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## Grand Knight's Message

### Greetings Brothers

I hope that you are all doing well after shoveling snow for the past few days and in the days to come.



As we enter the second half of the Columbian year your assistance is greatly needed for the upcoming events. Attendance has been disappointing. It is not uncommon amongst Councils to suffer from lack of member involvement but, I know we can do better. At the recent Free Throw Championship held on Sat. morning, January 24, there were only two of us there to handle registration, score keeping, and handing out awards. If not for the help of four parents, we would have had to cancel.

In the past year we were able to give many hours of assistance to both the Outreach and the Church. In addition, our cash donations have been very high. This was accomplished with the help of only a few of our members. Five hundred dollars was donated to outreach to assist a family living in their car until an apartment was made available. They were able to stay in a hotel and are now moved into an apartment. In the January

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## Chaplain's Message

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

### OUR LENTEN PILL

### THE POWER OF THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

In the Catholic theology, the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) is considered powerful because of what it truly accomplishes spiritually, not just symbolically.

Here are the main aspects of its potency:

#### *Forgiveness of sins*

Its greatest power is that it forgives sins committed after Baptism, including mortal sins, when the person is truly repented and confesses honestly.

"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:23) Catholics believe Christ Himself acts through the priests who serve as instruments administering the sacrament.

#### *Restoration*

The sacrament of penance and reconciliation restores sanctifying grace to the soul if it was lost through mortal sins, healing the relationship with God.

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*Keeping  
a Holy Lent*

## 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

MONSIGNOR MARK ROWAN	MARIE GILMORE	DEBRA EVANS
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GREG WARNOKOWSKI PGK	ANGELA WASSER	DANNY O'BRIEN
VINCENT MARINELLI	RON THOMAS	

### Recently Deceased

TOM SPELAZZO	BRIAN FITZPATRICK	HENRY WICK
GERAD BUETTNER	NICHOLAS BIANCA	BRIAN FITZPATRICK

**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



### List of Upcoming Important Dates

#### **FEBRUARY-2026**

3—Council Meeting (Biz & Social) Tues, 7:30pm  
14—ST VALENTINE'S DAY  
16—PRESIDENT'S DAY  
17—SHROVE TUESDAY  
18—ASH WEDNESDAY  
17—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204 Tues, 7:30pm

#### **MARCH-2026**

3—Council Meeting (Biz & Social) Tuesday, 7:30pm  
17—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm  
29—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, 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.

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*(Below left) accepting the Star Council award from DD Phil Goglas.*

*(Right) GK Dan Healy handing out Coats for Kids.*

*(Bottom) St Kilian Council members pose with GK Dan Healy and the Star Council award.*



# Free Throw Championship, January 24th



# Free Throw Championship, January 24th





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### ***Reconciliation***

The sacrament brings reconciliation on three levels:

1. With God
2. With the Church
3. Withing one's own conscience

### ***Spiritual healing and strength***

The sacrament:

1. Heals spiritual wounds caused by sin
2. Weakens sinful habits
3. Gives grace to resist future temptation

This is why regular confession is encouraged, even for venial sins

### ***Peace and clarity of conscience***

Many experience:

1. Deep interior peace
2. Freedom from guilt
3. Renewed spiritual focus

These are the fruits of the sacrament of forgiveness

### ***Certainty of forgiveness***

Unlike private prayer alone, the sacrament provides objective assurance of forgiveness through the word of absolution spoken by the priest.

Fr. George Afriyie Oppong  
Associate Chaplain

## ***Saint Patrick***



*from The Cry of the Deer Prayer  
(the Breastplate of St. Patrick)*

I bind myself today to  
 God's Power to guide me,  
 God's Might to uphold me,  
 God's Wisdom to teach me,  
 God's Eye to watch over me,  
 God's Ear to hear me,  
 God's Word to give me speech,  
 God's Hand to guide me,  
 God's Way to lie before me,  
 God's Shield to shelter me,  
 God's Host to secure me.



Christ, protect me today  
 Against the snares of demons,  
 Against the seductions of vices,  
 Against everything that would injure me.



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Occasion**



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Mariner I mentioned distributing coats to kids. This was a huge success. Imagine what we could achieve with your help.

By the time you read this we would have held a critical blood drive. My prayers are that it was successful. The outcome will be announced at our next Council to held on February 3, 2026.

There is much that we still need to accomplish and I hope you will be a part of it.

The Suffolk County Chapter has requested all Councils to consider donating to St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests.

“The priests residing at St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests have given their lives to the Church, and your donation ensures that they can receive the accommodation, special care, and support they need”

I am proposing that we donate a \$1500.00 to this worthy cause. A vote will be held at our next meeting after everyone has had a chance to read this proposal.

Another worthy cause I wish to bring to your attention is the installation of a Father McGivney Statue at Our Lady of Assumption in E. Northport. Many Councils are donating funds to pay for the statue and the base. I propose that we donate \$1000.00 towards this endeavor.

In the future we could look for donations to erect the same statue at St. Kilian.

In conclusion, stay warm and safe during this winter. Our Council is here to help you. We are here to assist you in any way we can. Our phone system is being upgraded to avoid missed calls.

Membership cards are available. I ask all members living in or around Farmingdale to pick up their cards at our next meeting. I can be reached via text at 631-640-2179 if there are any concerns.

Fraternally  
SK Dan Healy GK

## 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,  
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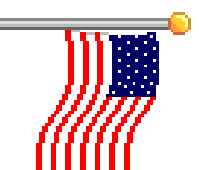
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