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## Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and  
Sister Columbiettes:



It is the end of an era, as our beloved Chaplain, Father Gus, has decided to leave and retire to his native India on August 24th and live with family. Father Gus has served in our St. Kilian Parish for some 24 years and our Council Chaplain for some 20 years. He has also served as Chaplain to the Knights of Columbus Suffolk Chapter and the Fourth Degree Assembly of Our Lady of Assumption.

A Farewell Mass was said by Father Gus at 11AM on Sunday, August 21st with a Reception following on the Parish Lawn. It was very well attended by Parishioners and Knights of Columbus members, some from other Councils, who bid him farewell with greetings, prayers, cards, and gifts. Our Council presented him with a card and gift. Please keep him in your prayers.

Our Pastor, Reverend Monsignor Mark Rowan, who was the Associate Chaplain, has graciously accepted the position of Chaplain for our Council. We thank him and welcome him as our new Council Chaplain.

The Monsignor had graciously offered St. Benedict Chapel as the site of our Installation of Officers

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## Chaplain's Message

My Dear Brother Knights,

I am very happy to have been asked to be the new Chaplain for the Saint Kilian Knights of Columbus Council #2204. I know Father George is equally as happy to be the new Associate Chaplain for the Council.



I think our Grand Knight Tom Schwarz and our Deputy Grand Knight Dan Healy are both great leaders and it's a new day for the Saint Kilian Knights! Father George and I look forward to working closely with them.

It seems to me that in the past the Parish and the Council, while both doing many good things, had grown apart and seemed to be on parallel roads. One of my goals as your new Chaplain and the Pastor of Saint Kilian's is to get the Council and the Parish back together, in sync with one another, supporting one another, and on

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## Columbiette Chatter



Dear Sister Columbiettes

Hope you all had a great summer. Welcome back to a new year and new beginning.

We should start planning our new year soon with fundraisers and events to draw more people to want to become members. It would be nice to increase our membership. It may be a hard challenge, I feel we can do it.

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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.

*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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### Recently Deceased

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

## Happy Birthday Brothers

### September

John D Ballantyne	Anthony L Magnifico
Anthony P Brussich	John M Mandi
Salvatore Ciuffo	John V Marotta
Joseph R D Ambrosi	Danny R Rivera
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Thomas D Hackett	Anthony J Vitale
Kenneth L Hillier	David A Wender
Pasquale A Lauro	Walter J Wolfe



### List of Upcoming Important Dates

#### SEPTEMBER-2022

- 5—LABOR DAY
- 6—Social Meeting and Morale night Tuesday, 7:30PM  
BBQ: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, salads, beer, soda, water
- 13—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
- 20—Biz Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm

#### OCTOBER-2022

- 4—FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
- 4—Social Meeting and Morale night Tuesday, 7:30PM
- 10—COLUMBUS DAY
- 11—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
- 18—Biz Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
- 31—ALL HALLOWS' EVE

**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!



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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, Blessed 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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# Farewell Father Gus

Some long-time members of St Kilian Council #2204 shared a final breakfast with their long-time Chaplain.



*“Father Gus, has decided to leave and retire to his native India on August 24th and live with family. Father Gus has served in our St. Kilian Parish for some 24 years and our Council Chaplain for some 20 years. He has also served as Chaplain to the Knights of Columbus Suffolk Chapter and the Fourth Degree Assembly of Our Lady of Assumption.”*

