



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Our Mission

Welcome to the Wilton Knights of Columbus Semi Annual Newsletter.

Our Mission is to provide our members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities' families, and our young people.

We want to partner with our sister organization, the Columbiettes, to empower Catholic men and women to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in our own community.

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The Wilton Knights of Columbus elected new Officers for the 2024-2025 year who took office from July 1st. **A Mass for the Installation on August 13th** of New Officers was said by Fr. James DiVasto. Many Knight Members and Families turned out. District Deputy Anthony Armentano performed the Installation of Officers after the Mass concluded, installing Mike Healy as Grand Knight, Dave Flynn as Deputy Grand Knight, Brian Rafferty as Treasurer, Peter Rubsam as Recorder, John Danaher as Financial Secretary and Jamie McDowell as 3 Year Trustee. Fr. Jim was also installed as Chaplain and Lecturer. Some Officers were not able to attend and were awarded in absentia, including Bob Lenihan as Chancellor and Membership, Rob McCullough as Warden, Scott Douglass as Inside and Outside Guard, Paul Niche as 1 Year Trustee, Peter Slavin as 2 Year Trustee, and Bill McMorris as Advocate.



On August 25th, a Goodbye Party was held for Fr. Jim DiVasto who had announced that he had been appointed as Administrator of The Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Stratford. Fr Jim had been with our Council 12698 for just over a year as Chaplain. While we were sad to see Fr. Jim depart, we were delighted to see him assigned to his own Parish. Thank you Fr. Jim for everything you did for and with us.





On September 8th, the Knights got together at Norwalk Yacht Club for what is technically known as “team building” but better known as “having a bit of fun”. Spouses were invited and together, a feast for the ages was had. Some of the non-sea faring adventurers event garnered enough courage to come out on a boat with the Irish guy who said he could sail with a devious smile on his face. Despite this, everyone survived, and a great time was had by all. I have added some sea faring quotes below that aptly describe the day.

“Rum on the rocks and a toast to the setting sun. May they both go down smoothly”

“Here’s to cheating, stealing, fighting and drinking; If you’re going to cheat, may you cheat death; If you’re going to steal, steal the heart of the one you love; If you fight, may you fight for a brother; And if you’re going to drink, drink with friends both old and new”



Wilton Rotary Club

CARNIVAL

LOCATION: **Wilton High School**
Rte. 7 at School Rd, Wilton, CT

On the weekend of September 13th to 15th, the Knights once again volunteered to help out with the Wilton Rotary Club at the Annual Carnival. This events brings a lot of funds to the Rotary Club and it also aids the Knights Bishop Fenwick Assembly 100. Thanks to the volunteers who made this happen!



This year, the Knights arranged for 2 Rosaries to be said on behalf of good causes. The first was said on **October 7th** on the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary for Council 12698 and the Knights. The second was said on **November 5th** for a successful conclusion of the Election Process. Both events were well attended, and we will look to repeat similar events like this going forward.



On October 4th 2024, the Columbiettes partnering with the Knights hosted their annual Oktoberfest party. The event was held in the School Gym and there was a great mix of adults and children who enjoyed a wide variety of food provided by the Columbiettes. The quality of the Bratwurst was out of this world with head chef Suzette Grimmer refusing to give away her secrets, although we did see a lot of beer involved in the recipe! In addition, there were plenty of sides available including the German Potato Salad Spaetzel, and the food was distributed masterfully by Patty Terranova and her well abled team of Columbiettes. For those who had room afterwards, there were many pies available for dessert. Thanks to everyone who participated and turned up to the event, and to the Columbiettes who organised and ran the event itself with huge success, and to the Knights who helped with set up and cleanup.



On Saturday, October 26th 2024, more than 900 brand new coats and hand-knit winter hats were distributed to clients of Family & Children's Agency (FCA) by the greater Norwalk area Knights of Columbus Councils as part of the Order's Coats for Kids Initiative. Since the initiative launched in 2009, more than 1 million coats have been distributed in 49 states and all 10 Canadian provinces to keep kids warm through the winter.

The Wilton Knights of Columbus made a significant contribution this year – collections were held over 2 weekends and the parishioners contributed over \$2000 towards the initiative. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a huge success!





Our Christmas Season was kicked off on a cold **Saturday morning on November 30th** with the traditional assembly of the Creche in the town Center. A group of about 15 volunteers got together to carry the Creche from the Church garage to the Wilton Town Center where it was assembled by the team of eager experts in training!. The Baby Jesus was placed in the Crib on Christmas Eve night.

A Lot of the Volunteers assembled at Tusk & Cup afterwards for a well-deserved cup of Tea or Coffee.



A fantastic night was had on **Saturday evening, December 7th**, when Fr. Reggie kicked off the “Our Lady of Fatima” Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in front of a large crowd of people just after the 4:30pm mass. The Columbiettes hosted a fantastic Pasta Dinner afterwards for everyone, with Patty and Suzette leading the charge, and Lyz photographing as if it was Oscar night!. Everyone had a great time – it felt like Christmas Day came early! Thanks to all the Columbiettes who put on a fantastic feast and to the Knights who helped setup.



