

**NEXT MONTH'S
EVENTS**

May 1
Officer's Meeting
Soldiers Home

May 8
Council Meeting

May 10
Spaghetti Dinner
4th Degree Meeting

May 15
Board Meeting

May 22
Council Meeting

June 5
Officer's Mtg.

June 8
Special Bingo

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GRAND KNIGHT - NORMAN FLEURY

Everyone should have received our letter requesting changing the name of our Council to the Father Francis X. Sullivan Council. Father was an important part of our Council and a friend to us all. He was there when we needed him in good and sad times. The Council Officers asked the State Office for permission. We have to complete three steps.

- 1.) Receive permission from the Bishop of Springfield
- 2.) Receive permission from the MA State Officers
- 3.) Receive permission from the membership

The first two have been done with their blessing. Discussion and a vote will be taken at our April 10th Council Meeting. The vote of the membership will be published in the newsletter.

Note: The First Degree that was scheduled for April 10th has been changed to April 24th because of the meeting regarding the proposal to change the Council's name.

French night is being held on April 22nd. Tickets are available in the lounge from 6-8 pm every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This is a great way to support your Council and have a great evening at the same time.

Donations this past month were made to the American Cancer Society for \$100 and to the Annual Catholic Appeal for \$200.

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

Grace and I want to wish you and your family a very Blessed and Happy Easter.

VIVAT JESU, Norman Fleury, Grand Knight

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The volunteer for the month of April is Chet Trybus and his wife Joanne. Chet has been a member of the Council for quite a while and has supported us by attending most of our functions with Joanne. They are now both retired and have been working Bingo every Thursday as a team selling pull tab tickets and helping in whatever way they can. I thank them both for all they do for our Council.

If you are retired and looking for something to do we have Bingo every Thursday and host a Spaghetti Dinner on the second Wednesday of every month. We are always looking for new volunteers, especially those young ones still in their sixties. You will make friends and be able to enjoy all that the Members Lounge has to offer - televisions, pool tables, cards, and pleasant conversation. The lounge can be used for birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, and any other event you wish to have. I promise, the more you are involved to more rewards you will receive.

Norm Fleury, Grand Knight

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COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

Dear Brother Knights,

As we approach our celebration of Easter on April 16th, let us not rush past these last couple weeks of Lent and most especially, Holy Week. For all Christians, Holy Week are the holiest days of the year. If these days are to truly impact our spiritual lives, we must actually treat them differently if they are to be truly holy for each of us. Our celebration of the Pascal mystery, that is Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, is not just a memorial to a past reality, it is also a present reality where Christ's love continues to defeat sin and death. Evil, sin and death do not have the last word; rather the final triumph belongs to Christ who saves us from our sin and gives us the hope of eternal life.

The Church's liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are each unique and helpful in entering into these sacred moments. If you have not participated in these wonderful liturgies recently, or ever, I encourage you to do so this year in your parish. In the midst of your hectic life might I also suggest that you try to find some time during Holy Week for some silence and time for reflection, both greatly needed in a world filled with so much noise and distractions. Maybe that means keeping the radio off in the car, less time in front of the TV or computer or however you might find some extra prayer time. St. Francis of Assisi prayed this prayer before the crucifix. I offer it to you as one possible meditation for your use in prayer.

Most High, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart
and give me true faith,
certain hope and perfect charity,
sense and knowledge, Lord,
that I may carry out
Your holy and true command.

I also encourage you to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Christ's love and mercy knows no bounds, but if we do not humble ourselves and admit our sins we miss the opportunity to be the beneficiaries of His great love and mercy. So whether it has been a few weeks, a few months, a few years, or a few decades now is the acceptable time, now is the time to accept the Lord's invitation to be reconciled. St. Stanislaus Basilica, each Advent and Lent, hosts a special evening to receive the Sacrament for all of the Chicopee parishes. This Lent that evening is Monday, April 3rd. About 15 priests will be available beginning at 7 p.m. for as long as it takes to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation not only in English, but also Polish, French, Italian, and Spanish. I wish each of you a very blessed Holy Week and Easter!

