

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

March 3
Irish Dinner

March 5
Soldiers Home
Officers Meeting

March 12
Council Meeting

March 14
Spaghetti Dinner
4th Degree Meeting

March 19
Board Meeting

March 26
Council Meeting

April 21
French Night

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GRAND KNIGHT - THOMAS CHARETTE

Our New Year's Eve Gala was absolutely spectacular. Don and Denise Darcy outdid themselves again as did our Chefs Dave and Jeff, along with Sue and their entire staff. The banquet facility was decorated to the hilt and I hope you all got to see the pictures of our Ice Castle. The casino did well and the entertainment was outstanding with Noah and Amber performing. I thank all of you who attended the event. The money raised from our Council events goes towards funding our Thanksgiving Dinner unless it is advertised as going to another fund.

Our Sweetheart Dance and Irish Night fast approaching. Please make the effort to attend as both events promise to be great fun. Tickets are on sale in the lounge. More info to follow on both events in this newsletter.

I want thank Sis and Ed Leblanc for hosting the Paint & Sip event we just had. Everyone had a great time sipping wine and painting some very nice pictures.

I am asking our members to try and attend at least one social or business meeting a quarter. Join us for a meal, fraternity and some drinks. Your input is important to us and we would like to hear your opinion on the matters that concern the Council. If you don't attend then you have no voice. We are looking to increase our membership. Ask a friend, a neighbor or other parishioners at Church. Every catholic man should be proud to be a Knight, do not be afraid to ask someone to join.

The Spaghetti Dinner along with the Fourth Degree meeting in February have been cancelled because the date coincides with Ash Wednesday.

We will be holding an Irish Night in the lounge on Saturday, March 3rd from 4pm-?. Corned beef sandwiches, pickles and chips will be available in the lounge from 4pm-7pm. Entertainment by Pat Britton and his band. Tickets will be on sale in the lounge for \$8 each. Guinness will be available as well. Come join the fun as it promises to be a great night.

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 Fred Bell who leaves behind his wife Vivian and Brother Knight Roger Bergeron who leaves behind his wife Barbara.
Father Joe

COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

My 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) Lent will begin this year on St. Valentine's Day, February 14th. Through this holy season of renewal and conversion let us consider how we will best make use of these 40 days. So that we do not just roll through the season it can be helpful to develop our own plans 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 a daily Mass in your parish during Lent. When was the last time you went to Stations of the Cross or prayed the rosary? Consider reading some scripture, maybe pick one of the Gospels and read it through beginning to end. Most of our Sunday readings this year will come from Saint Mark so reading it through might help you throughout the entire year.

Pope Francis in his 2016 Lenten Message for the Jubilee Year of Mercy wrote: "God shows himself ever rich in mercy, ever ready to treat his people with deep tenderness and compassion . . ." Avail yourself to God's love and mercy by participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

There are many ways that we can fast besides "giving something up". Maybe that means to be more patient and kind, not to be rude, or jealous, or self-seeking, or pompous, or quick-tempered, to not brood over injury or to rejoice over wrongdoing. (See 1 Cor. 13) 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 and various allurements of the flesh. The plan for each can be different and should be different, but what is common is that we have our own plan.

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. Hear Pope Francis once again as he highlights the practice of the corporal works of mercy. "In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited; . . . By touching the flesh of the crucified Jesus in the suffering, sinners can receive the gift of realizing that they too are poor and in need." Our Council offers many opportunities to practice the corporal works of mercy as do our parishes. But sometimes the best place to look is within our own families, neighborhoods, and work places.

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!" Dear Brothers, 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. Have a most blessed Lent. - Fr. Joe

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There is a Bingo scheduled at the Soldiers Home for **Monday, February 5th at 1:30 pm.**

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

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

The regular meeting of the Assembly **is cancelled Wednesday, February 14th which is Ash Wednesday.**

VIVAT JESU

Norm Fleury, Faithful Navigator, Past Grand Knight

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

This month's Volunteer of the Month is Matt Cooke. Matt works long hours at Bingo every week, picking up the snack bar food early in the day and helping set up. He stays and assists with selling the Early Bird Game and whatever else is asked of him. Matt always volunteers as our grill master at our Council Breakfasts and assists with our Spaghetti Dinner as well. He is also our Lounge Manager who puts in many hours with scheduling bartenders, doing inventory, repairs as needed and handling the Keno. Matt is the Council Officer Warden and the Vice President of the Home Association Board of Directors. He also made a great Frosty at our Children's Christmas Party this year. Thank you Matt for all you do, it is truly appreciated.

Thomas Charette, Grand Knight

NEW YEAR'S EVE ICE CARNIVAL

"Elegant and Classy!" "Best ever!" and "Fun!" were just a few comments heard to describe this New Year's Eve celebration attended by 325 guests topping last year's attendance. It is no doubt that we once again have raised the bar on the quality of entertainment by featuring Noah Lis of the television show The Voice and the addition of a new second singer from The Voice, Amber Carrington who flew in from Chattanooga, Tennessee. Noah, thanks for bringing in your Baby Grand Piano and for the use of all the up lighting. To Mr. Dave Colucci who is always dependable, professional and always steps up to the challenge of providing a music playlist for all our dancers, I extend my deepest appreciation. The success of an evening like this only happens when members roll up their sleeves and pitch in.

