



The Knight Light

Fr. Thomas A. Judge Council 6893, District 9 Suffolk Chapter
"We Are Family"



Grand Knight's Message, February 2026 Knight Light

Brother Knights, Columbiettes and families,

The snow and cold has been extremely trying lately, but our Council has still accomplished many good things. With the special Mass on Monday, February 2nd, the Christmas season is officially over and we are now preparing for Lent and Easter. I would like again to thank all those who help decorate the Church and as a final act, those that took the wreaths down.

Our last social meeting was Game night and this month, on Monday, February 16th, there will be a Fraternal Benefits presentation by our Worthy Insurance Agent, Tom Farrell.

I would like to thank all those who helped and attended the Testimonial for PGK John Becker, this past weekend. And thanks to all who helped with the Trinity Open House Pancake Breakfast. John Piropato has run many events and he said, "This was the hardest things I've ever done". With not knowing how many persons will attend it was a guess on how many pancakes and sausages to make. It turned out great and all donations collected were donated to Trinity Regional School.

St. Anthony parish is having a Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, February 17th. This is a parish event and not officially a Knight's event, but many brother Knights, sister Columbiettes, Catholic Daughters and Parishioners, will be helping. It is a great lead in to Ash Wednesday.

We are looking to get involved again with helping the Vets at the Stony Brook VA to get Knights and Catholics to Sunday Mass. Rich Boyle is spearheading the effort and more news will be forthcoming.

Lastly, in case anyone is tired of the ice, snow and cold, the Summer Picnic is booked for Sunday, July 12th, at Crab Meadow Beach, so please save the date.

Vivat Jesus!
Robert Dabkowski,
Grand Knight

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Save the Date

Monday, February 2nd

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity starting at 7:00 pm

Council Business Meeting, Approximately 8:00 PM after Exemplification. In lower church

Monday, February 16th

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

This will have a Fraternal Benefits Seminar from our Council Insurance Agent, Tom Farrell.

Tuesday, February 17th

Mardi Gras!

6-8 pm in the lower church

Wednesday, February 18th

Ash Wednesday.

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, April 25th.

Kentucky Derby themed dinner and dance sponsored by the Fr. Thomas A. Judge Knights and Collumbiettes.

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. 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

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.

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 Piropto at 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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Lent 2026

The Lenten Season starts with Ash Wednesday, February 18th!

February 2026

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



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March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Council Business Meeting	3	4	5	6 Nocturnal Adoration	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Suffolk Chapter Meeting	14
15 St. Baldrick's 12-4 pm	16 Council Social Meeting	17 St. Patrick's Day! DD Meeting	18 OLFA Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 2nd	Council Business Meeting	Lower Church, 7:00 pm
Monday, February 16th	Council Social Meeting	Lower Church, 7:30 pm
Monday February 16th	Dance Planning Meeting	Lower Church, 6:30 pm
Tuesday February 17th	Mardi Gras!	Lower Church, 6 –8 pm
Wednesday February 18th	Ash Wednesday	Start of Lent



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

Upcoming dates:

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

Wednesday, March 4th from 2-4:30 pm
Tuesday, March 24th from 6-8:30 pm

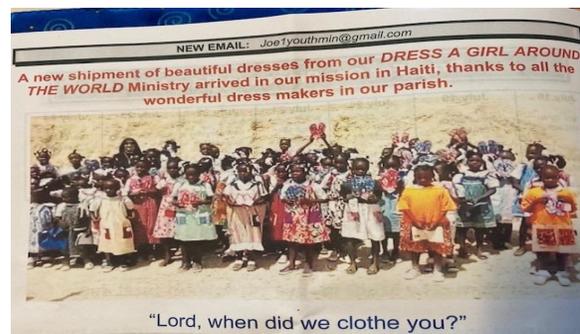
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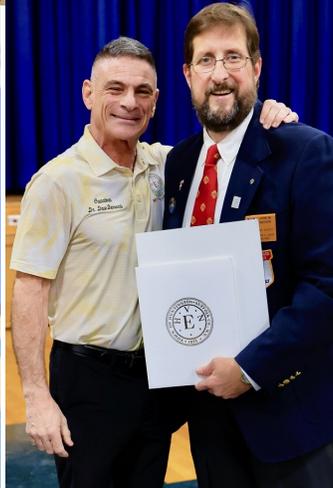
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Past Grand Knight Testimonial

On Saturday, January 31st, our council honored our Past Grand Knight John Becker for his service as Grand Knight of the Father Thomas A. Judge Council #6893 from July 1st, 2022 through June 30th, 2024. A well deserved honor for his dedication and time leading our council. Many dignitaries bestowed certificates and proclamations honoring his service to our council, parish and community. Thanks PGK John!





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