



# Knights of Columbus

*Serving the Parishes of Corpus Christi and Saint Aidan*

Corpus Christi Council 2502

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## Clarion



### *Father's Day Edition*

June 1, 2026 - Volume 64

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

Dear Brother Knights and Columbiettes,

This is my final Grand Knight's message after serving in this role for the past three years—three of the absolute best years of my life.

We have accomplished so many incredible things together. When I first took office, my primary goal was to increase our membership. Thanks to the hard work of so many, we successfully grew our ranks year after year. That momentum must continue. None of this would have been possible without the unprecedented backing of The Wilmin Corporation and The 2502 Association, as well as

the finest Board of Officers a Grand Knight could ever ask for.

If I started naming every single man who deserves my gratitude, I would completely run out of paper. However, I would be remiss if I did not publicly recognize a few key individuals who have been the backbone of my tenure:

**Monsignor Batule:** Our spiritual leader and advisor has been truly outstanding. His spoken words and his articles in the Clarion are always inspiring and informative. Congratulations once again, Monsignor, on

the 40th anniversary of your ordination this past November.

**Nick Pennacchio, PGK, FDD, PFN:** As our Financial Secretary, Nick has been the ultimate go-to person for advice and guidance. He keeps our reports flawless, manages our relationship with the Supreme Council, and never misses a beat. He is a one-of-a-kind mentor. I spend so much time at Nick's house, Susan thinks I'm moving in.

**Pete Augello: Our Steward,** Pete, single-handedly brought us back from the brink of bankruptcy following the pandemic. He has been an unbelievable asset, a great friend, and an incredible steward of our council.

**Jim Corrigan, PGK, FDD & Lou LiBrandi (Trustee, 2502 Treasurer):** These two are the definition of "behind-the-scenes" champions. They do so much heavy lifting for this Council that it wasn't until we won the prestigious Star Council Award that I truly realized the massive scope of their contributions.

**Mike Kiesel:** Year after year, Mike effortlessly ensures that our food drive, the kids' Free Throw Championship, and the Wheelchairs Across America initiative are flawlessly executed.

**Dan Albano, PGK:** Until I became Grand Knight, I never fully realized how deeply Dan cares and how hard he worked to get everyone involved. From bringing back Golden Gloves Boxing to stepping up with his wife, Anne, to run our golf outing, his dedication is unmatched. But his most outstanding achievement was the care he provided for our brother Knight, SK Tom McKeever, in Tom's time of need. Dan, what you did for Tom was deeply moving, unselfish, and an inspiration to us all. Thank you.

The list is endless because so many of you do so much day in and day out, year after year that I could go on for a while. Just know that this is not a one-man operation, it takes a team. The team that

is assembled here will continue to operate as a well-oiled machine for many years to come and I will continue to be a part of it.

My next chapter is already beginning. I am going to help Pete with booking and running parties so he can spend some more time with his wife and new grandson. Pete's not leaving us, he needs a break from time to time. I am also going to help and learn more from Nick on the responsibilities of Financial Secretary. None of us are getting any younger. Here's the big step. I have accepted an appointment to become a District Deputy. It was not a decision I took lightly. After much thought and conversation with my wife I decided that if I don't do this now, I never will. Not many PGKs from our Council have taken this position, but I'm following Jim Corrigan, Nick Pennacchio, Bob Hartman and our *Clarion* Editor Mike Murtha. Hopefully I will be as successful as they were.

As we look toward to the future and move into the next Columbian Year, I ask that every one of you extend the exact same unwavering support to our next Grand Knight, Dave Redmond, that you so generously gave to me. Please remember that **our Council Elections** will take place at our business meeting on **June 4<sup>th</sup>**. I encourage everyone to attend.

Thank you all for an unforgettable three years. It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve as your Grand Knight.

Fraternally yours,  
SK Mike Villa,  
Grand Knight, Council 2502

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

**Nominations for all Corpus Christi Officers for the Fraternal Year 2026-2027, for members in good standing, are being accepted.** Please let the Nomination Committee know, prior to the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, if you would like to run for office. Please note that the positions of Financial Secretary, Lecturer, Chaplain and various delegates are appointments and not voted on. However, all other positions can be nominated "off the floor", at the time of the election.

Nomination Committee: GK Michael Villa – 516-884-3490, PGK Nicholas F Pennacchio - 516-742-8379, Peter Augello - 516 643-4784.

**Corpus Christi Council #2502  
PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS  
for the Fraternal Year 2026-2027**

Grand Knight David P. Redmond,  
Deputy Grand Knight Charles Farruggia,  
Chancellor Larry Egan,  
Warden Kevin Keenan,  
Treasurer Liam Patterson,  
Financial Secretary PGK Nicholas F. Pennacchio,  
Advocate Thomas Magaldi,  
Recorder Jude Ohrtman,  
Inside Guard Tom Russo,  
Inside Guard Tom Tarantola,  
Outside Guard Jack Grafing,  
Outside Guard John Biancallo,  
Trustee-1 Year Louis Librandi,  
Trustee-2 Year John Mallon,  
Trustee-3 Year Al Freehill,  
Lecturer Edward L. Pappalardo,  
Chaplain Msgr. Robert Batule.

