

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

August 7
Officer's Meeting

August 9
Spaghetti Dinner
4th Degree Meeting

Aug 13
Council Picnic

August 14
Soldiers Home
Council Meeting

August 21
Board Meeting

Aug 26
Annual Bike Run

August 28
Council Meeting

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GRAND KNIGHT - THOMAS CHARETTE

My Brother Knights,

I would like to start my first article as your new Grand Knight by thanking everyone for supporting me as I made my way through the Chairs over the past several years. I would especially like to thank many of the Past Grand Knights who have helped me tremendously over the years, in particular Don Darcy, Ed LeBlanc, Dave Saraiva, Peter Panaretos, Ray Cote and Donald Turgeon. I pray for their continued support in my upcoming year. With all that being said we have decided that the Officers Installation will be combined this year with Appreciation Night in an effort to save thousands of dollars for the Council. Not to mention the fact that our volunteers are the ones we would like to have most at the installation. This year's event will be held September 9th at the Castle. More detail will follow.

The goals my officers and I are setting for the Council this year are straight forward and simple. We hope to not only grow the Council in membership externally with well planned recruitment efforts, but to grow it more together internally. I will remind everyone that we are the largest Council in the State, yet we have less than 40 members at most meetings. We will be trying to improve our meals before meetings in an effort to bring out more members and I will reach out to many of the Past Grand Knights for suggestions and advice on improving things overall. I am asking all our members that are able, to start getting involved with the Council. Attend a meeting quarterly to see what we are doing with your money and to enjoy a meal and a drink or two with your brother Knights. Many of our more active members and volunteers have met some of their closest friends through our Council activities.

In closing Karen and I want to give a special thanks to past Grand Knight Norm Fleury and Grace for a great year and all their help under some very trying circumstances. We also want to thank the many wonderful women of our Council who do so much for us without much accolades. You are all truly the glue that holds us together. We are looking forward to a wonderful year.

VIVAT JESU, Thomas Charette, Grand Knight

DONATIONS

Donations for the month of June were Habitat for Humanity \$100, Springfield Rescue Mission \$200, Lorraine's Soup Kitchen \$200, Brightside 37th Annual Golf Classic \$100, Dana Faber/Jimmy Fund \$50, Sisters of St Joseph Golf Classic \$200, Jericho 38th Annual Golf Classic \$100, and the 5th Annual Makayla Fund Golf Tournament \$100, along with all the hours that our volunteers donated to help raise these funds.

Edward LeBlanc, Past Grand Knight

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IMMEDIATE PAST GRAND KNIGHT

A special thanks goes out to all the members and their families for the support they gave Grace and I this past year. It was an honor to serve as your Grand Knight for a second time. You made anything I asked of you happen. It will be my honor to accept the Star Council Award for the Council. The Grand Knight is only one person. It is the Officers and members of the Council that deserve the recognition. A group I can not thank enough are the widows of our Brother Knights. They take an active role in every fundraiser and Council function. The Knights on Bikes are another group that have contributed to the success of the Council this past year.

My wish is that you keep the newly elected officers in your prayers and that you continue to support them as you did me. Grace and I will always cherish the time we spent at the Council along with the friends we have made over the years. May God Bless all of you and we will keep you in our prayers.

Fraternally,
Norm Fleury, Past Grand Knight

COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

Dear Brother Knights,

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. (Psalms 33:12) The 4th Principle of the Knights of Columbus is Patriotism. In our patriotism for our earthly home we remember that ultimately we are citizens of heaven. Our Founding Fathers recognized their reliance upon and need for God in our Founding Documents. As we celebrate our 241st birthday as a nation, surely we recognize that our nation has many challenges in front of us. At his first inauguration on April 30, 1789 President George Washington offered the following prayer personally. "Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy Holy protection, that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of obedience, and to entertain a Brotherly affection and love for one another as fellow citizens. May we be pleased to do justice, to love mercy, and to conduct ourselves in charity, humility and gentle temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without whose humble example we can never hope to be a happy nation. God grant us our supplication through Jesus Christ our Lord." Let us not acquiesce to the call of some to eliminate God from our cultural and nation. Without God, who has blessed our country with such abundance, we will be no nation at all. May God Bless America and may we its citizen's give thanks to God for the blessings we have received and continue to proclaim that *In God, We Trust*.

