunteering and keeping this council the : great council that it is.

Another shout out and thank you Jim Corrigan for

chairing our Irish night at the council. Although we were hoping for more attendees it was a great evening of Irish music and fare and of course the Pot of Gold raffle.

Work has begun on expanding the display in the lobby of the photographs of the past Grand Knights. We anticipate wrapping this up in the next week or two. Once again, we are all volunteering our time and skills (the carpenters) so it will take a little longer than expected. Upon completion we will have room for the five past Grand Knight's whose photographs are not on display and leave space for the next 15 Grand Knights. Thank you to everyone who is assisting.

Our steward, Pete Augello, is working tirelessly not only booking the hall but in running Open Mic nights, an evening of great live music planned for Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> and a comedy night planned in the summer. On April 19<sup>th</sup> Pete booked a local band from New Hyde Park called "The Wheel House 7". These guys have been playing together for over 40 years. They are fantastic. You will not be disappointed. The cost is only \$30 per person and that includes food. Cash bar, so drink as much or as little as you like. The event will run from 7pm to 11pm. Please support the council and Pete's efforts by attending these events.

Our next Business meeting will be Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

As always, we pray together twice a month for the good of the order. Please continue to keep these members and friends in your prayers.

Vivat Jesus  
SK Mike Villa, GK

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**Editor's Desk:**

**Business Meeting** will be held on the first Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 8pm. Down-Stairs.

**Officer Meeting** will be held on the third Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Flu season is here, there are new COVID variants, RSV, and the regular Flu, so if you are at risk or around loved ones at risk, respect others, consider

wearing a MASK. Protect yourself and those you love and care about. Something to think about...



**April Fool's Day** is on **April 1<sup>st</sup>**, it is also known as All Fool's Day or Foolish Day. This is a day to play practical jokes and pranks on your friends and family.

A tradition that is celebrated in several countries, the origins of April Fool's Day remain enigmatic, but there are a few events in history that may have played a role in establishing the celebration. It is possible that April Fool's Day is related to the festival of Hilaria in Ancient Rome, which took place at the end of March. During these celebrations, people would disguise themselves in masquerades, play games, and play practical jokes on others such as sending them on Fool's Errands, a task that would have no purpose other than to deceive. There is also a connection between April Fool's Day and the March/Vernal Equinox, which marks the arrival of spring. In the past, people thought that Mother Nature was fooling them with unpredictable weather.

April Fool's Day could also be related to the adoption of the Gregorian Calendar. In 1582, France officially changed their calendars from the Julian Calendar to the Gregorian Calendar and it is believed that the news of this change didn't travel to everyone, and some people weren't too happy with the change, so many continued to celebrate the new year at the end of March into April 1st, instead of on the date that marked the new year, January 1st. These people became the target of many jokes and pranks and were mocked by others when they saw them. The most popular one was that of the "April Fish", where a person would have a fish taped onto their back to symbolize that they were a young and gullible person.



**Special announcement:** Taco Bell announced today that it had bought the Liberty Bell and would be renaming it the "Taco Liberty Bell." How do you feel about that?

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**National Beer Day** is celebrated on **April 7<sup>th</sup>**. In January 1919, the US Congress passed the Eighteenth Amendment, which prohibited the production, transport, and sale of 'intoxicating liquors' in the US, but not their consumption. The amendment would later be legally enforced by the enactment of the Volstead Act or the National Prohibition Act.

This National Prohibition Act implied intoxicating liquors or drinks contained over 0.5% alcohol. By 1920, the whole country was subject to prohibition, and beer, wine, and other liquors were made illegal. While the act did see a lowering in alcohol consumption in the American population, bootlegging and smuggling increased.

Twelve years later, then-presidential nominee FDR voiced his wish to repeal the 18th amendment. On April 7, 1933, the President did as he said by signing the Cullen-Harrison Act. He took the first steps toward enacting the 21st amendment which eventually repealed the 18th amendment and ended Prohibition in December 1933. It was during

this time that he made the famous remark "I think this would be a good time for a beer." When Roosevelt announced the act, many people gathered on the streets and outside breweries to celebrate with a few beers. This initial step did not end prohibition, but only rectified what should be considered an intoxicating beverage under the Volstead Act.

It wasn't until 76 years later, in 2009, that Justin Smith, a Craft Beer Examiner from Virginia, created a Facebook page with the name National Beer Day, with the intent of starting a new national holiday. It was on social media that he promoted the holiday, spreading it through friends and acquaintances. Eventually, the page started trending across the country and went viral, with many people adopting National Beer Day as a day to celebrate.

#### **Some interesting Beer facts**

- Beer is supposedly the oldest recipe and dates back to 5000 BC.
  - Beer is the most widely consumed alcoholic beverage in the world.
  - The countries which produce the most beer include the United States, China, Mexico, Brazil, and Germany.
  - Beers contain vitamins, minerals, fiber, and polyphenols which are essential components of a diet.
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The **American Civil War**, also known as The War Between States, was the biggest American conflict on US soil and lasted from 1861 to 1865. The war

was fought between the Northern States or the Union, and the Southern states, known as the Confederacy. It began on **April 12, 1861**, with the Confederate forces' attack on Fort Sumter in South Carolina after the election of Abraham Lincoln as President. The war was a result of the controversial and diverging opinions regarding slavery in America and was one of the defining moments of US history. It was the deadliest conflict in American land, with thousands killed and millions injured.



**Corpus Christi Council #2502 Officers**

**2023- 2024**

Grand Knight	Mike Villa
Financial Secretary	Nick Pennacchio
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Kiesel
Chancellor	Mike Curley
Warden	Kevin Keenan
Recorder	Jude Ohrtman
Advocate	Bruce Chester
Treasurer	Liam Patterson
Inside Guard	Jack Grafing
Inside Guard	Tommy Tarantola
Outside Guard	Tom Russo
Lecturer	Ed Pappalardo
Trustee-1 Year	Lou Librandi
Trustee-2 Year	Stu Kaplan
Trustee-3 Year	John Mallon
Conference Delegate	GK Mike Villa
Conference Delegate	PGK Jim Corrigan
Conf. Alt-Delegate	PGK Steve Driscoll
Conf. Alt-Delegate	PGK Mike Murtha



**Chaplain's Report - Msgr. Bob Batule**

Clarion Column (April 2024)

Happy Easter!

With the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection on the last day of March, it really is a month going out like a Lamb.

The Lamb once-slain lives forever. The grave which held the Body of Our Savior has been defeated. The victory belongs to God and those made in God's image and likeness.

We have fifty days to celebrate the Easter Mystery. Let us continue to sing out with vigor our Alleluia.

Our instruction in the season of the Resurrection comes from the Acts of the Apostles. We follow the apostles Peter, Paul, and John as they preach in many different locales. Our faith is formed by their courage and determination.

