



Queens Messenger



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Grand Knights Message

Brothers,

I am writing this as the Council prepares to host its first Silver Rose Service at St. John's. The Silver Rose is a KofC pro-life rosary and prayer service dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe in which we pray for the Blessed Mothers intercession to change those hearts that believe the right for a child to live is solely for the woman carrying that child to determine. Too many of our Catholic brothers and sisters believe that ending a life that has not yet been born is either acceptable at worst or not anyone else's concern at best. How can we come to a universal understanding that considering death should not be one's first reaction to an unplanned pregnancy? Prayer! We must start with prayer. Judgement, vitriol, condescension, and shame have been ways we have argued the case for life for too long. We pray to end the "evil" practice of abortion at every Sunday Mass at SJE. We also lovingly pray for those who have been impacted in any way by abortion like the woman who has experienced one, a father who had no say in the decision, the siblings who will never know of their brother or sister and of course, the aborted child. We must fervently pray that fellow Catholics come to believe that there are alternatives to ending the life of an innocent child.

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](#).

February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Totus-Tuus (COR)9am Seton Chapel
2	3	4	5	6 Officers meeting 7pm	7 BINGO	8 Totus-Tuus (COR)9am Seton Chapel
9	10	11	12	13 Officers meeting 7pm	14 BINGO	15 Totus-Tuus (COR)9am Seton Chapel Valentine Dance
16	17 Pray for Priests 7pm Seton Chaple	18	19	20	21 BINGO	22 Totus-Tuus (COR)9am Seton Chapel
23	24 Community meal 6pm auditorium	25	26	27	28 BINGO	



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,

Been a really cold January and I hope all are warm. Please remember that the Chapter can help with the FAC program if you or you know a Brother in need. Speak to your Grand Knight for details.

On January 10 was the Chapter Charity kickoff. The Life Center is the chosen charity for this years drive. Charity books are available and good way to raise money for your Council and support the Life Center.

On January 19th Patchogue hosted a benefit for the DiOrio family. What an incredible turnout and thank you District 3 for your overwhelming support of this event. Thank you Patchogue Council for running this event. True fraternity was in full force that day.

January 20 Patchogue hosted an Exemplification and 3 Candidates made their 3rd Degree that night. Congratulations Brothers.

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

Vivat Jesus,

Bill



Members of The Queen of All Hearts council visited the Long Island Veterans home in Stony Brook and donated \$500.00

Check out the new and improved council website kofc4126.com



January 2025 Lecturer's Reflection

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! Technology is a wonderful thing that can make our lives easier. At the drop of a hat, we can have vast amounts of information on virtually any topic. We can use it to communicate with one another in a much more timely and efficient means than other eras of history and technology can also be used as an effective means to both evangelize those new to Catholicism and strengthen the faith of practicing Catholics through such organizations as Word on Fire and Ascension. Technology is something that has made our lives easier. However, like many things there is a negative side to it as well.

Many times, while taking my dad out for a walk at Smith Point, I have seen people glued to their phone not taking in the spectacular vista of ocean. To me this is sad. At work during middle school advisory, I overhear conversations regarding the latest developments of their social media accounts. As a teacher I have observed the effect of overuse of social media on young people which is often stress, lack of motivation, inability to focus, and high levels of anxiety. This is disordered in my opinion, and it should not be this way. Sadly, our society is obsessed with technology and social media which if society is not careful, will wreak havoc. We are already beginning to see the changes in people disordered use of technology can have. Now I would like to read an excerpt from a January 1st Word on Fire article written by Alejandro Teran-Somohano called "The Vice of a Technocratic Age"

