



# Suffolk Chapter Light



## Knights of Columbus



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SUFFOLK CHAPTER NEWS

September 2013

### From the Chapter Chairman's Desk ... My Brothers and Sisters in Columbianism,

I can't believe that summer is over, I hope everyone had a enjoyable summer. I would like to Thank General Agent Larry Saraga for bringing to my attention that brave little girl Heather McNamara. She is truly an inspiration to us all. I hope you all read the article on her in the Columbia magazine.

August was our Indoctrination meeting in which we went through all of our programs. I want to thank my Program Director Tom Humel and my Executive Secretary Joe DiNero for making the copies and getting the packets ready to be handed out. Our meeting was well attended by Knights and our sister Columbiettes and I thank everyone for that. August is also when we reveal our Knight of the Year. This year's recipient was Henry Tomlinson and we almost didn't have him. Henry was involved in a car accident and then 3 hours later his son had a car accident. Fortunately for us, Henry did attend but his wife Doreen was with their son at the hospital who is healing nicely. Congratulations Henry and all of our prayers are with you and your family. Thanks to Bob Rooney and his committee for a job well done.

On October 6 the Suffolk Chapter Columbiettes is having their Annual Memorial Mass at Our Lady of the Island Shrine in Eastport. Please let's show our support to our sister Columbiettes as they do for us. Remember they are Co-Chairing our Memorial Mass in November and also we will be installing their officers.

Our next meeting is at Hampton Bays Council #7023, Montauk Highway in Hampton Bays on September 13. Hope to see you there. Please we need your support in all of our upcoming programs to make this Chapter number 1 in the state.

God Bless You All  
God Bless America

*Thomas A. Romano PGK, FDD, PFN*



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## **Suffolk County Chapter Meeting Minutes August Meeting - Fr. Judge Council**

Open Meeting – Indoctrination & Knight of the Year

Meeting opened at 8:04pm.

Opening Prayer led by Walter Kedjierski

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Master Greg Warnokowski

Plaque presented to PCC Leonard Scicutella

Chairman Tom Romano introduced Suffolk Chapter Columbiette Vice President Ann Marie Callahan. Ann Marie introduced the Columbiette Chapter Officers and Past Presidents

George Lundin spoke on Car Donation Program, FAC, FAC Bingo (October 19<sup>th</sup>), and C&B early bird drawing.

PCC Antonio Vitalino indicated that Chapter Directory orders are due.

Program Director Tom Humel introduced the following chairman who each spoke:

Mike Boehm – Chapter Memorial Mass

Roger Sirangelo – Keep Christ in Christmas

Tom Fawcett – Fraternal Weekend (Cruise?)

Chris Beattie – Chapter Bulletin Contest

John Leonardo – Blood Drives

Tom Gillin – Youth programs

Bob Elliott – Special Fundraising

Knight of the year was presented to Henry Tomlinson

Host Grand Knight Ron Smith was introduced

COB Mike Hearney read a message from State Treasurer John Joseph

50/50 held

Closing Prayer by Chairman Tom Romano

Meeting closed at 9:54 PM

Respectfully submitted by Sec. Tom Gillin



# Columbiette News



My Dear Sister Columbiettes,

Well, our work continued over the summer months with planning and scheduling and we are excited about this upcoming year! The Knights held their Indoctrination Meeting last month where Brother Knight Henry Tomlinson was recognized as Knight of the Year. Henry is a PGK, FDD, and now currently holds the title of Faithful Navigator for the Fatima Assembly. He has also chaired the Charity Drive for the last two years. Congratulations! A special thank you to Anne Marie Callahan, our Vice President, who in my absence, so gracefully represented us at this meeting. Thank you to all our Sister Columbiettes who attended this meeting. Your attendance showed our Brother Knights that we are truly united! Packets will be distributed at the September meeting to those who did not get them. Please share the information with your members.

I would like to congratulate our very own Ronny Pliszak on being elected to the position of Supreme Sentinel! We know she will make Suffolk proud and we wish her the best!

On Wednesday, September 11, 2013, please be certain to pray for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one due to the inconsideration of others. Let us recognize this day as World Day of Prayer for Peace.

As a reminder, our Memorial Mass will be held at Our Lady of the Island Shrine on Sunday, October 6, 2013. Barbara Chiesa is looking forward to receiving the names of those Sister Columbiettes you wish to be remembered. We have scheduled a dinner immediately to follow the Mass with hopes that many will join us. Details have been emailed and will be included in the September letter. They can also be found in this newsletter. We hope that you may consider bringing your husband, significant other, or a friend, to help make this a special day! If interested, money must be received by our September meeting.

