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Grand Knight's Message

Christmas blessings to all Brothers and Sisters in the risen Jesus Christ.



We begin anew the advent season of waiting for the Messiah, as we end the current liturgical season with the gospel of Matthew: 25. In it, we get a glimpse of what we need to do to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Please read it.

My favorite time of the year is the Christmas season where, if we allow ourselves, we slow down a bit, listen to the wonderful gospel stories, put up Christmas decorations and do acts of kindness, love and charity with family and friends. This year, as you hunker down during the winter season please keep yourselves safe, wear your mask, wash your hands, try not you get close to the elderly and people with compromised immunities until we have this virus under control. Just use common sense.

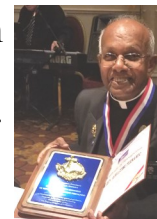
Congratulations to Fr. Jose Luis, who became a member of the Knights of Columbus this past month. Now, all of the priests in St. Kilian are Knights. If you know a person who would like to join, it is

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Chaplain's Message

Hello my brothers & sisters in the Columbian Organization,

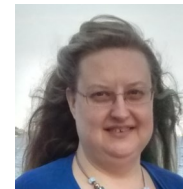
I wish you all the blessings of this month when we celebrate the coming of Jesus on Christmas Day. This is the celebration of the first coming of Jesus. BUT— we are also thinking of the second coming of Jesus during the First Sunday of Advent—as it says in the Gospel reading for that day. The advent candle for the first Sunday reminds us of hope—when we are preparing for the coming of our savior.



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Columbiette Chatter

Dear Sister Columbiettes,



Sorry that I have not sent out anything before now. The days and nights have rolled all together. When I remember to write this letter it is time to go to bed. Another year of Columbiettes has ended. The beginning of the year started out great and then the pandemic hit and everything stopped. Life, work, Holidays, Group meetings. It has changed the way things are done now. As life begins to slowly get back to normal and our lives return to what

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Editors Corner

The Mariner will be printed once a month with one issue for the months of July and August, for a total of eleven (11) issues by and for the Farmingdale Council #2204, Knights of Columbus.

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the Council Hall located at the intersection of Morton Street and Garity Place. The mailing address is 1 Morton Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735-4340. The deadline for material for publication in the Mariner is the Friday that follows the 3rd Wednesday of the prior month. PLEASE keep this deadline in mind for articles you wish to have publish in the Mariner.



**Father McGivney
Pray for Us**



Good of the Order

Brothers those in need will always be with us. If you can remember to bring some kind of dry or can goods, such as tuna, vegetables, pasta cereal etc., to each meeting, the Council will arrange to get this food to the Parish Pantry.

We must always have new members flowing into our ranks and it is your privilege and your duty as a Knight of Columbus to recruit and retain the strength your needs to carry on the great works so well begun. You know as well as I do that there are many fine unselfish Catholic gentleman who would be Knights if we would but give them a word of suggestion and lead them towards our banner. I appeal to each and everyone of you to select one man that you deem worthy and lead him to us. Brother's please communicate to the Council that a Brother or family member is ill.

Sick and Distressed

Please keep the following Knights, Columbiettes, Family members and Friends in your prayers. Please also keep in your prayers all others who have requested our prayers, but due to miscommunications or timing, are not listed. God knows who they are and a simple thought to include them is sufficient.

Sick & Distressed

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Happy Birthday Brothers

December

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List of Upcoming Important Dates

DECEMBER-2020

8—FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 12—FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
 15—Biz Meeting, Council #2204
 25—CHRISTMAS DAY
 31—NEW YEAR'S EVE

JANUARY-2021

1—NEW YEAR'S DAY
 6—EPIPHANY
 18—MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
 19—Biz Meeting, Council #2204

**You will be notified of any changes as soon as possible.
 All Officers meetings will be held at the Council Hall**

A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill them with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to greater union with your Son. Increase their faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the intercession of St. Jean Vianney, grant that your priests will be inspired to strive for holiness by the power of his example. As men of prayer, may they ponder your word, follow your will and faithfully lead the flocks you have entrusted to their care.

St. Jean Vianney, obtain for the Church an abundance of vocations to the holy priesthood. Through your intercession, may many faithful men hear Christ's call, and respond with courage and generosity.

Mary our Mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones. Intercede for our priests, so that by offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



St. Jean Vianney, patron of parish priests, pray for us!

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PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD MICHAEL McGIVNEY

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

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 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 your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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.

Please report all favors received:

The Father McGivney Guild
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 New Haven, CT 06510-3326 □ USA
www.fathermcgivney.org

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Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. The second candle will symbolize faith. The color of the candle for the third week is pink, which symbolizes joy—when we rejoice that our Lord, Jesus Christ came 2,000 years ago and we look forward to the second coming at the end of the world.

As we wait for the coming of Jesus Christ, let us prepare ourselves by acknowledging that sometimes we have not lived up to the expectations of Jesus. What Jesus expects of us is that we follow him—his commandment to love God with all our heart, all our mind and all our soul; and that we love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

On the sermon on the mount, he gave these beatitudes: blessed are the poor, blessed are the peacemakers—theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Let us think about observing the commands of God during this time of Advent so that we can celebrate Christmas in a worthy manner. Be prepared for the coming of Jesus.