The election of officers will take place during our 8 PM Business meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**From the Editor's Desk:**

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

Business Meeting will be held on Thurs., May. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Social Meeting will be held on Thur., May. 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Come Support the Council and your Brother  
Knights! Council Officer nominations are  
coming for upcoming Fraternal Year!**

**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.

**Corpus Christi Council #2502 Officers**

**2025-2026**

Grand Knight	Mike Villa
Deputy Grand Knight	David P. Redmond
Chancellor	Charles Farruggia
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
Inside Guard	Jack Grafing
Outside Guard	John Biancaniello
Trustee-1 Year	PGK John Mallon
Trustee-2 Year	Lou Librandi
Trustee-3 Year	Stu Kaplan
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

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

**The Deadline for article, flyer, etc.  
is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.  
Publication closes until next  
month.**

Any articles you wish to have included must be sent to me by e-mail: [mtm12533@aol.com](mailto:mtm12533@aol.com)  
Brothers, you, we are responsible for helping with publishing the *Clarion* monthly and on time. We will not extend the submission deadlines any longer.

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

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

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

Column from June 2021

The last Monday of May this year is Memorial Day. Before it was the last Monday in May, Memorial Day was the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month and it was known as Decoration Day.

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,  
In Christ,  
Msgr. Robert J. Batule  
Council Chaplain

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### Help Stop Abortion

**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\*.**

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### PRO LIFE

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The [Feast of Corpus Christi](#) is also known as the [Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of](#)

**Christ** and is celebrated on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> in honor of the Eucharist since 1246. The name “Corpus Christi” is a Latin phrase that refers to the body of Christ. This event commemorates the Last Supper on the day before Jesus’ crucifixion, as described in the Bible. It is traditionally observed on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday.

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On **June 6, 1944**, at the height of WW II, the Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy to fight the German troops in what became known as **D-Day**. Operation Neptune, as it was formally designated at the time, started the effort to liberate France from German occupation. It was the largest invasion by sea in history. American, British, and Canadian forces played a big part in the planning and execution of the operation. Thus, it is important for many people to commemorate the victory on June 6<sup>th</sup> every year.



#### **D-Day Invasion Timeline**

**June 5, 1944** - On the evening of June 5, 1944, over 5,000 ships and crafts, with 11,000 aircraft as backup, left England carrying 156,000 Allied troops.

**June 5, 1944** - This was the original date for executing the D-Day invasion. However, US General Dwight Eisenhower, who was also the Allied Supreme Commander, postponed it due to bad weather conditions.

**June 6, 1944** - The invasions were carried out on June 6 at 6:30 am. The British and Canadian troops easily took the beaches named Juno, Gold, and Sword, and the Americans were able to overcome opposition at Utah Beach. At Omaha Beach, however, the fortifications were stronger. American troops encountered heavy resistance, with over 2,000 soldiers losing their lives in the invasion. By the end of the day, the Allies had successfully taken over the beaches of Normandy, with over 4,000 casualties overall, and many more wounded.

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#### **June riddles – Can you guess?**

- 1.) What is full of holes but still holds water?
  - 2.) What month of the year has 28 days?
  - 3.) If you drop me I crack, but if you give me a smile I always smile back. What am I?
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**The Belmont Stakes**, also known as The Run for the Carnations and The Test of the Champion, is held on the **first Saturday of June** in New York, normally at Belmont Park. It will be the 158th running of the Belmont Stakes and is set to take place on June 6, 2026, at Saratoga Race Course. It is the third race of the Triple Crown. It is a Grade I stakes horse race for three-year-old thoroughbreds, and at 1.5 miles, Belmont Stakes has the longest racetrack of the three events in the Triple Crown.

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The **US Army's Birthday** is celebrated on **June 14th**.

On June 14, 1775, in the middle of the American Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress decided that to better organize the fight against the British, the colonies should all be unified under one

force. Thus, the American Continental Army was founded.



This day also coincides with Flag Day was adopted on June 14, 1777.



**Flag Day** is commemorated on **June 14th**, which celebrates the birthday of the US flag, which was first adopted on June 14, 1777.

**The meaning of the American Flag**

The American flag can be immediately recognized anywhere in the world. It is also important to understand what each part of the flag symbolizes and means.

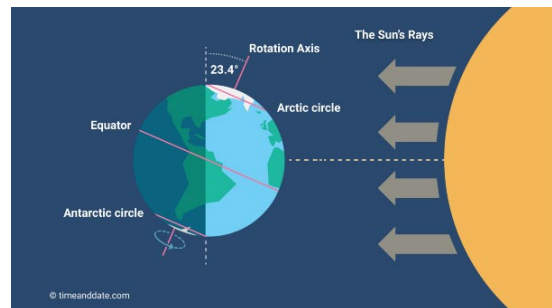
- **The red and white stripes:** Thirteen in total, these stripes represent each of the original British colonies, which were New York, Georgia, Delaware, New Hampshire, Rhode Island Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia.
- **The Stars:** Fifty stars on a blue background are found in the top left corner of the flag. This section of the flag is also known as the 'canton'. These stars represent each of the fifty states.
- **The colors of the flag are significant too:** blue represents justice, white represents purity, and red represents courage and strength.
- **The colors of The American flag** also reflect a connection to The United Kingdom and a mirroring of the colors used in The Union Jack or the British flag.



