



THE PATCHOGIAN

January 2025 --- Celebrating 121 Years of Faithful Service --- 1903 - 2025

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, PATCHOGUE COUNCIL #725



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From the Deputy Grand Knight's Desk

To be a servant of Christ is to be truly free.

Now that the Christmas Holiday season is behind us, we look forward to a Blessed 2025. I would like to start off the New Year to pray for our brother Knights who have been ill, hospitalized or in despair. Especially, our Worthy Grand Knight Joseph Fontana, Chancellor Dennis Berry, Kevin Drawbridge and all of our other brothers. Please keep them all in your prayers.

We had a busy month in December including but not limited to the Lighting of our Nativity, Christmas Wreath Sale, Council Christmas Party, and Breakfast with Santa. We ended our year with a New Years Eve Party.

In January we have a few events already in the calendar. On January 12, 2025, we are having a Special Abilities Ugly Sweater Party, please see Kevin Hanley for more information. In addition, we are holding a spaghetti dinner on January 19, 2025 from 1-5PM to benefit the family of the late S/K Paul J. DiOrio.

On behalf of my wife Deborah and myself we want to wish you and your families a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!!!!

God Bless you and God Bless our Council 725.

Deputy Grand Knight

S/K Anthony M. Monaco

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Council Roster as of December 1, 2024

Associate: 206
Insurance: 92
Inactive: 20
Total: 318

Honorary:
Honorary Life: 103
Disability: 14

Dates To Remember

At the Council

1/6/25 Business Meeting 8pm
1/13/25 Corporation Meeting 7:30 pm
1/20/25 Social Meeting 7 pm
1/27/25 Officers Meeting 7:30 pm

Upcoming Events

SA Ugly Sweater Dance
1/12 1pm

Spaghetti Dinner 1/19 1 pm



The Assembly is still busy collecting dues and mailing out Membership Cards – it is a very long process with so many S/K's so please be patient. Your 2024 cards are still good!

The January Assembly Meeting will be on Wednesday January 22nd at St. Elisabeth Ann Seton Council 17159. Meeting begins at 8 pm.



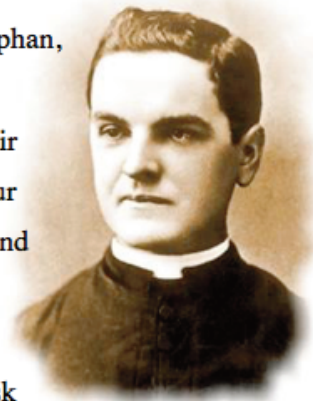
Hoping you all had a very Merry Christmas – on to the New Year:

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. This is an OPEN MEETING.

January 26 – Sunday. Cardinal's Life Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY. Mass at 12 noon. The Chapter will provide a bus. Call CC Gene Johann for more info.

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



Financial Secretary's Report

My brothers in Patchogue Council,

It's official, I have been approved as your new Financial Secretary. Again I ask for your patience as I try to get up to speed on everything.

Hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

Bill





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 and Flo Giannola, Denis Boyce, Andrew Oreste's Great Grandson, Rosemarie Mancuso, Dennis Berry, and Grace Bessieres, Kevin Drawbridge and Grand Knight Joe Fontana.

May we Pray for the following Intentions:

- May we continue to pray for all on the above Prayer list.

Prayer for the Sick:

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers & sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 January! Happy New Year!





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. As most of you know Joe Fontana our Grand Knight has been having some medical issues and I ask for prayers for his recovery. Anthony Monaco has stepped up to fill in till Joe is up and running. Thank you Anthony.

Thank you for all 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!!

Breakfast with Santa



On December 22nd, we had a very nice group of kids and adults come down to have Breakfast with Santa. The children got to sit with Santa and take pictures. Mrs. Claus read them two stories about angels and Christmas.



Join us for a Special Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit the Family of S/K Paul J. DiOrio

January 19th. 1pm - 5pm

Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, beer,
wine and soda included. \$20 per person.



*100% of money collected goes to the Family.
RSVP to DGK Anthony Monaco (516) 768-7220
Donations are being accepted—Mail checks
payable to “Patchogue Council 725” to the
Council address below!*

Hosted at the
Knights of Columbus Hall
38 W. 1st St. Patchogue, NY



Special Abilities Winter Wonderland Ugly Sweater Party!!

Sunday January 12th 1pm-4pm

**Wear It or Not!
Own it anyway!
Be one with the force!**

\$15/Per Participant

Includes Music by
DJ Road Dog, Dancing, Snacks,
Water and Lemonade!

We will be raffling
Gift Baskets
Plus 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, and relax
while your special needs participant has a great time!