In our own circumstances, we must be evangelists like the saintly men just cited. May we look for and find those opportunities to evangelize within our council.

Give to the Risen Lord your heart, your mind, and your soul that the Body of Christ in the world may shine radiantly as like the City of God which it is.

Msgr. Bob Batule  
Council Chaplain



**Thomas Jefferson's Birthday** is celebrated on **April 13<sup>th</sup>**. He was the third President of the United States and was born on April 13, 1743. Jefferson is known as one of the United States' founding fathers and is the main author of the Declaration of Independence. The official celebration of Thomas Jefferson's Birthday was not established until 195 years after his birth, on March 21, 1938, when President Roosevelt issued Proclamation 2276 declaring April 13<sup>th</sup> as a national observance of Jefferson's birthday. Years later, in 2007, President G.W. Bush issued another Presidential Proclamation 8124, officially recognizing April 13<sup>th</sup> as the

celebration of one of the most cherished figures in the history of the United States.



*Reenactment of The Battle of Lexington and Concord Patriots' Day* observed annually on the **third Monday of April**. It commemorates the Battle of Lexington and the Battle of Concord which took place on April 19, 1775, and were the first battles fought in the American Revolutionary War. Next year marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle! This day should not be confused with Patriot Day, which occurs on September 11<sup>th</sup> annually and reminds us of the anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center.

**Corpus Christi Council #2502 Past Grand Knight Association**

Sam Donato	1994-1996
Nick Pennacchio	1999-2001
Michael J. Raso	2003-2004
Tom Kelly	2006-2008
James Corrigan	2012-2014
Ray Ardanuy	2013-2015
Paul Kelly	2016-2017
Peter Zayas	2017-2018
John Mallon	2018-2019
Michael T. Murtha	2019-2020
Bruce Chester	2020-2021
Dan Albano	2021-2023
Mike Villa	2023-

**Fraternal Corner - Prayers for the Sick & Deceased**

**Brothers, please keep in your prayers the following Knights, Brothers and their families:** Nick Pennacchio, Alice Murtha, Phil Cammarato, Diane Kiesel, Henry Kiesel, Douglas Pomteus, Iris Silvasgragvd, Nancy DeSoebo, Sam Donato, Don Brennan, Hilda Macyka, Charles and Maryann Ribando, Margret Ehricks, Margarite O'Callaghan, Ann Albano, Tom & Vilma Doherty, Terry Hallowoy, John O'Sullivan, Michael O'Sullivan, Camille Ratalo, Ted Newkirk, John Josephs, Walter Hahn **(READ HIS ATTACHED OBITUARY)** and all our First Responders and Military Men & Women and all who may be suffering from Long Covid. **Please add one more Hail Mary for all those individuals who are unable to pray for themselves.**

**Council Wake Calls**

GK Mike Villa 516-742-5652; 516-884-3490  
FS Nick Pennacchio 516-742-8379

**Financial Secretary Report**

Nicholas F Pennacchio-Dues  
Dear Brother Knight,

**DUES ARE DUE JANUARY EVERY YEAR** 2024 Dues are now due. In addition, if you have not paid past year Dues, please remit them at this time. Annual Dues for Regular members are \$50.00 and \$15.00 for Honorary members. You should have received your Dues Notice either via E-mail or in the US Mail. You can also use the form below with a check for the applicable amount made out to:

- Corpus Christi Council KofC #2502
- Mail to: Knights of Columbus, PO Box 243, Mineola, NY 11501

**Attention:** If you have any questions regarding your Dues or if you have not yet received a Dues Notice, please contact me via e-mail: nfp3018@gmail.com or tel. #(516) 742-8379. **Members who are two or more years in arrears are subject to removal from Council membership.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Editor's Desk: Clarion Deadline**

The Deadline for the *Clarion* every Month is the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month. Any articles you wish to have included must be sent to me by e-mail: [mtm12533@aol.com](mailto:mtm12533@aol.com) Brothers, you, we are responsible for helping with publishing the *Clarion* monthly and on time. We will not extend the submission deadlines any longer.

EMAIL: [Michael T. Murtha <mtm12533@aol.com>](mailto:Michael.T.Murtha@mtm12533@aol.com)  
516-236-1073

**Any errors were meant for you to find! Good luck!**

**Council Events & Activities**

**Wilmin Corporation**

Meeting on the second Wednesday of the month.

**Wilmin Corporation Officers:**

- President – George Poarch
- VP - Charlie Ribando
- Treasurer - Marc Randazzo
- Recording Secretary - Denis O’Sullivan
- Directors: Bill Gyves; Jim Corrigan; Bob Rina; Sam Donato and Mike Villa.

**2502 Corporation**

Meeting on the last Wednesday of the month.

**2502 Corporation Officers:**

- President – John Musella
- VP –Dave Redmond Jr
- Treasurer – Bobby Redmond
- Recording Secretary – Jude Ohrtman

Directors: Danny McQueeney; Andy Bernstein; Nick Passarella; Owen Dugan and Lou Librandi.

**Chancellor’s Update**

Greetings to my brother Knights, I need your help! We need to Recruit, Recruit, Recruit! And mentor new members.

If anyone has a family member or friend that qualifies - male, 18 years or older and Catholic, looking to become a Knight, please call me. Forward the ***Knightline*** newsletter to Catholic men interested in the Knights, and let them know that they **can become a member for free online** using promo code **MCGIVNEY2020** at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join). You can also share your questions, feedback and story by emailing [knightline@kofc.org](mailto:knightline@kofc.org).

Mike Curley, Chancellor

**Council Activities Save The Dates!**

- April Fool’s Day 4/1
- Council Business Meeting 4/4
- National Beer Day 4/7
- American Civil War 4/12
- Thomas Jefferson’s Birthday 4/13
- Nassau Chapter KofC Ball 4/14
- Patriot’s Day 4/15
- Assassination of Abraham Lincoln 4/15
- Jackie Robinson Day 4/15
- Emancipation Day 4/16
- Tax Day 4/18
- Council Meeting 4/18
- Spanish American War 4/21
- Earth Day 4/22
- Gillespie-Liddy Memorial Golf Outing Ball 5/14

**Council Public Service Announcements**

**Help Stop Abortion**



## PRO LIFE

**Life is the First Right without which no other rights exist. If you know of a woman who is Pregnant and Contemplating ending her pregnancy through abortion.**

**The Long Island Coalition for Life has set up a Hot Line to counsel and guide her.**

**[631] 243-0066**

**this line is open 24/7\***

### [More Public Service Announcements](#)

#### Upcoming Council UBS Islander game

The Council is planning for another outing at UBS for an Islander game. Considering the busy schedule of events in the next few months, January or February will be the date for the game. More details will follow in the Clarion and communicated at meetings and flyers in the Lounge. Any comments on this event contact Lou Librandi

[@librandi@optonline.net](mailto:librandi@optonline.net). **KEEP ALERT, LOOK FOR IT, CHECK IT OUT, SUPPORT YOUR COUNCIL.**

#### St Patrick Dinner Dance Update

Corpus Christi Council's St Patrick Dinner-Dance was held on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Although the crowd was small this year (50 attendees) a great time was had by all present. As usual our Steward and Chef Pate Augello put out a fine dinner that included corned beef & cabbage, Shepherd's Pie and Chicken Franchise. and topped off by Irish Coffee.

