



# Knights of Columbus

*Serving the Parishes of Corpus Christi and Saint Aidan*

Corpus Christi Council 2502

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## Clarion



### *Easter Edition*

April 1, 2025 - Volume 50

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

Greetings and salutations my brother Knights, Membership!! It's what keeps us alive and has kept us in existence for over 100 years at Corpus Christi Council. The Knights of Columbus was Founded by Father Michael McGivney in New Haven, Ct. on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 1882. The K of C is the largest Catholic fraternal service organization in the world, and we are all proud to be members. On the weekend of March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, Founder's Day, the Knights are having worldwide recruitment. Please keep new members coming in. We would like to host another exemplification in April, but we must have new prospects. It is incumbent on you to actively seek new members.

Thank you, Dan Garcia, for hosting a Fraternal Benefits night at our council on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Dan is

our field agent and presents a financial outlook. There was a lot of information in a short time so if anyone has any questions or would like to meet privately with Dan, he can be reached at 516-784-6071.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> was a chilly day, but we had a good turnout for the Irish Day Parade. I want to thank all who came out to march and braved the weather. I especially want to thank Jude Ohrtman, Irish flag bearer, Kevin Keenan, American flag bearer and John Malon and Stu Kaplan, K of C Corpus Christi banner bearers. Thank you to Dan McWeeney as well for leading the NYS Court Pipes and Drums into the council. The pipes rang out loud and vibrantly. It was a great day. Our steward, Pete Augello, prepared some of the best corned beef and Shepherd's Pie you'll find anywhere. He prepared all week and as usual did an outstanding job. Thank you, Pete. Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't thank all those who volunteered that day. Whether you

got behind the bar, poured Guinness, made Irish coffee, bused the tables or helped with bar backing, your efforts did not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated. The clean up after the party was outstanding. Small things like asking for volunteers and everyone stands up and contributes is what makes this council as successful as it is. Thank you, my brother Knights.

If you missed our Irish night chaired by Jim Corrigan, then you missed a great evening of Irish cuisine prepared by our own Chef Pete. Not only was the food amazing, but the live band was also on point and the Irish step dancers were amazing. It truly was a fun night out. You did a great job Jim, thank you. If you weren't there, be sure to see Tom Russo who won the grand prize "Pot of Gold". Tom is buying a round for everyone.

We will be having the Blues Society playing on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-6, only \$30. Please make your way in and support the council. Also, please mark your calendars for Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> as we will be hosting a Comedy Jam. Doors open at 6pm, dinner at 6:30pm and the show begins at 7:30pm. Only \$40 and includes dinner. Let's pack the house. Bring your friends and family. For reservations call Pete Augello 516-746-8643.

Our next meeting is our business meeting and will be on Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm. Please come and get involved. I hope to see everyone there.

Vivat Jesus.  
SK Mike Villa, GK



**What is the Fish about? Read on and find out! April 1<sup>st</sup> is April Fool's Day** and 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. The origins of April Fool's Day remain mysterious today, 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 the year 1582, France officially changed their calendars from the Julian Calendar to the Gregorian Calendar. It is believed that the news of this change didn't travel to everyone, and some people weren't too happy with the change, thus many continued to celebrate the new year at the end of March into April 1<sup>st</sup>, instead of on the date that marked the new year, January 1<sup>st</sup>. These people became the target of many jokes and pranks, and others would begin to mock them 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.

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**Editor's Desk: SK Michael Murtha, PGK**

**Business/Social Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 8pm. Upstairs.**

**Officer's Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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**Corpus Christi Council #2502 Officers**

**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 Pennacchio
Advocate	PGK Bruce Chester
Recorder	Jude Ohrtman
Inside Guard	Tom Russo
Inside Guard	Tommy Tarantola
Outside Guard	Jack Grafin
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 Pennacchio
Chapter Alt. Delegate	PGK James Corrigan
Conference Delegate	PGK James Corrigan
Alt to Pres Delegate	PGK Steve Driscoll
Alt to Deputy Delegate	PGK Mike Murtha

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***Christ Lives!***  
***The Resurrection of the Lord***



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**Editor's Desk: *Clarion* Deadline**

**The Deadline for the *Clarion* every Month is the 20<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 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!**

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

Chaplain's Column

Later this month, we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. It comes late this year (the 20th) but it is most welcome because it is an opportunity to be renewed in our Catholic faith. While Christmas is more heralded in some circles, it is Easter which turns our minds and hearts and souls into the very reason why we believe at all: eternal life is at risk.

The Resurrection of Jesus is the pattern of eternal life for us. He is the first One to rise from the dead and what happened to Him is possible for us too. The risen life of Christ is the end point of our discipleship. A new glorified life comes to us because we have endured suffering like Jesus, the suffering He underwent out of love for us. Our suffering is endured out of love for God Who created us, redeemed us in His Son, and sanctifies us through the Spirit.

Our lives are filled with so much confusion and bewilderment now. Simple things even seem elusive. We need and long for Light - the Light of Christ. That Light doesn't shine more radiantly than on Easter.

The Light of Christ pierces the darkness of the world and allows us to live with a greater confidence to take on the tough problems in our lives. Easter is not a "pass through,"; it is never a license to glide through the knotty issues of our age unscathed.

Easter faith is a sturdiness to tackle big issues without fear. Let us personally embrace that divine gift so as to be worthy missionaries of Christ's Light.

Happy Easter!

