

**NEXT MONTH'S
EVENTS**

April 3
Officer's Meeting

April 10
Soldiers Home
Council Meeting

April 12
Spaghetti Dinner
4th Degree Meeting

April 17
Board Meeting

April 22
French Night

April 24
Council Meeting

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GRAND KNIGHT - NORMAN FLEURY

March is here which means winter is almost over. We did not get that much snow however, we made up for it in cold weather. I had a stent put in which took me out of commission for a while and my wife had some work done on her pace-maker. We are both recovering as expected and I wanted to thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

If you did not attend Sweetheart Night you missed a great evening. My thanks go out to Dottie and Joe Turgeon, their committee, the banquet staff, and everyone else that contributed their time for the outstanding job they did.

We will be celebrating St Patrick's Day in the lounge on March 11th. We will be serving corned beef sandwiches with chips and a pickle from 2-7pm. Entertainment will begin at 5:00pm and last throughout the evening. The Chicopee Colleen and her Court will be there as well. The tickets for the meal are \$7.00 per person and are on sale with the bartender.

The notices to suspend have been mailed. This is your last chance to pay your dues if you wish to remain a member of the Council in good standing. The State Raffle tickets have to be turned in no later than Monday, March 6th if you want to be entered into the drawing.

There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 7th at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers for all Bingo and Spaghetti volunteers. If you wish to be involved I suggest you attend.

Scholarship Applications for the fall semester are available in the lounge. They must be returned by May 1st.

VIVAT JESU, Norman Fleury, Grand Knight

YOUTH GROUP

Baseball/Softball Signups for all Girls and Boys grades 1-8 are invited

Practices start in April with games played May thru June

The cost is \$40 per player

There are no charges for uniforms

Each player should bring their own glove

Sign Up Dates in the Youth Room are

March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 6-8 pm

no late sign ups will be allowed

Coaches are needed

Every child plays on the team

If you have any questions please contact us at facebook page

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COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

Dear Brother Knights: "In Jesus crucified, God shows his desire to draw near to sinners, however far they may have strayed from him." (Pope Francis) As we begin this holy season of Lent, this season of renewal and conversion, let us consider how we will best make use of these 40 days. The Church's requirements as regards fasting and abstinence are meant to be reminders to us of our need for self-sacrifice even if they are really not difficult for us to do. More importantly, we should develop our own plan as to how we will strive to be renewed and converted to live and love more like how Jesus lived and loved.

The Church's tried and true template of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is worthy, I believe, of your consideration once again this year. Enhance your **prayer** life by attending daily Mass during Lent one or more times a week, or attend one of the other devotions including the Stations of the Cross or praying the rosary if it is not your current practice. Maybe just a little more time praying by just talking to the Lord about what is going on in your life. Consider reading Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as found in St. Matthew's Gospel - Chapters 5, 6 and 7.

There are many ways that we can **fast** besides "giving something up". Maybe we can fast from a quick tongue or an angry word or from impatience. Then again maybe there is a need to fast from eating or drinking too much, or too much time on the internet and with our devices that takes time from family and friends or leads us into temptation. Maybe you can find a way to tie in actually giving something up to getting rid of a bad habit.

Like prayer and fasting there are many ways for us to practice **almsgiving**. In addition to our financial resources we can give of time and talent as well. Maybe you can help out a little more here at the Council or in your parish. Maybe there is a charity that you have been thinking about giving to, but have not as of yet. Maybe you have thought about helping out as a volunteer locally.

Pope Francis at the end of his 2016 Lenten Message said: "Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favorable a time for conversion!" Indeed let us make good use of the time that we are given this Lent. Let our goal be to grow in holiness, to grow closer to the Lord, to grow closer to each other.

Through the grace of God may we all have a blessed Lent.

Fr. Joe

Abstinence and Fasting During Lent

All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means only one full meal is to be eaten. Other food eaten on a Fast Day should not equal a full meal.

