

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

January 2
Officers Meeting

January 8
Soldiers Home
Council Meeting

January 10
Spaghetti Dinner
4th Degree Meeting

January 12
Paint Sip Fundraiser

January 15
Board Meeting

January 22
Council Meeting

Knights of Columbus Fairview Council # 4044

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GRAND KNIGHT - THOMAS CHARETTE

My Brother Knights,

Karen and I want to wish all of you a very Blessed Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope everyone had as great a Thanksgiving as we had at the Castle serving thousands of meals and providing comfort, support and friendship to those in need. I want to thank everyone that volunteered or assisted us in any way, especially Paul Soja the Chairman of the event. We provided all the side dishes for the Chicopee Boys & Girls Club's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, and as a member of their Board of Directors I offer my sincere thanks. They were able to feed over 300 people because of our generous support.

This past week we hosted the State Charity Ball West for the first time in many years and the event was a great success. Our staff gave us a fantastic event and enabled us to showcase our beautiful facility and outstanding food. We were also joined by a very special guest, Grace Sergeant and her mom Kara. We presented Kara and Grace with a \$3,200 check from the State Charity Fund in order to buy Grace an all-terrain mobility wheel chair. It was a very moving experience for all present and allowed us to show the end results of the hard work we do here. We were also able to present the State Secretary with our donation to the State Charity Fund, a check for \$16,500. This is the money we collected through our Tootsie Roll Drive. Thank you again Elaine Bogart.

We have our Children's Christmas Party fast approaching so get you registration forms in. We also have our Council Christmas Party on December 16th in the lounge and more information will follow.

Finally, we will be ending the year with our Annual New Year's Eve Ball. If you haven't been in the past, it is an event well worth attending. Ring in the New Year at the Castle with your Brother Knights. I want to say my first 6 months as Grand Knight have been extremely busy for Karen and me, but they have also been very rewarding. We both look forward to serving the council for the next 6 months and into the future as well.

Merry Christmas and 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 soul of Brother Knight David Gallant who leaves behind his wife Patricia, and Brother Knight Fred Proulx who leaves behind his wife Alice.

Father Joe

COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

Dear Brother Knights:

All around us we are told by the secular society that we live in that it is Christmas time. In fact, every year that time keeps on being pushed earlier and earlier. However, our faith and Church tells us that before we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord on Christmas Day, and the beginning of our Christmas season, we celebrate Advent first. This year our time of Advent is very short. The 4th Sunday of Advent is Christmas Eve and so we only have three weeks and one day of Advent this year! The first weeks of Advent focus us on the coming of Jesus again at the end of time. Then in the latter part of Advent we recall all of the marvelous events that led up to Jesus being born one like us. So how might we best use this time of Advent to be watchful and ready to prepare ourselves for when Jesus comes again in addition to joyfully and prayerfully remembering His birthday?

Advent, while not a penitential season like Lent, is a time to examine how well prepared our spiritual houses are to welcome the Lord. There is so much to do at this time of year. Maybe before all of the hustle and bustle takes over take a deep breath and be more attentive to your personal prayer. Sincerely pray, "Come, Lord Jesus." Maybe a simple repeating of the prayer, "Come Lord Jesus into my life, come Lord Jesus into my family" at the beginning of each day and throughout the most hectic parts of the day could help. Consider what actions, habits, or attitudes are not of God? What concretely can I do to get my spiritual house better prepared to welcome Him there? Avail yourself to His love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So might I suggest before you are overtaken with our secular customs and responsibilities you take some time to consider what you will do to prepare yourself for when the Lord comes again and calls you from this life? If each of us can do that we will certainly be better prepared to celebrate the day of his birth in Bethlehem on December 25th. Then we can celebrate our Christmas season that lasts about two weeks, and not three or four months, with real joy!! Have a blessed Advent in preparation of our Savior's birth and coming again! - Fr. Joe

DONATIONS

Last month, the Council, along with the recommendation of the Trustees made donations to the Holyoke Visiting Nurses Association Hospice Care \$200, St Jude Children's Research \$200, VA Central Western Mass Health Care \$100, Friends of Scouting \$100, Sisters of the Presentation of Mary \$200, Western Mass Charity Ball raffle prize \$200, Michelle Creek Lymphoma Fund \$200, and Brightside Angels \$200. Everyone that volunteers should be proud of the donations that we are able to make because of your efforts.

The Trustees presented to the Council a Motion of Intent to reduce the Annual dues by \$7.00. A second reading will be read at the December 11th Council meeting. At that time the Grand knight will ask for a first and second on the floor. The motion will be discussed and then voted upon. If you are interested or wish to voice your opinion on this matter, you should attend the December 11th council meeting.

The Council Trustees

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There is an Ice Cream Social scheduled at the Soldiers Home for **Monday, December 4th at 1:30 pm.**

Honor Guard Rehearsal **is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00 pm.**

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

The regular meeting of the Assembly meeting **is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13th at 7:30 pm.**

VIVAT JESU

Norm Fleury, Faithful Navigator, Past Grand Knight

ANNUAL HOME ASSOCIATION MEETING

MONDAY DECEMBER 18, 2017 AT 7:00PM

The annual meeting of the Home Association will be held on **Monday December 18, 2017** at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Castle of Knights Meeting and Banquet House 1599 Memorial Drive Chicopee, Ma. 01020.

There are five Board of Directors up for re-election but only two have decided to run for another term, Peter Panaretos and Jim Patrick.

The three Director's that have decided not to seek another term are Kevin Godek, Ed LaFromboise and Steve Martin. I would like to thank Kevin, Ed and Steve for their years of service to the Home Association.