America celebrates **Juneteenth**, or Freedom Day, on **June 19th**, the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation that abolished slavery in Texas and other former Confederate states in 1865. **Juneteenth is a federal holiday.**



**Father's Day** is celebrated annually on the **third Sunday of June**. It is a day to celebrate fathers and the crucial role they play in people's lives, from childhood through to adulthood. **Happy Father's Day! Enjoy your special day!**



*Position of the Earth in relation to the Sun during the June solstice.*



Winter Solstice Sunrise over Stonehenge, 12/15/25, source: Ethereal Earth

**June Solstice: Shortest and Longest Day of the Year**

There are two solstices every year: one in June and one in December. The June solstice marks the longest day north of the equator and the shortest day in the south.

**Sun Reaches Most Northerly Point** The June solstice is the moment the Sun is directly above the Tropic of Cancer in the Northern Hemisphere. This is the **northernmost latitude** it reaches during the year. After the solstice, it begins moving south again.

**Why Is It Called a "Solstice?"** During a year, the subsolar point—the spot on the Earth's surface directly beneath the Sun—slowly **moves along a north-south axis**. Having reached its southernmost point at the December solstice, it stops and starts moving northward until it **crosses the equator** on the day of the March equinox. At the June solstice, which marks the northernmost point of its journey, it stops again to start its journey back toward the south.

This is how the solstices got their name: the term comes from the Latin words *sol* and *sistere*, meaning **"Sun"** and **"to stand still"**.

Initially, the naming arose from observations of how the Sun's apparent path across the sky changes slightly from one day to the next, which is caused by the same process as the subsolar point's movement described above.

In the months leading up to the June solstice, the position of sunrise and sunset creeps northward. On

the day of the solstice, it reaches its northernmost point. After that, the daily path of the Sun across the sky begins to creep southward again



June Solstice Sunrise at Stonehenge. After this, the Sun rises a bit farther south each day.

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

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

John Sweeney, Dennis P. O'Sullivan, John M. Spellman. Bishop William F. Murphy, Carol Augello, Conor Mulligan, John Cloghessy, Thomas Mckiever, Robert Teemsma, Robert Hinck, James b. Flynn, Michael T Murtha, 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

**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	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	2023-2025

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**Financial Secretary Report**

Nicholas F Pennacchio-Dues

Dear Brother Knight,

**DUES ARE DUE JANUARY EVERY YEAR.**

2025-2026 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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**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.

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**Joseph J. Ryan Knight of the Year Award**

Congratulations to GK Mike Villa SK, for being named the **2026 Corpus Christi Council Knight of the Year! Save the date!** The award & brunch honoring Mike recognizes his long-term contributions to the Council and is formally known as the **Joseph J. Ryan Knight of the Year Award**. See the attached list to review the Council's winners since 1959 (\*indicates Deceased). Brother John & Mary Biancaniello and the committee will run **Knight of the Year Brunch** at Corpus Christi Council, Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm. \$40 a person includes Brunch beer, wine, soda and mimosas, cash bar for mixed drinks. For reservations contact: John Biancaniello 347-219-9474 or [mjbian911@gmail.com](mailto:mjbian911@gmail.com); Charlie Farruggia 917-837-5315 or [ecabeagle@aol.com](mailto:ecabeagle@aol.com); and Nick Pennacchio 516-462-4061 or [nfrankp@aol.com](mailto:nfrankp@aol.com).

**See the Attached Flyer**

**RSVP for Council 2502’s Knight of the Year Brunch honoring GK Mike Villa, SK**

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**RSVP for Redmond Family Fundraiser.** Make a Donation if you are unable to attend. Please be as Generous as possible. Steward Pete Augello needs to order food for the Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> fundraiser. Please use the ticket leap instructions in the **Attached Flyer** to purchase tickets. Thank you.

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**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](mailto:mtm12533@aol.com) and Will Havron [kofcwillhavron@gmail.com](mailto:kofcwillhavron@gmail.com).

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**The Kentucky Derby Party** was a success with 2 pools, mint juleps, plenty of food from Arditos and we closed with homemade crumb cake. Fun was had by all. 32 were in attendance.

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**Save The Date Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi Council Picnic,** rain date Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Charlie for reservations. His cell is 917 837 5315 email is [ecabeagle@aol.com](mailto:ecabeagle@aol.com).

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**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).

