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State Deputy's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Prior to the Pro-Life Mass at St. Patrick on Sunday January 26, 2025 – we presented our annual donation to Cardinal Dolan. His eminence thanked us for our generous donation, and he thanked us for all that we do to defend life. He also thanked us for all the charitable work we do on the Parish level, too.



We all know the some of the greatest works in our Order occur on the local level. So, to all you District Deputies, Grand Knights, Council officers, and hard-working members: keep up the good work because it is noticed by our parish priests and in this case Cardinal Dolan, too!

This is the time of the Columbian year, which councils should assess their progress toward obtaining the Star council award. Most active council will find that reaching these goals is reasonably obtainable. Sometimes they miss getting the award because of something simple. It could be by **not** sending a form in to Supreme, or **not** attending a fraternal benefits night, or **not** getting a few new members. These near misses can be avoided by **strong communications between the District Deputies and Grand Knights**. So, let's assess our star council status and do our best to achieve our success.

When it comes to membership, please remember, the State Membership Team is working hard and is always available to assist you. Please feel free to reach out to them. Furthermore, **every Grand Knight in NY should watch Supreme's Fishers of Men** webinar with your council officers & membership team. Then, use the ideas presented during the webinar and handbook and begin an active program to invite men to join ALL THE TIME! For your convenience, here is the link:

https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1688661&tp_key=cecce0ba15

Finally, on February 22, we will be celebrating the 125th anniversary of the 4th Degree by witnessing a new ceremony (open to the public) at St. Patrick's Cathedral, which will be open to the public.

That's all for now. Remember, keep up the good work. I'm rooting for you!

Fraternally,
Anthony Ippolito,
State Deputy



Brother Knights:

In the month of February we celebrate two feasts of Marian significance. The first is the Presentation of the Lord. When Mary and Joseph go to the temple for the first time with their child, Jesus, both of them demonstrated their faithfulness to Jewish teachings and their fidelity to God. This comes as no surprise to us as we read the Scriptures, particularly the Gospel of Saint Luke. Mary certainly never fully understood the message of the Angel Gabriel. But because of the lessons she learned from her parents she embraced the invitation to receive the angelic words and utter her acceptance: I am the maid servant of the Lord, let it be done as you say. From that moment she became a model of obedience, humility and charity to all of us. No matter how difficult the circumstances she was present with her Son from the Wedding feast of Cana to the foot of her Crucified Son's Cross. And though the Apostles had fled she brought them back.

Even after her Assumption into heaven to be with her Divine Son she remains true to her Son's will: Woman, behold your son. Throughout the centuries, apparitions of the Blessed Virgin have been received in times of crisis, to inspire people, and to encourage the saints. She has reached out to children, the poor, and religious. Having been privileged to see where she has appeared, I must confess a special place in my heart for Our Lady of Lourdes. Because of her intercession I have been able to prove physicians of my youth wrong. I am grateful that I was able to overcome a future of blindness. But she did more. I was appointed a pastor for the first time on February 11, 1994, the feast of our Lady of Lourdes. I don't believe in coincidence.

Brothers, let us be Knights of our Lady.

Vivat Jesus,

Father Brian
Administrative State Chaplain

Brothers'

Although we are in a slow period, The New York State Council finished the second quarter of the fraternal year with Strong Recruitment Numbers!



Suffolk	96 New members
Nassau	60 New members
Queens	48 New members
Brooklyn	38 New members
BMS	16 New members
West Put	25 New members
Hudson	72 New members
Capital	28 New members
Western	25 New members
Central	17 New members
Finger Lakes	43 New members
Northern	13 New members

It is important to note that the State Council achieved 68 % of our target goal with the strongest growth coming from three Conferences that achieved of 100% of their second quarter quota.

Hudson Valley	116%
Suffolk	103%
Finger Lakes	102%

The Membership Team wants to thank and acknowledge our Brothers from Suffolk, Hudson Valley, and the Finger Lakes for their Second Quarter recruitment efforts!

The Membership Team also thanks and acknowledges our top recruiters for the Second Quarter:

Michael J Nilsen from Council 4783, recruited 17 new members, while Joseph Freda from Council 3102 and Patrick Corcoran from Council 794 both recruited 9 new members.

Thank you Brothers, for your outstanding efforts and remember that you will be the guests of the State Deputy at the State Convention on May 1-3.

The next group of 25 recruiters will receive this shirt in acknowledgement of their efforts!



We will announce those names in February 2025!

We will also announce in February the top 5 Recruiting Councils who achieved the Highest Percentage to Goal for the Second Quarter.

Going forward our third quarter goal will a total of 850 New Members!