The band, Irish Mist, provided wonderful listening and dance music and young people from the Donny Golden School of Irish Dance provided a thoroughly enjoyable performance that raised the spirits and got the toes tapping of all attendees.

We send our appreciation to Msgr. John Seidenschwang Council from St Anne's Parish in Garden City who demonstrated their support of our council with twelve attendees at the dance.

To enhance the enjoyment of the evening numerous door prizes of wine and restaurant gift cards were awarded during the evening. One of the highlights of the night was the annual Pot of Gold Raffle. The \$ 1,000 Grand Prize was won by

Bernadette Daraio and the 2nd Prize of \$ 500 was won by Council Warden, Kevin Keenan.

Thank you to all Council members who demonstrated their support by the purchase of Pot of Gold Raffle tickets and/or their attendance at the dance. We give a special thanks to our Council Trustee Stu Kaplan and his wife Ellen for the time spent during the night selling raffle tickets.

Jim Corrigan

St Patrick Chairman

**(SEE THE ATTACHED PHOTOS)**

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Gillespie-Liddy Memorial Golf Outing Brothers,

The 21st NHP Annual Gillespie-Liddy Memorial Golf Outing which will be held Monday, May 13, 2024 at North Shore Towers Golf & Country Club in Floral Park. Beginning with a 11:00 AM breakfast followed by a SHOTGUN START. After golf, we will be having our dinner with awards presentation & raffle prizes at Park Place Restaurant, 1218 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park. The cost for this fantastic day is \$230.00 per golfer. For golf reservations please contact Tom McGowan, PGK at (516) 352-9004 or Mike Monroe, PGK at (516) 659-7746 or Joe Renta, PGK (516) 528-5088.

To all our charitable sponsors who have continued to be so generous in the past. Remember, it's your benevolence that enables us to do all our philanthropic work within the community. If you have questions regarding gold sponsorships, please contact me Mike Monroe, PGK Co-Chairman at (516) 659-7746.

Blessings,

Mike Monroe, PGK, Co-Chair

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**What have you done to support the Council Officers for Fraternal Year 2023- 2024? Think about it!**

#### Ads for The Clarion

If any Member is Interested in placing an ad in the Clarion or knows of a business that would like to sponsor us, please fill out the information below with a check for \$65.00. Please send your business card, or a suitable standard graphic design file, so

that we may display your ad in our Monthly Clarion. If you have any further questions, please contact David Redmond at 516-362-0837 for voicemail and text, or email [webmaster@kofc2502.net](mailto:webmaster@kofc2502.net).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Knights of Columbus  
David Redmond  
PO Box 1834



**Corpus Christi Council's #2502 very own  
LYON'S LOUNGE**

Lounge opens at 7:30pm  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

**Open "Mic"rophone Nights**

Open Mic Nights: April 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> ... 7:30-11pm  
"The Wheelhouse 7" April 19<sup>th</sup> Friday night concerts with #2502 Council. Doors open at 7pm with show to follow at 8pm. Only \$30/person includes Show and Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar available. Call Peter at 516-643-4784 (c) for reservations. The Open Mic Nights cannot be missed! You don't have to sing!!!

**Thursday Nights Lyons Lounge**

Joe Lester cooks and volunteers. He tends bar and serves complimentary, outstanding food, Come Down! Bring Your Friends! Cash Bar. **Help Support your Council!!!!**



**INTO THE BREACH**

Inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation for Catholic men written by Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix, the Knights of Columbus produced a video series which seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world.

Watch today: [www.kofc.org > campaigns > into-the-breach](http://www.kofc.org/campaigns/into-the-breach).



**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

Our Brother Knight of the Month for April is worthy of this recognition. He is a great asset for the Council. He is an avid record keeper, always meticulous, with winning offer a helping hand. Brothers let's all stand, thank him for all he does, congratulate and welcome our April Knight of the Month – Brother PGK Jude Orthman!



Dear Brother Knight,

As Catholics and as Knights, the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" – in all that we do, the root of our strength. When we receive our Lord in Holy Communion, we are fed, then sent forth to be Christ's emissaries to those we encounter — in our homes and neighborhoods, at work and in our greater communities.

As you know, the bishops of the United States have invited all U.S. Catholics to participate in a [National Eucharistic Revival](#). (Check out the [KOFc.org](http://KOFc.org) website) It is a call to renew – or perhaps even spark for the first time – each Catholic's understanding of and devotion to the Eucharist. As Knights, we should be at the forefront of responding to this call.

I personally challenge you to find ways to participate in this revival individually, as well as in community with your council or state council. [This new flyer](#) (**open the hyperlink or see the attached flyer**) lists several practical ways you can answer this call over the coming weeks and months. I ask that you prayerfully consider what you can undertake. For those of you with families, how can you lead them on this journey as well?

Now is an excellent moment to become, more and more, "Knights of the Eucharist." So, let us heed this invitation to nurture a deeper love of Our Lord in



the Eucharist among every member of the Church, beginning in our own hearts.

Thank you for joining me and our brother Knights in supporting and participating in the National Eucharistic Revival.

*Vivat Jesus!*

Patrick E. Kelly  
Supreme Knight

## PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

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# NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

### OUR NATIONAL RESPONSE TO A TIMELY CALL

In an age marked by division and doubt, the Holy Spirit is inviting the United States to find unity and renewal through a grassroots National Eucharistic Revival. This movement—discerned and approved by the bishops of the U.S.—is critical to rekindling a living faith in the hearts of Catholics across America, unleashing a new missionary chapter at this pivotal moment in Church history.

### JESUS IS CALLING US DEEPER

### HE PROMISES TO RESTORE AND RENEW HIS PEOPLE

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by

helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Watch the [video](#) to learn more about the exciting journey ahead and how you can be a part of it!

This three-year initiative launched in 2022 on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi. Renewal began at the diocesan level, inviting diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to what Pope Francis has described as “a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ”—particularly the transforming power and mercy of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

After this fruitful year of preparation, the Year of Parish Revival began on June 11, 2023—also on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The year has been marked by historic initiatives, such as the first-ever **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage**. Grassroots creativity is springing up all over the country as love and devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist blossoms in the pews!

