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Grand Knights Message

Happy 2025 gentlemen!

Happy New Year to all of you and your families. This past year was an eventful and successful one for the Council. Our mantra last year was to "Do More in '24!" and we certainly did plenty. Our core principals of Charity, Unity and Fraternity were fulfilled in a wide variety of ways. Those of us who are 4th degree Knights celebrated our commitment to Patriotism and Faith with our praying monthly Patriotic Rosaries the Council sponsored at St. John's. The beauty of these rosaries is that they were not mired in the divisive partisanship that our societal media tried to separate us with. Rather these prayerful rosaries served to bring us all together and promote unity in our beloved country. We prayed that our elected officials, regardless of party, would be led by God's Providence in service of the people instead of worldly self-interest.

Praying together in this way was powerful and helped reinforce our faith in God and our own citizenship.

The hard work we did in 2024 allowed us to donate even more to Charity. One example was in providing 132 new coats to the Parish Social ministry at St. John's, an increase of 60 warm coats over 2023. The 132 coats however still did not meet the need for our community which shows how tough times are today for many of our neighbors. Thank you to all the Knights who participated in our fundraising efforts especially weekly commitments to Bingo. We welcome any time that you can dedicate to the Council to keep these efforts fruitful.

Brothers, you are a member of one of the busiest and most productive Councils on Long Island. This is due to your dedication, faithfulness and selfishness. We provide inspiration to our Parish, our community and one another by our actions. I am excited entering 2025. If you were unable to participate as much as you would have liked to in 2024, I ask that you find some time to spend with us in 2025. The gift of your presence at meetings, Masses, fundraisers and parish events is most welcome. Come pray with us and for us, and we promise to do the same for you. Those of you who continue to be active in the Council, may God grant you good health, inspiration and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to keep making this Council great!

Finally, 2024 was not without its hardships, our Council suffered the loss of two Past Grand Knights in Lou D'Amara and Pat Johnson. Several other members have gone to their eternal reward. Their service and dedication to our Council lives on by our commitment to promoting the principles of our Order. God Bless.
Vivat Jesus,
Jim O'Connor

Council officers

Membership Chairman

TJ McCann 631-909-1507

Prayer for the canonization of Blessed 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 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 commitment of charity and building up his body, which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant, prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (now make your request) Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father – Hail Mary – Glory be to the [Father](#).

January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Officers meeting 7pm	3 BINGO	4 Totus-Tuus (COR)9am Seton Chapel
5	6 Epiphany  BETHLEHEM	7	8	9 Members meeting 7pm	10 BINGO	11 Totus-Tuus (COR)9am Seton Chapel
12	13	14	15	16	17 BINGO	18 Totus-Tuus (COR)9am Seton Chapel
19	20	21	22	23	24 BINGO	25 Totus-Tuus (COR)9am Seton Chapel McGivney Mass 5pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Bingo every Friday at St. John the Evangelist Parish auditorium.
Sales start at 6:30pm and Bingo will start at 7:30 and usually ends around 10:30.
Brothers, we will need your help. Bingo is how we raise funds to make our many
donations. There are many jobs that need to be done from sales, to calling to set up and
break down as well as snack bar. You don't need to stay all night, any amount of time
you can give us will be appreciated.

District Deputy Report

Brothers,

Hope everyone had a blessed Christmas. Welcome to the New Year.

We are now on the downhill side of the Fraternal Year. A good New Years Resolution that would be easy to keep is to get more involved in your Council. Come to a meeting, Volunteer to help at an event. It's always great to see a new face or someone we have not seen in a while.

District Free Throw will be on January 18 at 11am. Thank you Pat Molluso for securing the venue again this year. The venue is Holy Angels gym in Patchogue.

This months Chapter meeting will be at Assumption Council on January 10. This is Chapter Charity Drive kickoff night. Please try to attend.

Queen of all Hearts Council does great work in the Church and Community. Keep up the great job you are doing.

Thank you for all you do and thank you for being a Knight.

