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# KNIGHT LIFE

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**Make certain to mark your calendars for these upcoming events:**

**March:**

- **Saturday 3/9/19 Grand Marshal's Ball honoring Maureen Ennis (Ronkonkoma Fire Department) Tickets \$25/pp contact the parade committee for tickets**
- **Thursday 3/14/19 The NY Knights of Columbus is hosting a fundraiser at NYCBNY verses Montreal – Tickets are \$50 with \$10 of each ticket donated to NYS Special Olympics – interested parties please contact Roco D'Erasmus (917) 693-6840 for tickets**
- **Saturday 3/16/19 Irish Diner in the member's lounge – Irish food \$20/pp Diner served Starting 6 pm – reserve in advance or pay at the door.**
- **Sunday 3/17/19 St. Patrick's Day Memorial Mass at St. Joseph's Church 9 am**
- **Sunday 3/24/19 Ronkonkoma St. Patrick's Day Parade**

**April:**

- **Friday 4/18 through Sunday 4/21 – Easter weekend – Holy Thursday, Good Friday**
- **Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday – Council building is closed.**

For the latest information throughout the month, please visit <https://www.saintregiskofc.org>



Brothers,

A lot of great happenings occurred since our last Knightlife issue: January 26th, I once more had the privilege of working with a very talented and dedicated group of Knights at our annual Italian Night Celebration. Vincent Lifieri, PGK, took the helm once more (tough to slow down the “Don”) to keep tally on the guests, Steve Barone, John Pell in the kitchen with assistance from Ernie and Phil assembling the Ante-Pasto, and the ever present Mike DeFillippis providing his assistance where ever needed. The event was sold out as usual and turned over a profit to the council.

The Knights/Columbiettes and indeed the entire community of Ronkonkoma came out the next day to support the St. Patrick’s Day Parade and our Grand Marshal, Maureen Ennis at Flanagan’s restaurant for a brunch and chances to win one of the many baskets provided to support our community parade. (We also had the chance to wish Jim Tallman a very happy birthday!)

February started with Super Bowl Sunday at the council member’s lounge- Great food/drink and fraternal gathering. Following this event, our now defunct Squires Circle used their residual funds to host the Red White and Blue Diner for our Veterans. We had the opportunity to wish our WW II Veteran, Gerry, a happy 100th birthday at this full house event and the boys raised money to donate \$1,000 to the 911 Veterans Fund.

February 16th, Program Director Jeff Thure took our council to higher heights with Valentines for Veterans Dance. His efforts were truly outstanding as the event brought nearly 90 people out to celebrate all our veterans and thank them for their service. Veterans were invited to attend at no cost to them as Jeff solicited and received sponsorship funding from business, clubs and individuals to cover our veteran’s attendance. Food was prepared and provided by the council with donations of appetizers and pasta from Jeff’s restaurant Bella Vie – From the start with a Champaign toast to the end with our raffles of a Flat Screen TV provided by the parade committee and our standard 50/50 –the event raised both money and awareness for the selected charity – Leukemia/Lymphoma Society and to be ever thankful for the men and women who served and serve our great nation. The entertainment was top level – provided by Tommy Sullivan, one of the founding members of the Brooklyn Bridge band of the 60’s. There is nothing this council cannot accomplish when we work together and put our heart into.

Thank You all for showing our true colors and for you Charity, Unity and Fraternalism!

We are all ONE FAMILY Peter C. Freni Grand Knight

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- Membership Chairlady: Dawn Santiago 275-4211

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BAR HOURS: Monday-Thurs. 7 pm to Midnight

- Friday 7 pm to 2 am
- Saturday 5 pm to 2 am
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- Club 4651 Catering Office Hours: Monday 7 pm to 9 pm
- Catering Manager: Pat Dillon 516-650-0375

## **Chapter Delegates State Convention Delegates**

- Peter Freni GK
- Richard Santiago DGK
- Thomas Fawcett PGK
- Joseph DiNero PGK, FDD
- Vincent Safina
- Thomas Gillin

## **State Convention Delegates**

- Peter Freni GK
- Daniel Purcell PGK
- Richard Santiago DGK, FDD (alternate)
- Curtis Bonovoglia PGK (alternate)



## Helping Our Families Prepare,

“Have you already broken some of your New Year’s Resolutions?”

