



Council and Corporation meetings are held on the 2nd. Monday of every month.  
Corporation meets @ 6:00 PM, Council meetings begin @ 7:15 PM.  
Columbiettes meet 1st. Monday of each month. Mtg.'s @7:00 PM

# The Knightly News



Council Meeting – Jan. 12, 2026

Columbiettes Meeting—Feb. 2, 2026

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## COUNCIL NEWS & NOTES

**H**appy New Year to all. May 2026 bring peace, prosperity and good health to all. 2026 also marks the 75th anniversary of our Council, as it was established in 1951. A quick review of our Council on Google AI describes our Council as a vibrant Catholic fraternal organization in Latham, N.Y. serving its community and parishes, focusing on charity, unity and faith through events, community support, and programs for families. That is an impressive description of the Council that 75

years into its existence continues to focus on its mission. We praise God for His guidance, and we thank those who support us and volunteer to assist us in continuing the mission, and adhering to the values that both the Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes honor.

### Welcome:

To Brother Knight Louis Chmielewski who transferred his membership to Council 3394.

### K of C Free Throw Contest:

We are looking forward to sponsoring a free throw contest for boys and girls ages 9 through 14 on January 10, 2026 at St. Clare's church in Colonie, N.Y. We encourage the youths and their parents to participate in the contest in which the winners may be able to advance to regional championships in Ossining, New York, then regional winners advance to the State Championships at West Point, New York.

See the flyer included in this newsletter for further details and contact information including a copy of the contest application and a live link to apply.

### Columbiette Breakfast:

The Columbiettes will be kicking off 2026 with their Breakfast on Sunday,

January 11 from 8:30-11:30. Please come and support our Columbiettes.

### Lenten Fish Fridays:

Although it's just the beginning of the new year that also means that the start of Lent and our Lenten Fish Fridays are not that far off. Ash Wednesday is on February 18 so our first fish Friday will be held on February 20. The times will remain the same, from 4-7 and take out will be available. We believe the menu will remain the same, there may be slight changes but nothing major, and the pricing is still undecided at this time. We hope that we can keep them where they were last year. And as always reservations are highly recommended.

Please keep an eye out for our February newsletter where we should have complete details.

### Robert Church Memorial Holiday Fund:

Another successful year of fundraising for the Robert Church Memorial Holiday Fund which is used primarily for making contributions to Community Maternity Services in Albany. This particular charity was by far Bob's favorite and the Council has continued his gift giving since his passing.

This year's income from all sources

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## COLUMBIETTE NEWS

## Columbiette Officers

President  
**Tracylynn Patterson**  
 Past President  
**Linda Lanthier**  
 Vice President  
**Wanda Torres**  
 Secretary  
**Kathy Majer**  
 Financial Secretary  
**Joy Meher**  
 Treasurer  
**Jude Chiera**  
 Sentinel  
**Mary Cay Snyder**

## NEXT MEETING

There will be no Columbiette Meeting in January, our next meeting is Monday, February 2nd, 2026. This is our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for 2026 please consider attending, your ideas and input are important to all of us!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1/10/26 - K of C Free Throw Contest  
 1/11/26 - Columbiette Breakfast

## COLUMBIETTE BREAKFAST

Our breakfast will be on 1/11/26 from 8:30-11:30 and as usual we can use lots of help, especially with the clean-up. Come have a great breakfast and stay to help with the cleanup. (see promo on page )

## HOFFMAN CAR WASH TICKETS

The Columbiettes are again selling Hoffman Car Wash tickets; they make great gifts. We have exterior for \$10.00 and Full Service for \$28.00, they are available at the Bar.

## DUES

Dues for 2026 are due; they are \$15.00 per year. Please mail to Joy Meher at 35 Western Avenue, Watervliet, N.Y. 12189 or if you'd prefer to leave them at the Social Parlor, you can stop any day after 4 pm. Make checks payable to the Latham Colonie to the Latham Colonie Columbiettes.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Some of the dates are tentative. Please see future Knightly News for up to date notices.

**Sat. Jan. 10th. - K of C Free Throw Contest**  
**Sun. Jan. 11th. - Columbiette Breakfast**  
**Mon. Jan. 12th. - Council Meeting**  
**Mon. Feb. 2nd. - Columbiette Meeting**  
**Mon. Feb. 9th. - Council Meeting**  
**Wed. Feb. 18th. - Ash Wednesday**

## K of C Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Free Throw Championship (Tournament) on Saturday, January 11th, 2026 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm at St. Clare's Church 1947 Central Avenue, Albany, 12205. The contest is open to Boys and Girls ages 9-14, they do not need to be on a Basketball Team to participate! (Flyer is on page 3. Scan QR Code for registration Form)

sion, please let us know so that we can acknowledge it.

