



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

MESSENGER

MARCH 2026

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

COUNCIL OFFICERS

CHAPLAIN

Vacant

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

Dinner Dance Serves Seventy Guests

On Valentine's Day our Ladies Auxiliary hosted a dinner dance for 70 guests and 10 volunteers. Seen in this photo is Betty Sacco and Ladies President Toni Sacco, flanking our Inside Guard, Sonny Padavil. He was delighted to be serving up the Stuffed Shells on the buffet line. The night went smoothly and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to everyone that came out to lend a hand. Our next dinner dance has been scheduled for May 30th.



Pasta Fridays Program Is Off To A Rip-Roaring Start!

Every week we have a new special. We welcomed over 100 diners each week. The Saint John Bsoco Parish has really gotten behind this fundraiser. We also saw some new faces on the serving line. New Brother Knights Paul Mauro and Frank DeLeo came to lend a hand. Please consider join us for dinner throughout the month of March. Doors open at 4:30 PM. Dinner will be served form 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 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



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

February 20th-March 27th

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



Father John M. Grady Council #503
Knights of Columbus

327 Westchester Avenue - Port Chester NY

In partnership with the



Port Chester Italian Heritage Club
St. Joseph's Feast

\$30 Adults ~ \$10 Kids Under 12



Sunday
March 15th

1:00 pm ~ Grand Ballroom
Knights of Columbus Hall

Tossed Garden Salad ~ Penne & Meatballs
Rigatoni w/Pesto ~ Eggplant Giambotta
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



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE



The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society, which means we can provide financial security to members and their families, while turning premiums into charitable impact. One of the staple financial security products that the Knights of Columbus offer is Life Insurance. There are many options to meet your individual needs of protection, from Whole Life insurance to Term insurance. We even offer a Life Insurance product for those who would normally be denied insurance due to health reasons. One of the saddest things we see is a GoFundMe page for a young individual that passes away prematurely, leaving his family behind with an unplanned financial burden. Please don't allow your family to be in that position!

The need for Long Term Care insurance continues to grow as our population ages. More than 70% of Americans over the age of 65 will need some form of Long Term Care services during their remaining lifetime. Some of you may have experienced seeing parents or loved ones utilize Long Term Care services like home health care or a nursing home, and the costs can add up quickly! Health insurance plans and government assistance programs do not provide sufficient coverage for Long Term Care needs. The Knights of Columbus offer Long Term Care insurance that provides reimbursement for a variety of out-of-pocket expenses caused by an individual's disability.

The Knights of Columbus offer an Annuity product that helps members safely grow their money without any market downside risk. If you have a 401k, IRA or another retirement fund, and you are concerned about the negative risk the market can have on your future retirement funds, you can rollover all or some of this money into an annuity. The annuity will grow with uninterrupted compound interest at a minimum guaranteed rate! If you don't have an old 401k or IRA fund, you can start a fresh Annuity and contribute to it as you comfortably see fit.

Disability Income is insurance protection that provides you the opportunity to protect perhaps your greatest asset – your ability to earn an income! The Knights of Columbus has developed a Disability Income insurance product designed to provide replacement income in the event of a disability.

Our Field Agent is Daniel Hooker. He will be more than happy to answer any of your questions regarding these products and services. He can be reached by phone at 845-735-2652, or by email at Daniel.hooker@kofc.org Dan will help you find the options that are right for you and your family. To search the options... check out the Supreme website: [Catholic Family Insurance – Insurance Plans | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](https://www.kofc.org)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WESTCHESTER PUTNAM CHAPTER



Assembly 692, Cardinal John Farley Assembly (S.E. Westchester)
Assembly 694, Dr. John G. Coyle Assembly (White Plains)
Assembly 718, Father Joseph A. Damin Assembly (N. Westchester)
Assembly 1572, Mother Cabrini Assembly (Carmel)

2026 4TH DEGREE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

OUR GOAL IS 30+ NEW SIR KNIGHTS

**ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE ASKED TO JOIN THE 4TH DEGREE
COUNCILS RECRUIT YOUR MEMBERS TO JOIN THE 4TH DEGREE
KNIGHTS FROM ALL CHAPTERS ARE WELCOME**

4th Degree Exemplification

SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2026

8:00 AM CELEBRATORY MASS

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH, 260 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, PORT CHESTER, NY 10573

9:00 AM CANDIDATE REGISTRATION

KoFC PORT CHESTER COUNCIL 503, 327 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, PORT CHESTER NY 10573

10:00 am 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONY

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH, 260 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, PORT CHESTER, NY 10573

FOLLOWED BY NEW SIR KNIGHTS WELCOME LUNCHEON

KoFC PORT CHESTER COUNCIL 503, 327 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, PORT CHESTER NY 10573

**FAMILIES OF CANDIDATES ARE INVITED TO WITNESS THE EXEMPLIFICATION
AND JOIN THE NEW SIR KNIGHTS AT THE WELCOME LUNCHEON
CANDIDATES FEE \$40. --- GUESTS FEE \$20**

CANDIDATES

SUBMIT A COMPLETED FORM 4 TO YOUR COUNCIL GK OR FS BY APRIL 15, 2026

COUNCILS

SUBMIT EACH EXECUTED FORM 4s TO THE DM BY APRIL 21, 2026

QUESTIONS OR TO OBTAIN FORM 4 DOCUMENTS CONTACT:

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CBEwards6@gmail.com, 914-260-2122 cell



Council Business & Events



- Mar 1st... Scout Sunday...** All Scout and their families are invited. Mass 11 AM. Lunch at the Council Hall at 12 Noon.
- Mar 5th... 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.
- Mar 6th... Pasta Fridays...** Dinner from 5-7 PM in our Grand Ballroom.
- Mar 8th... King Street School Pancake Breakfast...** 10:00 AM... Pleas page 4.
- Mar 11th... Ladies Auxiliary Meeting...** Meetings will resume in March.
- Mar 12th... Cook At Ronald McDonald House...** Meet at the council hall at 3:00 PM.
- Mar 13th... Pasta Fridays...** Dinner from 5-7 PM in our Grand Ballroom.
- Mar 15th... St. Joseph's Feast...** Port Chester Italian Heritage Club Meeting... See page 3.
- Mar 17th.. Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting...** Hosted by the Pelham Council. Please join us for dinner at 7:00 PM. All Brothers are encouraged to attend.
- Mar 19th... Knights Dinner Meeting...** Please join us for dinner at 7:00 PM.
- Mar 20th... Pasta Fridays...** Dinner from 5-7 PM in our Grand Ballroom.
- Mar 27th... Pasta Fridays...** Dinner from 5-7 PM in our Grand Ballroom.

Our Council's Attendance Raffle Is Now \$35.00

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



Annual 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.

The Fourth Degree Assembly Need You!

Consider taking the Fourth Degree. Join us for many patriotic activities and fellowship. We look forward to speaking with you. The exemplification will be held locally. Check out page 5.



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 We look forward to speaking with you. Dates are filling up fast.



Pray The Rosary Every Day

