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January, 2025

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”(Philippians 4:8).

Brothers & Sisters of the Suffolk Chapter,



It's January and we greet new things and resolutions. At this half-way point in the Columbian year, we should be renewed and strengthened in our missions of Charity, Unity & Fraternity. We are the Knights of Columbus; we serve our Brothers & their families that they may practice their faith and exemplify Catholic principles. It is in that commitment that we begin with kicking off the 2025 Suffolk Charity Drive, led by the Charity Drive Chairman, Charles Soresse. Attend the January 10th Chapter meeting and offer your support to Charlie in making this year successful & rewarding.

In addition to the Drive Kick Off, in January we will hold a Memorial Dinner at Patchogue Council to remember our fallen Brother Paul Diorio who has dedicated a life to the Knights, his Council, his District, the Suffolk Conference, This Chapter and the NY State Knights. Paul contributed so much to what we have today.

Also, in January we will attend the Cardinal's Life Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC. The Honor Guard of both the Fatima and John J. Shea Assemblies will join other Assemblies at that Mass. This Chapter has arranged for a bus for Knights to attend.

Looking back for a moment, we enjoyed another night at the theatre with Gateway Playhouse rendition of White Christmas thanks to Lecturer John Mastrosimone. The Suffolk Chapter December meeting & Christmas celebration was fantastic as usual. Thank you to John Mastrosimone for making arrangements, to Steve Loccisano for proving the caterer, to Chris Beattie for the musical choir entertainment and to Our Lady of the Rosary Council for hosting. At the meeting Frank Hernandez of the KofC Insurance & Benefits team made a \$2,500 Direct Donation to the 2025 Charity Drive.

Ahead we have some new things such as the February Chapter meeting being held on a Saturday morning, Feb. 15th at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council. Perhaps we will see some Brothers who cannot go out at night. A great breakfast at 9am, meeting at 10am. And Friday night 2/14/25, Valentine's Day off.

Thanks again to Rosary Council in December and Assumption Council in January for hosting the Chapter Meetings.

Vivat Jesus,
Gene Johann, PGK CC
Suffolk Chapter KofC

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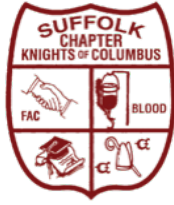
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Important Suffolk Chapter Dates! January 2025

January 10 – Friday. Suffolk Chapter Meeting, at Assumption Council, St. Peter’s 70 Rockaway, Islip Terrace, NY. 7pm Dinner 8pm Meeting. Charity Drive Kick-Off.

January 19 – Sunday. Paul Diorio Memorial Dinner. At Patchogue Council. 1-5pm. \$20. Family Fundraiser.

January 26 – Sunday. Cardinal’s Life Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, NY. Mass at 10am. The Chapter will provide a bus. Contact your Assembly or Gene Johann.

February 2 – Sunday. L.I. Conference Meeting. At Assumption Council, St. Peter’s Church, 70 Rockaway, Islip Terrace, NY 2-3pm. For Delegates/Alternates

February 8 – Saturday. Mass for Children with Disabilities, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, North Ocean Ave., Patchogue, NY 5pm Mass.

February 15 – SATURDAY. Suffolk Chapter Meeting. At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council, 800 Portion Rd., Lk Ronkonkoma, NY. 9am Breakfast 10am Meeting.

March 2 - Sunday. McGivney Statue Dedication at St. Agnes Cathedral (Diocese), Rockville Centre, NY. 10am-11am.

March 5 – Wednesday. Ash Wednesday. Start of Lent 2025.

March 14 – Friday. Suffolk Chapter Meeting, at Gate of Heaven Council, St. Patrick’s Church, HUNTINGTON, NY. 7pm Dinner 8pm Meeting. Chaplain’s Night. We will also hold the Silver Rose Prayer program on that night.



Suffolk Chapter Columbiettes

January 2025

Dear Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights:

I hope everyone had a joyful Christmas and is looking forward to a New Year filled with peace, happiness, and abundant blessings.

