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## Grand Knight's Message

Brothers and sisters, peace be with you.



As we usher in February, the 2nd month of this year, remember that the Lenten period starts on the 17<sup>th</sup> with

Ash Wednesday – a day of fasting and abstinence. Be mindful to pray each day, during these times, try to spend 10 minutes of quiet time in the morning make it a daily habit. God hears our prayers and will respond in his time

I am hopeful that we will be able to gather together in the near future, I miss you very much and want you to know that I pray for you every day. I would like to encourage you

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## Chaplain's Message

Hello my brothers & sisters in the Columbian Organization,

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and King. Vivat Jesus! -that is the battle-cry of the Knights of Columbus. Vivat Jesus: *long live Christ.*

My brothers and sisters, as we begin this new year, we are just coming out of the month of January and are going into the month of February. We have finished the Christmas season—celebrating the birth of Jesus. On the 17th of February, we start the season of Lent.

Lent is a time to prepare for the passion and death of Jesus and the resurrection of Jesus.; the Paschal season. We are called to prepare for the

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## Deputy Grand Knight Report

Brothers and Sisters



As we start yet another month of not being able to be together, I pray that you and your families are safe and healthy.

At my job with GEICO, I am required to go into my physical office two times each week to do work that cannot be taken out of the office for confidentiality reasons. Recently I noticed that there are

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**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**February 17th**

## 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

KAREN NOLAN

NICK RUTIGLIANO SR.

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LUCY

CHRIS MADDEN

MARY SCOTTO

### Recently Deceased

CHRIS MADDEN

MAGALY FERNANDEZ

GLORIA CASSESE

**Please inform the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary of Any Brother that is Sick or has Passed Away.**

## Happy Birthday Brothers

### February

Richard S Agrillo  
 Richard H Haemmerle  
 Leonard R Kelch  
 Robert D Lamb  
 John A Moruzzi  
 John J O Shea  
 Matthew J Paules  
 Chris R Wider



### List of Upcoming Important Dates

#### **FEBRUARY-2021**

14—ST VALENTINE'S DAY  
 16—SHROVE TUESDAY  
 16—Biz Meeting, Council #2204  
 17—ASH WEDNESDAY

#### **MARCH-2021**

16—Biz Meeting, Council #2204  
 17—ST PATRICK'S DAY  
 28—PALM SUNDAY

**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

**W**e 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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
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## PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD MICHAEL McGIVNEY

*Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

**G**od, 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:*

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[www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org)

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season of Lent. The first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, ashes are poured on our head as a sign of our penitence for our sins. We are sorry for our sin and we promise to God that we will stay away from sin and believe in the Gospel—following Jesus. This is what we promise when we receive the ashes. Receiving ashes is a meaningful ceremony to show that we are in penance.

The people of Nineveh, when they received the preaching of Jonah, they took off their ordinary clothes and put on sackcloths and sat in ashes. Hence with ashes on their bodies, they did penance. This is what we are reminded of when we are to do penance for our sins; to turn away from sin.

So, as you prepare for Lent, keep all these things in mind so that all of us in the great organization of the Knights of Columbus follow Jesus in his footsteps. We follow Jesus in his passion and death; follow Jesus in his resurrection—as we hope to follow Jesus in his resurrection.

So as we celebrate the penitential season of Lent, let us ask God to give us the grace to follow him always and let this Lent be a season of preparing for the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Vivat Jesus! - long live Christ the King.

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



*Fr Gus  
with  
Mother Teresa*

## 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”

Vivat Jesus  
Patrick Burns  
President FCC  
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to read a good Catholic book and fill your soul with good spiritual readings. Matthew Kelly has life changing books; you can go to “dynamiccatholic.com”, and just order one of the many wonderful creations he has been writing for 30 years. Also, available is “Word on Fire”, a program by Bishop Robert Barron. You can hear his Sunday sermon on YouTube. The more we know as Catholics, will make it easier to spread the word to others in an educated way.

In closing, I would ask that you pray for our priests throughout the world. They have devoted their lives to bringing us closer to our heavenly banquet. They have been called by God to assist us in our journey to sainthood. We are all called to be saints.

