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## Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights and  
Sister Columbiettes,



As most of us know, our Farmingdale community was devastated on September 21st by the horrific bus crash upstate involving the Farmingdale High School band members. Many were injured, including five critical along with the death of its band leader Gina Pelletiere of Massapequa and retired Social Studies teacher Beatrice Ferrari of Farmingdale, the wife of our Council member Renato Ferrari. We pray for the families, the students and for our community. We pray for healing and for consolation. We pray for the deceased, may they through the Mercy of God rest in peace.

The month of September was not without some good accomplishments for our Council. We welcomed some new members and some transfers to our Council. Our Council held a Food Drive on September 16th at Stop and Shop for the Parish Outreach. An unbelievable amount of food, paper goods, toiletries and essentials along with many monetary donations were collected from very generous Stop & Shop customers to help the Outreach and our community.

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## Chaplain's Message

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

Reverence for the Sacred Body of Christ  
(Eucharist)

The depth of knowledge you have when you recognize that the Eucharist is a sacrifice of love and Christ himself is the priest and at the same time the object of the sacrifice. Christ freely and willingly gives himself for us as the Bread of Life, (John 8:35)

As humans, we adorn many ornaments such as gold, diamond, silver, pearl and many other objects just so we become more attractive. These objects we use to adorn ourselves are always preserved well and safe so that no other person would have access to them.

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## Columbiette Chatter

Dear Sister Columbiettes

Fall is arriving with very welcome cooler temperatures. Soon the trees will be turning all different beautiful colors.



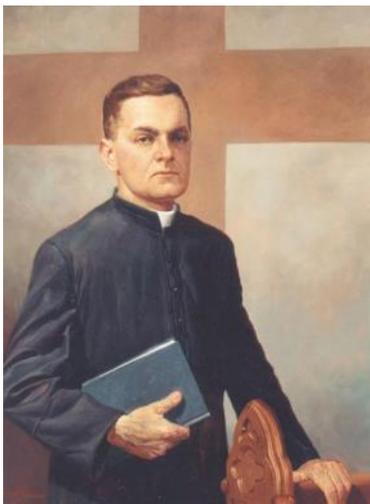
We are having our first fundraiser in November. It will be BINGO night. We will decide an exact date at our next meeting. Please make an extra effort to attend. We miss seeing all our wonderful members.

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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

JOHN MERRILL

LAUREN IANTOSCA

DEACON FRANK BARONE

NICK RUTIGLIANO SR.

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ED LOMOT

ANN RUTIGLIANO

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CHRISTIAN DONO

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FHS BAND INJURED IN  
BUS ACCIDENT

LUCIA BILLINGS

### Recently Deceased

WILLIAM (BILL) CARNEY

TIM BESTENHEIDER

BEATRICE FERRARI

EDWARD BENEDICT

PAUL KANE

GINA PELLETTIERE

TOM DUGGAN

PATRICK LUNDY

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

## Happy Birthday Brothers October

Victor F Albanese  
Michael A Anzalone  
Robert Emmerson  
Salvatore Ferrara  
Renato Ferrari  
Christopher G Hillier  
Jeff F Kolbjornsen  
Lawrence F Lembo  
Peter W Morris  
Damon J Schultz  
Steve A Sebastopoli  
William A Walsh



## 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  
IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS



## List of Upcoming Important Dates

### OCTOBER-2023

- 1—Stand up for Life Sunday, 2—3:30PM (see pg 4)
- 3—Biz Meeting Tuesday, 7:30PM
- 4—FEAST OF ST FRANCIS
- 9—COLUMBUS DAY
- 10—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
- 17—Social Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
- 28—Oktoberfest, 1 Morton St., 7:00-11:00PM
- 31—ALL HALLOW'S EVE

### NOVEMBER-2023

- 1—ALL SAINTS DAY
- 1—ALL SOULS DAY
- 7—ELECTION DAY
- 7—Social Meeting Tuesday, 7:30PM
- 11—VETERAN'S DAY
- 14—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
- 21—Biz Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm
- 23—THANKSGIVING DAY

**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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# Presentation of Awards for the 2022/2023 Columbian Year

*GK Tom Schwarz presented with Columbian award and Founders award from Paul DiOrio*





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# 103rd Anniversary

**Raffles**

**Door Prizes**



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**Oktoberfest Beer**

# OKTOBERFEST

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The Body of Christ (Eucharist), is more than gold, silver, diamond or anything. But how much reverence do we pay to Jesus? As priests, deacons, Eucharistic ministers and the entire lay faithful, our priority should be that the Body of Christ we handle is the real Jesus, and that it is an undeserving privilege that has been offered to us to carry the Body of Christ, either to consume it ourselves or when we are taking it to the infirm.

We should, in faith, rise above the challenge of doubting the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist and offer it with the needed reverence. We however, as Catholics, believe what we celebrate and celebrate what we believe.

