



The Knight Light

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



Grand Knight's Message, May 2026 Knight Light

Brother Knights, Columbiettes and families,

April was another busy month with helping our Church and our Veterans. It started out with Fr Judge Knights helping decorate the church for Easter and continued with Knights helping to bring the Vets down for Mass, at the Stony Brook Veterans Home. We plan on doing this on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Rich Boyle is spear-heading the effort and as the times of Mass vary depending on Priest availability, we do not know the specific time until the Thursday before. The information will be sent out as soon as it is available.

Our Annual Feast and Festival preparations kicked off with envelope stuffing for the Feast Raffle. Thanks to all who helped. This year's Feast will start Wednesday June 24th and runs through Saturday June 27th.

On Monday, April 20th, we held our Memorial Mass, for all the Fr Judge family who passed away this year. This was followed by the Kentucky Derby Dinner Dance, on Saturday April 25th, for the benefit of our Council and the Columbiettes. A great time was had by all who attended. Our new horses were unveiled for the one race that evening. Thanks to George Thies, who made the horses and the Piropatto family, who ran the event.

There are many upcoming events. Suffolk County Chapter Charity is in support of the St Pius X Residence for Senior Priests. They are running a raffle and accepting direct donations for this year's charity. The Suffolk Chapter Charity Ball is being held on Sunday, June 28th.

Our Fr O'Leary Raffle is also finishing up and we still have tickets available, please contact Frank Courten. This supports the Fr. O'Leary Scholarship Essay Contest, which is also run by Frank. The Knights 9th District (of which we are a member) in support of Women First are asking for donations outside Shop Rite, Hauppauge store on route 347, on May 9th, from 8 AM to 1 PM. They will ask people to buy baby items for the Life Center, in Smithtown. If you are in the area and you can buy something to donate, or are just willing to help, let me know. All life is precious, especially our children.

More details, times etc. will be sent out separately, or contact me at 01dabkowski81@gmail.com.

Vivat Jesus!

**Robert Dabkowski,
Grand Knight**

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Save the Date

Monday, May 4th

Council Business Meeting

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

Sunday, May 10th

Mother's Day!

Thursday, May 14th

Ascension Thursday

Sunday, May 17th

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Island
Shrine

Rosary at 10:30

Mass at 11:30

Monday, May 18th

Annual Council Mass of Thanksgiving

St. Anthony of Padua Church

7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 20th

Our Lady of Fatima Assembly Meeting

Repast at 7:00 pm with meeting to follow

Annual Assembly elections

Saturday, May 23rd

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and
Fraternity. 2:00 pm

Memorial Day Parade

On Monday, May 25th,
we celebrate Memorial
Day in memory of those
who made the ultimate
sacrifice in service to our
Nation in our Armed
Forces.

The parade will assemble
in the IGA Shopping Cen-
ter at 11:30 with a 12
noon kick-off marching to
the John Walsh Memorial
Park. At the park we will
host the wreath laying
ceremony presented by
the our local service or-
ganizations. The North-
port band will perform
and we will pay tribute to
the fallen.

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

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 Pirocato at 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".

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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. 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.

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

May 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| | | | | | 1 Nocturnal Adoration | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Council Business Meeting | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Suffolk Chapter Meeting | 9 |
| 10 Mother's Day  | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Ascension Thursday | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Our Lady of the Island Pilgrimage | 18 Council Social Meeting | 19 DD Meeting | 20 OLFA Meeting @ Fr. Judge | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 31 | 25 Memorial Day  | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Council Business Meeting | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Flag Day  | 15 Council Social Meeting | 16 DD Meeting | 17 OLFA Meeting @ Christ the King | 18 | 19 Suffolk Chapter Meeting | 20 Feast Set-up |
| 21 Father's Day  | 22 | 23 | 24 St. Anthony Feast and Festival | 25 St. Anthony Feast and Festival | 26 St. Anthony Feast and Festival | 27 St. Anthony Feast and Festival |
| 28 Suffolk County Chapter Charity Ball | 29 | 30 | | | | |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday, May 4th | Council Business Meeting | Lower Church, 7:00 pm |
| Thursday May 14th | Ascension Thursday | |
| Sunday, May 17th | Our Lady of the Island Pilgrimage | Mass 11:30 am |
| Monday, May 18th | Council Mass of Thanksgiving | Main Church, 7:00 pm |
| Monday, May 25th | Memorial Day | Parade at 12:00 noon |



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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, May 6th from 2-4:30 pm

Tuesday, May 19th from 6-8:30 pm

Visit the website: Dressagirlaroundtheworld.com

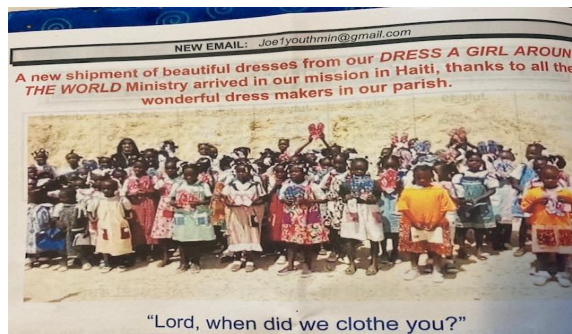
A group of ladies meet to sew simple dresses for underprivileged girls around the world. Our lovely ladies participate in this wonderful ministry by sharing their time, talent and love.

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

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One Simple Question: Will Your Life Insurance Be There When You Need It Most?

**Brother Knights,
Many of us are fortunate to have life insurance through our employers. It's a valuable benefit—and a good first step in protecting our families.**

But there's an important detail that's easy to overlook:

Group life insurance is tied to your job.

If you change jobs, lose your position, or retire, that coverage can be reduced—or even disappear entirely. Some plans allow you to “take it with you,” but the cost often increases significantly at that point, and it may no longer be the most affordable option.

That creates a real risk at the exact time when stability matters most.

This is why owning personal life insurance is so important.

When you have your own policy:

- **It stays with you, no matter where life or work takes you**
- **Your rate can be locked in, based on your age and health today**
- **Your protection continues into retirement, when employer coverage often ends. It's built around your family's needs, not just a standard workplace benefit**

Think of group coverage as a helpful supplement—but not something to rely on entirely.

As Knights, we're called to protect our families and plan responsibly for the future. That includes making sure our loved ones are secure, no matter what changes come our way.

It's also worth remembering that the Knights of Columbus exists not for shareholders, but for its members and for charity. Any surplus supports our mission—serving families, parishes, and communities in need.

If you haven't reviewed your life insurance recently, now is a great time to take a closer look. Even one conversation can make a meaningful difference.



I am here to help— Vivat Jesu, Tom Farrell, FICF (631) 617-3127

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***Whereas,* The Fr. Thomas A Judge Council has use of the stove 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 kitchen stove for the Trinity Regional School;**

***Resolved,* That the level of participation will be for the funds of up to a \$7,500 donation have been secured and are readily available for this purpose.**

Have you asked a friend or neighbor to join the Fr. Judge Council?

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