



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

MESSENGER

MAY 2026

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

COUNCIL OFFICERS

CHAPLAIN

Fr. Felix Levin SDB

GRAND KNIGHT

Mark Scocchera

DEP. GRAND KNIGHT

Philip Dorazio

CHANCELLOR

PGK Carl Bencivenga

WARDEN

Miguel Villafane

RECORDER

Patrick Carty

FIN. SECRETARY

FDD Charles Sacco

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Patrick Carty

LECTURER

Angelo Ponzi

INSIDE GUARD

Sonny Padavil

OUTSIDE GUARD

Fred Meyers

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1-PGK Tony Mendicino

2-PGK Henry Ruffler

3-PGK Thomas Tempesta

CORPORATION BOARD

Scott LaDore

PGK Tony Mendicino

PGK Henry Ruffler

PGK Thomas Tempesta

LADIES PRESIDENT

Toni Sacco

1-914-318-6545

DISTRICT DEPUTY

Anthony Fiore

1-914-879-7568

FIELD AGENT

Daniel Hooker

1-845-735-2652

Pasta Fridays Makes A Difference !

Our 2026 Pasta Friday program has been a wonderful success. Many of the parishioners from the St. John Bosco Parish came for dinner every week. Each time, over the five years, they have been greeted by Rosemarie Valenti. She has always been there. Since the inception of this program, our council has contributed \$20,000 to the parish. That's not a misprint. This fundraiser would not have been possible without the help of our volunteers. Thanks to all who to helped us each week, especially the diners.



Ronald McDonald House Dinner



On Thursday, April 9th our council members prepared dinner for the parents at Ronald Mc Donald House. The day's menu featured: A Tossed Garden Salad, Sliced Flank Steak, Oven Browned Potatoes, and Corn with Pimientos. We also baked up a batch of Chocolate Chip Biscotti and a Banana Bread, Seen to the left is our Inside Guard Sonny Padavil and new brother Paul Mauro. Sonny is making sure the steak is sliced just right. We visit the house every month. All Knights are encouraged to join us. No cooking experience is necessary.

Election of Council Officers In June

Any Brother Knight, who wishes to be considered for an officer position should contact Grand Knight Mark Scocchera. Your leadership, involvement and commitment will enhance our meetings, fundraisers, religious activities and social gatherings. Please lend a hand in guiding our council. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Fr. Felix Levin SDB To Become The Fr. John M. Grady Council's Twenty Fourth Chaplain



Since our council's founding in 1900 only twenty four priests have served as our Chaplain. We are excited that Fr. Felix will become our new Chaplain. He received the honors of membership on Thursday, April 16 along with four new Brother Knights. We look forward to his involvement with our meetings, charity events and social activities. We know that his presence will enhance our gathers and undertakings. Please keep Fr. Felix, and all of the new members of our council in your prayers.

Five New Men Took The Membership Degree



Our council is so very fortunate to receive five new members into our Order. On Thursday, April 16th we welcomed these new Brothers. Seen from Left to right: Deputy Grand Knight Philip Dorazio, new members: Nicholas Aufiero, Lucas Gemio, Joseph Scocchera, Antony Caraciollo and our Grand Knight Mark Scocchera. We welcome you and need your input.

Council Continues It's Father & Son Tradition

With the addition of Lucas Gemio, we now have eleven pairs of fathers and sons in our membership. Twelve if you consider the Johnson twins. It is a very special feeling to share your experience with your son. This was a wonderful event. We look forward to this tradition becoming generational. I look forward to seeing grandfathers welcoming their grandsons into the Order.



All You Have To Do Is Ask

Many of our members were asked why they waited so long to join the Knights of Columbus. All too often the answer was "nobody ever asked me." 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 different examples of recruitment activities, all are meant to inspire you into action. By recruiting new members, our council is continuing Fr Michael J. McGivney's vision and commitment of providing assistance to people in the St. John Bosco Parish and the Port Chester and Rye Brook communities. Please offer the gift of membership to your sons, brothers, friends, and neighbors.