January marks a time of new beginnings—a perfect opportunity to reset, recharge, and renew our focus on what truly matters.

Birthday blessings to all of the January babies, may your day be filled with everything that will bring a smile to your face and happiness to your heart.

A big thank you to Ronny Pliszak and Rosemarie ‘Ro’ Libertelli for organizing such a delightful Christmas celebration dinner at Cafe Amici. It was a wonderful evening, and I truly appreciate everyone who joined us to make it memorable.

To my Executive Board and Chapter Delegates, your dedication and commitment were instrumental in making last year a success. We were able to accomplish much in service to God, and I am excited for the opportunities this new year will bring. Let us continue to support one another as we work together to carry out God’s will.

A special thank you to our Brother Knights for graciously inviting the Columbiettes to your Christmas party. It was a true pleasure to celebrate the season with all of you.



To start the New Year, I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our January meeting. Please let your delegates and members know they're welcome to attend the chapter meetings.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 20th, at Our Lady of the Snow @ 7:30 pm.

Please let us continue working together as God's chosen people. May God's peace and blessings shine on us all and those we love throughout the year.

Yours in Sisterhood,

Debbie Zaino

Suffolk Chapter President

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Editor's Notes

I hope all of you had a wonderful and holy Christmas and New Year's full of football and friends. The end of the old year and the beginning of the new year is a time to take stock of what we have done and where we are going. Hopefully during the next twelve months we may actually succeed in meeting at least one of our "New Year's resolutions."

So, who are we as Knights of Columbus? Catholic gentlemen? Yes, that is what we strive to be. The principles of are order are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. How are we doing in these areas? Do we always get the credit for the good works we do?

I found an interesting quote from St. Mother Teresa. It puts things in the proper perspective.

*"People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.
For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It never was between you and them anyway."*

As the holiday season winds down, many people pack away their Christmas decorations and almost immediately return to their normal daily routines. But the Christmas season isn't over. During Advent we prepared ourselves for the coming of Christ. We celebrated his birth on Christmas Day. We should now be celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas, ending on the Epiphany, on January 6th. This is the day we celebrate the arrival of the Three Wise Men, bringing their gifts to the newborn child. There is yet one more important event in the Christmas season, Candlemas. On February 2nd we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple. This day is the official conclusion of the Christmas season.

January 1st is New Years Day and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. See You in Church.

Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Tully, FM

From Fr. Tom at Sts. Philip & James Parish: A thief tried to steal the paintings from the Louvre in Paris. He was caught two blocks away when he ran out of gas. "I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh, he said. "But I tried because I had nothing Toulouse."

Martin Luther King Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. was an important civil rights **activist. He was a leader in the movement to end racial segregation in the United States. His most famous address was the “I Have a Dream” speech. He was an advocate of non-violent protest and became the youngest man to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He was assassinated in 1968.**



Shortly after Dr. King’s death, a campaign was started for his birthday to become a holiday to honor him. After the bill was first introduced in Congress, trade unions led the campaign for the federal holiday. Following support from Stevie Wonder with his single “Happy Birthday” in 1981 and a petition with six million signatures, the bill became law in 1983. Martin Luther King Day was first observed in 1986.

The holiday is seen as a day to promote equal rights for all Americans, regardless of their background.

Suffolk Chapter Christmas Party



The annual Suffolk Chapter Christmas Party was held at Our Lady of the Rosary Council in Deer Park on December 13th. The food was fantastic, and the company was great. I hope everyone had as good a time as I had.



Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Brookhaven Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, thanks to our Chapter Secretary, Chris Beattie. Who doesn't love Christmas music at this time of the year?

When Was the First Ball Drop in Times Square?*

Since crowds first began gathering in Times Square to commemorate New Year's Eve over a century ago, it has been a ritual to flock to midtown's brightly lit chaos to ring in new beginnings. At 11:59 p.m. a dazzling ball descends down a pole, while attendees — and millions of people tuning in from home — count down from 60. At the stroke of midnight, the crowd erupts into a cacophony of sound, often pulling their loved one in for a ceremonial kiss.