For six months in 1917 (May to October) the Blessed Mother appeared to three peasant children in Fatima, Portugal on the 13th of the month. As part of the 100th Jubilee of our Lady's appearances the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Ludlow is holding a series of special Masses through October. On Thursday, July 13th all of the Chicopee parishes in particular are being asked to come and pray that evening. The rosary will be prayed at 6 p.m. with Mass following at 7 p.m. Fr. James McCurry, OFM Conv. will be the homilist for the Mass. I encourage you and your families to attend and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's appearances at Fatima.

I hope that these summer months will provide everyone some time get away from the usual hecticness of life. Take some time to be refreshed in your relationships with those you love the most. Take some time to rest in the Lord too. Let prayer be part of whatever you do and wherever you go. If you are in unfamiliar territory and are looking for a Catholic Church for weekend Mass a good resource is www.Masstimes.org. I do suggest that you give the parish a call just to make sure that [Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) has the parish's most up to date information. May the Lord keep you safe in your travels and may the summer provide time to rest and relax a bit more! - Fr. Joe

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DICK BUTLER FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR
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I want to again thank my fellow Sir Knights in the Assembly for their support in the 2016-2017 Fraternal year. Faithful Navigator elect Norman Fleury and his team will officially take office as of July 1, 2017. I wish him well and have pledged my support of his efforts as Faithful Navigator to assure a smooth transition for the Assembly.

I want to specially thank Gary Stankiewicz for his massive efforts in his role as Comptroller and for his added efforts in chairing the bi-laws committee and successfully guiding the adoption of the revised and updated bi-laws at the June meeting. Special thanks also to Jim Allen for his efforts as Honor Guard Commander and to Rich Beaudry and Dick Fulton for chairing our wonderful veterans support program at the Soldiers Home in Holyoke.

The recommended revised bi-laws were approved as amended to include an increase in dues from \$15 to \$20 per annum. This modest increase is the first in nearly a decade.

An Assembly policy was also added to set a budget for installation expenses bases on the recent expenditure pattern. The revised bi-laws will be submitted to Supreme in July for final approval.

The Ladies of the Assembly presented the Assembly with the proceeds from the Annual Bake Sale. The \$355 donation will be credited equally to the Honor Guard and the Veteran's accounts.

Thanks again for the support during my term. I urge all members to become more active and get behind Norm as we move forward.

The Officers Planning Meeting is **cancelled until September.**

Honor Guard Rehearsal is **cancelled until September.**

There is a Picnic scheduled at the Soldiers Home for **Monday July 10th at 11:00 AM**

The regular meeting of the Assembly meeting is **cancelled until September.**

VIVAT JESU

Dick Butler, Faithful Navigator

BAKE SALE

Thank you to all who baked, worked at the bake goods sale table or purchased goodies at the June 14th Spaghetti Supper.

Special thanks to all the great experienced women, who preceded me and knew exactly what to do to make things happen. It was a very successful evening thanks to everyone's great efforts.

Thank you one and all,

Eileen Butler

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Jeff Belanger for being named the Volunteer of the Month for July. Jeff has been very active in the Council helping out where ever he is needed. He volunteers for Bingo every Thursday collecting non perishable items for the local food banks and he volunteers every month for Spaghetti Dinner. I thank Jeff and all the volunteers that contribute their time through out the year.

Thomas Charette, Grand Knight

BINGO

I can not thank the volunteers enough for their hard work hosting our first Large Cash Prize Bingo on June 8th. We had a maximum of 412 packages that we could sell and we ended up selling 405. We paid out over \$18,000 in prizes with approximately one \$3,000 game, twenty four \$500, two \$1,100, two \$350, two \$250 games.

There were many hours preplanning and organizing this event. None of this could have been accomplished if not for the volunteers. We started three months ago discussing the dollar amount we would charge and the games that we would play, discussing the idea with the Springfield Lottery and The Lottery Headquarters in Braintree, making sure we had enough supplies, placing ads in various publications, and lastly having people there willing to commit the time needed.