The important thing is that we decide to follow Jesus. Like the song says, “I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back.” This is what we have to keep in mind; we have decided to follow Jesus and his commandments—no turning back. We have decided to love as Jesus loved us—no turning back. We have decided to follow Jesus and love our neighbors, because he told us to love our neighbors—no turning back.

Jesus said, “love each other as I have loved you.

May God bless you; may God bless your families; may God bless your friends. God bless you always, Amen.

Your Chaplain and Brother Knight
Fr. Augustine Fernando (Gus)

Corporate Corner

Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes
First off, I hope everyone is doing well considering what is going on in the world lately.

The Farmingdale Catholic Center (the Hall) is currently allowed to open in accordance with strict CDC protocols that are constantly changing. We hope to provide a place that is safe for folks to gather, laugh, smile and just get out of the house and forget what is going on outside, if even for a few hours. Parties are currently limited to 50 people - but that can change overnight. We are following all CDC guidelines, including mandatory mask wearing, temperature checks prior to entry, contact tracing forms and strict cleaning/disinfecting guidelines.

We are holding on, but help is always welcome to maintain the hall, work parties, and do general chores. Since the older members are (for lack of a better word) aging out. The younger generation needs to step up and do your part for our great organization. If anyone has knowledge of Electricity, Carpentry, Plumbing, General Building Maintenance, Computers, Social media or any other field. Please do not hesitate to contact me. Together we can get it done.

Remember this; “You cannot put a price on a smile”

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free until December 31st. Just go to www.KofC.org/JoinUs.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Please, try to come down to a meeting to say hello. We practice socially distancing, wearing a mask, and there will be no food served at this time.

In closing, I wish all of you and your families a joyous Christmas season filled with the love that comes from Almighty God. Please pray for our country for peace and unity. And remember to keep Christ in Christmas and in our daily lives, God-bless you, Merry Christmas and don't forget, be bold be Catholic!

Nick Rutigliano,

Grand Knight—
St. Kilian Council # 2204

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Deputy Grand Knight Report

Dear Brother Knights & Sister Columbiettes,



Sorry I did not have a chance to write out my article for the November Mariner, but my family suffered a terrible setback. As I informed you in past Mariner's, my dad had been suffering with Prostate cancer until he passed away on November 16th. The doctor's found that the cancer had metastasized to the brain and he was paralyzed from the waist down. At times he did not even know who we were or where he was. I have also been caring for my elderly mother who has her own health issues. I want to thank those that have sent prayers for him and I ask for your continued prayers for the repose of his soul. In addition, I have been commuting, via the LIRR, to work in an office where no-one else will go because of the corona virus.

While I am on the subject, I want to bring to your attention something that some of you might not know about me. I have a few disabilities of my own. I suffer from cerebral palsy, epilepsy, hydrocephalus (which is a buildup of pressure in the brain that affects vision and coordination) and amblyopia (where only one eye at a time can be used and there is limited peripheral vision). This is the reason that, when filling in running meetings for the Grand Knight, I sometimes have problems with reading the agenda or keeping order. I am not asking for your pity, just your understanding and help with running our Council. A few prayers would also be gratefully appreciated.

In addition to working in the Council and manning parties at the Hall, I feel a strong obligation to keep up our close association with the Columbiettes. Before the pandemic, I attended their meetings and tried to bring their message back to the Council. I believe that we should be working side by side with the Columbiettes for the benefit of both groups and our community.

Yours in Christ
Michael Napolitano
DGK



BIG C & B NEWS!

Due to the pandemic the following revisions have been made to the Early Bird Drawing:

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3rd Prize: \$250 to winner - 40 books to seller's council (provided they made bonus)

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Suffolk Chapter Report

My Brothers and Sisters,

The Chapter is the fraternal arm of the "Knights of Columbus", working for you and your families.

The Chapter has many programs such as the FAC (Fraternal Assistance) which is available to all brother Knights and sister Columbiettes who find themselves in financial difficulty. This is kept strictly confidential, so any one in need should not be afraid to reach out for help. There are scholarship programs for your children and grandchildren, if they plan to attend a Catholic High School. We offer track and free throw competitions for children up to fourteen years of age, where they can win scholarship money for their education. There are fraternal activities for all members and their families. Why not take advantage of what we have to offer by coming to our monthly meetings, on the second Friday of the month, and represent your Council.

The Chapter also collects eyeglasses, can tabs and every Christmas we collect teddy bears for needy children. **THE CHAPTER WORKS FOR YOU, WHY NOT SUPPORT IT!!! REMEMBER, "CHARITY IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCT".**

Fraternally,
Greg Warnokowski, PGK,FDD,FCOB.PFN, FM



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used to be with a few added additions. Let us say prayers for those who are still fighting this horrible thing and those who have died. And all the doctors and nurses who are tirelessly helping those to fight this. And for the families.

Mom and I and my son are all okay. I wish I could say that none of my family was affected by this virus but after months of fighting one of my cousins passed away.

I hope to be able to resume our meetings in September. We will have so much to catch up with, stuff that we were not able to do in April, May, and June.

We need a new Secretary. On the bottom of the next page is a ballot of the current Officers. If any changes should be made please make them. Please send it back as soon as possible.

I hope that we can all have a safe and fun summer.

Respectfully yours,
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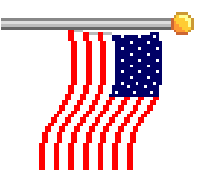
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