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## Grand Knight's Message

Greetings Brothers

As I write this article, we are in the middle of winter and I'm sure you are sick of the cold weather. In a few short months you can be sick of the heat, so be careful what you ask for.



Thus far February has been a quiet month for our Council. I expect to be asked to host another Blood Drive as the last one had to be cancelled due to a data breach, which I understand, has been corrected. The NY Blood Center is in dire need of donations. Over 28 drives needed to be cancelled. This exacerbated an already emergency situation. I will keep all members informed and hope that many of you, who are able, will support the efforts of your Council and the NY Blood Center, to put an end to this dangerous shortage. Thank you in advance for your donation.

The Suffolk Chapter of the Knights of Columbus is having a Charity drive. A book of 15 chances sells for \$10.00 or you can buy them individually for \$1.00 each. Either way, your donation benefits the Knights of Columbus's charitable efforts.

There is also a 2025 Suffolk County Conference Fundraiser. These chances sell for \$5.00 each.

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## Chaplain's Message

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



### OUR LENTEN JOURNEY 2025

Dear friends in Christ, Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer. Above all it is a time of grace (2cor 6:2). God does not ask of us anything that He himself has not first given to us. "We love because he first has loved us" (1 John 4:19). He is not aloof from us. Each of us has a place in His heart. He knows us by name and He cares for us and He seeks out whenever we turn away from Him. Since He is interested in us, His love does not allow Him to be indifferent to what happens to us. Usually, when we are healthy and comfortable, we forget about others (something God the Father never does); we are unconcerned about their problems, their sufferings and injustice they endure..... Our heart grows cold. As long as I am relatively healthy and comfortable, I don't think about those less well off. Today, this selfish attitude of indifference has taken on global proportions, to the extent that we can speak of globalization of indifference. It is a problem which we, as Christians, need to confront.

When the people of God are converted

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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.*

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of Any Brother that is Sick or has Passed Away.**

## Happy Birthday Brothers March

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### List of Upcoming Important Dates

#### MARCH-2025

- 1—District Level Free Throw Championship
- 1—ST DAVID'S DAY
- 4—SHROVE TUESDAY
- 4—Council Meeting (Biz & Social) Tuesday, 7:30pm
- 5—ASH WEDNESDAY
- 17—ST PATRICK'S DAY
- 19—Saint Paddy's Day party for Our Lady of Fatima Assembly #716
- 18—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30pm

#### APRIL-2025

- 1—Council Meeting (Biz & Social) Tues, 7:30pm
- 13—PALM SUNDAY
- 15—Officer's Meeting, Council #2204 Tues, 7:30pm
- 17—HOLY THURSDAY
- 18—GOOD FRIDAY
- 19—HOLY SATURDAY
- 20—EASTER 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!



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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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to His love, they find answers to the questions that history continually raises. One of the most urgent challenges which I would like to address in this message is precisely the globalization of indifference.

Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience.

God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation. In the Incarnation, in the earthly life, death, and resurrection of the son of God, the gate between God and man, between heaven and earth, opens for all. The church is like the hand holding open the gate, thanks to her proclamation of God's word, her celebration of the sacraments and her witness of the faith which works through love (cf. Gal 5:6). But the word tends to withdraw to itself and shut that door through which the Church, must never be surprised if it is rejected, crushed and wounded.

God's people, then need this interior renewal, lest we become indifferent and withdraw into ourselves.....

To be continued.....

Fr. George Afriyie Oppong  
Associate Chaplain

# March 5th is:

# Ash Wednesday




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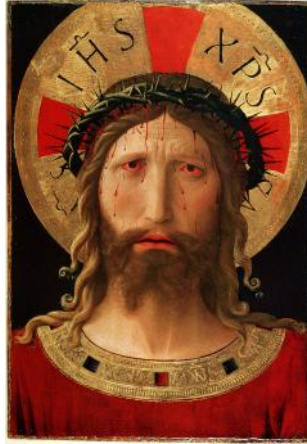
**In 1958, Pope Pius XII declared the feast of the Holy Face of Jesus to be the day before Ash Wednesday (Shrove Tuesday) so that this devotion could be practiced in the Church.**

## Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is the day immediately preceding **Ash Wednesday** (the beginning of Lent in Western churches).