Each conference has been assigned a modest monthly number to achieve:

Suffolk	35	Intake as of 1-14-25	12 New Members
Nassau	48	Intake as of 1-14-25	11 New Members
Queens	20	Intake as of 1-14-25	8 New Members
Brooklyn	21	Intake as of 1-14-25	19 New Members
BMS	14	Intake as of 1-14-25	7 New Members
West Put	13	Intake as of 1-14-25	2 New Members
Hudson	23	Intake as of 1-14-25	10 New Members
Capital	17	Intake as of 1-14-25	5 New Members
Western	24	Intake as of 1-14-25	1 New Member
Central	14	Intake as of 1-14-25	2 New Members
Finger Lakes	17	Intake as of 1-14-25	4 New Members
Northern	14	Intake as of 1-14-25	0 New Members

So far, the State Council has invited 1203 men to join our Councils, 766 of those men joined through the Online Membership Platform with a transfer rate of 49.09%. Historically, we have transfer rate of 63-65% members joining new Councils and we as a group need to do better in this category. Another area that NEEDS improvement is the number of Councils that are NOT recruiting. We as a jurisdiction have 527 Active Councils, with only 231 of our Council recruiting as on 1-26-25. To improve all our Councils' recruitment chances to succeed, we have begun using Facebook for business and using that to send specific messaging targeting prospective members in areas of our Conferences that need a recruitment boost. Our testing shows that we are reaching more potential members than we have ever reached before, and the Membership Team and the State Deputy believe that this tool be a GAME CHANGER, and it will increase our Council's chances to make their membership quota.

As a further incentive the State Deputy has authorized a continuation of the Council incentive which will see the top 5 recruiting councils that achieve the highest percentage to goal in the third quarter will receive a 5% discount on their fourth quarter per capita.

We have a lot of work to do, and I Firmly Believe that we can achieve this and to coin a phrase, you should know that I am Rooting for You! Vivat Jesus!

Peter Lehr
Membership Director

I would like to congratulate the 158 Councils in the State who achieved 1 book per member and have been placed in the State Deputies Trophy Club.

All councils achieving this status are listed on the State Website. You can also click the link below to view the Councils:

<https://www.nykofc.com/state-deputy-trophy-club>



In addition, I would like to commend 43 Councils who did not sell any books in 2023 but returned to selling in 2024. Those Councils as well are listed on the Website under

State Deputies Comeback Club. You can also click the link below to view the Councils:

<https://www.nykofc.com/state-deputy-comeback-club>

We would ask that those councils communicate this info to its members so they can see the fruits of their hard work.

We hope to get out to as many places as we can to present the bonus checks during the month of February.

Ken Karchinski
Assistant Director C&B





AWARENESS

Recently, I attended the monthly meeting of the Nassau Chapter. It was held in the council meeting place of Joseph Reali Council, the Church Hall of Holy Name of Jesus Parish. While waiting for the meeting to begin, I noticed a giant sign on the wall behind the Chapter President's Station. It invited parishioners to attend the retirement celebration of their pastor, Msgr. Richard Bauhoff, who served their parish for twelve years of his fifty years of priesthood.

My next thought was, how fortunate the people of the parish and all those who he served as a priest were to have a such a man dedicated to Christ and his people. I then wondered, "Who has taken his place?" The answer, the new pastor, Father Michael Maffeo, (Who I had the pleasure of teaching when he was in seventh grade.) pastor of a neighboring parish, Saint Edward the Confessor, will take on the responsibility of Holy Name of Jesus and remain as pastor of Saint Edwards as well. Two large active parishes, a fully active school, two K of C Councils and much more with two priests and three deacons, What a challenge!

How fortunate we are to have men who have dedicated their lives to Christ and you and me!

But, Where are the men who are and will be taking their place in our parishes and yes, our councils? What are we doing to make people aware of the problem and what can we do to answer it. Over the past months I have suggested a number of ideas that could be a part of the answer. RSVP, Lecturer's Programs, articles in our council newsletters, support of parish and youth activities, all of which can help. As the end of the Columbian Year nears, perhaps it is time to evaluate our role in this challenge.

One last thought and suggestion:

Electronics is a wonderful method of communication, but it has one downfall, it usually only reaches one person. Why not suggest forwarding the newsletter or bulletin to the entire family or print it out for all to read.

Questions, concerns, successful ideas:

Contact Austin Cannon, Jr. PGK 516 221-7186

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Brother Knights:

Hope everyone had a Great Christmas Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

The NYS Training Team attended the Mid-Year meeting at the Villa Roma in December. Was awesome. Thanks for the invite to our State Deputy and his Staff for their hospitality.



At the meeting, we presented a thumb drive for all the District Deputies with lots of great information, presentations we gave over the past year, and Super Ideas to create Activity in every council. This includes Recruitment and Retention.

