



Suffolk Chapter Light

Knights of Columbus



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SUFFOLK CHAPTER NEWS

October, 2024

Courage and Conviction shows why Christopher Columbus remains not only a man worthy of admiration, but a noble icon of what it means to be a Catholic and an American. – KofC.org



Brothers & Sisters in Columbianism,

October traditions include Columbus Day celebrations, annual Fourth Degree Exemplifications, and the Suffolk Chapter pilgrimage to the Blessed McGivney Center. When beginning the Order, our founder chose Columbus as our namesake because he knew the iconic power of a man bringing the Word of God to our continent. A carrier of the faith. We should all follow that example and be proud of the image and all that it can mean. This month, please participate in the events that the Chapter, Assemblies and Councils offer.

In September I was fortunate to attend many Council Officer Installations, thank you to the Councils for the invitation. Also in September, we recognized the 9/11 events at a memorial service at Alfano school, thanks Vice Chairman Bill Monroe. On September 21, 2024 representatives of the Suffolk Chapter joined NY State Officers on a state-wide pilgrimage to Our Lady of American Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville, NY. It was a fantastic day and a must see for all Knights.

Looking ahead this month, the Cabrini Council 50,000 meals packing project is 9-5pm on Saturday October 5th. The Suffolk Chapter Columbiettes Memorial Mass is October 6th at the Lady of the Island Shrine, 11:30 Mass. The Columbiettes will have a Halloween Party on Sunday Oct. 27 1-5pm at Patchogue Council.

Our Chapter will provide a bus to the Blessed McGivney Pilgrimage Center on Sunday October 20th. On the trip we will attend Mass at St. Mary's Church, tour the KofC Museum, and gain a greater appreciation for the Order.

Also note that the Suffolk Chapter Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday Nov. 16 at a 2:30pm Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in E. Northport, NY.

At the end of the month, I will be representing the Chapter at the Life Center of L.I. Gala in support of their efforts. You can support the Life Center on Saturday Oct. 26th at Maple Avenue Smithtown, NY by joining our Rosary Rally of Life, across the street from the Life Center & at the Planned Parenthood building.

You can support the Chapter's Fraternal Assistance by attending our Pro-Wrestling Fundraiser in Bayshore, NY. See John Mastrosimone for tickets.

The first release of our White Book Suffolk Chapter Directory has gone out to all Councils, Conference and Assemblies. Additional books can be ordered at \$10/ book and picked up at a Chapter meeting or through your District Deputy. Thank you to St. Joseph of Greenlawn for hosting us in September.

Vivat Jesus,
Gene Johann, PGK CC

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Chapter Meeting - September 13, 2024 - Greenlawn KofC Hall

- Meeting called to order - 8:00 Exactly
- Opening prayer - Chairman
- Pledge - FN Fatima
- Members in attendance - 49 Delegates
- Introduction of dais
- Roll Call of Officers in attendance
 - P Chairman Gene Johann PGK
 - P V Chairman William Monroe PGK FDD
 - P Secretary Christopher Beattie PGK FDD PFN
 - P Treasurer James Turansky GK
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 - P Audit Richard D. Grefig
 - P Lecturer John Mastrosimone
 - P Wrd 2 Chair Robert Bienemann
- Recognition of Past Chapter Chairmen
 - P 2018-2020 Robert W. Elliott PGK FDD PFN PCC
 - P 2017-2018 Greg Warnokowski PGK FDD PFN PCC FM
 - P 2009-2011 Salvatore Loiacono PGK FDD PCC PFN FM
- Grand Knights (or representatives)
 - 6062 - Not doing much - suffered damage to their church
 - 794 - Golf outing 132 golfers - 3 new members
 - 6893 - Installation tomorrow and golf outing on the 16th
 - 14771 - Installation tomorrow - Nov 9th annual fundraiser
 - 4810 - Installation next Friday
 - 8607 - Ducks BBQ - Wreath and grave blanket sale
 - 11163 - 8 candidates - golf outing Sep 25th - Italian fest in Oct
 - 2204 - Next month is a blood drive and a food drive
 - 4651 - New building is now open - Hawkings Ave
 - 5252 - Installation - Soccer challenge tomorrow
 - 5753 - Tomorrow car show
 - 821 - Had installation - Tuesday Golf Outing
 - 468 - Had installation - selling C&B books - Anniversary Dec 3
- Suffolk Board of District Deputies
 - 3rd, 4th, 7th, 9th, 10th
 - Start to work on membership
 - Start to work on safe environment
 - Last year half the councils were star
- Motion to accept the minutes - seconded - approved
- Chairman's Report
 - Donations for Paul DiOrio's family who passed away
 - Speeches by Chairman of Board of DD, Conference Chairman, Chapter Vice Chairman
 - Recognition of people

