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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL**

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### Council Calendar

- NOVEMBER 1  
All Saints Day
- NOVEMBER 18  
"Knight" At The Races
- NOVEMBER 14  
First Degree at St. Matthews
- NOVEMBER 28  
General Council Meeting 8PM
- DECEMBER 12  
Officer's Meeting 7PM  
General Council Meeting 8PM
- DECEMBER 16  
Council Christmas Party  
Children 11AM- 1PM  
Adults 7PM
- DECEMBER 17  
1ST. Degree at St. Elizabeth
- DECEMBER 20  
4th. Degree Dinner
- DECEMBER 31  
Council News Years Eve Party

By invitation of GK William Murphy, of the Gate of Heaven Council, I recently attended a Round Table meeting of the Suffolk County Columbian Squires. The Columbian Squires are a Knights of Columbus sponsored youth group for young men between the hours of 10 thru 18.

I would like to present the possibility of starting a Squires Circle at our council, and believe that it can only be a positive thing. Squires are not required to have Dads that are Knights, allowing us to recruit from our entire parish. This often ends up, as I am told, in the Father usually becoming a Knight after the son joins the Squires. Again, yet another way of boosting our general membership.

For those of you who could not attend, at our Council meeting on Oct 24, we were visited by Kenneth Latham Jr., the Knights of Columbus' New York State Squires Director. Mr. Latham, who

joined the Squires program back in 1969, when he was 12 years old, explained that the Squires are taught to be leaders and that the organization is set up to allow the boys to vote for their own Officers and Committees with the adults, as counselors, providing guidance. Mr. Latham has also offered to return for an



"Open House" that would allow for potential Squire's parents to have a look at the program and get answers to their questions.

I think this is a great idea and although my son, John has been invited to join the Squires through another council, I feel

that we should start our own Circle. We can co-organize along with the other councils for the larger activities and this can only help to increase our membership in general immediately but also plant the seed for or future Knights and possibly our future leaders in general.

I sincerely hope that you will all agree that starting a Columbian Squires Circle will be a positive move on many levels for our Council and our Community and I have several offers from many of our Brothers to assist as Counselors and I am very proud that I have received an offer by our new Pastor, Rev. John J. McCartney, to be our Circle's "Father Prior", one of the requirements in the organization of a Squire Circle. I ask for your support in the form of a positive vote for the starting of our own Columbian Squire Circle at one of our upcoming meetings and please

### C&B Drive

C&B Chairman Sir George Schnell requests that all raffle booklets still outstanding be returned (hopefully sold) at our next meeting or call George at 631-499-5178.

"Knight" at the Races  
"Knight" at the Races will be held in Monsignor Goggin Hall on Satur-

day, Nov, 18 at 7:00PM. A \$10.00 ticket will be sold at the door which will include snacks, hotdogs, beer and soda. We will have a turkey raffle just in time for Thanksgiving and a lot of fun will be had by all. Bring your friends, relatives and neighbors for a great night! Christmas Party

On December 16, we will hold our annual Council Christmas parties. The children's activities will run from 11:00am to 1:00pm and the adult celebration will begin at 7:00pm.

### News Year Eve

Our New Years Eve party will be held on (can you believe) December 31. Additional information of our New Years Eve Party as well as other events

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My Brother Knights:

As we approach the "Birth of Christ", it is a new beginning for all of my Brother Knights. At this time we should reflect supporting our Council in our two monthly meetings and the affairs that we run to make money for our charitable contributions. A lot of time and effort goes into all our events and meetings and it seems that the same people attend we would like to see new faces because they do not know what they are missing.

At a recent meeting Father McCartney came to address us as our Pastor and a Brother Knight (4th Degree), and gave us a talk about how he was inspired by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen as a youth. Coming to St. Matthew and discovering that our Council had been named after someone that he has respected and revered for many years made him very happy. He also said to the Knights that he would support us in all our endeavors, as we will support him in as our new Pastor.

On December 8th, 9th, and 10<sup>th</sup>, St. Matthew will be hosting Youth 2000, and Fr. McCartney has asked for the all the Knights to help with the different events for the week-end. I hope and pray that all our members will be able to assist his in one way or another. Our events coming up over the coming months are our "Knight" at the Races, the Christmas party for the Religious Education students, the Knights Christmas party and our Gala New Year's Eve Party. I hope to see everyone at all these events.

Now that the days have gotten shorter and the winds have begun to blow cold gusts from the North, we begin to retreat into our homes and begin our thoughts of the coming holidays. One of the most important things that we should not do is retreat into our shell like a snail or a box turtle. To complete our fulfillment as Christians, we must love both God and our neighbor.

Since the end of January of this year, my wife has been struggling with breast cancer. There were many long periods of chemotherapy and three surgeries and we were greatly supported by the many promises of remembrance in prayer, Mass and get well cards, letters, emails and phone calls that we received. During the many long sessions of chemo, we were buoyed by our faith and the many prayers of others.

Throughout this entire experience, we have felt the power of prayer pouring into us. One day a friend called and gave us the name of a surgeon that had treated three of her friends with great success. We were able to contact the doctor and make an appointment with her. Less than an hour after making that appointment, our family physician called and recommended the same doctor but thought that we would have to go into the City to be treated by her. This was truly an answer to our prayers

and the many prayers of our friends and loved ones. This was how God was telling us, "Follow this road!"

God calls us to complete many things in our lives but He always leads the way and encourages us along the way. If we were to crawl into our shells and retreat from the world around us, we would not become all that the Lord wants of us. Let us be open to the direction that God wants us to go. Let us be open to the tasks that God wants us to complete. Like the battery, we must be "ever-ready" to follow the path that God designed for us.

On a personal note, I will be a candidate for the position of Commissioner of the Dix Hills Fire Department. As a result of my many years in education and administration, I believe that I would be an asset to both our community and our fire department. I would like to ask for your support by voting for me at fire department headquarters on Deer Park Avenue on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006 between the hours of 4:00 and 9:00 PM.

Have a great Christmas and a blessed New Year.



In Memory Of:

DOROTHY A. MCCARTNEY

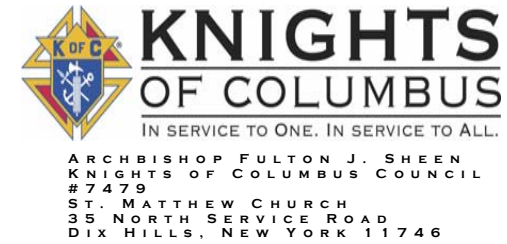
August 8, 1924  
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*I am not at all afraid of the last struggles nor of the suffering of illness, however serious they may be. The good Lord has helped me and led me by the hand from my most tender years. I count on Him. I feel certain that He will continue to assist me until the end.*

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Photo of St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897), taken at the Carmel of Lisieux., Spring 1895





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