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Clarion



May is the Month of Mary May 1, 2024 Volume 39

Grand Knight's Report-Mike Villa

Brother Knights and Columbiettes

I hope this message finds you all well and everyone had a joyous Easter Celebration.

I'm away from my desk and do not have exact dates with me, but coming up in May is the Memorial Day parade in Mineola. It would be great if we could get the same turnout as we had for the St. Patrick's parade. This parade will muster at Wilson Park and proceed west on Jericho Tpke to Marcellus Road ending at Memorial Park.

I have asked Nick Pennacchio to be the head of the nominations committee. Elections for board officers will be at the June Business meeting. If you are interested in a position on the board, contact Nick. I have let Nick and the board know my intention is to run again as Grand Knight.

Our steward has a comedy night planned in July. Please help support the council by not only attending, but please bring friends. He booked a local band, Wheelhouse 7, on April 19th and there were only about 50 people in the room. We must do better than that. Pete's busting his tail bringing in entertainment and we must, as a whole, support him.

We will run our annual BBQ this August. Date to be determined. I'm going to cut this message short as I am away in Spain.

Please do your best to recruit new members. We brought in 15 new brothers this year and must stay committed to growing our membership. Keep our members and family members who are sick or in distress in your prayers.

Vivat Jesus SK Mike Villa, GK

Editor's Desk:

Business Meeting will be held on the first Thursday, May 2nd 8pm. Down-Stairs. **Officer Meeting** will be held on the third Thursday, May 16th.

The entire month of May is set aside to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day *in* May, mind you, but the entire month. The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, in Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora. In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centering around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1 was considered the start of new growth.

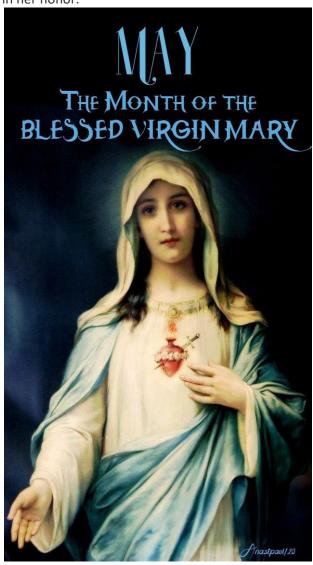
During this period, the tradition of *Tricesimum*, or "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary," came into being. Also called, "Lady Month." The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, "Mary Month" included thirty daily spiritual exercises honoring her. It was during this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice today.

Mary is honored in May in many ways and as varied as the people who honor her. It's common for parishes to have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May — a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives.

But May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic

churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church. Consider erecting a prayer corner in your home. No matter how fancy or simple it may be. It's a place designated for God, and more specifically, for prayer. For May, give Mary a special spot in the prayer corner. It can be a statue, a picture, some representation of our Blessed Mother as a tribute to her beauty and virtue.

We set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother— and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters which is why she deserves an entire month in her honor.





Loyalty Day and Law Day are observed on May 1st. Law Day is a day to appreciate the liberties that people enjoy in America, as well as recognize the laws that founded the country. Loyalty Day is observed on May 1st as well. It is a day to celebrate the American heritage of freedom, and where people are encouraged to reaffirm their loyalty to the United States. On Loyalty Day, many Americans unite under their shared basic ideals and principles, on which the United States was founded. The sitting President is required to issue a proclamation on this day. This has been followed by every President since Eisenhower, with each one promoting their own definition of loyalty and highlighting different matters of National Pride and American values.



May Day is also celebrated on May 1st. In the US and many other countries May Day has a close connection to Labor Day and International Worker's Day. Historically, May Day has a connection with nature, paganism, and the worship of nature and/or the sun. Many of the traditional May Day activities such as maypole dancing and Morris dancing have origins in the worship of the sun or in ancient fertility rituals.



National Day of Prayer is held on the first Thursday of May and people of all faiths in America are encouraged to participate in the National Day of Prayer and turn to God for guidance and to pray for their country.

Corpus Christi Council #2502 Officers 2023- 2024

Grand Knight Mike Villa **Financial Secretary** Nick Pennacchico 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 Ed Pappalardo Lecturer 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 (May 2021)

The last day of May this year is Memorial Day.

Before it was the last Monday in May, Memorial
Day was the 30th of the month and it was known as
Decoration Day.

