

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1
Council Officers
Zoom

March 10
Spaghetti Dinner
4th Degree Meeting
Cancelled

March 15
Council Meeting
Zoom

March 22
Board Meeting
Zoom



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MATTHEW COOKE-GRAND KNIGHT

Hello My Brothers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families all well, and especially safe from the pandemic surrounding us. Coming from someone who just had a bout with it, nobody needs to contract this virus. I was not able to hold our first "virtual" Council meeting last month. I apologize, but I just didn't have it in me. We will try it again in February - it will be the 3rd Monday - February 15th at 7pm (Presidents' Day). Please log on by 6:45pm to www.zoom.com and click "join meeting" and enter the Meeting ID of 95530464803 and if you are prompted to, our password is 971361. If you are having problems getting on, call Eric at 401-487-7636. Thanks, Eric. Because I was ill last month, we decided to just test our Zoom account and have an informal "chat" for whoever did log on. Sadly, for a Council with over 1,100 members, we had three members - yes, THREE - log in! Thank you to PGK Gerry Lacasse, Robert Mashia, and Mike Getto. Let's see if we can do a little better this month, My Brothers! We are trying to make it easy for all members to stay in contact with your Council. The meeting takes about an hour or less. Thanks, again!

Because of the Pandemic, we know that scholarship applicants unfortunately had no chance to perform any volunteering at our Council this year. We are asking them to keep a log of all things they may have done for school, home, or community this year. As tough as that have been, we wish them good luck.

As I stated in prior newsletters, 2021 dues were mailed. I want to thank those of you who already returned their letters with the raffle tickets they had. If you haven't yet, please do it today! Our second mailing is going out soon and this does cost your Council hundreds of dollars in postage, never mind the time involved. Thank you!

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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Honor Guard Rehearsal on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm is cancelled

An Officer's Planning Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 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, February 10th at 7:00 pm is cancelled

My Officers and I wish to thank all the Sir Knights who responded and sent in their dues, their total hours donated in the name of charity for 2020, and their generous donations.

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 63% of the 2021 assessed dues, however there are still 255 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 will be mailed in early February and it would be extremely beneficial to the Council to avoid the associated cost of doing this additional billing. 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 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 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

GOD'S GIFT OF ANGELS AROUND US

With so much turmoil and confusion around us today, do we let it bother us or do we "Pray, Trust God and don't worry?" That was the motto of three saints of our time: St. Padre Pio, St. John Paul II, and St. Solanas Casey. We Catholics were taught that we all had a guardian angel assigned to us from the moment of conception and that our angel will never leave us during our time on earth. We were encouraged to call on our angel during our lifetime whenever we wanted or needed guidance and/or inspiration. Hopefully we followed that advice. Though I prayed for a closer connection to my angel, it was not meant to be. Four women in my family were blessed with personal contacts from the heavenly while I cannot name a single male who was so blessed.

The book "**Angels In My Hair**" (the 1st book) by Lorna Byrne is a perfect example of angels being present in one's life. Lorna associated with angels from her very earliest days as she writes in her book how she actually played with an angel at about 4 years old. She still sees and talks to angels all the time. This is a gift from God and though she is dyslexic she has written several books with the help of modern technology. Such a God-given gift would be great but along with such a gift comes a lot of responsibility as God would attach a mission to be done with such a gift.

Another great book called "**The Warning**" by Christine Watkins has stories by priests and lay people of how angels have moved them in their lives and how they give testimony and prophecies of the "*Illumination Of Conscience*" all people on earth will experience some day.

One touching story was that from Vince Sigalia. On page 101 of "**The Warning**" Vince talks of suddenly being awakened to see an enormous man kneeling and praying in his bedroom in the middle of the night. Vince states that this angel claimed to be the Guardian Angel of the United States and he is losing the battle for our country to Satan and his demons. The angel said, "Tell the people to pray the "**Chaplet of Devine Mercy**" every day and to offer it in reparation for the sins committed by the United States." Vince is now committed to spreading to the world our need to pray the Chaplet of Mercy for the United States of America. The Chaplet of Devine Mercy only takes about 7 minutes to pray and was given to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska during her lifetime. The chaplet directions are spelled out in section 476 of **St. Faustina's diary**.

The 3 books mentioned are a great read and can be a source of inspiration and greater faith in your angel. Someone qualified should consider starting a weekly bible study in the council home or some other good place each week with the intention of increasing and activating ones faith in Jesus Christ. The old saying of "use it or lose it" could be applied to your faith also, so by activating your faith you will strengthen it. A good habit to form is spending just 15 minutes a day reading from the New Testament of your bible. Do this for 30 days and you just may be addicted for life. May God bless you & strengthen you always.

Patrick Beauregard – Charter Member Council 4044





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February 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
14 Valentine's Day	15 Council Mtg. 7:00pm Via Zoom	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18Bingo 6:15pm Cancelled	19	20
21	22 Board Mtg. 7:00pm Via Zoom Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25Bingo 6:15pm Cancelled	26	27
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All of our events are subject to change because of the virus.