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## Grand Knight's Message

Welcome to February. It seems like winter finally arrived during the latter half of January with some frigid temperatures and a bit of snow. We were spoiled with some rather mild winters the past two years and now the normalcy of a typical winter season with more snow and colder temps may have come home to roost.



Our Council began the year with some community events and various Knights of Columbus meetings during the month. On January 15th our Council held a Blood Drive for the NY Blood Center in the St. Kilian Auditorium from 1PM-7PM. The Blood Center goal was to collect 40 pints of blood. We collected a total of 46 pints which exceeded the goal. Every donor will receive a voucher by email for two tickets to a future NY Islanders Hockey game.

On Wednesday, January 17th we hosted the January meeting of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Fatima Assembly #716. Our Council building also welcomed the Columbiettes Suffolk Chapter meeting. A District Deputy meeting was also held at our

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## Chaplain's Message

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

### *Peace, the Priceless Gift offered to Humankind*



In the beginning of creation, human development sought to establish agreements and pacts which would avoid the arbitrary use of force and enable them to seek a peaceful solution of any controversies which might arise.

Alongside the legal systems of the individual peoples, there progressively grew up another set of norms which came to be known as *ius gentium* (the law of the nations). With the passage of time, this body of law gradually expanded and was refined in the light of the historical experiences of the different peoples. This process was greatly accelerated with the birth of modern states. From the sixteenth century on, jurists, philosophers and theologians were engaged in developing the various headings of international law and grounding it in the fundamental postulates of the natural law.

In reference to history, my dear friends in Christ, we have learned that the building of peace cannot prescind from respect for an ethical and judicial order, in accordance with the known adage: "Preserve order and order will preserve you". Precisely for this reason, in the message of salvation which the Church proclaims throughout the world, there are doctrinal elements of fundamental

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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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THEDA MARINARO

**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  
Joseph Dompkowski  
Leonard R Kelch  
Robert D Lamb  
John A Moruzzi  
John J O Shea  
Mark P Rowan  
Chris R Wider



## 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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## List of Upcoming Important Dates

### FEBRUARY-2024

6—Council Meeting (Biz & Social) Tuesday, 7:30pm  
10—SHROVE TUESDAY  
14—ASH WEDNESDAY  
20—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm

### MARCH-2024

5—Council Meeting (Biz & Social) Tuesday, 7:30PM  
1—DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (clocks ahead 1hr)  
17—ST PATRICK'S DAY  
19—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm  
24—PALM SUNDAY  
28—MAUNDY THURSDAY  
29—GOOD FRIDAY  
30—HOLY SATURDAY  
31—EASTER SUNDAY

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

## 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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Council on January 24th.

Our Lecturer, Patrick Burns and our Council sponsored a Field of Honor in conjunction with the Breakfast Rotary, American Legion #449, and East Farmingdale Kiwanis. 64 flags were sold and displayed in front of Farmingdale High School from November 10th thru December 9th and \$1,600 was donated to the families of the September 21st bus crash.

A Knights of Columbus Free Throw Basketball Championship was held in the St. Kilian Auditorium/Gymnasium on January 23rd and was open to all boys and girls in our community between the ages of 9 and 14. Winners in each age group advanced to the District level which will be held on February 3rd.

Ash Wednesday is February 14th, which is also St. Valentine's Day. The last time this happened on the same day was in 1945. It will happen again in 2029. The first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday is far more important than Valentine's Day, so perhaps you can skip the chocolate for the day.

The Parish program, Opening the Sunday Scriptures will begin again for our Council on Monday, February 19th at 7:30PM and continue for six weeks. All members are invited to attend.

The meetings for February will be our Council meeting and Social gathering on Tuesday, February 6th and Officers meeting on Tuesday, February 20th both at 7:30PM. Our Council will be ordering long sleeve shirts and jackets. The shirts from Seahorse Embroidery are \$36 (\$37 for XXL) each and jackets \$75 each. Deadline to order is February 6th meeting.

Membership cards for this year have been on order and will be going out once the Financial Secretary receives them from

## Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Basketball Championship

The District Level of the Free Throw Championship had to be moved from Lindenhurst due to a water main break that flooded the gym. It will now be held at St. Kilian on Saturday, February 3rd at 4:30PM.



**St. Kilian Auditorium  
on February 3rd at 4:30PM.**



Supreme.

Please remember to pray for the unborn, the end of bigotry to our Catholic faith and to those of other faiths, 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

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- Litany of Saint Joseph
- Scripture readings

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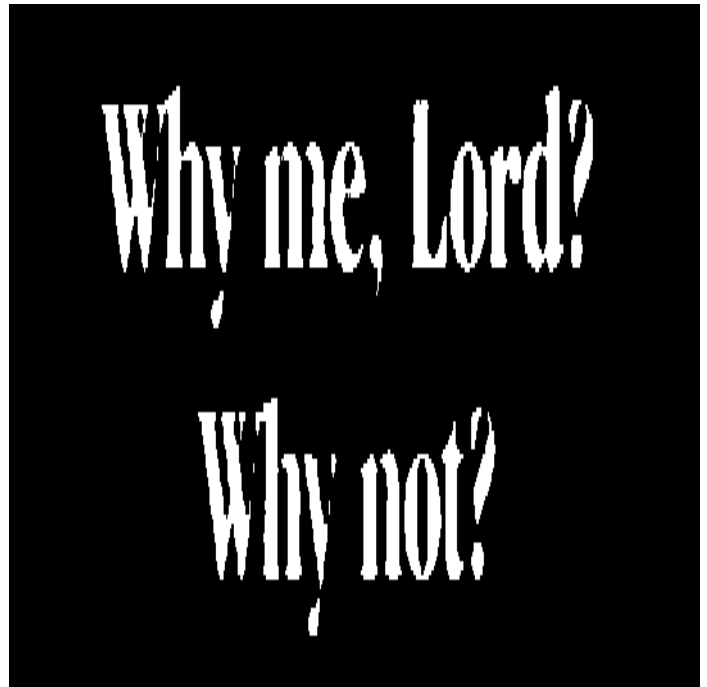
importance for the development of principles needed for peaceful co-existence between peoples.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Sons of God”, Mt 5:9. This saying, which is a summons to work in the immense field of peace, finds such a powerful echo in the human heart if it did not correspond to an irrepressible yearning and hope dwelling within us.

As we begin a new year, it is therefore, appropriate for us to remind ourselves as Christians that forgiveness is needed for solving the problems of individuals and peoples. There is no peace without forgiveness. Love indeed, is the reason for God’s entering into a relationship with man. And it is love which He awaits as man’s response. Consequently, my dear people of Christ, love is also the loftiest and most noble form of relationship possible between human beings. Love must enliven every aspect of human life and extend to people outside our social milieu.

God bless you as we begin a new year in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Fr. George Afriyie Oppong  
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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.

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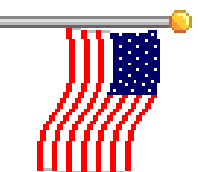
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