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 and Faithful Friar Father Francis X. Sullivan, Brother Knight Walter Goodspeed who leaves behind his wife Jean, Brother Knight Donald Paquette who leaves behind his wife Nancy, Brother Knight and Charter Member Frank Turner, Past Grand Knight Edmund Authier who leaves behind his wife Theresa, and Brother Knight Tom Halpin who leaves behind his wife Marguerite.

Father Joe

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The next few months will be very important for the Assembly. We will have the new bi-laws to consider, election of Officers for 2017-2018 and the presentation of scholarships to three Seminarians.

The bi-law Committee intends to present their recommendations to the membership at the March regular meeting and vote on acceptance in April which will require a quorum of 25 members. A copy of the recommended changes will be mailed to the membership prior to the April meeting as required by Supreme and our current bi-laws. We urge all brothers to make an effort to attend these meetings to support the Assembly. [Please see the schedule for the next three months below.]

There will be a calendar raffle in May. The Calendar cards will be available at the March meeting. This raffle represents a significant portion of our income and we urge your support. The Assembly voted to increase the amount of our three vocations scholarships from \$500 to \$750 each in keeping with increased educational costs of our Seminarians. The ham raffles at Bingo on March 23, March 30 and April 6 will be dedicated to the scholarship fund.

The slate of officers will be announced at the April meeting, with the formal election planned to take place at the May meeting. This schedule is predicated on the approval of the revised bi-laws at the April meeting. Otherwise the election could slip until June. The revised bi-laws as recommended by Supreme call for elections in May, with the incoming offices assuming their new responsibilities effective July 1, 2017, coincident with the start of the new fraternal year.

We are trying to increase the participation of Assembly members in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Honor Guard will as usual be represented at the Mass and the parade itself. We hope to see many of our members marching. The Bishop has been invited to march with the Knights at the parade.

The next Officers Planning Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday March 2nd at 7PM.**

Honor Guard Rehearsal will be held on **Friday March 3rd at 7 PM**

The next regular meeting of the Assembly will be held after Spaghetti **on March 8th at 7:30PM**

Veterans Home Bingo is scheduled for **Monday March 13th at 1:30 PM**

Dick Butler, Faithful Navigator

GOLF LEAGUE

Attention All Golfers

A KofC 4044 Golf League meeting will be held on Wednesday March 22, 2017
in the council lounge at 7:00 pm.

We will again be playing at Westover Golf Course starting in April.

All current & former golf league members are welcome to attend.

We also have openings for new members.

Any questions call league chairman Sam Enserro at 413-519-8917 or

e-mail sre729@charter.net

FRENCH NIGHT

April 22, 2017

Cocktail Hour 5-6pm

First Course will begin at 6:00pm

We will begin with French Onion Soup

Salad with choice of two Dressings

Assorted Dinner Rolls, Coffee, and Tea

The Entrée will be served Family Style

French Meat Pie, and Roast Pork or

a Vegetarian Mushroom Wellington both

served with Mashed Potatoes, and Green Beans

French Apple Pie for Dessert

The price is \$30.00 per person

Music will be provided by Dave Colucci

Tickets will be on sale in the Lounge beginning March 13th

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until April 14th

Between 6-8:00 pm

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DONATIONS

The following donations were made on behalf of the Council to the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound 2017 \$200, Melha Shrine Circus for an Ad in their Program \$100, Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council 15837 in Lafayette, TN \$200 to help a new Council, Chicopee St Patrick's Day Parade Committee for an Ad \$150.

INSURANCE

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In addition, our annuities can also be set up as either a ROTH IRA or a Traditional IRA, depending upon a member's individual needs. Of course, the IRS rules and regulations pertaining to IRA's and ROTH's must be followed in terms of contribution limits, RMD's, and the tax treatment of any withdrawals.

Our annuities are relatively simple to understand. If you are interested, Bill Wisniewski and myself would be happy to more fully explain how they work and what they can do to help you and your family in retirement. Even if you are fully covered with insurance, and/or are no longer eligible for any of our insurance products, a retirement annuity may be helpful in securing your financial future.

