



KNIGHT LIFE



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February 1	Monday	Officer's meeting 730pm
February 3	Wednesday	Business Meeting 8pm
February 7	Sunday	Super Bowl
February 17	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday
February 21	Sunday	Memorial Mass St Joseph 10am

Note: Until further notice as per Knights of Columbus meeting Policy, when attending a meeting, MASK will be worn. When you standup to speak, you can remove your mask and immediately put it back on when you are finish and seated.

Limited copies of the Knightlife is available in the membership lounge.

Thank You
John Harris GK



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

Greetings, I hope everyone is healthy and well. We are still praying for the virus to slow down as the vaccines become more available. Please stay healthy and safe.

There have been some major changes from Supreme as to the way we conduct our Business meetings. I have attached a question and answer section in the Knightlife that may answer some of your concerns. Second notices for membership dues went out in January. If you have not paid as yet, you can also pay online at: <https://www.saintregiskofc.org/>. This link will also be on your bill. Our membership dues are what keeps us going and helps us in our charity events such as food drives, clothing drive, supporting the church and community in their many needs. We do not stop because of this pandemic. As a matter of fact we are needed more. There are still a lot of people out there that don't have jobs, struggling to make ends meet or simply can't put food on the table. I need your help and I can't do it alone. I am asking you to reach out to your fellow members, check on them, and see how they are doing. Sometimes all it takes is a simple phone call, saying hello can go a very long way. I thank you. If you had join our council through the Online all in one degree, your membership card might only say 1st degree. Let us know and we will be able to change it to a 3rd degree.

Ash Wednesday, February 17 is the official beginning of Lent. For many of us it's a time to sacrifice giving up something appreciated or enjoyed. This is the tradition but more important there is the reason behind the tradition. It is a time for reflection, for us to look back at are our lives, at what we have done for our faith to make this world a better place, give back, change someone life for the better. Have we done enough as Catholics? What things do we need to change to get us closer to God and making our own little space a positive influence over our fellow man? We must keep on trying to make our world a better place.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Valentine day. Take timeout to recognize your love ones. God Bless.

Regards

John R Harris

Grand Knight

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New Guidelines for Council Meetings: Question & Answers

- 1. Is the *Guidelines for Council Meetings* consistent with the *Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus (CCL)*?**

A variance to the current CCL has been approved by the Board of Directors. This authorizes the council meeting changes pending a formal CCL update at the next Supreme Convention.

- 2. Are councils required to hold two meetings per month?**

Yes. Council meetings and Officer Planning meetings are both required each month.

- 3. Can the Officers' Planning meeting be held immediately before the Council meeting?**

Smaller councils and those in remote areas may find this a necessary accommodation. It is difficult, however, to adequately prepare for a Council meeting if the Officers' Planning meeting is held an hour before. Every effort should be made to hold these meetings on separate days. Another remedy is to hold the Officers' Planning meeting *virtually*.

- 4. The guidebook says council officers, directors and chairpersons are required to attend the Officers Planning meeting. Can a member be removed from his position for poor attendance?**

A Grand Knight expects his officers and directors to fulfill the responsibilities of their position; this includes regular attendance at meetings. An officer who cannot attend a required meeting (work, illness, family emergency, etc.) should give ample notice to his Grand Knight. Failure to provide sufficient or adequate notice, can result in an officer's removal from office per Section 6 of the standard council bylaws.

- 5. Are we required to include fraternal socializing on meeting nights?**

No, but you are strongly encouraged to do so. Fraternal socializing is a great way to improve attendance at meetings and is one of the unique benefits of our Order. Every effort should be made to have informal fraternal socializing among brothers before or after meetings.

- 6. If non-members can now attend meetings, are meeting no longer secret?**

While meetings have traditionally been *closed* to non-members, the work undertaken at meetings has never been '*secret*'. Family and community members can greatly benefit from experiencing Knights of Columbus meetings. Approved guests (including guest speakers) may attend Knights of Columbus meetings, upon approval by a council vote. Such invitations should be for special occasions, not normal practice. Guests should not be invited to meetings if contentious items will be on the agenda.

7. Do we have to “sign in” members and guests or is inspection of membership cards sufficient for member admission?

A sign in sheet should be used and retained. The Grand Knight must know who in attendance can vote on any motions. A list should be presented to the Grand Knight and Recorder. The record of attendance may also be needed for contact tracing.

8. We have seen an increase in attendance at virtual meetings. Can we continue virtual meetings after the pandemic is over and in person restrictions are lifted?

Virtual meeting practices may continue to be used, but councils must return to in person meetings when restrictions are lifted. Live streaming options will allow members, who are unable to attend in person, to participate virtually.

9. Is the Grand Knight required to hold a council vote before inviting family members and other non-member guests to attend a meeting?

Yes. Council meetings are primarily for members only. When family or other guests will be invited, a council vote should be held in advance of the meeting. If desired, the Grand Knight can plan for a guest to address the members prior to or immediately after an official meeting.

10. How do we verify membership status for voting eligibility at virtual meetings?

A virtual meeting platform should be used that allows for attendance to be taken. The Warden, or other designee of the Grand Knight, can verify member status by comparing the attendance list with the official council roster.

