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April 2024 --- Celebrating 121 Years of Faithful Service --- 1903 - 2024

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From the Grand Knight's Desk

Pray, Hope and do not Worry



Spring is now here and the weather is getting better every day. With that being said now is the time to have Church Drives, to recruit new members. We also need to have C&B sales at our local churches. On Sunday 10th Council Warden Kevin Hanley hosted another Special Needs

Dance which proved to be very successful. On Tuesday March 12th we hosted an Exemplification Ceremony, and one of our new members Joseph Strippoli made his 3rd Degree. Congratulations Joseph on behalf the Officers and Members of Council 725. On February 23rd and March 22nd we hosted a Lenten Fish Fry. Both nights were very nice fraternal gatherings. Thank you to Mike Boehm for doing all the shopping, Nick Mavrotheris and Bill Wallace working so hard in the kitchen and all others that helped set up and clean up. Thank You to all that Marched in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. On Sunday March 17th we had our annual Saint Patrick's Day Dinner and Day at the Races hosted by past Grand Knight and now District Deputy James Kaan. Thank You to all that helped out at this event, especially Michelle Kaan and Mike Boehm & Bill Fontaine & Dave Merch selling the horse racing tickets and Vinnie Letteri for calling the races. And of course all that worked and cooked in the kitchen so hard, Nick Mavrotheris, James Kaan, Mike Boehm, Kevin Hanley and Bill Wallace. Great job gentleman. On Tuesday March 18th we showed a movie on our social night title JESUS, a great movie for this time of the year. Hoping everybody had a Beautiful time with their families for Easter.

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES AND GOD BLESS OUR COUNCIL 725!

Grand Knight Joseph Fontana

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Council Roster as of March 1, 2024

Associate: 209
Insurance: 94
Inactive: 21
Total: 324

Honorary:
Honorary Life: 103
Disability: 14

Dates To Remember

At the Council

4/1/24 Business Meeting
4/8/24 Corporation Meeting
4/15/24 Social Meeting
4/29/24 Officers meeting

Upcoming Events

Apr. 7
Special Abilities
Easter Party - 1pm
Apr. 11
GiGi's Pizza
Apr. 28
Special Abilities
Spaghetti Party - 1pm



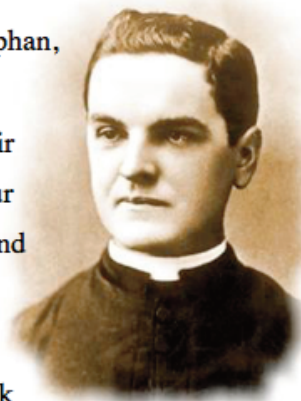
The next meeting of the Shea Assembly will be held on 4/24/2024 at Fr. Crowley Council 5817, 1488 North Country Rd in Wading River. Meeting begins at 8pm. Welcome all new Fourth Degree Brothers who were Exemplified on March 23rd. .



The next Meeting of the Suffolk Chapter will be on Friday April 12th at Christ the King Council #11163, 2 Indian Head Road, Commack, NY 11725. 7pm Repass, 8pm meeting. On April 20 – Saturday will be the Suffolk Chapter Annual Easter Season Communion Breakfast at St. Anthony of Padua Church, E. Northport, NY. 9AM MASS followed by breakfast in the gym hosted by Fr. Judge Council and on April 28 – Sunday Spring Pilgrimage to St. Mary's & K of C Museum, New Haven, CT. Bus trip from Exits 63 & 49. A must for GKs and DGKs & spouse. See GK Joe Fontana

Prayer for the Canonization of **Blessed Michael McGivney**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, **Blessed Michael 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. We humbly ask that you glorify **Blessed Michael 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





Family Director

SK James Ryan / 631-278-9429 / jpr_ryan@msn.com

May our Council Prayers be on behalf of the following:

Pray for Andrew Carollo, Frank Cooper's wife Virginia, Robert Naurek, Rich Basak, Rich Costa's Mother, Tony Baffo, Robert Rizzo, Roy Schiebel's wife, John Orlando, Elaine Addie, Fr. Tom Pers, Vinny Lettieri, Ralph Giannola, Denis Boyce, Andrew Oreste's Great Grandson, Dennis Berry, Grace Bessieres and Mike Recchio's wife Janet.