The member and officers' signatures are required for this form to be processed
Please complete this form legibly

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| TRANSACTION | | | | PROVIDE SUPERVISOR INFORMATION BELOW | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> READMISSION (up to 7 years) | | <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE TO ADULT | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> REAPPLICATION (over 7 years) | | NEXT OF KIN | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> REACTIVATION (inactive insurance) | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> DATA CHANGE | | TELEPHONE # | | |
| | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> SUSPENSION | | STREET | | |
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| MO | | | | DATE OF BIRTH | DAY | YEAR | COUNTRY (ENTER USE) | |
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| E-MAIL ADDRESS | | | | OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER | | LAST FOUR DIGITS OF TAX ID (incl. SSN, EIN) XXXXXX- | | |
| ARE YOU A PRACTICAL OR PRACTICING COPENIC IN UNION WITH THE HOLY SEED? | | | | FATHER NAME, LOCATION (CITY, STATE) | | FORMER COLUMBIAN MEMBER | | |
| YES NO | | | | 1. FIRST | | 2. SECOND | | 3. THIRD |
| 4. FOURTH | | | | NUMBER OF LAST COUNCIL | | COUNCIL LOCATION (CITY, STATE) | | |
| I HEREBY RECOMMEND THE ABOVE APPLICANT FOR MEMBERSHIP | | | | I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I WILL UPHOLD THE CHARTER CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND ANY OF ITS COUNCILS IN WHICH I HOLD OFFICE AND THAT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAY VERIFY THE INFORMATION PROVIDED. | | | | |
| PROPOSER'S MEMBER NUMBER (required) | | | | DATE | | SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT | | SIGNATURE OF GRAND KNIGHT |
| X | | | | X | | X | | X |

SEE DEPENDENT ON REVERENDS/CLERICS NOT APPLY TO PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

A copy of this form should be sent to the council agent for his records

SUPREME OFFICE COPY



The Scocchera Brothers

The Membership Degree on April 16th was truly a wonderful event. With the addition of new Knight Joe Scocchera, we now have five brothers in our council. We look forward to having Joe join our kitchen crew.



Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 119th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

WASHINGTON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026

House of Representatives

SALUTING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER JOHN M. GRADY COUNCIL 503

HON. GEORGE LATIMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Mr. Latimer of New York. Mr. Speaker, I would like to salute the leadership and the membership of the Knights of Columbus Father John M. Grady Council 503 located in Port Chester, New York, for their service to the community.

The Knights, an organization of Catholic men nationwide, are organized into local councils and draw their membership in Council 503 from the parishes of St. John Bosco and the churches within the parish, including Corpus Christi-Holy Rosary, and formerly named Our Lady of Mercy.

The Knights of Council 503, led by Grand Knight Mark Scocchera and Deputy Grand Knight Phil Dorazio, have an active program that works to support the parish with local dinners and fundraising events, programs for the seniors and the veterans of the Port Chester community and the Rye Brook community, and programs for young people, especially through the Scouting troop programs.

They maintain an active Knights of Columbus hall that hosts their events and other events in the village with the ever-present chef, past Grand Knight Charlie Sacco, and his wife, the head of the Ladies Auxiliary, Toni Sacco, in charge. You can join them for Pasta Fridays every Friday night during Lent. It is very affordable.

From the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, we salute the Knights of Columbus Father John M. Grady Council 503 for their service to Catholic values and their service to the local Port Chester and Rye Brook communities.

HON. GEORGE LATIMER

Member of Congress



Giddy up, it's time for
KNIGHT AT THE RACES

Hosted by The Ladies Auxiliary

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Knights of Columbus – Lower Hall

327 Westchester Ave ~ Port Chester, NY

Doors Open at 6:00pm/ Race Time at 7:00pm

\$20 per person–includes lite fare/Cash Bar available

**Adult guests will be able to place bets on races.
10 races total.**

**Reservations/payment must be made in advance by
Monday, May 4**

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**Reservations – text to 914-318-6545**

