

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4
Soldiers Home
Officer's Meeting

December 10
Children's
Christmas Party

December 11
Council Meeting

December 13
Spaghetti Dinner
4th Degree Meeting

December 16
Adult
Christmas Party

December 18
Board Meeting

December 25
Christmas Day
No Council Meeting

December 31
New Year's Eve

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GRAND KNIGHT - THOMAS CHARETTE

My Brother Knights,

As this Fraternal year continues to move forward we have many things upcoming. I would like to thank Elaine Bogart and her staff for organizing a very complicated fundraiser. If you were unable to participate in the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive perhaps you could make a donation to show your support and your commitment to charity.

I would like to thank Don Darcy for Chairing our Annual Beer & Wine Tasting Event. It was a great night with outstanding food by our chefs, gaming and plenty of beverages to sample.

We also held our bi-annual Living Rosary with our Chaplain Father Joe as the Celebrant. It was very well attended and was a beautiful service. I thank all those who volunteered to assist.

This month we have our Western Night fast approaching, which is always a great event with fantastic food (Bar-B-Q), music and dancing. The date is November 4th, if you act fast you can still get tickets by calling PGK David Saraiva at 244-9697.

For the first time in fifteen years we will be hosting the Annual Western Mass Charity Ball at our Council. It is open to the public so feel free to purchase tickets if you would like to attend this State event. We would like to get a good showing so we can continue to host the event in the western part of the State. Please see enclosed flyer on page 3.

Our Members Memorial Mass will be held on Nov 14th at 7:00 pm to honor all our members who passed away this last past year. Family and friends of any deceased members are invited and encouraged to attend as well as all Council members.

The Fourth Degree is selling Raffle Calendars for the month of December. If your name is drawn it goes back in so you could win multiple times. Call Scott Lafond at 427-6769 if you would like a calendar. The price is \$10.00 for the entire month.

We are also preparing for our Children's and Adult Christmas parties on Dec. 10th and Dec. 16th respectively, so keep those dates in mind.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner is once again upon us. If you are able to help out we can always use the extra hands, starting on Monday, November 20th and running through Thanksgiving Day.

Karen and I wish you all a wonderful fall season.

VIVAT JESU!

Thomas Charette, 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 Sir Knight Roger Fontaine.
Father Joe

COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

Dear Brother Knights:

The church designates each November as a month dedicated to praying for the dead. But it begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st. This Holy Day of Obligation is the day we as Catholics celebrate all the saints, known and unknown. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honored. Some of these saints may be our family and friends 'who have competed well, finished the race, and kept the faith.' (See 2 Tim 4:7)

November 2nd, the feast of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day), is a day of special intercession for all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (no. 1032) teaches us that prayer for the dead is one of the spiritual works of mercy.

Why should we pray for the dead? Our Catholic faith teaches us that at the moment of death there is a particular judgment which results in one of three outcomes, heaven for those in a perfect state of grace, hell for those who have completely alienated themselves from God and who die in a state of mortal sin, and lastly purgatory. The Catechism teaches us "all who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned." (nos. 1030-1031)

Because we do not know whose souls are in purgatory and whose are not, we pray for all the faithful departed, especially those who were closest to us in this life or those most in need of prayer. *As a Council we will remember all who have died from our Council over the years and in a particular way those who died this past year on Tuesday, November 14th with Mass at 7 p.m. at the Council.* I hope you will join us in this spiritual work of mercy and also offer support and consolation to the family members of the deceased who will join us. Likewise, take time to pray for your family and friends who have died. Visit their graves, offer a Mass for their soul at your home parish, and do not forget to pray for the forgotten souls in purgatory as well. All Souls Day reminds us of our union with the faithful departed. Let us never fail to pray for our dearly departed. Offer this simple prayer for all who have died or personalize it for a particular person. Have a blessed month! - Fr. Joe

MEMORIAL MASS

In November, ***All Souls Month***, we as a Council remember **all** our deceased brother Knights. Our Annual Memorial Mass will be celebrated in our Council Chambers Tuesday, November 14th, at 7:00pm. All members, families and friends of all previously deceased members are encouraged to attend this short, but meaningful service. We especially honor our fallen brothers who died since last November; their families have been contacted with a special letter of invitation. Our fallen Brothers from November 2016 to October 2017 are:

