



Queens Messenger



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Grand Knights Message

Brothers,

December ushers in the season of Advent, a time during which we prepare for the second coming of Our Lord. We do this through prayerful reflection and remaining open to spiritual renewal. How timely is it then that the Council is sponsoring the Totus Tuus Men's retreat on December 7th? This is a terrific opportunity to enter into an Advent mindset. Worthy Advocate Brian Leavy puts together a wonderful day of prayer, fraternity and spiritual rejuvenation every year and with Fr. Gerry as keynote speaker it is sure to be a great day.

Adventus is the Latin word for 'coming'. It is during Advent that we look to the coming of Jesus into our own lives and what that means to us and for us. We can reflect on our relationship with Jesus at this moment. Each year as we change and age, our relationships change as well; sometimes for better and sometimes not. How has your relationship with Jesus changed over the last year? How can we grow in our love of Christ? As Knights, we typically show our commitment to Jesus through service to others. Perhaps we need to take time to tend to our own physical and mental needs so we can later continue our mission of service. The meditative and peaceful power of prayer helps with this.

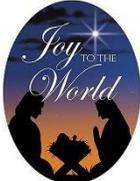
Council officers

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](#).

December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Officers meeting 7pm	6 BINGO	7 Totus-Tuus Men's Retreat OLQA auditorium
8	9	10	11	12 Officers meeting 7pm	13 BINGO	14 Totus-Tuus (COR)9am Seton Chapel Council Christmas Parties
15 Fr. McGivney Mass 10 am	16 Pray for Priests 7pm seton chapel	17	18	19	20 BINGO	21 Totus-Tuus (COR)9am Seton Chapel
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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,

December is here. December is parties and parades. But please remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. December is the end of C&B season. Drawing will be at Villa Roma on December 7. You can also watch the drawing because it is being streamed. I sent the information to your GK's to share with you.

December also marks the half way mark in our Fraternal year. How is your Council progressing toward achieving Star Council? Last year all Councils in District 3 were Star. That made us an All-Star District. Let's try to do it again.

On November 19 Councils from Suffolk gathered at the Suffolk Conference meeting Steve Loccisano was elected to fill a vacancy left by the untimely death of our brother Paul DiOrio. Congratulations to Steve on his election to Warden of Suffolk Conference. Also that evening Suffolk elected Peter Lehr to be Suffolks candidate for NYS Council Treasurer for the fraternal year 25/26. Congratulations to Peter and thanks to all the Delegates that were able to come to this very important meeting.

I wish you all and your families a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

Vivat Jesus,

Bill



Members of the Queen of All Hearts Council participating in the Veterans Day parade.

Check out the new and improved council website kofc4126.com



Lecturer's reflection

Homily for 29th Sunday 2024 written by Deacon Mark Hermann of the Immaculate Conception Church in Westhampton.

So, how about those Yankees! And how about those Mets! In honor of the outstanding postseason we've enjoyed in New York. I'd like to share my favorite baseball story. It is told by a man named Rich Donnelly, who was a third base coach in the major leagues for several teams over many years.

Even a coach in the big leagues gets waited on hand and foot. Travel is first class, food is great, the pay is very good. Rich was admittedly consumed by the job and the lifestyle. He admits now that it cost him his first marriage and spoiled his relationship with his teenage daughter Amy.

That changed in the early 1990s when Amy was diagnosed with a brain tumor. They grew close, even though she spent most of her time in Texas with her mom and he was in Pittsburgh with the Pirates. When she wasn't visiting and going to games, she loved watching him on TV as he gave all the signals and shouted instructions to the players. Once she asked her dad, "What did you say to the guys, 'The chicken runs at midnight?'"

He didn't know what she meant. She didn't either, really. It was just something that came into her head. But "The chicken runs at midnight" became pet phrase between the two of them. All along, Rich was amazed at her outlook. She never was mad at God or anyone else. The whole Pirates team knew about her situation and they adopted "The chicken runs at midnight" as a rallying slogan.

When she died in 1993 at the age of 18, her dad insisted that the phrase be inscribed on her gravestone.

Fast forward four years to the 1997 World Series. Rich is a coach with the Florida Marlins and in the most dramatic moment, 11th inning of Game 7, he waves home Craig Counsell with the winning run. An amazing finish. Joy everywhere! Except that Rich's son, Tim, one of the batboys was crying his eyes out. You see, the Donnelly kids had nicknamed Counsell "The chicken" for the way he flapped his arm at bat. And Tim pointed to the clock: Counsell had crossed the plate exactly at 12. The Chicken had run at midnight.

