



Knights of Columbus

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Clarion



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Grand Knight's Report-

Brothers, friends and family,

This month on August 8th from 12:00-4:00pm, we are hosting our annual picnic in Wilson Park by the gazebo area near the Westbury Avenue parking lot. It is \$25 per person with children under 12 free. This will cover grilled food, soda, and water. Please RSVP to Deputy Grand Knight Charlie Farruggia as soon as possible so we have a proper head count for supplies. Charlie is generously donating a truck rental to get the grill and supplies to the park without risking our personal vehicles. His email is ecabeagle@aol.com and his mobile phone is 917-837-5315. This is always a fun and relaxing time in the park for an affordable price.

Our singular meeting for the month of August takes place on the 13th, which is the second Thursday. We

had a good showing for July and would like to keep the momentum going if you are available. The Lounge will open around 7:30pm and the meeting will start at 8:00pm. We will have refreshments and light food afterwards.

Past Grand Knight and District Deputy Mike Villa has arranged a tent for us to cover on Saturday, August 29th for the Feast of St. Aidan! The event runs from 12:30pm to 7:00pm. We can cover the tent in shifts and enjoy the day together with our brothers and neighbors.

Please see the included event flyers in this Clarion issue for any more details. That is mainly it for this month, with a nice light summer agenda. We plan to begin our Church recruitment drive in September. It will be good to see everyone at

whichever events you can make. Everyone is always welcome at whichever events are convenient for you and your family. The Knights are here for you, and you can make of this organization what you wish to. Brother Knights have done great work over the years taking on project ideas and initiatives while utilizing the Council as a foundation for those works. We also make a point to have good time and celebrate while carrying out our mission along the way.

Fraternally yours,
David P. Redmond, Grand Knight, Council 2502

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Corpus Christi Prayer Corner
Chaplain – Msgr. Robert Batule

Let Us Join in Prayer:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of

life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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From the Editor's Desk:

SK Michael Murtha, PGK Senior Editor
Will Havron, Co-Editor

Business Meeting will be held on Thurs., Aug 13th.
No separate Social Meeting will be held in Aug.

ATTENTION BROTHERS:

When the Editorial Staff receives a question or learns of a mistake, we acknowledge it. If you spot an error, please let us know. If you have a question, please ask. Thank you.

Editor's Desk: *Clarion* Deadline

The Deadline for articles, flyers, etc. is the 20th of the month. Publication closes until the following month. Thank you for your help with the *Clarion*.

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 meant for you to find were generally the result of your entries! Good luck!

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Corpus Christi Council #2502 Officers

2026-2027

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Alt to Deputy Delegate	PGK Mike Murtha



The U.S. Coast Guard 236th Birthday is celebrated on Tuesday, August 4th. This day commemorates the founding of the Revenue Cutter Service by Secretary

of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton on August 4, 1790. This day honors the brave men and women who safeguard our nation's waterways, enforce maritime law, and perform critical search and rescue missions. Let's join in recognizing their valor and discipline and learn more about their essential service.



The Purple Heart is a heart shaped purple medal with a gold border. The front has a profile of George Washington, while the back has the words for military merit inscribed on it. The medal is attached to a piece of purple silk with a silver border. Thank soldiers for their service today.

Purple Heart Day commemorates the creation of the Purple Heart Medal on August 7, 1782, by the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, General George Washington. It was then known as the Badge of Military Merit, and it was awarded to 3 Revolutionary soldiers in 1783. After the end of the American War of Independence, no medals were awarded until 1932, when the medal was revived on the bicentennial anniversary of George Washington's birth. According to a circular dated February 22, 1932, *Purple Heart Medals were to be awarded to those wounded or killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces resulting from enemy action on or after April 5, 1917.* The U.S. officially joined the First World War on April 6, 1917.

At current estimates about 1.8 million Purple Hearts have been awarded since then. *Today*, in addition to being awarded to those who fight wars overseas, *the Purple Heart is also given to military personnel who display bravery and valor as prisoners of war*

and while fighting certain types of domestic terrorists.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also known as the **Assumption**, was announced on November 1, 1950, by Pope Pius XII. It celebrates the day when the Holy Virgin Mary ended her earthly life and was taken to heaven together with her soul and body. In the U. S. **Assumption** is a Holy Day of Obligation unless it falls on a Saturday or on a Monday.