We will be accepting nominations to run for the Board from the floor the evening of the meeting. The names of those nominated from the floor will be placed on the ballot starting in the third position in the order they are nominated and accepted as candidates.

There will be a light buffet available at 6:00pm.

Peter W. Panaretos, President of the Home Association

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.

I would like to thank Arnie Craven, Matt Cooke and Ron Belair for all their help in getting all the proper paperwork filled out, filed and processed.

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 member's 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

WESTERN NIGHT

Western night turned out to be a great night, attendance was good, the dance floor was crowded and the food was fantastic. Thanks to our chefs and banquet staff. Southern Rain band performed great country music. I would like to thank all that helped out either selling event tickets, setting up of the banquet room, selling raffle tickets. My wife Jill for getting all the raffle prizes donated. Denise Darcy, Ed and Cecile LeBlanc, Eric Oulette, Randy Pelletier, Michele and Jeff Lovell, Carol Cisek, and to Leanne Zemrock who helped through the night and for donating some of the money from her 50/50 winnings back to the council, to Savage Arms (Dave Piacentini) for donating \$250 towards the proceeds of Western Night for our Thanksgiving Day meal.

Thank you,
David Saraiva PGK

**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:

Knights of Columbus Council 4044
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 4, 2017

Children must be present when the raffle is drawn

Member's Name _____ Member's ID _____

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

This months volunteer of the month is the Knights on Bikes from Council #4044. This Council's Knights on Bikes members continue to volunteer their time and money to nearly all of our events and functions. At least 5 of the members work our Spaghetti Dinner monthly and several also work Bingo. They assisted greatly with our Tootsie Roll drive and Thanksgiving Dinner as well. They sponsored and worked our Council breakfast a few weeks ago with the proceeds going to toys for the USO and they will be participating in the ride as well. Many attend Council meetings regularly and provide input. If the Council needs something done I am confident I can call the Knights on Bikes to assist us. Thank you for all the hard work gentlemen.

Thomas Charette, Grand Knight

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. A Cheese display and platters of Canapés at each dinner table and a cash bar will be offered. 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 appearance on Team Adam's 4th Season of The Voice, has performed with Katherine McPhee, Kenny G and appeared 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. Both Dance floors remain open during their performance.

Guests will begin dinner with a shrimp cocktail (substitute available if you have shellfish allergy) followed by Chef Dave Sarrasin's Signature Caesar Salad and a Lemon Sorbet Intermezzo. A choice of four entrées will be offered; Filet Mignon, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Stuffed Sole or Eggplant Rollatini. Dessert will have an "Ice Theme" surprise presentation ending with tea and coffee. 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 out of town guests, we recommend the **Residence Inn Marriott, 500 Memorial Drive**, 413-331-4440 who are offering a package deal of \$265.00 to include 2 event tickets, one night stay in a King Studio, Breakfast, 2 pm checkout on New Year's Day, tax included. This package must be purchased through the Knights in their members' lounge; **credit card only**, availability limited. If you any questions 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.



Don't miss this one!!!

NEW YEAR'S EVE ICE CARNIVAL

2018

CASTLE OF KNIGHTS 1599 MEMORIAL DRIVE

JACKETS REQUIRED

Casino, Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres 6 p.m.

Roulette Tables, Chug-a-lug, Cash Wheel, \$1,000.00 Raffle & Cash Bar
Raffle tickets cost \$10 each or 3 for \$25 winner need not be present

Noah Lis



Dinner 7 p.m.

Appetizer, Salad, Lemon Sorbet
Choice of Entrée:
Filet Mignon
Chicken Cordon Bleu
Stuffed Sole
Eggplant Rollatini
Dessert

Midnight Toast

Champagne, Party Hats, Noisemakers,
Sandwiches, Tea & Coffee

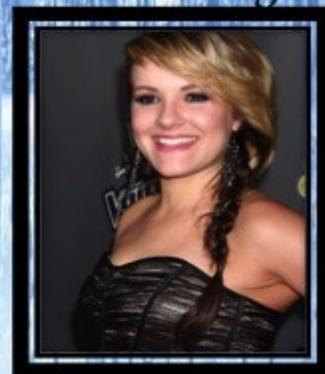
Dancing 6 p.m. till 1 a.m.

2 Dance Floors

Dave Colucci



Amber Carrington



Tickets \$65 (tax & gratuity included) on sale November 28th

In the members' lounge Tue., Wed., & Thurs. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Residence Inn Marriott, 500 Memorial Dr. Chicopee

Package: \$265 includes one night king studio, 2 event tickets, breakfast, 2:00pm checkout. Limited availability.

INFO: DON 534-4749 DETAILS: WWW.KOFC4044.COM

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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

BRIGHTSIDE ANGELS

The Council has purchased two hundred Brightside Angels for our Christmas Tree in the lounge. The proceeds from the sale of the Angels will go back to Brightside doubling our donation. You can purchase your Angels with your name written on them from the bartender and place them on the tree.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Spaghetti Dinner that was held in October raiser \$4,100 for the Sister's of St Joseph. I would like to thank all the volunteers that made it possible. The January Spaghetti Dinner's bake Sale proceeds will go towards the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund. Every year we give out ten scholarships to the members who volunteer throughout the year. Their spouses, children, and grandchildren are eligible as well.

INSURANCE

December is a month that can be a busy time of the year for some, and a relaxing end of the year for others. If the latter applies to you, it may be a good time to meet with us for an annual review of your coverage, or to explore the possibility of updating your coverage to fit your new needs. If the former applies, then you still may want to meet with us by the end of the year. We may be able to help you with financial concerns that are time-sensitive with regards to the end of the calendar year. Regardless of which category you fall into, we would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

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

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

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!

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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December 2017

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