Charles Farruggia, Chancellor

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**Special Days, Council Activities**

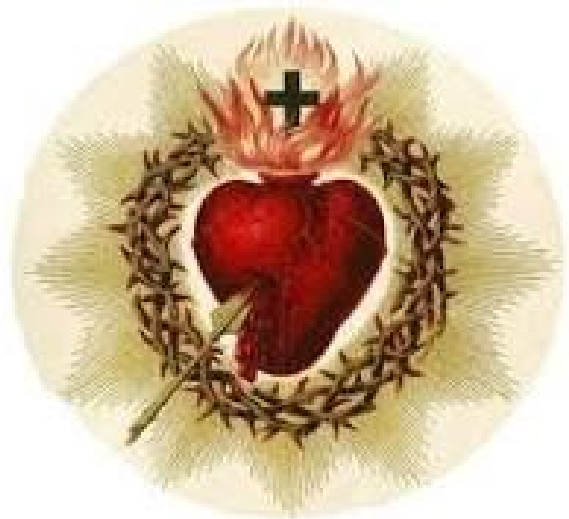
**Save The Dates**

- Feast of Corpus Christi 6/4
- Council Business Meeting 6/4

- Election of Council Officers 6/4
- D-Day 6/6
- Belmont Stakes 6/6
- Redmond Family Fundraiser 6/6
- Knight of the Year Brunch 6/7
- Army Birthday 6/14
- Flag Day 6/14
- Council Social Meeting 6/18
- Juneteenth 6/19
- Father's Day 6/21
- June Solstice 6/21
- COR meeting 6/25
- Williston Park Fourth of July Parade 7/4
- Nas Conf Steak & Cigar Night 7/9
- Council 2502 Annual Picnic 8/8

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**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.

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.

The upcoming meeting will be held **May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. All Catholic men are welcome. If you have any questions, call Jim Corrigan (516) 282-6774.

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## 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!!!

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### Free Summer Concerts. See the Attached Flyer



### Ads for The Clarion

If any Member is Interested in placing an ad in the Clarion or knows of a business that would like to sponsor us, please fill out the information below with a check for \$65.00. Please send your business card, or a suitable standard graphic design file, so that we may display your ad in our Monthly Clarion. If you have any further questions, please contact David Redmond at 516-362-0837 for voicemail and text, or email [webmaster@kofc2502.net](mailto:webmaster@kofc2502.net).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Knights of Columbus  
David Redmond  
PO Box 1834

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### 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](http://kofc.org/intothebreach).

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**Have you watched KNIGHTCAST?**

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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)

**[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 Connelly  
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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**[A Refuge in the Storm](#)**

*As many areas across Hawaii were devastated by floods last month, local Knights stepped up to support their communities by delivering resources and providing hope. As leaders in faith-inspired service, Knights are often*

*among the first to respond when disaster strikes. They also bear witness to the Catholic faith in the public square through prayer initiatives and by supporting conferences and other events. This year, councils around the world participated in processions to honor St. Joseph, whose feasts are celebrated March 19 and May 1.*

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### **A Refuge in the Storm**

After a series of devastating floods caused widespread damage across Hawaii last month, local Knights and the Hawaii State Council mobilized to distribute thousands of dollars through the Order's Disaster Relief Fund and to provide food and shelter assistance to families in need. "It's times like these where we often ask, 'Where was God?'" said Joshua Kapika, past grand knight of St. Michael the Archangel Council 16741 in Waialua. "The answer is very simple; it's in me. It's in my brother Knights." [READ MORE](#) | [WATCH HERE](#)

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### **Shoulder to Shoulder With St. Joseph**

Around the world, men are uniting in devotion to St. Joseph, who serves as a practical model of leadership, fatherhood and masculine spirituality. This year, Knights participated in marches held in honor of St. Joseph in Kraków, Paris and Chicago, walking several miles across these major cities to witness to the Catholic faith and stand together as brothers. [READ MORE](#)

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### **Rise Up in Faith**

This past winter, Knights and other young adults representing more than 100 universities and colleges across Canada gathered in Montréal for Rise Up, Canada's national Catholic conference for young adults. The presence of the Knights of Columbus at the conference — along with the opportunity to venerate the relics of Blessed Michael McGivney — inspires many young men to answer the call to serve their communities as leaders in the faith. [WATCH HERE](#)

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### **Showcasing Special Athletes**

The dedication and support of the Knights of Columbus for Special Olympics helps thousands of athletes to compete successfully at events around the United States. In Georgia, support from the Knights year after year allows 2,000 athletes to

showcase their abilities in bowling, basketball, gymnastics and more. "It's a testament to the sanctity of human life," said Past State Deputy T.J. McCaustland of Georgia. "The athletes are included and celebrated for all of the victories they have, both big and small." [WATCH HERE](#) | [LEARN MORE: SPECIAL OLYMPICS](#)

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## **KNIGHTLINE**

**VOLUME 44 | NUMBER 18 | 5/6/26**

### **[Hand, Heart & Soul](#)**

*As interest in vocational training programs increases throughout the United States, Catholic trade schools are emerging that guide students toward lives of meaningful work and active faith — including Knight-led programs that reflect the Order's core principles. Around the world, Knights are responding to needs in countless communities. In Canada and the Philippines, councils are partnering to provide vision care for Filipino villagers in need, while Knights in Ukraine are providing generators to cities struggling through repeated power outages due to war.*

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### **Hands, Heart and Soul**

As enrollment at trade-focused institutions in the United States has risen over the past several years, innovative trade schools that form young men in both a craft and Catholic discipleship have begun to take root. With its emphasis on charity and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus naturally aligns with the mission of these new schools, and three in particular — in California, Illinois and Michigan — are led by Knights. [READ MORE](#) | [WATCH HERE](#)

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### **To the Heights Together**