-from the GK article on page 1

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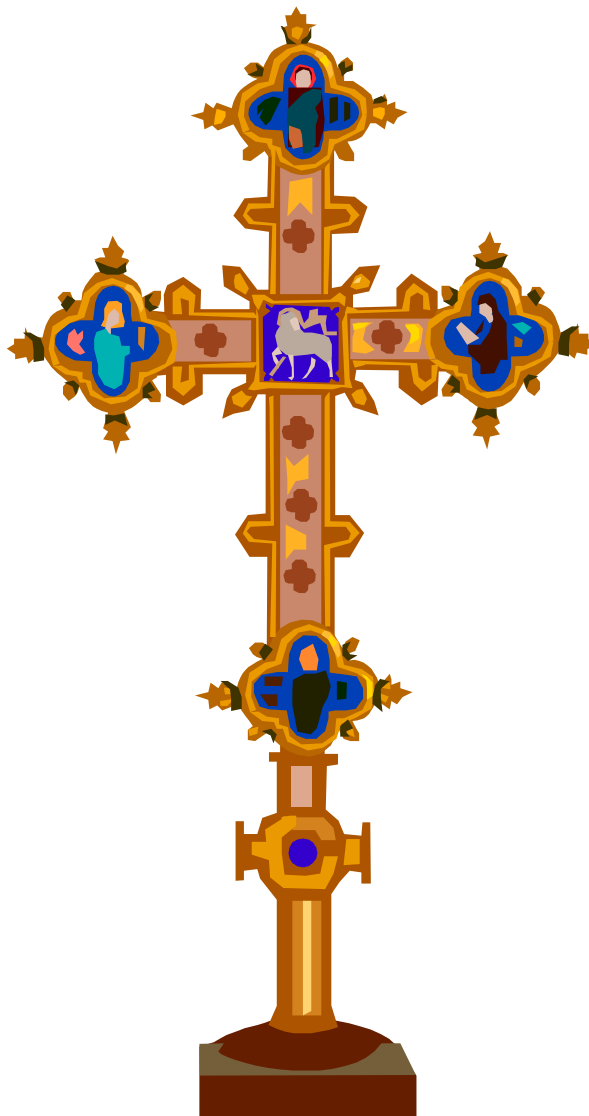
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on Saturday, August 27th after the 5PM Mass in the Church. The Mass said by Monsignor Rowan included a wonderful Homily with an emphasis on the Knights of Columbus and a special Blessing to our Council Officers. The Installation followed in the Chapel where Monsignor Rowan was installed as our new Chaplain along with our Officers. The Installation was officiated by our District Deputy, Paul Di'Orio. A reception followed in the Rectory sponsored by Monsignor Rowan. Congratulations to all those Installed and special thanks to Monsignor Rowan for his Homily, his Blessings and gracious and generous hospitality.

With the month of September upon us and the end of summer approaching, (it officially ends September 22nd) we will have a short Social meeting followed by a Morale night on Tuesday, September 6th beginning at 7:30PM. We will have BBQ Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, salads, beer, soda, water. Please RSVP. ASAP so I can estimate the amount to purchase, thanks.

The other meetings in September will be the Officer's Meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:30PM and our Business Meeting on Tuesday, September 20th at 7:30PM We would like to see those who have been away for a while return to our Council. We have lots to share and accomplish together.

September is also back to school month. Please help our Outreach Office with gift cards for school supplies as well as other items.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Labor Day.

Finally, pray for an end to abortion – it hasn't gone away. Pray for our country, for Ukraine and world peace. Father McGivney pray for us. St. Kilian pray for us.

God Bless.

Stay well and stay safe,  
Thomas Schwarz  
Grand Knight

## SPECIAL ELECTION

**Due to an open Officers position for Inside Guard, the nomination committee nominates Michael Dempsey for the position. Anyone else interested can be nominated at our Business Meeting on**

**Tuesday,  
September 20<sup>th</sup>  
7:30PM.**

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the same road journeying towards Christ. Together, I look forward to a partnership of counsel in the Parish like no other on Long Island!

The Presentation of the Knights at the Saturday night 5 PM mass recently and the Installation of Officers that we had in the Saint Benedict Chapel with a reception that followed in the rectory, was an example of the new beginning of the Council and our Parish going forward together. It was a great night for us both!

Let us all think of ways that we can deepen our relationship between the Parish and our Council as we move ahead together into a new day of cooperation and brotherhood in Unity! Let us pray for one another!

Fraternally,  
Msgr. Mark Rowan

September, 2022



## PROCLAIM THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN LIFE'



On June 24, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a Mississippi law banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy, concurrently overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark ruling that legalized abortion nationwide nearly 50 years ago. The Knights of Columbus is now strengthening its support for pregnancy resources centers and maternity homes through ASAP, a new pro-life initiative announced earlier this month.

