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*Nicole Sommers, Beacon editor*

## *A Special message from the Grand Knight*

Worthy Brothers,

As we enter the season of Lent may we remember to pray, to attend penance services and reflect until Easter Sunday. In our 40 days of Lent may we put ourselves in the desert with Jesus, fasting and resisting temptations. May we as Christian brother strengthen our bonds, not only with Christ, but with our family and council brothers.

We will be distributing ashes before the March business meeting on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be available to your family as well. We will kindly ask that once non members have received their ashes, that they exit the chamber so we can start our meeting.

Last month we welcomed a few new members into the council. Please greet and welcome them to our brotherhood. Our worthy chancellor and crew conducted a membership drive at St. Marks on Sunday the 23rd. We were blessed with interest from 5 or 6 potential new members. A great job by Mike and our council brothers.

Please see PGK Ralph Ferrara to sign up for the St. Patrick's Day dinner at the council on March 16th. We will be marching that day as well.

Doug Bauer  
Grand Knight

"What is it, you need me to do Lord?"

I know you are counting on me



*St. Jude Pray For Us*

*In Service*

*to one.*

*In service*

*to all.*



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“Humble yourselves,  
therefore, under God’s  
mighty hand, that he may  
lift you up in due time”  
~1 Peter 5:6

Lucky

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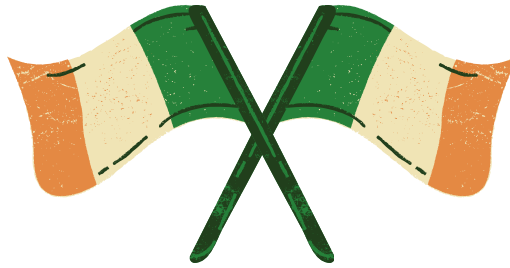
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St. Patrick's Day  
is celebrated  
every year on  
March 17, the  
anniversary of  
his death during  
the fifth  
century. St.  
Patrick's Day  
was originally  
celebrated in  
Ireland with  
religious  
services and  
feasts to honor  
St. Patrick,  
Ireland's patron  
saint.



# March 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5 Business Meeting Ash Wednesday - Ashes will be distributed prior to meeting	6	7	8
9 Day Light Savings	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 St. Patrick's Day Parade & Dinner 4pm	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Officers Meeting 7:30	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Notes				





## *A message from the District Deputy*

"You have to be the truth - love the truth - seek the truth - love the truth"- Pope John Brothers,

I would like to ask you a question - "Who are we"? Are we disciples or soldiers of the Church? We pledge to be the right hand of the Church, No? Christ will make his home in our hearts as you trust in him.

Starting this month (March 5th) starts the Lenten season. Remember to get closer to our faith during this time and also pick one thing to give up for the 40 days.

Remember Jesus died on the cross for us.

One more thing, I have been attending most of the council's socials, and I see the attendance dwindling. Is there a specific reason for the low attendance, is it price, menu, what? Please let the GK Doug know if there is a specific issue with the socials.

Lastly, please try and support events from the Chapter, Assembly, and from other councils in our District.

**Don't Forget about St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16!**

**Wishing all a Happy St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day!**

Thank you for all that you do!

God Bless you all,

Thomas Romano



**Join a committee and put your faith into action!**

**Contact the Chairman for the information**

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### Ladies Auxiliary Corner

For more information about joining the St. Ladies Auxiliary, please call the President Marie Basileo at (631) 821 - 6071

### March Birthdays

Robert Russell	Mar 6
Dr. Joseph Tommasino	Mar 13
Ralph Cretella	Mar 16
DEA Patrick Gerace	Mar 17
Robert Grady	Mar 17
Patrick Panella	Mar 18
Joseph Cognitore	Mar 19
William Benson	Mar 24
Louis Pandolfi	Mar 24
Thomas Oliveri	Mar 27
Michael Pantozzi	Mar 29
Domenick Abbate	Mar 30
Robert Celentano	Mar 30
Salvatore Campo	Mar 31
Paul Gasiewski	Mar 31



Any information for the bulletin please send

**NO LATER THAN THURSDAY February 20!!!!**

In the subject line please put KofC Bulletin

If you want the bulletin on time please submit  
information by the due date! Thank you

Contact Nicole Sommers at [nicolesomm08@gmail.com](mailto:nicolesomm08@gmail.com)

#### Financial Secretary's Corner

Associate members - 139

Insurance members - 76

Inactive members - 14

Total members - 229

Honorary members - 3

Honorary Life members - 52

Exempt members - 1

Martin Mascola

*" I'm a great  
believer in  
luck, and I  
find the  
harder I  
work, the more  
luck I have."*

*- Thomas  
Jefferson*



#### Please Keep in Your Prayers

Paul Basileo PGK, Michael Jordan, Deacon Joe Bartolotto PGK, Rich Olivea PGK, PDD, Ralph Taylor, Mike Pantozzi and his daughter Suzan, Michael Donovan, John Cantone, Donna Johan, Bob LoNigro and The LoNigro Family, Nicole Sommers

Contact GK Doug Bauer (644) 284-7276, if you know of a member in need of prayers.



## Grand Knight's Corner

If any member knows of the passing of a Brother Knight or knows of a Brother Knight in need, please notify GK Doug Bauer at (646) 284 - 7276 or our Funeral Services Director Ralph Ferrara at (631) 662 - 1235



Some important dates and  
info to look out for!!

**NO!**

**UPDATE**

Information from  
Beacon Editor:

Please continue to send  
information in a timely  
manner to my email  
address.

# Knights in Action



*Join us for a celebration on Sunday, March 16, 2025*

*Following the St. Patrick's Day Parade*

*For Corned Beef and Cabbage with Potatoes*

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# Brothers In Need

**Brothers if you know of a Brother Knight in Need of Assistance please contact GK Doug Bauer. Below is a program that can help them.**

## The Suffolk County Chapter's Food for Brothers Program

The way the program works is simple... if any Grand Knight knows of a Brother Knight in his Council who is having a difficult time providing for his family he only needs to fill out a Food for Brothers Form (below), send it to Chairman Tom Romano and he will send the Brother a Gift Card to a local supermarket ASAP. This program was started with a \$1,000 grant by the NYS Council, however as those funds run out we will need a way to replenish them.

The Chapter is gladly accepting donations from our Brothers and Councils to help supplement this vital program. No amount is too small, 100% of all donations to the Food for Brothers Program will go to provide direct help to a Brother Knight and his family. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Kindly send donations to our Food for Brother Chairman Tom Romano. Make checks payable to the Suffolk Chapter K of C and put Food for Brothers in the memo. Mail checks to: Food for Brothers C/O Tom Romano 340b Woodbridge Drive Ridge, NY 11961

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### Food for Brothers Form

Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Council #: \_\_\_\_\_

Brother Knights Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Number in household: \_\_\_\_\_

For the fastest results email this form to our "Food for Brothers" Chairman Tom Romano to [tomonli@aol.com](mailto:tomonli@aol.com), or mail it to him at 304b Woodbridge Drive Ridge, NY 11961. You can also call Tom at 631.561.7052 for more information.

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