

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

May 7
Officers Meeting

May 9
Spaghetti Dinner
4th Degree Meeting

May 14
Soldiers Home
Council Meeting

May 21
Board Meeting

May 28
Council Meeting



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GRAND KNIGHT - THOMAS CHARETTE

Karen and I would like to wish all of you a very happy and holy Easter. I hope many of you were able to attend Good Friday Services and the Stations of the Cross. Those services have always inspired me and helped me have a fulfilling holiday.

We had a very successful Irish Night and want to thank everyone that attended. The food and entertainment were outstanding thanks to our chef and the Pat Britton Band. We also held our bi-monthly Council Breakfast in the lounge, which was fantastic. I want to thank all the Council members that assisted with these events, the Knights on Bikes, John Beaulieu, Sparky, Tom Fair, Joe and Michelle Ricker. If anyone wants to help out with any of our events please feel free to contact me anytime, your assistance is always welcome and needed. Anyone who is interested in running an event at the Council is also encouraged to contact me as everyone's ideas and suggestions are valuable. Our upcoming events include French Night and Don Darcy's Friendship Dinner. Tickets are on sale for both events and I hope you will consider attending.

Don Darcy has been an incredible District Deputy with a commitment to this Council that is unmatched. I hope many of you consider attending his dinner. Contact me for tickets or use the tear off in this newsletter. On May 15 we will be hosting the kick off event for the New England Service Team, a new regional service organization to assist our neighbors in the aftermath of natural disasters. I hope many of our members that are contractors will attend and join the organization. See our calendar of events for other activities upcoming in both the lounge and banquet facility. Our Cornhole game boards are finished, thanks to Jimmy Patrick and we are ready to start open tournaments on Saturday nights within the next few weeks, along with Ladder Ball games. If anyone has experience in running something like this please let me know. We could use any input you may have. We will try to start leagues in the fall. I've gotten a lot of positive feedback on Friday night Fish Fry's and I will continue to look at pricing fry-a-lator. I'm hoping this could be a monthly function in the lounge if we have the volunteers to run it. Please consider attending a Council meeting at least quarterly and take an active role in our Council. Whether any of you believe it or not this place could vanish in a few years if we don't start to grow and get involved.

VIVAT JESU! Thomas Charette, Grand Knight

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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 souls of Brother Knight John Walsh, Brother Knight Gerald Dupuis who leaves behind his wife Kathleen, and Brother Knight Al Gardner who leaves behind his wife Arlene.

Father Joe

COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

My Brother Knights,

Clive Staples Lewis, better known as C. S. Lewis, (I think if my name was Clive Staples I am pretty sure I would have gone by C. S. too!) was born in Belfast, Ireland in 1898 and died the same day that JFK was assassinated (11/22/63). Early in life Lewis was an atheist, but in 1931 he converted to Christianity and became a prolific Christian writer. He once wrote, "There is a stage in a child's life at which [they] cannot separate the religious from the merely festal character of Christmas or Easter. I have been told of a very small and very devout boy who was heard murmuring to himself on Easter morning a poem of his own composition which began 'Chocolate eggs and Jesus risen.' This seems to me, for his age, both admirable poetry and admirable piety. But of course the time will soon come when such a child can no longer effortlessly and spontaneously enjoy that unity. He will become able to distinguish the spiritual from the ritual and festal aspect of Easter; chocolate eggs will no longer seem sacramental. And once he has distinguished he must put one or the other first. If he puts the spiritual first he can still taste something of Easter in the chocolate eggs; if he puts the eggs first they will soon be no more than any other sweetmeat. They will have taken on an independent, and therefore a soon withering, life."