Vivat Jesus,

Bill



Queen of All Hearts annual Tree lighting . Held on December 10th

Check out the new and improved council website kofc4126.com



December 2024 Lecturer's Reflection

Brother Knights,

As we Journey through this Advent season moving towards Christmas, let us reflect on the birth of our Lord God himself entering this world to save us from our own transgressions and iniquities. As we know, Christ came into this world impoverished born in a manger among livestock. As the Christmas season unfolds, we must not loose sight of this. Sadly, the secular view of Christmas is one of profit and consumerism. Come December 26th, major retailers would have liquidated their stock of decorations, trappings, and Christmas themed accoutrements eyeing the next big money maker and the secular world will move on.

This idea of throwing out Christmas as something to be discarded like a worn-out pair of shoes is an unfortunate byproduct of our highly secularized society. As Catholics, we know that Christmas, the celebration of the coming of our Lord to save us does not end with the conclusion of Christmas Day. In fact, the United States Conference of Catholics Bishops says that Christmas ends with the celebration of The Baptism of Our Lord. In fact, prior to The Second Vatican Council, Christmastide was celebrated for forty days (paralleling the forty days of lent) concluding on February 2nd. Whichever you choose Christmas does not end after December 25th.

As Catholics, we are called to be examples to the rest of the world. This may look different for each of us. For example, this may include saying Merry Christmas till The Celebration of the Baptism of Our Lord, not immediately removing our decorations, continuing our generosity towards those less fortunate, and aiding organizations whose values are in harmony with the Catholic Church. The latter two is something we partake in all year long however giving tied to the reverence of the coming of Our Lord and Savior can make for a particularly powerful and moving gesture this time of year.

Our example as Catholic Gentlemen and Knights to celebrate the Christmas season in its entirety will not be in vain and will serve as an impactful example to those around us in our community and even beyond. By prayerfully requesting Our Lady's intercession in this matter we can spiritually combat materialism and the secular authorities who only worship money and worldly power.

Brother Knights, I wish all of you and yours a joyous Christmas season. May all of us spend time walking with the Lord through prayer this Christmas season contemplating his coming to dwell among us.

Vivat Jesus

Meeting Date: Thursday, December 12th, 2024

The Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Grand Knight Jim O'Connor.

The roll of officers was called and noted as follows:

Chaplain (Fr. Riegger): P
Associate Chaplain (Fr. Leone) – E
Grand Knight (Jim O'Connor): P
Deputy Grand Knight (Tom Taylor): E
Chancellor (Frank Ferrara): P
Recorder (Dan O'Connell): P
Financial Secretary (George Keller): P
Treasurer (Kevin Both): P
Lecturer (Vincent Ladalla): E
Advocate (Brian Leavy): P
Warden (Frank Cantasano): P
Inside Guard (Raul Perez): P
Outside Guard (2) (Doug Boyce, Dennis Morrill): P,E
Trustee 3rd year (Steve Aracari): P
Trustee 2nd year (Mike Lankau): P
Trustee 1st year (William Morgan): E

Last month's minutes

Motion made by TJ McCann to accept the Minutes as published – Motion carried.

Chaplain's Message:

Great to be here and also happy to see such a great representation.
Thanked GK Jim for his leadership
Happy to be our Chaplain.
Thanked us for the work we do at Bingo.
Looking forward to our Christmas Party.

Grand Knight Report

Treasurer –

Treasurers report read by Kevin Both
Motion made to Accept the report – motion carried.