A copy of the thumb drive files are on our website for download via our google drive. **It's FREE!** Take advantage of it while it's still available. See the link on our main page at (**THUMB DRIVE DOWNLOAD**): <https://www.knightstraining.org/>

Financial Secretaries: FS training is available one on one over Zoom if needed. Rick Ditrio does these while you are sitting on your computer. Let me know if you need help.

Grand Knights / Council Officers / District Deputies: To Everyone: Training support starts on our website at <https://www.knightstraining.org/> ... **There are many videos and downloads that Will Help Everyone Succeed. The new Columbian year is around the corner. Ask officers stepping forward to review the content on this website. Start preparing! Be ready to hit the ground running. Remember, If you fail to plan, You Plan to Fail!**

Our NYS Deputy Town Hall Meeting scheduled for January 26th has been cancelled. Football - just could not get the commitment needed to move forward with a successful Zoom call. So.... We will prepare for a Sunday After the Super Bowl to schedule another well received Town Hall Meeting will resume. You'll get an email or text notification to attend. Our training webpage will have up-to-the-minute information when available, with a link to the meeting... **It's Going To Be Huge!**

OK. Remember, Together We Build Excitement. Make it happen. There's lots happening in New York State. Be sure to share your accomplishments with our Newsletter Editor, Mike Boehm.

Keep the momentum going! Email me if our Training Team can offer you any assistance at kofcideas@gmail.com. It's HUGE!

Fraternally,

Steve Driscoll
NYS Director of Training



My Brothers,

As we enter the month of February, I always turn my attention towards that special day in February that makes every man's heart flutter. Super Bowl Sunday!

It really is a special day, a day to get together with friends and/or family, indulge ourselves in some fine cuisine, perhaps some adult beverages, maybe participate in a game of chance or two just to keep things interesting and just enjoy a good game of Football (hopefully). And of course there is always the commercials, which sometimes are more entertaining than the game itself. I hope you all are able to enjoy the day, and the game!

February is also of course the month of **L♥VE** they say. And that is both wonderful and sad to me at the same time. It is wonderful for all the people in the world who are actually in Love, that can experience Love and that have Love in their heart because they have accepted Jesus into their heart. And it is sad because there are so many people in the world who simply cannot ever really experience real Love. They can't experience it because they don't accept it. They don't accept Jesus into their hearts. But John tells us: so we know and rely on the love God has for us. *God is love*. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. So I hope you will join me in praying for these poor souls. The one's who reject the Word of God. The one's who can never really experience Love as God intended it. Never stop working on them. Never stop trying to convince them what you know is the right thing. We must evangelize because the Lord Jesus commanded us to do so. He gave the Church the unending task of evangelizing as a restless power, to stir and to stimulate all its actions until all nations have heard his Good News and until every person has become his disciple. Finally, the Lord gave us yet another reason to evangelize: our love for every person, whatever his or her situation, language, physical, mental, or social condition. Because we have experienced the love of Christ, we want to share it. The gifts God has given to us are not gifts for ourselves.

So happy Super Bowl Sunday and Happy Valentine's Day to you all! Vivat Jesus!

M. Boehm



Knights of Columbus of the Long Island Chapter celebrated their annual Pro Vita Mass, and featured the installation and blessing of another Blessed Michael McGivney statue in the **Cathedral Basilica of St. James!** This year's honorees included Sr. Caroline Tweedy, RSM, Dr. John Gonzalez and SK Mario Massa. Our distinguished celebrants included Bishop Brennan, Bishop Cisneros and SK Fr. Michael Gelfant! Many Brothers of the NYS Council were there including SD Anthony Ippolito who presented a gift to Bishop Brennan. District Master Carl Schneider and Sir Knights from the 2nd New York District also participated in the Mass.