Then, on July 17, 2024, America will gather for the first time in 83 years for a **National Eucharistic Congress**. This historic moment will launch the United States into a Year of Mission, sending on-fire Catholics out to share Christ’s love “for the life of the world.” We will continue to spread the Revival movement throughout the Church’s 2025 Jubilee Year and beyond.

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### The Assassination of President Abraham Lincoln

occurred on **April 14, 1865**. He was the 16th President of the United States and was assassinated at his theatre box in Ford's Theatre in Washington D.C. John Wilkes Booth was his attacker, who was a Confederate sympathizer and famous actor. President Lincoln passed away the next day, just six days after the end of the American Civil War. Lincoln was the first American President to be assassinated while in office, and a period of intense national mourning followed.

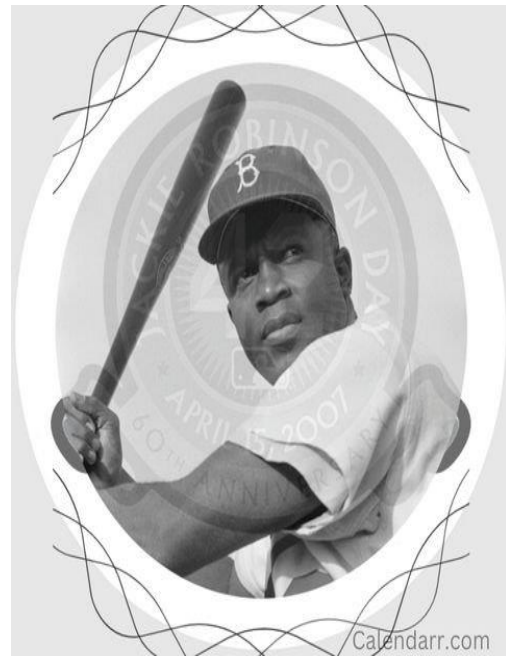
John Wilkes Booth was an outspoken supporter of the Confederacy who had tried and failed to kidnap the President in 1864 to blackmail the Union army. Lincoln was believed to be an admirer of Booth as an actor and had seen him a few times at

Ford's Theatre. President Lincoln invited Booth the White House on many occasions, but Booth always refused. On March 4, 1865, Booth attended Lincoln's second inauguration, and wrote in his diary about his wish to have assassinated the president on that day. On March 20, Booth and his associates tried to kidnap the President again, waiting for him at Campbell Military Hospital. However, Lincoln skipped the play at the hospital that night to attend a ceremony at the National Hotel. On April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrendered to the Union army at Appomattox Court House, ending the Civil War and giving the North a victory. Booth wrote about his intention to avenge the South, and after Lincoln's speech about African Americans' civil rights on April 11<sup>th</sup>, Booth was heard saying that this would be Lincoln's last speech.

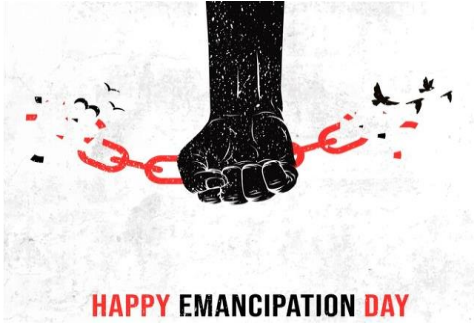
On April 14<sup>th</sup>, Booth discovered that the President would be at the Ford's Theatre that night to see the acclaimed play *Our American Cousin* and began plotting his masterplan. Knowing the layout of Ford's Theatre and its staff well, Ford planned to make his way to the President's Box to assassinate President Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. Policeman John Parker was tasked with guarding the Presidential Box, but during intermission, he left to go to the tavern, and it is believed he didn't come back. At 10:15 p.m. Booth entered the box and shot President Lincoln with his derringer pistol and attacked an army officer with a knife. Afterward, he jumped onto the stage and shouted the Virginia motto "Thus Ever to Tyrants". Slumped in his chair and struggling to breathe, Lincoln was assisted by Charles Leale, an army doctor, who gathered soldiers to carry the President to the boardinghouse across the street. Members of the President's cabinet and some of his closest friends stood vigil at his bedside. Abraham Lincoln passed away on the morning of April 1, 1865, at 56-years-old.

As news of the President's death traveled, the country went into a state of deep mourning. Flags were flown at half-mast, and businesses closed. Tens of thousands of mourners lined the railroad where the train containing Lincoln's coffin passed through, to pay their respects. John Wilkes Booth managed to escape with his accomplice David Herold after the assassination. This prompted one

of the biggest manhunts in American history, with 10,000 officers deployed to find the assassin. He made his way from Washington D.C to Virginia and was on the run for 12 days until April 26<sup>th</sup>, when Union troops surrounded the barn where he was hiding. Booth was shot in the neck by a sergeant and died three hours later.



**Jackie Robinson Day** is celebrated on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Major League Baseball to commemorate and honor the debut of Jackie Robinson's Major League. At ballparks, players, coaches, and managers of both teams including the umpires wear Jersey number 42 in honor of Robinson. Robinson was an experienced player who played for the Kansas City Monarchs which was part of the Negro leagues, and minor-league teams as well. Even though he was not the best player in the Negro leagues, he earned a lot of respect and love. He was very calm and patient. His demeanor impressed Branch Rickey, who was the president of the Dodgers. Rickey was already on the lookout for a Black player who had the fortitude to stand up against the blatant racism. He along with other Black players had to face racially motivated taunts from everyone, including their teammates. Robinson received the Rookie of The Year award in 1947 and the National League's Most Valuable Player award in 1949.



### HAPPY EMANCIPATION DAY

**Emancipation Day** is observed on April 16<sup>th</sup>. It commemorates the day in 1862, when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Compensated Emancipation Act. It effectively abolished slavery in the District of Columbia. However, slavery in other parts of the United States came to an end in 1865. It is a holiday in the capital city of Washington DC. After arriving in what would become the US, European settlers began trafficking and selling people, mostly of African descent, for slavery. By 1860 there were around 4 million slaves in the United States. President Lincoln was resolutely against the evils of slavery signed the District of Columbia Compensated Emancipation Act on April 16, 1862. It freed around 3,100 slaves living in Washington DC. A compensation of \$300 was also provided to them. It was not until nine months later that Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which changed the status of over 3.5 million slaves in 10 confederate states from slave to free.

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**Tax Day** falls on April 18<sup>th</sup>, and it is the last day for people in the US to declare their income tax details with the Internal Revenue Service. The day usually falls on April 15<sup>th</sup>. However, the date has been extended to April 18<sup>th</sup>. This day has been the deadline for filing tax returns since 1955, and it has only been extended a few times due to extenuating circumstances or when it coincided with holidays.