Indeed, by giving the Resurrection of Jesus primacy in our lives then all else is given its proper meaning and proper place. May our celebration of Easter always be first and foremost about the hope that we are given through Jesus' death and resurrection! We have good reason to sing Alleluia for the Lord has taken away our sins and opened for us the path to eternal life. We do not have to live our lives as if what we experience on this earth is all that life is about. But if Easter is more about chocolate eggs and Easter bunnies then our lives will not have much life to them at all. Chocolate eggs and Easter bunnies just do not provide what we need in life. Rejoice for the Lord is Risen, Alleluia! May the peace which only the Risen Lord can give you be with you this day and every day of your life. Have a very Blessed Easter Day and Easter Season for the next 50 days! - Fr. Joe

BISHOP JOSEPH F. MAGUIRE 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY

NORM FLEURY FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

413-592-5190 granor@verizon.net

We will be having elections in May and I am looking for a few 4th Degree members to fill in the vacant chairs.

Honor Guard Rehearsal **is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4th at 7:00 pm.**

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

The Officers Planning Meeting is **scheduled for Wednesday, April 11th at 6:45 pm.**

The Regular Meeting of the Assembly **is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11th at 7:30pm.**

VIVAT JESU

Norm Fleury, Faithful Navigator, Past Grand Knight

BALLOT OF 4TH DEGREE OFFICERS 2018-2019

Faithful Navigator	Donald Darcy, PGK, DD	Three Year Trustee	Richard Butler, PFN
Faithful Admiral	Norman Fleury, PGK, FN	Two Year Trustee	Paul Soja, PGK, PFN
Faithful Captain	Robert Williams	One Year Trustee	Scott Lafond, PFN
Faithful Pilot	Frank Freeman	Comptroller	Gary Stankiewicz
Faithful Inner Sentinel		Finances	Edward LeBlanc, PGK
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Martin Richter	Scribe	Richard Sabourin

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Applications are available in the lounge. You can also download the application from the Council's web page at **www.kofc4044.com** The application has to be **postmarked no later than May 1, 2018** to be considered among this year's recipients.

A parent or grandparent of the scholarship applicant must be an active member within the Council. Volunteering at our weekly Bingo, monthly Spaghetti Dinner, the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive, chairing a fundraising event, the annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner, and volunteer during our Council Breakfast are just a few examples of being active.

Edward LeBlanc, Past Grand Knight

FRIENDSHIP DINER

Friendship Dinner in Honor of District Deputy Don Darcy

Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, and Brothers all:

The Brothers of Fairview Council #4044 would like to invite you to a Friendship Dinner to be held

In honor of District Deputy Donald Darcy. This event will take place on Saturday April 14th, 2018

At The Castle of Knights, 1599 Memorial Dr. Chicopee, Ma. 01020.

This event is being held to support our District Deputy, who has been nominated by Fairview Council

#4044, to be a delegate to the 2018 Supreme Convention to be held in Baltimore, MD.

The dinner will begin at 5:30 pm. The cost of the meal is \$25.00 per person, casual dress.

Those not attending may make a donation if they wish.

Please make checks payable to "Donald Darcy" and mail it with the lower portion to:

Kevin Godek, Friendship Dinner Chairman,

11 Bach Lane, South Hadley, Ma. 01075-1001

Inquiries may be made to Kevin Godek at (413) 534-3485 or kjgodek@comcast.net

Please return by April 9th, 2018

Name _____ Guest(s) _____

Address _____

Phone# _____ E-Mail _____

Council Name & Number _____

Number of tickets _____ Donation if not attending _____

FRENCH NIGHT

April 21, 2018

Cocktail Hour 5-6pm

First Course will begin at 6:00pm

**We will begin with French Onion Soup
Salad with choice of two Dressings
Assorted Dinner Rolls, Coffee, and Tea
The Entrée will be served Family Style
French Meat Pie, and Roast Pork or
a Vegetarian Mushroom Wellington both
served with Mashed Potatoes, and Green Beans
French Apple Pie for Dessert**

The price is \$30.00 per person

**Music will be provided by Dave Colucci
Tickets will be on sale in the Lounge beginning March 19th
Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until April 13th
Between 6-8:00 pm**

**Ron & Carole Grenier 533-0938
cell phone 626-2550**

Elaine Bogart 533-3620

GOLF LEAGUE

The Knights of Columbus Golf league will be having a meeting on Wednesday, April 4th.