While we are grateful for the three-day weekend, we don't ever want to put our fallen soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and guardsmen last. For they are always first in our nation.

Like some of our other civil holidays, we have an opportunity to consider on Memorial Day why we choose to be citizens of the United States of America. We are Americans because of freedom, because of democracy, because of the rule of law, because of the Constitution. We prize these things about our country. We prize them so much in fact, that our leaders would send our fellow countrymen to fight for these liberties.

Memorial Day is what we have to stop and remember that freedom, democracy, the rule of law and the Constitution have, at times, required the sacrifice of lives. Things that are good call for a defense and we put up a defense with guns and bullets because there is evil in the world. Evil is to be resisted lest it overcome the good - whether it is the divine Kingdom at stake or a nation of patriots.

On Memorial Day this year, be it attending Mass or visiting a cemetery or just saying a prayer, remember the men and women who died in service to our country.

Such bravery and heroism remind us that there are indeed things still worth dying for. The things worth dying for, in turn, remind us that indeed there are things still worth living for.

Msgr. Bob Batule Council Chaplain

ATTN ALL BROTHERS,

All Nomination for Corpus Christi Officers for the Fraternal Year 2024-2025 are being accepted. Please let the Nomination Committee **know ASAP.**

Nomination Committee

PGK Nicholas F Pennacchio-516-742-8379 **Chairman** PGK Michael T. Murtha- 516-236-1073mtm12533@aol.com

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS Corpus Christi Council #2502 2024- 2025

Grand Knight Mike Villa
Deputy Grand Knight Mike Kiesel
Chancellor Mike Curley
Warden Kevin Keenan
Treasurer Liam Patterson

Financial Secretary PGK Nicholas F Pennacchico

Advocate PGK Bruce Chester Recorder PGK Jude Ohrtman

Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Tom Russo
Jack Grafing
Trustee-1 Year
Stu Kaplan
Trustee-2 Year
Lou Librandi
Trustee-3 Year
PGK John Mallon
Lecturer
Edward L. Pappalardo
Chaplain
Msgr. Robert Batule

Chapter Delegate GK Mike Villa

Chapter Alt. to Pres. PGK Nicholas F Pennacchico

Chapter Alt. Delegate
Conference Delegate
Alt to Pres Delegate
Alt to Deputy Delegate
Alt to Deputy Delegate
Conference PGK James Corrigan

Corpus Christi Council Election of Officers is scheduled for our Business Meeting on Thursday, June 6th. at 8 pm.



Kent State Shootings or May 4th marks the day of remembrance for the four students who lost their lives in the Kent State Massacre at the Kent State University in 1970. The four unarmed students were shot and killed by the Ohio National Guard while protesting military strikes in Cambodia. To honor their lives, students and activists gather at the site of the shootings every year on the anniversary of their deaths.



Master Chief Sherri Roberts, assigned to the Navy Operational Support Centre (NOSC) Louisville, mans the rails during the 143rd Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs

The Kentucky Derby will take place on May 4th, and it marks the 150th running of the race. The Derby, also known as "The Run for the Roses" is a very important sporting event that is held on the **first Saturday of May** every year. It is a Grade 1 Stakes Race where 20 thoroughbred horses in the 3-yearold range race on a track of 2 km. The horse race is held at **Churchill Downs in Louisville** and is often called "the fastest two minutes in sports". It opens the American Triple Crown, the three biggest horse races in America, with the Preakness Stakes and the Belmont Stakes being the other two. The winner of the Kentucky Derby is cloaked with a blanket of roses, and if a horse wins all three races, it wins the Triple Crown. Although in all the years that the event has been held, only 13 horses have done so.

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	2023-2024

Fraternal Corner - Prayers for the Sick & Deceased

Brothers, please keep in your prayers the following Knights, Brothers and their families:

Ken Lyons, Bernadette Ferguson, PGK Peter Zayas, Bernadette Zayas, Andy Bernstein, Patti Chester, PGK Steve Driscoll, Pam Driscoll, Frank Shanley, Tony Constantino, Ed Panzella and Wife, Ed Edela, Terry Halloway, Kathy Possa, Alice & Michael Murtha, Tom Mckiever, Columbiette President Ruth Ann Krupp, RIP_NYPD-Police Officers, and all our First Responders and Military Men & Women and all who may be suffering from Covid or 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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Editor's Desk: Clarion Deadline

The Deadline for the *Clarion* every Month is the 24th of the month. Any articles you wish to have included must be sent to me by e-mail: 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> 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. You can also share your questions, feedback and story by emailing knightline@kofc.org.