National Senior Citizens Day recognizes contributions senior citizens make in communities across the U.S. It is annually observed on the third Sunday of August.



Biplanes, such as pictured above, played an important role in aviation history. The Wright brothers used a biplane design to build the Wright Flyer.

National Aviation Day is observed in the U. S. on August 19th to celebrate the history and development of the aviation. It coincides with the birthday of Orville Wright who, together with his brother Wilbur, made significant contributions to powered flight.

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

the line is open 24/7*.

Fraternal Corner - Prayers for the Sick & Deceased

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

Evelyn Connolly, Frank Deo, Patti Mooroney, Bernadette Zayas, Robert Rina, Anne Albano, John Sweeny, Rich Thorton, Bob Castle, Tom Miller, John LaGrassa, PGK Tom Kelly, Charlie and Maryanne Ribando, Tom and Vilma Doherty, Alice and Mike

Murtha, Hank Halloway, John Church, Joe and Camille Rotolo, John O'Sullivan, Eugene Sullivan-RIP, Hilda Maceyka-RIP, Alfred D Genkenger-RIP, Patricia and PGK Robert Hartman-RIP, Pamela Driscoll, Tony Marengo, Tony Catalano, Kathy Ohrthman-RIP, Kathy Lahey-RIP, Bernadette Fergerson-RIP, PGK Kenny Lyons-RIP, Paul and Mary O'Hara, **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

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



Women's Equality Day celebrates the anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the United States' Constitution on August 26, 1920.

The Feast of St. Aidan is celebrated on August 31st.
See the Attached Flyer.



The Feast of St. Aidan of Lindisfarne is celebrated on August 31st. St. Aidan, the "Apostle to the

North," is the founder of the famous monastery on the island of Lindisfarne in England. He is the patron saint of firefighters and is known for his humility, charity, and missionary work.

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

James Barry	1985-1986
Nick Pennacchio	1999-2001
Michael J. Raso	2003-2004
Tom Kelly	2006-2008
James Corrigan	2012-2014
Ray Ardanuy	2013-2015
Paul Kelly	2015-2016
Peter Zayas	2016-2018
John Mallon	2018-2019
Michael T. Murtha	2019-2020
Bruce Chester	2020-2021
Dan Albano	2021-2023
Mike Villa	2023-2026

Financial Secretary Report

Nicholas F Pennacchio-Dues
Dear Brother Knight,

DUES ARE DUE JANUARY EVERY YEAR.

2026-2027 Dues are now due. In addition, if you have not paid past year Dues, please remit them at this time. Annual Dues for Regular members are \$50.00 and \$15.00 for Honorary members. You should have received your Dues Notice either via E-mail or in the US Mail.

You can also use the form below with a check for the applicable amount made out to:

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

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

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Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

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August riddles – Can you guess?

- 1.) I look like a T, I can look like an X, I hang from chains, around people's necks. Once a symbol of pain, of death, of loss, now I bring hope. What am I?
- 2.) I am a table, but I hold no food or chairs. I am a place where bread and wine become the body and blood, but I am not the Last Supper. What am I?
- 3.) I have a shell, I hold water, and you only visit me once to be welcomed into the Church family. What am I?

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; Ray Loughlin;

Mike Villa, James Tremblay.

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.

Corpus Christi Council Rentals

Contact the Steward Pete Augello to book a rental at the council, call the council number 516 746 8643, leave a voicemail if the machine comes on.

Submit Articles to the Clarion

To submit articles to the Clarion newsletter, please email Mike Murtha mtm12533@aol.com and Will Havron kofcwillhavron@gmail.com.

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.