The real winners are the charities that will receive the monies we raised. Before the night was over we had people asking if we were going to do this again? If we are to continue helping local charities, we need members that have not volunteered to step up. I thank everyone who contributed their time and effort for a successful evening.

Sincerely,
Kevin Godek, Bingo Chairman

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 Earnest LaRocque.

Father Joe

2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We gave out eight \$500 scholarships last month to children and or grandchildren of members of the Council who volunteer their time in the name of charity. This is our way of saying thank you for the countless hours they donated.

Michael Brian Lee received the Charter Members Award presented by Donald Gladu.

Matthew Scott Grochowalski received the Bishop Joseph F. Maguire Award presented by District Deputy Donald Darcy

James Stawarz received the Father Francis X. Sullivan Award presented by Kevin Lumb.

Kristen Amber Hubert received the Past Grand Knights Award presented by Past Grand Knight Edward leBlanc.

Lauryn E. StJean received the First Grand Knight Award presented by Past Grand Knight David Saraiva.

Zachary T. Dubreil received the Father Roland Galipeau Award presented by Gloria LaMarche.

Andrew LaMarche received the Jessica Godek Memorial Award presented by Roxanne Godek.

Abby Marie Godek received the Council 4044 Grand Knight Award presented by Past Grand Knight Norm Fleury.

Edward Leblanc, Scholarship Director

Beer & WINE TASTING

Brothers, save the date Friday evening October the 6th, 2017. Our council will be sponsoring a beer and wine tasting. Come and enjoy a variety of “ Schnapps and Hops” along with some great Wines! The event will start at 6:30 p.m., don't be late. More info next month!

Don Darcy, Past Grand Knight

FAIRVIEW COUNCIL 4044 FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, August 13, 2017 at BATTERY BROOK PARK in South Hadley
Picnic Grounds are open from 11:00am till 5:00pm

**Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Sausages, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad and Soft Drinks
served all day long. (Bring an appetite)**

There will be a DJ for your listening pleasure. You may bring games from home. Baseball gloves, Frisbees, Bean bag toss games, Cards etc... Our K of C Clowns will be there along with pony rides for the children. There will be a special raffle for children who must be present to claim their prize.

Prices for the entire day are \$10.00 per Family

Ticket prices the day of the picnic will be \$15.00 per Family.

**The deadline for early discount is August 4, 2017. Place in lounge mailbox or mail to
Fairview Council Picnic, 1599 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020**

Return with check made out to the Fairview Knights of Columbus Picnic

Number of Families Attending at \$10.00 each _____ Check Total _____

Number and age of Children Attending Girls _____ Number and age of Children Attending
Boys _____

Members Name _____ Membership # _____

It is important that you let us know as early as possible so we can order the food and raffle prizes along with paper products so there is enough for everyone.

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

There are several way you can receive the newsletter. The first is electronically, next by picking up a hard copy in the lounge, reading it on our electronic message board located in the lounge, on our web site, and lastly by conventional mail. The latter is what I want to discuss.

Presently we have almost three hundred letters that have to be mailed every month. These have to be printed along with the hard copies in the lounge. Four pages double sided is approximately two thousand eight hundred copies. They then have to be collated and stapled for the ones in the lounge. The ones mailed have to be folded, and placed in envelopes that have to have address labels and stamps attached as well. Postage alone is almost \$1,800 a year on top of envelopes, ink, paper, and the time it takes to do all this. No less than six hours every month with two people.

If you have a computer and are receiving the newsletter via regular mail, please consider receiving it electronically. They are sent out Blind Carbon Copy, you can increase the font depending on your vision, you can print out the sections you are interested in such as the calendar, and most importantly, you will allow us to contribute more to local charities.

Kevin Godek

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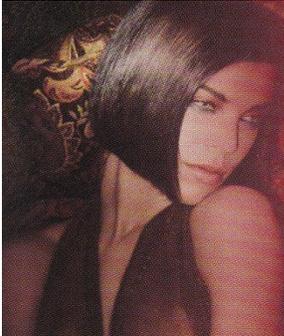


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July 2017

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