

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5
Soldiers Home
Officers Meeting

February 10
Sweetheart Night

February 12
Council Meeting

February 14
Spaghetti Dinner
4th Degree Meeting

February 19
Board Meeting

February 26
Council Meeting

March 5
Soldiers Home
Officers Meeting



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GRAND KNIGHT - THOMAS CHARETTE

My Brother Knights,

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year. Our first six months have been extremely busy for Karen and I, but also very rewarding as well. We have had some wonderful events that went very well including our Appreciation/Installation Night, the Council Picnic, the Halloween Hayride, our Children's Christmas Party and most recently our Council Christmas Party in the lounge. We also had outstanding turnouts for our Ladies Cookie Swap, Beer and Wine Tasting, and our Volunteers' Christmas Party. I am sure our New Year's Eve Gala will be spectacular as usual thanks to Don and Denise Darcy. I want to extend my sincerest thanks to all of you who have attended, chaired or sat on committees for one of our events or functions. I know how much time and effort goes into these functions and they are the backbone of funding our Thanksgiving Dinner, which also went off without a hitch. I also want to thank all our volunteers for all they do. Without all of you we could not get much done here. We are looking forward to the next six months and confident they will be as successful as the last six.

We have another Council/Knights on Bikes Breakfast coming up January 14th, as well as our Sweetheart Dance in February and Irish Night in March. I hope many of you will support us and attend our upcoming events with friends. I have been striving to bring more unity to our Council and will continue to work towards that end. If anyone has a suggestion, a complaint or a compliment about anything regarding our Council, I welcome hearing from you. Everyone's opinion is valuable and appreciated.

The Annual Dues Notice along with the Annual State Raffle tickets have been mailed. At last months Council meeting we voted and passed a reduction in dues from \$52 to \$45. Our Financial Secretary has been getting many calls regarding the dues. This is not a mistake! I hope this will clear up any confusion you may have had.

VIVAT JESU!

Thomas Charette, Grand Knight

DONATIONS/SCHOLARSHIPS

Last month we donated to the Ronald McDonald House \$200, Pope Francis High School \$100, Muscular Dystrophy Association \$100, St. Theresa's Little Flower Rosary Makers \$100, American Heart Association \$200, and the Soldier On Program \$100.

The Council's Scholarship Applications will be available in the lounge by the end of the month. You may also download the application by visiting our web site at www.kofc4044.com

Edward LeBlanc, Past Grand Knight, Trustee

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COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

Dear Brother Knights:

In these first days of January we continue our celebration of the Lord's Nativity. I wish each of you a very Blessed Christmas season! In the midst of our celebrations and the giving and receiving of gifts sometimes we might forget to get a gift for someone on our list. Did you give anything to the person whose birthday we celebrated? What gift did you give to Jesus on his birthday? Being the loving and forgiving person that he is he will understand if we are a little late with our gift.

In the time when I did a good bit of shopping for Christmas gifts more than half the battle for me was figuring out what was the right thing to get the person. Once I had that figured out I was a man on a mission. The great thing about giving Jesus a gift is we will not have to search the internet or go from store to store. That does not mean it will be easy though. We already know what he likes. He wants us to love and share love after the example he has given us. After all he was born so that he could die for us.

To give Jesus what he would most want from us might require some change on our part. Does the adage, "You can't do what you have always done and expect a different result" apply to you? The coming of a new year is often full of talk of resolutions. Did you make any? Maybe consider one thing that you could change to help you grow closer to Jesus in prayer. Or maybe it is a habit you know that you need to change, what can you concretely do differently to change that habit? Or maybe it is not to get rid of a bad habit, but to reinforce a good habit or to acquire one? Or maybe as a Council we all consider how do we live out the four Principles of our Order of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism? Again just one concrete action for one the principles will set us on a better path than we are already on. Doing so will help our lives be more God-centered. The result will be that we will become more like Jesus who became like us to show us how to be like Him. I pray that the Lord will bless each of you and our Council in 2018! - Fr. Joe

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 David Gallant who leaves behind his wife Patricia. Father Joe

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Honor Guard Rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3rd at 7:00 pm.

The Officers Planning Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 4th at 7:00 pm.