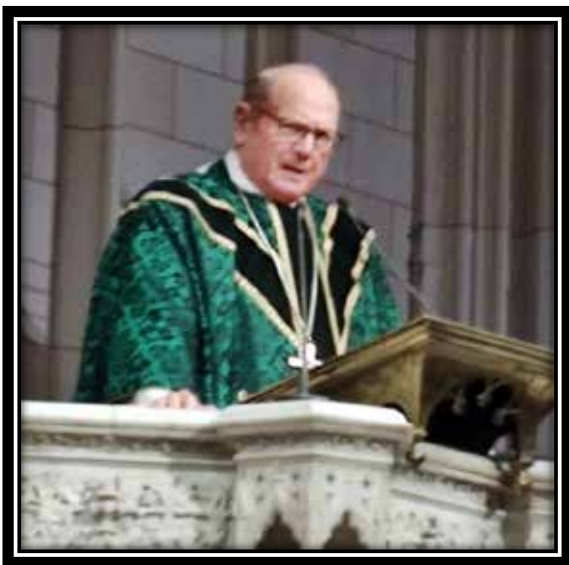
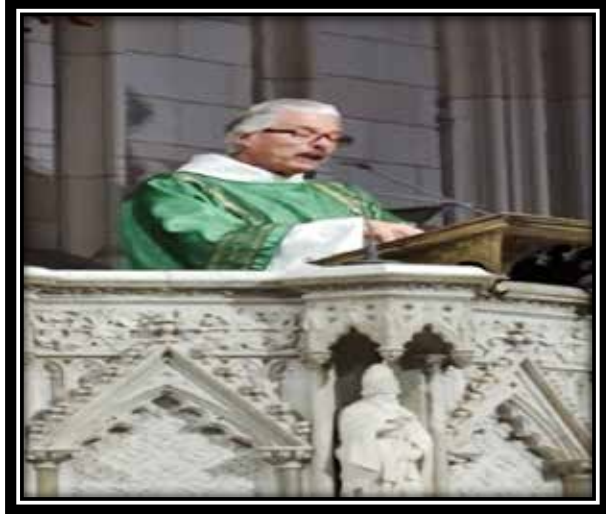


On January 20th Brother Knights from Patchogue Council 725 held a Fundraiser for the Family of Deceased Brother Knight and NYS Assistant Membership Director Paul DiOrio. Over 150 people came down representing dozens of Councils from Nassau and Suffolk, including both Chapters, both Board of DD's and several Assemblies as well as other Councils from around the State. SD Anthony Ippolito and Members of his Staff from the NYS Council were also there. Due to the overwhelming support from so many Brother Knights approximately \$10,000 was raised!



NYS Cardinals Annual Pro Life Mass at St. Patrick's January 26th 2025

On January 26th Members of the NYS Council attended the annual pro Life Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Dolan.



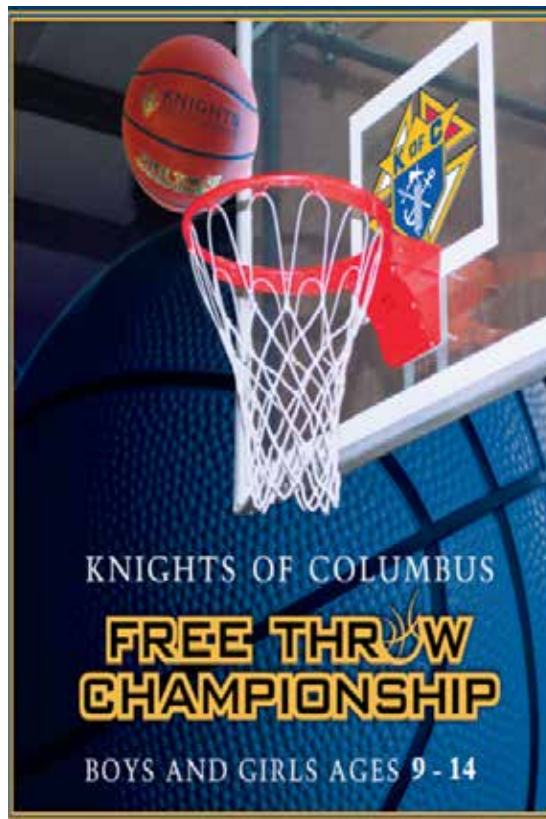
Who is St. Valentine and why do we Celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14th?

Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love. Believers say God worked through his life to perform miracles and teach people how to recognize and experience true love.

Saint Valentine was a Catholic priest who had also worked as a doctor. He lived in Italy during the third century AD and served as a priest in Rome. Historians don't know much about Valentine's early life. They pick up Valentine's story after he began working as a priest. Valentine became famous for marrying couples who were in love but couldn't get legally married in Rome during the reign of Emperor Claudius II, who outlawed weddings. Claudius wanted to recruit lots of men to be soldiers in his army and thought that marriage would be an obstacle to recruiting new soldiers. He also wanted to prevent his existing soldiers from getting married because he thought that marriage would distract them from their work. When Emperor Claudius discovered that Valentine was performing weddings, he sent Valentine to jail. Valentine used his time in jail to continue to reach out to people with the love that he said Jesus Christ gave him for others.

