



# The Knight Light

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

Brother Knights, Columbiettes and families,

I cannot believe as I am sitting here, writing this, the snowflakes are once again falling outside. The temperature rose over the last week, melting much of the recent snow. Hopefully, March, with the promise of Spring and Easter, will be kinder to us.

Starting off, we are having a recruitment drive, starting after the Saturday 5 PM Mass March 7th and all the Sunday Masses on March 8th. We will be at the back of the Church after Masses to sell raffles for the Suffolk County Chapter Charity and talk to any interested individuals. If interested in speaking from the pulpit after Mass, let me know so we can coordinate this.

This year's Suffolk County Chapter Charity is in support of the St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests which provides dignified living after years of service to the Church and our community.

Our Social Night, this month, on Monday March 16th, after the Exemplification, will be a Lenten Soup Night. Show off your culinary skills with making your own favorite soup and share a fun night of trying out some of the other different soups.

Prior to our Soup Night, we are having an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, which starts at 7:30 PM. Come down and support our new brothers and share some soup with them and their families.

Lastly, our Fr O'Leary scholarship has started. The Fr. O'Leary Raffle helps support students attending a Catholic High School. Chances are \$20 each with only 150 chances sold, with a first prize of \$1,000 and five \$100 prizes. Please contact Frank Courten for tickets.

Vivat Jesus!  
Robert Dabkowski,  
Grand Knight

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**Save the Date**

**Monday, March 2nd**

**Council Business Meeting**

**Repast at 6:45 pm with meeting to follow at 7:30 pm**

**Sunday March 7th-8th**

**Help needed after all masses for the Sales of Suffolk Chapter Charity books and Membership Drive.**

**This years Suffolk Chapter Charity Drive is for the St Pius X Residence for retired Priests.**

**Sunday, March 15th**

**St Baldrick's Day**

**3:00 pm Miller's Ale House  
Commack, NY**

**Monday, March 16th**

**Council Social Meeting**

**Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity starting at 7:30 pm**

**Save the Date!**

**Saturday, April 25th.**

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

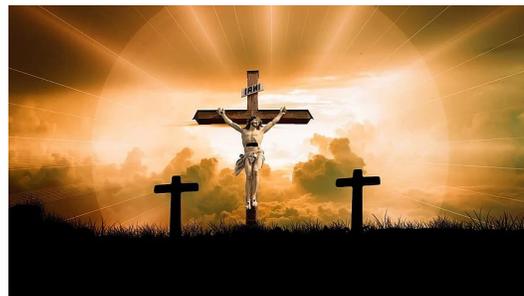
**Details to follow soon!**

**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 2nd and reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday April 5th.**

**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.**



## 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)

### 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 Pirovato at [CaptJac921@yahoo.com](mailto:CaptJac921@yahoo.com) or call Jackie at (516) 318-5809.

### 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!

### 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.

### 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).

## 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 are now available for the Father O'Leary Scholarship Raffle. Tickets are \$20 each and only 150 tickets will be sold**

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

# 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 Day Miller's Ale House 3pm	16 Council Social Meeting	17 St. Patrick's Day  DD Meeting	18 OLFA Meeting	19 St.. Joseph's Day 	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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# April 2026

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 2nd  
Monday, March 16th  
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Tuesday, March 17th  
Thursday, March 19th

Council Business Meeting  
Dance Planning Meeting  
Exemplification  
St. Patrick's Day!  
St. Joseph's Day

Lower Church, 7:00 pm  
Lower Church, 6:30 pm  
Lower Church, 7:30 pm



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## 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, March 4th from 2-4:30 pm***

***Tuesday, March 24th from 6-8:30 pm***

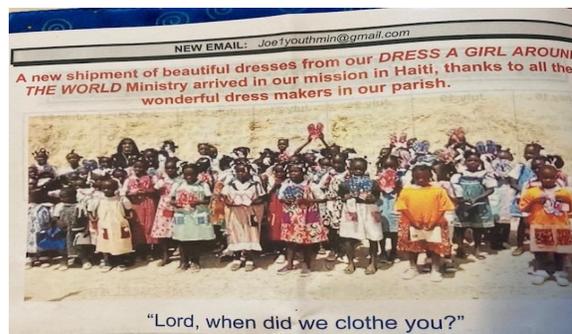
***Visit the website: [Dressagirlaroundtheworld.com](http://Dressagirlaroundtheworld.com)***

**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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On Sunday, March 15<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 dreaded disease.

I'm also happy to let everyone know that over the last 20 years we have raised over \$157,000 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 15th at 3:00 PM ... hope to see everyone there!

Thank you & God bless, Bob Slingo, Team Captain





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