



# **The Knight Light**

Fr. Thomas A. Judge Council 6893, District 9 Suffolk Chapter  
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## **Grand Knight's Message, Summer 2025 Knight Light**



**Greetings all,**

**Brothers and Columbiettes, last year flew by very fast, as did this summer.**

**There were some growing pains, last year, but the new year will bring more challenges. There are some changes, to the officers at Fr Judge, but we will continue all the good work we do for our Church and community.**

**I would like to thank Rich Fitzgerald PGK, FDD for all the help he gave me, as District Deputy and welcome Michael Lane PGK, as our new District Deputy, whom you would have met at our last business meeting.**

**We had a busy June and July, starting with the Pasta dinner, Vacation Bible School and of course, the Feast. I would like to thank Fred Leonardo, for another job well done, as Feast Chairman. I would like to also thank everyone who helped with set-up, take down and all the time spent in between manning the booths, cooking behind the grill, security and emptying garbage cans. The tasks are endless, and it becomes a family affair involving parishioners and family members, donating their time and hard work.**

**We had good weather for our picnic, at Crab Meadow beach. Thanks to all who helped transport food drinks and all the rest of the necessary equipment, to take care of the crowd. Special thanks to Fred L and John C, and all the rest that helped behind the grill.**

**I pledged to myself that I would make an effort, to get Rich Fitz, the Grand Knight message, in a timelier manner, and already failed, as this is the Late Summer edition of the Knight Light. I would like to thank him for the hard work he does behind the scenes, to get the Knight Light out.**

**Please join us on September 15th when we install the new slate of Officers for the Fr. Judge Council for the Columbian Year 2025-2026.**

**Vivat Jesus!  
Robert Dabkowski**

**Grand Knight**

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**Deputy Grand Knight**

Christopher Dee (Marie) - (631) 368-6229

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**Save the Date**

**Tuesday, September 2nd**

**Council Business Meeting, 7:00 repast,  
7:30 pm meeting start.**

**Monday, September 15th**

**Fr. Judge Council Officer's Installation.  
7 PM Mass and Installation with coffee  
and cake following the Ceremony.**

**Saturday, September 20th**

**Pancake Breakfast at Our Lady Grace  
Council #11968, 666 Albin Ave. West  
Babylon, 8:30 am—11 am. \$12 per  
person.**

**All proceeds are going to the Our Lady  
of Fatima Assembly #716**

**Saturday, September 20th**

**Oktoberfest 6—10 pm at Trinity  
Regional School Gym.  
Tickets \$40 per person**

**Monday, October 6th**

**Exemplification of Charity, Unity and  
Fraternity at 7:00 PM  
A repast will follow the degree at about  
7:30 pm**

**Council Business Meeting, will follow at  
around 8:00 PM**

**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.

**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**

## 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".

### Knight Light and Website Sponsors

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.


## Fr. O'Leary Scholarship Winners

**The first place winner of the \$1,000 scholarship prize is Anthony Valenti a junior at Chaminade H.S.**

**The winner of the second prize of \$500 is Meredith Kieran a Sophomore at St Anthony H.S. Our Council member Jerry Dano is the Great Uncle of Meredith.**



# August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Nocturnal Adoration	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Suffolk Chapter Meeting	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Feast of the Assumption 	16
17	18 Council Business Meeting 7:00 pm	19 DD Meeting	20 OLFA Meeting 8 PM	21	22	23 Suffolk Chapter Picnic
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30



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# September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>LABOR DAY</b> 	2 <b>Council Business Meeting</b>	3	4	5 <b>Nocturnal Adoration</b>	6 <b>East Northport Festival</b>
7 <b>East Northport Festival</b>	8	9	10	11	12 <b>Suffolk Chapter Meeting</b>	13
14	15 <b>Officer's Installation</b>	16 <b>DD Meeting</b>	17 <b>OLFA Meeting</b>	18	19	20 <b>Oktoberfest</b> 
21	22 <b>Start of Fall</b> 	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 2nd	Council Business Meeting	Lower Church, 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 6	East Northport Festival	John J Walsh Park
Monday, September 15th	Council Officer's Installation	Lower Church, 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 20th	Oktoberfest	Trinity Regional School Gym 6-10 pm
Monday, October 6th	Exemplification and Council Meeting	Lower Church, 7:00 pm