In Christ,

Msgr. Bob Batule  
Council Chaplain

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

James Barry	1985-1986
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

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

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

John T. LaRose, Francesco Biancaniello, James Agnew, Sam Donato, Joe Carney Jr., Tom Tarantola, Mike Curley Sr, Kathy Ortman, Bernadette M. Zayas, John Church, Frank Diamond, Sam Donato, Cammilla Rotule, Hilda Macyka, Charles & Maryann Ribando, Margret Ehricks, Margarite O'Callaghan, Marie McQuire, Tom & Vilma Doherty, Terry Hallowoy, John O'Sullivan, Stephen Driscoll, Alice Murtha, Lisa Simeone, all our First Responders, 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  
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**Financial Secretary Report**

Nicholas F Pennacchio-Dues

Dear Brother Knight,

**DUES ARE DUE JANUARY EVERY YEAR.** 2025 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](mailto: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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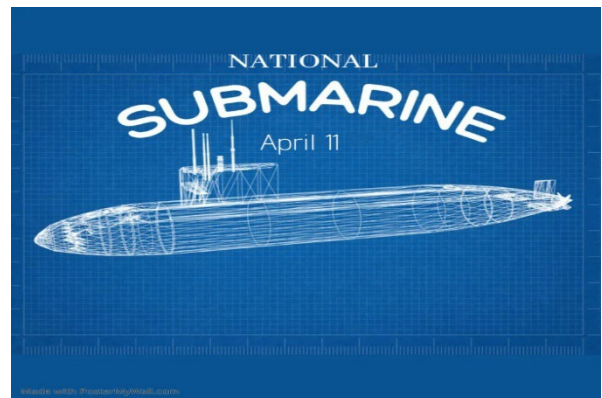
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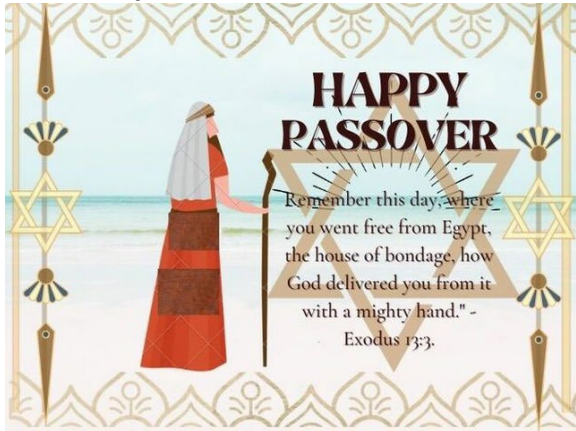
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**National Submarine Day**, celebrated annually on **April 11<sup>th</sup>**, the day in 1900, which commemorates the U.S. Navy's acquisition of its first modern submarine, the USS Holland (SS-1), and recognizes the crucial role of submarines in our national defense.



The holiday of Passover falls



Is on the Hebrew calendar dates of Nissan 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, and **begins before sundown on Saturday April 12, 2025**, and ends after nightfall on April 20, 2025. Passover, is also known as Pesach in Hebrew, and is one of the largest and most sacred celebrations in Jewish tradition, as it commemorates the Israelites' Exodus from Egypt. The holiday focuses on the communal celebration of the Seder, which is the first of several unique rituals that take place during the week.

## 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\*

## 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; Mike Villa.

### 2502 Corporation

Meeting on the last Wednesday of the month.

#### **2502 Corporation Officers:**

President – John Musella

VP –Dave Redmond Jr

Treasurer – Lou Librandi

Recording Secretary – Jude Ohrtman  
Directors: Danny McQueeney; Andy Bernstein; Nick Passarella; Owen Dugan and Bobby Redmond.

### 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

**Cor Prayer Group Gathering** The next *Cor* gathering will take place on Thursday, **April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the Blue Room of the St Aidan Convent. (The Convent is the building behind the school adjacent to the church - door is on Pembroke St.

### Team Evelyn



**Evelyn Connolly**  
**Fundraising Link**

Join us on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 6 PM at the Knights of Columbus as we gather to celebrate Evelyn Connolly. Evelyn is a beautiful fifth grade student at Saint Aidan School, who has been courageously battling Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). Evelyn is beloved by her classmates and teachers for her kindness, bright spirit, and

incredible strength. As her family faces the many challenges and unexpected expenses that come with her treatment, we are hosting a fundraiser to help to relieve some of the financial burden so they may focus on her treatment and healing. Together we can make a difference for this important cause.

**PLEASE CLICK THE LINK Help Evelyn Connolly by contributing to our fundraising efforts.** No act of generosity is too small to make a difference. Help us spread the word!

### St Patrick Dinner-Dance

*Cead Mile Fáilte*, a hundred thousand welcomes were extended at the Council on March 8<sup>th</sup> for our Annual St Patrick Dinner-Dance was held at the Council on March 8<sup>th</sup> and it was a thoroughly enjoyable and festive evening. A crowd of about 70 partygoers enjoyed a dinner that included corn beef & cabbage, shepherd's pie and chicken all prepared by our Steward and chef extraordinaire, Pete Augello. As usual, our diners were very impressed with the meal served and when the need for a drink arose thirsts were quenched through the services of our two publicans of the evening, Lou and Nick Librandi. The band Switch kept the music flowing throughout the evening whether from an old Irish Aire or the tunes of Billy Joel; the dance floor was well used all evening. Students from the Donny Golden School of Irish Dance provided rousing entertainment of reels, jigs and hornpipes; a performance that rivaled Riverdance. Before the evening was over, numerous prizes were awarded including our Pot of Gold Raffle. Congratulations to this year's winners: Tom Russo (Grand Prize) and Carol Beyrodt (2<sup>nd</sup> Prize).

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to those who made donations that were used as prizes during the dance. (Please patronize the merchants who generously made the donations):

Cornerstone Bar, 288 Jericho Tpke. Mineola Gift Certificates; Jim Corrigan Irish Merchandise; Ellen Donovan Gift Certificate (388 Restaurant); Jameson's of Floral Park, 157 Tulip Avenue, Floral Park Gift Certificate; Mama Theresa's, 2429 Jericho Tpke, Garden City Park Gift Certificate; Spuntino's Italian Restaurant, 29 Hillside Avenue Williston Park Gift Certificate; Swing the Teapot Restaurant, 6

Verbena Avenue, Floral Park Gift Certificates; Trinity American Restaurant, 190 Jericho Tpke, Floral Park Gift Certificate.

Council Hall ready to host the Annual St Patrick Dinner-Dance. Chaplain, Msgr. Batule is first to arrive at his table.



Students from the Donny Golden School of Irish Dance provided entertainment during our festive event.



**Palm Sunday** occurs on the Sunday before Easter and marks the beginning of Holy Week. It is also called Passion Sunday, which commemorates Jesus Christ's arrival at the city of Jerusalem. It is known as Palm Sunday because people welcomed Jesus by waving palm branches when he entered Jerusalem. The final part of the Lent journey begins with Palm Sunday. This is a time of serious reflection and preparation for Holy Week.