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The **Spanish American War** was an armed conflict between Spain and America that started on **April 21, 1898**, and ended with Spain being expelled from the Americas, and the US taking over the territories that previously belonged to the Spanish, in Latin America and the western Pacific. Peace came with the signing of the Treaty of Paris, where Spain renounced its claims to Cuba and gave sovereignty over Guam and Puerto Rico over to the United States. The US also paid Spain \$20MM for ownership of the Philippines. After its embarrassing defeat, Spain ended its overseas colonial efforts for good and focused on its national and economic development. At the same time, the country saw its arts and culture flourish. The US's victory firmly positioned the country as a strong world power, who now had control over international territories.

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**Earth Day** is celebrated internationally on **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**. It is a day to educate people about the issues affecting the planet and to raise awareness for and to celebrate the efforts in place to protect the environment.

In 1990 there was a large 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary international celebration of the first Earth Day with people from over 140 countries taking part in official parades, marches, and activities. This led Earth Day to grow and expand into a global phenomenon. People continued to celebrate earth day through national events and locally organized activities from 1990 and 2010. On the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original earth day in 2010, nations came together to organize larger events including a magnificent rally in Washington DC. Every year Earth Day has a theme. The theme in 2022 was "Invest in Our Planet". There are many national events including festivals, parades, and initiatives such as recycling drives organized by local government, charities, schools, and private companies. Other activities include tree planting, trash collecting, and petitioning the government for change. As a global observance, it sometimes extends to a week-long celebration, named Earth Week, and the celebrations are coordinated by the Earth Day Network across 193 countries and focuses on engaging governments and over 1 billion citizens across the world.

**Have you watched KNIGHTCAST?**

Knights Cast is an inspirational video series from the Knights of Columbus with the aim of engaging today's Catholic men in a compelling conversation about the Catholic Faith and their own, personal growth as they lead their families in service to the Church. [Watch all episodes at KOFC.org/KnightCast](https://www.kofc.org/KnightCast). In the latest episode, host Jonathan Reyes speaks with Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly about his desire to make the Knights "first in faith, as in charity"; discusses the first K of C-Marist Poll about Americans' views on abortion since the Dobbs decision; and interviews a relative of Blessed Michael McGivney about his return to health and faith after a medical crisis. [WATCH HERE](#)

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**KNIGHTLINE**

**VOLUME 42 | NUMBER 10 | 3/7/24**

*God has a plan for all our lives, and there is great power and freedom in using his gifts to fulfill that plan, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly reminds Knights in the March issue of Columbia. "A personal acceptance of mission provides clarity amid the multitude of choices that lie before us," he writes. "If we are open to discovering the Lord's will for us and allow him to work through our lives, we will find great fulfillment and joy."*



**Embrace Your Mission**

The life of Father Michael McGivney illustrates what God can achieve when a person embraces his personal call with courage and generosity, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly writes in his latest column: "Though the Lord would use his special talents to accomplish many great things, Father McGivney

was given a specific mission in a particular time and place. The same is true for us.” [READ MORE](#)

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### Applications Due Soon

Learn more about the various scholarships available through the Knights of Columbus and their eligibility requirements at [kofc.org/scholarships](http://kofc.org/scholarships). Applications for the upcoming academic year are due March 15. [APPLY NOW](#)

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## KNIGHTLINE

### VOLUME 42 | NUMBER 11 | 3/13/24

*“Hope is much more than a sentimental attitude that ‘everything will be all right,’” Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori writes in his most recent [Columbia](#) column. “Hope is an anchor amid the storms and challenges of life.” Knights of Columbus in Canada and the United States continue their efforts to inspire hope among victims of the war in Ukraine, while a young K of C leader in Arizona sees signs of hope in the strength and vigor of his parish and council.*

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**Half Empty or Half Full?** Optimism might be better than pessimism, but is it enough? When life is difficult, don’t we want more than a vague belief that most things turn out well? The antidote to despair is not optimism, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori writes in his latest column, but hope in the God who loves us. [READ MORE](#)

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### Sending Hope From Halfway Around the World

Councils in the United States and Canada are stepping up to keep the Order’s pledge of commitment in Ukraine, finding creative ways to support victims of the war both materially and spiritually. [READ MORE](#)

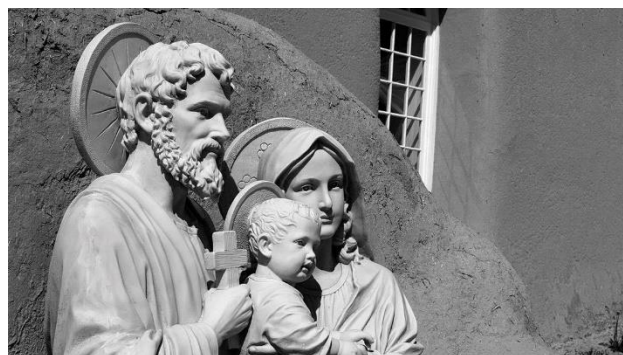
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## KNIGHTLINE

### VOLUME 42 | NUMBER 12 | 3/19/24

*Today the Church celebrates the solemnity of St. Joseph, whose life of prayerful silence and unfailing devotion to the Holy Family is a model for all Knights. “Each of us can discover in Joseph — the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence — an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble,” Pope Francis wrote in his 2020 apostolic letter [Patris Corde](#). “The faith Christ taught us is what we see in St. Joseph. He did not look for shortcuts, but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it.”*

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*A statue of the Holy Family stands beside San Francisco de Asís Church in Ranchos de Taos, N.M. (Photo by Robert Alexander/Getty Images)*

### St. Joseph’s Eloquent Silence

The silence of St. Joseph provides a striking example of how to live in constant communion with God. In an essay for the latest [Columbia](#), Father Boniface Hicks reflects on five movements of silence that “mirror our interior participation in the Mass. ... St. Joseph exemplifies each of these forms of silence — so much so that we might say he participated interiorly in an endless liturgy.” [READ MORE](#)

Many more resources to help you grow in devotion to this great saint — including essays, documentaries and a prayer of consecration — can be found at [kofc.org/stjoseph](http://kofc.org/stjoseph).

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### Faith Drives Out Fears

On Jan. 6, 1968, Army Maj. Patrick Brady flew his medevac helicopter through enemy fire and disorienting fog to rescue 51 wounded men from battle — actions for which he later received the Medal of Honor. “Fear is an emotion; courage is a

decision,” says the retired major general and Knight of Columbus. “Because of my faith, I was never afraid.” [WATCH HERE](#)

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**KNIGHTLINE**  
**VOLUME 42 | NUMBER 13 | 3/26/24**

*As the Church approaches the holiest days of the liturgical year, Knights in Paterson, New Jersey, are preparing for their annual Via Crucis, a public witness to Christ’s love that will draw thousands to the streets around Paterson’s cathedral before the Good Friday liturgy. Friday, March 29, is also Founders Day; while it won’t be formally observed this year, Knights are encouraged to pray for the Order, invoking the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney. Several stories of favors received through Father McGivney’s prayers are shared below.*

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**Invitation to Prayer**

The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments today in a case that could restore safety limits on the accessibility of abortion pills, which now account for more than 60% of abortions in the United States. In response, the U.S. bishops have asked Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer for the end of abortion and the protection of women and preborn children, from now until a decision is released, probably in June. Read more about the case and find the prayer they suggest to St. Joseph, Defender of Life, [here](#).

