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Grand Knight's Message

Greetings Brothers



As we enter into the Lenten Season, let us not forget what it means to be a Catholic. We were taught the 10 Commandments as children, and later, the 8 Beatitudes. While the 10 Commandments tell what not to do, the 8 Beatitudes guide us in leading a fruitful life. We as Knights must live both the Commandments, and the Beatitudes.

We should not be about doing the minimum, but should be looking at helping those that need our help the most.

Okay, so you did not kill anyone, lie, cheat on your wife, steal and so on. That's great but, did you stop to help someone stuck on the road, hold the door for an elderly person entering a store, help your neighbor shovel his driveway? These small acts of kindness should be common in the life of a Knight of Columbus. How about instead of giving up something for Lent, we pledge to volunteer within the Knights and our community. Not just as a matter of convenience but to put our wants aside in deference to the needs of others.

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Chaplain's Message

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Below is the first Lenten message given by Pope Leo XIV, inviting us to re-center God in our lives this Lent. I invite you to read and reflect on it, as we journey through this sacred season. I pray that it may be a time of deep renewal, reflection, and grace for each of you. May your fasting be meaningful, your prayers be sincere, and your almsgiving be generous. And may the promise of Easter already begin to shine in your hearts. Wishing you and your families abundant Lenten blessings! Msgr. Mark Rowan

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MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIV Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion

Dear brothers and sisters,

Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.



Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about. For this

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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

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| BRIAN FITZPATRICK | NICHOLAS BIANCA |
| GERAD BUETTNER | JOHN FERNER |

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

Happy Birthday Brothers

March

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 Kenneth J De Stefano
 Geoffrey W Fenwick
 Augustine S Fernando
 Samuel T Nicoletti
 Austin E Riddle
 Jeremy Riddle
 Nicholas J Rutigliano
 Paul P Schweickert
 Thomas Stryska



List of Upcoming Important Dates

MARCH-2026

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

APRIL-2026

7—Council Meeting (Biz & Social) Tues, 7:30pm
 1—MAUNDY THURSDAY
 2—GOOD FRIDAY
 4—HOLY SATURDAY
 5—**EASTER SUNDAY**
 6—EASTER MONDAY
 21—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204 Tues, 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:

The Father McGivney Guild
 1 Columbus Plaza
 New Haven, CT 06510-3326 □ USA
www.fathermcgivney.org

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reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled.

Listening

This year, I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through *listening*. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone.

In revealing himself to Moses in the burning bush, God himself teaches us that listening is one of his defining characteristics: “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry” (*Ex 3:7*). Hearing the cry of the oppressed is the beginning of a story of liberation in which the Lord calls Moses, sending him to open a path of salvation for his children who have been reduced to slavery.

Our God is one who seeks to involve us. Even today he shares with us what is in his heart. Because of this, listening to the word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality. In the midst of the many voices present in our personal lives and in society, Sacred Scripture helps us to recognize and respond to the cry of those who are anguished and suffering. In order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen as he does. We must recognize that “the condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church.”

Fasting

If Lent is a time for listening, *fasting* is a concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. Precisely because it involves the body, fasting makes it easier to recognize what we “hunger” for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance. Moreover, it helps us to identify and order our “appetites,” keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency. Thus, it teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbor.

With spiritual insight, Saint Augustine helps us to understand the tension between the present moment and the future fulfillment that characterizes this custody of the heart. He observes that: “In the course of earthly life, it is incumbent upon men and women to hunger and thirst for justice, but to be satisfied belongs to the next life. Angels are satisfied with this bread, this food. The human race, on the other hand, hungers for it; we are all drawn to it in our desire. This reaching out in desire expands the soul and increases its capacity.” [2] Understood in this way, fasting not only permits us to govern our desire, purifying it and making it freer, but also to expand it, so that it is directed towards God and doing good.

However, in order to practice fasting in accordance with its evangelical character and avoid the temptation that leads to pride, it must be lived in faith and humility. It must be grounded in communion with the Lord, because “those who are unable to nourish themselves with the word of God do not fast properly.” [3] As a visible sign of our inner commitment to turn away from sin and evil with the help of grace, fasting

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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.



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must also include other forms of self-denial aimed at helping us to acquire a more sober lifestyle, since “austerity alone makes the Christian life strong and authentic.” [4]

In this regard, I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.

Together

Finally, Lent emphasizes the communal aspect of listening to the word and fasting. The Bible itself underlines this dimension in multiple ways. For example, the Book of Nehemiah recounts how the people gathered to listen to the public reading of the Law, preparing to profess their faith and worship through fasting, so as to renew the covenant with God (*cf.* 9:1-3).

Likewise, our parishes, families, ecclesial

groups and religious communities are called to undertake a shared journey during Lent, in which listening to the word of God, as well as to the cry of the poor and of the earth, becomes part of our community life, and fasting a foundation for sincere repentance. In this context, conversion refers not only to one’s conscience, but also to the quality of our relationships and dialogue. It means allowing ourselves to be challenged by reality and recognizing what truly guides our desires — both within our ecclesial communities and as regards humanity’s thirst for justice and reconciliation.

Dear friends, let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us. Let us ask for the strength that comes from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language, so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others. Let us strive to make our communities places where the cry of those who suffer finds welcome, and listening opens paths towards liberation, making us ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love.

I impart my heartfelt blessing upon all of you and your Lenten journey.

*From the Vatican, 5 February 2026,
Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*



District Winners of the Free Throw Challenge.



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.



Front: St. Patrick. Attributed Artist: Honate.
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RESOLUTION

My Brother Knights

At our last Council meeting held on February 3 2026 it was voted and approved to send out the following resolutions for approval to be voted on at our next meeting to held on March 3 2026 at 7:30 pm at our Council Hall located at 1 Morton Street Farmingdale, NY 11735.

Whereas all Councils have been asked to contribute to the purchase and installation of a bronze Blessed Father Mc Givney statue at Saint Anthony of Padua in East Northport, be it resolved that the members of Saint Kilian Knights of Columbus, Council 2204, donate the amount of \$1000.00 for this purchase.

Whereas all Councils have been asked to contribute to the Saint Pius Home for Retired Priests, be it resolved that the members of Saint Kilian Knights of Columbus, Council 2204, donate the amount of \$1500.00 to this worthy cause.

The residents of this facility have dedicated their lives to our parishes and ultimately to God. This is our opportunity to demonstrate our gratitude for dedicated service to God.

Your presence is greatly needed to carry these resolutions. Please make an effort to attend our next meeting on March 3 2026 at 7:30 pm.

The Councils needs your input on these Matters. Pizza and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Fraternally
Dan Healy GK



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In the coming months we have several events that require the help of our membership. As discussed at our last meeting, we plan of holding a Knight at the Races, Bingo Night, and Garage Sale.

The proceeds from these events go a long way to assist our parish and in turn, the poor of our community. The poor live amongst us. They could be your neighbor that needs food, medications, or can't afford the basic comforts that we take for granted.

Jeana Lewis, Outreach Director, in letter to our Council, expressed her gratitude for all the help we have provided. This includes, food, clothing and monetary donations.

It is my sincere wish that we not only continue this support but, that we increase our assistance to this most worthy cause.

As I have noted several times in the past, this does not happen with you, our members. I therefore ask for all members that are able to please offer your talents to help the Parish serve God and as a result, the community.

I wish all of you a Blessed Lent.

Fraternally
SK Dan Healy GK

Vivat Jesus

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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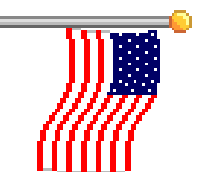
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