11. Can any topic or issue be voted on via email between meetings?

Email voting between meetings should be avoided in general. However, in light of COVID-19 restrictions, when circumstances require, the Grand Knight may call for an email vote on pressing matters that cannot wait until the next meeting. The monetary expenditure of such votes may not exceed the maximum amount specified in the council bylaws or outlined in the council budget.

12. Can council votes be held at an Officers’ Planning meeting?

No. Council votes can only be held at Council Meetings.

13. Can minutes from a previous meeting be posted on a council webpage so they do not have to be read at the current meeting?

Meeting minutes can be posted on a council webpage if access is password protected and accessible only to members. Notification should be sent to all members when minutes have been posted.

14. Do the Treasurer and Financial Secretary both speak during the Financial Report of the Council meeting? The script only mentions the Treasurer.

In general, the Financial Report will cover only the status of council accounts managed by the Treasurer. The Financial Secretary may be asked to provide a report on other timely matters, or in response to a question from the members.

15. Does the Financial Secretary report on council standing, dues collection, etc. only at the Officers' Planning Meeting?

The Financial Secretary provides a complete and full report at the Officers' Planning meeting. Members interested in the details of council finances should attend the Officers' Planning meeting where more in depth financial discussions take place.

16. When and at which meeting should a member raise a new topic or issue?

A member should notify the Grand Knight, prior to any meeting, of a new topic or issue he would like to raise. This allows the Grand Knight time to discuss the matter with his leadership team and, if necessary, add the item to an upcoming meeting agenda. Suggestions and new topics should be addressed at the Officers' Planning meeting. However, time sensitive or emergency issues may be raised during the New Business portion of a Council meeting.

17. Can the meeting agendas be modified?

The *Guidelines for Council Meetings* was developed with input from fraternal leaders at all levels and a survey of members. It represents the collective wisdom of Brother Knights and is designed to maximize the effectiveness of council operations. The agendas contained in this guidebook can be modified only if needed to accommodate unique circumstances that may exist in some councils. Care should be taken, however, to preserve the intent and purpose of standard agenda items and to ensure meetings do not exceed one hour.

18. Is the Recorder required to keep minutes of the Officers' Planning meeting?

Anything that needs to be included in the formal record of the council must be mentioned or presented at the subsequent Council meeting. The Council meeting is where votes are held, and decisions are formally ratified.

19. Is the new *Guidelines for Council Meetings* book consistent with other Knights of Columbus resources?

Yes. All relevant Knights of Columbus resources will be updated to align with the changes found in the new *Guidelines for Council Meetings*.

20. If the Chaplain cannot attend a meeting, who leads the prayer? Can the Grand Knight share a written report from the Chaplain?

If the Chaplain cannot attend a meeting the Grand Knight, or his designee, should lead the council in prayer. The Chaplain can submit his report to be read by the Grand Knight.

21. Will the *Guidelines for Council Meetings* book be mailed to councils?

The *Guidelines for Council Meetings* will be mailed to councils at start of the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year along with other print materials such as the *Fraternal Planner*. In the meantime, councils should download the book from the internet and print copies.

22. What should the Lecturer talk about during his reflection?

The Supreme Council offers many resources that can be used for the Lecturer's Reflection, including: The Supreme Chaplain's Challenge (published monthly in *Columbia*) and *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History* by Andrew and Maureen Walther. If the Lecturer's Reflection occurs during the meeting, he should speak for about five minutes on a topic related to Catholic virtues or the principles of the Order. If the reflection is during social time his remarks can be longer.

23. Can we still use the Opening and Closing Odes?

Nearly 55,000 responses were received from an all member survey on council meetings. All standard meeting agenda items were value ranked and the Odes were deemed to be of very low value. The new meeting agenda retains only the most highly valued and essential agenda items in the hope that members will find a council meeting to be a satisfying use of their time. Councils may continue to sing the Opening or Closing Odes if the members vote to do so, but they are not part of the official agenda.

24. Did the removal of the Opening and Closing Odes have anything to do with recent civil unrest and related anti-Columbus sentiment?

No.

25. Are we permitted to keep aspects of the former meeting structure that have been removed?

A council may vote to retain aspects of the former meetings structure, however, careful consideration should be given to the value of these elements as well as the time involved. All meeting agenda items should be completed within one hour.

26. Are the District Deputy and Field Agent Reports required at Council meetings?

Yes. If the District Deputy and Field Agent are present, they should give a report to the membership. They should strive to meet the three minute guideline for their reports and respect the Grand Knight's efforts to keep the meeting to one hour. If more time is needed, they should make arrangements in advance and allow the Grand Knight to adjust the agenda accordingly.

27. Do council bylaws need to be updated to align with these changes?

Yes. Standard council bylaws will be updated after the 2021 Supreme Convention. More guidance will be given then for councils to update their bylaws to reflect these changes.

28. Will there be changes to council quorum requirements?

No changes have been made to council quorum requirements. The number of members needed to reach a quorum are set by each council in their bylaws.