"St. Thomas Aquinas, writing eight centuries ago, very accurately described life in the age of social media. Aquinas did not know what our machines would be capable of, nor their impact on our lives, and as far as we can tell, he did not even imagine anything like them could exist, but in describing the vice of acedia (or sloth), he managed to capture modern life with uncanny accuracy. Acedia is a "sorrow for spiritual good," a sorrow that comes from either not thinking of spiritual goods as good and thus sorrowing because they are perceived as evil, or from being discouraged by the difficulty of attaining them and refusing to do the work needed to acquire them....Our minds are forever wandering, jumping from distraction to distraction, scrolling endlessly through online content. Even our work is constantly interrupted by a never-ending stream of notifications, emails, phone calls, instant messages. Have we not all experienced "uneasiness of mind," a lack of focus from switching from one screen to another, jumping from phone to computer to television to smart watch, from clicking on an infinite chain of hyperlinks? All this technology serves a variety of purposes which only distract us from the one and only purpose that matters. Like Martha, we are so anxious and burdened with the many things our devices are constantly nagging us about that we neglect the one thing that is needed. We are thus robbed of the better part, which leads us promptly to despair. We might not recognize these daughters by the terms Aquinas used to name them, but today we would refer to them as anxiety and depression."

Brothers, while this may not be as applicable to those of us here, I am sure we all know someone who is obsessed with technology to the point he or she is always glued to some device. It is important that we recognize these situations when they present themselves. The wonderful thing is as Knights of Columbus we arrange and take part in many social events and at times pray and attend Mass together. Thus, serving as an example in our community. Real person to person interactions is the antidote to the overuse of technology. The powers that be are pushing constant obsessive use of social media particularly on younger people to advance their worldly agenda which is not in harmony with the gospel message. Through prayer we can meet these societal challenges head on and advocate for moderation and discernment with how we interact with and utilize the various modes of technology available to us as a society. By doing so we can set an

example for generations to come that what truly matters can never be found by scrolling through some feed but rather the boundless love that are Lord and Savior has for each one of us.
Vivat Jesus

Meeting Date: Thursday, January 9, 2025

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): E
Lecturer (Vincent Ladalla): P
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 thanked us for all we do and happy to see such a great representation.
Thanked GK Jim for his leadership
Thanked Bill for attending.
Hoped we had a great Christmas and it changed us for the better.
Looking forward to all the events coming up.
Blessings to us and our families.

Grand Knight Report

Acknowledged 2 Brothers we have lost
Acknowledged family members of Brothers who have passed
Acknowledged those Brothers and their relatives that are fighting illnesses.
Remembered Jimmy Carter as today was his Funeral
We had a presentation a few months ago for Knight of the Month for John Madigan but he was not here so we honored him tonight.

Treasurer –

**in Kevin's absence, Dan O'Connell read the Treasurer's Report this month.

Motion made to Accept the report – motion carried.

Membership Committee/Admissions

New Member – Josh Quinn – requesting to join our Council – has been interviewed. = motion to accept = motion passed.

Bingo report

Profit for December: \$2654.00
Due St. Johns - \$1327.00 – check presented to Fr. Patrick
Profit for Calendar Year - \$35680.37
Profit from July 1st to December 31st - \$17727.59
Donations for Calendar year - \$38103.00
Donations from July 1st to Dec 31st - \$21420.00
St John's Bingo Calendar year - \$17840.00
St John's Bingo from July 1st to Dec 31st - \$8620.00
Please note that Donations exceeded both Calendar and July total Profits.
Donations for December \$5695.00 (total)
St Johns Church - \$2345.00

St Johns Church (retreat) – \$500

OLQA School - \$1500.00

LI Vets Home - \$500.00

Sisters of Life - \$500.00

Waverly Respect for Life - \$350.00

Steve made a 2nd request for someone to take over for him. He is willing to train and only for the times that he is away.

Nice to be a member of this Council but even better if people participate and get involved.

Financial Secretary Report

NA

4th degree report

Next meeting is Jan 22nd – Elizabeth Ann Seaton

1/26 – Pro-life mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral

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

We have 1 candidate - Mike Curtain

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

1/13 - All Star Bowling – Next Monday – 1pm

1/19 – Patchogue Council

Tomorrow is Bingo

1/20 – Patriotic Rosary

1/20 - Exemplification at Patchogue Council at Patchogue Council

1/22 - PGK Mike Lankau mentioned the 4th Degree Meeting

1/25 – Sat - McGivney Mass at 5pm

1/27 – Community Meal at Parish Auditorium

1/30 – BBQ and Bourbon Tasting – 6-9pm - \$50pp

2/1 - We are hosting a Silver Rose ceremony here

2/2 – Conference Council

Every Saturday is the Men’s COR Group – would love to see more people

Last call on Winter Jackets

2/15 – Valentine’s Day Dance - \$30pp

Bell Jars report

Bell jars – ended \$52.93

Shirt/Jacket Report

Retention Committee

STAR Council Chairperson Report

Nominating Committee

Parish/Rectory Liason

Street Ministry looking for Men’s coats

C and B books

Expect to get our Chapter Raffle Tickets soon.