We hope that you’ve been able to stay on course, no matter how difficult things get.

Here are 10 popular New Year’s resolutions from the internet along with some of my own:

1. Get in shape; for some of us this means to lose some weight, exercise more and staying fit; to stop smoking or eat healthier foods.
2. Stop procrastinating; I don’t know about you, but I’m going to put this off for yet another year!
3. Improve my prayer life; there’s an app for that! I’ve been using the Laudate app. The Laudate app claims it is the most downloaded Catholic app. It has an immense library of prayers, devotions, daily readings, podcasts and Vatican documents.
4. Improve on a skill or develop a new hobby; maybe you want to lower your golf handicap or learn to bowl. I’ve always wanted to\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Be more thankful; God has blessed me in so many ways and sometimes I forget to thank Him for all of those things...usually because I’m too busy asking for something else.
6. Spend more time with the people that matter most; sometimes I get so busy working, keeping the house up or going to some meeting, I forget the ones I do these things for. I’ve got to set aside more time to just be with them.
7. Reduce stress; in this sometimes hectic and seemingly crazy world, it’s easy to get swallowed up in the latest tragedy and worry all the time. Cutting out those sources of stress or learning how to deal with them more effectively means a more settled life.
8. Read more; with so much on the internet, TV and radio it’s easy for me to get lost in those. Reading for pleasure has become something of a lost art. Think about the last book you read; I just read \_\_\_\_\_ and it was very enjoyable.
9. Spend wisely; it’s so easy to spend money on things we really don’t need, buy on a whim or because we’re keeping up with the Jones. I just bought a \_\_\_\_\_ and now that I reflect on that I’m thinking, “Do I really need that?”
10. Review your financial health; whatever your current situation, it’s always a good idea to take stock on a yearly basis.

Now this last resolution we can definitely help you keep: Resolve to meet with us this year to update your Family Service Record and see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family’s future security. As your field agents we have so much more responsibility than a simple financial advisor or stock broker. We’ll take a look at your dreams, goals and aspirations and make sure you’re on track to make them become a reality. Please reach out to us to help you protect your family’s future.

Vivat Jesus!

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Fraternally,  
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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.





**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Columbian Year 2018-2019**

**Martin Condit**

**Tony Odietus**

**Joseph Ruggiero**

**Deacon Joseph Dougherty**

**Michael C. Ramos**

**James "Shamus" Burns**

**Father Santiago Dineros**

**Antonio Miglioizzi**

**Henry Gregorek**

**Anthony Kiesel**

**James J. Stanco Jr.**

**William (Bill) Walsh**

**Thomas Broadbent**

Our Service Men and Women  
and All Our Deceased Members  
May Their Souls Rest in Peace



To My Sister Columbiettes,

Hope all is well with everyone!!! Our next fundraiser is our **Victorian/Birthright Shower Luncheon. It is set for Sunday, April 7th, to start @ 12:00 pm.** The cost of the Luncheon is \$27.00. Then, I thought of something I would like to add to our Luncheon, and many members thought this would be a nice thing to do when I talked about it at our January meeting, and that is, to ask for a few of our members to attend the Luncheon as guests. Now, a criteria to those members being asked as guests, would be for a current St. Regis Columbiette Member that is unable to attend our meetings, functions, etc. due to mobility circumstances in getting around or that they need someone to care for them as they are living in Nursing Homes/Assisted Living/or living with a relative who is caring for them. If anyone knows of a member that fits this category, please let me know. We will cover the member and one caretaker that brings them, so they will incur no expense. I thought this would be a nice tradition to start if it goes over well.

