



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

# MESSENGER

**JUNE 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**

**TREASURER**  
**Scott LaDore**

**ADVOCATE**  
**Patrick Carty**

**LECTURER**  
**Angelo Ponzi**

**INSIDE GUARD**  
**Sonny Padavil**

**OUTSIDE GUARD**  
**Fred Meyers**

**TRUSTEES**  
**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

**Honor St. Joseph On Fathers' Day**

O Glorious Saint Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer and Protector of the Holy Family, I implore your holy intercession for my loved ones.

Take my family under your fatherly protection and care. Shield our home from all danger, harm, and distress. Instill within us the virtues of love, humility, and unity, so that we may create a peaceful and harmonious environment.

Grant us the courage to forgive one another, the wisdom to understand each other's needs, and the unwavering faith to trust in God's divine guidance. Just as you provided for and protected Jesus and Mary, provide for our temporal needs and guide our family closer to Christ. Amen.



**We Remember Our Fallen Heroes**



Our Fourth Degree Honor Guard was on hand at St. Mary's Cemetery to remember our fallen heroes. Along with council members and wives, we were joined by dozens of scouts (and their parents) from Port Chester and Rye Brook. The light rain did not hinder the ceremony or the placing of American Flags at each service members grave. Afterwards our kitchen crew served up a fantastic luncheon of hot dogs, hamburgers with chips and sodas. Thanks to everyone who helped. out.

**Ladies To Host A Tea Party**

The Ladies Auxiliary will host the Inaugural Annual Tea Party to honor Past President Gloria Morelli. Please join us for dinner & tea at our regular monthly meeting, on Wednesday June 10th. We will begin early at 6:00 PM. Feel free to dress up if you want- we are celebrating our members and the memory of Gloria. Light "Tea" sandwiches will be served. You can bring your own fancy cups and saucers if you like. If you can attend, please text or call Toni Sacco at 914-318-6545. Spread the word.

**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 Elections Set For June 4th

**Grand Knight**  
Philip Dorazio

**Deputy Grand Knight**  
Fred Meyers

**Chancellor**  
PGK Carl Bencivenga

**Warden**  
Miguel Villafane

**Recorder**  
Patrick Carty

**Treasurer**  
Scott LaDore

**Advocate**  
Patrick Carty

**Trustee - Three Years**  
PGK Mark Scocchera Sr.

**Inside Guard**  
Angelo Ponzi

**Outside Guard**  
Nicholas Dorazio

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Not up for election:

**Trustees**  
PGK Thomas Tempesta  
PGK Anthony Mendicino

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Appointed by Grand Knight:

**Chaplain**  
Fr. Felix Levin SBD

**Lecturer**  
Sonny Padavil

Appointed by Supreme Council:

**Financial Secretary**  
FDD Charles Sacco

**Official Notice:** The above slate of officers is being presented by our Council for the 2026-2027 Columbian Year. This election/meeting is very important and needs your participation. Any Third Degree Brother Knight, who wishes to be considered for an officer position should contact Grand Knight Mark Scocchera. We strongly encourage every member to participate in the election process. 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 of you 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** - Dineen LaDore

**Financial Secretary** - Rosemarie Valenti

**Treasurer** - Francine Ruta

**Inside Guard** - Laura D'Estrada

**Outside Guard** - Margaret Antiaris

**Trustees**-Teresa Camacho, Geri Kolok, Maria Cassone



## Twelve Council Members Have Taken The Degree of Patriotism And Are Now Sir Knights



On Saturday, April 25th our Fourth Degree Assembly welcomed these new Brother Sir Knights. This event was hosted by Master Carl Schneider of the Saint Isaac Jogues Province. Our own Parish of Saint John Bosco Parish was the location for this wonderful event. All of these new Fourth Degree Brothers are eligible to serve as Honor Guards in our Color Corps.

This photo is of the entire class. Our members who are seen here. (You need to pick them out.) Grand Knight Mark Scocchera, Sr. Deputy Grand Knight Philip Dorazio, Chancellor Carl Bencivenga, Inside Guard Sonny Padavil, Outside Guard Fred Myers, Recorder Patrick Carty, Nicholas Dorazio, Paul Mauro, Frank DeLeo, Joseph Occicone, Mark Scocchera Jr. and Damian Guzman. We welcome you.

We hope that you will become active members of the Cardinal Farley Assembly.



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**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!**



*First Annual  
Gloria Morelli  
Memorial  
Tea Party*

*Wednesday June 10, 2026*

*at the*

*Knights of Columbus*

*Ladies Auxiliary Meeting*





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Will be hosting a...



# Chicken Barbeque



Fundraiser to benefit Honor Flight. All dinner profits, raffle income and donations will go directly to assisting our veterans enjoy a day of celebration and thanks in Washington D.C.

Come join us for an old fashioned cook out!

**Saturday, June 20th**

**6:00 PM - Lower Meeting Room**

Side entrance - 327 Westchester Avenue

All-American Barbequed Chickens with Corn On the Cob, Red Potato Salad, Blueberry Pie, and Sodas.