Larry Egan, Chancellor

Special Days, Council Activities

Save The Dates

- Coast Guard Birthday 8/4
- Purple Heart Day 8/7
- Council 2502 Annual Picnic 8/8
- Council Business/Social Meeting 8/13
- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8/15
- National Senior Citizens Day 8/16
- National Aviation Day 8/19
- Nassau Chapter Summer Picnic 8/22
- Women's Equality Day 8/26
- Council 2502 **COR** Meeting 8/27
- Feast of St Aidens 8/29
- Pickleball Event July or August TBA
- Annual 2502 & Nas Chap Ducks Game 9/12

Lou LiBrandi is looking for additional players for an outing at a local indoor facility. If we can get 12 players it would make for an ideal round robin event.

We would qualify for a group rate so assume a \$20 fee. Some members do play regularly ... we have

some players already interested. We can socialize at the Council after the event (not mandatory).

If you are a beginner or better than intermediate – please let Lou know when registering. Text number 646-841-3102 for Lou with interest if you want to be involved.

The exact date to be determined, a Saturday morning time availability in July or August is expected.

Depending on interest – we may be able to make this a more frequent occurrence.

Lou LiBrandi

The **2502 Council Notice** of the annual Ducks game this year. We will partner with the Nassau Chapter. **ALL INFORMATION NEEDED IS ON THE ATTACHED FLYER.**

Council Events & Activities

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

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

Open "Mic"rophone Nights

Open Mic Nights. **TBA.** from 7:30pm. Only \$20/person for great music, Free delicious buffet and 1 Complimentary Beer, Wine or Soda. Extra \$3 Charge for 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!!!

INTO THE BREACH

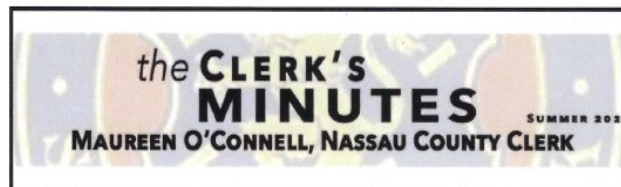
Inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation for Catholic men written by Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix, the Knights of Columbus produced a video series which seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world.

New Into the Breach Video Series Released.

A new five-episode *Into the Breach* video series is now available, along with resources to facilitate reflection in council and *Cor* gatherings. *Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work* explores the

relationship between labor and holiness, and the sense of vocation that Catholic men bring to their work. The series can be viewed by individuals or in group settings. Resources include a study guide for small group discussion, a St. Joseph the Worker prayer card and a promotional poster. All episodes and resources are available at kofc.org/intothebreach.

Council PSA



HELP US PROTECT YOU FROM FRAUD

Deed fraud—sometimes known as property title theft—is a prevalent crime right now: Would-be scammers illegally record land documents, such as deeds, against your property without your knowledge. They then use those fraudulent records against you. They may refinance your home and keep the cash, which will destroy your credit rating and your good name. In the most egregious cases, the victims of deed fraud lose their family's house.



Maureen O'Connell discusses Property Fraud Alert at the New Hyde Park Leisure Club

As the County Clerk and official Recorder of Property Records, protecting you from this type of crime is one of Maureen O'Connell's top priorities. "I am deeply committed to stopping the proliferation of fraud," Maureen said. "So I created our Property Fraud Alert Program, which we offer to you for free. I encourage every homeowner to register for this protection."

This powerful free tool alerts you by email any time a document is recorded in our office with your name or property information. If it wasn't you, you will know right away, and can act quickly to put an end to any fraudulent activities that may be associated with the filing.

Signing up is simple and takes just minutes. Your property is one of your most valuable assets. Stay protected. Sign up.

Please visit www.nassaucountyny.gov/clerk/pfa to register.

See the full-sized Attached Flyer

Corpus Christi's 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 we will have held our June gathering.

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.

The upcoming meeting will be held **Aug 27th at 7:00 pm**. All Catholic men are welcome. If you have any questions, call Jim Corrigan (516) 282-6774.

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.

Name _____

Business
Name _____

Business E-Mail _____

Phone # _____

Knights of Columbus
David Redmond
PO Box 1834

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.

Council 2502 on the Acropolis in front of the Parthenon



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.



