



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

# MESSENGER

MARCH 2025

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

## COUNCIL OFFICERS

CHAPLAIN

Vacant

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

Patrick Carty

LECTURER

Angelo Ponzi

INSIDE GUARD

Sonny Padavil

OUTSIDE GUARD

Fred Meyers

TRUSTEES

1-Ken Sunderland

2-PGK Tony Mendicino

3-PGK Henry Ruffler

CORPORATION BOARD

Scott LaDore

PGK Tony Mendicino

PGK Henry Ruffler

PGK Thomas Tempesta

LADIES PRESIDENT

Toni Sacco

1-914-318-6545

DISTRICT DEPUTY

Steven Brundage

1-914-310-9150

FIELD AGENT

John Connolly

914-497-1001

## Council Enjoys Annual Venison Dinner



Our annual Venison Dinner was enjoyed by just under fifty guests. We were fortunate to have an abundance of capable volunteers to assist with the food preparation, table serving and clean up. Many hands truly do make light work. This event was a wonderful activity. We were able to profit \$2,000 for our Charity Works. Seen here, Past Grand Knight Eddie Rivera and Inside Guard Sonny Padavil put the finishing

touches on the Venison Meatloaf. We are already considering menu items for year's fest. Once again we must thank all of the volunteers who helped to make this dinner a fantastic success. Great job!!!

## Christopher Bivona Receives His Membership Degree Certificate

On Thursday, February 6th new Brother Chris Bivona has presented his Membership Degree Certificate by our Grand Knight Mark Scocchera. Chris has been involved with the council for a couple of year, participating in the Cigar Nights and other social events. Taking the Degree of Charity, Unity and Fraternity has made it official. Welcome Brother! We look forward to many years of fellowship and Charity.



### 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



Father John M. Grady Council #503

**Knights of Columbus**

327 Westchester Avenue - Port Chester NY



will host



# Pasta Fridays

To benefit our

**St. John Bosco Parish**

**\$10 per person**

\$5 per youth under 12

**Every Friday During Lent**

**March 7th - April 11th**

**Dinner served 5-7 PM**

Grand Ballroom of the Knights of Columbus Hall

**Take Out Containers Are Available**

**Bread ~ Salad ~ Pasta Buffet ~ Soda**

Ziti with Marinara Sauce ~ Linguine with Butter Sauce

**Cash Bar For Beer & Wine Will Also Be Available**

All Brother Knights are Welcome to witness the Exemplification of

# Charity Unity & Fraternity

Thursday - March 20, 2025

Lower Meeting Hall 7:00 PM

**YOU ARE BORN A MAN  
YOU BECOME A KNIGHT!**

*Scan with phone camera!*



**YOU ARE CALLED! JOIN TODAY!**

**Free 12 Month Membership**

*Visit*

**KofC.org/JoinUs**

*Use Promo Code*

**BlessedMcGivney**

## **We Must Recruit New Brothers To Continue Our Service To The Saint John Bosco Parish And Our Community**

Sometimes, all you have to do is ask. When men from the neighborhood see us in action they might be wondering what the Knights of Columbus is all about. They may see us around town wearing our shirts or jackets, and ask a few questions. This is an opportunity to introduce new members into our Order. Invite them to a social event. Ask them to participate in a council activity. Sometimes, all you have to do is ask.

**We Need To Welcome Catholic Men Into Our Council**



# Lent ~ Prepares Us For Easter



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th!! But what exactly is Lent? Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446). In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics. Prepare your hearts and minds for the Easter Celebration!



# Council Business & Events



- March 6th... Knights Business Meeting...** Please join us for a manly meal at 7:00 PM.  
We need you there to vote on our donations. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.
- March 7th... Pasta Fridays...** Dinner from 5-7 PM in our Grand Ballroom.
- March 9th... Scout Sunday...** All Scout and their families are invited. Mass 11 AM. Lunch 12 Noon.
- March 12th... Ladies Auxiliary Meeting...** Meetings will resume in March.
- March 13th... Cook At Ronald McDonald House...** Meet at the council hall at 3:00 PM.
- March 14th... Pasta Fridays...** Dinner from 5-7 PM in our Grand Ballroom.
- March 18th... Fourth Degree Meeting...** Hosted by our council. 7:30 PM Lower Meeting Room.
- March 19th... Port Chester Italian Heritage Club...** Meet downstairs at 7:00 PM.
- March 20th... Membership Degree - Knights Dinner Meeting...** Please join us for dinner at 7:00 PM.
- March 21st... Pasta Fridays...** Dinner from 5-7 PM in our Grand Ballroom.
- March 28th... Pasta Fridays...** Dinner from 5-7 PM in our Grand Ballroom.

## Attendance Raffle Is Now \$17.00

With each meeting and event our council's attendance raffle continues to grow.  
Every Brother Knight has a chance to win. You must be there!

## Pasta Fridays ~ March 7th - April 11th

Our Council be hosting this program as a fundraiser for the St. John Bosco Parish. We will host **Pasta Fridays During Lent**. The cost is \$10 Per Adult and \$5 Per Youth. The program will run each week from March 7th through April 11th. Doors open at 4:30 PM. Dinner will be served from 5-7 PM, in the Grand Ballroom of the Knights of Columbus Hall. There will be a 50-50 raffle each week. Please invite the entire family and spread the word. **All are welcome!**



## Council Dues Are Now Past Due

Please send in your payment ASAP. We now offer members the option of paying their dues or making a donation through Venmo. Simply type in: @Council 503.  
Please let us know what the payment is for in the memo section.

## Resolutions To Be Voted On

We have a resolution for \$750 to support the Knights. A baseball team in the Port Chester Youth Baseball League. There is also a resolution for \$3,000 to repair and update our Members Lounge, formerly know as the card room. Please come and have your vote counted. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Please Schedule Your Events For The Summertime Now

Our grand ballroom can accommodate 75-100 folks, with a dance floor! If you are considering to have your family events at our facility, now is the time to contact us. The rental rates are reasonable and there is a significant discount for Knights of Columbus members. Please call the council hall: 914-939-4343 or email us: [Rentals@KofC503.org](mailto:Rentals@KofC503.org) We look forward to speaking with you.



*Pray The Rosary Every Day*

