Grand Knight's Message

Sisters and Brother's in Christ,

Lent - “The Time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand; Repent and believe in the Gospels”. This is the message of Jesus, are we Ready?

The highlight of the liturgical season is upon us again. We come together to turn our lives around and try to be the “Best Version of Ourselves”. Don’t just give up chocolate for Lent, give yourself up to God. Clear away the distractions around you. For forty days starting Feb.14th (Ash Wed.) to April 1st (Easter Sunday), we have an opportunity grow in faith. Our faith journey began at our Baptism, continued at our first Communion and when we received our Confirmation. With the help and guidance of our parents and the Holy Spirit, we continued on this faithful journey. The Sacraments instituted by Jesus are some of the Gifts we need to keep growing in our faith. By participating at the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation we receive the Graces from God that form us in being the creation He wants us to be. But, we cannot do it if there are distractions, your

Chaplain’s Message

My dear Brother Knights and sister Columbiettes,

I greet all of you in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord. May He keep all of you safe in the month of March and always? They say “March marches in like a lion and exits like a lamb.” May March come in like a lamb and exit like a lamb too. We do not want any snow storms or hurricanes in March.

We are in the Season of Lent, and as good Christians we follow the Passion and Death of Jesus. We practice the three norms of Lent - Prayer, Penance and almsgiving. What kind of Lent do you

Columbiette Chatter

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

I hope everyone had a nice Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday. We are now in the Lenten season and are all looking forward to Easter, a time to be with our family and friends and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Special thanks to Carol Burns, Tina Lauro, their committee members and everyone that gave their help, time, energy and talents in any way to make the Valentine's Dinner Dance such a success. A full report about the event will be given at our next
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.

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.

Sick and Distressed

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**

Aldo Celotto  
Tom Sperlazzo  
Ann Rutigliano  
Joe Lamot  
Blaze Montouri  
Bill Sisco  
Msgr. David Casatta  
Iris Sisco  
Patricia Tumminello  
Marie Gilmore  
Hugh Gilmore  
Greg Warnokowski  
Hale Hemingway  
Mary Zerember  
Taglienti Family  
Frank Clayton  
Ferranti Family  
Teresa Ross  
Raponi Family  
Dom Baranello  
Brightman Family  
Debbie Vecchio

**Recently Deceased**

(None)

Please inform the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary of any Brother that is Sick or has Passed Away.
List of Upcoming Important Dates

**MARCH-2018**

6—Biz Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30PM  
Officers meeting directly FOLLOWING  
19—Blood Drive, 1 Morton St, 3PM-9PM  
20—Social Meeting, 1 Morton St, 7PM/Corporation meeting directly FOLLOWING  
23—Knight at the Races, 1 Morton St  
25—PALM SUNDAY  
30—GOOD FRIDAY

**APRIL-2018**

1—EASTER  
3—Biz Meeting, Council #2204, 7:30PM  
Officers meeting directly FOLLOWING  
7—Knights For Life, Mass for the Unborn @ Holy Family Church, Hicksville (see pg 5)  
17—Social Meeting, 1 Morton St, 7PM/Corporation meeting directly FOLLOWING

**Happy Birthday Brother’s March**

John J Antonacci  
Thomas Ballantyne  
Glenn G De Bona  
Kenneth J De Stefano  
Michael Duffy  
Geoffrey W Fenwick  
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Joseph R Meglio  
Samuel T Nicoletti  
Austin E Riddle  
Jeremy Riddle  
Nicholas J Rutigliano  
Salvatore Scacco  
Paul P Schweickert

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**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 your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.  
O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests, pray for us and our priests.

The icon shows Christ in Mass vestments with a gold pelican over his heart, the ancient symbol of self-sacrifice. At the bottom is an altar prepared for Mass, and at the sides are Melchizedek, whose sacrifice of bread and wine prefigured the Eucharist, and St. John Vianney.

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**Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest,  
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 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

Our Father  
Hail Mary  
Glory Be To The Father
observe? Do you include more prayer, more attending Masses even on a weekday? You are never excused from Sunday Mass. Hope you all remember that!!! It may be good to go for an extra Mass on a Friday in honor of the suffering and death of Jesus on Friday.

Nobody seems to like the word penance. But that is what Jesus did for 40 days in the desert. What do you give up during Lent as a penance? Are you trying to make up with someone with whom you are not talking? That may be a good penance for Lent. Forgiveness, compassion, reaching out to others may also be a good form of penance.

