



FR. JOHN M. GRADY COUNCIL #503  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# MESSENGER

JUNE 2023

327 WESTCHESTER AVENUE - PORT CHESTER NY 10573 - 914-939-4343

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**CHAPLAIN**  
Fr. Thomas Provazano

**GRAND KNIGHT**  
Thomas Tempesta

**DEP. GRAND KNIGHT**  
Mark Scocchera

**CHANCELLOR**  
Vacant

**WARDEN**  
Philip Dorazio

**RECORDER**  
Vincent Coakley

**FIN. SECRETARY**  
FDD Charles Sacco

**TREASURER**  
Scott LaDore

**ADVOCATE**  
Joseph Vita

**LECTURER**  
Patrick Carty

**INSIDE GUARD**  
Kenneth Sunderland

**OUTSIDE GUARD**  
Miguel Villafane

**TRUSTEES**  
1-PGK Tony Mendicino  
2-PGK Henry Ruffler  
3-PGK Ken Sunderland

**CORPORATION BOARD**  
Scott LaDore  
PGK Tony Mendicino  
PGK Henry Ruffler  
Thomas Tempesta

**DISTRICT DEPUTY**  
Robert Cuthbert  
1-845-774-0756

**FIELD AGENT**  
William Schneider  
1-914-420-6836

**Council Elections Set For June 1st**

<b>Grand Knight</b> Mark Scocchera	<b>Inside Guard</b> Sonny Padavil
<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b> Philip Dorazio	<b>Outside Guard</b> Alfred Rich
<b>Chancellor</b> Gerard Ferraro	* * * * *
<b>Warden</b> Miguel Villafane	<i>Not up for election:</i>
<b>Recorder</b> Patrick Carty	<b>Trustees</b> PGK Henry Ruffler Kenneth Sunderland
<b>Treasurer</b> Scott LaDore	* * * * *
<b>Advocate</b> Joseph Vita	<i>Appointed by Grand Knight:</i> <b>Lecturer</b> <i>Vacant</i>
<b>Trustee - Three Years</b> PGK Anthony Mendicino	<i>Appointed by Supreme Council:</i> <b>Financial Secretary</b> FDD Charles Sacco

**Official Notice** - The slate of officers is being presented by our Nominating Committee for the 2023-2024 Columbian Year. This meeting is very important and needs your participation. We look forward to seeing every Brother Knight there. Please don't let this club run without you.

**Ladies Auxiliary Slate of Officers**

President - Toni Sacco	
Vice President - Barbara Celestino	
Recording Secretary - Pat Barr	
Corresponding Secretary - Barbara Celestino	
Financial Secretary - Rosemarie Valente	
Treasurer - Teresa Amusso	
Inside Guard - Laura D'Estrada	Outside Guard - Francine Ruta
Trustees - Teresa Acuna 1 year, Maria Cassone 2 years, Geri Kolok 3 years	

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 PM



**COUNCIL HALL RENTALS**  
Call : 914-939-4343  
[Rentals@KofC503.org](mailto:Rentals@KofC503.org)



**LADIES AUXILIARY**  
2nd Wednesday - 7:00 PM



# Council Business & Events



**June 1st... Annual Election of Council Officers... Knights Business Meeting...**

Dinner at 7:00 PM. Meeting at 7:00 PM. Please make every effort to attend.

**June 8th... Cook At Ronald McDonald House...** Meet at the council hall at 3:00 PM.

**June 9th... Family Dinner...** 6:00 PM Come join us for an easy night out.

**June 14th... Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting** starts at 7:00 PM... See you there!

**June 15th... Knights Dinner Meeting...** Dinner at 7:00 PM.

**June 16th... Cigar Night...** Save the date

**July 12th... Ladies Installation Dinner...** Please save the date.

## Our Council's Attendance Raffle Is Now \$52.00

With each meeting and event our raffle continues to grow. Every member has a chance!

## Resolutions To Be Voted On

We have two resolutions to be considered at our June meeting. We will be voting to give \$500 to support Hudson Valley Honor Flight and \$300 to support the Port Chester Fire Department. We hope you will attend and show your support to these requests.

## Recruit! New Members - Bring In New Ideas

With the right recruitment strategy in place, we can ensure that every eligible Catholic man in our parish has the opportunity to join this council. A direct result of recruiting will be our council's ability to increase its charitable impact in our parish and community. While there are many examples of recruitment activities, all are meant to inspire you into action. By recruiting new members, our council is continuing Father Michael J. McGivney's vision and commitment of providing assistance to people in St. John Bosco Parish and the Port Chester and Rye Brook communities. Please offer the wonderful gift of membership to your sons, brothers, co-workers and neighbors.

## Summer Dates Are Filling Up - Plan Family Events Now

Our grand ballroom can accommodate 100-120 folks, with a dance floor! If you are considering to have your family gathering or events at our facility, now is the time to contact our Hall Rental Team. The room rental rates are reasonable and there is a significant discount for Knights of Columbus members. Please call the council hall: 914-939-4343 or send a written email message to: [Rentals@KofC503.org](mailto:Rentals@KofC503.org) (our council's rental email.) We look forward to speaking with you.

## The Feast of Saint Calogero - June 18th

It's a mixture of folklore, tradition and devotion. The tradition tells that the "black" Saint, came to Sicily to evangelize it and to spread the Christian faith in the island. St. Calogero preached and took care of the sick and the poor men. He treated sick people with the sulphury waters that he found in the lava caves, where he lived in hermitage.



*Pray The Rosary Every Day*