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**Passion in the Streets**

What would it have been like to stand in the streets of Jerusalem, watching as Jesus carried his cross to

Calvary? Each year on Good Friday, Knights of Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Council 17254 and their family members bring the *Via Crucis*, or Way of the Cross, to life in the streets of Paterson, New Jersey, giving the thousands who attend a glimpse of Christ’s passion and death. [WATCH HERE | READ MORE](#)

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**‘If You Need a Miracle’**

Father McGivney’s pastoral heart can be seen not only in the mission of the Knights, but also in his continual intercession. Since his beatification in October 2020, many people have attributed [favors small and large](#) to the Order’s founder, including the healings of a severely injured college student, an unborn child and an 86-year-old Knight. [READ MORE](#)

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**Sculpting Our Founder**

In sculpting Father Michael McGivney for the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, artist Chas Fagan wanted to capture the energy and dynamism of both the Order’s founder and its mission. “Father McGivney accomplished a lot in 38 years, and he had a great impact,” he said. “It takes a special man to do that. That’s what I always saw in him and what I really wanted to portray — that ability to get things done.” [READ MORE](#)

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**Special Intentions**

With many parishes depleted by the war, priests in Ukraine often face financial difficulties in addition to their other challenges. A Mass stipend program organized by Ukrainian Knights gets funds to priests in need, at the same time sponsoring thousands of Masses for the living and the dead. [READ MORE](#)

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**Tell others about *Knightline***  
Forward this newsletter to Catholic men interested in the Knights, and let them know that they can become a member at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join). You can also share your questions, feedback and story by emailing [knightline@kofc.org](mailto:knightline@kofc.org)

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## Columbiettes Activities

**President – Ruth Ann Krupp**

Contact information – 516-317-6356

Email: [rakrupp2004@yahoo.com](mailto:rakrupp2004@yahoo.com)

The Columbiettes will meet on April 9, 2024 on the first floor of the Knights of Columbus Hall at 7:30 PM. Our meeting is usually the second Tuesday of every month. The exceptions are that we do not meet in January, July, and August.

On April 12, 2024, we will plan to attend the party honoring both Donna Murphy and Barbara Maier who will be moving out of state. RSVP 516-798-6231.

We are currently looking to have a fundraiser to earn some money for the Columbiettes.

The Columbiettes are looking to recruit new members. All Catholic women, 18 years or older qualify. Please call Ruth Ann Krupp at 516-317-6356. We would like to meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall for bagels and a soft drink on a weekday night at 7:30 PM.

Please come so we can answer any questions you may have. Looking forward to seeing you at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

I would like to wish all our friends and family a Happy Easter.

## **District Deputy 17<sup>th</sup> New York Report - SK Richard Carl PGK**

**Cell:** 516-306-7450

**Email:** [rpc121047@gmail.com](mailto:rpc121047@gmail.com)

Brother Knights,  
I propose the following dates and locations for our monthly district meetings. Each meeting will begin at 8:00 PM. Please confirm a meeting place for your two assigned dates. Please advise me ASAP if you cannot hold either meeting.

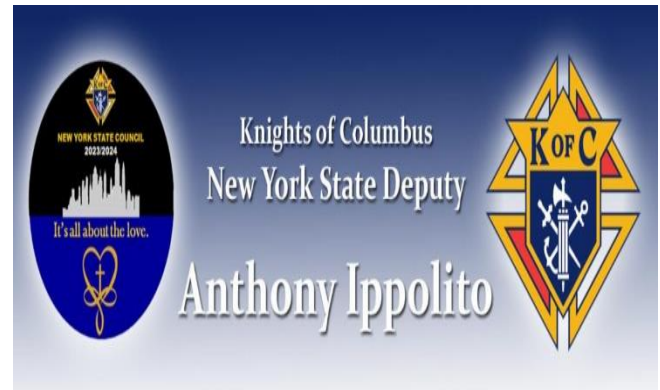
- o 4/10/2024      Robert W. Powell Council
- o 5/8/2024      St. Thomas the Apostle
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I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting.

V. J.

Rich Carl

## **NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**



**The address & telephone number of the State**

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## [NYS Convention Journal Training Article](#)

My Brother Knights of New York:

First, I want to express my Thanks to the State Deputy and his Team for giving me the opportunity to be the NYS Director of Training. What a great opportunity.

Second, the training team is composed of an Army of Nineteen Experienced, Dedicated, Humble and Driven **Leaders** that make it all happen. I am so proud to be affiliated with such great Brother Knights. They make my job easy.

Third. Then there are the wheels that turn in the background. Without the expertise of our Assistant Training Director, Rick Ditrio, and may others too

numerous to list, they keep the wheels on the train, and we would not be as successful as we have been.

OK. The Report to date: The Training Team has trained 400+ Brother Knights in person and another 125+ online via live zoom trainings. We have also had 175+ downloads on our website ([www.knightstraining.org](http://www.knightstraining.org)). All Great Stuff. You need to visit this ever-expanding website.

Congratulations to DD Bill Fontaine for winning the Training Attendance E-Bike Lottery at the Mid-Year Meeting at the Villa Roma Resort. **More E-Bike Lotteries Coming Soon. Stay informed!**



If you are a District Deputy and attended the Mid-Year Meeting, you experienced a training that was never seen in the Knights of Columbus. We are changing things up once again with the training available from our team. Plan to attend the indoctrinating meeting in July! It's going to be HUGE! ... and FUN!

Ok. Going forward. We are looking to move those Brother Knights that are in Stand By Mode and Follower Mode ... and CREATE Real Hard Core Leaders that can build momentum and create excitement inside their Councils and Districts.

Our training needs to be experienced by all. If you have attended, come on back and get NEW ideas and even more Great information. We are also looking to combine "Programs" into the Training Program. It's in the works.

Our NEW Training Theme is **"WE BUILD EXCITEMENT"** .... All our Brother Knights WILL experience the theme at the new trainings. Come

on down and experience the trainings ... ***It Continues To Be HUGE!***

See you at the Trainings. Don't be bashful. Be Proactive. Step outside the box. Do it! It's more fun anyway. If you see me at the Convention, say HELLO!