I would like to mention the member at the luncheon and have a little flower that they can wear for the day. It really is inclusive to members who are unable to get around because they either need a caretaker or they are unable to live on their own. Members who can take care of themselves and are independent, are not meeting the criteria I am going for here.

Next, we discussed the play for the spring. We voted at the meeting to see "Evita" @ Smithtown Performing Arts. I have to look at the dates again, but, I think that showing is running May/June. I will have the dates before our March meeting. I will be asking for volunteers to help with that event. I have about 5 baskets that are put together to start us off.

Also, our membership dues are being collected. **It is \$20.00 for a one year membership, or \$5.00 if you are a member for 25 years or more.** Please either pay your dues at a meeting, or you can make a check payable to :

**St. Regis Columbiettes, PO Box 57, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779**

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### March Dates

- Mar. 6th Officers Mtg only 7:30 pm Downstairs
- Mar. 9th Grand Marshall Ball t/b/d Ronkonkoma Fire House
- Mar. 13th Regular Mtg 7:30 refresh, 8:00 mtg Upstairs
- **Donation for Regular Mtg t/b/d**
- Mar. 17th Memorial Mass 9:00 am mass St. Joseph's Church
- Breakfast follows mass Council
- Mar. 24th St. Patrick's Day Parade time t/b/d Council

### April Dates

- Apr 3rd Officers Mtg Only 7:30 pm Downstairs
- **Apr 7th Victorian Tea/Birthright 12:00 pm Upstairs Hall**
- Apr 10th Regular Mtg 7:30 refresh, 8:00 mtg Upstairs **Donation for Regular Mtg toiletry items**
- **Apr 14th Palm Sunday**
- **Apr 21st Easter Sunday**

For ideas or thoughts....call me on my cell, 631-942-1702, and leave a message.

**God Bless St. Regis Columbiettes**

Carmela Safina, Madam President

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## **St. Regis Columbiettes Officers 2017-2018**

- President: Carmela Safina 942-1702
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- Sentinel: Emily Harris
- Chapter Delegates: MaryAnneHartnett, VivianMcCourt, Carmela Safina, Martha Torres
- Alternate to Chapter: Catherine West, Colleen Wyman
- State Delegate: Carmela Safina, Colleen Wyman
- Alternate to State: Mary Anne Hartnett, Martha Torres

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- Membership Dawn Santiago 275-4211
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Good and Welfare

The March article is as follows:

Good and Welfare

Spring is not too far away, Hang in there, warmer weather is coming! The Memorial Mass for March is on St. Patrick's Day at 9 AM. Come march in the Ronkonkoma St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 24, the Knights and Columbiettes need your attendance and support.

Our prayers continue for our sister Columbiettes and brother Knights who have been ill and are in recovery. It is wonderful to see MaryAnn Rossi, Past President Cathy West and PGK Bob Powers and Trustee Bob Koepper returning to recent Council activities after illness or surgery. Best wishes and prayers for their continued recovery.

**For your attention: Our St. Joseph Parish is presenting an exposition of Sacred Relics from the Vatican collection on Tuesday, March 19 at 7 PM. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Maria Goretti, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Faustina Kowalska. Also there will be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those who attend will have be able to venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presents of relics. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be presenting. We are encouraged to bring our articles of devotion (such as rosaries and holy cards etc.) and pictures of ill family members/friends which we will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that no Catholic should miss.**

If you know of any Columbiette who is in need of a card or visit or if you have any good news to share, please contact me, Vivian McCourt, Columbiette Vice President at 631 588-2453 or email me at izmira1@aol.com. Leave a message and I will get back to you. Stay happy and healthy and pray.

Vivian McCourt Columbiette VP



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Sunday, March 24th, 2019!

This year's Grand Marshal will be Maureen Ennis of the NY Chapter of the Giving Dolls and long time Ronkonkoma resident!