Who knows how all of that happened, or why. But one thing is for sure. Rich took it as a sign to completely change his outlook. He recognized that the world did not revolve around Rich Donnelly. Having been an altar server as a boy, he rekindled his Catholic faith. He put his focus on others rather than on himself. He began giving inspirational talks to Catholic groups and other organizations.

It was his way of understanding the message that Jesus gives in the gospel today. In part, it is that God is with us in our suffering. And in large part, the message is that we are at our peak when we are serving others. That is where true greatness lies.

This lesson comes to us through the interaction of Jesus with two of his closest disciples, the brothers James and John, sons of Zebedee. James and John were already in the inner circle. They were chosen to be present at the Transfiguration. They were really hungry for greatness. In today's gospel passage, they ask Jesus to have places of honor, on his left and right, when he comes into his glory.

Of course, in the line right before this in Mark's gospel, Jesus had just told his disciples about his imminent suffering and death. So, asking for their own accolades was a little tacky. It was like having someone tell you they've got a terminal illness and you saying, "Oh, sorry. Can I have your car when you're gone?"

So, this passage in Mark does not reflect well on James and John. In Matthew's gospel, it's their mother who asks *for* them. And in their defense, the two brothers were good souls. They had given up everything to follow Jesus.

They just needed a little more instruction on what glory really looks like on Jesus' terms. It looks like the cross. When Jesus does go to his glory, he does have people on his right and his left: two common criminals crucified with him.

Notice that Jesus does not yell at James and John. He does not tell them "no." Instead, he basically asks them, "Are you sure you know what you're asking?"

Ultimately, they do find out how hard the road to greatness is. James was the first of the apostles killed for his belief in Jesus. And John, who we know as John the Evangelist, suffered in his own way. He had to stand at the foot of the cross, watching his friend and master slowly die, while trying to console Jesus' mother. Tradition tells us that John had long, lonely years after that.

But James and John did get their reward. They are both great saints. They are both enjoying the unimaginable happiness of eternal life. Jesus offers that very same happiness to us, too. It's just not what we think glory should look like. It is not about being famous or best looking. It is not how many followers we have on Instagram. It is not how many people we have waiting on us. It is about how much we serve others.

The great conductor Leonard Bernstein was once asked which is the most important part in an orchestra. Without hesitation, he said, "Second fiddle." His explanation was that there are plenty of first violinists. But it takes a special person to embrace a lesser role. Without those lesser roles, the orchestra has no harmony.

In our own lives, who really needs so-called glory? Truth be told, I once wrote a story for Newsday about "the chicken runs at midnight" and won an award for it being one of the top stories in New York State that year. I didn't get a penny, a plaque, a certificate or even a compliment from the boss. Just a press release. At least in my obituary they can say, "award-winning writer." Hey, humility is healthy.

Sure, we all want to flourish, we all dream of getting recognition. That is healthy, too. It's just not the ultimate. Jesus reminds us we need to look outward more than inward. That can take on the form of being a friend to the nerdiest, unliked kid in school, the one who's getting bullied.

Trust Jesus. That is the right way to be. God actually wired us that way. I saw a story about a review of 40 studies over the past 20 years and said that the one activity that was more important than anything else in boosting mental health is volunteering. God designed us to serve others.

Jesus says that is where real greatness is. We need to take him up on that and follow him. You could see it in Sts James and John, you could see it in that baseball coach, you can see it in your own parents. It is when we lose all the focus on ourselves that we really find ourselves.

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 14th, 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): P

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): E

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): E

Trustee 1st year (William Morgan): E

Last month's minutes

Motion made by Bill Hasper to accept the Minutes as published – Motion carried.

Chaplain's Message:

Great to be here and also happy to see such a great turnout.

Thanked us for what we did for the Food Drive and for marching in the Veteran's Day parade.

Happy to be our Chaplain.

Grand Knight Report

Recognized John Madigan as Knight of the Month for October and presented him with the plaque which was accepted by Fr. Patrick in John's absence.

Brother Knight Brother Eugene was recognized as an Honorary Life Member and presented a certificate

Read the GK Summary (to follow)

Treasurer –

Report read by worthy Treasurer Kevin Both

Motion made to Accept the report – motion carried.