But how did this New Year's Eve celebration start, and why do we commemorate the occasion by watching a ball descend down a pole?

The Times Square ball first dropped in 1904, and it came into being thanks to Jacob Starr, a Ukrainian immigrant and metalworker, and the former New York Times publisher, Adolph Ochs. The latter had successfully drawn crowds to the newspaper's skyscraper home in Times Square with pyrotechnics and fireworks to celebrate the forthcoming year, but city officials banned explosives from being used after just a few years of the festivities.

So Ochs commissioned Starr, who worked for sign-making firm Strauss Signs, to create a new visual display.

Over the past century, that display, and symbol of the New Year has evolved from an iron and wood cage adorned with light bulbs to a dazzling technicolor crystal sphere.

Their concept was based on time balls, nautical devices that had gained popularity in the 19th century. As time-telling became more precise, ship navigators needed a standardized way to set their chronometers. Each day, harbors and observatories would raise and lower a metal ball at the same time to allow sailors to synchronize their instruments.

Both Ochs and the New York Times' chief electrician, Walter Palmer, have been credited with the idea, allegedly inspired by the downtown Western Union Building, which dropped a time ball each day at noon. But Starr's granddaughter Tama, who joined Artkraft Strauss in 1982 and now owns the business, believes it was her grandfather who came up with the concept of the ball being lowered and lit up with the new year numerals at midnight.

*Adapted from CNN Newsletter, 202

Annual Nassau-Suffolk District Deputy Christmas Party



The annual Nassau-Suffolk District Deputy Christmas Party was hosted by the Nassau County Board this year. It was a fun time to relax, socialize, and share experiences with our Brothers from Nassau. Pictured above is the Suffolk Board of District Deputies with State Deputy Anthony Ippolito, Chapter Chairman Gene Johann, and the Suffolk County Conference officers.



THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Let us pray for a more civil discourse.

Join us as we pray the Patriotic Rosary at Saints Philip and James Church in St. James, following Adoration on Monday, January 13, 2025.

Adoration 1:30 – 7:00 pm

People come and go all afternoon to spend some time before the blessed sacrament.

Patriotic Rosary 7:00 – 7:30

**Saints Philip and James Church
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2:15 PM: SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

- Story of Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
- Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Scripture readings

3:00 PM: SAINT JOSEPH PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

- Catechesis of St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis
- Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
- Litany of Saint Joseph
- Scripture readings

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5:00pm: Mass (optional)

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MASS

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and so all of God's children are welcome
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as we celebrate a Special Needs Mass at the Parish Center
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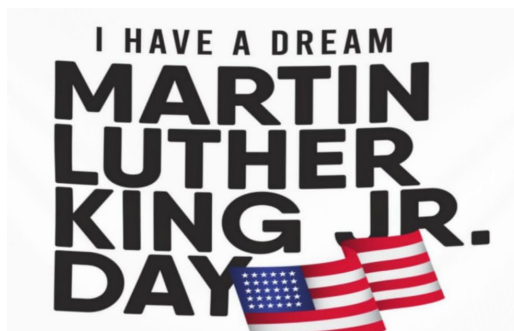
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Happy New Year's Jan 1st



Inauguration Day Jan 20th



Martin Luther King Jr. Day Jan 20th

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MEETING REMINDER

January 10, 2025
Assumption Council
Islip Terrace, NY
8 pm

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Please bring them to the Chapter Meeting.*

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In 1954, lobbying by the Order of the Knights of Columbus helped convince the U.S. Congress to add the phrase "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dwight Eisenhower wrote to Supreme Knight, Luke E. Hart, thanking the Knights for their "part in the movement to have the words 'under God' added to our Pledge of Allegiance."

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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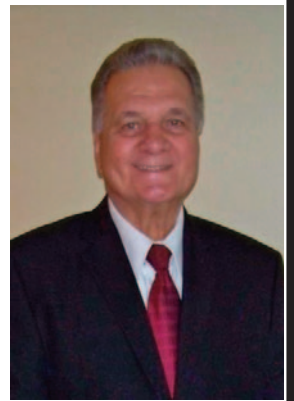
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