

NEXT MONTH'S EVENTS

Jan 1
New Year's Day

Jan 2
Officer's Meeting

Jan 9
Soldiers Home
Council Meeting

Jan 11
Spaghetti Dinner
4th Degree Meeting

Jan 13
Paint Sip Fundraiser

Jan 16
Board Meeting

Jan 23
Council Meeting

Knights of Columbus Fairview Council # 4044

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GRAND KNIGHT - NORMAN FLEURY

We had our Annual Appreciation Night for the volunteers last Saturday. I would like to thank Kevin Godek and his wife Roxanne for planning the meal and the raffle prizes. I would also like to thank Elaine Bogart, along with Kevin's children Ben, Jessica, and Abby for helping set up the raffle prizes and handing out the tickets and envelopes as the volunteers arrived. After the dinner Past Grand Knight Edward LeBlanc was presented with the Star Council Award for his Fraternal Year and Past Grand Knight, District Deputy Donald Darcy received the Star District Award from State Treasurer Paul Flanagan and State Advocate Michael Lesperance. A presentation was made to Charter member Donald Gladu for all of his years of service to the Council from the Board of Directors.

I would like to thank Past Grand Knight Paul Soja for chairing this year's Thanksgiving Day Dinner and all the volunteers that will be helping to make it a success.

The Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for December 11th. You should have submitted your request if you have children that are going to attend. The deadline is December 1st. The K of C Clowns will be there to entertain the children as well as the adults. We will have snacks, raffle prizes and a very special visitor from up north.

Please remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas". Grace and I want to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

VIVAT JESU, Norman Fleury, Grand Knight

COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

When St. Francis, in 1223 at Christmas, was inspired to have the townsfolk of the little town of Greccio in Italy re-enact the events surrounding the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem he did so because he felt that the people of that day and time had lost an understanding of what really happened at that moment. Francis said, "I wish to do something that will recall to memory the little Child who was born in Bethlehem and set before our bodily eyes in some way the inconveniences of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger, how, with an ox and an ass standing by, he lay upon the hay where he had been placed." (1 Celano)

Francis was overcome by the humility of God that he would deign to be born one like us in the most humble of conditions. Francis wanted everyone to experience in their souls the same joy and love that he felt when considering Jesus' birth. In our current day and time we too might lose an appreciation for what happened the day of Savior's birth. Our own hearts and souls might be susceptible to forgetting just how much God loves each one of us. Take pause this day and if you feel the chill of a winter's day let it remind you of the conditions of the Savior's birth. May that chill warm your heart and soul with a reminder of how much your God loves you. "We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him." (1 John 4:16)

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year.
Father Joe

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Father Joe

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Dear Sir Knights,

The major event for the Assembly in December is our participation in the Wreaths Across America program at the Agawam Veteran's Cemetery on December 19, 2016. I urge our brothers to attend the December 14 meeting for a presentation on the national Wreaths Across America program from 7:30 to 7:45 by Gina Willette, the local coordinator for the program.

If you are interested in participating in the placing of the designated wreaths purchased and/or the general placing of undesignated wreaths please call Scott LaFond at 413 -676-9427 for more information. The designated wreaths will be placed at 9AM, and the general placement will be at 10AM. The very impressive dedication ceremony will be at noon. Volunteers are needed.

At this point well over \$3000 has been raised for the purchase of wreaths. We owe a big thanks to Kevin Godek and Jim Allen for the "massive" solicitation of the local business community. We owe a particular thank you to South Hadley Council 1721 and Fairview Council 4044 for their generous contributions. South Hadley Council 1721 also made a generous contribution to the Soldiers Home Fund which is most appreciated.

The Fourth Degree Master, Paul Bergeron, has confirmed that the next exemplification will be on Sunday January 8, 2017 at Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA. The initial choice of the date was not available. I urge those interested in the Fourth Degree make themselves known to the Faithful Navigator or any other Assembly Officer as soon as possible. The one on one solicitation for the exemplification is by far the most effective way to grow the Assembly.

Bishop Rozanski, our fellow 2670 Sir Knight has expressed an interest in getting our Assembly more involved in diocesan events at St. Michael's Cathedral. I assured him that we will support him in any way we can. The honor guard is certainly a key in our participation. Others are certainly welcome to participate.

Honor Guard Rehearsal will be held on Friday, December 2nd at 7:00pm.

