



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

# MESSENGER

JULY 2023

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**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

- CHAPLAIN  
Fr. Thomas Provenzano
- GRAND KNIGHT  
Mark Scocchera
- DEP. GRAND KNIGHT  
Philip Dorazio
- CHANCELLOR  
Gerard Ferraro
- WARDEN  
Miguel Villafane
- RECORDER  
Patrick Carty
- FIN. SECRETARY  
FDD Charles Sacco
- TREASURER  
Scott LaDore
- ADVOCATE  
Joseph Vita
- LECTURER  
Vacant
- INSIDE GUARD  
Sonny Padavil
- OUTSIDE GUARD  
Fred Meyers
- TRUSTEES  
1-PGK Henry Ruffler  
2-PGK Ken Sunderland  
3-PGK Tony Mendicino
- 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

The Council Elects Mark Scocchera  
To Serve As Our 58th Grand Knight



On Thursday, June 1st, at our monthly Business Meeting, we elected Deputy Grand Knight Mark Scocchera to serve as the Fifty Eight Grand Knight of our council. We are all very happy and confident with this choice. Mark is excited about the new position and looks forward to the challenging work ahead. He is asking for everyone to actively recruit new members and participate in the many council programs. The activities and social events depend upon us growing the council membership and supporting each other. Congratulations to all our new officers! Please keep all of the newly elected council leaders and the Ladies Auxiliary officers in your prayers.

Our council needs you to recruit new members!

President Toni Sacco Re-elected  
To Lead Our Ladies Auxiliary

At their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 14th, our Ladies Auxiliary re-elected Toni Sacco to continue to serve as it's President. The Annual Installation of Officers Dinner will take place on Wednesday, July 12th at Trattoria 632, located at 632 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY 10577. All are welcome. The cost is \$60 per person and it promises to be a wonderful event. For details, contact: President Toni Sacco at 914-318-6545. Paid reservations are due by Wednesday, July 5th. Please send your checks to: Toni Sacco, 340 South Regent Street #5B, Port Chester NY 10573. We look forward to seeing each of you there.



**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



- July 4th... Independence Day-Fourth of July... Please enjoy a safe holiday.
- July 12th... Ladies Installation Dinner... See the article on page one.
- July 13th... Cook At Ronald McDonald House... Meet at the council hall at 3:00 PM.
- July 20th... Knights Dinner Meeting... Dinner at 7:00 PM. Come early and cook.
- Aug 17th... Flag Retirement Ceremony - Knights Social Meeting... Please save the date.
- Aug 26th... Port Chester Day! Raffle to benefit Holy Rosary Food Pantry.

## Our Council's Attendance Raffle Is Now \$61.00

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

## Raffle To Benefit Holy Rosary Food Pantry

In an effort to help our neighbors, the council will be selling 50-50 raffle tickets to benefit the Holy Rosary Food Pantry. Chances are \$1 each. Six tickets for \$5 and Fifteen tickets for \$10. For information, please contact Financial Secretary Chas Sacco.



Charity ~ Unity ~ Fraternity

## Council To Host Flag Retirement Ceremony



Thursday, August 17th at 7:00 PM. This patriotic exercise is a follow up to the Memorial Day Cemetery Flag placements. If you would like to donate worn flags, please contact Chas Sacco. We will be cutting and burning American flags in a solemn gathering. Afterwards, we will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs and soda. Please spread the word. All are welcome.

## Bring In New Knights and Ladies

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.

## Autum Dates Are Filling Up - Plan Your Family Events Now

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



*Pray The Rosary Every Day*