Gideon Miles	Robert Bissonette	Charles Rogers
Earl Carrington Jr.	George Paquin	Orrin Miller
Richard Tremblay	Norman LaDouceur	Armand Guertin
Rev. Francis Sullivan	Ernest Larocque	John Ferreira
Walter Goodspeed	Frank Turner	Adrian Boucher
Donald Paquette	Roger Fontaine	William Holt
Thomas Halpin	Eugene Germain	
Edmond Authier	Mark Jubinville	

CHARITY BALL WEST

This year the Knights of Columbus State Jurisdiction of Massachusetts will hold a Charity Ball at The Castle of Knights, 1599 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA on Saturday, November 18, 2017. The proceeds from this event benefit the Knights of Columbus Massachusetts State Charitable Foundation. The event features a Mardi Gras theme complete with a silent auction, raffle, dancing to the sounds of Dave Colucci and dinner. To attend, copy and complete the bottom section of the flyer and send it along with payment.

Please note the deadline for payment is November 10th 2017. For additional information call Don at 413- 221-1490.

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5:00 Mass



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~ Black Tie Optional ~

Rooms available at the Residence Inn, 500 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA
\$110.00 including breakfast (plus tax) for reservations – (413) 331-4440 (KofC Rate)
(Please note rooms are available until October 17th at the KofC Rate – Book Early!)

Silent Auction donations would greatly be appreciated!

Contact Denise Darcy @ deedarcy@aol.com to register your gift. Thank you!
Any questions, please call DD Don Darcy – 413-221-1490 or donamd50@gmail.com

Name: _____ Council # _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ @ \$40.00= _____ Total Enclosed _____

Meal Choices: Prime Rib _____ Chicken Francaise _____ Mushroom Wellington _____
(Meal choices must match the number of tickets)

Make checks payable to: Massachusetts State Knights of Columbus
Mail to Grand Knight Tom Charette, 22 Manola Street, Chicopee, MA 01020

Please note the deadline for payment is November 10, 2017

Bishop Joseph F. Maguire 4th Degree Assembly 2670

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA had a successful year in 2015, placing more than 800,000 wreaths across the United States on the grave sites of our veterans at over 800 participating locations.

Here in Western Massachusetts, the Knights of Columbus Assembly 2670 has been concerned about our own Agawam Veterans Memorial Cemetery, knowing that we placed more than 1,500 wreaths on local graves in December 2015. This is commendable, but we need to do more.

At the present time, over 8,000 men and women have been interred at the Agawam Veterans Memorial Cemetery, and our goal is to place a wreath on every veteran's grave site there.

We are a non-profit organization with 100% of donations going directly toward the purchase of wreaths from Wreaths Across America of Columbia Falls, Maine.

Our purpose is to make a difference in our local Veterans Cemetery, saying "thank you" to our heroes by placing a wreath on each of their monuments in December.

Individual	1 wreath	\$15.00
Family	4 wreaths	\$60.00
Small Business	10 wreaths	\$150.00
Corporate	100 wreaths	\$1,500.00

Please make checks payable to: Bishop Joseph F. Maguire Assembly 2670 and mail them to:

Sir Knight Kevin Godek
11 Bach Lane
South Hadley, MA 01075

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this most worthy cause.
Scott Lafond, Coordinator

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

I want to take this time to **thank the hard working members and their families** that supported this year's Tootsie Roll Drive. Thirty one people went out two times, six went out three times, one four times, three five times, two six times, two seven times, and two ten times for a total of thirty-seven times. The remainder of the people went out one time. We had ten people that never showed up for their assigned times. After making 874 phone calls I still had twenty nine locations that were not covered due to the lack of participation. With an average of \$40 per location we lost over \$1,000.

When the Tootsie Roll Drive started forty five years ago we had approximately one hundred and fifty members. The participation rate was ninety six percent. This year the rate was less than ten percent. The average age of the volunteers is seventy two. Where are all of our younger members?

The Council is strong in numbers, but that is all. There is no interest in doing charitable work, and not much interest in doing anything to help. What happened to what used to be called The Jet Propelled Council?

Again, I thank all those who helped out with this year's drive.

Elaine V. Boucher-Bogart, Tootsie Roll Drive Coordinator

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

11 AM TILL 1 PM

\$15.00 per Child

The Christmas Party is open to Member's Children and/or
Grandchildren up to the age 10

There will be gifts for every child, a light lunch, activities, a bike raffle,
our very own K of C Clowns and a very special visitor.