Almsgiving is the third pillar of the Lenten Season. Our Organization - Knights of Columbus was founded by Fr. McGivney for this very same purpose of Charity and Fraternity. Let us never forget that. What are we doing as K of C. St. Kilian Council, 2204? Have we encouraged any fundraising to help the poor and needy among us?

We used to collect and donate many turkeys during Thanksgiving season to the Outreach to help the poor to celebrate. What are we planning to do for the poor in our midst to celebrate Easter???

I ask all of you, my Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes, to think seriously about it, or are allowing apathy to take over K of C?

Think about attending all the Holy Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday (this year it falls on April 1).

May the Risen Lord and God, Jesus Christ bless you and your families with Peace, Health and Happiness all the days of your life. Christos Anesti !!- Alitos Anesti!!!. Christ is Risen!! He is indeed Risen - Alleluia! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!!!

With all blessings for you and your families your priest and chaplain, SK.

Fr. Augustine Fernando (GUS)

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Special thanks to my husband, Frank Clayton, for all his help and support. Thanks you to Pat Burns for being our bartender and for his help during the evening. Everyone who came said they had a great time. I would also like to thank our Grand Knight, Nick Rutigliano, and his band members for the amazing entertainment we had that evening. I am grateful for the help and support that our Grand Knight, Nick, and our Brother Knights always give us with anything we try to do.

Our Columbiettes organization is very special and I am very grateful and blessed to have such an amazing group of women to work with. I Thank You All.

Please start thinking of some ideas for some spring time fundraisers. I would love to hear your suggestions. Please let me know if you any suggestions for some speakers you would like to have at our upcoming meetings.

I would like to mention, that our Brother Knights are sponsoring a Blood Drive on Monday March 19th from 3pm to 9pm. Please tell all your family and friends to consider giving blood; it truly is the gift of life.

On Friday, March 23rd our Brother Knights will be hosting a “Night at the Races”. Tickets are 15.00 per person, which includes Dinner. It always is a fun and exciting night. Please consider supporting our Brother Knights.

Please keep all our sick and distressed Sister Columbiettes in your prayers.

I look forward to see all of you at our next meeting on Monday March 5th at 7pm.

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Columbiettes President
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SHEEP and GOATS

Andrea Mantegna’s Crucifixion, was painted between 1457 and 1460. Presently, it hangs in the Louvre Museum in Paris, France. One of the most striking features is that Mary and the believers in Christ are on Jesus’ right, while the Roman guards and those casting lots for his garments are on Christ’s left. This is the painter’s way of bringing scripture to life and showing that judgement day is foreshadowed in this scene.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’ Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.’ Then they will answer and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?’ He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’ And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.” (Mt 25:31-46)
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Nick Rutigliano
Grand Knight
St. Kilian Council # 2204

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A cell phone, computer and television to name a few. What is stopping us from growing a relationship with Jesus? Do we only call on Him when we are in trouble, or for an hour on Sunday? Jesus is Open for us 24/7. Just let go and let God. Find a quiet place open your Bible to any Gospel and read.

Here are a few Lenten suggestions: read the Gospel of Mark, pray the Rosary, spend 10 Minutes in quiet time each day, Confession, there is no sin that cannot be forgiven. When we give up things like chocolate, drinking alcohol etc., we do it in remembrance of Jesus’ Passion, Death and Resurrection. So it is a prayerful thing when we fast of these things, all the while keeping Jesus in our minds. Let us journey together this Lenten season to become more faithful stewards of Christ and continue on the mission of discipleship.

Mathew Kelly has a wonderful online Lenten Mission, just go to “Dynamic Catholic.com” and sign up for Best Lent ever. Also, Fr. Bruce Powers is teaching a Bible study class that started Feb. 17th and will run until Mar.17th. Check the Bulletin for other upcoming Life changing events. Get educated in our Faith. Be Bold, be Catholic!

A few things to remember in March - we have our Blood drive and “Night at the Races”. Check the Mariner for dates and other information. Also, we will be in the Church basement after all Masses for Hospitality Sunday March 11th. Stop in and show some support, wear your Council shirt, enjoy a bagel and coffee, after the Mass you attend. Thanks to all who came to our business meeting. I hope to see you at the next meeting. Also, Lotto tickets were mailed out to members; please return the stub along with your check. Please help in this fund-raiser.

Stay strong fill your 40 Days with Jesus! Your life will never be the same. Lives change when People change.

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