May we Pray for the following Intentions:

- We are sorry to hear about the passing of Brother James Woods. May we pray for his family.
- Vicki Lettieri, wife of Brother Vinny Lettieri, has been having medical challenges. She has been hospitalized. Pray for Vinny and Vicki. Stay strong!
- Let us pray for our active-duty military, reserves, and veterans. Their service upholds and protects our freedoms.

We ask also that you pray for all our Brother Knights who are in need and their families; those we know about, and the many we do not know about.

Happy Birthday to All Brothers for the month of April!



Thanks to all the Brother Knights who came down and Marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade - it was a good showing by our Council. Special thanks to Parade Chairman Kevin Hanley on helping to put it all together and getting it done!

Financial Secretary's Message

Congratulations to our most recent Honorary Life member, Eric J. Russo. Our numbers are growing. Several former members have returned. Some current members have transferred in and we have a few new prospects. Keep up the good work.

Please update your information as needed. If you have changed your mailing address and have not been receiving the Columbia magazine and membership bills, please contact me. Dues can be paid with cash, check or money order. If you have any questions or need to discuss anything, including past due balance, please contact me at 631-588-2919. Remember all dues and C&B checks are payable to **K of C 725**. And mailed to Robert Elliott FS, 151 Springdale Drive, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779. C&B is coming to an end, get your books in.

As of March 19, 2024 we have 209 associates; 94 insurance; 21 inactive members for a total of 324 members. The council is in good standing with Supreme and New York State.

Please attend meetings,

Vivat Jesus,

Robert W. Elliott, FS
151 Springdale Drive,
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
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Congratulations to Patchogue Councils Newest **SIR KNIGHT**, Brother Sam Clemente. Sam had the Honors of the Fourth Degree bestowed upon Him on March 23rd. The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree was held at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach. Pictured here with Brother Sam is our Grand Knight, Sir Knight Joe Fontana.



District Deputy Report



Brothers,

I hope everyone had a Blessed Easter.

We are in the final quarter of the 23-24 Fraternal year. I ask each and everyone of my Brother Knights to think about bringing in a new member. Some Councils are very close to earning Star Council. Bringing in a new member has never been easier and it's free for the first year.

I went and saw the movie Cabrini about a week ago. I thought it was terrific. I encourage everyone to try and see it while still in the-
atres. You will not be disappointed.

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

Vivat Jesus,
Bill



Order Now!!

If you are in need of Council Apparel, now is a good time to order them. See PGK Michael Boehm or call him at 631-774-2605 or email him at mb1122@msn.com for tee-shirts, polo shirts and hats!! We have jackets available too.



Order them now for Marching in the Parades and Council Events!!

COMMUNION BREAKFAST



Patchogue Council 725, together with our Columbiettes will be holding our Annual **Communion Breakfast** on Sunday, April 14th at our Council Hall at 38 West First St. following the

10:30 am Mass at St. Francis DeSales from 11:30am to 2 pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Fr. Janusz Mocariski, Pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

Cost is only \$10 per person. Children under 7 no charge. Seating is limited so Contact our Communion Breakfast Chairman Pat Molluso to reserve your spot at (516) 356-7863.

We hope to see you there.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Patchogue Council Nominating Committee is currently accepting names for anyone interested in becoming a Council Officer for the upcoming Columbian Year beginning July 1st 2024.

Any Third Degree Council Member in Good Standing who is interested in running for an Officer position at the June 3rd Business Meeting should send their intentions to Nominating Committee Chairman Mike Boehm, in Writing, by April 1st. Thank you.