### Council Activities Save The Dates!

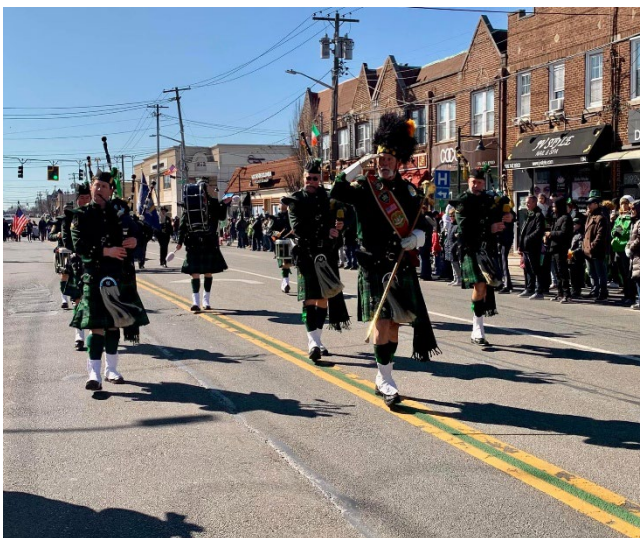
- April Fool's Day, 4/1
- Team Evelyn, 4/6
- National Submarine Day, 4/11
- **Council Business/Social Meeting, 4/3**
- Passover, 4/12
- **Palm Sunday, 4/13**
- Thomas Jefferson's Birthday, 4/13
- Assassination of Abraham Lincoln, 4/14
- Nassau Chapter "Ted Newhouse Memorial" Charity Ball, 4/14
- Tax Day, 4/15

- Jackie Robinson Day, 4/15
- Emancipation Day, 4/16
- **Holy Thursday, 4/17**
- **Council Officer's Meeting, 4/17**
- **Good Friday, 4/18**
- **Holy Saturday, 4/19**
- **Easter Sunday, 4/20**
- Patriots' Day, 4/20
- Spanish American War, 4/21
- Earth Day, 4/22
- **COR Group Meeting, 4/24**
- Arbor Day, 4/25
- **Council Comedy Jam, 5/9**
- **Memorial Day Parade, 5/26**
- **Knight of The Year Brunch, 6/8**

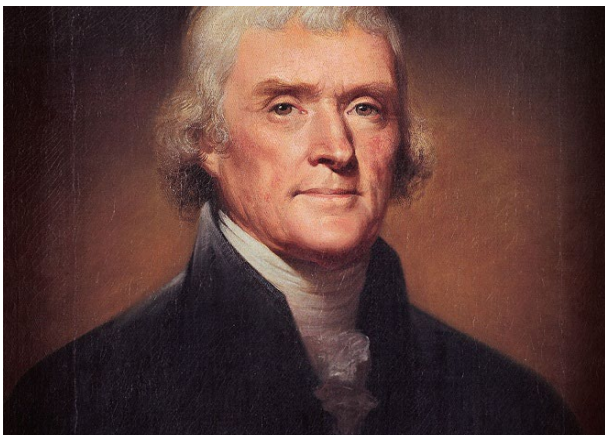
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[Council 2502 PSA](#)

[ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE and Council Party](#)







We celebrate **Thomas Jefferson's Birthday on April 13<sup>th</sup>**. He was the third President of the United States was born on this date in 1743. Jefferson is known as one of our country's founding fathers and was the main author of the Declaration of Independence.

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[Corpus Christi's Cor Group:](#)



**Cor Prayer Group**

Brother Knights.  
During the 2022 – 2023 Columbian Year, the Supreme Council introduced the **Cor** Initiative and piloted it in various jurisdictions within the K of C. After a successful pilot period, this initiative was brought out Order wide for 2023 – 2024.

Cor is the Latin word for heart, and a Cor group comes together to give the participants an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus, the heart of our faith, through prayer, formation and fraternity. During this Columbian Year 15 separate Cor groups have already been formed in New York, including here in our Council. Corpus Christi's Cor group held its first meeting in May and by the time of the publication of the July Clarion we will have held our June gathering.

All Catholic men, regardless of membership in the K of C, are invited and welcome to participate in our Cor group. We are currently set up to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the "Blue Room" of St Aidan's Convent. The Convent is the building directly behind the St Aidan school building adjacent to the church.

What parish can't benefit from a group of Catholic men regularly coming together for prayer, brotherhood and formation, and who among us can't benefit from participation in such a group.

Why not plan to join us for one of our upcoming meetings – it will be 1½ hour of time well spent.

Upcoming meeting will be held **March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

Again, all Catholic men are welcome. If you have any questions call Jim Corrigan (516) 282-6774.

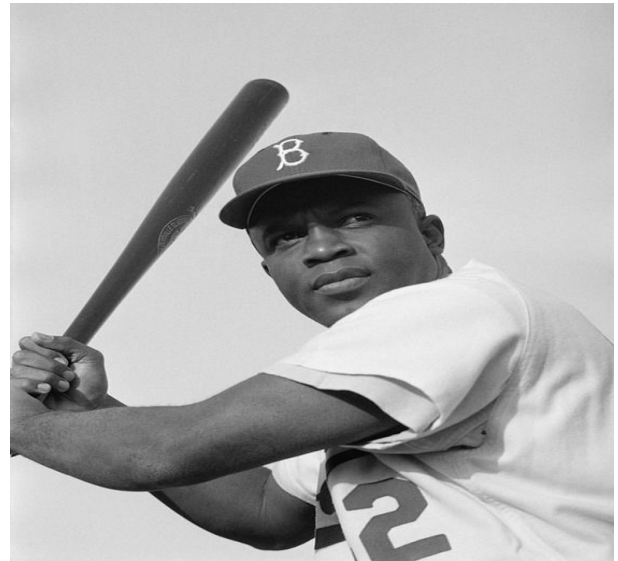


**Tax Day** falls on **April 15<sup>th</sup>**, and it is the last day for people in the US to declare their income tax details with the Internal Revenue Service. This day has been the deadline for filing tax returns since 1955, and it has only been extended a few times due to extenuating circumstances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



**On April 14, 1865, Abraham Lincoln**, the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, **was assassinated** at his theatre box in Ford's Theatre in Washington D.C., while watching a production of *Our American Cousin*. His attacker was a Confederate sympathizer and famous actor, John Wilkes Booth. President

Lincoln passed away the next day, only six days after the end of the American Civil War, which saw the Confederate Army surrendering. Lincoln was the first American president to be assassinated while in office.



