

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

August 6
Soldiers Home
Officers Meeting

August 8
Spaghetti Dinner
4th Degree Cancelled

August 12
Council Picnic

August 13
Council Meeting

August 18
Comedy Act

August 20
Board Meeting

August 27
Council Meeting

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GRAND KNIGHT - DANIEL J. MASHIA

My Brother Knights,

I would like to start this Fraternal Year by thanking those who have supported me over the years, beginning with PGK John and Cheryl Kisiel and PGK Greg and Linda Komer who convinced me to join this remarkable Brotherhood over 20 years ago. Thank you to Elaine Bogart who sent me off to my first Tootsie Roll Drive assignment back then – the Fairfield Mall, and who continues to run this function and support me and all of us in our many activities. Thank you to Past Grand Knights Ron Belair and Paul Soja for chairing and for inviting me to work on our biggest service project for the year – our annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Thank you to PGK Ed LeBlanc for asking me to be an officer in the Council, for his support and guidance, and to PGK Richard Dunphy for his encouragement over these past few years. Thank you to PGK Ray Cote who suggested that I see what Bingo was like and to Don Rychlik who said “come with me” when I showed up and he graciously introduced me to everyone and explained how everything worked. Special thanks to Kevin Godek and his entire staff who are so welcoming and friendly as they tirelessly work each week at Bingo. Special thanks to the ladies at Bingo and our many other events – you are so crucial to our success.

The goals I would like to see our officers take on this year include recruiting new members and encouraging our existing membership to become more active. As you know, we are the largest Council in the state. We'd like to see more of our membership at Council Meetings where we offer you a delicious meal at 6:15 before each meeting. We hold events every month with great food and a lot of fun, and with over 1,100 members, it would be nice to fill the hall at each one. Our event Chairs work very hard and we need to support them and our Council. We have a very dedicated slate of officers who do their best to make this council successful. I hope many of you will be attending our Installation Ceremony at St. Anne Church on Sunday, July 15th with dinner to follow here at the Castle, and at our annual picnic Sunday, August 12 at Buttery Brook Park in South Hadley.

In closing I'd like to thank all the current officers and Past Grand Knights who have helped me on this journey, especially Immediate Past Grand Knight Tom Charette and Karen for their guidance, support and words of confidence over the last few years.

VIVAT JESU! Daniel J. Mashia, Grand Knight

REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Please remember to keep in your prayers all of the Brother Knights and members of their families who have passed away, those who are sick and elderly, for all priests and religious vocations, for the life of the unborn, and remember to keep the men and women serving in our military safe, so they may return home to their loved ones.

We ask that you pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Knight Art Monahan.
Father Joe

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COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

Dear Brother Knights:

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Psalms 33: 12

Our nation celebrates its 242nd birthday this month. Four times in the Declaration of Independence the Founding Fathers invoke God in one way or another including the most well known: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." A young future president running for a seat in Congress on July 4, 1946 said, "The informing spirit of the American character has always been a deep religious sense. Throughout the years, down to the present, a devotion to fundamental religious principles has characterized American thought and action." Fifteen years later in his inauguration speech President Kennedy would rightly note: "The same revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought are still at issue around the globe — the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God." Yes indeed, let us pray in gratitude to God for the blessings that he has bestowed upon our nation.

Yet to those who have been given much, more is required. (Luke 12:48) Unfortunately too many have forgotten, are unaware, or would just rather ignore the presence and role of God in our lives and would have us shut him out. Let us not be so foolish to think that we do not need Divine assistance. Benjamin Franklin, who by all accounts was not a particularly religious man and a deist, said the following while addressing George Washington, the President of the Constitutional Convention, in Philadelphia in 1787: "I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? . . . I therefore beg leave to move — that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the Clergy of this City be requested to officiate in that Service." Knowing too what Franklin knew let us pray once again for God's blessings and guidance upon the USA.

