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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and
Sister Columbiettes,

The month of November saw our Council's involvement with the Field of Honor, which began on November 9th at Farmingdale High School. Donations were made to sponsor the placing of American flags with the proceeds to benefit the victims of September's bus crash.



On Veteran's Day, Saturday November 11th at the 5PM Mass, the 4th Degree Honor Guard of Our Lady of Fatima Assembly escorted our Chaplain and Pastor, Msgr. Mark Rowan, who is also a retired Air Force Colonel, to the altar to honor our Veteran's with a special Veteran's Day Mass. The Mass is a wonderful salute to our Veteran's. Msgr. Rowan was also presented with a check from our Council to sponsor a Military Seminary.

The month of December is here and with this month we welcome the season of Advent leading up to the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ and that which is the joy of Christmas.

Our Council will be busy this month with many events and activities beginning with the Gift

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Chaplain's Message

*This month's column is by
Fr. George Oppong-Afriyie*



It is that season of the year when all and sundry express joyously the Birth of Christ. Christmas is a season of grace and a period of giving thanks to the Lord. In John 3:16, we are told "for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."



The beauty of Christmas, for me, is that I get to reflect on the God who assumes the human form with flesh and blood, goes through the ordinary daily life style; eating, walking, engaging in conversations etc., all in the name of coming to gain salvation for the human race. Through Christmas, we see the vivid demonstration of how God is so close to humanity.

Like the shepherds, we recognize the sign proclaimed to us by the angels and we hurriedly come to church to adore the child. We become the humble and watchful men and women of every age who, before the mystery of Jesus, are not scandalized by his selflessness, poverty and meekness. We like Mary now trust

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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

BRIAN FITZPATRICK

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CATHY RUTIGLIANO

Recently Deceased

ELIZABETH MARTIN

ENRIQUE PARDO

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

Happy Birthday Brothers

December

David C Erkens
Joseph R Gregg
Edelberto H Jarapa
James A Lauritsen
James J Miele
Giulio G Nau
Matthew Pennecke
Raymond John Rendina
Thomas Schwarz
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Peter Spinelli
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List of Upcoming Important Dates

DECEMBER-2023

3—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5—Council Meeting (Biz & Social) Tuesday, 7:30PM
8—FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
10—Kids Christmas Party, 1 Morton St., 1pm—4pm
12—FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
19—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
24—CHRISTMAS EVE
25—CHRISTMAS DAY
31—NEW YEAR'S EVE

JANUARY-2024

1—NEW YEAR'S DAY
2—Council Meeting (Biz & Social) Tuesday, 7:30PM
8—FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
23—MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY
16—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm

**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!



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

God, 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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www.fathermcgivney.org

St Kilian Council Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088483827601>

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Fair fundraiser on Saturday, December 2nd from 9AM-4PM and will be held in the St. Kilian Auditorium. The event which was called a Craft Fair last year, has brought in a promoter to help with the planning and hopes to bring in more vendors and patrons and hopefully more revenue. We will be having our Poinsettia sale the following weekend, December 9th and 10th after all Masses in the gathering space of the Church.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 10th from 1-4PM at our Council. The party is free to all children from ages 0-12. Santa will be arriving and will have gifts for all the good boys and girls.

We are planning the Adult Christmas party at our Council on Saturday evening, December 16th. More details to follow. The Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest is ongoing and the deadline is December 15th. Info and the entry form is in the weekly Bulletin.

Our Blood Drive will be held in January and we are also planning a Free-Throw basketball competition which will be held in the gym.

The meetings for December will be our Council meeting on Tuesday, December 5th and Officers meeting on Tuesday, December 19th both at 7:30PM.

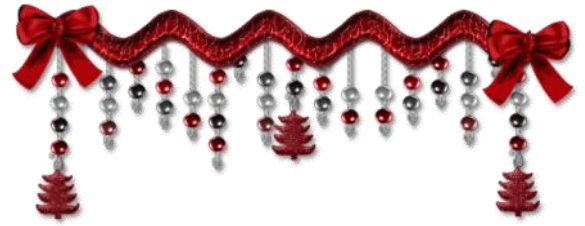
Finally, the current events in our world are involving darkness and hate with terrorism and war. We need to embrace the light and love of Jesus that He brought with His birth.

On that note, we wish everyone a peaceful and blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Please remember to help those in need especially this time of year, pray for the unborn, the end of violence to our Catholic churches and Jewish synagogues, for our religious freedom, pray for America, for Israel, Gaza and Ukraine, for our military and first responders, and peace in our world. God Bless.

Vivat Jesus!

Stay well and stay safe,
Tom Schwarz
Grand Knight



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Members of our Knights of Columbus St. Kilian Council #2204 participated in the Field of Honor last Friday, placing sponsored flags representing donations to help the families who were involved in the bus tragedy. The other organizations who participated were the American Legion Farmingdale Post #449, Farmingdale Breakfast Rotary and Kiwanis East Farmingdale. The flags will be displayed until Saturday, December 9th.