- Andy Gerdau
 - Lifetime Achievement Award
 - Bob Slingo
 - Possible Saturday winter meeting so people don't have to drive at night
 - Feb 2025 could be done the next day because it is Valentine's Day
 - After consulting the advocate, bring this to the members
 - Motion made, seconded
 - Discussion of food followed
 - Current Feb host St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton
 - Call the motion - motion carried
- Treasurer's Report read to the members
 - Closing Balances
 - Checking \$06,814
 - Savings \$60,576
 - CD account \$13,497
- Investment committee to meet on the moving of money to CD
- Other Chapters
 - Nassau
 - Chairman was impressed with the members who showed up at Paul's Wake.
 - Long Island
 - First meeting 23rd of Sept
- Charity Drive
 - Three or four candidates to be considered
 - Committee will look into this
- General Programs Director
 - Fraternal Assistance
 - \$978.83 in FAC account
 - Wrestling fundraiser to raise money
 - Life Programs
 - National Day of Remembrance of the Unborn
 - Stand up for Life Sunday
 - New York Stat Prop 1 - "Equality Amendment" - Vote NO
 - Packets are available for councils
 - Pilgrimage
 - American Martyrs Shrine in Fultonville Sept 21
 - Bus at Exit 63 at 5AM
 - Bus trip to New Haven
 - Oct 20
 - Wrestling fundraiser
 - October 12, \$30 in Bay Shore
 - Columbiettes
 - First meeting this Monday in Farmingville
 - New President
 - Two Events
 - Memorial Mass
 - Fundraiser - Oct 27 - Patchogue

- Bulletin
 - Material by the 20th of the month
- Spiritual Activities
 - Bishop's Mass Nov 16th
 - Necrology - website - Legacy.com - to find if old members were deceased
 - Silver Rose Program
- C&B Report
 - Getting towards the end
- Unfinished Business
 - None
- New Business
 - Life Center needs money to repair their parking lot
 - Special Needs Mass - Feb 8th Mt Carmel Church
 - Grand Knight and Officer Training
 - Initial court decisions are in favor of the life centers
- Closing Prayer - Chairman
- Grand Knight recognized and presented with a check
 - It was the Grand Knight's Birthday
 - Grand Knight gave a few words
 - Thanks to the council knights
 - Rocco's Pizza
- Closing ode - Secretary
- Meeting closed 9:30





Important Suffolk Chapter Dates!

October 2024

October 5 – 50,000 meals packing at Mother Cabrini 9am – 5 pm

October 6 – Columbiette Memorial Mass at Shrine of Our Lady of the Island
11:30 am.

October 11 - Friday. Suffolk Chapter Meeting, at Mother Cabrini Council, 134
Middle Country Road, Coram, NY. 7pm Repass, 8pm meeting.

~~October 20 – Sunday. Suffolk Chapter Pilgrimage to New Haven, St Mary's and~~
~~KofC Museum. Bus trip leaves LIE Exit 63 at 7:30am, Exit 49 at 7:50am. Cost-\$40.~~

~~October 26 – Saturday. Rosary Prayer Rally with Life Center. Maple Avenue,~~
~~Smithtown, NY. Assembly 10am at Planned Parenthood, parking at Life Center.~~

~~November 8 – Friday. Suffolk Chapter Meeting, at St. Rosalie Council, Montauk~~
~~Hwy., Hampton Bays, NY 7pm Repass, 8pm meeting.~~

November 16 – Sunday. Bishop's Memorial Mass at St. Anthony of Padua, 20 Chesire
PI, E. Northport, 2:30 Mass & Reception to follow.



Suffolk Chapter Columbiettes

October 2024

Dear Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights:

Welcome October! May this season of change bring you an abundance of joy, love, peace, good health and happiness.

Happy Birthday and best wishes to all of the October babies.

A big thank you to those who attended the September meeting, including Gene Johann, PGK CC.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 21st, at our Lady of the Snow. 175 Blue Point Avenue, Blue Point, NY @ 7:30 pm. I am looking forward to seeing all of you again. Please invite your delegates and members so that they can become a part of our big happy family.

I thank you all for the confidence you have in me. By selecting me as your next Suffolk Chapter President, I promise to do my best so we can have a successful year. We will continue to do the work that God has blessed us to do as Columbiettes.

Our Memorial Mass will be Sunday, October 6th at Our Lady of the Island in Manorville at 11:30 am. After the Mass, Lisa Liguori has arranged for us to have lunch at Capellini Trattoria. 229 Middle Country Road, Selden, NY. The cost is \$35 per person. If you would like to attend, please call Lisa to pay in advance.