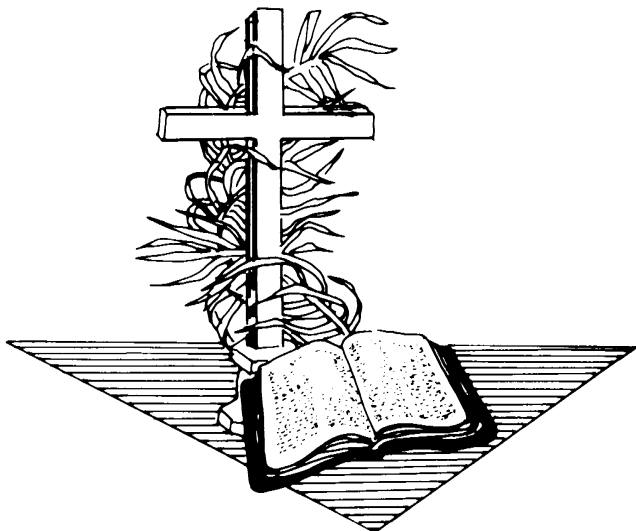
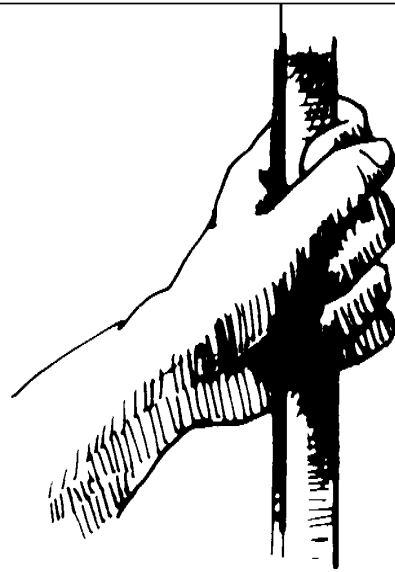
Pray for our Country and Congress and that all political parties try and come together and live in a more spiritual way keeping our creator in their hearts and minds.

I love you and remember to be bold, be Catholic!

*Nick Rutigliano,*  
Grand Knight—  
St. Kilian Council # 2204



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# HELPING HANDS

## Overview

In the spirit of our founder, Venerable Michael J. McGivney, the Helping Hands Program is designed to help those in need by incorporating the important work many councils already do to care for the most disadvantaged members of our communities. Through this program, councils will aid the needy, homeless, and the addicted through the activities they feel best suit their communities, such as serving at or running a soup kitchen, repairing the facilities of a local service organization or something entirely unique. For Helping Hands resources visit [www.kofc.org/helpinghands](http://www.kofc.org/helpinghands).

*Please Note: Participating in the Helping Hands Program does not satisfy the programming requirements for the Food for Families Program. The two activities are separate and cannot be double-counted. Also, this program is intended to be broad reaching within your community and not specific to certain individuals. It should address the needs of whole groups.*

## Action Steps

1. Identify a program chairman to oversee all action steps and delegate tasks, as needed. If coordinating with the parish, confirm pastor approval with grand knight, and then set up subsequent parish ministry collaboration meetings.
2. Contact leaders from local nonprofit organizations to discuss how the council and parish can best assist them in their work.
3. As a council, generate program ideas that would benefit those less fortunate in the community. Efforts could include:
  - As a parish, cook and/or serve food at no charge at a local soup kitchen or parish hall. (This could be a good family activity.)
  - As a council, assist in cleaning and repairing the facilities of a local nonprofit organization (i.e., fixing broken tables, painting walls).
  - Hold classes to teach trade skills (electrical, plumbing, carpentry, etc.).
  - Organize collection drives for specific supplies such as blankets, backpacks, toiletries, and clothing.
  - Raise money for a local soup kitchen, homeless shelter or other nonprofit organization through various events. Money could go toward the purchase of specific supplies and appliances, such as a new large freezer or dishwasher, or it could be donated in bulk.
4. Contact your grand knight, financial secretary, or program director to order Helping Hands resources through Supplies Online via [Officers Online](#).





5. Build public interest for the program! Promote your Helping Hands activities in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
  - Prominently display promotional posters
  - Bulletin announcements
  - Pulpit announcements
  - Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages
6. Conduct your Helping Hands Program.
7. On the day of the event, wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have the council membership director set up a table with brochures and membership documents (including *Prospect Cards* #921A). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity!
8. Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the event.
9. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms.
  - Immediately after your program is finished, complete the *Fraternal Programs Report Form* (#10784)
  - At the end of the fraternal year, complete the *Columbian Award Application* (#SP-7)

**Resources**

1. #10635- *Brochure*
2. #10636- *Vertical Poster*

Program resources can be ordered by your grand knight, financial secretary and/or program director on Supplies Online via [Officers Online](#).

**Link**

[www.kofc.org/helpinghands](http://www.kofc.org/helpinghands)

## 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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calendars in the office from the last day that my coworkers and I were allowed to work together in the office. I noticed today that almost a full year has passed since we were together. Many people might think it is nice working from home, and I do like part of it, but I miss the interaction of people where you can see a person smile or see someone make a face at a joke. In the same way, I miss seeing all of you whether it be at Mass or at a meeting. While zoom, skype and all the other video conferencing services out there are nice, there's nothing like being able to sit next to someone without needing to wear a mask. I pray that this will end sooner rather than later.

As I write this, the husband of a very dear friend, Mark Voss, is having heart transplant surgery. Please keep him in your prayers. I also ask that you please pray for the person who unselfishly gave of themselves even after death so that my friends husband could live.

While we are on the topic of saving lives, a representative of the Red Cross contacted me and informed me that there is a shortage of blood. I asked the Grand Knight about adding an additional blood drive. You should hear more about it soon.

We need to work together to keep each other healthy and safe. As we all know we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Yours in Christ  
Mike Napolitano  
DGK  
Michael Napolitano, DGK

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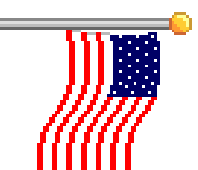
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