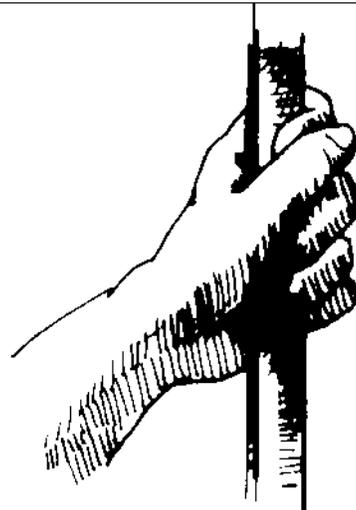
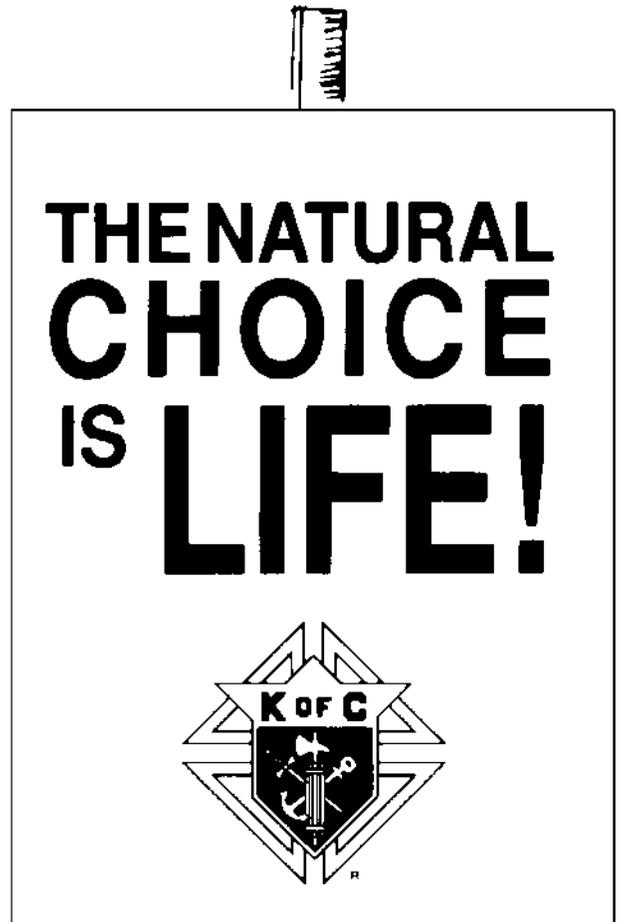
It is the responsibility of every bearer of the Body of Christ to recognize what he/she carries to the sick and to help the sick or homebound understand the efficacy of the Body of Christ, and what Christ can do in the lives of every believer!

An important component of every religious is the reverence that is part of the object of worship. In many religions, one cannot enter the Holy of Holies without removing his/her sandals. We Catholics are called to show reverence and respect whenever we are before the Blessed Sacrament or carrying it to those who are homebound.

As we carry the Body of Christ around, we should be mindful of our environment, that is, the manner in which we keep the pix. How clean and decent it is, do we keep the Body of Christ in the pix inside our pockets, purses or where? We become a sacred people anytime we carry the Body of Christ with us.

May we value the honor done us, and always observe the greatest reverence we ought to give the Body of Christ for the sick.

Fr. George Afriyie Oppong  
Associate Chaplain



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I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7pm.

Please keep our sick and distressed sister Columbiettes and brother Knights in your prayers.

Have a Happy and Safe Halloween.

Louise LaGatta  
Columbiette President



**ST. KILIAN COUNCIL #2204**  
**103rd Anniversary**

**OKTOBERFEST** 

Knights-Of-Columbus—St. Kilian-Council #2204  
**October 28th 2023, 7:00-11:00PM**  
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**Food Drive at Stop & Shop for Parish Outreach - September 16th**



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Congratulations to all our Council members who participated for a job well done.

The month of October is Respect Life Month and begins with Stand up for Life on Sunday, October 1st 2PM-3:30PM on Rt. 110 & 25 near Walt Whitman Mall. It is a 90 minute silent, prayerful vigil, standing 10-feet apart in an effort to spread the Culture of Life ethic. Please try and participate, remember there is strength in numbers.

October is one of my favorite months, and also begins with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th. One of my favorite saints, the patron saint of animals, I look forward as an animal lover to the blessing of animals and pets. My favorite Catholic hymn, All Creatures of or God and King was written by St. Francis.

The Farmingdale Village Columbus weekend fair is October 6th thru 9th. Our Council plans on having a presence at the street fair on Saturday, October 7th and possibly on Sunday including marching in the village parade which kicks off at 6PM. Those members who would like to march should assemble in the vicinity of Northside School at 5:30PM.

Our 103rd Anniversary Oktoberfest fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 28th from 7PM-11PM at our Council. The cost is \$25 per person and includes Bratwurst dinner, Oktoberfest beer, wine, soda, water, coffee, tea. There will be raffles, door prizes, 50/50, and a Lotto tree. Tickets are limited and available at the Rectory. It was a fun night last year and will be this year.

Meetings for October – important – please note our normal Social meeting on the first Tuesday, October 3rd has been changed to a Business meeting for this month in order to accommodate a much needed budget vote which has yet to be passed. We need to have enough members present in order to pass. Our Officers meeting is Tuesday, October 10th and the Social Meeting October 17th, all at

## 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



7:30PM.

Please remember to pray for the unborn, the end of violence to our Catholic churches, for our religious freedom, pray for America, for our military and first responders, for an end to the war in Ukraine and peace in our world. Vivat Jesus!

Stay well and stay safe,

Tom Schwarz  
Grand Knight



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