



# The Knight Light

Fr. Thomas A. Judge Council 6893, District 9 Suffolk Chapter  
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## Grand Knight's Message, January 2026 Knight Light

Brother Knights, Columbiettes and families,

Happy New Year to All!

December was a whirlwind as usual, starting with the Parish Mission, at St Francis, Mon Dec 1st with our business meeting following. The mission on the first was the beginning of the three days of prayer and helped prepare us for the Christmas season.

Tuesday, December 2nd, was our tree lighting ceremony, in the lower Church. It was preceded by caroling and coffee and cake, during and afterwards. Thank you, Stan and Mario, for leading the caroling.

St Anthony's Church was also preparing. Thanks to all who were able to rearrange their schedule, as the wreaths came in earlier, due to a wedding, in the Church. I'm sure the new Bride and Groom appreciated the decorations. Later in the month the poinsettias arrived, on schedule and thanks to all that helped carry them in and helped decorate the Church. Once again it was beautiful, for the Christmas season.

Our Christmas party was held at Napper Tandy's and a good time was had by the 70+ who attended. Thank you, Rich Boyle, for once again doing a stellar job leading and co-ordinating the effort.

January used to be slow for our Council, with only the Basketball Ball Free Throw contest, on Jan 12th. This year Fr. Ed has asked us to do a Pancake Breakfast for our Catholic School on Sun the 25<sup>th</sup>. A planning meeting for our Knights and Columbiettes Dance in April will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm prior to the start of our social meeting.

Lastly, we are having a Past Grand Knight's Testimonial, for PGK John Becker, on Saturday Jan 31st. More information will be at our Monday meeting and in emails to our members.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and wish everyone a happy, healthy and blessed 2026.

Vivat Jesus!

Robert Dabkowski

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**Save the Date**

**Monday, January 5th**

**Council Business Meeting, 7:00 PM**

**In lower church**

**Monday, January 12th**

**Council Free-Throw**

**Trinity Regional School Gym**

**Registration at 6:30 pm**

**Competition starts at 7:00 pm**

**Monday, January 19th**

**Planning Meeting**

**The first planning meeting for this year's dance in conjunction with the Columbiettes will be held at 6:30 pm, prior to the start of our Council Social Meeting.**

**Council Social Meeting  
7:30 in the lower church**

**Sunday, January 25th**

**Trinity Regional School Pancake Breakfast.**

**Details to be finalized.**

**Saturday, January 31st**

**Past Grand Knight Testimonial for PGK John Becker.**

**Ride to meeting (Don Maltby, PGK)**

If you need a ride to a Council meeting or any event for any reason, call Don at 631-368-6657. He will get a ride for you if possible. If you would like to help a Brother who needs a ride, call Don!

**Little Knights (Carey Ng)**

The Little Knights Auxiliary is open to boys and girls ages 5-12. They meet monthly on Saturday mornings. They are involved in our charitable donations at Thanksgiving and Christmas time as well as participating in the Memorial Day Parade. Meetings are supervised by trained adult leaders and are always centered around a fun activity. We always welcome new members.

The Little Knights meet on Saturday mornings. Contact Carey Ng for the next meeting date.

**Carey\_Ng@hotmail.com**

**Save the Date!**

**Saturday, January 31st.**

**Past Grand Knight Testimonial for our most recent PGK John Becker, to thank him for all his hard work and dedication to the Fr. Thomas A. Judge Council.**

**Details to follow soon!**

## Announcements and Committee Reports

### 1st Friday Nocturnal Adoration (Bob Slingo, PGK)

Nocturnal Adoration is a good way to take time to relax and pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the solitude of our Church. If you would like to participate, call Bob Slingo at 631-486-2875. Nocturnal Adoration at St. Anthony's is observed the 1st Friday each month at two hourly sessions: including the Exposition at the beginning of the 1st hour and concluding with the Benediction at the end of the 2nd hour. All brother Knights and their families are encouraged to participate.

8:00—9:00 PM—Spanish  
9:00—10:00 PM—English

### Membership

#### (Ed Perillo, Jerry Dano, Carlo Buscemi)

If you have a potential member, please contact Ed Perillo at 631-754-8606. You can also email Jerry Dano at [jeromedano@yahoo.com](mailto:jeromedano@yahoo.com). If you email Jerry, enter "K of C membership" on the subject line. For questions on K of C degrees call Carlo at 631-261-1253.