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Sunday – March 19th

Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade

Weather permitting we would like to see as many Knights on Bikes members and their Ladies riding in the parade.

Meeting area – Holyoke Kmart Plaza – Rt 5. Arrival time - T.B.D.

Tuesday – March 21st

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

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

March – 25th

Springfield Diocese Catholic Men's Conference

We will have a membership table.

Bellamy School – Chicopee, MA

7:30 – 5pm

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations Steve Dubreuil for being named the volunteer for the month of March. Steve volunteers at our weekly Bingo and our monthly Spaghetti Dinner. He is also involved with the Knights on Bikes. Steve is a new member of the Council and has become very active. The more you are involved the more satisfaction you will get from being a Knight.

BINGO

SUBJECT: BINGO ON PALM SUNDAY

In 2015, we did not have Bingo the week of Good Friday, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's because they all fell on a Thursday.

Last year we held Bingo on Palm Sunday instead of the usual Thursday Bingo and we managed to break even from the previous year. We have already lost one day this year because of a snow storm. When we do not have Bingo the charities we support get hurt.

This year I am planning on having Bingo on Palm Sunday, April 9th. This is not an easy task because first I had to:

1. Get permission from the Grand Knight.
2. Request permission from the Diocese of Springfield.
3. Inquire if the date was available with the Banquet Office.
4. Send a letter to the City of Chicopee Council for them to approve the change in our Bingo License for that one day.
5. Contact the MA State Lottery and submit all the letters showing that we have permission before they will allow us to have Bingo.
6. Make sure we have a Police Officer on duty for that date.
7. Supplies will have to be ordered for the Snack Bar, donuts from Atkin's will have to be picked up, food will have to be prepared for the kitchen, soda, schedule a dishwasher.....

I am asking for your support in volunteering so we can continue our good works of charity.

Please contact me if you are willing to volunteer on this date, April 9th. I would also like to know if you are not so I can find someone to fill your position.

Kevin Godek, Bingo Chairman

SWEETHEART NIGHT

Our 2017 Sweetheart Dance was by far the best dance ever. We hosted 303 members and their guests who had a great night. We had an excellent meal prepared by our chef, David Sarassin and served by our banquet staff. I would like to thank Sue Skorka for managing the evening and making sure that everything ran smoothly. We enjoyed listening and dancing to outstanding music provided by the "Skid Marks". Their 50's and 60's music kept the guests on the dance floor all night.

Following the meal, we had the crowning of our queen, Pam Skiba. Congratulations! Charter Member Donald Gladu won the 50/50 raffle going home with a record \$400. Not bad for a night out and an evening of fun.

I wish to thank my committee, Ray Cote, Karen Foote, Tom and Karen Charette and my wife Dottie for their help in planning and hosting this great party. A special thanks to Dee Darcy for helping with the advertising and to Ed and Sis LeBlanc, and the members of the Knights on Bikes for a successful 50/50 raffle. A GREAT THANK YOU TO ALL.

I hope you give all the Council functions the same success that we enjoyed.

Joseph R. Turgeon, Sweetheart Night Chairman

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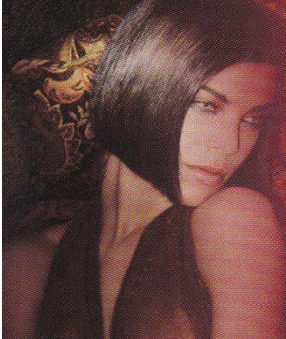


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March 2017

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5	6 Officers Mtg. 7:00pm	7 Bingo and Spaghetti Mtg. 6:00pm	8 Spaghetti 4:30-6:30pm 4th Degree Mtg. 7:30pm	9 Bingo 6:15pm	10	11 Irish Night 2-?
12	13 Pizza Soldiers Home 1:30pm Council Mtg. 7:30pm	14	15	16 Bingo 6:15pm	17	18
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