

CDR. JOHN J. SHEA ASSEMBLY 729

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE

NOVEMBER 2026

THE COMMANDER'S LOG

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Faith. Patriotism. Fraternity.

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

Brother Sir Knights,

November is the month the Church sets aside to remember the Holy Souls: our parents and grandparents, our wives and children, our friends, and the brother Knights who stood beside us and have gone home to God.

I ask each of you to bring their names to Mass this month. Light a candle, visit a grave, pray a decade of the Rosary for them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Our prayers are an act of love that reaches beyond the grave.

November also brings Veterans Day on November 11. Many of the loved ones we remember wore our nation's uniform, as did many of our own Sir Knights. As Fourth Degree Knights, we love God first, and we love the country that lets us worship Him freely.

Join us at the Fourth Degree Memorial Mass on Saturday, November 14, at 1:30 PM at St. Gerard Majella, Port Jefferson Station, with our Honor Guard in tribute, and the Memorial Mass Service on Monday, November 23, at Monsignor Hall, Patchogue K of C.



FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

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That brings me to something close to my heart: our Honor Guard. When a Sir Knight passes, the Honor Guard stands at his wake or funeral in full regalia. It is a final salute. It tells his family that their husband, father, and grandfather was our brother, that his faith and service mattered, and that he is not forgotten. Families notice that moment, and they remember it.

Carrying the colors is both a prayer and a pledge. We stand for Christ and for country, and we stand for the brothers who came before us. But we can only answer every call if we have enough Sir Knights in the ranks.

So I am asking you: join our Honor Guard. You do not need experience, only a willing heart. Drills are held at St. Gerard Majella, 300 Terryville Rd, Port Jefferson Station, and our next drill is Friday, November 6, at 7:30 PM. Come see what it is about, and reach out to the assembly through sheaassembly729.com.

May the Holy Souls rest in peace, and may God bless our veterans, our families, and our country.

Vivat Jesus,

MIKE

Faithful Navigator,
CDR. John J. Shea Assembly 729



CHRISTMAS PARTY: NEW DATE



CDR. JOHN J. SHEA ASSEMBLY 729

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

ST. REGIS COUNCIL #4651
427 HAWKINS ROAD, LAKE RONKONKOMA

Moved from Friday, December 4, due to circumstances beyond our control.

7PM - 10PM

MEMBERS & FAMILIES WELCOME!

Celebrate the season together. Please mark your calendars!

THE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

SK MICHAEL DONOVAN, FAITHFUL CAPTAIN

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This month we honor our Veterans who served this great nation on November 11th. We also honor our fallen brother knights this month with memorial masses.

So, this month we pause to honor and remember our departed Sir Knights and Veterans who faithfully served God, the church, and our country.

Their dedication, patriotism, brotherhood, and commitment to this great nation will never be forgotten. We extend our heartfelt condolences to their families and loved ones.

We must also remember the families they left behind. We offer our prayers, our support, and our sincere appreciation for their sacrifices they shared with their loved ones.

CONTACT THE CAPTAIN

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Let us never forget our veterans and brother knights, that although they are no longer with us that we will uphold the traditions, values and patriotism for this great nation as they did.

May perpetual light shine upon them, and may their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Respectfully submitted by your Captain, Michael Donovan.

SK MICHAEL DONOVAN

Faithful Captain,
CDR. John J. Shea Assembly 729

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A DECADE FOR OUR FALLEN BROTHERS

Pray one decade for the repose of the souls of our deceased brother Knights and loved ones:
1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Pray one Our Father.
3. Pray ten Hail Marys, offered for a deceased member by name.
4. Pray one Glory Be.
5. Pray: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
6. Close by praying for their families.



A ROSARY FOR OUR MILITARY

& OUR FALLEN OFFICERS

This November, as we honor our veterans and remember our fallen, we ask you to pray one rosary for the men and women who gave everything in service to God and country.

OFFER EACH DECADE

1. 1st Decade – for the men and women of our armed forces, serving at home and abroad.
2. 2nd Decade – for the fallen of every war, that they rest in the peace of Christ.
3. 3rd Decade – for our fallen police officers, firefighters and first responders.
4. 4th Decade – for their families: the widows, children and Gold Star families who carry on.
5. 5th Decade – for our departed Sir Knights and Fourth Degree brothers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Watch our November memorial video
youtu.be/AolTVuObMpA

REST EASY, BROTHER. WE HAVE THE WATCH FROM HERE.
VIVAT JESUS!

HONOR GUARD, COMMANDER & PHOTOS



LEADERSHIP. FAITH. FRATERNITY.

NOV 6

HONOR GUARD DRILL

Friday · St. Gerard Majella, Port Jefferson Station · 7:30 PM

All Fourth Degree Sir Knights are welcome to join

COMMANDER’S

Commander Rich Frazita · Deputy Dan Bosshart · sheaassembly729.com/honor-guard

OFFICERS SNAPSHOT & QUICK LINKS

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR	Michael Graziano
FAITHFUL CAPTAIN	Michael Donovan
FAITHFUL ADMIRAL	Vincenzo Lettieri
FAITHFUL PILOT	Christopher Beattie
FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER	Anthony Sementilli
FAITHFUL PURSER	Matthew Baldassano
FAITHFUL SCRIBE	Dan Bosshart
FAITHFUL INNER SENTINEL	John Zappia
FAITHFUL OUTER SENTINEL	Mario Russo
FAITHFUL TRUSTEE 1 YEAR	Jack Lafferty
FAITHFUL TRUSTEE 2 YEAR	Richard Frazita
FAITHFUL TRUSTEE 3 YEAR	Joe Fontana
COMMANDER	Richard Frazita
DEPUTY COMMANDER	Dan Bosshart
FRIAR	Fr. Rudy Pesongco

TUNNELS TO TOWERS

Our Assembly supports Tunnels to Towers Foundation by honoring our fallen heroes and their families.