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus so that men could experience communion and fellowship with one another and with God, a mission that remains critical in an age of growing isolation and loneliness. In his latest column for *Columbia*, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly highlights St. Pier Giorgio Frassati as someone who understood the importance of holy friendship. "With the help of his friends, he continually sought God's will," he writes, "and, by his grace, climbed to the heights of heaven." [READ MORE](#)

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### Glasses With Wings

In Villamarzo, a small village on the Philippine island of Luzon, many people do not have the option to purchase eyeglasses and are forced to choose between food and vision care. To meet this need, Villamarzo native Rolando Lagmay, now a member of St. Leonard's Council 11752 in Ottawa, Ontario, helped his council partner with Cordon Council 7303 in Isabela, Philippines, to create Glasses With Wings — an initiative that provides used eyeglasses to people in need. [WATCH HERE](#)

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### Light in the Darkness

As missile and drone attacks cause frequent power outages in Kyiv, Ukraine, dozens of parishes are keeping their doors open to offer shelter to people seeking refuge. With support from the Supreme Council, the Ukraine State Council launched the Powering Our Parishes program in 2023 to provide generators to these parishes, delivering 161 generators throughout Ukraine to date. [READ MORE](#)

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## KNIGHTLINE

**VOLUME 44 | NUMBER 19 | 5/13/26**

### [A Gift to Others](#)

*On this day in 1917, the Blessed Mother appeared for the first time to three children in Fatima, Portugal, asking them to pray the rosary daily for peace and to offer their sufferings for the conversion of others. Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary has long been central to the Knights of Columbus, especially under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Order. Another Marian title, Our Lady of the Broken, was recently coined by Pope Leo XIV after meeting Kevin Matthews, a former Chicago radio personality. A Knight since 2018, Matthews travels the world sharing his personal conversion story and the role of Mary in that journey. Every Knight is encouraged to honor Mary as his own mother, particularly during the month of May, which is dedicated to her, and to seek her intercession in his vocation of service in his family, parish and community.*

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### Our Lady of the Broken

Former Chicago radio legend Kevin Matthews had hit rock bottom when he stumbled upon a statue of the Blessed Mother, broken in half, beside a dumpster. As he recognized his own struggles and

deep brokenness in the chipped statue, his perspective on life and faith changed. Matthews, a member of Bishop Plagens Council 3104 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, now travels the world with the image, sharing his personal testimony of hope and encouragement through the Broken Mary Project.

[READ MORE](#)

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### 'A Gift to Others'

The Knights of Columbus celebrated the graduation of nearly 50 men from the McGivney Fellowship program during a ceremony and Mass held at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, on May 2. Named in honor of Blessed Michael McGivney, the two-year leadership formation program is designed to equip participants with Christian principles to apply in their fraternal and professional roles, parishes and families. [READ MORE](#)

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### A Mother's Prayer Answered

While struggling with infertility, Andrea and Michael McArthur visited the tomb of Blessed Michael McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, during a retreat. Andrea experienced a renewed sense of hope, and soon after, discovered she was pregnant. Today, the couple gives thanks for their son — an answered prayer they attribute to Father McGivney's intercession. [WATCH HERE](#)

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### Raising Up Athletes of All Abilities

In support of athletes with special needs, St. Ann-Oratory Council 6756 in Rock Hill, South Carolina, sponsors teams and players at Miracle Park, a specially designed field that accommodates athletes of all abilities and ages. Through the park's buddy program, Knights protect, assist and encourage the players during their games. "Through compassion and love, we can make a lasting impression and make miracles happen in our community," said Grand Knight Brian Daigle of Council 6756. "And it can happen in any community [where] the Knights are involved." [WATCH HERE](#)

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## KNIGHTLINE

**VOLUME 44 | NUMBER 20 | 5/20/26**

## [\*\*¡Viva Cristo Rey!\*\*](#)

*This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Cristero War in Mexico. As Catholics in Mexico faced increasing persecution and even martyrdom at the hands of the government, the Knights of Columbus launched an international campaign to defend the rights of the Church. Pope Pius XI explicitly recognized the Order's role in his encyclical [\*\*Iniquis Afflictisque\*\*](#), published Nov. 18, 1926, in response to the persecution in Mexico: "First of all we mention the Knights of Columbus ... made up of active and industrious members who, because of their practical lives and open profession of the Faith, as well as by their zeal in assisting the Church, have brought great honor upon themselves." The memorial of the Mexican martyrs, observed May 21, includes six Knights of Columbus who were canonized by St. John Paul II in 2000.*

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### **¡Viva Cristo Rey!**

When the Cristero War broke out in Mexico in 1926, the Knights of Columbus had already established an international network linking Mexican Catholics with one another and with brother Knights in the United States and beyond. In the face of sweeping persecution, the Order mobilized to defend the Church in Mexico, raising \$1 million for a campaign to educate the public and assist those affected.

