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## Grand Knight's Message, March 2025 Knight Light

**My Brother Knights, friends and family,**

**Spring and Easter will be here before you know it.**

**February is generally a quiet month, but not for the five Councils in our 9th District who organized and ran a baby shower in support of the Women First Life Centers of Long Island. Over \$2,000 in cash and checks were raised plus almost \$4,000 in clothing, diapers, wipes and baby supplies were collected that day. The event was held at St. Patrick's Parish Canning Hall, in Smithtown. Even though the heavy rains diminished the turn-out, the money and supplies will help the four Life Centers, on Long Island. A special thanks to Marianne Wright, who spoke at the event, after just having hip replacement surgery.**

**Our social night was a game night, with wives and even some grandchildren attending. It went well and it was good to see some new faces, in attendance. Thanks to all who brought games, snack and appetizers.**

**The Parish is holding a Mardi Gras party in the lower church, Tuesday March 4th. It runs from 6-8 PM. We will set-up for the party after our Monday business meeting. Any help, after our meeting will be appreciated, Peggy and Stan Rupnick are spearheading the effort. If there are any questions, please reach out to them.**

**The Handicapped Encounter Christ Ministry (HEC) is a ministry for adults with physical, mental, cognitive and/or sensory disabilities. They are running a retreat Thursday evening April 24th thru Sunday afternoon April 27th. They are looking for volunteers to assist, and/or financial contributions, to help fund the retreat. Brother Dan Flinn and his wife Keri are very involved. If you can be of any help, please reach out to them at 516-458-4685 or email at [keri6282@yahoo.com](mailto:keri6282@yahoo.com).**

**Lastly, the Suffolk County Free Throw Contest will be held March 9th at St. John the Baptist High School, West Islip. Check-in starts at 9 AM. Even though turn out was light, for our Council and our 9th District Contest, we have 6 people from our council that will be shooting there. Come cheer them on.**

**Vivat Jesus!**

*Robert Dabkowski*

*Grand Knight*

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**Save the Date**

**Monday March 3th**

**Council Business Meeting Lower Church, repast 7:15 , meeting 8:00pm**

**Tuesday March 4th**

**2nd Annual Parish Mardi Gras Help needed setting up at 6 pm  
Wednesday**

**Wednesday March 5th**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Sunday March 9th**

**Suffolk County Free Throw Competition St. John the Baptist High School Gym— 9:00 AM registration**

**Sunday March 16th**

**St. Baldrick's Day Team Shave Miller's Ale House –Commack 3 PM**

**Monday March 17th**

**St. Patrick's Day Council Social Meeting**

**Saturday March 29th**

**Founder's Day**

**Easter Tridium**

**The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus is asking all councils to encourage their members to participate more fully in the Holy Season of Easter and ask members to participate in the Paschal Tridium in their local Parishes.**

**The Paschal Tridium or Easter Tridium (Latin: Tridium Paschale), or the Three Days, is the period of three days that begins with the liturgy on the evening of Maundy Thursday, April 17th and reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday April 20th.**

**Consider doing more this Lenten Season with participating in the Stations of the Cross, host a Lenten Dinner and especially participate in the Paschal Tridium this Easter Season.**

**District 9 Free Throw Competition**

**On February 10th the District Free Throw was hosted by the Fr. Judge Council in the Trinity School Gym. Thanks to all the competitors and volunteers who participated in the competition. On to the Suffolk County finals.**

## 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.

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### 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".

### Knights Light and Website Sponsors

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## Scholarship Raffle

**In Memory of our beloved past  
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O'Leary.**

**Two scholarships are awarded,  
the first for \$1,000 and second  
for \$500, to the winners of the  
Essay contest to assist students  
attending a Catholic High School.**

**Tickets are available now for the  
Scholarship Raffle.**

**Tickets are \$20 each  
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**Grand Prize—\$1,000.00  
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all 150 tickets are sold !**

**Contact:**

**Frank Courten—631-691-8490**

# March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Council Business Meeting 8:00 pm	4 Parish Mardi Gras	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7 Nocturnal Adoration	8
9 Suffolk County Free Throw	10	11	12	13	14 Suffolk Chapter Meeting	15
16 St. Baldrick's Miller's Ale House 3 PM	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 DD Meeting	19 OLFA St. Patrick's Dinner@ St. Killians	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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# April 2025

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 3rd  
 Tuesday, March 4th  
 Wednesday, March 5th  
 Sunday, March 9th  
 Sunday, March 16th  
 Monday, March 17th

Council Business Meeting  
 Parish Mardi Gras  
 Ash Wednesday  
 Suffolk County Free Throw  
 St. Baldrick's  
 Council Social Meeting

Church Basement, 8:00pm  
 Church Basement, 6:00pm  
 St. John the Baptist HS, 9 am  
 Miller's Ale House, 3pm  
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On Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> the Fr. Judge St. Baldrick's team will be shedding their locks once again to raise more money to help fight childhood cancer at 3:00 PM at Miller's Ale House in Commack. It is our hope that the Fr. Judge council brothers and their families will continue to support this very worthwhile program by making your donation as soon as possible (see below). Of course raising funds for childhood cancer research not only helps our kids, but all of us. When you make your donation, please remember to honor someone you know who may have been stricken with this dread disease.