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WHAT'S COMING UP & HONOR / COLOR GUARD



VISIT OUR WEBSITE
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- Nov 6 (Friday): Honor Guard drill at St. Gerard Majella, Port Jefferson Station, 7:30 PM.
- Nov 11: Veterans Day. Thank a veteran.
- Nov 14 (Saturday): Fourth Degree Memorial Mass at St. Gerard Majella, Port Jefferson Station, 1:30 PM.
- Nov 23 (Monday): Memorial Mass Service at Monsignor Hall, Patchogue K of C.
- Dec 12 (Saturday evening): Christmas party at St. Regis Council. New date!

JOIN OUR HONOR GUARD

Sir Knights, carry the colors with us! At the wake or funeral of a deceased brother, our Honor Guard honors his service and shows his family he is not forgotten. Drills: St. Gerard Majella, 300 Terryville Rd, Port Jefferson Station. Next drill Fri, Nov 6, 7:30 PM. Contact the assembly via sheaassembly729.com.

Requests: council functions & wakes need 2 weeks' notice + pastor approval; for wakes contact the FN early · Cmdr Rich Frazita · Dep Dan Bosshart

THE MISSING MAN TABLE

A PLACE SET FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT COME HOME



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This small table, set with care, keeps faith with every service member still missing or held captive.

Round table: our concern for them never ends.
White cloth: the purity of their hearts in answering the call.
Red rose: their lives, and the loved ones who keep the faith.
Red ribbon: our resolve to account for every one.
Lemon slice: the bitter lot of the captured and missing.
Pinch of salt: the tears of waiting families.
Lit candle: our hope for their return.
Bible: the faith that sustains us, one nation under God.
Inverted glass: they cannot share our toast.
Empty chair: a seat that remains unclaimed.

VIVAT JESUS.

Knights of Columbus • Fourth Degree

In Memoriam

Our Departed Sir Knights 2026

CDR. John J. Shea Assembly 729
Memorial Mass

Leslie George Allen
Richard J. Alvanos
Paul R. Basileo
John G. Bivona Jr.
William P. Blaber
Anthony F. Castellano
John Diadema
John Enright
Thomas F. Fawcett
John T. Finn
Frederick W. Floyd III
John D. Ford
Thomas Gentile
Ralph M. Giannola
Philip A. Griffith
Michael E. Grudzinski
William P. Halgarda Sr.
Leo A. Hesler
Thomas Higgins
Joseph W. Horodyski Jr.
Thomas Iarocci
Walter N Kedjierski
Edward L. Kocan
Michael P. Lankau
John Scott MacRate
Kenneth Maher Jr.
Joseph Mahoney
Joseph A. Martino
Carlo Matteucci
Thomas W. McCabe
Fred J. McGuiness
Brian J. McGuire
Fergus J. McDermott
Thomas Murphy
Montford D. Naylor
Robert J. Neudeck
Richard Olivea
Julius J. Pannetta
Michael J. Pantozzi
Vito Perci
Gerald P. Pisapia
John A. Praino
Robert T. Rafferty
Anthony Rebaldo
Ralph E. Salamone
Benedict V. Scannella
Richard T. Schmitt
Martin J. Sheppard
Kerry C. Sisson
Richard J. Steimle
Edward T. Strack
Ralph J. Tomich
Albert K Weidig
Robert J. Williams
George J. Winter
William H. Winters
Thomas D. Wirshap

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Rest easy, brother. We have the watch from here.

CATHOLIC MILITARY CHAPLAINS



“The Archdiocese for the Military Services has been called ‘the biggest diocese with the fewest priests,’ as the number of Catholics serving in the military far outstrips the proportion of Catholic Chaplains. Yet this ‘diocese without borders’ does vital work in ministering to Catholic military personnel and their families.

The work of chaplains is not confined to the chapel. They go where they are needed – in a tent in the desert, on the deck of an aircraft carrier, in the barracks on base, in a combat zone, in the halls of the Pentagon.

Military service requires extraordinary sacrifices of those who serve and their families. Chaplains provide pastoral care through guidance, education, direction on Church doctrine, and spiritual counsel. Through their words and actions, they provide comfort and strength through the Word of God and the sacraments to those who serve to protect our nation.

Serving as a military chaplain is a noble calling, but can be challenging work even in the best of times. Yet in facing the worst of times, a number of military chaplains have shown extraordinary courage and strength of character – so much so that nine chaplains have been awarded the Medal of Honor over the decades. This medal is the nation’s highest and most prestigious military decoration for valor. Of those nine heroic chaplains, five were Catholic priests.”

- From Aleteia online

Over the next several months I will tell the stories of the five Catholic priests who gave their all for their soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines.

Shared by Michael J. Tully, Chairman, Suffolk County Conference