Membership Committee/Admissions

2 Proposed new members –
New member - Dave Leal
Transfer – Carlos De Leon

Bingo report

Profit: \$4688.54
Due St. Johns - \$2325.00 – check presented to Fr. Patrick
Donations: \$1926.00 (total)
St Johns Church - \$1911.00
Wavery Respect for Life - \$150.00
Checking Account Balance: \$31458.26
Donations so far for December (total - \$4345.00)
St Johns Church - \$2345.00
St Johns Church Men's Retreat - \$500.00
OLQA School - \$1500.00
Since July 1st
Profit - \$15073.88
Donations total - \$7562.00
Other Donations total - \$9950.00
Operating Expenses - \$2066.00
Financial Secretary Report

Membership Totals:

Associate Members: 147

Insurance Members: 77

Inactive Members: 13

Total Members: 237

Honorary Members: 3

Honorary Life Members: 51

Exempt Members: 3

Council in good standing and we don't owe any money

Per Capita is due - amount is \$924.00

4th degree report

Next meeting is Jan 22nd

New Exemplification of 4th Degree – February 22, 2025 – 125th anniversary of the Order – held at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Still looking for Honor Guard – member cost is ¼ of full price

Council Events Community Director

All events are on the website www.kofc4126.com

Service Committees:

Upcoming Events

12/13 – Chapter Christmas Party

12/13 - Bingo

12/14 – Christmas Parties.

12/15 – K of C – Fr McGivney Mass at 10am – Sandwiches Sunday

12/15 – Shea Assembly Christmas Party

12/16 – Novena for Priests and Vocations

12/17 - Bowling Day –

12/20 – Bingo

12/30 – Community Meal

Bell Jars report –

Bell jars – ended \$52.93

Shirt/Jacket Report

Retention Committee

STAR Council Chairperson Report

Nominating Committee

Parish/Rectory Liason

12/7 we had the Men's Day Retreat – had about 30-40 guys. Was best one yet in Brian's opinion. Hope to have more next year.

C and B books

All books have been submitted – Thanks to everyone – we did meet our goal for matching funds.

Field Agent Report

Great to see everyone

Helped Hampton Bays with their Christmas for the Special Needs and Developmentally disabled – maybe we can do something similar in the future.

Mentioned the Hampton Bays council sold Palm Crosses during Lent and it made about \$4000. Maybe something to think about for us this year as well.

Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Bills and Communications:

Request for Donation from Diocese of Rockville Centre for the Annual Religious Retirement Fund.

Request for Donation from Long Island State Veterans Home at Stony Brook University

Request for Donation from SCO Family of Services for their Annual Holiday Gift Drive

Thank you note from St Johns Office of Street Ministry

Unfinished Business

Starting 2025 we will reduce the number of Masses for the Canonization of Fr. McGivney. We are thinking of doing a Quarterly Mass - 1st

Quarter Mass is January for 1st Quarter – 1/25 – 5pm

All service programs are completed for this year –

Need to qualify in Membership – 9 more members and Fraternal Benefits – need 11 more members to come to a Fraternal Benefits Night or sit for the webinar

Facilitating transfer of members to the Knights of Columbus Affiliate Program – we have 21 potential members that fit this category

New Business –

Motion made for \$350 for the Waverly Respect for Life organization – discussion – motion carried

Motion made for the \$200 for seed money to reserve a table for the Paul Diorio family dinner fundraiser – discussion – motion carried

Every Monday at 7pm in Chapel we have prayer for Priests and Vocations – would like to see more people there.

We need chairpersons for the Valentine's Day and St Patrick's Day Dances coming up.

Looking to do a Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Rosary on Saturday, Feb 1st prior to 5pm Mass

Dates TBD for 2025 Food Drives

Start thinking of people to become Officers for next Fraternal Year.
Presented Checks from Bingo for the LI Veterans Home, Waverly Respect for Life, Sisters for Life
Lecturer's Reflection
(As read by Chancellor Frank F in Vincent's Absence.)

District Deputy Report

Brings Fraternal Greetings
Feb 8th – Mt. Carmel Church - Special Needs Mass for the Chapter – would appreciate if we can come down to support.
Merry Christmas to us all
Selling \$5 chances for the Paul Diorio Fund
Jan 19th - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the Paul Diorio family.

50/50 Report

\$130 collected, \$65 for Council, \$65 Winner.

Grand Knights Summary:

Reread the GK Message as half was missing online in the Messenger.

Insurance Agents Report

Brothers,

Happy New Year! The Knights of Columbus has very exciting news to share as we jump into 2025.