Call Kevin to RSVP by Jan 9th at (631) 310-3158
Knights of Columbus Hall 38 W. 1st St. Patchogue, NY
(Off Waverly Ave & Across from 5th Precinct)



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MASS & STATUE DEDICATION

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025
11:00AM**

**CELEBRANT
BISHOP JOHN O. BARRES**

ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL

**29 Quealy Place
Rockville Centre, NY**



**BLESSED MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY
FOUNDER
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.



Holy Angels Regional School

Give Your Children the advantage that lasts a lifetime!

Open House and Registration

Saturday, January 25th from 11:00am - 2:00pm



- Early Childhood Programs
- Pre-K thru Eighth Grade
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Before & After Care
- N.Y.S. Regents Courses for Algebra I and Earth Science

New Nursery Program!

at Holy Angels Regional School

Holy Angels Regional School is pleased to announce the launch of our new Nursery School Program starting on January 6, 2025.

- Monday-Friday (5-day program *only*)
- 8:30 am - 11:30 am
- Children must be three years old by December 1, 2024
- Children must be fully potty trained



Scan to learn more
and register!



Contact Us
(631) 475-0422



Visit Our Website
holyangelsregional.org



Our Location
1 Division Street Patchogue, NY 11772



Special Needs
MASS

*We are all God's children
and so all of God's children are welcome
under the parish roof and every person
is an integral part of the parish family.*

Please join the Suffolk Chapter of the Knights of Columbus
as we celebrate a Special Needs Mass at the Parish Center
of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Patchogue.

February 8, 2025 at 5PM
Light refreshments will be served after.

OLMC Parish Center
495 North Ocean Avenue, Patchogue, NY 11772



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JANUARY 24, 2025 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person.

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states.

It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest... TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE. We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected.

WHY WILL WE CONTINUE TO MARCH?

Even with the wonderful blessing of *Roe v. Wade* being overturned, which allows more freedom at the state level to enact pro-life laws, the necessary work to build a culture of life in the United States of America is not finished. Rather, it is focused differently. Sadly, the number of abortions annually is still well over 900,000 each year, and that number is expected to decrease only by roughly 200,000 each year in a post-*Roe* America. Many national legislative battles loom, including even keeping longstanding Hyde protections, which limit government funding for abortion on annual appropriation bills. The Hyde Amendment has saved over 2 million lives and is arguably the most impactful pro-life policy in our nation's history, but now cannot be taken for granted. Last, our most important work is changing hearts and minds. The goal of the national March for Life is to not only change laws at the state and federal level, but to change the culture to ultimately make abortion unthinkable.

With the role of the states being more important, we are also growing a strong state march for life initiative quickly, however, we will continue to march every January at the national level until a culture of life is restored in the United States of America.

The Knights of Columbus always has a very Strong Presence at the March for Life – From Supreme, State and thousands of local Councils, we are there to show our support for Life. If you have been there, you know. If you have never been there, I encourage you to attend. It is a wonderful and uplifting experience.

The parish priest who changed the world.



BLESSED MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

Parish Priest

Founder

Knights Of Columbus

The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Church Statue Initiative

Join the New York State Knights of Columbus, the first jurisdiction to place
10 statues of Blessed Michael McGivney in the 8 Cathedrals and
2 Co-Cathedrals of New York State.

Celebrate Blessed Michael McGivney's profound impact on the Catholic Church
and his remarkable journey toward sainthood.

Commemorate this humble parish priest, who founded the Knights of Columbus
and is revered for his unwavering faith and dedication to serving others.

Contributions

Donations should be payable to "New York State Council Knights of Columbus"
and sent to SK Louis Pepe, 93 Rapelve St. 4D, Brooklyn, NY 11231.



Your Fraternal Benefits Have Increased

These benefits are just one of the many ways in which the Order carries out Blessed Michael McGivney's founding mission of "rendering [financial] aid to its members, their families and beneficiaries of members and their families."*

These benefits are just one small part of our Catholic Difference.

**Knights of Columbus Charter Section 2.c.*

▶ **Member / Spouse Accidental Death Fraternal Benefit**

Brother Knights and their spouses are protected in the event of their accidental death through an established death benefit.

▶ **Family Fraternal Benefits**

Insured members and their families can receive additional benefits, including: the opportunity to purchase a guaranteed-issue life insurance policy on an uninsurable child with special needs or other medical diagnoses; and death benefits for stillbirths and miscarriages.

▶ **Orphan Fraternal Benefit**

Orphaned children of insured members are eligible for monthly payments and college scholarships upon the death of both parents.