Online membership: [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join)

### Promotional Items (George Morrish)

Knights of Columbus shirts, jackets, ties, etc. are available for gifts or for your own use. If you need an item, George has all Council inventory in his possession. You can call George at 631-368-7219. You can email George at [piperncpd@aol.com](mailto:piperncpd@aol.com).

### Columbiettes (Liz Schools, President)

If you are a Catholic woman who is 18 years old or older and are interested in making a difference in your community and your church through your faith, join the Columbiettes. For more information please email Jackie Piropato at [CaptJac921@yahoo.com](mailto:CaptJac921@yahoo.com) or call Jackie at **(516) 318-5809**.

### Fr. O'Leary Scholarship

#### **(Frank Courten, Chairman)**

The Father Lawrence O'Leary Scholarship was instituted at the May 2017 officers meeting. Please consider making a donation this year to help fund and continue the *Father Lawrence O'Leary Scholarship*. Thanking you in advance for all your support. Checks should be made payable to "Father O'Leary Scholarship Fund".

### Fr. O'Leary Scholarship Raffle

**In Memory of our beloved past Council Chaplain Fr Lawrence O'Leary, we will award two Scholarships, one for \$1,000 and the second for \$500.**

**Tickets for 2026 will again be available soon for the Father O'Leary Scholarship Raffle.**

**Contact:  
Frank Courten—631-691-8490**

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If you want to be a sponsor of the Knight Light, contact Rich Fitzgerald, PGK, FDD at 631 416-8759 or email Rich at [Rfitzge370@aol.com](mailto:Rfitzge370@aol.com) Sponsorships of the Knight Light are available for \$100.00 for 11 issues for a business card space. A double size is \$200.00. The fee for all larger spaces are roughly proportional to the size of the sponsorship and are negotiable.

# January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day!	2	3
4	5 Council Business Meeting	6	7	8	9 Suffolk Chapter Meeting	10
11	12 Council Free Throw	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Council Social Meeting	20 DD Meeting	21 OLFA Meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 PGK Testimonial



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# February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Council Business Meeting	3	4	5	6 Nocturnal Adoration	7
8	9 District Free Throw	10	11	12	13	14 Suffolk Chapter Meeting
15	16 Council Social Meeting	17 DD Meeting	18 OLFA Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 5th  
 Monday, January 12th  
 Monday, January 19th  
 Monday, January 19th  
 Saturday, January 31st

Council Business Meeting  
 Council Free Throw  
 Dance Planning Meeting  
 Council Social Meeting  
 Testimonial for PGK John Becker

Lower Church, 7:00 pm  
 Trinity School Gym 6:30 pm  
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**Father Thomas A. Judge  
Council #6893 Knights of Columbus**

**NEW RESOLUTION**

***Whereas*, Trinity Regional School is affiliated with the Parish of St Anthony of Padua RCC, and there is a need for replacement of their refrigerator and tables for the Gym and is in need of financial support for these items.**

***Whereas*, The Fr. Thomas A Judge Council has use of the refrigerator and tables during special events;**

***Resolved*, That the Knights of Columbus is a Fraternal Men's Catholic Organization which supports our Parish and the Trinity Regional School;**

***Resolved*, That in support of Trinity Regional School, the Thomas A Judge Council will contribute to the replacement of the refrigerator and purchase of new tables to replace the aging wooden tables for the Trinity Regional School;**

***Resolved*, That the level of participation will be for the funds of up to a \$5,000 donation have been secured and are readily available for this purpose.**

**Vote!**

**The vote on the above resolution will be on Monday, January 5th at our monthly Business meeting.**

## **Dress-a-Girl Ministry Update**

***We meet at the Elwood Library on Elwood Road in East Northport. Wednesday afternoons only in the winter.***

***Upcoming dates:***

**Wednesday, January 7th from 2-4:30 pm**  
**No Evening Session**

**Wednesday, February 4th from 2-4:30 pm**  
**No Evening Session**

***Visit the website: [Dressagirlaroundtheworld.com](http://Dressagirlaroundtheworld.com)***

**A group of ladies meet to sew simple dresses for underprivileged girls around the world. Our lovely ladies participate in this wonderful ministry by sharing their time, talent and love.**

**Donations of cotton fabric. Plain tee shirts, flip-flops and girl's underwear as well monetary donations are gratefully accepted.**

**Have questions? Need more info? Call: Agatha - 631 499  
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