[\*\*READ MORE\*\*](#)

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### **Faith of Our Brothers**

By organizing pilgrimages to two national shrines and cultivating deeper devotion to the Cristero martyrs in Mexico and beyond, Knights today play a crucial role in preserving a legacy of faith strengthened by the blood of martyrs. "The martyrs' witness should inspire and encourage us in the mission we have today," said Supreme Director Jorge Estrada. "Let us not allow others to act while we remain mere spectators." [\*\*READ MORE\*\*](#)

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### **A Question of Faith**

During the 44th Supreme Convention in August 1926, the Order stood in solidarity with suffering Catholics in Mexico, organizing spiritual and financial support for the defense of religious liberty. Many Knights were killed during the persecution, among them nine saints and blessed, including six

priest-martyrs commemorated May 21. [\*\*READ MORE\*\*](#)

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### **Following Father Kapaun**

Inspired as a young man by the story of Venerable Emil Kapaun, Father Wayne Schmid answered the call to both the priesthood and military chaplaincy. After decades of military service, he was assigned to minister in the Diocese of Wichita — the very diocese Father Kapaun once served. As chaplain of St. Mary's Council 4458 in Derby, Kansas, Father Wayne has been a source of encouragement and guidance to fellow Knights, inspired by the examples of Father Kapaun and Blessed Michael McGivney. [\*\*WATCH HERE\*\*](#) | [\*\*READ MORE\*\*](#)

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## **KNIGHTLINE**

**VOLUME 44 | NUMBER 21 | 5/25/26**

### [\*\*Instruments of Peace\*\*](#)

*The Knights of Columbus and Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly were honored with the 2026 Path to Peace Award last week. Presented by the Path to Peace Foundation, the award recognized the Order's longstanding commitment to promoting peace and aiding vulnerable communities around the world. "It is only through charity, and a genuine love of our enemy, that we can achieve the reconciliation necessary for lasting peace," Supreme Knight Kelly said. "Let us teach this war-torn world what it means to love as Jesus did and called his followers to do."*

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### **Instruments of Peace**

The Path to Peace Foundation, which supports the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations, honored the Knights of Columbus and Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly with the 2026 Path to Peace Award on May 18 in New York City. The award recognized the Order's outstanding service to the cause of peace. [\*\*READ MORE\*\*](#)

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### **Courageous Faith Under Fire**

Marshal Ferdinand Foch, a legendary French military leader during World War I, possessed tactical brilliance as well as unwavering Catholic faith. Known for praying the rosary daily and entrusting his cause to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Foch led the Allies to

decisive victory in 1918 — reportedly consecrating their armies to God. Deeply moved by the wartime charity of the Knights of Columbus, Foch later became the Order's 1-millionth member, and his legacy endures through Marshal Foch Council 18411 in Tarbes, France. [WATCH HERE](#) | [READ MORE](#)

### The Healing Grace of Lourdes

During last year's Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage, Chris and Maria Froelich were invited to confront their experience with infertility and their desire to become parents. At Lourdes, they discovered peace in their present circumstances and a renewed sense of their vocation to serve others on the path to heaven. "Lourdes gave me a lot of hope for the future, for my marriage," Maria said, "by just reminding me that Chris and I, we're not alone. God's in there." [WATCH HERE](#)

### Mary's Interior Freedom

The sinless life of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her total obedience to God exemplify every person's need for grace, explains Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori in his column for the May issue of *Columbia*. "Gaining freedom from the power of sin can feel difficult," he writes, "but once liberated by God's grace, we discover that, like Mary, we are able to say 'yes' to God, to our families and to those in need." [READ MORE](#)

### 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](#)

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

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Brother Knights,  
I look forward to seeing you.  
V. J. Rich Carl

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## NASSAU CHAPTER

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,



### Nassau Chapter Scam Alert



Please be advised that Chapter President Kevin Fitzpatrick's email HAS BEEN HACKED AGAIN.

If you received a recent email message, appearing to be from him asking you to purchase anything or to send funds, please disregard. The message is being sent by someone who is posing as Fitz.

If you happen to receive it, simply disregard and let him know. He'll be changing his passwords in an effort to stop these phony messages.

Thanks for your patience, your understanding and for All you do for the Nassau Chapter.

God Bless and Be Well!

Steve Connelly, PGK, PFN, PCP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you checked out our new [Nassau Chapter KofC Facebook Page](#). Log in to view or sign up. See posts, photos and more. Kindly disregard the previous Chapter Facebook Pages.

If you have **ANY** questions, ideas or concerns, or to reserve/order your signs, please either respond to this message or you can 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 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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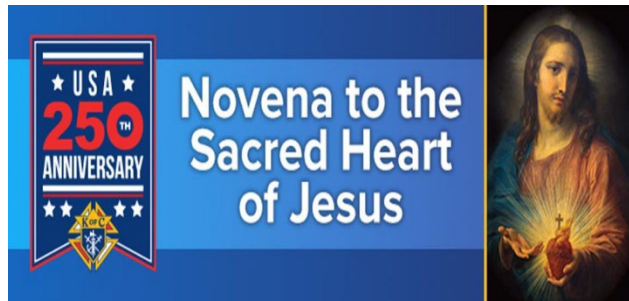
Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month between September and June at various Chamber member venues. Networking begins at 6:00PM and the dinner meeting starts at 6:30PM.

**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:**

Our June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Spaghetini's. The Chamber will be awarding scholarships to two Mineola students. Cost to attend is \$45. Our May 19<sup>th</sup> a barbecue was held at Harry Katz's Carpet One, a great networking event. Networking begins at 6:00PM and the evening starts at 6:30PM. Hope to see you then! **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**



Brother Knight,

Join us in prayer as the United States turns 250!