He befriended his jailer, Asterious, who became so impressed with Valentine's wisdom that he asked Valentine to help his daughter, Julia, with her lessons. Julia was blind and needed someone to read material for her to learn it. Valentine became friends with Julia through his work with her when she came to visit him in jail. Emperor Claudius also came to like Valentine. He offered to pardon Valentine and set him free if Valentine would renounce his Christian faith and agree to worship the Roman gods. Not only did Valentine refuse to leave his faith, he also encouraged Emperor Claudius to place his trust in Christ. Valentine's faithful choices cost him his life. Emperor Claudius was so enraged at Valentine's response that he sentenced Valentine to die. Before he was killed, Valentine wrote a last note to encourage Julia to stay close to Jesus and to thank her for being his friend. He signed the note: "From your Valentine." That note inspired people to begin writing their own loving messages to people on Valentine's Feast Day, *February 14th*, known as Valentine's Day Cards, which is celebrated on the same day on which Valentine was martyred (it is also celebrated by Hallmark). Valentine was beaten, stoned, and beheaded on February 14, 270. People who remembered his loving service to many young couples began celebrating his life, and he came to be regarded as a saint through whom God had worked to help people in miraculous ways. By 496, Pope Gelasius designated February 14th as Valentine's official feast day.

The most famous miracle attributed to Saint Valentine involved the farewell note that he sent to Julia. Believers say that God miraculously cured Julia of her blindness so that she could personally read Valentine's note, rather than just have someone else read it to her. Throughout the years since Valentine died, people have prayed for him to intercede for them before God about their romantic lives. Numerous couples have reported experiencing miraculous improvements in their relationships with boyfriends, girlfriends, and spouses after praying for help from St. Valentine. Flowers and Candy also apparently help as well.



Brothers – It’s great to hear about all of the local Free Throws that are taking place all throughout the State! Just a few reminders:

- **Do not use the old two-sided participant forms.** Click on this link for [the 1598 score sheet](#) that you should be using. They should also be included in the new Free-Throw kits if you order one.

- **Make sure that you are up-to-date on the program and rules.** [Free-Throw Championship Playbook](#) Here are a few important ones
 - Age is determined as of January 1, 2025 NOT their age when your event is held.
 - Council Level participants shoot 15 baskets
 - District Level and above participants shoot 25 baskets
 - Ties at all levels must be broken.
 - To break a tie, contestants take a second round of five free throws. No warm-up tosses are permitted for the tie-breaker rounds. Successive rounds of five free throws each continue until a winner emerges.

- Rules for proof of age/gender: “Paperwork that determines age eligibility of participants **should not be collected or copied.**” So, have them bring and show proof, but **do not make or attach copies of birth certificates or passports to**

the score sheets. You can simply note on the score sheet that their eligibility has been verified.

Note: I have verified with our State Advocate, State Deputy and the Director at Supreme for the Free-Throw Championship that we still use the information on the Birth Certificate.

Supplies are available through Supplies Online:

Free Throw Kit (FT-KIT-E)

Free-Throw participant patches (FT-P-E). You can get 25 patches for \$15.25

District Deputies should order Free-Throw Medals if needed

Insurance for Free-Throw events

If an insurance certificate is requested, a one-day policy for \$1 million of coverage can be purchased from:

Lockton Affinity

800-496-0288

councilinsurance@locktonaffinity.com

Dates for regional finals are TBD Please follow-up with your regional

The NYS finals will be at West Point (*Date TBD*). The team at West Point does a wonderful job with supplying us with a facility and Knights to work with the kids. I look forward to working with them again this year.

It is important to make sure that all Diocesan and KofC Safe Environment requirements are met at all events. We have a moral obligation as well as a legal obligation to safeguard events that involve the youth in our communities and parishes.

Thank you all for your help. I look forward to working with all of you on the Free-Throw program. Vivat Jesus!

Nick Caputo

Free Throw State Chair

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**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**



Are you or do you know of a Brother Knight who is a Stenographer? The NYS Council is in need of a Brother who can take the minutes at the upcoming NYS Convention. If you know of anyone who is available please contact State Secretary James McCue for more details.

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The mission of the newsroom is to provide a welcoming place to share information about the good news of the Catholic Church with New York's diverse communities and bring people closer to the faith. It is a wonderful and reliable source of News and information for New York's Catholic Community. Not only for NYC, but for all New Yorkers.

As part of the Archdiocese of New York, the newsroom launched in November of 2022 to amplify stories about the good works of the Church. In today's challenging news environment, readers and viewers are valuable and short on time and attention. Our content breaks through because it is trustworthy, and it portrays a true community of people. Our stories engage, inform, and provide education about Catholics in our area. Highlights include:

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- Inspirational and educational videos from **Cardinal Dolan**
- Homilies from the daily Masses at **St. Patrick's Cathedral**
- **Happenings and events** at Parishes in our area
- Updates from our **Schools, Archcare, Catholic Charities, and the Sheen Center**

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Dear Lord,
Bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and
mutual love that You found in Your own family
in the little town of Nazareth.

Saint Joseph, pray for the head of our family.
Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom,
and the prudence he needs
to support and direct those under his care.