Keeping with the Christmas Spirit: For every non-perishable food item brought
to the party you will get a ticket for a chance to win a Gift Basket

Please fill out the bottom portion of this flyer and send it back to:

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Grand Knight Thomas Charette
1599 Memorial Drive
Chicopee, MA 01020

Age of Child	# of Boys	# of Girls	Dollar Amount
0-2			
3-5			
6-8			
8-10			
Totals			

Registrations have to be received by December 1, 2017

Children must be present when the raffle is drawn

Member's Name _____ Member's ID _____

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

I would like to congratulate Dick Menard, his wife Terry and their daughter Chrissy for being chosen as the volunteers of the month for November. The Menard family volunteers weekly at our Council Bingo, monthly at our Spaghetti Dinners, the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive and any other event we need them for. They are always there to support the Council at events and function with smiles and enthusiasm. Thank you Menard family for all your work, it has not gone un-noticed.

Thomas Charette, Grand Knight

BISHOP JOSEPH F. MAGUIRE ASSEMBLY 2670

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There is a Bingo scheduled at the Soldiers Home for **Monday, November 6th at 1:30 pm.**

The Officers Planning Meeting is **scheduled for Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm.**

Honor Guard Rehearsal is **scheduled for Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 pm.**

The regular meeting of the Assembly meeting is **scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th at 7:30 pm.**

VIVAT JESU

Norm Fleury, Faithful Navigator, Past Grand Knight

Knights on Bikes Springfield Diocese 2nd Annual Toy Drive



Pioneer Valley

Last year Knights on Bikes got together with Bridal Corner of Chicopee to collect toys for the Pioneer Valley USO. This year we want to make it bigger and better! We are calling on all Brother Knights, Family and Friends to drop off new unwrapped toys to the Knights of Columbus Council 4044's Lounge on any of the days listed below. There will be a collection box and members of the Knights on Bikes will assist you. Once again, on December 3rd we will be riding our bikes escorting a truck full of toys to the Bridal Corner. Please help us make this Christmas a little brighter for the children of our local military community.

Toys can be dropped off at K of C 4044
Lounge, Memorial Dr. Chicopee, MA from
1pm to 4 pm

Sunday, November 5

Sunday, November 12

Sunday, November 19

Sunday, November 26



BEER & WINE TASTING



I would like to thank all of our vendors and contributors who gave of their wares, time and donations to make our beer and wine tasting event a great success! The evening was put over the top by the incredible hot appetizers, cheese and antipasto displays prepared by our chefs Dave & Jeff Sarasin and their capable assistants. A double thank you goes to Sue Skorka and her staff for their excellent and efficient service. A big thank you goes out to Entertainer Dave Colucci for a beautifully orchestrated two hours of easy listening music. To Rich and Dottie McKenna and Greg and Linda Komer, thank you so much! Jim O'Donnell the best liquor wagon maker known to man – Thank you!! Moreover, to all the volunteers, too numerous to mention a heartfelt thank you. Most of all, a huge thank you to all our guests who attended the Beer & Wine Tasting! Don Darcy DD / PGK

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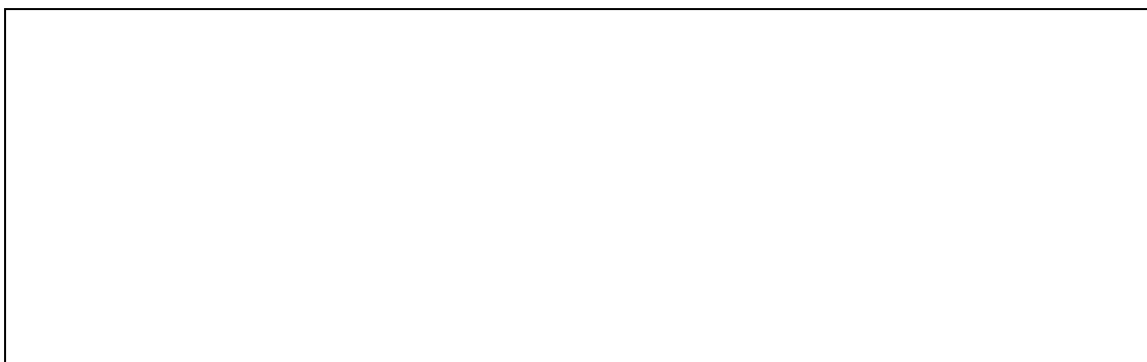
INSURANCE