The Latham-Colonie Knights of Columbus #3394, has a website and a Newsletter and the Latham-Colonie Columbiettes have a Facebook Page, you can follow us at:

[Lathamcoloniekofc.com](http://Lathamcoloniekofc.com)

[Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus of Latham-Colonie #3394](#)

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

The Columbiettes have a Sunshine Committee. If you know a Columbiette who is ill, in the hospital, has lost a loved one, has new child/ grand-child, or is celebrating a special occa-

## HOFFMAN CAR WASH TICKETS

## KEEP YOUR CAR CLEAN YEAR ROUND

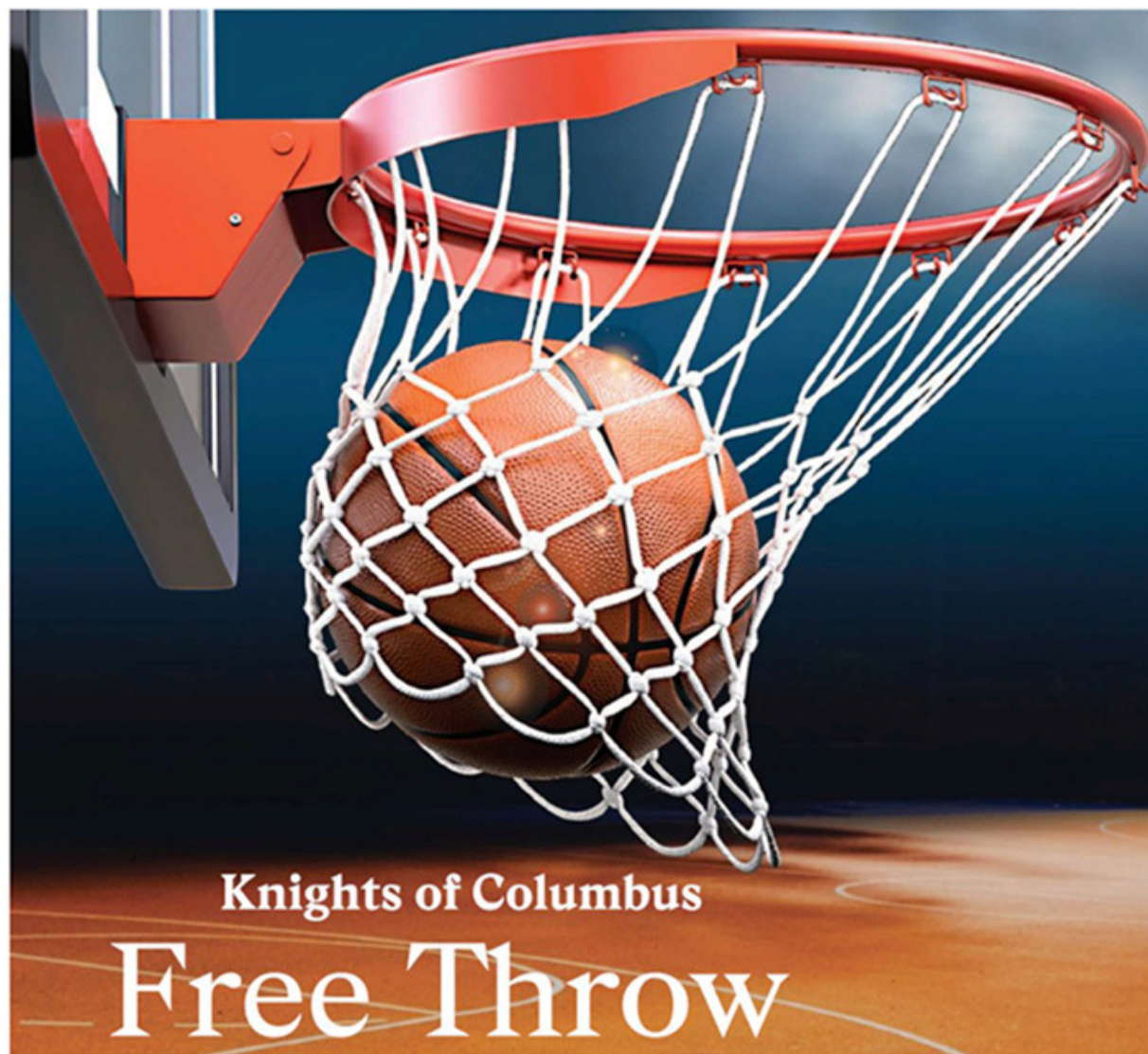
**THE COLUMBIETTES HAVE HOFFMAN CAR WASH  
 TICKETS FOR SALE.  
 THEY CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE BAR.**



**EXTERIOR ONLY \$10.00**  
**FULL SERVICE ONLY \$28.00**

**TICKETS ARE GOOD AT ALL HOFFMAN'S CAR WASHES**

**St. Francis de Sales:** "It is right that you should begin again every day. There is no better way to complete the spiritual life than to be ever beginning it over again".