Mike Curley, Chancellor

Council 2502 going to see the Ducks.

Tickets have been secured for the July 29th game. A Saturday night with game time at 6:35. Fireworks will immediately follow the game. Returning Duck stars including former major leaguers as the challenge for another championship.

Council Activities Save The Dates!

- Law Day, Loyalty Day, May Day 5/1
- Council Business Meeting, 5/2
- National Day of Prayer 5/2
- Kent State Shootings, Kentucky Derby 5/4
- Cinco de Mayo 5/5
- Teacher Appreciation Week 5/6-5/10
- Teacher's Day 5/7
- Ascension Day- Holy Day of Obligation 5/9
- Mother's Day 5/12
- Gillespie-Liddy Memorial Golf Outing Ball 5/14
- Peace Officers Memorial Day 5/15
- Council Meeting 5/16
- Preakness Stakes, Armed Forces Day 5/18
- Pentecost 5/19
- Whit Monday or Pentecost Monday 5/20
- Trinity Sunday 5/26
- Memorial Day 5/27
- Corpus Christi 5/30

Council Public Service Announcements

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

Our Brother Knight of the Year is worthy of this recognition. He is a great asset to the Council. Brothers let's all stand and thank him for all he does and congratulate him as our Knight of the Year – Brother Edward L. Pappalardo!

WEST POINT ARMY FOOTBALL

The Council is considering attending the game vs the Air Force on November 2, 2024, at Michie Stadium. It is anticipated that a luxury bus service will drive us to and from the game, with sandwiches, drinks and a ticket will be included. The approximate cost is \$130 per person. A sign-up sheet is in the Lounge. Contact Lou LiBrandi librandi@optonline.net if you are interested or have further question. WE NEED A RESPONSE TO DETERMINE INTEREST IN THIS TRIP. Thank you.

New Incoming Officer Training

Worthy Brother Knights,

There will be training aimed especially at new, incoming officers held on Saturday, May 11th, beginning at 9:00 AM at Holy Family Church gymnasium, 175-20 74th Avenue, Fresh Meadows. Please encourage all officers to attend. Also, please attend the Chapter Meeting on Friday, April 19th at Floral Park Council, 33 South Tyson Avenue, Floral Park.

V. J. Rich Carl

21st **Annual Gillespie-Liddy Memorial Golf Outing** Brothers,

The 21st NHP Annual Gillespie-Liddy Memorial Golf Outing 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

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.

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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: TBD. 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!!!!



Cinco De Mayo is celebrated on May 5th to commemorate the victory of the Mexicans over the French in the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War in 1862. The term 'Cinco De Mayo' is a Spanish phrase that translates to "the fifth of May". The day has become more popular in the U.S. than in Mexico, as it commemorates Mexican culture in America.



Teachers' Appreciation Week will be observed from May 6th through May 10th. The week is celebrated during the first week of May, and it is an extra week dedicated especially to celebrating teachers. It is more than just a gesture of appreciation, it is a tribute to the impact teachers leave on individuals, communities, and society. Teachers significantly shape young minds by imparting them with knowledge and life skills that will aid them in their growth throughout their lives. They act as educators as well as mentors, counselors, and role models. Teachers Appreciation Week is a chance to show gratitude for their valuable work.



In addition, **Teacher's Day** is observed on the **First Tuesday of May** and as part of Teacher Appreciation Week.

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.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Our Brother Knight of the Month for May lives in the hearts of many. You're a treasure trove of empathy, dignity, care, and uncompromising love. Your compassion is unique, and you truly understand what others are going through. Life brings many ups and downs, but you've picked your head up through and through. What legacy you'll leave — one of remarkable empathy and dignity! Brothers let's all stand, thank him for all he does, congratulate, and welcome our May Knight of the Month — Brother GK Mike Villa!



Ascension Thursday, or Feast of the Ascension takes place on the fortieth day of Easter. It

celebrates Jesus's ascension into heaven. Ascension Day is a Holy Day of Obligation when the congregation is expected to attend mass. Ascension Thursday is the official end of Easter and the beginning of Pentecost.