There is a Pizza Party scheduled at the Soldiers Home for Monday, January 8th at 1:30 pm.

The regular meeting of the Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10th at 7:30 pm.

VIVAT JESU

Norm Fleury, Faithful Navigator, Past Grand Knight

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

This month's volunteer of the month is Past Grand Knight Paul Soja. Paul is our Spaghetti Dinner Chairman and our Bingo Kitchen supervisor. He also assisted his lady Louise with the Ladies Cookie Swap and Chaired our Thanksgiving Dinner. Paul puts in countless hours every week volunteering to help make all our events successful. He is also a member of our Home Association Board of Directors and a Trustee for the Board. Thank you Paul for all your work. Thomas Charette, Grand Knight

KNIGHTS ON BIKES/COUNCIL BREAKFAST

The last breakfast sold out. There will be tickets available at the door, however, because of the popularity of this event you should buy your tickets in advance. We cannot guarantee how many tickets will be available the day of the breakfast. The Knights on Bikes along with the Council will try and host this event every other month. Tickets are available and can be purchased in our lounge from the bartender during regular lounge hours.

Come Join us for a delicious made to order Breakfast.

Sunday, January 14, 2018, 8 am to 11 am, K of C Council 4044 Lounge

Eggs to order, ham, sausage, waffles, home fries, toast, coffee, milk and Juice

Price: Adults - \$8, Children 6-10 - \$6, Children 5 and under - Free

PAINT SIP FUNDRAISER

The Paint Sip Fundraiser will be held on Friday, January 12, 2018. The proceeds will go towards the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund. For more information please visit their web site at www.paintsipfun.com

You will find the information under Knights of Columbus Event. The cost is \$35.00

Edward Leblanc, Past Grand Knight, Trustee

LADIES COOKIE SWAP

On behalf of the ladies who attended the Cookie Swap last month, a special thank you to Louise King. She provided us with a lovely night out and a delicious meal. We hope that she has the energy to do this event next year. It was enjoyed by all and I wanted to thank Louise personally.

I hope you had a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Barbara Fulton

LOUNGE NEWS

KENO IS HERE! KENO IS HERE! KENO IS HERE!

We now have Keno, yes that's right! You can now come to your members lounge and play KENO. While you are there, you might want to enjoy all the lounge has to offer. We have several kinds of beers on tap, in bottles and cans, along with your favorite spirits. The members lounge has 4 TV's, 2 pool tables, card tables, a juke box, free popcorn and much more.

You can also reserve the lounge for any kind of event. Whether it is a special Birthday, Retirement or Graduation Party to name a few, your members lounge is here for you. Just come on in, see the Bartender and he will let you know how to go about reserving it.

I should also mention that while this is a members lounge your friends are also welcome to come in with you. You will have to sign them in and you are responsible for them while they are in the lounge.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL REAL SOON

Peter Panaretos, President of the Home Association

Sweetheart Dance

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Dinner & Dance \$35.00 Per Person

Dance Only @ 7:30 p.m. \$15.00 Per Person

Cocktails at 5 p.m. **Castle of Knights** Dinner at 6 p.m.
1599 Memorial Dr.
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Included with each meal will be a Cheese, Fruit and Veggie display.
Also, tossed salad, Brocoli Spears, Tortellini Soup, Twice Baked Potato's
and Vegetable Medley.

Dessert: Strawberry Ice Cream filled Crepe w/ white chocolate sauce and
a Raspberry Coulis, garnished w/ fresh strawberries.

Tickets go on sale January 3th, 2018
and every Mon-Wed-Fri from 6pm to 8pm in the Member's Lounge.

For more info call Ray Cote at 413.272.8208

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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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January 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2 Officers Mtg. 7:00pm	3 Honor Guard Rehearsal 7:00pm	4 Bingo 6:15pm 4th Degree Officers Mtg. 7:00pm	5	6
7	8 Pizza Party Soldiers Home 1:30pm Council Mtg. 7:30pm	9	10 Spaghetti 4:30-6:30pm 4th Degree Mtg. 7:30pm	11Bingo 6:15pm	12 Paint-Sip Fundraiser	13
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