M. Boehm

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Did you know there was going to be a Solar Eclipse on April 8th ? How awesome for our Brothers that are in its path! I remember as a kid in school making these little cardboard contraptions with little holes in them so we could watch the Eclipse. I was so excited to watch it. The **history of eclipses** has intrigued humanity for centuries, and it's no surprise that they've also captured the imagination of religious traditions, including **Catholicism**.

Let's explore some aspects related to eclipses in Catholic history:

1. **Solar Eclipse During Jesus' Crucifixion:**

- In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, there's mention of darkness descending during Jesus' crucifixion: "It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three, because the sun's light failed" (Luke 23:44). People of that time were familiar with eclipses and could predict them accurately, so it's unlikely that they mistook an eclipse for the prolonged darkness during Jesus' crucifixion.
- **Brother Guy Consolmagno**, director of the Vatican Observatory, explains that Jesus was crucified during the Jewish festival of Passover, which always coincides with a full moon in spring. A solar eclipse requires a new moon, making it the wrong phase of the moon for an eclipse to occur. Additionally, the darkness during the Crucifixion lasted longer than a typical solar eclipse. While a partial eclipse lasts about three hours, a total solar eclipse only lasts a few minutes.

1. **Appreciation of Eclipses in Catholic Tradition:**


- The Catholic Church has a long tradition of appreciating celestial events, including eclipses.
- In the eighth century, **St. Bede the Venerable**, an English monk, described how a solar eclipse occurs when the moon hides the sun's light from Earth. This appreciation extends to lunar eclipses as well, where the moon moves into the Earth's shadow.

2. **Historical Impact of an Eclipse:**


On **May 29, 1453**, during the siege of Constantinople by the Turk army, a rising full moon was eclipsed. The resulting dip in morale is said to have

contributed to Constantinople's defeat, marking the end of the Roman Empire of the Orient after 1130 years.

In summary, while eclipses have fascinated both scientists and theologians throughout history, their significance transcends mere natural phenomena—they evoke wonder, awe, and sometimes even spiritual reflection! I hope those in its path enjoy the experience!



The NY State Council Knights of Columbus
cordially invites you to our annual pilgrimage.



OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND
Manorville, NY

SUNDAY MAY 19, 2024
10:00 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Mass



Pilgrimages to Sacred Catholic Shrines
2024 FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH
NEW YORK STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

JANUARY 14, 2024
SUNDAY



PRO LIFE MASS

New York, NY
St. Patrick's Cathedral
10:15AM: Mass

MAY 19, 2024
SUNDAY



SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND

Manorville, NY
10:00 AM: Rosary
11:30AM: Mass
Celebrant: Bishop John O. Barres

JULY 14, 2024
SUNDAY



ST. ANNE'S SHRINE

LaMotte, VT
12:15PM: Mass
Celebrant: Bishop Terry R. LaValley

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
SATURDAY



OUR LADY OF MARTYRS SHRINE

Auriesville, NY
11:00AM: Registration
4:00PM: Mass
Celebrant: Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

OCTOBER 19, 2024
SATURDAY



OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

Youngstown, NY
11:30AM: Mass
Celebrant: Bishop Michael W. Fisher





Dear Worthy Brothers:

You are cordially invited to join St. Sylvester council 6844, Medford, NY on a fishing trip this summer. This trip will tentatively be scheduled for a weekday afternoon during June or July from (4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) on the Celtic Quest Fishing Fleet sailing out of Port Jefferson, NY. The cost would be \$75.00 per person, which includes gratuity for the mates.

This trip would be limited to approximately 50 people on a first come/first paid basis. More information to follow once we have garnered a sense of interest.

Kindly select a member of your respective councils to be in charge of collecting payments and advising me of interest.

Fraternally yours,

Frank Corso
nkckarate@aol.com
631-522-9899

TIGHT LINES!