Father Joe

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The following members have been nominated for election at the May regular meeting for the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year:

Faithful Friar -Rev. Piotr Pawlus	Faithful Navigator - Norman Fleury
Faithful Admiral - Richard Butler	Faithful Captain - Donald Darcy
Faithful Pilot – Robert Williams	Faithful Inner Sentinel – Frank Furman III
Faithful Outer Sentinel - Daniel Garcia	One Year Trustee – James Allen
Two Year Trustee - Scott Lafond	Three Year Trustee – Paul Soja
Faithful Comptroller – Gary Stankiewicz	Faithful Purser – Edward LeBlanc
Faithful Scribe – Richard Sabourin	

I am pleased to announce the three recipients of the annual \$750 seminarian scholarships. They are:

Frank Furman IV
Jonathan Gay
Dennis Skowera

Frank is the son of Brother Frank Furman III and is studying in Rome at the North American College.

Jonathan is studying at the St. John Seminary in Brighton, MA.

Dennis is studying at John XXIII Seminary in Weston, MA.

The Bi-Law Committee, due to unforeseen circumstances may need to delay the vote to approve the revised bi-laws from April to May. The changes recommended are minor and will bring the assembly into compliance with Supreme.

The Assembly is conducting a Spring Calendar Raffle with prize drawings every day in May. This raffle is a significant fund raiser for the Assembly. We urge all members to support our effort by purchasing a calendar and hopefully selling a few to your friends and neighbors.

The next Officers Planning Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday April 6th at 7PM.**

Honor Guard Rehearsal will be held on **Friday April 7th at 7 PM**

Veterans Home Bingo is scheduled for **Monday April 10th at 1:30 PM**

The next regular meeting of the Assembly will be held after Spaghetti **on April 12th at 7:30PM**

VIVAT JESU

Dick Butler, Faithful Navigator

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 Charter Member Frank Turner, Past Grand Knight Edmund Authier who leaves behind his wife Theresa, Brother Knight Tom Halpin who leaves behind his wife Marguerite, Brother Knight Armand Guertin who leaves behind his wife Juliette, and Brother Knight Robert Bissonette.

Father Joe

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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INSURANCE

My Brother Knights,

April is oftentimes a month where people do their annual “spring cleaning”. The weather is better, the days are longer, and we feel like we need to tackle some of those projects that we have put on the “backburner” during the winter. On that note, consider your financial portfolio. When was the last time that you checked up on it to make sure it was in order? Even if you feel pretty confident in what you have and/or you met with your financial advisor recently, wouldn't you possibly like to hear a second opinion? If you haven't met with anyone recently, which is probably true for most of us, then you could definitely benefit from a thorough review of your financial picture from a trusted source. Bill Wisniewski and myself are always happy to meet with you and to provide a quick review that should take no more than half an hour at most. Regardless of how much or how little assets you have, we are always eager to help our fellow Brother Knights with their finances in whatever way we can.

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Sunday – April 2nd

1st Sunday of the Month – Springfield Diocese Parish Tour

Blessed Sacrament – 21 Westfield Rd - Holyoke, MA @ 10:30am Mass

Meet at Council 4044 – 1599 Memorial Dr. - Chicopee, MA

KSU 10am

Easter Pancake Breakfast to follow at School in basement (Door# 7)

\$7 for Adults / \$5 Seniors & kids 2-12 / Kids under 2 free

(Pres. Bill Wisniewski will have tickets)

Sunday – April 9th (Palm Sunday)

Volunteers requested - Bingo Verifiers

Bingo

Council 4044 – 1599 Memorial Dr. - Chicopee, MA

Please call Kevin Godek at 534-3485 for details

3rd Tuesday – April 17th

Monthly Meeting

Castle of Knights 4044

7pm

**Please welcome our newest Knights on Bikes members of Council 4044,
 Warren Compton and Dennis Labato.**

In God we Trust and Ride!

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

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

Friday, May 5th

In the Members Lounge

We are going to have a Mexican Dinner Buffet

With Ice Cream Sundaes for Dessert

Tickets are \$11.00 per person

Can be purchased from the bartender in our lounge

Beginning April 10th

There will be entertainment as well.

Bring your family and friends. All are welcome.

Proceeds will benefit the Holyoke Soldiers Home

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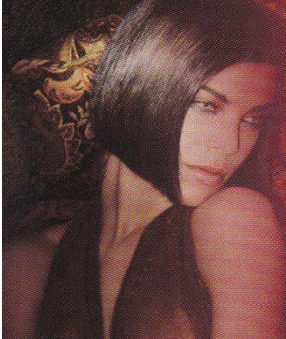


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April 2017

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