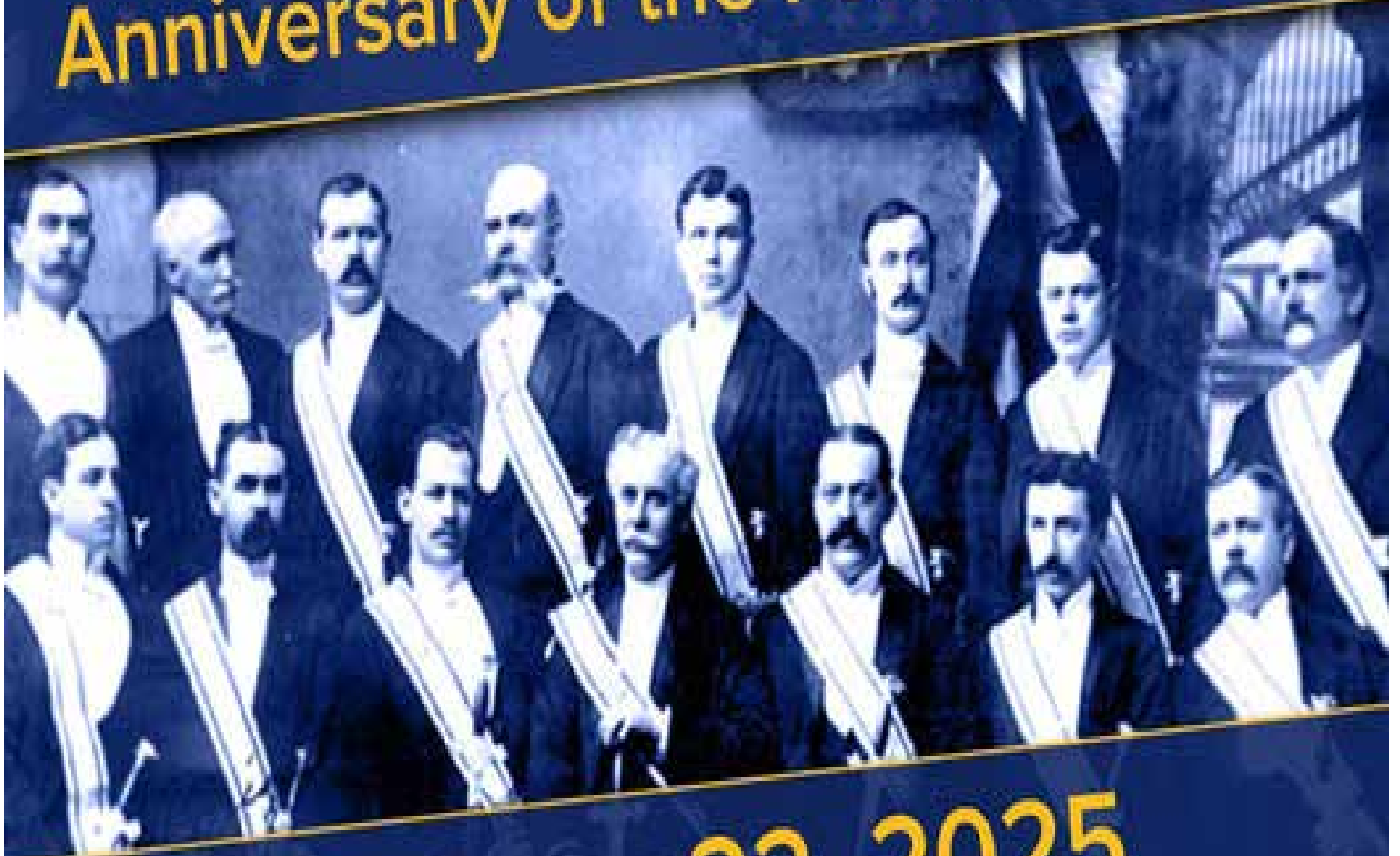
Mother Mary, pray for the mother of our family.
Help her to be pure and kind,
gentle and self-sacrificing.
For the more she resembles you,
the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family.
Help them to be obedient and
devoted to their parents.
Make them more and more like You.
Let them grow, as You did,
in wisdom and strength and grace
before God and man.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
by your intercession, love, and holy example,
make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all
one family,
happy and at peace
in our true home with You.

Amen.