**Aid and Support After Pregnancy** (ASAP), describes the Knights of Columbus' efforts to support pregnant women, mothers and their new children by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

These pro-life, non-profits are lifelines to women and babies in need and offer essential services that make the difference between a baby being aborted and a baby being born in a supportive environment. Pregnancy resource centers provide assistance to nearly 2 million clients each year. In 2021, Knights donated \$4.6 million and 469,000 volunteer hours to support these centers and the women and children they serve through cash donations and community service activities such as baby and maternity item drives. Through its Ultrasound Initiative, the Order also donated \$5.6 million to centers for the purchase of 163 ultrasound machines in 2021 – bringing its total donations since 2009 to more than 1,550 machines valued at over \$75 million. These life-saving organizations would not be able to provide the level of assistance women and children need without support from our Order and Collaborating parish communities. ***Through the ASAP initiative, councils can now contribute even more support. For every \$500 a council donates to a qualifying pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will donate \$100 more. In addition, the Suffolk Chapter is setting aside \$2,000 and, like Supreme, will donate \$100 directly to the qualifying pregnancy resource center or maternity home once a Council provides a completed Donation Receipt Letter for the amount of \$500 or more. One donation per Council. We as Knights have a moral responsibility to do what we can to assist young women and families who choose LIFE. We ask every Council in Suffolk County to get behind this outstanding Supreme Program! For all the Program resources go to.***

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/aid-support-after-pregnancy.html>

## St. Kilian Council Recognizes Key Members



Mike Napolitano, receiving an award for being the GK at the meeting of 8/16/22



Pat Burns, receiving the award for Knight of the Year. at the meeting of 8/16/22



## Council Meeting Message September 2022

Every September a non-profit organization known as Life Happens coordinates the Life Insurance Awareness Month campaign. This campaign is dedicated to informing people about how important life insurance is to protect their families. Life insurance is a cornerstone of a family's future financial security.

Blessed Michael McGivney certainly knew how important life insurance was to a family. But many members don't understand how involved Fr. McGivney was in developing the Order's insurance program. According to Christopher Kauffman, the author of the centennial history of the Order, Faith and Fraternalism, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982, one of Fr. McGivney's two main reasons for founding the Order was "the need to protect families during sickness and death." (pg. 17) Kauffman goes on to say that Fr. McGivney "spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature." (pg. 35) Originally, when the Order was founded, there was no such thing as an "associate member." Everyone was insured; that was one of those two primary reasons for joining

While the Order is now well known for its charitable works and strong advocacy for the most vulnerable, strengthening men in their faith and protecting them and their families with life insurance were twin catalysts in forming the Order. While young Catholic men still seek to strengthen their faith, we know families still need protection from untimely death. This mission remains just as important today .

In an attempt to make every member and every eligible Catholic man aware of how important life insurance is, the Order has made a substantial investment. The Order has provided me with a high-tech, state of the art financial needs analysis platform that can help us determine where you stand today. It can help me formulate a strategy for you and your family and offer meaningful insurance and financial solutions...a strategy specific to your family and your situation.

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I want to thank you all for taking on the challenge with me to make this a very successful Columbian year.

All meetings will take place at the Council hall the 1st Monday of the Month at 7pm.

Our first meeting will be Wednesday Sept 7th due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday Sept 7th at 7pm.

Please keep our sick and deceased Sisters and Brothers in our prayers

Sincerely  
Louise V LaGatta  
President

## 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

## Deputy Grand Knight's Message

Hello to all my worthy brothers. Over the course of the next year we plan on increasing our recognition in our Parish and community.

Monsignor Rowan has committed himself to that goal as well.

We need to encourage all of our members to get involved in our council. It is always the same handful of members that attend meetings and volunteer when help is needed. Do not be shy about approaching someone you feel would consider joining us. We will always have membership drives but it is your personal invitation that is the most effective.

The more active members we have the greater is our ability to continue the work of Blessed Father McGivney.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

God Bless all of you.  
Dan Healy DGK





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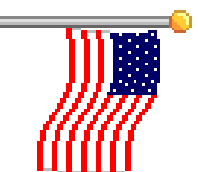
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