The Officers Planning Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8th at 7:00pm.

On Monday, December 12th at 1:30pm we will be hosting a Pizza Party at the Holyoke Soldiers Home.

Our regular meeting will be held after the monthly Spaghetti Dinner on December 14th at 7:30pm.

VIVAT JESU

Dick Butler, Faithful Navigator

REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Please remember to keep in your prayers all of the Brother Knights and members of their families that 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 George Caldwell, who leaves behind his wife Marilyn, Brother Knight Gerald Patla, who leaves behind his wife Pat, and Brother Knight Gideon Miles who leaves behind his wife Helen.

Father Joe



NEW YEAR'S EVE

CASTLE OF KNIGHTS

1599 MEMORIAL DRIVE

JACKETS REQUIRED



Noah Lis

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

Dinner 7 p.m.

*Appetizer, Salad, Lemon Sorbet, Choice of Entrée;
Filet Mignon
Chicken with artichokes
Seafood Casserole
Eggplant Rollatini
Dessert*



Michelle

Brooks

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Dancing 6 p.m. till 1:00 a.m.

2 DANCE FLOORS

Midnight Toast to 2017

*Champagne, party hats, noisemakers,
Sandwiches, tea & coffee*



Dave Colluci

Tickets \$65 (tax & gratuity included)
on sale November 29th

In the Members' lounge Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7 to 9 p.m.
Event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Fairview Council 4044

Ticket information: Don 534-4749 or www.kofc4044.com



NEW YEAR'S EVE

Dinner, Dance, Show & Casino

The holidays are fast approaching and before you know it 2017 will be here. Enjoy an unforgettable evening of live entertainment, luck, dining and dancing is awaiting you at our New Year's Eve event. Opening at 6:00 p.m. cocktail hour will feature a Casino complete with roulette tables, cash wheel, chug-a-lug and a \$1,000.00 raffle. A cheese, fruit and veggie display and platters of Canapés at each dinner table will be available along with a cash bar and two dance floors, which remain open during dinner till 1:00 am. for your dancing pleasure.

At 7:00 p.m., the casino temporarily closes and a 5-course dinner commences. Live entertainment featuring **Noah Lis** and **Michelle Brooks Thompson** 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 but also will provide dancing sounds with his musical talents on Sax and keyboard. Michelle, a Springfield native, in 2012's third season was on Team Adam. She has sung the Star Spangled Banner for the NFL, NBA, MLB and NLS and appeared on CBS's 42nd Boston Pops July 4th Spectacular!

Guests will begin dinner with a shrimp cocktail (substitute available if you have shellfish allergy) followed by Chef Dave's Signature Salad and a Lemon Sorbet Intermezzo. A choice of four entrées will be offered; Filet Mignon, Seafood Casserole, Artichoke Chicken topped with Artichokes, Tomatoes, Cremini Mushrooms, and finished with a white wine demi glaze
Eggplant Rollatini.

The best ever Profiteroles draped with a hot chocolate sauce will be served for dessert along with tea and coffee.

After the dinner show the casino reopens with entertainment by Mr. David Colucci and dancing till 1:00 a.m.

At midnight ring in the New Year with noisemakers, hats, champagne toast, sandwiches tea & coffee. 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, Thursdays and Fridays from 7pm to 9 pm. in the members' lounge beginning November 29th. **The deadline for ticket sales is December 27th.**

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.

Don and Dee Darcy, Chairpersons

LADIES COOKIE SWAP

A light dinner of soup and sandwiches, coffee/tea will be provided prior to the swap. Ladies attending the swap will select a favorite cookie recipe (does not have to be holiday related), bake three dozen cookies (no store-bought please) Make up about 20 recipe cards for your cookie (photocopy is fine), bring along with you a large covered empty plastic Tupperware container or large plastic storage bag and then, after dinner, we will fill up our containers by choosing two or three cookies from each plate along with the related recipe card. One lucky lady will also take home a fresh Christmas wreath.

Be sure to put your name and kind of cookie you will be bringing on the signup sheet on the Lounge bulletin board. A donation of new mittens/gloves, scarf or hat, either child or adult size, is asked of from each lady attending which will be donated to those in need.

Questions can be directed to Louise King, 413-313-3685

Thank you!