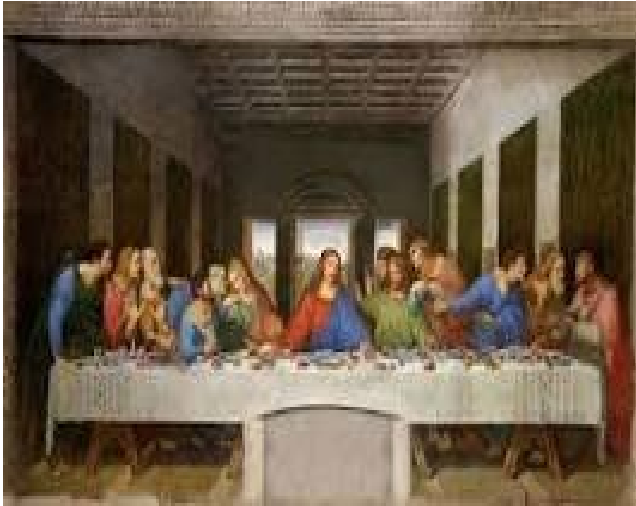
**Jackie Robinson Day** is celebrated on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Major League Baseball to commemorate and honor the debut of Jackie Robinson's Major League and the beginning of Robinson's first season in the major leagues. It is celebrated at MLB ballparks and all players, coaches, and managers of both teams including the umpires wear Jersey number 42 in honor of Robinson's number.



**Emancipation Day** is observed on April 16<sup>th</sup> and commemorates the day in 1862, when President Lincoln signed the Compensated Emancipation Act. It effectively abolished slavery in the District of

Columbia. However, Slavery only came to an end in other parts of the US in 1865.

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**Holy Thursday**, also referred to as Maundy Thursday, is a holy day that takes place on the Thursday before Easter. It celebrates Jesus's Last Supper with his apostles, which Catholics remember when they take communion, as well as Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Holy Thursday is the fifth day of Holy Week. It marks the beginning of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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**Good Friday**, or **Holy Friday**, is celebrated on **April 18<sup>th</sup>**. This is the Friday before Easter and commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Churches around the globe become still, individuals pay tribute to Jesus's journey, his suffering and the ultimate sacrifice he made for humanity. It is a day to consider the idea of selflessness and reflect how our actions and words can impact others. Good Friday encourages us to rethink life's deeper meanings and values that transcend religious boundaries, be it through prayer, contemplation or just moments of stillness.



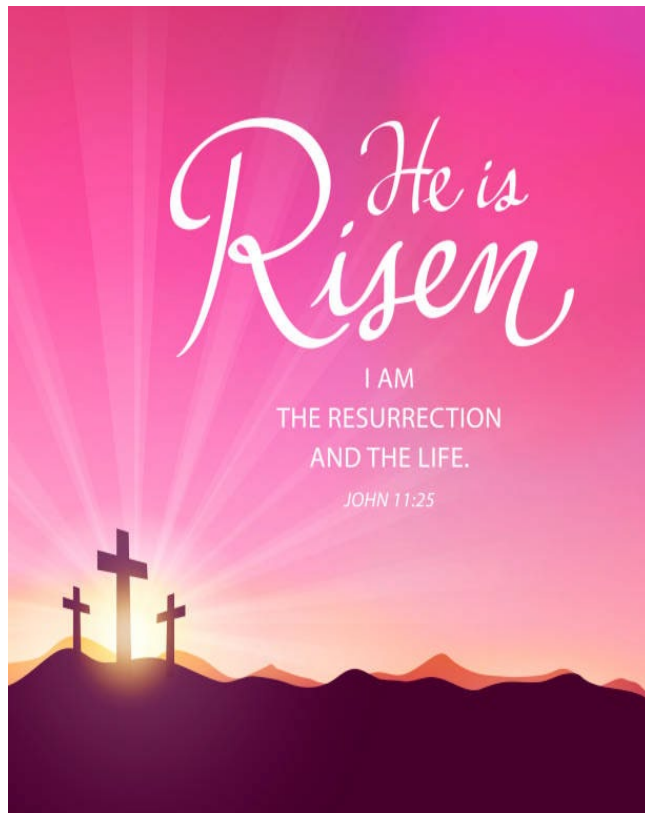
**Holy Saturday** is the third day of the Sacred Paschal Triduum and it is the Saturday before Easter Sunday. The Easter Vigil begins between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Sunday. This day marks the end of Holy Week and the 40-day

Lenten season, a time for reflection and anticipation before the joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter.



consists of Holy Thursday where Jesus had his Last Supper, Good Friday was when Jesus was crucified and Easter Sunday, which was the day of his resurrection.

Easter Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox which marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a pivotal event that is the foundation of the Catholic faith and a celebration of hope and new life.



**Easter Sunday** is the end of the Passion of Christ, which begins with the 40 days of lent, symbolizing the days that Jesus spent in the desert being tempted by the Devil. It culminates in Holy Week during which Jesus was crucified. The Holy Triduum



**Patriots' Day** is observed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of April, and it commemorates the Battle of Lexington

and the Battle of Concord which took place on April 19, 1775. These and were the first battles fought in the American Revolutionary War. 2024 will mark the 250th anniversary of the battle! This day is not to be confused with Patriot Day, which happens on September 11<sup>th</sup>, and remembers the anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center.



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 United States taking over the territories that previously belonged to the Spanish, in Latin America and the western Pacific.



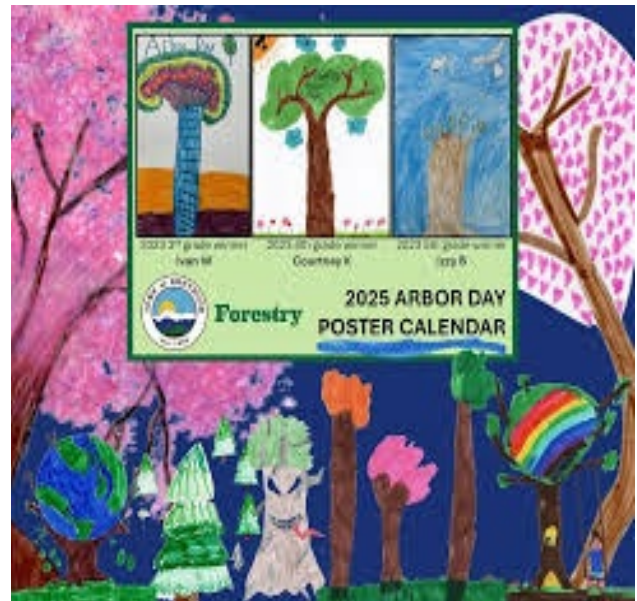
Earth Day is celebrated internationally on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is a day to educate people about the issues affecting our planet and to raise awareness for and celebrate the efforts in place to protect the environment. As a global observance, it sometimes extends to a week-long celebration, named Earth Week, and the celebrations are coordinated by the Earth Day Network across 193 countries.

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

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

### Open "Mic"rophone Nights

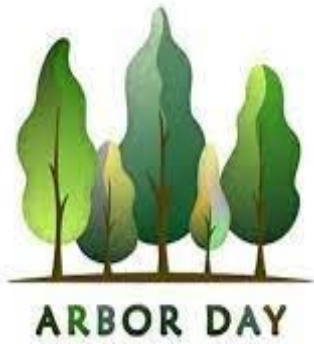
Open Mic Nights. Mark your calendars - scheduled **TBA** starting at 7pm-10:30pm. \$20pp, hot buffet, one free beer, wine, or soda, or credit towards a mixed drink. Great Music! Great Musicians! Bring your family and friends. Come on down for a wonderful night of music and cheer!!! You don't have to sing!!!



America usually celebrates **Arbor Day** on the **last Friday of April**. However, states are free to choose their own commemorative dates considering the best environment for trees to prosper. The idea of Arbor Day originated in the 1870s in Nebraska. Julius Sterling Morton was a journalist who moved to the state in 1854. He and his wife together bought 160 acres of land for their property. They planted several trees and shrubbery throughout this barren property. Morton, as the new editor for the Nebraska City News, found the perfect opportunity to spread awareness about the importance of trees in the ecosystem. This made Nebraskans realize how barren and void of greenery the state is. Soon after, Morton became a part of the Nebraska Board of Agriculture. In 1872, he suggested a dedicated day should be created for planting trees. The board accepted his proposal from him and Arbor Day was born.

The first-ever Arbor Day took place on April 10, 1872, with several dedicated Nebraskans participating and planting around 1 million trees. The board also promised prizes for those who planted trees correctly and this encouraged them even more. Arbor Day became an official state holiday in Nebraska in 1885 and was to be observed on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, in honor of Morton's birthday. It wasn't until 1970 that the day was recognized on a national scale by President Nixon.

If you are asking, "Why are trees so important?" Trees are important for the survival of the planet and are commonly known as the Earth's lungs. They provide shelter to many animals, mainly birds, and the source of materials that are essential for human living, such as paper, cork, and sap.



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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).

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

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

Knights of Columbus  
David Redmond  
PO Box 1834

**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).

**Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. . Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your

love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast.



We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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](http://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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If you are interested in joining our Assembly, the Fourth Degree, you can join by contacting SK Nick Pennacchio, our Fourth Degree Assembly Representative!



**KNIGHTLINE**  
**VOLUME 43 | NUMBER 8 | 2/28/25**

**Celebrating 125 years of the Fourth Degree**

*On Feb. 22, 1900, the first Fourth Degree exemplification was held for 1,100 candidates at the Lenox Lyceum in New York City. With the promotion of the new degree,*

*the Order sought to foster love of country and to impress upon its members the duties of faithful citizenship. Exactly 125 years after that first exemplification, Knights of Columbus and family members, including Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, the board of directors and other K of C leaders, filled St. Patrick's Cathedral, known as "America's Parish Church," to celebrate the milestone and the Order's continued witness of authentic patriotism.*

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### **A Celebration of Catholic Patriotism**

More than 650 men were inducted into the Fourth Degree during the premiere of a revised Exemplification of Patriotism, which took place at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Feb. 22. Marking the 125th anniversary of the Fourth Degree, the celebratory event began with Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York, joined by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori and relatives of Blessed Michael McGivney, unveiling a new bronze statue of the K of C founder commissioned by the Order for the cathedral. [READ MORE](#)

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### **Investing in the Light of Faith**

This week marks the 10th anniversary of Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, which for the past decade has helped Catholic dioceses, institutions and individuals ensure their investments are consistent with Catholic social teaching. In a white paper recently adapted into an essay for *Columbia*, John Grabowski, a professor of moral theology who serves as an Asset Advisors consultant, discusses how the alignment of financial decisions with Gospel values promotes the common good while advancing long-term prosperity. [READ MORE](#)

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### **Hope for a Pro-Life Future**

The March for Life and Life Fest held last month in Washington, D.C., showcased the joy and hope that America's young people bring to the pro-life cause. "This is a young movement, it's a vibrant movement and there's a momentum to it," reflected Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly while participating in the march. "That gives me great hope for the future of the march and the future of the pro-life cause in America." [WATCH NOW: LIFE FEST](#) | [WATCH NOW: MARCH FOR LIFE](#)

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### **Join in Prayer for Pope Francis**

As Pope Francis continues to remain hospitalized with multiple health problems, the Knights of Columbus calls on all its members and families to pray that God grant him strength, peace and healing. Today is his 14th day in Rome's Gemelli Hospital, where his medical condition is slowly improving. Since Monday, cardinals have been leading a daily rosary at 3 p.m. EST in St. Peter's Square for the pope's recovery. Visit [here](#) to join in the live broadcast.

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## **KNIGHTLINE**

**VOLUME 43 | NUMBER 9 | 3/5/25**

### **[Embracing Our Lenten Mission](#)**

*In his [2025 Lenten message](#), Pope Francis reflects on the Jubilee theme "Pilgrims of Hope," calling upon all Catholics to "journey together in hope" during this holy season. "This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs." Lent provides a special opportunity for Knights to consider the needs of those around them and rededicate themselves to the Order's first principle, charity.*

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### **Called to Self-Giving Love**

True relationships must not be built on transactions and personal gain but on mutual love and sacrifice, writes Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori in his March 2025 column for *Columbia*: "Without giving and receiving this kind of radical love in our hearts, we remain woefully incomplete human beings. We are not made simply for deals. We are made for love, and our lives make no sense without it." [READ MORE](#)

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### **A Lifeline in Wartime**

Through the generosity of K of C councils in Kraków, Poland, and support from the Ukraine Solidarity Fund, a hospital in war-ravaged southern Ukraine received a much-needed new ambulance last fall. It was blessed in Lviv by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori during his visit to Ukraine in October 2024. [READ MORE](#) | [WATCH HERE](#)

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## Donating Life

Lawrence Beneteau, a past grand knight of Father Bernard O'Donnell Council 2110 in Amherstburg, Ontario, has donated blood over 200 times — saving lives through his unwavering commitment to charity. Recently honored by Canadian Blood Services for this milestone, Beneteau sees blood donation as a powerful way to give back and support those in need. [WATCH HERE](#)

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## One Step Closer to Sainthood

On Feb. 25, Pope Francis officially declared Father Emil Kapaun, a U.S. Army chaplain who gave his life serving fellow soldiers in a prisoner-of-war camp during the Korean War, “Venerable” — thereby advancing his cause for canonization. For more than half a century, Father Kapaun’s remains were believed to be lost in Korea. But in 2003, one of the men who buried Father Kapaun happened upon his story in *Columbia*, leading him to help solve a decades-old mystery. Learn more about Venerable Emil Kapaun and watch *The Magazine and the Miracle: Finding Father Kapaun* at [kofc.org/frkapaun](http://kofc.org/frkapaun).

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## Your Lenten Mission

As we enter the holy season of Lent, we invite you to join us on a Lenten mission led by Dominican Father Jonathan Kalisch, K of C director of chaplains and spiritual development. Beginning today, Ash Wednesday, weekly discussion videos will be released and made available on K of C social media channels and at [kofc.org/lent](http://kofc.org/lent). Watch the first video [here](#).

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## KNIGHTLINE

**VOLUME 43 | NUMBER 10 | 3/12/25**

### [Generosity of Heart](#)

*To be a Knight is to live selflessly, sharing willingly one's individual gifts bestowed by God. In his [March 2025 column](#) for *Columbia*, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly points to magnanimity as an essential virtue — particularly for Knights: “The magnanimous man is characterized by his selfless generosity of spirit. ... He knows that his gifts are not for his own use but are for serving and lifting up others.” This virtue is closely related to the Order's founding principles and resonates with Knights (and*

*prospective Knights) around the world — including in France, where membership has grown steadily since the first councils were established there nearly a decade ago..*



## The Resurrection of Notre-Dame

Five years after a fire devoured its roof and spire, the iconic Notre-Dame de Paris Cathedral has been fully restored and is rekindling a religious fervor in France and beyond. “This moment of joy confirms the vitality of Christianity in old Europe, which is only waiting to follow its Christian vocation more intensely,” said Arnaud Bouthéon, territorial deputy of France. [READ MORE](#)

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## Our Lady's Carpenter

Jean-Baptiste Bonhoure, a member of Blessed Noël Pinot Council 18406 in Béhuard, France, was instrumental in the reconstruction of the 850-year-old Notre-Dame de Paris. Bonhoure's team of skilled craftsmen used medieval tools to complete the restoration of the nave, choir, and north and south belfries of the historic cathedral. [READ MORE](#)

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## Committed to Fraternity

Emmanuel Ménager, past grand knight of St. Louis Marie Grignon de Monfort Council 17698 in Luçon, France, reflects on how the Knights' mission of service and fraternity begins within the family and parish. “At the end of your street, in your village or neighborhood, there are men who seek to serve, who desire brotherhood and solidarity,” said Ménager, a former district deputy who also helped establish a K of C council in Garches. “We need to go out and find them; these are our future brothers.” [WATCH HERE](#)

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## Finding Our Identity in God

“The most important thing is our relationship with God; from that flows our personal identity — and then our mission.” Join us as we continue our 2025 Knights of Columbus Lenten Mission series, reflecting on how our relationship with God sheds light on our identity and mission as Knights of Columbus. Visit [kofc.org/lent](http://kofc.org/lent) to learn more and watch this week’s video.

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## KNIGHTLINE VOLUME 43 | NUMBER 11 | 3/19/25

### [With a Father’s Heart](#)

*Today we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, the just man entrusted to be the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and who loved the Christ Child “with a father’s heart” (cf. [Apostolic Letter Patris Corde](#)). Like St. Joseph, Blessed Michael McGivney was also a man of humble and obedient action who responded faithfully to the needs of others. With every act of charity, unity and fraternity, Knights follow in the footsteps of their founder and embrace a call to the spiritual fatherhood that St. Joseph models for the entire Church.*

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## Our Fathers in Faith



St. Joseph and Father Michael McGivney each serve as special patrons of the Order and models of spiritual fatherhood, proof that “fathers are not born, but made,” as Pope Francis writes in his 2020 apostolic letter [Patris Corde](#). “Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another,” continues the Holy Father, “in some way he becomes a father to that person” (7). As articulated in a March 2017 essay for *Columbia*, St. Joseph and

Father McGivney share many similarities, from their devotion to the Blessed Mother to their attentiveness and ready obedience to the will of God. [READ MORE](#) To find many other resources devoted to St. Joseph — including essays, documentaries and a prayer of consecration — visit [kofc.org/stjoseph](http://kofc.org/stjoseph).

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## ‘God Will Bring Us Through This’

Since wildfires first devastated areas in and around Los Angeles and San Diego County in January, Knights across California have contributed manpower and financial aid to support thousands of displaced fire victims. Although the fires have been 100% contained for just over a month, relief efforts continue, and the state council is working closely with local Knights to assist those in need. [READ MORE](#) | [WATCH HERE](#)

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## A Bed To Call Their Own

Councils across North Carolina, including military Knights from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville and Fort Bragg (formerly Fort Liberty) Army Base in Fayetteville, teamed up with the nonprofit Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build and deliver beds to local children who previously had nowhere to sleep but on the floor. [WATCH HERE](#)

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## Bound in Brotherhood and Charity

When the full-scale attack of Ukraine began in February 2022, the Order worked quickly, establishing places of refuge and humanitarian aid for the most vulnerable, particularly women, children and the injured. Knights around the world have contributed financial, spiritual and on-the-ground support, and more than three years later, the Order’s prayerful solidarity with the approximately 3,000 brother Knights in Ukraine and with those suffering remains steadfast. [READ MORE](#)

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## Moving Beyond Our Comfort Zones

“Especially when we have difficulties, trials, the cross ... we recognize that calling on Father, Son and Holy Spirit makes him present with us.” This week’s Lenten Mission reflection discusses how we can move outside our comfort zones and lead like St.

Joseph. Visit [kofc.org/lent](http://kofc.org/lent) to learn more about the series and watch this week's video.

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**KNIGHTLINE**  
**VOLUME 43 | NUMBER 12 | 3/25/25**

**[The Gospel of Life](#)**

*Today's feast of the Annunciation, which coincides annually with the Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child, also marks the 30th anniversary of [Evangelium Vitae](#), St. John Paul II's encyclical on the sanctity of human life. "The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message," John Paul II began the document, published March 25, 1995. In meditating on the Annunciation and Mary's motherhood, he later observed, the Church receives an "incomparable model of how life should be welcomed and cared for" (EV 102). As we approach Founder's Day on Saturday, March 29, this week's Knightline features stories of how Knights continue living out the Order's mission to serve the family, strengthen the Church and build a culture of life.*

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**'It Starts With You and With Me'**

Several thousand pro-life advocates, including a Supreme Council delegation led by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and hundreds more Knights and their families, participated in the fourth Connecticut March for Life in Hartford on March 19<sup>th</sup>. [READ MORE](#)

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**A Beacon of Hope**

Holy Family Council 13123 in Rockford, Illinois, offers continual support to the Madonna Renewal Center, a refuge for women facing unplanned pregnancies. The council's contributions help the center to offer shelter, counseling and job training that allow women to build stable, self-sufficient lives for their families. [WATCH HERE](#)

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**In the Founder's Footsteps**

A new priestly house of formation recently opened at the same location where Michael McGivney completed his own priestly studies over 150 years ago. The Blessed Michael McGivney Propaedeutic House of Formation, which serves first-year seminarians in a new required, preparatory stage of formation, welcomed seven seminarians in its first year. [READ MORE](#)

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**The McGivney Mission**

March 29<sup>th</sup> marks the 143rd anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus by Blessed Michael McGivney. Responding to the needs of his people, Father McGivney established the Order to foster charity, unity and fraternity within the parish and community — a movement that lives on through 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus around the world today. [WATCH HERE](#)

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**Our Brother's Keeper**

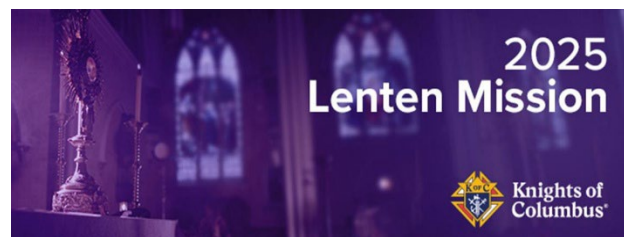
This week's Lenten Mission reflection examines what it means to accompany people who have fallen away from the faith, and considers what it means to journey in hope, as described by Pope Francis in [his Lenten message](#). "Let us journey together in hope," writes the Holy Father, "for we have been given a promise. May the hope that does not disappoint, the central message of the Jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter." Visit our social media channels or [kofc.org/lent](http://kofc.org/lent) to watch this week's video.

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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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**[Join Our Lenten Mission](#)**

Dear Brothers,  
You're invited to discover how prayer, fasting and almsgiving deepens our mission as Knights through a weekly Lenten video series beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Join us each week as Father Jonathan Kalisch, O.P., and Renzo Ortega reflect on how this holy season can form us and allow us to encounter the Lord

Jesus. They'll also explore how our Lenten practices and our work as Knights further the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Click below to visit our Lenten Mission page. You can also bookmark [kofc.org/lent](http://kofc.org/lent) in your browser for easy access.

**[ACCESS LENTEN](#)**  
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We hope these resources help you have a spiritually enriching Lent!

Fraternally,  
Knights of Columbus

*P.S. You can also follow us on [YouTube](#) and social media where we'll post each weekly video.*

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**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,

The date of our February District Meeting has been changed to Wednesday, February 26, 2025. It will be held in the basement of St. Joseph's Church, Garden City at 8:00 PM. Enter through the door on 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

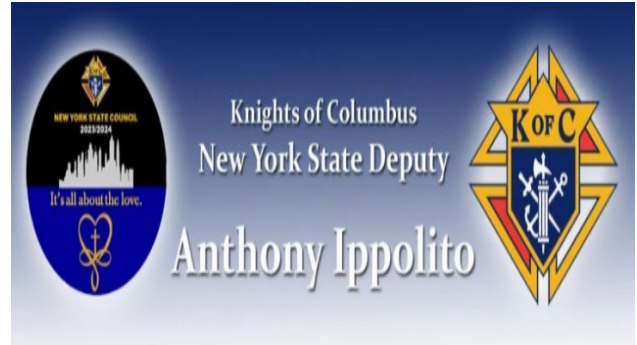
Attached are two files for your Council's use.

- The file, "Star Council Check-Off Form 2024-25" lists everything required to qualify for the Star Council award.
- The file, "Church Recruitment Drive" contains suggested details that you might want to utilize. I realize that most councils already follow most of the suggestions. However, you might get a few new ideas.

I look forward to seeing you on the 26th.