A Night of Social Dancing

WITH MUSIC BY DJ SCOTT

April 5, 19 (Fri) ... 7-11pm

May 3, 17 (Fri)..... 7-11pm

June 2 (Sun) 1-5 pm

Senior Prom—\$35 per person

June 7, 21 (Fri) ... 7-11pm

\$15

per person*

*except Senior Prom

Age 50+

(Held on the first & third Friday of every month) From ballroom to rock 'n roll, there's something for everyone, a night of real fun! \$15pp includes coffee and desserts, cash bar available, feel free to bring snacks. Door prizes, raffles, 50/50 & giveaways!

For info call Louise at 631-277-7774

Knights of Columbus Hall, 38 W. 1st Street, Patchogue NY

(Off Waverly Ave. across from 5th precinct)

SENIOR PROM

WITH MUSIC BY DJ SCOTT

**Sunday
June 2**
1PM to 5PM

\$35
PER PERSON

TICKETS GO
ON SALE 4/1

AGE 50+

Dress to Impress!

INCLUDES DINNER, BEER, WINE, SODA, AND DESSERT • RAFFLES AND 50/50

For info call Louise at 631-277-7774
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Special Abilities Easter Party!!

Sunday April 7th
1pm-4pm

**Hop on Down
and meet a
Special Guest!**

\$15/Per Participant

**Includes Awesome Music
by DJ Bill, Dancing,
Snacks, Water & Lemonade!**

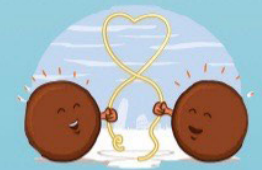
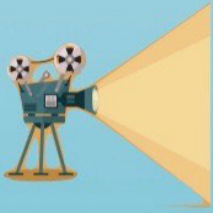
PLUS Gift Box Raffles and 50/50!

All aides and parents are FREE to enter!

**Absolutely No Drop-Offs - You must accompany your
special needs guest. Parents are free to hang out,
get a beverage from our cash bar and relax while
your special needs participant has a great time!**

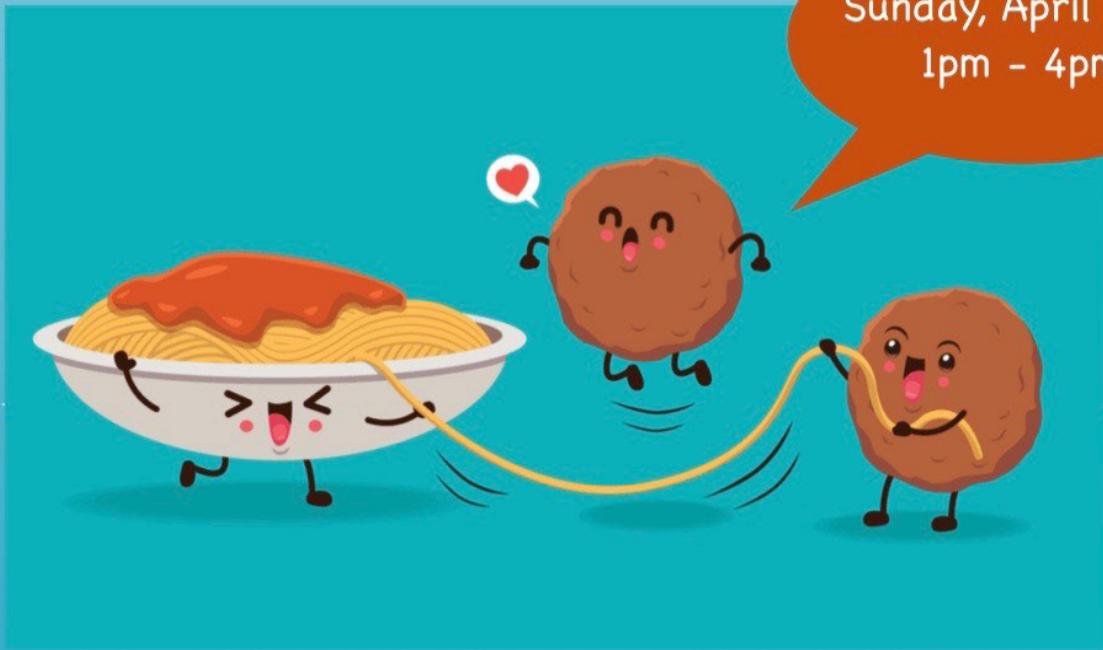
**Text Kevin to RSVP by April 3rd at (631) 310-3158
Knights of Columbus Hall 38 W. 1st St. Patchogue, NY
(Off Waverly Ave & Across from 5th Precinct)**