Mother's Day is observed on May 12th or the second Sunday of May. It is a day for celebrating mothers and showering them with gifts and treats. Anna Maria Jarvis was the creator of Mother's Day in America. She founded it in 1908 but it was made into an official holiday in 1914. Mother's Day is celebrated across the globe, in Australia, Canada, and India. Some countries such as The United Kingdom celebrate it at a different time of the year.



Police Officers Memorial Day is celebrated on May 15th. It honors and pays tribute to police and law enforcement officers who have lost their lives or been disabled in the line of duty, while protecting their communities. This observance is sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police and occurs during National Police Week. President Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1st, 1962, and issued a proclamation declaring May 15th as the annual observance for Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week of that date to be recognized as National Police Week.

Kenny

The time Kenny Lyons almost (but maybe did) threw the fifth race at Belmont.

I believe the year was 2008 and I remember it was an exceptionally hot afternoon at Belmont racetrack. Our council was having their annual BBQ in its designated picnic area which was trackside about a tenth of a mile from the finish line. Jude Orman was just reaching his stride grilling burgers and hotdogs and the sun was beating down on all of us. The only relief we got from the sun was when we went inside to place our bets. Fortunately, we were all well stocked with ice cold beer to help beat the heat.

Kenny had also brought along some Morgan's rum to avoid feeling bloated. It was about this time I thought it time to liven up the party with one of my gags. Kenny was never one to miss an opportunity for some fun and quickly joined me.

I had brought along a large life-like rubber horsehead mask which you can stretch over your head. You are barely able to see through holes in the horse's nostrils to find your general direction. Kenny popped in the horsehead and was immediately the center of attention.

Kenny already had a \$20 ticket for a 10-1 bet on Dublin Dancer in the fifth race in his pocket, and with his partially impaired eyesight he weaved his way up to the grilled food, and then the starting bell went off. No sooner had Kenny filled his plate that he heard the announcer calling "and it's Dublin dancer and Rainbow rain neck and neck approaching the final stretch" Kenny heard this and threw his plate in the air and does a beeline to the viewing fence trackside. Unfortunately for Kenny the picnic area naturally sloped down to the fence and as Kenny gained speed towards that fence, he tripped on Kevin's Keenan's big cooler filled with Bud Light beers. In a split second and I don't know how Kenny didn't land face down, he pirouetted and slammed into that fence with a bang that could be measured on the Richter scale.

As his horse mask was violently baying in the air, the two lead horses came out of the final turn. Rainbow Rain gets sight of Kenny's horsehead and rears back as his jockey fights for control. Kenny in the same motion rips off the horsehead so he can see the finish line.

The race was over before anyone could call a foul, and those that did see what happened weren't sure they weren't hallucinating. Dublin dancer won by a length and a half. And Kenny went to collect his money without a clue of what all the commotion was about. R.I.P Kenny Lyons



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 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



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 <u>video</u> 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!

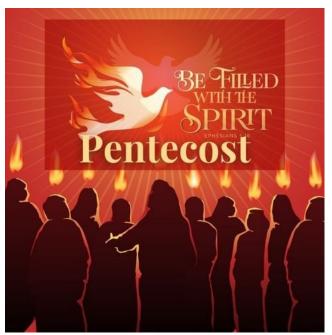
Then, on July 17, 2024, America will gather for the first time in 83 years for a **National Eucharistic Congress**. This historic moment will launch the United States into a Year of Mission, sending on-fire Catholics out to share Christ's love "for the life of the world." We will continue to spread the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



Preakness Stakes is an annual horse race that takes place on the third Saturday of May. It is held in Baltimore, on a 1,900-meter track at Pimlico Racecourse, where three-year-old thoroughbred horses race. It is the second event in the Triple Crown, which begins with the Kentucky Derby, and is the shortest of the three races.



Armed Forces Day is commemorated on the third Saturday of May in America. The day honors the men and women of the United States armed forces and at raising the general public's awareness of the role that the military play in everyday life. The day is part of Armed Forces Week. It begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third Sunday of May.



Pentecost is the religious observance that takes place fifty days after Easter. It has its origins in the Judaism tradition of the Festival of Weeks, but it also commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit onto Jesus's Apostles after his ascension into heaven. Whit Monday is celebrated on the day after Pentecost which marks the end of the 90 days of the Easter Season. It is also known as Pentecost Monday. There's no fixed date for Whit Monday as the date depends on the beginning of Easter.



Trinity Sunday, also known as the Feast of the Holy Trinity, is observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost. On this feast day, we celebrate the Holy Trinity of God, the Father; Jesus, the Son; and the Holy Spirit.