Save the date! Our Spooktacular Bingo will be Sunday, October 27th at Patchogue Council from 1 to 4 pm. Doors will open at 12:30 pm. Admission is \$10. Additional cards will be available for purchase. Each Auxiliary should bring a basket for our Chinese Auction raffle to the October meeting. Please bring your family and friends for an afternoon of fun and togetherness, and remember to wear your Halloween costumes.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! May God's peace and blessings be with us always.

Yours in Sisterhood,

President Deb Z

Suffolk Chapter Columbiettes

hunnybeedz@gmail.com

In Memoriam



Paul J. DiOrio

Paul J. DiOrio died suddenly on September 5, 2024. He was the beloved husband of Diane, and loving father of Victoria Goetz (Chad), Paul J. DiOrio, Jr. (Alyson) and Gabriella DiOrio. Paul was a devoted member of the Knights of Columbus and served the organization in many capacities. He was a PGK of the St. Martin of Tours K of C Council, PFN of Our Lady of Fatima Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, FDD, FCOB, Past Suffolk County Knight of the Year, current Assistant NYS Membership Director, and Suffolk County Conference Warden.

Paul was more than a Knight with letters after his name, and more than the honors he garnered. As a District Deputy Paul was always supportive, always available to answer questions, a friend and mentor. He was tirelessly devoted to the Knights and to his family. It will be difficult to replace Paul in the positions he held with the Knights. Paul was a friend to all of New York State. He was a husband, a father, a Knight, and a catholic gentleman. If you needed something, he couldn't say "No." He would find a way to get it done. Often you wouldn't have to ask him because he was already doing what needed to be done. The considerable number of Star Councils and Star Districts in Suffolk and NYS is a direct result of Paul's tutelage. He knew what had to be done; he knew how to do the paperwork, and he could guide a council through the process. Under Paul's leadership as Faithful Navigator of Our Lady of Fatima Assembly, the assembly earned the Star Assembly Award. He was that good.

Paul DiOrio, a true Catholic gentleman, will be missed on so many levels by all of us.

Please keep Paul, Diane and the family in your thoughts and prayers.



SUFFOLK CHAPTER Pilgrimage to the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center

On Sunday October 20th Buses will pick us up at L.I.E. Exit 63-7:30am and LIE Exit 49-7:50am

For a trip to visit ST. MARY's Church and tour the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center (formally KofC Museum)



At St Mary's Church we will attend the 10:30am Mass

Cost is \$40. Buses will fill quickly. Bring your spouse.

This trip is a must for all New GKs and DGKs.

Dinner at Cracker Barrel on the way home.

To sign up call Chairman Joe Fontana 631 310-8004 or Gene Johann 631 804-1886

TO GET ON THE BUS – CALL US

The New Exemplification of the Fourth Degree February 22, 2025

In recognition of the 125th anniversary of the Fourth Degree, the Supreme Council will conduct an exemplification of the Fourth Degree on February



22, 2025 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. This will be the inaugural use of the new Fourth Degree Exemplification ceremony. Family and friends of the candidates will be permitted to view the degree just as they can now view the exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We do not have all the information yet, and we do not know the cost for the candidates. The banquet following the degree will most likely be optional and at an additional cost. Cardinal Dolan is on board. He gave his enthusiastic approval and will be present at the degree. We

have been told that the old Form 4 will not be used for the February degree and later degrees. Candidates will signup online. We ask that Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries take note of this change and look for further information from Supreme. If you have any questions, contact your Grand Knight, a Faithful Navigator, Assembly Comptroller, or the Master of the Fourth Degree for the 1st New York District.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Tully
Former Master
Vice Chairman
Suffolk County Conference



Knights of Coumbus St. Frances Cabrini Council in Coram is having a **FEED THE HUNGRY Food Packing Event** on **Saturday October 5th from 8am to 12pm at St Frances Cabrini Parish Center in Coram.**

(You can Call/Text or Email Our Webmaster , who is also a Knight at St Frances. **Bill Feaster**

Tele(401)742-9001 Email: feasterwilliam@gmail.com)

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St. Frances Cabrini Parish Center | 134 Middle Country Rd., Coram, NY 11727

For more information or to sign up today, please contact:
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HELP OUT THESE MOM'S WITH BABY NEEDS by purchasing items off of the Amazon Gift Registry link below:

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/breathoflife-3babies-november-2024-ronkonkoma/39N6ZVAHLLFAL>



The Origins of Halloween

Blame it on the Irish.