**Payment – via Venmo to: @Council503**

**Or send check to: address above Att: Ladies Auxiliary**



GOOD MUSIC  
GOOD PEOPLE  
GOOD FOOD  
GOOD TIME

# Dinner ~ Dancing

and More

Hosted by the K of C Ladies Auxiliary

at the

Knights of Columbus

327 Westchester Ave Port Chester, NY

Saturday

May 30, 2026 6 pm

\$ 30. per person

Includes: Dinner, Soda, Coffee, Dessert

☆ Cash Bar Available ☆

Reservations Required / Paid in Advance

Please Respond by May 23

Music with   
Anthony Radice

For Information Contact : Toni Sacco 914 318-6545

RETURN THIS SECTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Please make checks payable and send to: P. C. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY / DINNER  
327 WESTCHESTER AVE  
PORT CHESTER NY 10573

PLEASE PRINT

Saturday May 30, 2026  
(Please Respond by May 23)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Per Person \$ 30.

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

(USE REVERSE SIDE TO LIST NAMES OF GUESTS)



Father John M. Grady Council #503  
**Knights of Columbus**  
327 Westchester Avenue - Port Chester NY



**Second Annual**

# **New England Clam Boil**

To benefit the American Autism Foundation



**Friday**  
**June 5th**  
Doors Open at 6:00  
Feast at 7:00 PM!

**We're going to boil up:**

Big Boy Shrimp ~ P.E.I. Mussels ~ Little Neck Clams  
Polska Kielbasa ~ Corn-on-the-Cob ~ Red Potatoes

**\$30 Paid In Advance**

**\$40 Day of The Event ~ No Exceptions**

**Send Payment To:**

Knight of Columbus Clam Boil  
327 Westchester Avenue ~ Port Chester NY 10573

**Simply Venmo@Council 503**

For more information, please contact

Fred Meyers: fredmeyers61@gmail.com or 914-924-3903  
Charlie Sacco: saccofamilytree@gmail.com or 914-907-4068

**A Cash Bar Will Be Available!**



# Council Business & Events



- May 7th... **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.
- May 8th... **Night At The Races...** Please check out the flyer on page 3.
- May 9th... **Post Office Food Drive...** Place a non-perishable food by or in your mailbox.
- May 13th... **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting...** Meet downstairs at 7:00 PM..
- May 14th... **Cook At Ronald McDonald House...** Meet at the council hall at 3:00 PM.
- May 19th... **Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting...** Hosted by our Council. in us for dinner at 7:30 PM. All Brothers are encouraged to attend.
- May 21st... **Knights Dinner Meeting...** Please join us for dinner at 7:00 PM.
- May 23rd... **Scouts Place Cemetery Flags** 11:00 AM in St. Mary's Cemetery. We will place flags on veterans' graves. Pizza & Soda in the council hall afterwards.
- May 30th... **Dinner Dance...** See page 4 for details.
- Jun 4th... **Annual Election of Council Officers...** Please make every effort to participate in the process. Please don't let this council run without you.
- Jun 5th... **Annual Clam Boil...** Reservations are a must. See page 5 for details.

## Our Council's Attendance Raffle Is Now 55.00

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

## Final Dues Notices Have Been Sent To A Few Brothers

We want you to be an active member in our council. If you haven't done so, please send in your dues payment as soon as possible. If you receive a suspension notice, please take it seriously.

## Resolution To Be Voted On

\$200 for a Corpus Christi Gala Journal Ad. \$300 for a Don Bosco Community Center Journal Ad. There is a resolution to consider holding our Business Meetings on the Third Thursday of the Month. This would require a Council By-Laws change. Please attend and participate.

## America's Largest Food Drive - May 9th



On Saturday, May 9th, letter carriers across America will be collecting food donations. Please leave your non-perishable donation in, or near your mailbox. All collected items benefit local families. You can also help by sending a donation directly to the St. John Bosco Food Pantry. 22 Don Bosco Place, Port Chester NY 10573. All food collected in town will stay in town. You truly are feeding your neighbors. Please be generous.

## 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 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 email us: [Rentals@KofC503.org](mailto:Rentals@KofC503.org)



*Pray The Rosary Every Day*