Not all of the eligibility provisions of the Order's program of fraternal benefits are listed here. Terms and conditions apply. Contact your Knights of Columbus agent for these

Life Insurance | Disability Income Insurance | Long-Term Care Insurance | Retirement Annuities

**To learn more about your increased benefits,
call your local agent today.**



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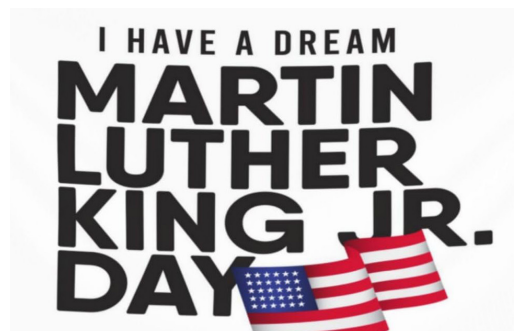
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Happy New Year's Jan 1st



Inauguration Day Jan 20th



Martin Luther King Jr. Day Jan 20th



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the Patchogue Knights of Columbus?

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>>> Monthly Newsletter

All Articles for the Patchogian must be submitted by
January 20th

Our Website—www.kofc725.com



COLUMBIETTES CORNER

WE CARE - WE SHARE



Dear Sister Columbiettes,

I hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas & Wishing you all a Happy Healthy New Year God Bless.

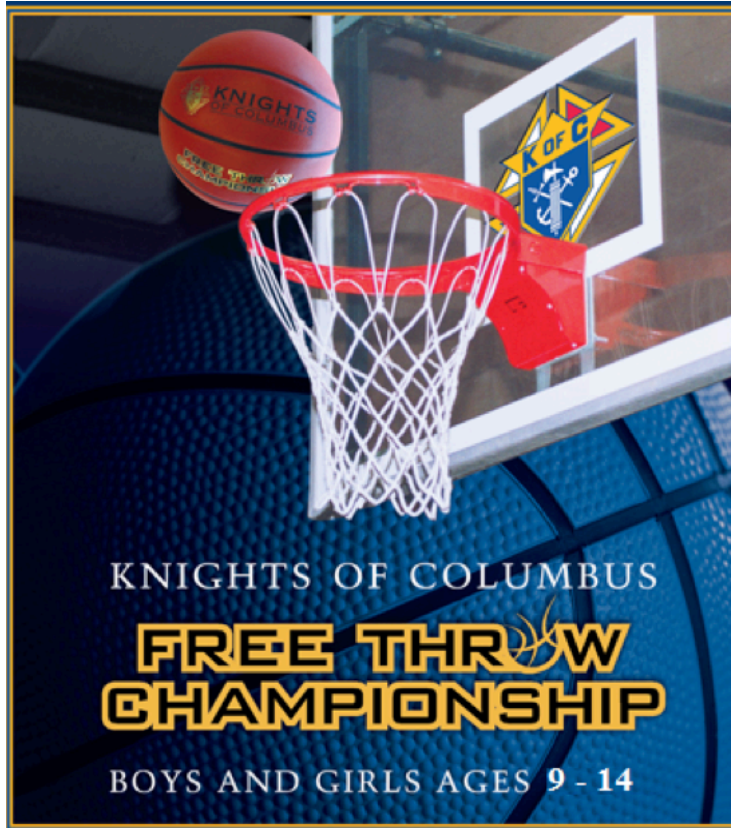
Please keep in your Prayers, Our Grand Knight Joe Fontana who is in Rehab. Keep in your prayers your Sister Columbiettes Betty Weeks after her Hand surgery, Jessica Boehm after her knee surgery and Grace Fontana who was in the hospital with pneumonia and also fell and broke her leg. Please reach out to all with some cheer during this time of year. There was a nice turn out for the Advent Tea held at Our Lady of the Snow Church on Friday December 13th, thank you ladies for sponsoring this event. I want to thank the Knights and Columbiettes who volunteered and decorated Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church for this Holiday season it came out beautiful.

Our next meeting is Wednesday January 15th, 2025, 7:00pm Hope to see all of you there, if you need a ride, please call one of your sister columbiettes.

Want to Wish all our January Babies a Very Happy Birthday!

Your Sister Columbiette,
Marsha Laakmann (President)





THE PATCHOGUE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
WILL BE HOLDING THEIR
ANNUAL BASKETBALL
FREE THROW COMPETITION ON
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH
8:30AM REGISTRATION 9 AM
START AT THE HOLY ANGELS
REGIONAL SCHOOL / ST.
FRANCIS GYMNASIUM, LOCATED
ON THE CORNER OF SOUTH
OCEAN AVE. & DIVISION ST. IN
PATCHOGUE.

COMPETITION IS OPEN TO *ALL BOYS & GIRLS AGE 9 - 14.*

THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS EVENT. WINNERS FROM EACH AGE GROUP WILL COMPETE AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL WHICH WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL LEVEL.

CALL BILL FOR MORE INFORMATION (631) 988-3758

PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE