

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

- Sept 6  
Council Officers  
Labor Day
- Sept 8  
Spaghetti Dinner  
4th Degree Meeting  
Cancelled
- Sept 9  
Bingo Reopening
- Sept 20  
Council Meeting
- Sept 27  
Board Meeting



**Knights of Columbus Fairview Council # 4044**  
1599 Memorial Drive Chicopee, MA 01020  
Council Website: [www.kofc4044.com](http://www.kofc4044.com)  
Members Lounge: 533-2877  
Financial Secretary's Office: 536-2835  
E-mail: [FS@KOFc4044.COM](mailto:FS@KOFc4044.COM)



**MATTHEW COOKE-GRAND KNIGHT**

My Brother Knights,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well! We are into our new Fraternal Year and this is actually my 13th month as your Grand Knight. After such a long shutdown it almost feels like it's all new to me, again. Hopefully these new variants stay as low of a strain as possible so we can continue to progress in the re-opening of our Council activities. As I speak of "opening up," we are on schedule to open up our monthly Spaghetti Suppers in September, and our weekly Bingo should be able to resume on Thursday, September 9th. Let's hope COVID-19 and the Delta strain don't push us backwards in our plans. The Council surely needs the money we generate from Bingo so we can continue to do our charitable works with all the needy groups and organizations throughout our local community.

So many of you helped us out by donating food or working at any of the four Food Drives that we held. We collected approximately 3 tons of food from those Food Drives for our local food pantries. I know I have talked about this before, but we have the most generous members and community surrounding us here at #4044, that we were able to collect over \$1,100 in cash donations along with the food that was donated. We will be presenting 4 local food pantries with about \$275 each this month along with the food we provided during the middle of the pandemic when they needed it the most. Thank you very much to all! And as your Grand Knight, it makes me so proud!

Over the years you all have heard of the "charity account" that the Knights' Supreme and State Offices oversee. I am proud to let you know that we, at 4044, tried and succeeded to secure money for a South Hadley resident who has a special needs son who needed a walk-in bathtub installed in their home as he was unable to continue using their current tub. The check from the Supreme and State Council should be issued shortly! This is surely what we all should be happy and proud of! One more great reason to tell your friends about joining us!

Our Tootsie Roll Drive is only being run one weekend this year - October 8, 9, 10, and 11! After not having a drive last year, we need to step up and fill ALL available slots. Thank you!

VIVAT JESU!  
Matthew Cooke, 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 and Past Faithful Navigator Richard Fulton who leaves behind his wife Barbara and Brother Knight Luke Lessard Sr. who leaves behind his wife Lisette.  
Matthew Cooke, Grand Knight

Grand Knight	pg 1
Repose of the Soul	
4th Degree	pg 2
Council Chaplain	
Tootsie Roll Drive	pg 3
Scholarships	
Bingo Reopening	
Lounge News	
Bingo Flyer	pg 4
Insurance	pg 5
Advertisers	
Council Officers	pg 6
August Calendar	

## BISHOP JOSEPH F. MAGUIRE ASSEMBLY 2670



### MARK URBAN, FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

I can be reached at 413-322-9228 or [murban1570@icloud.com](mailto:murban1570@icloud.com)



There is no Honor Guard and Regular Meeting scheduled in August.  
There is an Officer's Planning Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 4th at 6:30 pm.

We will continue submitting monthly articles in the newsletter.

The 4th Degree Installation of the Bishop Joseph F. Maguire Assembly 2670 is by invitation only.  
Saturday, August 7th OUTSIDE under the Sacred Heart Pavilion in Easthampton.  
After the Installation refreshments will be offered.

Assembly 2670 is holding a September 2021 Calendar Raffle. Tickets are now on sale. The price is \$10 and can be purchased from any officer of the Assembly. You can also contact Mark Urban at (413) 322-9228.

VIVAT JESU! Mark Urban, Faithful Navigator

## COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

**"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; / my spirit rejoices in God my Savior / for he has looked with favor upon his lowly servant. / From this day all generations will call me blessed: / the Almighty has done great things for me / and holy is his Name." Aug 15, Lk 1:46-49)**

The month of August brings us the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the fifteenth. The Church holds the Assumption as a holy day because it was declared by Pope Pius XII in 1950 as a dogma or a tenet of the faith for all the faithful. The Assumption is in one sense God's way of confirming that Mary lived a sinless life from her conception to the end of her natural life. Mary thus represents and brings to completion before all humanity God's will for His human creation. It is God's will that we live with Him forever. The Church which God established makes this possible for us through the sacraments which Jesus also established.