Celebrate the **125th** Anniversary of the Fourth Degree

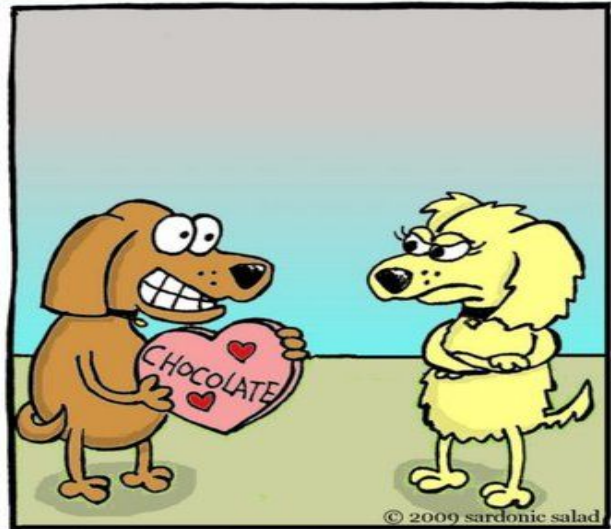


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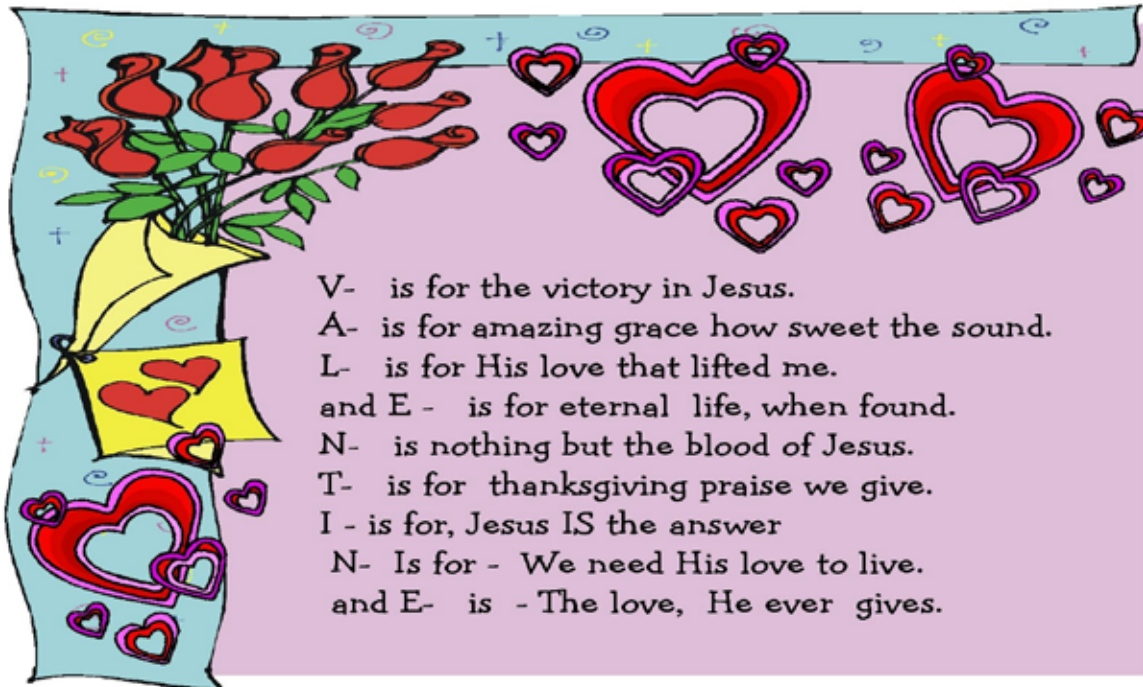


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ALTHOUGH ROVER MEANT HIS GIFT TO BE AN EXPRESSION OF LOVE, PRINCESS BELIEVED IT WAS AN ATTEMPT TO POISON HER.





New York State Knight of Columbus



**THE NEW YORK ISLANDERS
VS.
THE DALLAS STARS**



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AT 7:30 PM
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New York State Knight of Columbus