29. Are councils required to have a formal budget?

A well-planned budget is an essential best practice of successful councils. It provides financial transparency to the membership and a planning template for future council leaders. It also ensures that meetings are not bogged down with voting on each project or program expense individually. Every council, regardless of size, should have a budget.

30. Is there a new agenda for Assembly Meetings?

There currently are no approved changes for Assembly Meetings. That said, *The Guidelines for Council Meetings* book provides helpful suggestions that can be used in Assembly Meetings.

31. Why was the council chamber setup modified?

The prior setup facilitated exemplification ceremonies during the meetings themselves. Now that 'Initiations' are no longer part of the meeting agenda; the modified chamber setup is more appropriate. The officers and directors who will be giving most of the presentations are all seated in front of the members. The members are all facing the front of the room where the speakers will be giving their remarks.

32. With these changes to the Council meeting agenda, the *Recorder's Minute Book* (#1403) is now outdated. Will this resource be updated?

An updated edition of the *Recorder's Minute Book* #1403 will be released in 2021.

33. What is included in the Financial Report?

The Financial Report should be limited to a status of the council's bank accounts, including aggregate receipts and expenditures, funds raised from events, and charitable contributions by the council. It should assure members that adequate funds are available for upcoming commitments.

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Our Service Men and Women

And all our deceased Members

May their Souls Rest in Peace



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).



Suffolk Chapter Catholic High School Scholarships

Applications are available for the following Suffolk Chapter Catholic High Schools.

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Details contact chairman Bob Dobres, boca46@optimum.net or 631 592-8697. Deadline May 15th, 2021.....

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

There will be **no meeting for February**. It's still too risky. But, we will be doing different collection drives each month. So, please check your emails each month for my President's Message or the Knightlife when you get a chance. I will do a flyer for each month for the collection that we will be involved in.

So, February is the month of "love" and in honor of **Valentines Day**, I wanted to pick a different area to donate too. I think most of us have had pets in our lives, from either childhood or later in life, or maybe you are just someone who appreciates the love that animals bring to our hearts. I have had 1 cat and 5 dogs in my lifetime and each one holds a special place in my heart. They were and are unique in their own way and I love and loved them all. I can't imagine my life without them. I thought it would be great to help out different organizations that rescue animals or connect animals to people who will love them!! So with that we are doing a Dog/Cat Collection drive. Please see the attached flyer for the details I have designated 2 Saturdays (Feb. 13th & Feb. 20th) to collect items that are listed on the flyer. There are 3 organizations that will be receiving the donations. Those are listed on the flyer as well. Please see the flyer for the details, your support will be much appreciated! Also, please share this with Columbiettes who are not getting the Knightlife, thank you!

For March's collection, if anyone has an idea, please share it with me. Right now, it's up in the air.

2021 dues are being collected, so please make your check payable to:

St. Regis Columbiettes

PO BOX 57

Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Attn: Columbiettes

Text me or call me at 631-942-1702. If calling, please leave a message, I am extremely busy at work and most likely will not be able to take your phone call.

Be Safe and Be Well!!

Carmela Safina, Madam President

February 2021

Good and Welfare

Hi everybody and their family. I'm hoping that everyone is doing well. Wishing and praying that we all had a good start to the year.

Lots of our members and their loved ones got sick. Joan Clair, Linda Savage, and Sally Ferranti, warmest wishes for speedy recovery ladies. Linda surgery on January 4, 2021 was cancelled because the hospital was full. She will inform me her surgery when its re-schedule

If you know of any member and their family in need of a card and prayers please let me know. Please contact me at 631-285-3249 my house phone or you can text me on my cell phone 934-777-0165, or leave a message to my facebook.

I miss seeing you all. Hope to see you all soon. Lets all pray that Coronavirus will end soon. Stay healthy and safe everyone.

Vice President

Emily B. Harris



*St. Regis Columbiettes
Celebrate Valentines Day
“FOR THE LOVE OF PETS”*

On Saturday February 13th and
Saturday February 20th
From 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, at the
St. Regis Council Parking Lot

We will be collecting the following items:

Pedigree Puppy Food (wet and dry)

Any brand Dog and Cat Food (wet and dry)

WeeWee Pads

Newspapers (for lining cages)

Cleaning supplies (bleach)

Dog beds (any size)

Terry Cloth towels

This collection will be distributed to the following organizations, please help out if you can, our four legged family/friends need your support!!!

God Bless you from St. Regis Columbiettes

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2021

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St. Regis - February 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Officers Meeting Council/Corporation Audit	2 Groundhog Day	3 Business Meeting Columbiette Officer's Meeting	4 Parade Meeting	5 Poker	6
7 Super Bowl	8 Club 4651 Meeting	9	10	11 Screening Parade Meeting	12 Poker	13
14 Valentine's Day Vet's Home	15 President's Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18 Parade Meeting	19 Poker Chapter Meeting	20
21 Memorial Mass	22	23	24	25 Parade Meeting	26	27
28	1 Officers Meeting	2	3 Business Meeting Columbiette Officer's Meeting	4 Parade Meeting	5	6