### Challenge by Chaplain Fr. Dennis Skowera:

My challenge to each of my brother Knights is to live life according to God's will. Each of us has a purpose which God has established even as the Blessed Virgin Mary had a purpose. That purpose is unique to each one of us. The Holy Spirit, in chapter 12 of Paul's letter to the Romans tells us not to conform ourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of our minds. He says this so we will be capable of discerning what God's will for us. Let's seek to know and understand what that purpose is for our lives by continually seeking to know and understand God's will for our lives. The more ardently we seek to know what God's will is for our lives the sooner we will know it. And this process begins with our holiness.

We must live holy lives for to this we are all called. And please know this that God does not ask of us anything that we are not capable of doing. By desiring to live holy lives, frequenting the sacraments, especially Reconciliation and by desiring what is best for our neighbor which is loving our neighbor, we will soon find and live God's will for our individual lives. Know this that God wants us with Him forever, more than we want to be with Him.

### Questions and thoughts for Reflection:

Am I living a holy life to the best of my ability? Do I know what a holy life looks like? What things do I need to give up? Why should I live a holy life? Do I love God with all my heart, soul, and strength? Do I love my spouse, family, friends, and neighbors the way I know I should? If it is God's will that I be with Him forever as the Assumption suggests, then, shouldn't I strive to live my life the way God wants me to live it? And since the Church was established by Jesus, I should be able to learn the way Jesus wants me to live through His Church. And thus, the sooner I learn to live the way the Church recommends, the sooner I will know God's will for my life and my ultimate purpose.

Father Dennis

## TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Tootsie Roll Time is fast approaching! Remember, it will be TWO years since we had a Drive due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Drive will take place October 8, 9, 10, and 11. I am just reminding you that I am going to need lots of help in order to make this Drive a success!

This year, I am only going to have it ONE weekend and I am hoping to be able to fill all the two-hour slots. Would you please think about it and call me with the day and time you can spare? My home phone number is 413-533-3620 and my cell phone number is 413-530-9594. If you call me, I will not have to bother you two or three times in order to get an answer to the time that you can spare. If all capable members gave two hours, I would have no problems filling the spots. Remember, the kids need your help!

Elaine Bogart, Drive Coordinator

---

## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Paige Simard, the Daughter of member Timothy Simard received the Most Rev. Bishop Joseph F Maguire Award.

Abigail Lafond, the Daughter of member Scott Lafond received the Council 4044 Past Grand Knight's Award.

Alyssa Mercier, the Daughter and Granddaughter of Deceased members Pierre and Gerald Mercier received her scholarship in memory of our members who have passed away this past year.

Edward Leblanc, Scholarship Committee

---

## BINGO VOLUNTEERS

As of May 29th all restrictions were lifted regarding Covid. Gloves and masks are voluntary for those who desire to wear them. We are going to set up 100 tables with four seats per table. This will allow for 400 players and if they wish to move their seats closer because they are with a group it will be their choice. Last year we were averaging approximately 330 players per week and more chairs can be brought out if necessary. This will allow more space between the rows of tables for the volunteers and players.

I have contacted over thirty volunteers and only a few said they would not be returning. All were due to medical conditions such as hip or knee replacements. Otherwise everyone has said yes to returning to Bingo. **The first scheduled Bingo is set for Thursday, September 9th.**

The Snack Bar will be very limited until we see what our crowd averages. The snack bar will have prepackaged items such as assorted chips, soda, and water. Nothing will be prepared in the Kitchen at this time.

Kevin Godek, Member in Charge

---

## MEMBER'S LOUNGE

The Lounge, Bingo, and Spaghetti Dinners begin to return. The Member's Lounge is open on Thursdays from 3-10 pm, Fridays from 3-10 pm, and Saturday from noon-10 pm. We will continue this schedule until business picks up. Be patient with us! We have all come this far and need to be safe for ALL of our volunteers, our members, and the public we serve. The lounge and Kitchen are also available for any special occasion. Contact Matt Cooke for bookings.

**Spaghetti Dinner will be held Wednesday, September 8th. The meal will be served from 4:30 - 6:30 pm.**

Matthew Cooke, Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus, Council 4044

**WE'RE BACK**  
**BINGO**  
**NIGHT**

**THURSDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 9**

Knights of Columbus, Council 4044

1599 Memorial Dr.  
Chicopee, MA

Doors open at 4:30 pm  
Games start at 6:15 pm

No Reserve Seating  
Limited Snack Bar

**GREAT PRIZES!**  
**FUN FOR ALL!**

Bingo prizes are based on the number of cards purchased

## INSURANCE AGENT

When you retire, do you want to do some of those things you've put off over your working years: like spend more time with family, travel, get immersed in your hobbies...those kinds of things? Do you have a bucket list to keep track of all the things you'd like to do when you retire?