The Committee who staffed the casino tables, designed our webpage and helped with marketing, sold event tickets & raffle tickets, put in the hours setting up and taking down after the event, who bagged the hats and party favors.

The Castle Dancers Dave and Kim Ritter and friends, Cheryl Getto as Ice Carnival Queen, Joe Almeida for the beautiful Ice Sculpture and Marc Grenier for supplying the backdrop stand, I thank you. Special recognition goes out to Joe & Dottie Turgeon, Norm Jacques, Fran, Judy, Mike & Cheryl Getto, Tom Trudell, Tom Charette GK & Karen, Dan Mashia, Matt Cooke, Jose Garcia, Elaine Bogart, Marge Sabat, Cecile & Ed LeBlanc PGK, Paul Soja PGK & Louise King, Bob & Jenn Lelieve, Eric & Amanda Oulette, Rick Charbonneau & Windy, Dave Rosinski of Floral Illusions and Vickie Maryou director of Sales, Residence Inn Marriott. Thank you to Rev. David George for saying Grace and the blessings for a Holy, Prosperous, and Happy New Year!

Also, thank you to the Honor Guard from Bishop Maguire Assembly who greeted our Guests with a warm welcoming touch; Jean Duquette PGK, Frank Furman PGK & Bob Williams PGK and Frank Scotty Cassidy FDD.

To the Castle of Knights, starting with Chefs David & Jeff Sarrasin and their staff for a very long day orchestrating the feast, to Sandra LaFleche for ticket sales, to Sue Skorka and her staff for the excellent service and to all our mixologists behind the bars adding spirit to the party, I thank you!

Last but not least, to all the guests, members and nonmembers and Mr. Lou Redfern and Shriners who supported and graced us with their attendance, I thank you all! Oh and yes, Denise is already working on New Year's Eve December 31, 2018. It's a Monday night so mark you calendars!

Respectfully Submitted Don Darcy DD PGK

Sweetheart Dance

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Dinner & Dance \$35.00 Per Person

Dance Only @ 7:30 p.m. \$15.00 Per Person

Cocktails at 5 p.m.

Castle of Knights
1599 Memorial Dr.
Chicopee, MA 01020

Dinner at 6 p.m.



Included with each meal will be a Cheese, Fruit and Veggie display.

Also, tossed salad, Brocoli Spears, Tortellini Soup, Twice Baked Potato's and Vegetable Medley.

Dessert: Strawberry Ice Cream filled Crepe w/ white chocolate sauce and a Raspberry Coulis, garnished w/ fresh strawberries.

Tickets go on sale January 3th, 2018

and every Mon-Wed-Fri from 6pm to 8pm in the Member's Lounge.

For more info call Ray Cote at 413.272.8208

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BINGO

Three times a year the State allows us to have bingo on a different day without having to get a separate license. The parameters being that it is held on a day when there are no other bingos being held in the City of Chicopee, operate during the same hours as are normal bingo, and not be held in the same week as our regular bingo. The only day available in the city is Sunday. We had no Bingo on January 4th because of a winter blizzard which makes this Bingo even more important if we are to continue our works of charity

I am looking to replace **March 29th, Holy Thursday** with **March 25th, Palm Sunday**. I have permission from the Springfield Diocese, the Grand Knight, the Chicopee City Council, and the Massachusetts State Lottery.

I am looking for volunteers that would be willing to work on **Sunday the same hours and format as Thursday. The bingo schedule for the month of March would be the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and the 25th. There will be no Bingo held on the 29th.** This would be a great opportunity for the members that have not volunteered in the past to see what is involved in running a successful Bingo. If we are to continue as a Charitable Organization we need your help.

Kevin Godek, Bingo Chairman

INSURANCE

This month I would like to talk about one of the possible problems with retirement. The most obvious problem, and the one that most people think about, is not having enough money to “retire”, i.e. not saving enough over their working life to supplement social security/pensions. The Knights of Columbus has several products that can help with this situation. Fixed-rate annuities can provide a guaranteed interest rate that ensure the principal of your assets grow over time. Whole life insurance can supplement your social security/pension, so that your household income does not decrease substantially if one member dies, while also providing guaranteed cash values and the potential for growth through dividends. There are multiple ways that these issues can be addressed, and I would be happy to meet with anyone that has concerns about their retirement, or has friends/family members who are concerned as well.

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

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

MEMBERSHIP STATUS as of JANUARY 22, 2018

Associate Members 577	Honorary Life 248
Insurance Members 500	Disabled 31
Total 1077	Dues for Life 29
	Past Grand Knights 17
	Total 325
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Dues Assessment for 2018 \$32,272.50	Total Numbers Billed 752
Paid to Date \$18,037.50	Total Paid 426 or 55%
Still Owed \$14,235.00	Total Outstanding 326 or 45%

State Raffle Tickets Mailed 1077

Returned 300 or 28%

Second Notices for Dues will be sent out on February 12th. If any member needs info regarding their status or have not received their card or statement please email at Tareyton@charter.net, FS@kofc4044.com or by calling (413) 536-4302.

Joseph Turgeon, Financial Secretary

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February 2018

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11	12 Council Mtg. 7:30pm	13	14 Spaghetti Cancelled 4th Degree Mtg. Cancelled Ash Wednesday	Bingo 6:15pm	16	17
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