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“Pray For The Unborn”

Grand Knight’s Message

My Dear Brother Knights,

As another year comes to a close, I find myself reflecting with gratitude on all that we have accomplished together. Since my last message, much has taken place, and I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the Knights who generously offered their time and talents. Your dedication made every one of our efforts a true success.

We continued our service at the Men’s *Iron Sharpens Iron* meetings at OLGC. We put up, and later took down, the Nativity scene, a visible reminder of the hope we celebrate each Christmas. We also supported persons with special needs at their annual bowling event by providing pizza, which was received with great joy. And of course, our annual Christmas party gave us the chance to share fellowship and celebrate the season together.

Now, we turn our eyes forward. Another penitential season is approaching. The liturgical season of Lent is fast drawing near, and I encourage all my Brother Knights to enter this time with seriousness and fervor. Let us prepare our hearts for Easter by living our faith intentionally, through much prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May this coming season strengthen us, unite us, and draw us ever closer to Christ.

Jesus Vivat, ac pax et bonum!

Bernard Stevenson

Grand Knight, Council 1839

3rd Degree News

On Sunday, November 23, 2025, the Endicott and Vestal Knights provided pizzas and soda for the Special Olympics Bowling at Midway Lanes from 9:00 – 11:30 AM. As in years past, the event was well-attended and the participants had a great time (as did the Knights!)

On Dec. 8 the Endicott Knights held their annual Christmas party. It was marvelous to spend an evening with our fellow Knights. Special thanks to all who brought dishes to pass.

The IGNITE Men’s Catholic Conference is Saturday, March 21 in Syracuse. As the date gets closer more information will be sent to the Knights.

In Memoriam

Deacon George Phillips passed away on November 5, 2025. Among his many, many achievements, Dc. George served as the Chaplain for the Endicott Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights held a prayer service for Dc. George at Holy Family. This newsletter is inadequate to do him justice. Please see Dc. George’s obituary at <https://www.allenmemorial.com/obituaries/george-phillips>

From the Financial Secretary

I have mailed out the dues for 2026. Please pay them promptly. We are down to fewer paying members mostly because our members are becoming Honorary Life members. We have 11 who are 50+ years members.

We have again been asked to cook for the Women's Retreat on Feb 21. And, again this year, it is on the same day as the Men's Breakfast at OLG. We need your help. The work is not hard but it is easier with more workers. And, with more workers, the more fun we have. If you can help, please let Jim or me know which one you prefer.

Faithful Navigator's Message

For the past 18 months, it has been my honor to serve as your Faithful Navigator. Despite having a few serious health issues in my family during this period, I have kept a fervent prayer life, asking for Our Lord Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother's intercession. Although I do not have anything to report at this time, I hope we may assist our Community and our Church with a firm resolution. With that being said, I hope these thoughts will help you embrace this New Year with a strong faith and trust in God.

We must endeavor to give thanks to God for all that we have and hold dear (our Faith, our Families, our Health and our Brother Knights). Let us show gratitude to God for what He has given us.

I hope this upcoming year for you and your families be filled with peace, hope and love.

Vivat Jesu

Edward Contino

Faithful Navigator

4th Degree News

There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification on Saturday, March 14, 2026 at Sacred Heart Church, 8229 Brewerton Road, Cicero, NY. The ceremony is at 1:00 with a mass at 5:00. Any interested Knights, please contact Ed Contino or Walt Loveless for further details.

From the Faithful Comptroller

Dues have been sent out for the Fourth Degree. Please send in your dues as soon as possible to: James Henenlotter, Knights of Columbus Assembly 0725, 705 W. Main St. Endicott, NY 13760

Malvern Retreat

This is an invitation to the members of the Knights of Columbus Council 1839, Assembly members and others to attend the Mid-May Retreat at St. Joseph in the Hills retreat center in Malvern, PA, near Philadelphia. This is a forty-hour retreat starting with sign-in by 6:00 pm on Friday, May 15 and concluding at noon on Sunday, May 17, 2025. World-class retreat directors are brought in. There is a \$50.00 fee to reserve your spot for the retreat and an overall fee of \$260.00 for the weekend. That being said there is no one turned away for not being able to pay. This retreat celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2022 and is the oldest retreat weekend center in the country. We routinely arrange carpooling to drive down Friday afternoon and return Sunday afternoon. You can see more on-line at malvernretreat.com. If you want to sign up you can refer to Bill Bernier as "recruiter" or I can get you signed up myself with some of your contact information. Contact Bill Bernier at wbernier@stny.rr.com or by phone at 607-239-9626 for more information.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
February 9	1st Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	Council 1839 Meeting room
February 16	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	Council 1839 meeting room
February 18	Ash Wednesday		
February 21	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Breakfast	9:30 AM	OLGC
February 21	Women's Retreat Breakfast	9:30 AM	St. Vincent de Paul
March 9	1st Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	Council 1839 meeting room
March 14	4 th Degree Exemplification	1:00 PM	Sacred Heart, Cicero, NY
March 14	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Breakfast	9:30 AM	OLGC
March 16	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	Council 1839 meeting room
March 17	Happy St. Patrick's Day!		
March 21	IGNITE Men's Catholic Conference	All Day	Syracuse
March 29	Palm Sunday		
April 3	Good Friday		
April 5	Easter Sunday		
April 13	1st Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	Council 1839 meeting room
April 18	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Breakfast	9:30 AM	OLGC
April 20	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	Council 1839 meeting room
May 11	1st Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	Council 1839 meeting room
May 16	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Breakfast	9:30 AM	OLGC
May 18	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	Council 1839 meeting room
May 24	Pentecost		

The Knights on Social Media

The Endicott Council has a Facebook page and a presence on the OLGC website:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558764730812>

<https://www.olgcendicott.org/KofC>

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