A bronze statue of Blessed Michael McGivney commissioned by the Supreme Council and gifted by the Fourth Degree is pictured at the St. Joseph altar of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

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.

Corpus Christi Council #2502 Apparel

Jackets – Hats – Shirts

Are your Council colors showing their Age?

Order your Fleece-lined Sportswear now:

Three Season Jacket.

A Game, A Sportsman, or A Coaches,

Windbreaker, Golf Shirt,

Golf Hat

Contact Brother Steve Connolly

516-312-5375

Nassau Chapter Assemblies



Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg # 0728

Corpus Christi #2502

Come join our Assembly, the Fourth Degree, contact SK Nick Pennacchio, Corpus Christi Council's Fourth Degree Assembly Representative!



KNIGHTLINE

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America at 250: Christ at the Center

On July 4, the United States celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Amid the fireworks and fanfare, this historic milestone offers Catholics an opportunity to renew their commitment to faith and country, serving both God and neighbor. Canadians likewise celebrated Canada Day on July 1, and Knights of Columbus in Canada continue a long tradition of Catholic patriotism

and service to their communities and the Church, while helping to build a culture of life.

America at 250: Christ at the Center

Knights of Columbus throughout the United States have anticipated the country's 250th anniversary by supporting the U.S. bishops' campaign calling on parishes to offer 250 hours of Eucharistic adoration and perform 250 works of mercy. From participating in the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage to enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the Supreme Council headquarters and in their own homes, Knights are honoring the anniversary by placing Christ at the center.

[READ MORE](#)

Faith and Freedom: 250 Years

Long before independence was declared in the United States, Catholic missionaries were shaping the future of the country by spreading the faith and laying the foundations of the Church in America. As the United States celebrates its 250th anniversary, this video highlights the Catholic Church's enduring contributions to the nation's history and the vital role of the Knights of Columbus in American civic life. [WATCH HERE](#)

A Time for Witness

In his 2026 pastoral letter, *In Charity & Truth: Toward a Renewed Political Culture*, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori challenges Catholics to respond to the political crisis by cultivating virtue and bearing witness to Jesus Christ. "Anniversaries are not merely occasions for nostalgia or celebration," he writes. "Authentic remembrance always orients us toward renewal; it calls us to consider not only who we have been, and who we are becoming — but, by God's grace, who we are called to be." [READ MORE](#)

United 'Under God'

In 1951, the Knights of Columbus began a campaign to add the words "under God" to the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. Grounded in historical precedent and a grassroots movement, the effort reached Congress and culminated when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill amending the Pledge on Flag Day, June 14, 1954. [READ MORE](#)

KNIGHTLINE

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[The Witness of Saints](#)

Today, the Church observes the feast of the Ulma family, a Polish Catholic family martyred for sheltering a Jewish family during World War II. Following their beatification in September 2023, Pope Francis expressed his hope that these martyrs would be "a model to imitate in striving for goodness and in the service of those in need." In Poland and the United States, Knights are spreading devotion to the Ulmas, looking to them as witnesses of heroic charity and sacrifice — an example of what it means to love one's neighbor despite the cost.

American Saints and Blesseds

The history of Catholicism in the United States is reflected in the lives of saints and blesseds whose stories intersect the American experience in diverse ways. From missionaries and martyrs to educators and founders, the Church in the United States has been shaped by a long succession of holy men and women spanning more than four centuries.

[READ MORE](#)

The Cost of Saying Yes

The Ulma family of Markowa, Poland — Józef, Wiktoria and their seven children — were martyred in 1944 for sheltering their Jewish neighbors during World War II. Beatified together in 2023, they continue to inspire growing devotion around the world through their witness of courageous charity rooted in faith. [READ MORE](#)

Preparing for Priesthood With Father McGivney

At St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Blessed priesthood. [WATCH HERE](#)

'Fraternity Gives Flesh to the Mission'

Each of the Order's four principles — charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism — uniquely contributes to the Knights of Columbus' mission. Bishop James Ruggieri of Portland, Maine, argues that fraternity is essential to evangelization and inviting men to a deeper life of faith. Addressing the 130th Maine State Convention in April, he emphasized that fraternity "is a bond of brotherhood rooted in