## Knights of Columbus Free Throw

# Championship



*Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14*

Location: St. Clare's Church - 1947 Central Ave., Albany, NY

Date: Saturday, January 10, 2026 Time: 11:30am - 2:30pm

Sponsor: Latham -Colonie Knights of Columbus Council #3394

Contact: Rob Frost at Rfrost.518@gmail.com or (518) 783-0572



Faith in Action

Please bring proof of age, i.e. birth certificate, etc.

Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.

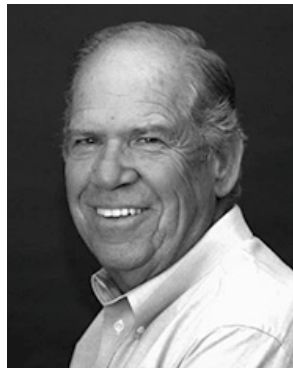
TIME 11/21

Community



## IN MEMORIAM

On December 13 Brother Knight John J. McLaughlin was called home to the Lord. Brother John was a



Knight and Council member for forty-three and a half years and had achieved Honorary Life status. Early on in his membership John participated in his

Council's activities attending Council and Home Corporation meetings. Brother McLaughlin embraced the Fraternal aspects of his Council by playing in the Thursday evening Dart League.

Brother John served for a while at Council meetings as Recorder. Brother McLaughlin became a Board Member of the Columbian Society of Colonie, this Council's Home Corporation. He served for many years as the Corporation's President. Along with other Brothers in the early 1990s

he was instrumental in the acquisition of, the redevelopment of, and the opening of our present Council Home. John continued his activities with his Brother Knights in golf tournaments and for many years including recent ones helped to serve the Council's annual Corned Beef Dinner celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

As a Knight Brother McLaughlin believed in the practice of Charity, the first Principle of our Order. At Thanksgiving and Christmas he took a very active role in delivering food and gifts for many years to needy families in the Colonie community and in later years to our Council's primary assisted charity Community Maternity Services.

Please remember Brother Knight McLaughlin and his family in your prayers. May he rest in God's Peace.



**IN GOD WE TRUST**

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was \$5,946. Donations to date: \$4,300 to Community Maternity Services; \$500 to each of the following food pantries: Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Ambrose and St. Clare's. Total donations \$5,800 with \$146 yet to be dispensed. Thank you everyone who made a donation to these worthy causes.

### Christmas Dinner:

For whatever reason the turnout for the Christmas Dinner was not what we had hoped but for the people that attended, what a meal they had. Thank you once again Steve and Jude Chiera for the fabulous Ham Dinner that you prepared and served and thank you everyone who helped out in any way possible.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

We have learned that John Burke brother of our Council's former long serving Chaplain Rev. Geoffrey Burke has gone to his eternal reward. Please remember John and Fr. Buke in your prayers.

# Columbiette Breakfast

## Sunday, Jan. 11th. 2026

### 8:30am - 11:30am

### Menu Includes

Scrambled Eggs, Omelet Station  
Home Fries

Bacon & Sausage  
Corned Beef Hash,

Pancakes & French Toast served w/ warm  
syrup

Cereal & Bananas

Juices (Orange, Tomato, Apple and  
Cranberry)

Coffee, Tea & Hot Chocolate



Prices: Adults \$15; Children 5-10 \$8; Under 5 Free



COLUMBIETTES CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST





### K of C Council #3394 Officers District 67

Grand Knight  
**Joseph Macchio**  
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**Robert Caprara**  
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 Two Year  
**Joseph Crispo**  
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**Tracylynn Patterson**  
 Vice President - Council  
**Joseph Macchio**  
 Secretary  
**Julia Couch**  
 Treasurer  
**Robert Ostiguy**  
 House Chairman  
**Paul Nicsevic**  
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## NY STATE COUNCIL C & B FINAL WINNERS

### Congratulations

25k: Mary Margaret Smith\* Syracuse

10k: Michelle Natale #581 Haverstraw

5k: John Craig #15446 Mastic Beach

1k

SK Kelsie McCabe #4299 Jackson Heights

Ron Oliver #11590 Bronx

Milek Bolnick #6205 Somers

Mike Mason #15917 Fairport

Jack Howell #3892 Greece

Jim Burgess #3481 Oceanside

Rene Arellano #18332 Manhattan

F. DeGlio #1675 Tottenville SI

William J. Molloy #430 Bayside

Linda McElroy  
 #11416 Nesconset/Ronkonkoma

## USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF SHED



*Knights of Columbus*

328 TROY SCHENECTADY ROAD  
 LATHAM, NY 12110



We accept clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pil-lowcases and stuffed animals. Please bag all items.

We do not accept: furniture, electronics, books, household items, toys, garbage, pillows, rags, fabric scraps, etc.