St. Regis Council will be hosting a Bingo Night on Saturday, October 19, 2013 to support the FAC Program. Since Super Storm Sandy, the FAC treasury has been hit hard and needs replenishing. I am hoping that each of you may consider attending Bingo this night in support of this great program. (Details are included in this newsletter.)

New York State Council will be hosting a Regional Meeting/Training on Sunday, October 20, 2013 in Fishkill, NY. All Chapter Presidents, District Deputies, Auxiliary Presidents and Financial Secretaries are invited to attend. Your attendance is encouraged and critical to the success of your Auxiliary. A bus has been arranged for your convenience. Please see details in this newsletter. We look forward to your participation.

Together we will celebrate the many years of loyalty and dedication that Joan Ansbach, our Immediate Past State President, has given to our great order with a testimonial for her on Sunday, October 27, 2013. See Fran Hubbs and her committee for tickets. We are looking forward to many of you attending. (Details are included in this newsletter.)

Our Fall Major Degree will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at Patchogue Council, #725. Doreen DiBlasio and Blanche Jozwicki are looking forward to a wonderful ceremony. Please respond accordingly.

Our Holiday Boutique will be here before you know it! We thank you in advance for your generosity and look forward to receiving donations at the September and October meetings. Pat Tariol, and the members of Kavanaugh are anxious to have all baskets ready before the night of this great event! We thank our Officers, Past Presidents, and Auxiliaries for their donations! Pat, a special thanks to you and your girls!

The Installation of our Officers is being held along with the Knights' Installation and Bishop's Mass on Sunday, November 24, 2013. Kathy Anderson has been working very closely with Michael Boehm in making certain that this day is special for all. If you are planning on attending this event, you **MUST RSVP** to either of them to guarantee a seat. Thanks!

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, September 16, 2013 at our first meeting of the year which will be held at St. Sylvester's Parish Center in Medford. The meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. As we have a lot of business to handle. A special thank you to St. Sylvester's Columbiettes! Wishing all a wonderful Labor Day Weekend.

Fraternally, Amelia Joseph, President

## *Columbiette Chapter Officers 2013-2014*

|                     |                            |                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| President           | <i>Amelia Joseph</i>       | 631 - 902 - 4366 |
| Vice President      | <i>Anne Marie Callahan</i> | 631 - 732 - 0497 |
| Secretary           | <i>Elaine Addie</i>        | 631 - 475 - 5722 |
| Financial Secretary | <i>Colleen Wyman</i>       | 631 - 399 - 2680 |
| Treasurer           | <i>Gerry Berlenbach</i>    | 631 - 669 - 8322 |
| Sentinel            | <i>Pat Tariol</i>          | 631 - 772 - 8081 |
| Past President      | <i>Mary Lundin</i>         | 631 - 866 - 2271 |



*Join us to celebrate the dedication and loyalty that Joan Ansbach has shared with the New York State Columbiette Council for many years. Celebrate with us at her Testimonial!*

*Place: Mediterranean Manor*

*Date: Sunday, October 27, 2013*

*Time: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

*Cost: \$60.00 per person*

*Please contact Fran Hubbs, our Reservations Chairman at 631-423-1176 for more information.*

*Checks can be made payable to Fran Hubbs and mailed to 111 East 25 th Street, Huntington Station, N.Y. 11746.*

*It is important that all RSVP by 10-15-13. We look forward to an exciting day!*

**NASSAU-SUFFOLK  
RED ROBE ASSOCIATION  
SET TO Re-robe!**

This is to advise all Former District Deputies and current District Deputies that the Nassau-Suffolk Red Robe Association has scheduled an important Re-organizational and Elections Meeting for Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. at Farmingdale Council. The Association has also set Sunday, November 3, 2013 as the date for its Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast to be held at the Shrine of St. Anne's Council, Brentwood, NY.