Leading up to America's 250th anniversary this summer, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and all American Knights and their families are encouraged to participate.

You're invited to join us in a novena — nine days of prayer — from June 3-11, concluding with the consecration of the country on the eve of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.

Sign up to receive each day's prayers to your inbox!

**SIGN UP**

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly is also encouraging all Knights to enthrone an image of the Sacred Heart in their home — a simple act of devotion that centers us on the heart of Jesus. You can find everything you need for an enthronement on the Catholic Information Service website - [shopcatholicinfo.com](http://shopcatholicinfo.com).

We look forward to joining you in prayer!

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Brother Knight,

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- 2.) “All of them.”
- 3.) “A mirror.”

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- Fly the American flag at half-staff until noon
- Display the POW/MIA flag
- Participate in a "National Moment of Remembrance" at 3:00 p.m.
- Visit cemeteries and memorials and place flowers or stick flags on the graves of soldiers



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Dear Friends, Neighbors, and the Mineola Community,

For over 50 years, the name Bobby Redmond has been synonymous with Mineola pride. Whether you know him from the sidelines of a PAL football game, saw him coaching lacrosse, or watched him volunteer his time as an assistant coach for the Mineola High School football team, you know that Bobby has spent his life pouring his heart into the youth of our town. He didn't just teach sports; he taught character, resilience, and community spirit.

Today, we are reaching out because a man who has given so much to us now needs our help.

Recently, Bobby and his wife Marian fell victim to a devastating cyber scam. In a matter of moments, their entire life savings were wiped out, leaving them not only without their nest egg but facing significant debt. It is a heartbreaking situation for a family that has always been the first to offer a helping hand to others.

The Knights of Columbus Corpus Christi Council #2502, where Bobby has been a member for decades, are organizing a benefit to help the Redmonds get back on their feet. We are asking for your support. We are looking for donations whether it be a Sponsorship, monetary contribution of any amount, a gift certificate or items for our raffles. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

**Our Promise:** 100% of the proceeds from this benefit will go directly to the Redmond family to help them recover from this financial tragedy and secure their future.

Bobby Redmond has spent over five decades building up this community. Let's show him that Mineola takes care of its own.

#### How you can help:

- **Gold or Platinum Sponsorships:** Checks made out to Corpus Christi Council
- **Monetary Donations:** Checks can be sent to the Knights of Columbus, Corpus Christi Council #2502 PO Box 243 Mineola, NY 11501
- **Raffle/Auction Items:** Contact Mike Villa at 516-884-3490 to arrange a pickup/dropoff.
- **Spread the Word:** Please share this letter with anyone who has been impacted by Bobby's coaching or friendship over the years.

Thank you for your generosity and for showing the Redmonds that they are not alone.

With gratitude, SK Mike Villa, Grand Knight

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Bobby Redmond, a 50-year PAL football and lacrosse coach, high school volunteer football coach, and lifelong Mineola resident, along with his wife Marian, fell victim to a devastating cyber scam, losing their entire life savings. Please consider supporting this fundraiser in any way you can.

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**Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm**  
**Senior Afternoon Concert**  
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**Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Juneteenth Celebration – Earth Wind & Fire Tribute by D'votion, Gospel Choir and DRIFT featuring members of TALK and MJT

**Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> - 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 26<sup>th</sup>**  
The Almost Brothers Band - Allman Brothers Tribute, Sons of Skynyrd - Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute

**Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**FREESTYLE MEETS SALSA** - featuring **BRENDA K. STARR, TITO PUENTE JR., TKA/K7, JOEY CRUZ, LA SONORA 495 AND FOREVER FREESTYLE BAND**

**Sunday, June 28th**  
**REGGAE NIGHT WITH INNER CIRCLE, WAYNE WONDER AND IRISPECT**

**Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5:30pm**  
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**Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Fireworks Role Date**

**Thursday, July 9th**  
Oldies Night with E'stefano DiSanto, Johnny Farina, Bobby Wilson, Vito Picone & The Elegants and The Brooklyn Bridge

**Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Disco Unlimited

**Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Harry Chapin Day - Corey Rieman and The Dilemma Band with Scarborough Fair - Simon & Garfunkel Tribute

**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Simply Stapleton - Chris Stapleton Tribute

**Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm**  
Last Exit - Pearl Jam Tribute  
Foo For All - Foo Fighters Tribute

**Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**LANIE GARDNER & BROOKE MORIBER**

**Friday, July 24th**  
ZBTB - Zac Brown Band Tribute and Guys with Guitars

**Saturday, July 25th - 6:30pm**  
**JEFFERSON STARSHIP, ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION, FIREFALL AND PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE**

**Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> - 4:00pm**  
Family Day On The Lake, featuring Beauty and The Beat, Princesses and wide-ranging entertainment for children and families

**Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**  
3 Decades Rewind  
Rock Hits of the 60s, 70s and 80s

**Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Half Step - Grateful Dead Tribute

**Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**SALUTE TO VETERANS**  
with Desert Highway - Eagles Tribute and American Bombshell

**Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Lovesong - 80s New Wave Tribute

**Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**THE OUTLAWS**

**Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**COLE SWINDELL**

**Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway

**Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm**  
**Senior Afternoon Concert**  
Gerry Ferretti and the Mutant Kings and Jenna Esposito

**Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Neil Diamond Tribute

**Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Swingtime Big Band

**Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**MIDTOWN MEN ORIGINAL CAST OF JERSEY BOYS**

**Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**  
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## Joseph J. Ryan Knight of the Year Award

Congratulations to GK Mike Villa SK, for being named the **2026 Corpus Christi Council Knight of the Year!** Save the date, brunch honoring Mike Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. This award recognizes long-term contributions to the Council and is known as the **Joseph J. Ryan Knight of the Year Award**. Here are the Council's winners since 1959 (\* indicates Deceased).