Here are a few thoughts about retirement:

1. Do you want to retire "to" something, not "from" something? Retirement means having something different to engage in, not simply sitting around and doing nothing.
2. "Begin with the end in sight." One of the 7 habits of successful people as espoused by Stephen Covey are; What do you want your retirement to look like? What do you want to do, where do you want to go, how do you want to continue to contribute to your church, your council, and your community?
3. Have goals and have a plan. If you begin with the end in sight, now you have to make a plan on how you want to get there. Write it down, make it happen, the book by Henriette Klauser might be helpful. A goal without a plan to get there is just a dream.

I've talked to a number of members and their spouses lately and retirement always comes up as a topic of conversation when we review their current situation. It doesn't seem to matter their age. I've had members as young as 35 and as old as 70 over the past couple of months who wanted to talk about retirement and making sure that they're set at some point in the future. Let's face it, the 35 year old has a lot more time to plan. Time is an ally for him. As changes occur in the economy, he has time to make course corrections. He has time to contribute more to meet the family's income goals, he'll probably earn more as he progresses in his career. For the older member, there is less time to earn income, less time to cope with the vagaries of the economy and topped out in earning power. The closer one gets to the planned retirement age, the more important that a strategy be in place.

That's where I can help. Our new financial needs analysis allows us to show you where you stand. Are you accumulating enough funds to meet your retirement income goal? Are there ways to make sure you'll never run out of money in retirement? Is your money safe and secure, not following the whims of the market?

Let's get together and make sure you have a strategy to put you in the winner's circle.

**Vivat Jesus!**

**William Wisniewski Field Agent**  
(413) 265-1213



**Knights of Columbus**  
**INSURANCE**  
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

**William Wisniewski, FICF**  
*Field Agent*

Cell: 413-265-1213 / Office: 413-612-0253  
Fax: 413-612-2456  
1847 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020  
william.wisniewski@kofc.org / www.kofc.org

**MDRT, SKC**

**Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance**  
**Retirement Annuities • Disability Income Insurance**

*Protecting Catholic families since 1882.*

Framecraft / Universal  
Custom Picture Framing

Don & Kathy Kookan, Owners  
Tel: (413) 536-7664

77 Meadow Street Holyoke



**O'CONNELL'S**  
Heating - Plumbing - Cooling

*"A name you can trust"*  
Serving our customers for over 87 years

25 Texas Rd. Northampton, MA 01060  
413.586.6800 800.734.6680

Visit us on line [www.oconnelloil.com](http://www.oconnelloil.com)




**Thomas G. Costello**  
ATTORNEY  
also admitted in New York

[tcostello@murphymccoubrey.com](mailto:tcostello@murphymccoubrey.com)  
Wills Power of Attorney Trusts & Estates

TEL 413-592-6106  
FAX 413-594-7409

272 EXCHANGE STREET  
P.O. BOX 237  
CHICOPPEE, MA  
01014-0237

## COUNCIL OFFICERS 2021-2022

Grand Knight – Matthew Cooke.....	519-3258
Chaplain – Father Dennis Skowera.....	532-7503
District Deputy-- Daniel Mashia, PGK.....	626-7257
Deputy Grand Knight– Steven Dubreuil.....	Laura.....250-1677
Chancellor– Norman Jacques.....	536-3990
Warden– Ronald Grenier.....	Carole.....626-2550
Recorder– Scott Lafond, PFN.....	Melissa.....427-6769
Inside Guard– Richard Sabourin.....	Carol.....537-2964
Outside Guard– Derek Swistak.....	Jessica.....519-0620
Financial Secretary– Fran Getto.....	Judy.....531-2460
Treasurer– Edward Leblanc, PGK.....	Cecile.....533-1025
Advocate– Peter Panaretos, PGK, PFN.....	Mary.....538-7748
Lecturer-Dave Sarrasin.....	734-4371
Trustee (one year)-Donald Darcy PGK, PFN, FDD ....	Denise.....221-1490
Trustee (two years) - Daniel Mashia, PGK.....	626-7257
Trustee (three years)-Robert Lelievre, PGK,.....	Jennifer.....592-3198

# August 2021

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

1	2 Officers Mtg. 7:00pm	3	4 4th Degree Honor Guard Summer Break 4th Degree Officers Mtg. 6:30pm	5 Bingo 6:15pm Cancelled	6	7
8	9	10	11 Spaghetti Cancelled  4th Degree Mtg. Summer Break	12Bingo 6:15pm Cancelled	13	14
15	16Council Mtg. 7:00pm via zoom and in person	17	18	19Bingo 6:15pm Cancelled	20	21
22 Newsletter Deadline	23 Board Mtg. 7:00pm	24	25	26Bingo 6:15pm Cancelled	27	28
29	30	31				

All of our events are subject to change because of the virus.