Beginning January 1, 2025, a dividend increase took effect for eligible participating insurance policies. This is in addition to the increased fraternal benefits announced last year. Inspired by our founder Blessed Michael McGivney, we continue to seek opportunities to help provide our members with financial security.

What does an increased dividend rate mean?

Dividends are amounts that may be paid annually from the surplus funds of the Knights of Columbus and are paid on an equitable basis by class as determined by the Board of Directors. ¹

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

- Purchase paid up additions, which is the default option.
- Place the dividends on deposit and earn additional interest.
- Receive the dividends in cash.
- Reduce billed premium. ¹
- Reduce an existing loan.

Over the past 30 years, Knights of Columbus has paid more than \$22 billion in dividends and insurance benefits.

I would love to sit down with you in the coming year to discuss how this dividend increase may help you achieve your financial security goals. If you have any questions about this, or any of the benefits of having a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, please come chat with me, and we'll schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!

¹ Dividends are not guaranteed.

¹ This option is not available on all policies, and not available if policy is paying premiums via a monthly EFT.

Vivat Jesus!

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COR

The Totus-Tous men's prayer group has started working with the Knights of Columbus COR program. What is COR? How does it work? How can I learn more about it?

Come to the convent {Seton Chapel} Saturday mornings at 9am, grab a cup of coffee and find out

Masses for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Brothers, once a month for the year 2024 the council has sponsored a mass for the canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney the founder of the Knights of Columbus, at SJE. We ask that you attend those masses with your families to pray for the canonization of Father McGivney. We ask that if you are a reader or an EM you volunteer for those masses, and we also ask for help as ushers at those masses. We know that the mass may not be your regular mass, but please support the council and more importantly the canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney by attending those masses with your families and wearing K of C shirts or jackets if you have any,

Scheduled masses are:

This year, although there will be a mass each month, we will celebrate as a council once per quarter. The mass for this quarter will be Saturday January 25th at 5 pm

Looking forward - Valentines dance February 15th



Queen of All Hearts
Knights of Columbus



February 15

7pm

313 Frowein Rd.

Center Moriches

DJ Dancing
DOOR PRIZES

Dinner Buffet, Dessert and Soft drinks
Included

You may bring your own adult beverage.
\$30.00 pp

Contact Jim @ 631-838 -0271
For Tickets
Tickets will not be sold at the door

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please keep the following Brothers Knights or members of their family in your thoughts and prayers, as they have been ill or need your support.

The Priests, Deacons and religious of our local parishes all seminarians, Fr. Leone, the Keller Family, John Amorello and family, Barbara Heptig, Hasper family, Barbara LaValle, Barbara Laughlin, Peggy Lankau, Patrick Lankau, the Simone and Rowe families, Bud and Angela McDermott, Kathy Gillen, Peggy Orlando, Karen Lynch, For Repose of the souls of PGK Patrick Johnson, Frank S. Cantasano, Frank Rienzo, Kathleen Both, John Madigan, Peggy Orlando, Steve Abazis, Frances Coll, Thomas Taylor, the Zingarino family, Ken Swicicki, Steve Carlino, Christie Leone, the Sabia family, the Weybrecht family, Angelina Parente, Gerard Ferrara, Guy Panuccio, The Aracri Family, Mike Redmond, Ana and Raul Perez, Joe Horodyski, Jerry Humor, Larry Philips, Repose of the soul of Jay Wallace, Paul Pretice, Jay Jenkins, John Alesi, Alex Blandenburgo, Cathy Simpson, Pope Francis, For all those serving our country here and abroad, and all of the departed members of our council and their families. For all the unborn and their families and for the souls in purgatory

If you know of a brother in need please contact:

Members Welfare Coordinator

Kevin Both
631-599-4349

A Note from the Editor

To have articles printed in the newsletter, I **must** have them by the **15th** of the month. You can E-mail them to S.K. George Keller at GOTOBUTTON BM_1_ambagfk@aol.com

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