Christ. It is the conviction that we do not walk alone, that we do not serve alone, that we do not carry our burdens alone, and that we do not grow in holiness alone.” [READ MORE](#)

Fraternity on the Field

Seminarians gathered at St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore in March for the St. John Vianney Soccer Cup, an annual tournament that brings together future priests from seminaries across the Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia region. Supported by local Knights of Columbus councils, the event united seminarians from diverse backgrounds in faith, fellowship and friendly competition. [WATCH HERE](#)

KNIGHTLINE

VOLUME 44 | NUMBER 28 | 7/17/26

[One Nation, Under God](#)

One of the most important expressions of patriotic virtue is service to one’s local community. In his latest Columbia column, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly reflects on the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the Order’s contributions to American civic life and the common good over the past 144 years. “Perhaps our most important contributions are those that often go unheralded,” he writes. “I am speaking of the daily work of our local councils and assemblies — bringing men and families together in service to their parishes and communities.” This witness is evident in jurisdictions around the world, from Louisiana, where Knights build caskets for families who have lost infants and young children, to Poland and Ukraine, where councils offer solace and respite to widows and orphans of war.

One Nation, Under God

For the Knights of Columbus, “patriotism is more than a sentiment,” writes Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly in his latest column for *Columbia*. “It means helping to build a just and flourishing society. By strengthening families and serving our communities, we help shape the culture of our nation.” [READ MORE](#)

Every Child Has a Name

Knights across Louisiana are contributing to a ministry called All God’s Babies that builds caskets, free of charge, for preborn children and children up to 2 years of age. Since 2015, the organization has assembled and delivered more than 600 caskets throughout Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi and Alabama, demonstrating compassion for families who have experienced this devastating loss. [READ MORE](#)

‘I Am the Wife of a Hero’

Knights of Columbus from Poland and Ukraine hosted a weeklong pilgrimage for 45 widows and orphans of fallen Ukrainian soldiers in March, offering them respite and hope as they visited holy sites across Poland. “We realize that these [families] are suffering very much,” said Supreme Warden Andrzej Anasiak, “and we wanted to give them a safe place to rest.” [READ MORE](#) | [WATCH HERE](#)

Wheelchairs Around the World

Since 2003, the Knights of Columbus has partnered with the American Wheelchair Mission and the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation to provide mobility, dignity and hope to people in need worldwide. Through the generosity of Knights and their communities, this life-changing initiative has reached a remarkable milestone: 150,000 wheelchairs delivered — transforming the lives of individuals and families across the globe. [WATCH HERE](#)

KNIGHTLINE

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[A Magnificent Humanity](#)

In his recent encyclical [Magnifica Humanitas](#), Pope Leo XIV emphasizes the human need for communion — with God, with one another and with all creation. “Let us cultivate relationships!” he writes. “In an era that favors speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness.” Through programs built around faith, family and community, the Knights of Columbus strengthen these fraternal bonds, whether through quiet family prayers at home or ministering to the sacramental needs of professional athletes on the road.

Healing a Divided Nation

On Mission with the Sacred Heart

Hundreds of pilgrims have venerated the major relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque as they travel through several jurisdictions in the United States under the care of the Knights of Columbus. The relics first arrived in Orlando, Florida, on June 11 for the U.S. bishops' consecration of the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and have since traveled to Washington, D.C., Baltimore and New Haven, Connecticut. [READ MORE](#)

A Magnificent Humanity

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, addresses what it means to be human in the age of artificial intelligence. In the July/August 2026 issue of *Columbia*, Notre Dame professor Leonard DeLorenzo explains how the encyclical highlights humanity's grandeur as a gift rather than an achievement. "The whole document rests on a conviction constant in Catholic teaching: that the human person is good — all of the person, the body included," writes DeLorenzo. "Real places, real faces and real time cannot be swapped out for their images." [READ MORE](#)