I would just like to talk about the value of insurance as a general concept. Essentially, insurance provides a way for you to protect against a risk that you can't or don't want to "self-insure". Self-insuring is when you assume the risk of losing something with your own money. Examples of this include most of the minor purchases that you make every day; if you lose something, you just purchase another item to replace it, since the amount to replace it is not extremely significant. Major purchases, such as houses and cars, are almost always insured, since most people do not have sufficient liquid assets to be able to replace these items if they are lost, damaged or destroyed. Even those who do have enough money to "self-insure" will oftentimes still purchase insurance, thus freeing up money that they would have to set aside on a regular basis to replace these items. Life insurance (especially term insurance), disability income insurance, and long-term care insurance can be viewed in a similar manner. All three are still a good idea even if you have enough money to handle these losses with your own liquid assets, but they are of even more importance if you do not have extremely large amounts of assets. I would be happy to meet with anyone who would like to explore this topic in greater detail, and I look forward to helping you with any insurance needs that I am able to fulfill.

Bill Wisniewski (A-K) 413-265-1213

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE ICE CARNIVAL



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, CASINO, DINNER AND DANCE

The holidays are fast approaching and before you know it 2018 will be here. Once again an unforgettable evening of entertainment, luck, dining and dancing is awaiting you at our New Year's Eve event. Opening at 6:00 p.m. for cocktail hour, we will feature a Casino complete with roulette tables, cash wheel, chug-a-lug and a \$1,000.00 raffle, platters of Canapés at each dinner table and a cash bar. Dancing begins at 6:00p.m. with the sounds of Dave Colucci and the dance floors remain open till 1:00a.m. for your dancing pleasure.

At 7:00 p.m., the casino temporarily closes to begin serving a 5-course dinner. Live entertainment featuring **NOAH LIS** and **AMBER CARRINGTON** both from the award winning television show **The Voice** will perform during the dinner. Noah is best known for his 2014 vocal talents on team Blake and will provide dancing sounds with his musical talents on Sax and keyboard. Amber, in addition to her appereance on Team Adam's 4th Season of The Voice, has performed with Katherine McPhee, Kenny G and three times at the Grand Ole Opry. Amber sings an array of songs from Patsy Clines's Crazy, Katy Perry's Firework and Adele's Skyfall. In addition, both Dance floors will be open during their preformance. Guests will have a choice of four entrées, Beef, Chicken, Fish or Vegetarian. See our December newsletter for menu and entertainment details. After the dinner/show the casino reopens and dancing continues with David Colucci.

At midnight noisemakers, hats, champagne toast and buffet will ring in the New Year. Event tickets are **\$65.00 per person** (tax & gratuities included) with a \$5 discount for K of C members only. Tickets will be sold on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6pm to 8 pm. in the members' lounge beginning Tuesday November 28th. Please purchase your tickets before Christmas. **December 28th is the Deadline for Tickets Sales.**

Jackets are required. Convenient free parking is provided. For questions/ticket info contact event chairman Don at 534-4749. Please understand, we cannot reserve a table for you without full payment. So start thinking about organizing your seating arrangements. Members are needed to staff the casino, set up the hall and take down so please call Don if you can help.

LADIES CHRISTMAS COOKIE SWAP

Please join us for the Annual Ladies Christmas Cookie Swap on Tuesday, December 5th from 6 till 8 p.m. in the Lounge.

A light dinner of soup and sandwiches, coffee/tea will be provided prior to the swap. Ladies attending the swap will select a favorite holiday cookie recipe (does not have to be holiday related), bake three dozen cookies (no store-bought please), bring along with you a large covered empty storage container or large plastic bag and after dinner we will fill up our containers by choosing two or three cookies from each plate. One lucky lady will also take home a fresh Christmas wreath if her name is drawn. A sign up sheet will be posted on the lounge bulletin board soon. A donation of new mittens/gloves, scarf or hat, either child or adult size, is asked of from each lady attending for those in need and will be given to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen.

Questions can be directed to Louise King, 413-313-3685. Thank you!

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November 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Honor Guard Rehearsal 7:00pm	2Bingo 6:15pm 4th Degree Officers Mtg. 7:00pm	3	4 Western Night 6:00pm
5	6 Bingo 1:30pm Soldiers Home Officers Mtg. 7:00pm	7	8 Spaghetti 4:30-6:30pm 4th Degree Mtg. 7:30pm	9Bingo 6:15pm	10	11
12 Lounge Breakfast 8-11am	13Council Mtg. 7:30pm	14 Memorial Mass 7:00pm	15	16Bingo 6:15pm	17	18 Charity Ball 6:00pm
19	20 Board Mtg. 7:00pm Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23 No Bingo Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
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