

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

April 2
Good Friday

April 4
Easter Sunday

April 5
Council Officers
Zoom

April 14
Spaghetti Dinner
4th Degree Meeting
Cancelled

April 19
Council Meeting
Zoom

April 26
Board Meeting
Zoom



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MATTHEW COOKE-GRAND KNIGHT

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. As you all know, we are celebrating our Lenten season. Let us remember the events leading up to and including the death of Jesus Christ, whose life and teachings are the foundations of our Christianity. This 40 days is when the days start to become longer as we approach summer. It truly is a time of reflection and of asking forgiveness as when we, as Christians, prepare to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection at the feast of Easter.

I want to thank everyone who attended our first Zoom Council Meeting at Council 4044 in February 2021. We had 18 members "Zoom in," which is a great amount, especially when we were only getting 4-6 members to attend a Council meeting in the Chambers. We need you to spread the word with 1,100+ members we still only had 18 who participated. I wish the names had been recorded because I would have published all your names here personally thanking you in this newsletter. I do want to let those who attended know that we think we got the "bugs" out of our first meeting, and hope the next and future ones run more smoothly.

Any 3rd Degree members looking to advance to 4th Degree, the "Patriotic Degree," you are in luck! The Assembly will be holding a 4th Degree exemplification on Sunday, May 16th at Ste. Rose in Chicopee. You must apply by May 7th. The exemplification is only held in our area once every 5 or so years, so please do not miss out. Please contact Frank Furman, 4th Degree. You will find his info in this newsletter.

Our Council will be starting monthly drive-thru food meals. On both Saturday, March 13th and Saturday, March 20th, we will serve Corned Beef dinners to-go from 4-6pm. They will include corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, vegetable, and bread for only \$10 each. You must order by 5pm on Friday, the night before. Elaine Bogart has graciously agreed to take down orders at 530-9594 or 533-3620. Cash or check only. Checks may be made out to "Fairview Knights 4044." Please also note that the ATM in the building is emptied and not in service at this time. Finally, mark your calendars for April to-go meals. On Friday, April 2nd, we will offer a \$10 Haddock dinner. We will also offer a French Meat Pie dinner to-go on Saturday, April 17th. The price will be determined by the next newsletter.

VIVAT JESU!
Matthew Cooke, Grand Knight

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 Vincent Jackson, and Brother Knight Richard LaValley who leaves behind his wife Mary Ellen.
Matthew Cooke, Grand Knight

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FRANK W. FURMAN III, FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

I can be reached at 413-527-7400 or furmanf@verizon.net



Honor Guard Rehearsal on Wednesday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm is cancelled
 An Officer's Planning Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm via zoom.
 I will be emailing the zoom meeting info to the officers. If you do not have zoom capability,
 I can always be reached by phone or email.
 The regular meeting of the Assembly on Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm is cancelled

**There is a 4th Degree Exemplification scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 16th at 1:30 pm.
 Ste. Rose de Lima Parish 600 Grattan Street in Chicopee.**

**Exemplification is limited to 40 candidates and 40 guests abiding by mask and social distancing regulations.
 3rd Degree Brother Knight interested in becoming a Sir Knight please contact me as soon as possible.
 The initiation fee is \$50.00**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Dear Brother Knights,

We continue to receive and process 2021 Membership renewals. For the members who have sent their membership dues, Thank you! The Council has received and processed 78% of the 2021 assessed dues, however there are still members who have not yet paid this year's dues. If you have not yet sent in your dues, please do so as soon as possible. Second billing notices were mailed the first week of February as a reminder to those members. We received several envelopes back as non-deliverable so perhaps your address needs to be updated in the Council records. If you have not received the 2021 membership billing, please contact me.

Your response to the 2021 State Raffle has been great. If you have not sent in your raffle tickets yet, please remember that for every book of 15 tickets that are sold the Council keeps \$5.00, which help fund its charitable works in our community. If you want more raffle ticket books, please let me know how many you would like and I will send them to you.

Finally, if you have not sent me the member information that was requested, please do so as soon as possible.

Email it to me at: FS@kofc4044.com

Or call me at: (413) 531-2460.

Vivat Jesus

Francis Getto, Financial Secretary Council 4044

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The applications for this year's scholarships are available on our web site. All applications should be mailed to the Council no later than Monday May 3, 2021. It is very important to also include an official transcript, including your GPA SCORE for the LAST Semester.

Because of Covid 19 the Council did not have many activities you were able to volunteer for this past year making Question 16a Council volunteer unable to be filled. Therefore question 16b should also include what you did during this Covid year, for your family, school, work, parish, community etc. ... that made someone's life better.

At this time we do not have a date or how the scholarships will be presented this year in June 2021

Edward LeBlanc, Past Grand Knight

DRIVE-UP IRISH DINNER TO GO

\$10 per meal – cash or check



March 13th and 20th

Includes Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potato, Carrots

Must order by 5 PM Friday March 12th or 19th

Call Elaine at (413) 533-3620 or (413) 530-9594

Pick up under the canopy between 4-6 PM

DRIVE-UP FISH DINNER TO GO

\$10 per meal – cash or check



April 2nd 2021

Includes Haddock, Potato, Vegetable

Must order by 5 PM Thursday April 1st

Call Elaine at (413) 533-3620 or (413) 530-9594

Pick up under the canopy between 4-6 PM

INSURANCE

This month marks 1 year under COVID-19 restrictions and the news of shutting our Supreme Office was announced. I thought this would last a couple of months and all of us would get back to normal. The reality is much different. Maybe some of you are working from home...maybe some for the foreseeable future. I realize this has not been easy for many. When it began we wondered how we would be able to help our brother Knights and their families. But as restrictions were put in place we offered a new way to meet with members - virtually on our computers and we were ready with a number of tools to ensure that you, our members and your families, were served.