Membership Committee/Admissions

Welcome 2 new members – Angelo Coppola and Gaspar Stabler

Bingo report

Profit: \$2502.00

Due St. Johns - \$1911.00 – check presented to Fr. Patrick

Donations: \$2502.00 (total)

St Johns Church - \$1702.00

Fr. Rieger Stipend - \$500

Fr. Leone Stipend - \$300

Checking Account Balance: \$30277.15

Financial Secretary Report

Membership Totals:

Associate Members: 147
Insurance Members: 76
Inactive Members: 13
Total Members: 236
Honorary Members: 2
Honorary Life Members: 51
Exempt Members: 3
Council in good standing and we don't owe any money

4th degree report

Still looking for Honor Guard – member cost is ¼ of full price
New Exemplification of 4th Degree – February 22, 2025 – 125th anniversary of the Order – held at St. Patrick's Cathedral
11/20 - 4th degree location has changed to Fr Siegfried in Kings Park at 7pm

Council Events Community Director

All events are on the website www.kofc4126.com

Service Committees:

Upcoming Events

Bingo will be held every Friday until Black Friday
We will be doing the Black Friday Football at night.
Fr. McGivney Mass this Sunday at 10am.
11/18 – participating in the Novena for Priests and Vocations and then will be the 3rd Mondays going forward.
11/19 – All Star bowling – 1pm – Riverhead
11/19 – Suffolk Chapter meeting
11/25 – Community Meal – 5pm – See George
11/27 - Council Memorial Mass – Seton Chapel at 7:15
11/29 – Black Friday Football – doors open at 2pm – Game starts at 3pm - \$10 donation. – Football pool - \$10 – Raffle for a 65” TV.
11/30-12/1 – Christmas Wreath sale after every Mass
12/7 – Men's Group Retreat
12/10 – K of C Tree Lighting
12/14 – Christmas Parties.

Bell Jars report –

Bell jars – ended \$52.93

Shirt/Jacket Report

Retention Committee

STAR Council Chairperson Report

Nominating Committee

Parish/Rectory Liason

12/7 - Men's Day Retreat - \$20 donation – the Council will sponsor the lunch. (10am-5pm)

C and B books

All books should have been returned by now. – Thanks to everyone.

Field Agent Report

Great to see everyone
November is Long Term Care Awareness Month
This is the time of year where we issue more policies. We are currently behind last years.

Bills and Communications:

Request for Donation from Knights of Columbus Charities
Thank you note from Herley Mendez
Thank you note from Caitlyn's Vision

Unfinished Business

McGivney Mass – for 2025 we will reduce the number of Masses for this. We are thinking of doing a Quarterly Mass for the Canonization of Fr. McGivney.
Fraternal Benefits webinars – if you get an email about a Webinar, please register and go on it. We need 14 people for qualify for another Council Award
McGivney Mass – hope that most people come to the Mass even if you go to another mass
Christmas Parties

Children's – 1pm. Need to know in advance if you bringing kids. Need name, age and gender so Santa can give them a gift
7pm Adult party – catered by Carlos in Manorville – need to know how many people are coming.
Going to purge those members that have not paid dues or shown any interest.

New Business –

Virtus Training background Checks

Give a shout out to Tim Cody – his hiking group collected a bunch food and gift cards that they donated to our Food Drive.

Tim talked about his hiking group to the membership. FB – Long Islands East End Hiking Group

Chamber of Commerce thanked us for Marching

GK thanked the Veterans for their service to our Country.

Lecturer's Reflection

In Vinny's absence, Frank F. read a Homily written for the 29th 2024 Sunday by Deacon Mark Hermann who lives in Center Moriches but is a Deacon at Immaculate Conception in Westhampton.

District Deputy Report

Brings Fraternal Greetings

Presented GK Jim O'Connor with the STAR Council Award.

If we have good membership and retention and lots of activities, it is easier to recruit

Selling the lotto tickets for the Suffolk County Conference

Wished us all a Happy Thanksgiving.

50/50 Report

\$180 collected, \$90 for Council, \$90 Winner.

Grand Knights Summary:

Wreath Sale - \$30 per Wreath

Memorial Mass will be 11/27, 7:15 pm at Seton Chapel

Insurance Agents Report

Brothers,

As Knights, we emphasize the importance of keeping Christ in Christmas. In fact, keeping Christ at the center of everything we do is a year-round mission. Whenever we serve our parish or community, we serve Christ. I also see my service to families as a way to honor him. When I sit down with a family and help them ensure their financial protection, I am serving his Church. I think about this often, and as I look back on the year – reminiscing on all of the relationships I have made with Knights and the security I have helped provide them and their families, I am incredibly grateful.