The meeting will be held in the Member's Lounge at 7:00pm.

Former, current, and new members are encouraged to attend.

We will start playing at Westover Golf Course some time in April.

This along with other items will be discussed at the meeting.

If you have any questions I can be reached at **(413) 519-8917**

Or email me at **sre729@charter.net**

Sam Enserro, Golf League Chairman

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Community sponsors are already lining up to be a part of this. Wholesale distributor FW Webb has joined the cause, willing to donate supplies and expertise.

Join us for an informational kick-off event this spring TBA soon!

INSURANCE

My Brother Knights,

April is a month where spring cleaning is often on people's minds, and rightly so, since the change in the season often triggers people to realize that they need to update and possibly change things in their household. This is also a good idea to do with regards to insurance needs; whether they be life, auto, home, etc.. It can be important to update and check things such as benefit amounts, beneficiaries, bill payments, needs coverage, and a variety of other facets as well. Ideally, insurance needs should be reviewed once per year and definitely after significant life changes, such as a new home, a new marriage, a new baby, or a new job. Don't be afraid to ask questions to your field agent, we are here to help you in any way that we can, even if you are not interested in purchasing anything. Regardless of whether you are an Associate member or an Insurance member, you are still a member of the Knights of Columbus, and you are entitled to the services of your field agent. If you are a dues paying member you already possess fraternal benefits; if you don't know what they are this is another question that you can ask your field agent.

Daniel O'Sullivan (A-K) 413-303-0275

Chris Miller (L-Z) 413-522-0305

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

This month's Volunteer of the Month is Connie Bourque. Connie works both our monthly Spaghetti Dinners and our weekly Bingo handling a lot of the tiresome administrative work. She also runs our Wake Committee making notifications to the Grand Knight and several other committee members in the event a member passes. Connie is always available to assist with and or attend any function we have. What is even more amazing is that Connie recently celebrated her 90th Birthday. Thank you Connie for your continued service to us all. It does not go unnoticed.

Happy birthday,

Thomas Charette, Grand Knight

BINGO

I want to thank all the volunteers that helped with our Bingo that was held on Palm Sunday. This is our third year having a Bingo on Sunday in lieu of the day before Good Friday. This Bingo was necessary if we want to continue our works of charity within Chicopee and the surrounding communities. We lost one Bingo this year because of the weather and I personally would not wish to refuse a charitable request for lack of funds, especially when I know the funds could have been raised.

We operate Bingo, Spaghetti Dinner, and all of our other fundraisers with less than 100 members in total that volunteer throughout the year. If it was not for the wives, children of members, widows, and friends of the Knights of Columbus we would not be able to have any of these fundraisers. If we can not continue because of lack of participation we all suffer. Our Youth Group will no longer exist and be able to help 500 children stay off the streets, our Golf League will no longer have a place to organize and meet, many of the Food Pantries and other charities will be greatly affected, and the friendships we have made at the Council will end.

I have heard many excuses over the years on reasons why members and their families have not volunteered. None of them were valid and it is simply a way of making them feel better because they do not volunteer.

Kevin Godek, Bingo Chairman

NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email every month, please send us your first and last name along with your email address to kofc4044@yahoo.com. In the subject field please add NEWSLETTER. Please check your spam or junk mail to see if your server is placing it in one of those folders rather than your inbox.

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Thank you,
Norm

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Trustee (three years) - Norm Fleury, PGK.....	Grace.....	592-5190

April 2018

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8	9 Bingo Soldiers Home 1:30pm Council Mtg. 7:30pm	10	11 Spaghetti 4:30-6:30pm 4th Degree Officers 6:45pm Reg. Mtg. 7:30	12Bingo 6:15pm	13	14 Friendship Dinner 5:30pm
15	16 Board Mtg. 7:00pm	17	18	19Bingo 6:15pm	20 Newsletter Deadline	21French Night 5:00pm
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