Field Agent Report

Great to see everyone.

Over the last 30 years the Knights of Columbus has paid in form of dividend over 20 billion dollars.

Wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Bills and Communications:

Unfinished Business

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

2/8 – Special Needs Mass – Mt Carmel’s Church – 5pm

1/26 – Right to Life Mass at St Patricks

Food Drive – 3 this year @ King Kullen – March 26th, Oct 25th, July 12th ?

People to consider Officer Positions

New Business

Motion made for the Council to donate \$200 for the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the Paul Diorio family.

Lecturer’s Reflection

See messenger

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.

Jan 19th - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the Paul Diorio family.

All successful councils all have a real good Spiritual Leader and mentioned how much he appreciates Fr. Patrick

FAC – Fraternal Assistance – let GK know if any member needs any oil

Food for Brothers – let the GK know and the Chapter will send out gift cards for food to those members in need.

Wished everyone a Happy New Year and always pleased with what we do as a Council here.

50/50 Report

\$210 collected, \$106 for Council, \$105 Winner.

Grand Knights Summary:

Was asked to write a column for the Bulletin.

Thanked everyone for coming out.

Insurance Agents Report

Queen Message February 2025

Brothers,

It feels like the new year just began, and yet we're already here in February!

Maybe you've set resolutions and goals for the year. Are financial goals on that list?

Every year, at a minimum, I recommend reviewing your finances. There are four things to include in your review.

First, have you experienced any major life events in the last year? Things like getting married, welcoming a baby, changing careers or purchasing a home are good reasons to consider life insurance.

If you already have insurance, make sure your policy matches your current financial goals and responsibilities. Consider, too, that if your policy is dependent on your current employer, you could be underinsured.

Second, review your retirement goals. Do you know how much money you'll need to retire comfortably? And if so, are you on track?

Third, the new year is a good time to review your will or trust. Have you experienced a recent life event that would make you want or need to make adjustments? Now is the time to check.

Finally, consider if you're missing an opportunity to grow your assets. With faith-based investment options through our affiliate, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors ("KoCAA"), you can pursue your financial goals with products that adhere to Catholic investment guidelines. Our Agency can connect you with one of our team members that is registered to offer you investment options through KoCAA.

It's not too late to make a resolution to review your finances!

I'd love to sit down with you, discuss your goals and conduct a complimentary needs analysis. If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!

Post Script: You can visit KofC.org and KoCAA.org for detailed information on what each of KofC and KoCAA can offer members directly

Thank you!

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 - St Patrick's Dance, March 15th

St Patrick's Day Parade, March 16th

Mass offerings for deceased members:

Patrick Johnson, June 22nd 6pm

Louis D'Amara, July 15th 12pm

John Grammas, Sept 4th 12pm

Myrna Stabile, April 11th 7am



**Queen of All Hearts
Knights of Columbus**

St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

**Saturday March 15th 2025
Moriches Rec. Center
313 Frowein Rd Center Moriches
7pm**

**DJ Dancing
Buffet dinner including
Corned Beef and Cabbage and Bangers and Mash
Soft Drinks and Dessert
\$35 pp**

**You may bring your own adult beverage.
Call Jim @ 631-838-0271 or Frank @ 516-639-6245
For Tickets**





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**DOOR
PRIZES**



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, Frank S.

Orlando, Steve Abazis, Frances Coll, Thomas Taylor, the Zingar family, Ken Swicicki, Steve Carlino, Christie Leone, the Sabia family, the Weybrecht family, Guy Panuccio, The Aracri Family, Mike Redmond, Ana and Raul Perez, Nydia Perez, Joe Horodyski, The Stalzer Family, Rick Cummings, Robert Okelt, Thomas McKenna and Rene

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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