Now, I ask you – as we close out 2024 and as you spend additional time with your family, consider how any changes from the past year might affect your life insurance portfolio. Even joyous occasions like buying a new house or sending a kid to college this fall can impact your insurance needs. Are you certain your current coverage is adequate and up to date? What would your family's financial situation be this time next year if the unimaginable happened to you or your spouse?

If your answers to these questions are not certain, I encourage you to set up time to meet with me. Let's work together to create a plan that would not only help protect your family but give you the peace of mind and security you all deserve.

Meanwhile, may you each have a holy and peaceful Christmas season with your loved ones. Let's continue to focus on Jesus through the end of this year. And let's pray for one another — especially for those who may be struggling in any way during the holidays.

If there is any way I can offer help, please reach out to me.

Thank you. Merry Christmas!

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 Michal McGivney by attending those masses with your families and wearing K of C shirts or jackets if you have any,

Scheduled masses are:

Our Last Mass for the year- December 15th-10am

Please make every effort to attend this mass to pray in Unity with our council for the canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney. The founder of our order

Looking forward - Totus Tous men’s retreat, December 7th at OLQA auditorium
Council Christmas parties !2/14 2024





Queen of All Hearts Mega Food Drive was held on November 9th. 1570 lbs. of food was collected. \$733. Cash donations and \$740 in King Kullen gift cards. Above are some of our more “Mature and Experienced” members working the food drive, some members at the drop off and the staff at Erine’s ready to get to work sorting it all out. Great job by everyone who helped, a lot of hungry people will be fed due to your efforts!



Children’s Christmas Party
December 14th 1-3pm

Moriches rec. center
Food, Crafts and a visit from Santa!
Santa will have gifts for the children

**You must contact George @ 631-786-1459 or Frank Ferrara @ 516-639-6245
with your child's name and age and gender
No later than December 7th So that Santa will have an appropriate gift for
your child!**

This is open to all members children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.
This is a no cost event!

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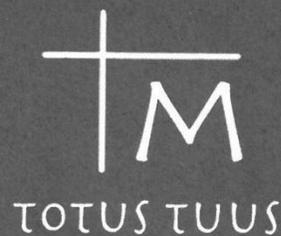
The Council **ADULT** party will be December 14th, 7-11 pm
Catered by Carlos of Manorville

Soft drinks, coffee and tea will be provided.
(You may bring your own adult beverage)
This is a no charge event

Join us for an evening of good food and good times with your brother Knights
and their families.

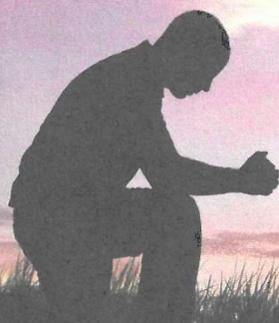
Please contact George at 631-786-1459 or Frank @ 516-639-6245
to let us know you are coming, how many in your group.





SJE Men's Group

MEN'S DAY RETREAT



SATURDAY
December 7th
10-5pm

SJE Parish Auditorium

\$20 free will offering is
respectfully requested

For more information or to register, please contact
The Parish Office 631-878-0009 or email
rectory@sjecm.org

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 Lou D'Amara and Marie D'Amara, Frank S. Cantasano, Frank Rienzo, Kathleen Both, John Madigan, Peggy Orlando, Steve Abazis, Frances Coll, Thomas Taylor, the Zingarino family, the Swicicki family, the Fay Family, Tom Corby, Steve Carlino, Christie Leone, the Sabia family, the Weybrecht family, Angelina Parente, Jameson Yeh, Gerard Ferrara, Guy Panuccio, Ann Disalvo, Theresa Conticchio, Harry Paris, John Grammas, Jessica Vazllez, Elizabeth Leavy, Theresa Coppila, The Aracri Family, John Alesi, Jim Trainor, Herb McIntyre, Mike Redmond, Kathleen Trainor, ana and Raul Perez, Carol Root, Diane Kretzmer, Jane Huddy, Debra Mazzairelli, Ann Marie Giaccone, McOnnell Family, Donna Wagner, Rob Constantino, 9-11 Victims, 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:

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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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