Halloween can be traced back to Samhain, a Celtic festival at the end of the harvest season, midway between the Fall equinox and the Winter solstice. After the harvest was complete, celebrants joined with Druid priests to light massive bonfires and pray. Celts believed that the barrier between the physical and spirit world could be breached during Samhain. It was also thought that ancestors could cross over at this time. During the festival, Celts would dress as animals and monsters so that fairies would not be tempted to kidnap them. Over the ages the holiday evolved, taking on Christian influences, European myths, and American commercialism.

In the 7th Century the Catholic Church established November 1st as All Saints Day. By the 9th Century the influence of Christianity had spread to Ireland and other Celtic lands. In 1000 AD, the Church made Nover 2nd All Souls Day, in honor of the dead. The Church was trying to replace the Celtic festival of the dead with a related Church sanctioned holiday. Trick-or-treating emerged during the Middle Ages. In Ireland during All Saints and All Souls Day celebrations, poor people would visit the homes of wealthy families and receive pastries called “soul cakes” in exchange for the promise to pray for the homeowners’ dead relatives. Trick-or-treating evolved from this practice of “souling.”

The use of jack-o'-lanterns also came from the Irish. Its name comes from the strange lights flickering over peat bogs, called jack-o'-lanterns. The name also has ties to a man known as Stingy Jack, a drunkard who bargained with the Devil and was doomed to roam the Earth with only a hollowed turnip, with a glowing embers within, to light his way. When the Irish emigrated to North America, they began to use pumpkins instead of the tubers they knew in Ireland.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN !



Spooktacular Surprise Bingo

Join us for a fun afternoon of fun and games!

Sunday, October 27, 2024

from 1 to 4 pm; doors open at 12:30

Patchogue K of C, 38 W 1st Street, Patchogue

Refreshments will be served

\$10 admission, includes one set of bingo cards

Extra cards available for purchase

Raffles, 50/50, door prizes

Wear a Costume!

For tickets or information:

Kathy Anderson 516 313 5483

Lisa Liguori 631 987 5734



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80th Annual Columbus Day Parade on Fifth Avenue in New York City

**The New York State Knights of Columbus
are marching in the NYC Columbus Day Parade
on Monday, October 14th.**

Members and families are asked to attend.

**All 4th Degree Honor Guards
are called-out for this.**

**Everyone who has a (current) uniform is asked
to wear it even if they are not in the
Honor Guard or Color Corps.**

More details will follow as we get them finalized.



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VENUE: O'CONNELL GARDENS

DATE: FRIDAY 11/22/2024

TIME: 600PM

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First Fight 700pm*

Damiano Coraci 917 696 3536

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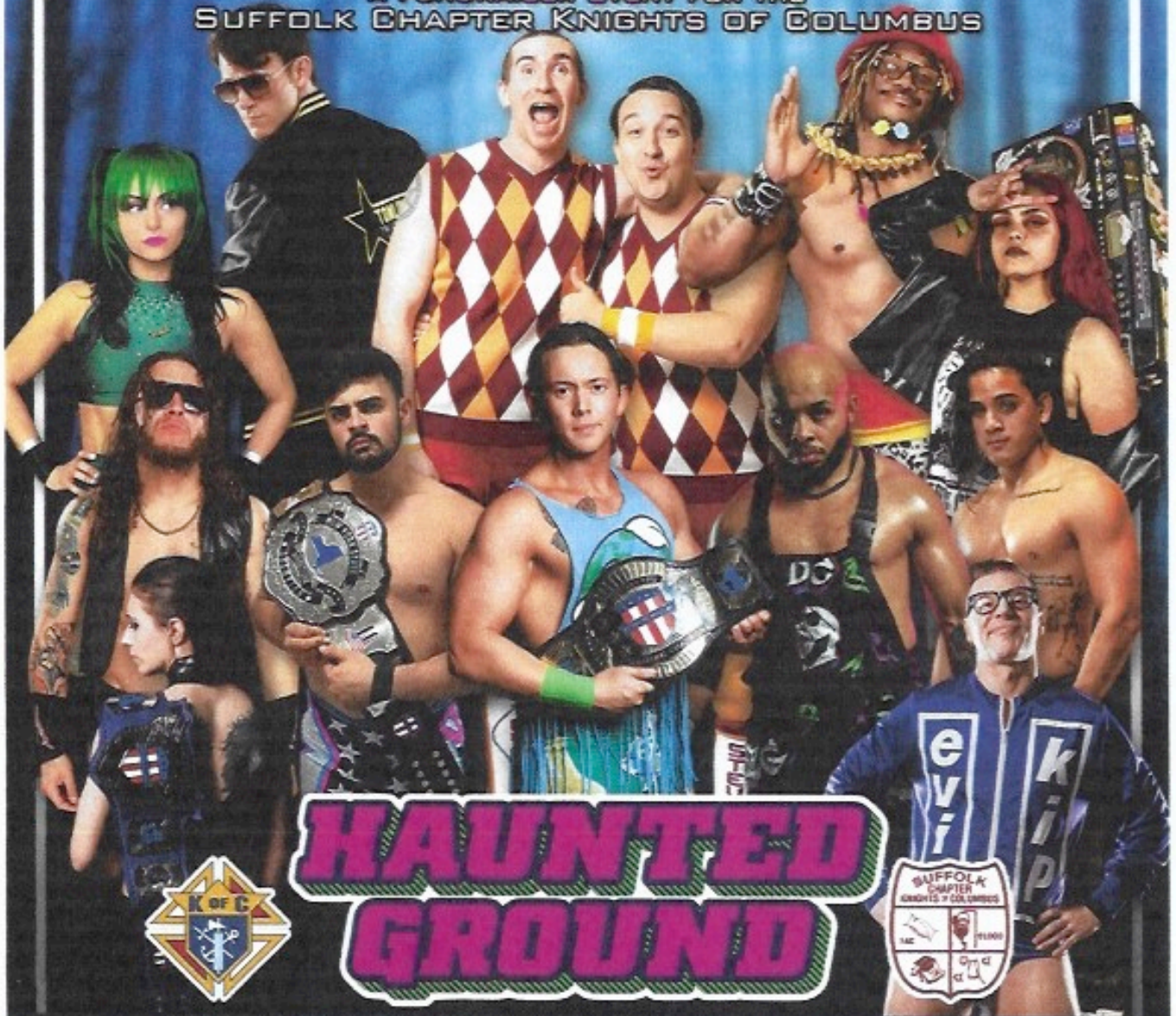