Shrove, derived from shrive, refers to the confession of sins as a preparation for Lent, a usual practice in Europe in the Middle Ages. Although the day is sometimes still used for self-examination and introspection, Shrove Tuesday eventually acquired the character of a carnival or festival in many places and is often celebrated with parades.

As the final day before the austerity of the Lenten fast, Shrove Tuesday also has many customs pertaining to food. Pancakes are traditional in a number of European countries because eggs, sugar, and fat, commonly forbidden during the Lenten fast, are used up so they will not go to waste; the day is known as Pancake Day or Pancake Tuesday in Ireland and in many Commonwealth countries. Similarly rich pre-Lenten treats, sweet *paçzki* are traditional in Poland, and king cake is an iconic part of Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday") in New Orleans.



(Art: *Christ Crowned with Thorns,* by Fra Angelico)

1843 -Sr. Marie of St. Peter (1816-1848), a Carmelite nun of Tours in France, had visions of Jesus requesting a devotion to his face called, "The Golden Arrow."

### Golden Arrow Prayer

*May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and ineffable Name of God be forever praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.*

Jesus said, "all who honor my holy face in a spirit of reparation, hereby perform the pious services of blessed Veronica."

Veronica had soothed the pain of the injuries of Jesus holy face on the passion procession to his crucifixion.

1938 -Jesus appeared to blessed Maria Pierina, and said (of his face), "I wish it would be venerated on Shrove Tuesday, preceded by a Novena, in which the faithful make reparation with me, joining together with me and following in my sorrow."

Following that request, Pope Pius XII named Shrove Tuesday the Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus.

One can pray to the Holy Face of Jesus for those afflicted with ailments of the face (skin cancer, eye ailments, hearing loss, headaches, etc.), this very short prayer:

**"Admirable is the name of God."**



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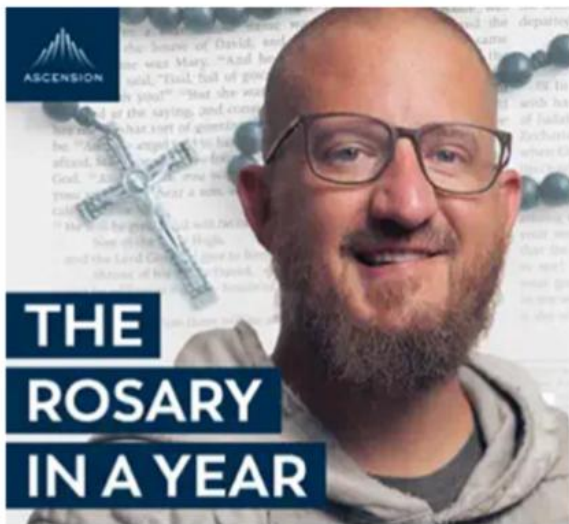
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By the time you are reading this article I hope to have had a membership drive in the Church. In the spring we have plans for an open house and BBQ in an effort to attract new members. We are doing our best to make membership in our Council an enjoyable experience. If we all work towards this goal the Council will grow. I expect all active members to try to bring in new members. As I have said before "We grow or we die". I'm sure we all know someone we think would be interested in joining us. They just need to be invited. The worst that can happen is they say no, so go ahead and ask.

On Saturday March 1, 2025 we are hosting the District Level free throw championship. We are sending four contestants. Winners will advance to the next level.

On March 19, 2025 we are hosting a Saint Paddy's Day party for Our Lady of Fatima Assembly #716. We could use some help. If you would like to help, please email me at [boatbuilder2010@live.com](mailto:boatbuilder2010@live.com). Perhaps you are already considering joining the 4th degree? I can provide you with everything you need to get started. It is a great organization. Meetings are held once a month with food served an hour before each meeting begins.

Our next Council meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2025 at 7:30 pm. At that time we will be discussing plans for future events. These include, but are not limited to, Parish/Council garage sale, Knight at the Races, food drives, selling Rosaries in the gathering space of the Church, Soccer Challenge, membership drives, and whatever we can come with. It is through these events that we are able to support our Parish and community.

Please note: 2025 membership cards are available for all those in good standing. We are asking all local members to pick up their card at our next meeting.

Thank all of you who took the time to read this article. I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan Healy  
Grand Knight

## 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.

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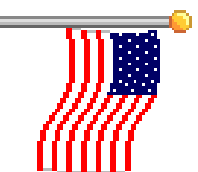
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