Special Abilities Spaghetti and Meatballs and a Movie

Sunday, April 28th
1pm - 4pm



\$20 Per Participant - There is no age limit

Text or call Eileen to RSVP by April 23rd at 631-839-8762

**Knights of Columbus Hall,
38 W. 1st Street, Patchogue, NY
(off Waverly Avenue, across from 5th Precinct)**



Absolutely no drop-offs. You must accompany your special needs guest. Parents are free to hang out, get a beverage from our cash bar and relax while your special needs participant has a great time!



Suffolk Chapter Columbiettes Day of Recollection



Women and the Church

Saturday, April 20, 2024
St. Lawrence the Martyr Church
240 W. Main Street, Sayville

9am: Mass with Father Brian Ingram

10:30am: Breakfast

11:45am: Sister Elaine Jahrsdoerfer

12:30pm: Small Group Discussion

1:00pm: Sister Pat Duffy

Please reserve your spot by emailing sccprayerday@gmail.com
with your First, Last Name and Auxiliary
and send your \$5 donation to
Angela O'Leary 11 Amy Drive, Sayville NY 11782
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April 1st!



April 15th!



April 22nd!



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>>> Monthly Newsletter

All Articles for the Patchogian must be submitted by

April 22nd!

Our Website—www.kofc725.com



COLUMBIETTES CORNER



WE CARE - WE SHARE

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

I hope you all had a Blessed Lenten and Easter Season. Winter is over and Spring is in the air. Mother Nature is getting busy blooming her trees and flowers, and just like Mother Nature we Columbiettes are getting busy with our two big events. May 5th is our Victorian Tea and May 7th we are hosting the annual Friendship night.

First our Victorian Tea is our Spring fund raiser and we are in need of donations for the Chinese Auction baskets. All items are to be new. We also need gift cards and gift certificates from local businesses. We have letters you can take to the stores when you go shopping. We also need a lot of volunteers to help making sandwiches, desserts, set up, clean up, serving, and putting the baskets together. There will be sign up sheets for all the above. You can contact Marsha Laakmann at 631-289-6125 or Betty Weeks at 804-243-6056. We will give you the letters you need for donations and we will take anything you are donating. If you can't come to us we'll come to you.


Second is the Friendship Night being held at Sunset Harbor in Patchogue at 6pm. We will be giving tea cups and saucers with a specialty tea bag in each as a thank you gift. We need tea cups and saucers and specialty teas, so please bring them with you to our April 17th meeting.

April is also our officer nominating month. If you are interested in running for a position please contact Marsha.

Here's wishing a Happy Birthday to all the April Babies.


God Bless,


Marsha Laakmann,
President



Nettie Knitters


We are still here!!!!!! We meet on Tuesday's at 1pm. Why not come on down and see if you would be interested. See ya there, The Netties





Knights of Columbus Senior Club

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the K of C Hall.
1 pm to 3 pm



Seniors on the Go!

The seniors are back!!!!!! Because of the health precautions our travels have been curtailed.

Until further notice please call Chuck Gerlach about our meetings.

Stay Healthy and be Safe.
Elaine Addie Secretary

Chuck Gerlach, President,
VP, Pat Molluso—Treasurer, Theresa Baker—Secretary, Elaine Addie, (631) 475-5722
Communications Chairperson Dorothy Zeo, 475-8508—Entertainment Chairpersons, Ronny Pliszak 289-5758
and Elaine Addie 475-5722.