I'm also happy to let everyone know that over the last 20 years we have raised over \$150,000 to help fight childhood cancer! We hope to top \$175,000 with your help this year.

The quickest way to make your donation is to visit our Fr. Thomas A. Judge K of C team' on the StBaldricks.org website and make your donation in any amount now\*. Or you may download the team donation form, complete it and mail it along with your check, made out to "St. Baldrick's Foundation", (Please note the team ID # in the memo section of your check.). If you'd like to donate to an individual "Shavee", just scroll down and click on that team member's photo and click on "Donate". Of course, if you'd like to join our team as a "Shavee" to help us raise even more money to help fight childhood cancer, just click on the team link above and click on "Join".

As in past years, all are invited to join us at the "Big Shave" for some fun and camaraderie at Miller's Ale House in Commack on Sunday, March 16th at 3:00 PM ... hope to see everyone there!

Thank you & God bless, Bob Slingo, Team Captain

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## Dress-a-Girl Ministry Update

**The Dress-a-Girl Ministry will resume evening meetings in March. The meeting dates are as follows:**

**Wednesday, March 5th (2-4:30 pm)**

**Tuesday, March 18th (6-8:30 pm)**

**Wednesday, April 2nd (2-4:30pm)**

**Tuesday, April 15th (6-8:30 pm)**

**We meet at Elwood Library. All are welcome and feel free to invite a friend. Materials and instructions are included. Please bring your own sewing machine, if possible.**

**This Ministry runs solely on donations and we welcome donations of material and money. We have been blessed by the generosity of so many people who continue to share their time, talent and kindness.**

**Questions or donations;  
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or Sue (631 617 2111).**







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- Applicant must be enrolled in a Catholic High School, grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 as of September 2025. Proof of acceptance is required. Grade average at time of application must be a minimum of 2.0 or a "C". Transcript of latest grades will be requested.
- Applicant does not need to be related to a member of Fr. Thomas A. Judge Council, Knight or Columbiette or be a Columbian Squire.
- Application must indicate student's involvement in Church, Community or School activities and must include a statement from a Priest, program mentor, teacher, counselor, etc. as to student's character.
- An essay entitled, "How my Catholic background helps me be a better person for myself and for others." Essay should not exceed 150 type written words.
- Signature of parent or guardian is required.

Applications should be submitted to Fr. Thomas A. Judge Council, P.O. Box 1151, East Northport, NY 11731. Attn: Robert Dabkowski, GK, and must be post marked no later than May 30, 2025. Scholarship award will be presented to the student at the Council's June 2025 meeting. Student's application will be given a numerical identification. Names will not be available to Scholarship Committee members.

The decision of the Committee is final.



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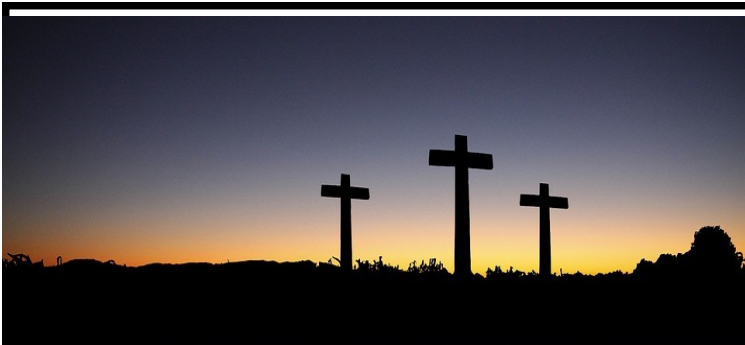
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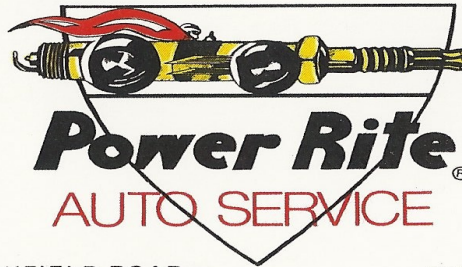


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