As **Memorial Day** approaches it is important to remember why we "celebrate" this day. I suggest that it is not a day to simply celebrate the beginning of summer, but rather it's a day to commemorate the sacrifices made in defense of the freedoms and lifestyle we all enjoy. Please remember those who gave their lives, gave everything so that we may live in Freedom. God Bless America! Semper FI!



Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. It is a day to commemorate and remember the men and women who lost their lives while in service for the US military. It became a federal holiday in 1971. Traditionally, people will visit cemeteries, memorials for American soldiers, sailors, Marines, and coast guards, and parades are held around the country.



The **feast of Corpus Christi** is celebrated on the **Thursday after Trinity Sunday**.



Corpus Christi literally translates to 'body of Christi' and this day celebrates and honors the presence of Jesus Christ's body and blood in the Eucharist or Communion.

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. 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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Easter is the celebration of a great and wondrous mystery—that Christ's resurrection opens the way for the restoration of our humanity, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori writes in his April 2024 Columbia column. And that restoration neglects no part of us: "The Lord is out to re-create us, body and soul.

... He makes us shine outwardly with the beauty of inward truth, integrity and love." Read the supreme chaplain's reflection <u>here</u>



Light and Life Amid Loss

Author Amy Welborn vividly remembers the strangeness of singing "Alleluia" during the Easter Vigil Mass in 2009, just a few months after the sudden death of her husband at age 50. "Yes, I sang with everyone else," she writes in the latest issue of <u>Columbia</u>, "but ... I was forced to ask myself: Do I really believe this?" <u>READ MORE</u>

Day of the Unborn Child

The feast of the Annunciation was transferred to April 8 this year, and with it the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child. K of C councils are encouraged to mark this annual observance with both <u>prayer</u> and almsgiving, supporting organizations that serve mothers and their children. Through the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program, the Supreme Council will add \$100 to every \$500 donated (up to \$2,000) to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home. A map showing all approved organizations, as well as additional information about the program, can be found at kofc.org/asap.

One organization supported by ASAP is the Paul Stefan Foundation in Orange, Virginia, founded by Knight Randy James and his wife, Evelyn. Local Knights helped them turn a century-old hotel into a home and education center for dozens of mothers and babies. WATCH HERE

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Before his passion, Jesus prayed for the Church — "that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me" (Jn 17:21). In his <u>Columbia</u> column this month, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly challenges Knights to strive for unity in the face of increasing polarization. We see this unity clearly in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, where the Knights of Columbus and other Catholic groups and individuals have come together to support those affected by the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge. Learn more about the Order's response to the disaster below.

Unity After Tragedy

The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors voted during a recent meeting to contribute \$100,000 to a relief fund for families who lost loved ones and livelihoods in the collapse of Baltimore's Key Bridge. "Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights over 140 years ago to support widows and orphans. So, it was only natural that, upon learning of the death of six road workers — husbands and fathers from the Catholic Hispanic community — we were moved to join with the Church in Baltimore in providing aid to their widows and orphans," said Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. Read more about Archdiocese of Baltimore's efforts to provide spiritual and material assistance in the aftermath of the collapse here.

Passion in the Desert

Knights helped bring the Stations of the Cross to a national forest in Arizona on Good Friday — reflecting on the beauty of Christ's sacrificial love for us amid the beauty of the Father's creation. WATCH HERE

A Gift — and a Task

Unity and charity are the Order's first principles, and Knights have a special responsibility to work against division in our families, in our society and in the Church, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly writes in the April issue of *Columbia*: "Rather than focusing

on things we cannot change, let's take responsibility for the things we can. ... Prayer from the heart, far more than criticism, has real power to change things." READ MORE

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"In my 40 years as bishop, in four very different dioceses, in the West Indies and here in the States, I could always rely on the Knights of Columbus," Cardinal Seán O'Malley told K of C leaders April 5 during a Mass with the board of directors in Boston. At the same time, bishops and priests, such as the K of C chaplains from Poland who recently made a pilgrimage in the footsteps of Blessed Michael McGivney, are an unfailing support to the Order, providing spiritual guidance as fathers in the faith.