God Bless the Brothers of New York State and the Knights of Columbus.

Steve Driscoll  
NYS Director of Training

### [NYS Council Fundrazer](#)



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[www.NYKofC.com](http://www.NYKofC.com) for Winners.

Go to [NYKofC.COM/FUNDRAISING](http://NYKofC.COM/FUNDRAISING) for the weekly Fundrazer results. Every week all the results from each week are posted on the site.

### [NYS Vocations Support Program Form](#)

Brothers,  
New York State Council has created a Vocation Support Program for all councils who participate in Supreme Council's RSVP Program. Attached is the State Vocations Support Form. Please read and download it. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Langdon, NYS Program Director and or Robert Graziano. The information and forms are also located on the Homepage of NYS website at [nykofc.com](http://nykofc.com) and on the Programs website.

**SEE THE ATTACHMENTS AND READ ABOUT IT IN THE APRIL EDITION OF THE NEW YORK KNIGHT LIFE**

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**NASSAU CHAPTER**

[www.nassauchapterkofc.org](http://www.nassauchapterkofc.org)

**Nassau Chapter Columbiettes Jewelry Fundraiser**

The Nassau Chapter Columbiettes is having a jewelry Fundraiser/Goodbye to Donna Murphy and Barbara Maier both who are moving out of state. They both have done a lot for the Columbiettes through the years. It will take place on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 7PM-11PM at Our Lady of the Island. We will be raffling off many different types of touchstone jewelry pieces. There will be a hot buffet, beer, wine, and soda. Cost \$25.00 We would really like to have your support for this event. Thank you for your continued support. God Bless, Christine Goggin, Nassau Chapter Columbiette President  
The Nassau Chapter Men’s Retreat. Call or email **SEE THE ATTACHMENTS!**

**Nassau Chapter Knights of Columbus Ball**

The Nassau Chapter Knights of Columbus Charity Ball, an elegant affair, is scheduled for April 14, 2024, at Leonard’s Palazzo from 1-5PM, \$95 per person. Come help Nassau County come together to support The Life Center of Long Island “Change For Life.” **SEE THE ATTACHMENT!**

**Nassau Chapter Spring Raffle**

Help support the Chapter Spring Raffle to be drawn at the Nassau Chapter Knights of Columbus Charity Ball on April 14<sup>th</sup>. **SEE THE ATTACHMENT!**

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Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month between September and June at various Chamber member venues. Networking begins at 6:00PM and the dinner meeting starts at 6:30PM. Chamber meetings are suspended for the summer months of July and August.

**ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS - CALL 516-319-4465**

**Events:** March’s monthly meeting was held on **March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Lisbon Café**. The guest speaker will be **Roy DiMarco of RGD Marketing**. April’s monthly meeting was held on **April 16<sup>th</sup> at TBD Restaurant**. The guest speaker will be **Ona Kean from ADP and the guest speaker will be Ray Schwetz, AVP Jovia FCU speaking about LLS’s Light up the Night**. Networking begins are 6pm. Come, get involved and learn about your community.

**Admission:** \$45 fee Reservations and payment must be made in advance of the meeting via the chamber website: [mineolachamber.com](http://mineolachamber.com).



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March 9th St. Patrick Dinner/Dance





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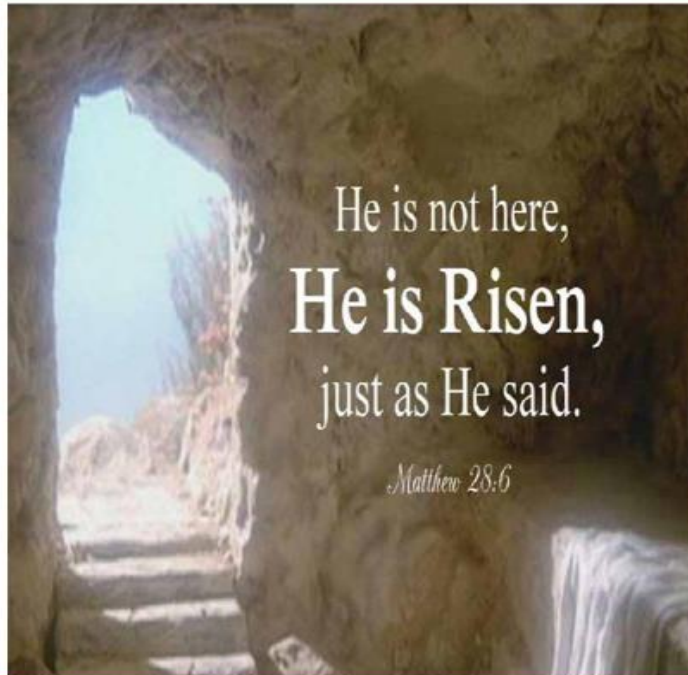
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My Brothers of the New York State Council,

I hope this message finds you well! Here is your April 2024 Edition of "**New York Knight Life**", the Official newsletter of the NYS Council. We hope you enjoy it. We think you will find it to be Informative, Educational and Helpful as well as Entertaining. We look forward to seeing many of you *NEXT MONTH* at the NYS Convention. On Behalf of our State Deputy Anthony Ippolito and First Lady Evelyn, and all of the Officers, Directors and Chairman of the NYS Council along with their wives, we would like to wish all of you and your Families a very *Happy and Blessed Easter*. Vivat Jesus!

Michael Boehm  
NYS Newsletter Editor  
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# Nassau Chapter Knights of Columbus



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April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*An Elegant Affair*

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**New York State Council  
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Blue Mass and Communion Breakfast**



*Sunday, April 21, 2024*

*Mass / Breakfast In Memory of Detective Peter Figoski  
EOW: December 12, 2011*

*Mass 9:30 am*

*St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church  
88 Anchor Ave. Oceanside, NY 11572*

*Celebrant: Rev. Bret Stockdale  
Associate Chaplain, NYF Council Knights of Columbus*

*Communion Breakfast 11:00 am*

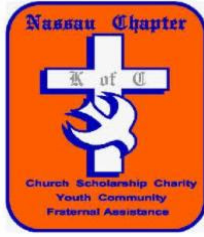
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For ticket information please contact:  
Will Tishuck 630-777-6977 or Al Carfora 516-641-8511

Deadline April 12, 2024

*This Mass is in support of our Active Officers.  
We also offer a "thank you" to those who retired from service  
and we pray for those who died in the line of the duty.*



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### 2024 Nassau Chapter Spring Raffle

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Columbianism,

As the Winter winds continue to blow, we, the officers, men and women of the Nassau Chapter realize that in each and every home where this letter is being read, the warmth of Christ's humanity is ever present, reflecting the Knight's of Columbus core mission of **charity**. This year, the Nassau Chapter has selected the Life Center of Long Island. The Life Center's mission is ***"To promote, encourage and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death."*** Judy and I had the pleasure of touring their facility in Massapequa where one quickly senses that all who enter are wrapped in a Catholic atmosphere of caring and purpose. A key to their success is creating an atmosphere where women instantly realize that moving forward there are viable options and support in continuing their pregnancy.