1959 Leo Blatz PGK*	1960 John Davanzo*	1961 Anthony Riggio*
1962 John Dowling PGK*	1963 Rev. Thomas Manning*	1964 Joseph Raeder*
1965 Francis X. Kehoe PGK*	1966 Daniel McGrath PGK*	1967 Edward Panzella PGK*
1968 James F. Smith*	1969 Wilfred D. Flynn*	1970 John R. Aulbach PGK*
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1983 Richard E. Ryan PGK*	1984 Nicholas F. Passarella*	1985 John L. Sullivan*
1986 Ernest L. Berry, Jr. PFN*	1987 John Donohue*	1988 Frank V. Elias PGK*
1989 Walter Auer PGK*	1990 Frank Guarino* and Joseph Corso*	
1991 Daniel Lynch PGK*	1992 Joseph Cavanaugh*	1993 Terrence P. Connor PGK*
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2008 Samuel Donato PGK*	2009 Robert G. Eising*	2010 Msgr. Robert Batule Chaplain
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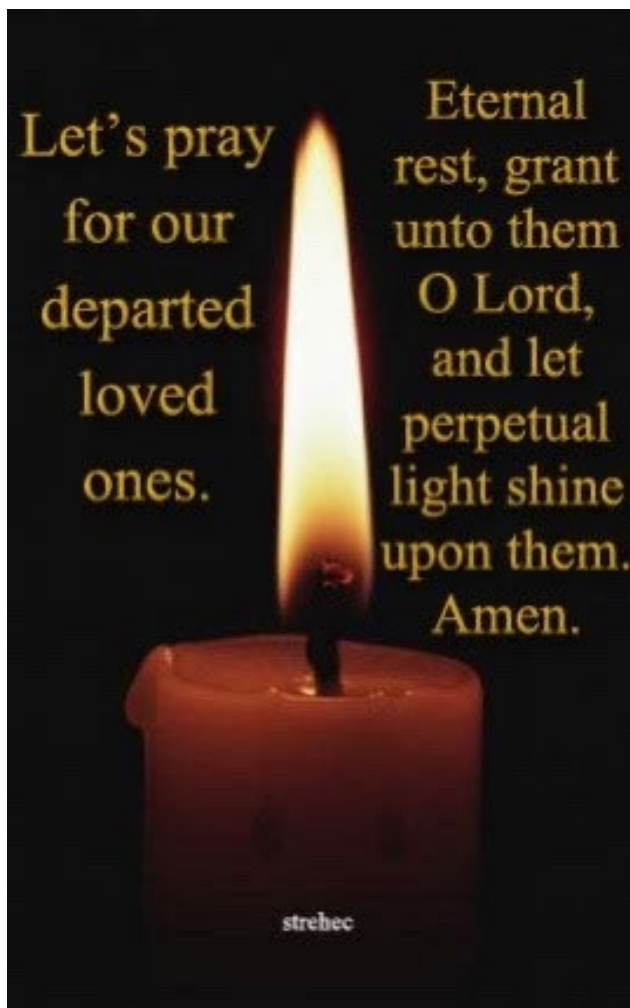


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Today we celebrate the memory of those who have paid the ultimate price for the defense of our Nation and way of life.

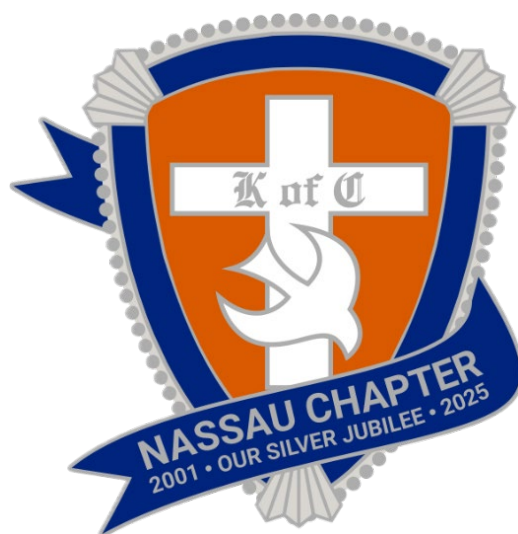
Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, began during the American Civil War when citizens placed flowers on the graves of those who had been killed in battle. After World War I, it came to be observed in honour of those who had died in all U.S. wars, and its name changed to Memorial Day. Today, let us remember all those who have fought and died for the sake of freedom, justice, and the common good.

Greater Love No Man Hath  
Than To Lay Down His Life For a Friend



In this Month of May we ask for the Intercession of  
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