For complete info and to reserve your float/buy apparel please visit:  
[www.RonkonkomaParade.org](http://www.RonkonkomaParade.org)



*Honoring  
Grand Marshal  
Maureen Ennis  
& Deputy  
Grand Marshals  
Lt. Karl Krumsiek  
& Former Chief  
Greg Pitka*

*Parade March 24th, 2019*

# *2019 Grand Marshal's Ball*

*Ronkonkoma's 29th Annual  
St. Patrick's Day Parade*

*March 9, 2019*

*7pm-Midnight*

*Ronkonkoma Fire Department  
177 Portion Rd, Ronkonkoma*

*\$50 per person  
For purchase call  
631.304.6303*



*RonkonkomaParade.Org*





## Irish Dinner

3/16/19

6-10pm



- \$20/person.
- Pay at the door or contact GK Peter Freni for reservations.
- Cash bar and great food.
- Come down and support your council.



### Knights celebrate Vet's 100th Birthday

After postponing the event on January 20th, the Red, White, and Blue Dinner Dance was held on Sunday, February 10th. 120 attendees wished Jerry Cianiotta, a World War II Veteran a Happy 100th Birthday. Jerry and his family had a great time and appreciated the honor. Over \$1000 was raised for 9-1-1 Veterans.

Thank you to Grand Knight Peter Freni and his wife, Ellen, Jimmy Tallman, Steve Barrone and the entire kitchen team, DJ Mike, Jeff Thure, John and Emily Harris, PGK Danny Purcell, Larry McCourt, Lou and Mary Scotti, Mark Crean, Sammy Crean, Katherine Yamaguchi, Elina MacAteer, Joe Gillin, Maria Gillin, and Christopher Gillin for volunteering that day.

Everyone looks forward to next year's dance

V/R

Tom Gillin

*ST. REGIS COLUMBIETTES*



*BIRTHRIGHT SHOWER*



*VICTORIAN LUNCHEON/TEA*

*SUNDAY, APRIL 7th*

*ST REGIS COUNCIL*

*Upstairs Hall*



*AT 12:00 PM*



*\$27.00 PER PERSON*

**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SPRING HAT (PRIZE FOR BEST HAT) AND BRING  
YOUR FAVORITE TEA/ COFFEE CUP**

**ENJOY A COMPLETE LUNCHEON WITH APPETIZERS, SALAD, BREAD, HOT  
ENTREES, DESSERT AND OF COURSE COFFEE/TEA!!!!**

**BABY SHOWER BINGO WITH PRIZES AND WE WILL ALSO BE SELLING RAFFLES.**

**IF YOU CAN BRING AN UNWRAPPED BABY GIFT TO DONATE TO BIRTHRIGHT, THAT WOULD BE  
GREATLY APPRECIATED. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM BIRTHRIGHT WILL BE THERE TO ACCEPT  
DONATED GIFTS.**

**DO NOT MISS OUT!! TICKETS NEED TO BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE, AS FOOD IS BEING CATERED.**

**FOR TICKETS: CARMELA SAFINA 631-942-1702**



**OR**

**EMILY HARRIS 631-285-3249**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Poker Fundraiser	2
3	4 Protected: Officers Meeting	5 Mardi-Gras Dine Around	6 Ash Wednesday Protected: Columbiette Officers Meeting Protected: Business Meeting	7 Screening Parade Meeting	8 Chapter Meeting (Offsite)	9 Grand Marshal's Ball
10 Daylight Savings Start Vet's Home	11 Club 4651 Meeting	12 Cops	13 Council Audit Columbiette Meeting	14 Protected: Parade Meeting	15 Poker Fundraiser	16 March 16. Irish Dinner Irish Dinner
17 St. Patrick's Day Protected: Memorial Mass	18	19 St. Joseph's Day	20 Social Meeting 1st Degree scheduled if needed	21	22	23
24 29th Annual Ronkonkoma Parade!	25 Coalition for Life	26	27 4th Degree Meeting offsite	28 Protected: DD meeting	29	30