Hearts of Prayer

When Knights from St. Helen's Council 11738 in Glendale, Arizona, saw a need to rekindle prayer in their parish following the COVID-19 pandemic, they launched a traveling statue program devoted to Blessed Michael McGivney. The program was immediately popular among parish families, with a different home hosting the statue each week as family members invoke Father McGivney's intercession for personal needs and those of the community. [WATCH HERE](#)

Faith in the Dugout

Dominican Father Juan Torres, Catholic chaplain for the Houston Astros, brings the sacraments and spiritual guidance to players on and off the field. Through Catholic Athletes for Christ, supported by the Knights of Columbus, he helps them remain rooted in their faith during the demanding baseball season. "Faith and service; this is exactly what we need to bring as Knights," said Father Torres, who is

also chaplain of Holy Rosary – Father Gerard R. Joubert Council 11023 in Houston. "So, it will be my commitment to serve our Houston Astros players and their families and their staff. They are going to need sacraments ... and I'm here for that." [WATCH HERE](#)

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. You can also share your questions, feedback and story by emailing knightline@kofc.org

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District Deputy 17th New York Report -

SK Richard Carl PGK

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Brother Knights,
I look forward to seeing you.
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The New York State Council's Annual Organizational Meeting for the new Fraternal Year was held at the Villa Roma Resort from July 17th - 19th. This is when the Installation of State Officers and District Deputies are conducted.

The Installation ceremony was conducted following Mass on Saturday, July 18th. The ceremony began with State Chaplain Fr Brian McWeeney blessing the jewels of Office and then installing State Deputy Gary Leonardo. Subsequently the State Deputy Leonardo presented the jewels of office to the three State Chaplains present, Fr McWeeney (a retired priest of the Archdiocese of NY), Fr JP Seon (a pastor of a Bronx parish) and Fr Ed Sheridan (a pastor of a parish in Suffolk).

Following the presentation of Chaplain jewels, the State Deputy installed the other state officers, Secretary Brian Langdon, Treasurer Peter Lehr, Advocate Robert Graziano and Warden Keith Kemp. The ceremony closed with the installation and presentation of jewels to the 81 District Deputies in attendance, among those was our own PGK Mike Villa the newly minted District Deputy for District 20.

The photos were taken during the installation ceremony, the first shows Mike receiving his DD jewel from the State Warden and the second shows the newly jeweled DD returning to his seat.



NASSAU CONFERENCE & CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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There are a few upcoming events for you to take a peek at... **(See The Attachments)**




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Are you ready to show pride in YOUR Chapter! We have introduced a new addition to the "Chapter Gear" Shop. **See the Attachment** for the gear, especially the long-sleeved t-shirt showing the world EXACTLY who we are.

Lastly, as a quick heads up, if you have information you would like sent out to the masses from the Chapter, such as a flyer for an event, please forward it to either myself (RBaron73@optonline.net) or Nassau Chapter President, Fitz. Once approved by the Chapter President, it will then be distributed accordingly and given to our webmaster to add to the website.

Please realize, that others do not have the ability to reach as many sets of eyes, as the Chapter's database can. The database is the most complete and is SECURE and kept private (in fact, only four Knights know the password!).

Check out the C&B Quick Drawing Results held at the Villa Roma on July 19th. **See the Attachment**

Kindly pass this along to your Boards, Staffs, Appointees, and Grand Knights, Councils and Assemblies.

We always appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at the next events! If you have **ANY** questions, ideas or concerns, please call me at 516-312-5375.

God Bless and Be Well!

Steve Connelly, PGK, PFN, PCP



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The Mineola Chamber of Commerce.

The Mineola Chamber of Commerce welcomes you! Home of the county seat, we are one of the largest chambers on Long Island serving the businesses of Mineola and the surrounding areas.

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

Chamber meetings are suspended during the summer months of July and August.

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

Events/Meetings:

There are NO GENERAL MEETINGS HELD IN JULY AND AUGUST.

Our September meeting will be held on the 15th at Morgan Parc, (a great view from the rooftop meeting space). The Mayor will be addressing the State of Mineola. Cost to attend is \$45.