Please mark your calendars for these important dates. Details on the Mass and Communion Breakfast will be forthcoming.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally and sincerely for the Red Robe Association,

Norman A. Wagner PGK, FDD  
Immediate Past President

Martin Ryan PGK, FDD  
Vice President

# Suffolk Chapter 2013/14 Meeting Dates

July 12, 2013 – Farmingdale Council 2204

August 9, 2013 – Father Judge Council #6893

- Indoctrination, Knight of the Year

September 13, 2013 – Hampton Bays Council #7023

October 11, 2013 – St. Lawrence Council #2458

- State Deputy Night

November 8, 2013 – Queen of All Hearts Council #4126

- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Night

December 13, 2013 – Rogan/Halpin Council #1816

- Christmas Social

January 10, 2014 – Bishop McGann Council #564

- Charity Drive Kick Off

**February 21, 2014 \*** – Joan of Arc Council #1992

March 14, 2014 – Seminary/Huntington

- Confer with Walter Kedjierski

April 11, 2014 – St Regis Council #4651

- Squires Night

May 9, 2014 – Our Lady of Rosary Council #4428

- Living Rosary

June 20, 2014 – O.L.P.H. Council #794

- Elections

***Your attendance is appreciated!***

***\*revised***



*St. Regis*

*Knights of Columbus*



**Bingo Night**

to Support



*Suffolk Chapter FAC*

Saturday, October 19, 2013 7:15 PM

Bohemia Bingo Hall

1644 Locust Ave., Bohemia

(Just South of Veterans Highway)

# *In Memory of our Deceased Sister Columbiettes*



*Our Annual Memorial Mass is being held on  
Sunday, October 6, 2013*

*at Our Lady of the Island Shrine in East Port. We will  
celebrate the Holy Eucharist at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.*

*We encourage you to join us as we remember those who  
are no longer with us. Please make certain to submit the  
names of your deceased members by the due date.*

*For more information, please contact our  
Chairlady, Barbara Chiesa at 631- 581 - 8607.*

In our efforts of promoting Unity, we have made arrangements for all to enjoy a beautiful Italian meal together immediately following the Mass. Join us at Mama Lisa's, 1226 Montauk Highway, Mastic, NY, 631-395-4600.

**The cost per person for a complete dinner is \$30.00 and includes:**

**Course 1:** Grandma's Pie Diced and Homemade Bread

**Course 2:** House Garden Salad

**Course 3:** Penne Alla Vodka

**Course 4:** *Choice of One*

◆ Chicken Parmigiana

◆ Filet of Sole Francese

◆ Eggplant Rolatini with Spinach

**Course 5:** Cannolis & Zeppoles served Family Style

**Course 6:** Chocolate Mousse Cake

*Beverages include Soft Drinks, Coffee and Tea*

*There will be a **cash bar** for those who may be interested.*



Please contact Amelia Joseph at 631-902-4366 if interested.

Dinners must be paid by the September 16th meeting. Checks can be made payable to **Suffolk Chapter Columbiettes**. We look forward to spending a beautiful Sunday with our friends.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE  
September 11th**

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world:  
peace in the hearts of all men and women  
and peace among the nations of the earth.

Turn to your way of love  
those whose hearts and minds  
are consumed with hatred.

God of understanding,  
overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy,  
we seek your light and guidance  
as we confront such terrible events.

Grant that those whose lives were spared  
may live so that the lives lost ...  
may not have been lost in vain.

Comfort and console us,  
strengthen us in hope,  
and give us the wisdom and courage  
to work tirelessly for a world  
where true peace and love reign  
among nations and in the hearts of all.

-Pope Benedict XVI  
Prayer Service at Ground Zero  
April 20, 2008

*At its 122nd annual meeting in 2004, the Supreme Council  
resolved that September 11th be observed each year as a  
World Day of Prayer for Peace.*

September th





New York State Council Columbiettes  
will be hosting a



Regional Meeting/Training for  
*Chapter Presidents, District Deputies,  
Columbiette Presidents, and Financial Secretaries*  
on Sunday, October 20, 2013 from  
10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at  
St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council  
in Fishkill, NY.

Bagels will be served from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Lunch will be served during a break.

For your traveling convenience, and in an effort to encourage your attendance, we have made arrangements for transportation by bus. Due to the many miles we cover in Suffolk County, we have scheduled two stops as follows:

1. Bus leaves at 7:00 a.m. from the Park and Ride at Exit 63N off the LIE.  
Make a right at the light and the Park and Ride is on the right.
2. Bus leaves at 7:30 a.m. from the Park and Ride exit 49N off the LIE, North Expressway Dr. Cross over Pinelawn Rd. and the Park and Ride is on the left.