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BERNIE NAGEL U S NAVY (WWII)

ROBERT M. KOEPPER U S NAVY (VIETNAM)

U.T. FITZGERALD U S NAVY (COLD WAR)

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9TH 5 PM

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KOFCC COUNCIL #6062/CMDR JOHN J. SHEA ASSEMBLY #729





Columbiette News



Suffolk Chapter Columbiettes



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2021—2024

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- Lisa Ligouri, Past President
- Debbie Zaino, Vice President
- Barbara Lukenovich, Recording Secretary
- Angela O'Leary, Finance Secretary
- Diana Palumbo, Treasurer
- Maria Arcuri, Sentinel

Meeting Date

Retreat for Men

"He came among his own, and his own received him not." John 1:11

with Rev. Fr. John A. Perricone
Retreat Master

November 15th - 17th, 2024

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The Immaculate Conception Retreat House

440 West Neck Road

Huntington, NY 11743

www.icseminary.edu/hospitality

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Thanks for Signing up!



Columbus Day 14th



Halloween 31st

Information Page

MEETING REMINDER

October 11, 2024
Mother Cabrini Council
Coram, NY
8 pm

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR
DIRECTIONS and for many activities
taking place at the many councils and
auxiliaries throughout our county.

You will like what you see!
<http://suffolkchapterkofc.org>

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Have you had a chance to visit the new website? Go ahead! You will like what you see! Be sure to send our Web Master, Kevin Drawbridge, email: bridgettekevin@icloud.com articles and photos of the great things happening in your Council or Auxiliary!

Email Me

Register your e-mail at our chapter website to be sure to receive "up to the minute" information on meetings, events, and activities! Visit our website to review photos of the many events held throughout Suffolk County. www.suffolkchapterkofc.org

FROM THE EDITOR

**ALL ARTICLES OR ADS MUST BE IN
BY THE 15th OF EACH MONTH.**

SEND ALL SUBMISSIONS TO

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FOR APPROVAL

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Missions



*Eye Glasses and Hearing Aids are needed.
Please bring them to the Chapter Meeting.*

For additional information contact:

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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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per Month" and "One First Degree,
per District, per Month" resulting in
"One Star Council, per District"***



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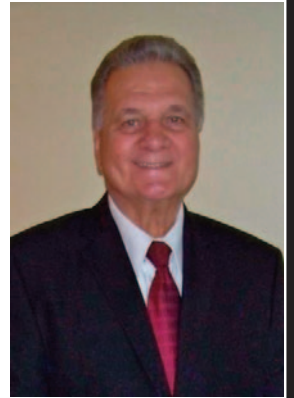
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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael J. McGivney

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 his inspiration 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