V. J. Rich Carl

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**NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**



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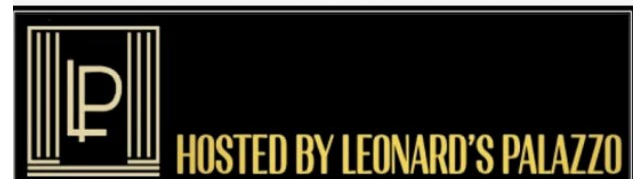
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**SATURDAY OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



**SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER**

**NYS Council Fundraising Ideas**

Go to [NYKOFc.COM/FUNDRAISING](http://NYKOFc.COM/FUNDRAISING) for the weekly Fundcrazer results. Every week all the results are posted on the site.

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**NASSAU CONFERENCE & CHAPTER  
ACTIVITIES**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Annual Nassau Chapter "Ted Newkirk Memorial" Charity Ball is just around the corner!



Even if you can't attend, you can still participate. In fact, if you can join us, or if it doesn't make its way into your plans this year, you could be part of the event for years still to come.

Consider getting further involved with an advertisement in the Charity Ball Journal. Or perhaps sponsorship? But you can't wait much longer. ALL ads must be submitted **NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT, MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>**. It's going to the printer the very next morning, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Don't just sit around...get that ad or booster!

**Please see the ATTACHMENTS for all the details.**

Can't wait to see you April 6th at Leonard's. It's going to be a wonderful event.

May God Bless and Keep You and Those You Love!

Steve Connelly, PGK, PFN, PCP

Secretary to the President  
Nassau Chapter K of C

**Pius X Residence for Parish Priests**

Brother and Sisters,

Nassau Chapter would like your assistance in **canvassing your local parish** and **request a journal ad be purchased** to support this year's charity, Pius

X Residence for Retire Priests. This initiative has the blessing of Fr. Steve, Director of the Residence.

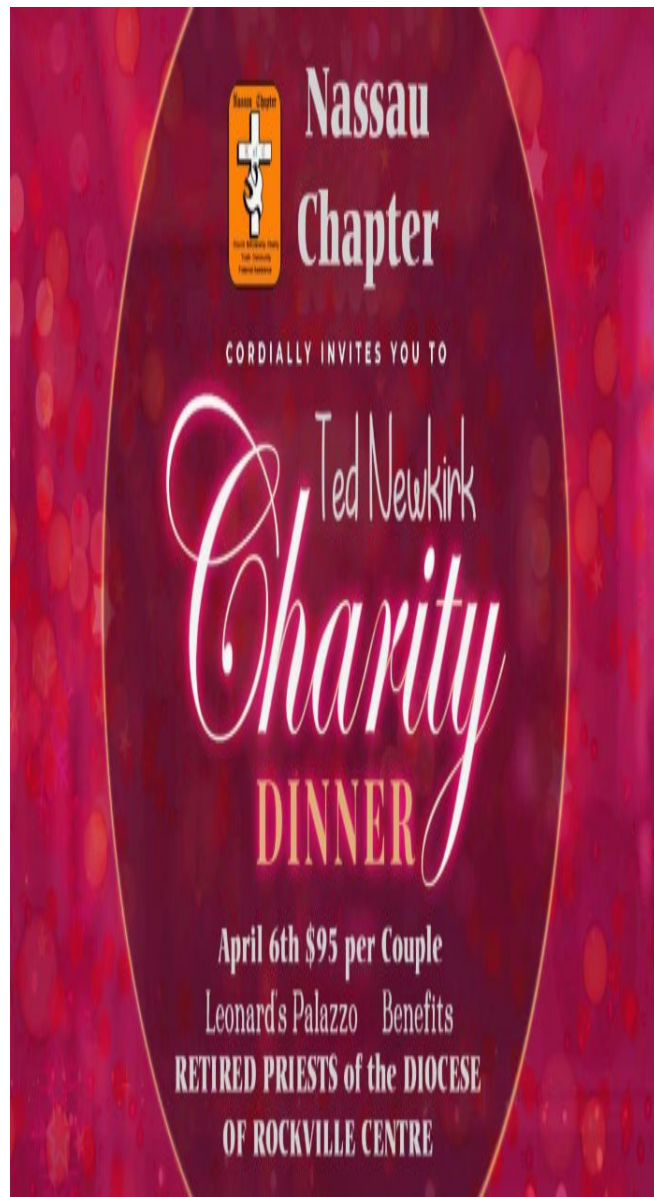
I have attached the appeal letter and the journal ad rate sheet.

Please visit your local parish office and solicit a donation.

TY,

**Jim Cioffi, Nassau Chapter President  
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**ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS - CALL 516-319-4465**

**Events/Meetings:**

The **April meeting** on the 15<sup>th</sup> will be held at the Lisbon Café on Mineola Blvd. Networking begins at 6pm. The Nassau County Office of Consumer Affairs will be the guest speaker. Come enjoy a night and have some laughs! Dinner is \$45.00. Bring A Friend for \$20.00. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

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### [Take Charge of Your Retirement](#)

Brothers,

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**Dividend increase launched this January!**

Brothers,

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These dividends can be used in various ways, including to:

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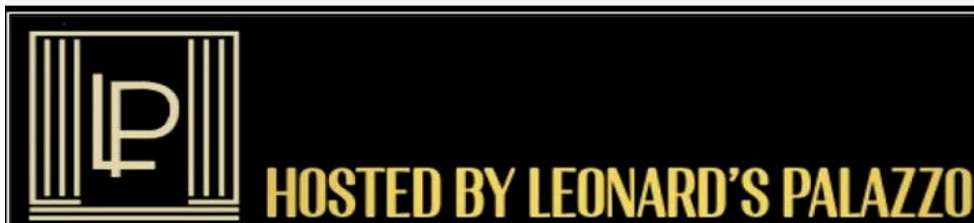
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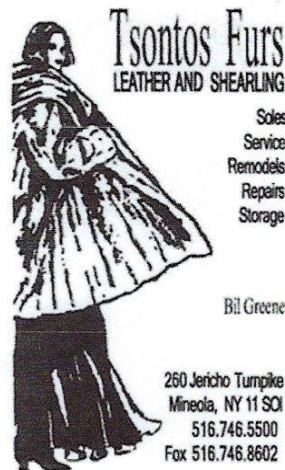
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