**Please R.S.V.P. = Only \$30 per adult - \$10 Under 12**

There will be a cash bar for beer and wine.

**Let us know you will be attending!**

You can sit and eat with us or you can take it to go.

**To make a reservation; call Chet Edwards: 914-260-2122.**

**Payment can be sent via VENMO to: @Council503**



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**\$25  
Per  
Person**



# Balboa Night

**Friday - June 26th - 7:00 PM**

**All you can handle Roast Beef with  
Melted Swiss Cheese on Crusty Garlic Bread**

**Includes: Tossed Garden Salad**

**Soda ~ Chips & Dips & Salsa!**

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**Cash Bar will also be available for beer & wine  
For information contact Scott at: 914-882-0370**

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**Please use the Exchange (Side) Place Entrance**



Where God and See Come Together

**Men's Retreat Weekend**  
San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ  
**Friday, September 11 - Sunday, September 13, 2026**

**RETREAT THEME**

*Come Home: Opening Your Heart to Unconditional Love, Mercy, and Forgiveness.*

**The Cost of the Retreat**

\$325 includes a private room,  
2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches and 2  
dinners.

**Registrations are required**

Reservations may be made online at  
[www.sanalfonsoretreats.org/2026-  
events-registration-form](http://www.sanalfonsoretreats.org/2026-events-registration-form)  
or registration forms can be picked  
up at the rectory office and mailed  
to the retreat house with payment.

**Transportation**

Transportation is provided at an  
additional fee of \$95 roundtrip  
payable to St. Gregory the Great  
Church. The bus will leave from St.  
Gregory's School parking lot (94  
Broadway) on Friday, 9/11 at 1 p.m.  
and leaves San Alfonso Retreat  
House at 1 p.m. on Sunday 9/13.



**Very Important:** If you plan to attend,  
contact our Retreat Captain, Joe Scocchera at  
[mcdogwod@yahoo.com](mailto:mcdogwod@yahoo.com) or 914-760-4503 to  
be part of our group and to reserve a seat on  
the bus or for more info.

A retreat is a time to come away from the busy world and  
reflect on your spiritual life in a variety of ways in a peaceful  
coastal setting. ***Come Join us!***

**Church of St. Gregory the Great**

215 Halstead Ave, Harrison NY 10528 | 914-835-0677 | [stgreggreat@gmail.com](mailto:stgreggreat@gmail.com)



# Council Business & Events



- Jun 4th... Knights Business Meeting... Annual Election of Council Officers...** Please make every effort to participate. Please don't let this council run without you. A Steak Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.
- Jun 5th... Annual Clam Boil... Reservations are a must. See page 4 for details.**
- Jun 10th... Ladies Auxiliary Meeting... Tea Party...** downstairs at 7:00 PM..
- Jun 11th... Cook At Ronald McDonald House...** Meet at the council hall at 3:00 PM.
- Jun 13th... Flag Retirement Ceremony...** Join us at 1:00 PM. Rear Parking lot.
- Jun 16th... Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting...** Host Council to be determined. Join us for dinner at 7:00 PM. All Sir Knights are encouraged to attend.
- Jun 18th... Knights Dinner Meeting...** Please join us for dinner at 7:00 PM.
- Jun 20th... Honor Flight Barbeque...** Doors open at 12:Noon. See flyer on page 4.
- Jun 26th... Balboa Night...** Doors open at 6:00 PM. See flyer on page #5
- July 26th... Port Chester Italian Heritage Club Picnic...** Save the date!

## Our Council's Attendance Raffle Is Now \$67.50

Attend the meetings and events! Our raffle continues to grow. Every Knight has a chance to win!

## Recruit New Brothers... 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 with 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 Knights' membership to your sons, brothers, co-workers, and neighbors.

The member and official signatures are required for this form to be processed. Please complete this form quickly.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
A GAYLORD FAMILY FRATERNAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION

**Membership Document**

1. TRANSMISSION  
 NEW MEMBER  
 RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP  
 REINSTATEMENT (see 3-10-10) (see 3-10-10)  
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2. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION  
 FULL MEMBERSHIP (see 3-10-10)  
 LIFE MEMBERSHIP (see 3-10-10)  
 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP (see 3-10-10)  
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3. SIGNATURES  
 Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Council: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4. COUNCIL INFORMATION  
 Council No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Council Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Council Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
 I am a member of another Knights of Columbus Council.  
 I am a member of another fraternal organization.  
 I am a member of another religious organization.  
 I am a member of another fraternal service organization.

## Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony



Saturday, June 13th at 1:30 PM. This patriotic exercise is a follow up to the Memorial Day Cemetery Flag placements. We will be folding flags at 12:00 Noon. We need your help. The Retirement Ceremony will begin at 1:30 PM. Afterwards, we will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs and soda. Everyone is welcome.

## Please Schedule Your Family Events For The Fall Now

Our grand ballroom can accommodate 75-100 folks, with a dance floor! If you are considering to have your family a gathering or event 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*

