

# *The Meadowlands Patriot*

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## ***Congratulations to Our New Sir Knights!!!***



**F. N. David & Lady Sophie**

### **Worthy Sir Knights,**

On February 22, 2025 we celebrated the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fourth Degree with an exemplification ceremony, Mass, and unveiling of a statue of our founder Blessed Michael J. McGivney at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. We were all a part of history as more than 700 candidates and over 1,600 family members including the members of the Fourth Degree Honor Guard were in attendance for the day long event.

Worthy Sir Knights this fourth-degree exemplification is a newly revised format that was used for the first time that Saturday. It is when candidates learn about the Catholic history of the United States, including its European exploration by France, Italy, and Spain, the establishment of Maryland as a Catholic Colony, contributions to the nation's

founding by Catholics such as Charles Carroll of Carrollton, a signatory of the Declaration of Independence, and prominent Catholic figures throughout American history, including President John F. Kennedy, himself a Fourth Degree Knight.

Toward the beginning of the ceremony, Cardinal Dolan was joined by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and members of the family of Blessed Michael McGivney. Together, they unveiled a slightly larger-than-life-size bronze statue of Father McGivney, which will remain in St. Patrick's Cathedral permanently. The unveiling and blessing of the statue marked the final placement of nine such likenesses of the founder by sculptor Chas Fagan, installed at all nine Catholic cathedrals in New York state by the New York State Knights of Columbus

The Anniversary Celebration concluded with a spectacular Banquet at the Hilton Midtown in New York City. The evening was filled with inspiring speeches from Supreme Master Michael McCusker, His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, and a beautiful closing blessing from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori.

What an Honor it is to be a Fourth Degree Sir Knight

Vivat Jesus'

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Worthy Sir Knights,

The District Team, the Executive Secretary, District Marshal, District Webmaster, Membership Chairman, and Ad Journal Chairman, put a significant amount of time to prepare all the paperwork and logistics for the Exemplification.



Lady Dianna & Master Jim

As we talked about before, we've set deadlines for Candidates, Dinner Reservations, and Ad Journal submissions.

The deadline for Candidates and Dinner Reservations submissions and payments is **April 7, 2025**, which is also our last meeting before the Exemplification on April 27th.

The deadline for Ad Journal submissions is Monday, March 24, 2025, while the deadline for payments for those advertisements is **April 7, 2025**.

Remember to use the District Website, [firstnjdistrict.net](http://firstnjdistrict.net), for all submissions, Candidates, Dinner Reservations, and Ad Journal submissions.

These deadlines are in place to make things easier, clear things up, and lighten the load for the Chairmen.

We want to make sure that the Candidates, Dinner Reservations, and Ad Journal advertisements reflect the expectations and preferences of the District and Assemblies.

We appreciate your cooperation to adhering to these deadlines. Thank you Brothers!!

Should you have any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

"Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith."

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**before the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month.**

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**Send your newsletters and  
event notices to the F.N. at  
[d\\_newlin@yahoo.com](mailto:d_newlin@yahoo.com)**

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Did you send your dues to Worthy Comptroller Neal McGarrity yet? His address is 814 Ninth Street, Secaucus, NJ 07094. Make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus".  
You can also pay at the meeting!

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm  
Membership Mtg.- 194 River Rd  
at Queen of Peace KofC Hall

Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm  
Exemplification at La Neve's Restaurant  
256 Belmont Ave., North Haldon, NJ



Candidates checking in at St. Patrick's in NYC,  
More photos on page 4!

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, March 8, 2025, 6:00 PM

Sacred Heart School Cafeteria

Corned Beef Dinner - Irish Music - BYOB

50/50 Raffle - Drawing at 8:00 p.m.

Gift Baskets Auction

Tickets for the dinner \$30 for Adults \$10 for kids

12 and under and will go on sale shortly.

In conjunction with this major fund raising event, the parish is requesting donations for gift baskets that will be auctioned off that night. If you're interested in donating a \$25, \$50, or \$75 basket, please drop it off at the Parish Center. If you'd like to contribute new items to make up a gift basket, you can also drop them off at the Parish Center. If you have any questions, feel free to call Sabina at 862-249-1186. Thank you for your generosity which will contribute to the success of this fund raising which will benefit Sacred Heart Parish.



**Knights of Columbus**  
Mary Immaculate Council #12769



**TAKE-OUT  
or EAT-IN**

**Meatless Friday Dinner**

**Fish Fry with Potato Salad,  
Cole Slaw, Dessert & Beverages**

**Friday, April 11, 2025**

**served from 5 to 7 p.m.**

*Catered by Filomena's Deli*

**at Immaculate Conception Church  
Cafeteria (Centre Avenue Entrance)**

**760 Post Place, Secaucus, N.J. 07094**

**Tickets: \$25**

**Available at the Parish Gift Shop or  
from Ticket Chmn. Charlie Schumacher**

**Cell: (201) 803-9217**

**or any Knight in the Parish.**

Your announcement could be here!

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**Ever been to New Haven?**

From GK Bob Secatello,

Knights of Columbus #3240

Pilgrimage to St. Mary's and Blessed Michael

McGivney Pilgrimage Center:

We are excited to announce a pilgrimage to St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut on Saturday March 15th 2025: This is the church where Blessed Father McGivney is entombed. We will also have lunch catered by the Famous Frank Pepe pizzeria, considered the best pizzeria in America. Lastly, we will have our very own tour of the Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center before returning home.

Cost: 75 per Adult \$25 for children under 10

\*Include Bus and Food

Schedule:

Depart: 7:00 of Assumption Roselle Park

10:00 AM: Private Mass at St. Mary's Church  
by our Chaplain

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM: Tour of St. Mary's  
with Brother Bob Goossens

12:00: Lunch by Frank Pepe in the lobby of the  
Bl. Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center

After Lunch: Tour of the Permanent Collection  
and learn more about Blessed Michael  
McGivney

2:00 PM: Depart for home

5:00 PM: Arrive Back to Roselle Park

Dress Code: Casual, comfortable for walking  
and exploring.

This day offers us a unique opportunity to learn  
more about Bless Father McGivney and the  
history of the Knights of Columbus.

To register, please enter your information and  
how many people will join in the Signup  
Genius link and you can make payment at our  
next meeting.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ABAF2FA3F5CE9-54298130-pilgrimage?useFullSite=true#/>





Cardinal Dolan blessing the Fr. McGivney statue.



Cardinal Dolan and Archbishop Lori, holding a relic of Fr McGivney, blessing the faithful.



FN David and Lady Sophie at St Patrick's



Over 700 new Sir Knights pose for the "Class Photograph" in St Patrick's Cathedral. This is the largest exemplification of the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus!.