The cost for the bus is \$40 per person which is due by  
Monday, October 14, 2013. Checks can be made payable to  
Suffolk Chapter Columbiettes.

For more information, please contact  
Mary Lundin, Past Chapter President, DD at 631 – 866 – 2271 or  
Amelia Joseph, Chapter President at 631 – 902 – 4366.

*We look forward to seeing each of you  
at this meeting/training. Your attendance  
will prove to be most beneficial.*

# Suffolk Chapter Brother Knights

The following are the results of the Councils who have held blood drives during the 2012-2013 Columbian year.

| Council # | Date       | Pints | Date | Pints      | Date | Pints        |
|-----------|------------|-------|------|------------|------|--------------|
| 14771     | 7/9/2012   |       | 68   | 2/23/2013  | 54   |              |
| 5293      | 7/15/2012  |       | 18   | 12/13/2012 | 30   | 5/26/2013 62 |
| 6844      | 7/22/2012  |       | 51   | 10/7/2012  | 54   | 1/27/2013 74 |
| 4126      | 7/22/2012  |       | 28   | 12/2/2012  | 32   |              |
| 4757      | 7/23/2012  |       | 58   | 2/18/2013  | 51   |              |
| 725       | 7/26/2012  |       | 40   |            |      |              |
| 7479      | 7/29/2012  |       | 75   | 3/3/2013   | 78   |              |
| 7262      | 7/30/2012  |       | 121  | 2/19/2013  | 104  |              |
| 7006      | 8/1/2012   |       | 76   | 10/8/2012  | 51   | 2/18/2013 71 |
| 5252      | 8/7/2012   |       | 82   | 2/15/2013  | 89   |              |
| 6607      | 8/26/2012  |       | 57   | 11/4/2012  | 103  | 3/17/2013 42 |
| 6607      | 5/19/2013  |       | 65   |            |      |              |
| 8607      | 8/29/2012  |       | 45   | 1/7/2013   | 40   | 3/18/2013 35 |
| 8607      | 6/14/2013  |       | 17   |            |      |              |
| 7278      | 9/9/2012   |       | 44   |            |      |              |
| 1992      | 9/16/2012  |       | 93   | 1/20/2013  | 88   |              |
| 5814      | 9/18/2012  |       | 24   | 6/20/2013  | 18   |              |
| 15446     | 10/6/2012  |       | 62   | 2/24/2013  | 67   |              |
| 794       | 10/8/2012  |       | 49   | 3/25/2013  | 60   |              |
| 4651      | 11/12/2012 |       | 28   | 2/18/2013  | 21   | 6/24/2013 29 |
| 2458      | 11/17/2012 |       | 131  | 12/23/2012 | 34   | 6/23/2013 38 |
| 6556      | 12/29/2012 |       | 12   |            |      |              |
| 2489      | 2/16/2013  |       | 119  | 6/19/2013  | 105  |              |
| 4428      | 3/25/2013  |       | 32   |            |      |              |
| 6893      | 7/18/2012  |       | 54   |            |      |              |
| 6062      | 9/27/2012  |       | 70   | 5/23/2013  | 55   |              |
| 2204      | 4/28/2013  |       | 57   | 9/9/2012   | 45   |              |
| 12006     | 3/14/2013  |       | 103  | 6/13/2013  | 88   |              |
| 4402      | 1/6/2013   |       | 10   |            |      |              |
| 468       | 11/6/2012  |       | 108  | 2/11/2013  | 38   |              |
| 12993     | 11/26/2012 |       | 29   |            |      |              |
| 11950     | 7/9/2012   |       | 83   |            |      |              |

total pints 1909 1305 351

total pints of all drives reported to 8/20/2013 3565

IF YOUR COUNCIL IS NOT LISTED HERE I NEVER GOT YOUR REPORT

THIS IS THE FINAL REPORT OF THE 2012-2013 COLUMBIAN YEAR



# Suffolk Chapter Brother Knights

Below are the totals of all the blood drives reported to me during the eight years that I served as your Blood Drive Chairman.

|      |            |
|------|------------|
| 2006 | 2511 PINTS |
| 2007 | 2609 PINTS |
| 2008 | 2746 PINTS |
| 2009 | 3186 PINTS |
| 2010 | 3188 PINTS |
| 2011 | 3915 PINTS |
| 2012 | 3526 PINTS |
| 2013 | 3565 PINTS |

TOTAL PINTS                    25246                    THANK YOU

I WISH THE NEW BLOOD DRIVE CHAIRMAN JOHN FINN PGK DD THE BEST

Thank you for your support of this very necessary gift of life.

John Leonardo PGK, FDD,  
FCOB  
Suffolk Chapter Blood Drive Chairman





***Suffolk Chapter Knights  
and Columbiettes host their  
Annual Communion Breakfast***

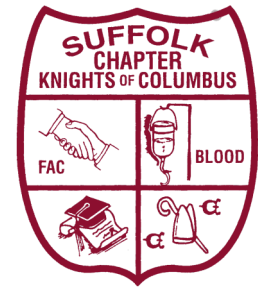
***Sunday, March 30, 2014  
9:00 a.m. Mass***

***St. Sylvester's  
Roman Catholic Church  
68 Ohio Avenue Medford, NY 11763***

***Complete Breakfast to follow  
immediately in the  
Parish Center Hall  
with a guest speaker.***

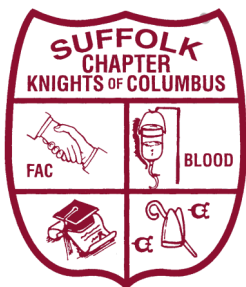
***Donation is \$12.00 per person***

**For more information please contact:  
John G. Joseph, PGK, FDD, FCOB,  
New York State Treasurer at 631 - 813 - 5470  
or Nancy Bertran, Past President, St. Sylvester's  
at 631 - 289 - 2095**



**Congratulations to  
Henry Tomlinson,  
PGK, FDD,  
Faithful Navigator,  
Suffolk Chapter  
Knight of the Year!**

**2012/2013**





**Annual Bishop's Mass &  
Installation of Officers**  
*Suffolk Chapter  
Knights and  
Columbiettes*

**Join us as we celebrate our  
Annual Bishop's Mass on  
Sunday, November 24, 2013  
at the 3:00 p.m. Mass at**

**St. Francis de Sales in Patchogue.**

**Immediately following, we will meet at  
Patchogue Council, #725 for a celebration!**

***Due to fire regulations, we are limited to  
130 persons. An R.S.V.P. by***

***Friday, November 15, 2013 is a MUST!***

***Michael Boehm at (631) 774-2605***

***or***

***Kathy Anderson at (631) 696-0735***

In 1954, lobbying by the Order of the Knights of Columbus helped convince the U.S. Congress to add the phrase "**under God**" to the Pledge of Allegiance. President Dwight Eisenhower wrote to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart thanking the Knights for their "part in the



movement to have the words '**under God**' added to our Pledge of Allegiance."

*"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."*

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**Suffolk County Third Degree Ceremonial Team**

**Norman A. Wagner PGK, FDD, *Team Captain***

**490 Irving Street, Central Islip, NY 11722, 631-234-1922**

## **2014 Scheduled Third Degrees**

**January 17, 2014 - Queen of All Hearts Council, Center Moriches**

**March 28, 2014 - Bishop McGann Council, Bay Shore**

**June 2014 - TBD**

**Sunday, July 27, 2014 - Shrine of St. Anne Council, Brentwood, 1 PM**



*The Suffolk Chapter is  
proud to have Fr. Nuss  
as their Chaplain.*







**Register your e-mail at our chapter website to be sure to receive "up to the minute" information on meetings, events, and activities! Visit our website to review photos of the many events held throughout Suffolk County.**  
[www.suffolkchapterkofc.com](http://www.suffolkchapterkofc.com)

# Meeting Reminder

**Friday,  
 September 13, 2013  
 Chapter Meeting**

**Hampton Bays Council #7023**

**7:00 p.m. repast.  
 Meeting following at  
 8:00 p.m.**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR DIRECTIONS**

**and for many activities taking place at the many councils and auxiliaries throughout our county. You'll like what you see!**

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## Missions

**Eye Glasses and Hearing Aids are needed. Please bring them to the Chapter Meeting.**

For additional information contact:  
 Bill Billups, PGK, FDD at 631 - 374 - 2321.

## FROM THE EDITOR:



**ALL ADS MUST BE IN BY THE 15th OF EACH MONTH**  
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 Contact George Lundin PGK, FDD for additional information at (631) 589-2255





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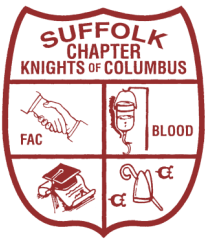
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***Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney***

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