In Service to the Church

During their recent meeting in Boston, the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors honored Cardinal Seán O'Malley, presenting him with a formal resolution that recognizes his years of service to the Church, as well as his heart for the poor and marginalized, sensitive leadership amid clerical abuse scandals, and dedication to the cause of life. READ MORE

A Special Easter Party

Making crafts, serving treats, hiding Easter eggs — Knights in DuPage County, Illinois, did whatever was needed to help put on a festive Easter celebration for people with intellectual disabilities last month. Local Knights have supported Special Camps events for more than 30 years. "They treat everyone with respect and love," said founder Colleen McDonald. "They treat them like family." WATCH HERE

KNIGHTLINE VOLUME 42 | NUMBER 17 | 4/25/24

In a recent <u>interview</u> with Columbia, Curtis Martin, founder of FOCUS, emphasized that every baptized person has a role to play in the work of evangelization: "The Apostles changed the world because they entered into an adventure at the invitation of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is inviting people into that kind of life-changing

experience. Be a world changer, or what the Church calls a saint." Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly spoke of this same universal calling in his recent <u>address</u> to the John Carroll Society, calling upon the laity to embrace their responsibility to build up the kingdom of God..

The Adventure of Evangelization

Sharing the Gospel isn't just for experts and specialists; it's the vocation of every Christian. Curtis Martin, founder of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students and a longtime Knight, spoke with *Columbia* about the need and the call to evangelize the world. READ MORE

College Knights at SEEK

FOCUS draws tens of thousands of young Catholics to its national SEEK Conference every year. In 2024, more than 100 college Knights traveled to the conference in St. Louis for several days of catechesis, fellowship, prayer and worship.

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The Essential Role of the Laity

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly addressed the John Carroll Society's annual dinner in April, speaking about the co-responsibility of clergy and laypeople for the mission of the Church, particularly the mission of evangelization. He also received the John Carroll Society Medal, the organization's highest honor. READ MORE

Widowed by War

Ukrainian women struggling with the death of their husbands in combat are receiving professional counseling through a joint program of the Knights of Columbus and the medical organization STEP-IN.

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Columbiettes Activities

President – Ruth Ann Krupp

Contact information – 516-317-6356 Email: rakrupp2004@yahoo.com

The Columbiettes will meet on May 13, 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 usually meet in January, July, and August.

In May,2024, we will plan to attend the birthday party for the Columbiettes at Olivetti. More details will be finalized at the meeting in May.

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 Mother's Day.

District Deputy 17th New York Report -SK Richard Carl PGK

Cell: 516-306-7450 **Email:** 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 5/8/2024 St. Thomas the Apostle o 6/12/2024 St. Joseph/Bishop Baldwin

I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting.

V. J. Rich Carl

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NYS Vocations Support Program Form Brothers,

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

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

Events: April's monthly meeting was held on April 16th at Restaurant. The guest speaker was Ona Kean from ADP and the guest speaker was Ray Schwetz, AVP Jovia FCU speaking about LLS's Light up the Night. May's meeting location is TBD. Congressman Tom Suozzi is to be the guest speaker and Adam Haber from Trellis will a guest speaker. 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.



Thomas Wolfe was Wrong! I'm here to say, "You Can Go Home, Again!" That's exactly what happened on April 15th!

It's been a few years since I've come to Corpus Christi in the capacity of the field agent for the Knights of Columbus. As a matter of fact, it was 2012, after Steve Driscoll invited parishioners from St. Aidan's to join the Knights. I still have a copy of it; maybe we'll use it at our next recruiting effort.

When I was re-introduced to the council on the 18th, I was happy to see many of the same faces that I met in 2007, when Jim Corrigan and I shared responsibility for the members and families of 2502.

It is said, the more things change the more they stay the same. And change they have. Over the last 13y ears the Knights of Columbus Insurance has changed from a "seemingly" cottage industry of protection into a financial pillar inclusive of our Investment Asset Advisors division. Adhering to our commitment to Catholic Values, we have over \$120b of in-force insurance and the KofC Asset Advisors manage over \$25b. Yet, our (my) mission stays true to Fr. McGivney's vision: "To bestow financial aid to those whom we leave to mourn our loss" and, provide for the financial protection of Catholic families.

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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).

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.
- † 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 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).
- † 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 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
- † 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.
 - 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 and using the discount code: knights.





For more information on the Eucharistic Revival, please visit kofc.org/eucharist.

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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.

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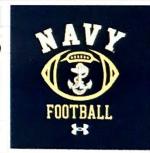


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