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Debris removal, odd jobs	Cleaning and repairing gutters



**Congratulations to the new Officer's for 2024-2025**  
**Father Thomas A. Judge Council #6893 Knights of Columbus**

**Grand Knight: Robert Dabkowski**

**Deputy Grand Knight: Christopher Dee**

**Chancellor: Stanley Rupnick**

**Warden: Mario Ogno Jr.**

**Recorder: John J Keyes**

**Treasurer: Chase R. Cetta**

**Advocate: John E Piropato PGK FDD**

**Inside Guard: Carlo Buscemi**

**Inside Guard: Rich Dallari**

**Outside Guard: John Katusa**

**Outside Guard: George Thies**

**Trustees Trustee (3 yr.): Joseph Susco**

**The following Trustees are completing terms to which they were previously elected:**

**Trustee (1 yr.) Richard Boyle**

**Trustee (2 yr.) John Becker PGk**

**Installation of Officer's for 2025-2026**

**Come join us Monday, September 15th and see the new Officer's installed following the 7 pm Mass in the Main Church.**

**There will be coffee and cake served following the Installation Ceremony in the Lower Church.**

**Please let the Grand Knight know if you will be attending.**



**Another Fantastic Annual St. Anthony's Feast and Festival**  
**Thanks to our many volunteers and Feast Chairman Fred Leonardo**  
**More photos on [www.frjjudge.org](http://www.frjjudge.org)**





## Our Council held the Annual Council Picnic July 13th

**Beautiful weather and a great crowd made for a great day!  
A huge thanks to Fred, John, Don and all the volunteers who made the day possible!**



## **The Procession of the St. Anthony statue from the Church to this year's Feast**







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

**There are now two meetings a month:**

***We meet at the Elwood Library on Elwood Road in East Northport. Wednesday afternoon and Tuesday evenings.***

***Upcoming dates:***

**Wednesday, September 3rd from 2-4:30 pm**

**Tuesday, September 16th from 6-8:30 pm**

***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 7138 or Sue - 631 617 2111**

***Consider joining us, or just stop by to visit.***



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**Saturday, September 20**

**St. Anthony's Trinity School**

**East Northport 6:00pm – 10:00pm**

**Come and join us for a night of dinner  
and fun.**

**Menu**

**Roast Pork**

**Bratwurst**

**Sauerkraut**

**Red Cabbage**

**Vegetables**

**Salad**

**German Beer**

**Sinful Desserts**

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## **Interested in becoming a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Member?**

**The next Exemplification of the 4th Degree of Patriotism will be Exemplified on October 12th, 2025**

**PLACE: St. Anthony RC Church, 2985 Kenneth Place, Oceanside, New York 11572**

**TIME: Mass at 11:00 A.M. in the Church, followed by the Exemplification at 12:30 P.M.**

**BANQUET: Fr. Joseph O'Connell Council #3481 (Across the street from the Church) at 2:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

**COST: Candidate: \$90.00 (Degree and banquet), Candidate: \$70.00 (Degree, no banquet) Guests and Color Corpsmen: \$50.00 (Banquet)**

**HONOREE: Reverend Bret Stockdale, S.J., Associate Chaplain, New York State Council**

### **DRESS:**

**Candidates: Dark blue, grey or black suit (slacks and sport coats are not acceptable), white dress shirt with lay down collar (no collar buttons) dark tie, dark socks, and dress shoes. OR 4th Degree Uniform**

**Military / Academy Members: Dress uniform or dark suit**

**Police/Firemen/First Responders: Formal dress uniform (Class A) or dark suit**

**Clergy: Regular clerical dress. Seminarians: Dark Suit and tie or Seminarian Collar with black suit.**

**Guests: Are asked to observe the dignity of the occasion and dress appropriately**

### **COLOR CORPS:**

**Regimental turnout, Uniform with Swords. Ceremonial Marshal Gene Peluso will coordinate (516) 404-0616**

### **TO APPLY:**

**Candidates must complete Form 4 Application accompanied by the appropriate fee and present it to the Faithful Comptroller of their Assembly, who will review it for all information certifications and signatures. Applications must be received by September 17<sup>th</sup> to be read in at the next Assembly meeting.**

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