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St. Kilian Knights of Columbus
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Dear Tom and our friends in St. Kilian Knights of Columbus,

There are no words to express how grateful we are for your support and your most recent donation of \$215.00 in addition to your food drive at Stop and Shop where you collected an amazing 1,032 lbs of food! Not only did you spend the day collecting all that food, but you were so kind to deliver it all to our food pantry. Your unbelievable amount of food and essential items will be distributed to the poor and most vulnerable that we service. With your help and the help of others like you, we can make sure that no one goes to bed hungry in our community and their essential needs are met.

In August 2023, we assisted over 450 individuals with food, non-perishable items, referrals and services. On behalf of the families we serve, we thank you for your help in making a difference in their lives. Praying for God's blessings to surround you for your gifts of love and hope to those in need. We wish you a blessed Fall season.

Sincerely,

Jeana M. Lewis

St. Kilian Parish Social Ministry -- Director

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more in God's word and we reflect deeply his glory shown us.

As we are gripped with fear as a result of a protracted war in many countries around the globe, which has also caused societal and environmental decline most especially in economic worships, Christmas calls all of us to gaze our eyes on the Son, who comes with peace, and provides for us all a place of comfort: the "manger."

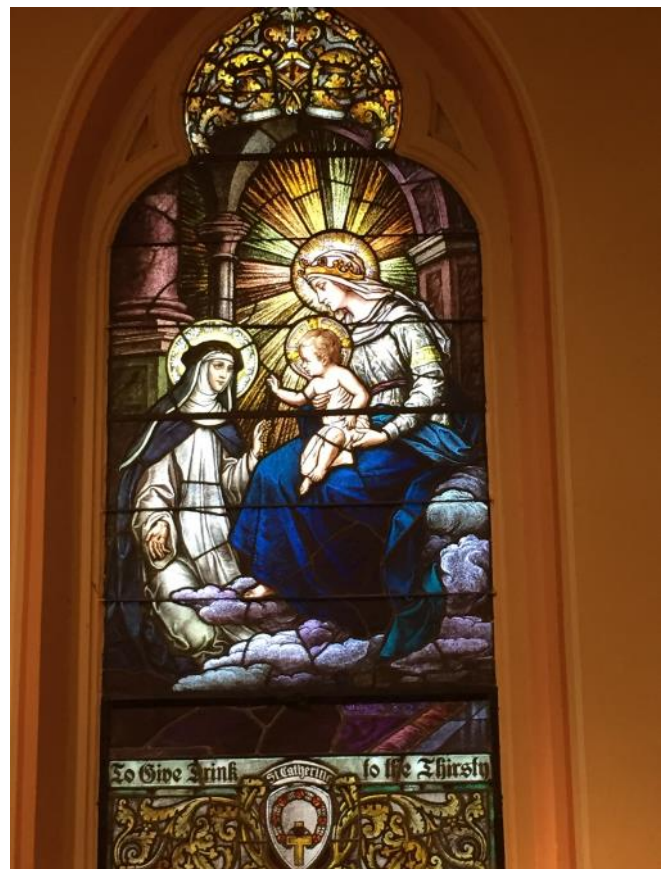
My dear people of God, on this festive period of the year, may we devote much time to pray for Peace for all places of war around the globe. It is rather unfortunate that during this time of expressing our joy for the salvation the Lord has won for us, there are some who are perishing by the sword, guns, bombs and other deadly ammunitions, thereby stealing away their joy. We come face to face with Jesus in Christmas in the lives of caregivers who, despite their many challenges including risking of their lives for others' survival.

As the world continues to battle with various deadly diseases, may Jesus, the center of Christmas, bring smiles to persons stricken down by various ailments making it quite challenging for them to experience the baby Jesus. Like Mary and Joseph, many parents in our society continue to grieve over the safety of their children over the evils of society. Evils that present themselves as Herod and his cohorts who are threatening our young generation with all forms of addictions.

Like Mary and Joseph, parents need to worry about the spiritual wellbeing of their children in ways that can bring them more to Christ. Mary and Joseph did everything within their power to take away Jesus from Nazareth. Therefore, parents are called upon to present their children to God in prayers so that, waves of evil will not reach them.

Merry Christmas to you all!

Fr. George Afriyie Oppong
Associate Chaplain



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- Questions: jcerato@ix.netcom.com



Knights of Columbus kids Christmas Party!!



Free to kids 0-12

Bring your Children, Grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews on Sunday, December 10th 2023 from 1pm until 4pm!!

Please bring 1 wrapped gift with child's name for Santa to give out to your child and at least 1 donated unwrapped toy for underprivileged children.

There will be music, a magician, face painting, balloons, pizza, and drinks for the kids.

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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!!!**
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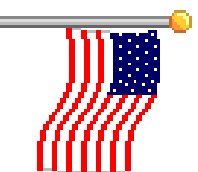
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