



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

MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2025

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Vacant

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Mark Scocchera

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WARDEN

Miguel Villafane

RECORDER

Patrick Carty

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FDD Charles Sacco

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Fred Meyers

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2-PGK Henry Ruffler

3-PGK Thomas Tempesta

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LADIES PRESIDENT

Toni Sacco

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Girl Scouts Help Council Honor Veterans



We are so grateful for all who served.

We are so very thankful for our veterans. This event has been one of the staples of our council since 2012. For eleven years local scouts from Port Chester and Rye Brook have prepared lunch for the veterans. Our Emcee Brother Chet Edwards, performed a very moving POW-MIA remembrance ceremony. The photos above show the scout receiving the can opener lesson from Charles Sacco. The young women serving the buffet lunch. Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance alongside a local veteran. Under the watchful eye of Mayor Luis Marino and being instructed by Navigator Chet Edwards, Sophia, daughter of a Brother Knight rehearses the American flag retirement ceremony. Which these women performed flawlessly. Many thanks to all of our volunteers and especially the veterans who have given so much to our community and our nation.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 PM



COUNCIL HALL RENTALS

Call : 914-939-4343

Rentals@KofC503.org



LADIES AUXILIARY

2nd Wednesday - 7:00 PM

Dinner Dance Crew Serves Up Buffet

On Friday, November 14th, our Ladies Auxiliary hosted a Dinner Dance. We had a good crowd and the preparation, serving and clean up went very smoothly. Seen to the right is the kitchen and buffet staff. Charlie Sacco, Katie Egan, Ladies President Toni Sacco, Elizabeth Egan, and Grand Knight Mark Scocchera. Miguel Villafane worked the bar. Our next Dinner Dance is scheduled for Valentine's Day, February 14th. We hope that you will be able to join us.



Council Hosts The Annual Seminary Fundraiser



Our grand ballroom was filled with love and support for our future priests. This event is hosted by the Westchester Putnam Chapter. We provided the space, food and volunteers. The seminarians were immediately put to work. They are seen here serving lunch to every guest as they came through the buffet line. As each support came up the seminarians made it a point to personally thank them individually.

Now Is The Time To Bring In New Brothers!

The reasons to recruit for the Knights of Columbus include the opportunity to grow in faith, strengthen the Catholic Church and community, and provide financial security for members and their families. Recruiting also helps expand the organization's charitable reach to support causes like the poor, the homeless, and those with intellectual disabilities, which in turn strengthens the "band of brothers" and allows them to better fulfill their mission of service and charity.





Father John M. Grady Council #503

Knights of Columbus

327 Westchester Avenue - Port Chester NY

In partnership with the



Port Chester Italian Heritage Club



**The JAM Show
"Acoustic Duo"**

**Featuring Mike Tee
and John Hanlon**

Christmas Bash

\$30 Adults ~ \$10 Kids Under 12

Friday ~ December 19th

Doors open at: 6:30 pm ~ Knights of Columbus Hall

Special Holiday Menu

Tossed Garden Salad ~ Penne & Meatballs
Chicken Milanese ~ Eggplant Parmigiana
Broccoli ~ Celebration Cake ~ Soda Included

Reservations are requested... please help us plan ahead

Charlie Sacco: 914-907-4068

Debbie Scocchera: 914-447-1322

Cash Bar will also be available



Council Business & Events



- Dec 4th... Monthly Business Meeting...** Dinner at: 7:00 PM. Meeting at: 7:30 PM. Join us for a meal and fellowship. We need you there to conduct council business.
- Dec 10th... Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting...** At: 7:00 PM. All ladies are invited.
- Dec 16th... Cook At Ronald McDonald House...** Meet at the council hall at 3:00 PM.
- Dec 16th... Fourth Degree Christmas Party...** Hosted by the Larchmont Council
- Dec 18th... Knights Dinner Meeting...** Please join us for dinner at 7:00 PM. All Brothers and recruits are encouraged to attend. We look forward to meeting you.
- Dec 19th... Christmas Bash...** at 7:00 PM All are welcome. See flyer.
- Dec 25th... Christmas...** Enjoy a wonderful Christmas day celebration with your family.
- Jan 1st... Solemnity of Mary...** Let's start the year by honoring our Mother and Patroness.

Our Council's Attendance Raffle Is Now \$5.00

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

Resolutions To Be Voted On



At our last monthly business meeting we failed to meet the minimum quorum requirement. We were unable to conduct any council business or make donations. There is a resolution for \$1,500 to sponsor three Honor Flight Guardians. Council members will receive a preference. We need your support for this worthy request. Please make every effort to attend.

Enjoy the peace and comfort of this joyous holiday season.
God's greatest gift of love has been sent to us in Our Lord Jesus Christ.



Our Lady of the Americas

The title "Our Lady of the Americas" refers to the devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, specifically under the title "Our Lady, the Immaculate Virgin, Patroness of America." This title was approved by the local bishop in 1963, based on supposed apparitions to Sister Mary Ephrem in Indiana. This devotion is distinct from other Marian titles associated with the Americas, such as Our Lady of Guadalupe, who is the Patroness of Mexico. Our Mother and our guide!

Now Is The Time To Plan Your Family's Winter Events

Our grand ballroom can accommodate up to 100 guests, 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 rental rates are reasonable and there is a significant discount for active Knights of Columbus members. Call the council hall: 914-939-4343 or send an email message to: Rentals@KofC503.org (our council's rental email.) We look forward to helping you plan a wonderful event.



Pray The Rosary Every Day