Please help us by making a \$10.00 donation for the 3 raffle tickets below; however, if possible, consider a higher donation, whatever your means will allow. Checks should be made payable to **Nassau Charities, Inc.** and mailed in the enclosed envelope with your 3 completed raffle tickets. Your donation will help support the Life Center of Long Island.

**First prize is \$1,000.00; second prize is \$500.00; and 2 third prizes are \$250.00. The lucky tickets will be drawn at the Nassau Chapter Ball on April 14, 2024.**

In closing, I know how tight money is and as we strain to make ends meet, know that the Life Center is feeling this strain to a much, much higher degree. **Prayer will guide you.**

May God Bless you and your family,

Tom Liddy

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# Knights of Columbus Unified Participation in the National Eucharistic Revival

*The Eucharist is the source and summit in the life of a Knight.  
The more we devote ourselves to the Eucharist,  
the more we will understand what it means to be a Knight.*

– Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

The Bishops of the United States have invited all US Catholics to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. As Knights, we should respond to this call for a National Eucharistic Revival, which "...is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery... by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist" ([eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)).

We encourage all Knights to find ways to participate in this revival – individually, as a local council, and at the state level.

Below are some of our recommendations for this year as we prepare for the National Eucharistic Congress.

## INDIVIDUAL KNIGHTS

- † **Sacrifice for Our Lord and the Revival:** Abstain from meat on Fridays as a form of penance, prayer and devotion.
- † **Pray with Our Lady:** Pray the Rosary the 12th of each month (in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe 12/12 and Blessed McGivney's birthday 8/12) for the success of the Revival and an increase in devotion to Christ in the Eucharist.
- † **Prepare your heart:** Arrive 10-15 minutes early to each Mass to contemplate Jesus' gift of himself.
- † **Give thanks:** Offer 5 minutes of prayerful praise after each Mass and pray the Anima Christi.
- † **Be with Our Lord:** Spend 30 extra minutes every week outside of Mass sitting or kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament.
- † **Attend Daily Mass:** On days you cannot, make an act of Spiritual Communion.
- † **Pray for the gift of the Spirit during the National Eucharistic Procession:** Starting May 10, 2024, pray the Novena to Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost and start of National Eucharistic Procession (May 17th) Learn more about the National Eucharistic Procession at [www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org](http://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org).
- † **Unite with fellow Catholics:** Register for the National Eucharistic Congress and encourage others to join you! (July 17 – 21, 2024, Indianapolis, Indiana.) Knights of Columbus members are eligible for a discounted registration by visiting [www.eucharisticcongress.org](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org) and using the discount code: **knights**.



## LOCAL COUNCILS

- † **Pray together:** Each month, invite members to pray the Rosary together on the 12th for the success of the Revival and an increase in devotion to Christ in the Eucharist.
- † **Adore and reconcile with Our Lord:** Organize the Holy Hour Program with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- † **Encourage parish participation:** Share the Knights of Columbus Eucharistic Revival & Eucharistic Procession materials with your pastor/chaplain and offer to assist him in promoting Adoration and coordinating a Eucharistic Procession ([www.kofc.org/eucharist](http://www.kofc.org/eucharist)).
- † **Unite at the Congress:** Talk to your pastor to see if your parish will be represented at the National Eucharistic Congress. Register as a group from your parish/council for the National Eucharistic Congress (July 17 – 21, 2024, Indianapolis, Indiana). Knights of Columbus members are eligible for a discounted registration by visiting [www.eucharisticcongress.org](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org) and using the discount code: **knights**.
- † **Revival in your Council Meeting:** Invite your council lecturer or another speaker to present on topics related to the Eucharist.

## STATE COUNCILS

- † **Promote fraternal prayer:** Send monthly reminders to pray the Rosary together on the 12th for the success of the Revival and an increase in devotion to Christ in the Eucharist.
- † **Provide encouragement:** State deputies could encourage participation in the Holy Hour program by local councils.
- † **Organize diocesan or statewide devotion:** Request, plan, and manage a diocesan or statewide Eucharistic Procession. Invite all Catholics through councils, parishes, and, when possible, diocesan offices. For Eucharistic Procession guides and resources visit [kofc.org/eucharist](http://kofc.org/eucharist)
- † **Bring the Eucharist to the Nation:** Participate in the National Eucharistic Procession by:
  - Learning more about the National Eucharistic Procession and explore resources on [www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org](http://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org).
  - Partner with General Agents to offer assistance to dioceses as the Eucharist crosses through your state.
  - Provide maps and information about the Eucharistic Procession to local councils.
- † **Foster fraternity:** Encourage a group from each council to register for the National Eucharistic Congress (July 17 – 21, 2024, Indianapolis, Indiana). Knights of Columbus members are eligible for a discounted registration by visiting [www.eucharisticcongress.org](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org) and using the discount code: **knights**.



For more information on the Eucharistic Revival, please visit [kofc.org/eucharist](http://kofc.org/eucharist).

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It is with *GREAT* pleasure that I am announcing that it is time once again for the 21st Annual Gillespie-Liddy Memorial Golf Outing which will be held **Monday, May 13, 2024** at **North Shore Towers Golf & Country Club in Floral Park**. Beginning with a 11:00 AM breakfast followed by a SHOTGUN START. After golf, we will be having our dinner with awards presentation & raffle prizes at **Park Place Restaurant, 1218 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park.**

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## NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL VOCATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

July 1,2023 to June 30,2024

New York State Council has created a Vocation Support Program for all councils who participate in Supreme Council's RSVP Program. We will be following the same requirements set forth by Supreme Council with a few changes. Every council who gives \$500 to an individual seminarian or religious aspirant instead of a refund to the council, the NY State Council will support the seminarian or religious aspirant with \$100 sent directly to the council's recipient. The maximum refund a recipient can receive is \$400 per individual supported.

### Qualifications for NYS Vocation Support Program:

- Council must participate in and meet requirements in Supreme RSVP Program
- Send all copies of forms submitted to Supreme to State Chairman Including:
  - A. Copy of form #2863 RSVP Refund Application
  - B. Copy of cancelled check made out to the recipient from bank
  - C. State Form with recipient's contact information
- All information must be submitted in one submission to the State Chairman via email or hard copies to:

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***Special Note:*** All State Supporting Funds are based on Supreme Councils' approval of your initial council submission.

***The funding for this State Council Supporting Funds Program will be coming from the State Fund Crazr Program. It is vital that your council participate in this State Fundraising Program so more programs like this program can be a continued success!!***



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