Using these new tools such as Microsoft Teams, we have found that as a fraternal benefit organization we have become even more efficient. We've found that many of you like the idea of meeting virtually on your computer, smartphone, or tablet. It's less stress for you and your spouse to simply sit down in front of your device, click on a few buttons and we can have a confidential review of your needs and have fact based recommendations for solutions that are available through the exclusive Catholic family benefits. For service needs such as beneficiary changes, contingent ownership updates and retirement reviews we can meet much more quickly.

The Knights of Columbus' electronic Application process has been in place for some time, and with pandemic restrictions members have found it very valuable to be able to sign electronically when we meet virtually.

It has been a very different year and who would have thought that the Knights of Columbus would have a record year and break its sales record despite the global pandemic!

We had the proper tools and a dedicated team in place to transform our business model overnight. We also joyously experienced the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney as well!

Now we've come full circle into 2021. The vaccine is here. Some of you have already received it. Looks like light at the end of the tunnel, but we still have to be vigilant, still have to protect each other and work together.

I am most thankful to all of you. Many of you met with me this past year either in person or virtually. Some for the very first time and I wanted to make sure you and your family's needs are addressed for financial security. It is my pleasure to take the time to listen, evaluate your situation and provide available solutions without obligation. Isn't it a good idea to get a second opinion when it comes to your health? Do you think it is as important to get a second opinion in wealth? As your assigned Knights of Columbus Field, I am also an additional spoke in your financial wheel. I work together with your lawyer, financial planner, or Medicaid representative. Over the last 16 years as a Field Agent, I have worked with most of the other life insurance and retirement companies. During this pandemic especially, I have helped many families get answers from other financial companies that were not as prepared as the Knights of Columbus. I consider you and your family an extension of my family. I am dedicated to helping with any of your needs.

I look forward to meeting with you and many more members in the months ahead, whether it will be virtually or face to face!

My Office at **1847 Memorial Drive in Chicopee, MA** has remained open as we are an essential business. Home visits are also available if required.

If you have any questions, or are simply curious of the exciting new product offerings now available to you and your family, please contact me at **(413) 612-0253 (x109)**. **Jessica** will gladly schedule a consultation or a quick review.

I am here to serve you!

God Bless & Stay Safe,
William Wisniewski

DISTRICT DEPUTY

This month we say goodbye to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson after 20+ years of service and welcome Patrick Kelly as our 14th Supreme Knight. You can see and read about Mr. Kelly on the Supreme Council Website, www.kofc.org, which is also an excellent resource available to us all. In addition to the wealth of information about the Knights of Columbus, the website offers hundreds of videos on subjects such as our Fraternal Mission, the Culture of Life, Our Faith, St. John Paul II, our Partnerships with groups like the Special Olympics, Our History and of course, the recent Beatification of our Founder, Father Michael McGivney. In these days when we're stuck at home, I encourage you to "go exploring".



Fraternally yours,
Daniel J. Mashia, District Deputy

4TH DEGREE NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

The following list is the slate of Officers for the Bishop Joseph F. Maguire Assembly 2670. They have agreed to continue thru the chairs for the Fraternal Year beginning July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022. Anyone wishing to be nominated for a position should make their intentions known in writing to the current Faithful Navigator Frank W. Furman, III at **413-527-7400** or furmanf@verizon.net Voting will be held at the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 12th.

Faithful Friar	Father Dennis Skowera	Faithful Scribe	
Faithful Navigator	Mark S. Urban	Faithful Inner Sentinel	Phillip B. Bourke
Faithful Admiral	Frank W. Furman, III	Faithful Outer Sentinel	Brian P. Dupee
Faithful Captain		Trustee (one year)	Jack F. Devlin
Faithful Pilot	John T. Bates	Trustee (two years)	Donald A. Darcy
Faithful Purser	Edward A. LeBlanc	Trustee (three years)	Robert D. Williams
Faithful Comptroller	Scott C. Lafond		





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Deputy Grand Knight– Steven Dubreuil.....	Laura.....250-1677
Chancellor– Norman Jacques.....	536-3990
Warden– Ronald Grenier.....	Carole.....626-2550
Recorder– Scott Lafond, PFN.....	Melissa.....427-6769
Inside Guard– Richard Sabourin.....	Carol.....537-2964
Outside Guard– Derek Swistak.....	Jessica.....519-0620
Financial Secretary– Fran Getto.....	Judy.....531-2460
Treasurer– Edward Leblanc, PGK.....	Cecile.....533-1025
Advocate– Peter Panaretos, PGK, PFN.....	Mary.....538-7748
Lecturer-Chet Holubecki.....	534-8025
Trustee (one year)-Donald Darcy PGK, PFN, FDD	Denise.....221-1490
Trustee (two years) - Daniel Mashia, PGK.....	626-7257
Trustee (three years)-Robert Lelievre, PGK,.....	Jennifer.....592-3198

March 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Officers Mtg. 7:00pm Via Zoom	2	3 4th Degree Honor Guard Cancelled	4 Bingo 6:15pm Cancelled	5	6
7	8	9	10 Spaghetti Cancelled 4th Degree Mtg. Cancelled OPM via Zoom	11Bingo 6:15pm Cancelled	12	13 Corned Beef Dinner
14 Daylight Savings	15Council Mtg. 7:00pm Via Zoom	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18Bingo 6:15pm Cancelled	19	20 Corned Beef Dinner First Day of Spring
21	22 Board Mtg. 7:00pm Via Zoom Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25Bingo 6:15pm Cancelled	26	27
28 Palm Sunday	29	30	31			

All of our events are subject to change because of the virus.