PAINT SIP FUNDRAISER

Friday, January 13, 2017

Paint Sip Fundraiser

Proceeds will go to benefit the Scholarship Fund

For more info and to sign up visit www.paintsipfun.com

Look for the Knights of Columbus Event

The cost is \$35.00

INSURANCE

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To all the brother knights and their family members that have become insurance members, thank you for allowing us to serve you with the protection of the Knights of Columbus exclusive products, services and investments. Together with our brother knights and their families, our local and world-wide charitable outreach to our Church and community grows stronger. We look forward to dedicating our time to helping your and future brother knight's families continue to grow and do good works in 2017.

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Sunday - Dec. 4

2016 Springfield Diocese Knights on Bikes - Christmas Party

Patriots game in the lounge - Castle of Knights 4044 12:30pm

Bring your favorite snacks and we will order pizza!

Tuesday – Dec 20th

(NEW MEETING NIGHTS – 3rd Tuesday of the month)

Monthly Meeting will be held at the Castle of Knights 7:00pm

I want to thank all the Brother Knights on Bikes members and their Ladies for their participation in events. Their charitable good works and all the volunteering they have done this year. Let's remember our Brother Kyle Chapdelaine, Julisa Diaz and their families in our prayers this Christmas Season. We all have our God given talents. Alone we can do a lot, but together as a group of Catholic gentlemen and women we can do so much more! God bless you all!

Bill Wisniewski – President Knights on Bikes Springfield Diocese

Merry Christmas, Safe Riding and Happy New Year!

In God we Trust and Ride!

DONATIONS

Last month we made donations to the Archdiocese for the Military \$150.00, the Association of Marion Helpers \$100.00, the Providence Ministries for the needy \$100.00, Wreaths Across America \$200.00, and the Children's Christmas Party \$200.00. We need volunteers for our fundraising activities if we are to continue as a charitable organization.

An example is our weekly Bingo, our monthly Spaghetti Dinner and our annual Tootsie Roll Drive. You can help by attending our New Year's Eve Celebration, French Night, Western Night or Valentine's Dinners. There are several fundraisers held in our lounge throughout the year. New Year's is around the corner. Why not make a promise to volunteer at the Knights of Columbus one of your New Year's Resolutions?

Norm Fleury, Grand Knight

WESTERN NIGHT

Western Night was a great success again this year. We had roughly 158 people in attendance. The band was great and the dance floor was packed during the line dance lessons. The food was delicious thanks to our chef David and the Castle staff was great as always. I want to thank PGK Edward LeBlanc, Michele and Jeff Lovel, Leanne Zemrock for helping with set up and selling raffle tickets, my wife Jill for putting most of the raffle prizes together and co-chairing this event with me. Thank you to Karen Charette, Joan Assad, Jeff Morris from Williams' Distribution, Mark DeGrandpre of DeGrandpre Jewelers, PGK Donald Darcy who all donated raffle prizes, Dottie Turgeon and banquet office for helping with tickets sales. To all the members who attended, thank you for supporting this event. All the proceeds will help so many on Thanksgiving Day.

Vivat Jesu
David Saraiva PGK

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Children's Halloween Party was very disappointing this year. Jessica Godek put a lot of time and effort into seeing that the children would have fun. They had hay bales to sit on, a pumpkin patch set up with fifty pumpkins for each child to bring home and decorate or carve with their parents, there were coloring pages, games to play and treats. Dottie Turgeon made one hundred cup cakes, there was juice and hot dogs for lunch. Elaine Bogart was there to help the children and did much more. On Saturday Ben and Jessica Godek decorated the Youth Room as well as being there on Sunday for the children. **Sadly, only six children showed up.** The children had fun and the parents remarked how nice the room was decorated.

The event was advertised for two months, the cost was free, and it was planned for indoors in case of bad weather. I feel sorry for the children that will not be able to enjoy this event when it is cancelled due to the lack of participation from parents and grandparents of small children.

Norm Fleury, Grand Knight

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Past Grand Knight David Saraiva for being named the December Knight of the Month. David is one of three Trustees for the Council who volunteers at Bingo every week. David and his wife Jill chair Western Night every year. He and his son went out on two separate occasions for the Tootsie Roll Drive this year. They also volunteer at our monthly Spaghetti Dinner and help out Thanksgiving Day. We could use a few more families like David's.

Sincerely,
Norm Fleury, Grand Knight

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December 2016

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