Networking begins at 6:00PM and the evening starts at 6:30PM. Hope to see you then! ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

GET READY FOR THE MINEOLA STREET FAIR ON SUNDAY, October 4th, 10am-5pm (Rain date is Sunday, October 11th.) As a Chamber Member you are entitled to free space at the fair. Last year's Street Fair was the BEST EVER! Be a part of the FUN!



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A Fourth of July Message from the Supreme Knight

Dear Brother Knight,

This Fourth of July, we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States. Such a milestone gives us the opportunity to reflect on our country's promise and the work still necessary to form a "more perfect union". As we mark this anniversary, it's worth recalling how the Knights of Columbus have helped strengthen our nation.

When Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Order, the United States was at a crossroads. The Civil War was a fresh and painful memory. The Industrial Revolution was disrupting communities. Not only were Catholic men dying in factories, but they and their families faced widespread discrimination. After barely a hundred years, the American promise of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" seemed beyond the reach of many.

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Much of our work has been recorded in history books. Yet many of our most important contributions go unheralded. When you gather in your council or assembly — when you come together in faith and service — you give something powerful to America itself. You devote your lives to lifting up the less fortunate. You build the bonds of community, cohesion and Christian conviction on which the nation's future depends. The very act of being a Knight of Columbus makes you a patriot.

On this 250th anniversary, I thank you for making America better through your daily work and witness. And I offer a prayer: May God bless you, my brother Knight, and may God continue to bless this country we call home

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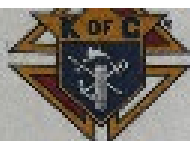
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Answers for August's riddles:

- 1.) "A cross."
- 2.) "The altar.."
- 3.) "A baptismal font."



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Friday, June 19th - 3:00pm
FIFA World Cup Watch Party
USA vs. Australia

Monday, June 22nd - 6:00pm
Senior Afternoon Concert
The Chiclettes and Vinnie Medugno

Friday, June 26th
The Almost Brothers Band - Allman Brothers Tribute, Sons of Skynyrd - Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute

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Saturday, July 11th
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Thursday, July 16th
Harry Chapin Day - Corey Riegan and The Dilemma Band with Scarborough Fair - Simon & Garfunkel Tribute

Saturday, July 18th
Simply Stapleton - Chris Stapleton Tribute

Sunday, July 19th - 6:00pm
Last Exit - Pearl Jam Tribute
Fee For All - Foo Fighters Tribute

Thursday, July 23rd
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Friday, July 24th
ZBTB - Zac Brown Band Tribute and Guys with Guitars

Saturday, July 25th - 6:30pm
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Friday, July 31st
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Saturday, August 1st
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Sunday, August 2nd
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Thursday, August 6th
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Friday, August 7th
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Saturday, August 8th
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Monday, August 10th - 6:00pm
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Thursday, August 13th
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Friday, August 14th
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They may refinance your home and keep the cash, which will destroy your credit rating and your good name. In the most egregious cases, the victims of deed fraud lose their family's house.



Maureen O'Connell discusses Property Fraud Alert at the New Hyde Park Leisure Club

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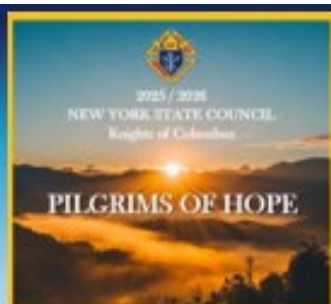
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Long Island	Renold Harilall	17153
Downstate	Stephen Freer	205
Upstate	Katherine DeForge	6282

3rd Place \$ 100.00 plus 15 books

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Downstate	Church of the Sacred Heart (Staten Island)	3993
Upstate	Paul Weitz	7707

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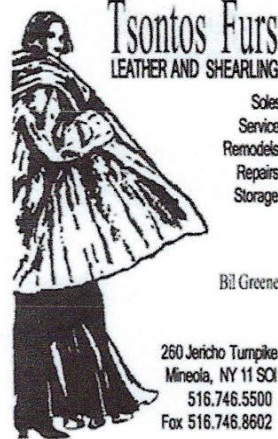
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