Prayer for the USA

God our Father, Giver of life,
 we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.
 You are the rock on which this nation was founded.
 You alone are the true source of our cherished rights
 to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.
 Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.
 Open their minds to the great worth of human life
 and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.
 Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in
 seeking and doing your will.
 Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.
 Give us the grace and humility to know what is not right with America.
 Give us the gift of your Holy Spirit for the moral and spiritual renewal
 we need to meet the problems that we face.
 Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land,
 bless us and guide us always and increase our respect for all life.
 We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

May these summer months be a time for some rest and relaxation. If you are heading out of town and need to find a Catholic Church to go to Mass a good resource is www.masstimes.org. I think its always a good idea to give the church a call to make sure the information is current. Have a wonderful summer and may the Lord keep you safe in your travels! May God continue to bless America. - Fr. Joe

LOUNGE NEWS

Saturday, July 14th

Karaoke Night

8:00pm till Midnight

Admission is Free

Saturday, July 21st

The Council will be having a Steak Dinner

We will be serving from 5:30-7:30pm

Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, and a Vegetable

Dinner Rolls and Coffee

The price is \$12.00 per person

Tickets will go fast so do not hesitate.

They can be purchased from the Lounge Bartender

FOURTH DEGREE BAKE SALE

A great big THANK YOU to all who contributed in some way, shape or form to the recent Fourth Degree Bake Sale. What a huge success it was! There was a wonderful variety of baked goodies - all due to a terrific effort by all! A special thank you to Barbara Fulton who, year after year, ensures that all runs smoothly at this annual bake sale.

Very much appreciated and grateful for all of the help!

Louise King

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The volunteer of the month is Brother Phil La Roche. You probably see Phil every week at Bingo selling tickets in his red apron. He works at our monthly spaghetti suppers and is a member of the wake committee. Phil attends almost every Council meeting and respectfully takes an active part in each one.

Congratulations Phil, and thank you.

Daniel J. Mashia, Grand Knight

FAIRVIEW COUNCIL 4044 FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday August 12, 2018 at BATTERY BROOK PARK in South Hadley

Picnic Grounds are open from 11:00am till 5:00pm

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Sausages, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad and Soft Drinks served all day long. (Bring an appetite)

There will be a DJ for your listening pleasure. You may bring games from home
Baseball gloves, Frisbees, Bean bag toss games, Cards etc...

Our K of C Clowns will be there along with pony rides for the children.

There will be a special raffle for children who must be present to claim their prize.

Prices for the entire day are \$10.00 per Family/Household

Ticket prices the day of the picnic will be \$15.00 per family/household

The deadline for early discount is August 6, 2018. Place in lounge mailbox or mail to Fairview Council Picnic, 1599 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020

Return with check made out to the Fairview Knights of Columbus Picnic

Number of Families Attending at \$10.00 each _____

Number of Girls Attending age 6-17 _____

Number of Boys Attending age 6-17 _____

Check Total _____

Members Name _____ Membership # _____

It is important that you let us know as early as possible so we can order the food and raffle prizes along with paper products so there is enough for everyone.

BISHOP JOSEPH F. MAGUIRE 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY

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Our monthly commitment for the Holyoke Soldiers Home will continue however there are no regular meetings scheduled for July and August.

Honor Guard Rehearsal **on Wednesday, July 4th at 7:00 pm is cancelled.**

There is a Bingo scheduled at the Soldiers Home on **Monday, July 9th at 1:30 pm.**

The Officers Planning Meeting is **on Wednesday, July 11th at 6:45 pm is cancelled.**

The Regular Meeting of the Assembly **on Wednesday, July 11th at 7:30pm is cancelled.**

VIVAT JESU

Donald Darcy, Faithful Navigator, PGK, FDD

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, August 12th is the Council Picnic at Buttery Brook in South Hadley. (see flyer on page 4)

The date for the Installation of Officers for our Fourth Degree Assembly is going to be scheduled for Saturday, September 22nd or Sunday the 23rd. The date still has to be finalized.

Saturday, October 6th there is an Exemplification of the Fourth Degree at Fairview Council. They are usually in the Eastern part of the State so now is the time to consider joining.

Daniel J. Mashia, Grand Knight

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July 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 Officers Mtg. 7:00pm	3	4 Honor Guard Rehearsal Cancelled	5 Bingo 6:15pm	6	7
8	9 Bingo Soldiers Home 1:30pm Council Mtg. 7:30pm	10	11 Spaghetti 4:30-6:30pm 4th Degree Cancelled	12Bingo 6:15pm	13	14 Lounge Entertainment 8-Midnight
15 Installation of Officers 11:00am Mass	16 Board Mtg. 7:00pm	17	18	19Bingo 6:15pm	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 Lounge Steak Dinner 5:30-7:30pm
22	23Council Mtg. 7:30pm	24	25	26Bingo 6:15pm	27	28
29	30 Past Grand Knights Mtg. 7:00pm	31				