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VS.
THE CALGARY FLAMES**



TUESDAY MARCH 18TH, 2025

AT 7:00 PM

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

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MARCH 21-23, 2025
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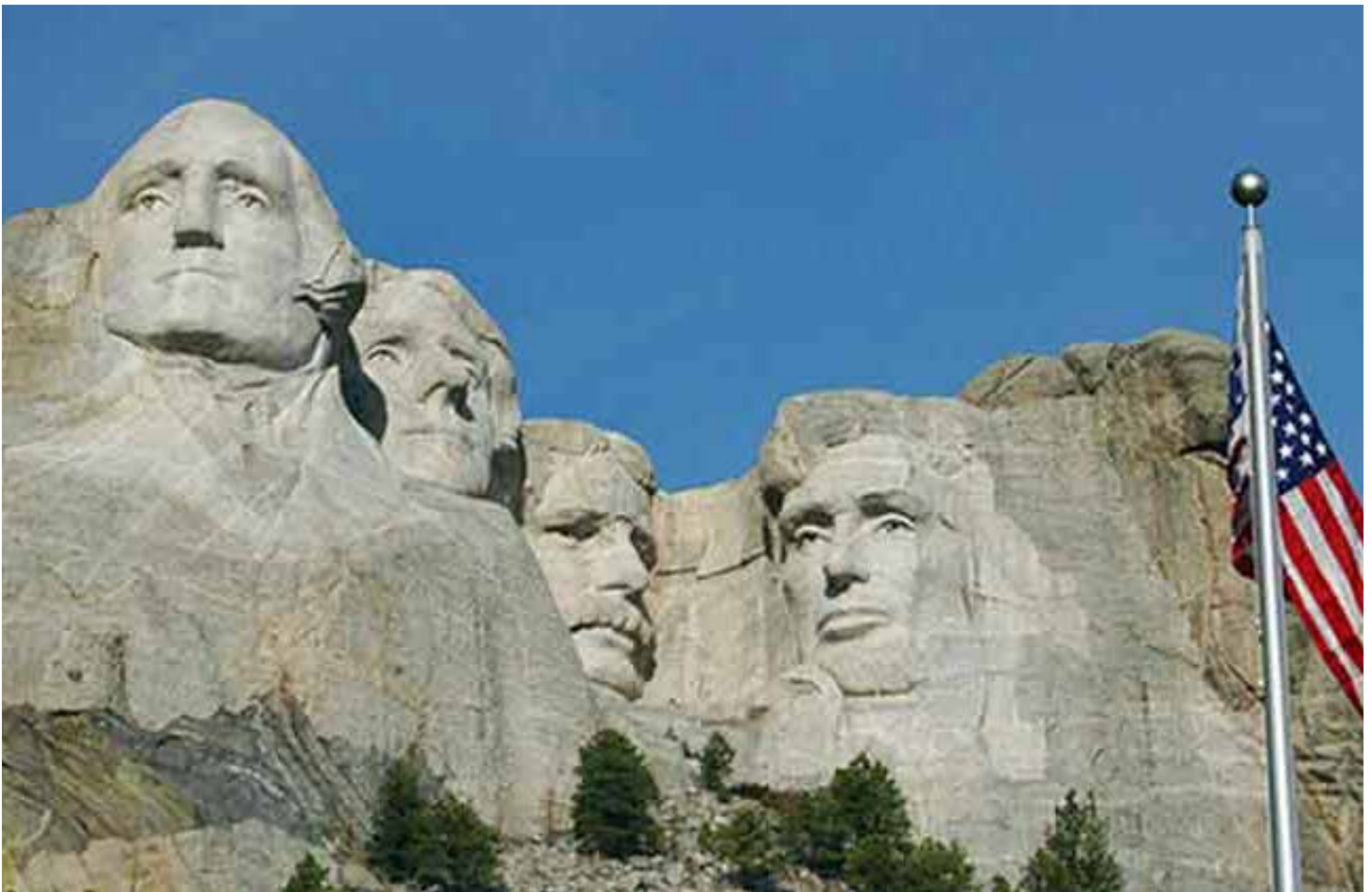


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Ground Hog Day Feb 2nd



Happy Valentine's Day Feb 14th



President's Day Feb 17th

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, **Blessed Michael McGivney**, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify **Blessed Michael McGivney** on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen



The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild promotes the cause for sainthood of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, who was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020. Members of the Guild, and anyone devoted to Father McGivney, can play an active role in the cause by praying for his intercession in times of need, especially in cases of serious illness, and reporting to the Guild any favors received.

Membership in the Guild is free and open to anyone who is devoted to Father McGivney and wishes to invoke his intercession and assist in his sainthood cause through prayer. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and are remembered in a weekly Mass offered for their intentions.

Catholic men who wish to live out the vision and mission of Father McGivney are invited to join the [Knights of Columbus](#) and become part of a network of charity, unity and fraternity that serves local parishes and communities. Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 in New Haven, Conn., and died at the age of 38 in 1890. His cause for sainthood was opened in 1997, and his heroic virtue was recognized by the Vatican in March 2008, when he was declared a Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI.

On May 26, 2020, Father McGivney took another step toward sainthood when Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a [miracle attributed to his intercession](#). With the approval of this miracle, he was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020, with the title of Blessed.

Another miracle through his intercession is needed for him to be canonized as a saint.

Those devoted to Father McGivney are encouraged to recite regularly the prayer for his canonization, which is available online and on a special prayer card. You may Report favors through this website or by email or regular mail at the addresses listed below.

To request a third-class relic or to order devotional items, click on the [online form link](#). Print out the form, fill it out and mail it to the Father McGivney Guild.

The Guild has more than 176,000 members, and you are encouraged to join by filling out and submitting the [online form](#). Please assist in the cause of Father McGivney by spreading the word about this holy and blessed priest.

For more information or to request a prayer card:

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