



September 2026

Knights of Columbus Fairview Council # 4044

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, September 9th
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

4th Degree Assembly Meeting

Wednesday, September 9th
7:00 pm

25th Anniversary Memorial Mass

Friday, September 11th
6:30 pm
Ste. Rose de Lima Church

Council Officers Meeting

Monday, September 14th, 6:30 pm

Council Meeting

Monday, September 21st
5:45 pm – Dinner
7:00 pm – Meeting

Officer Installation

Sunday, September 27th
St. Rose de Lima Church

Home Association Meeting

Monday, September 28th
6:30 pm

Council Officers Meeting

Monday, October 5th, 6:30 pm

Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, October 14th
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

No 4th Degree Assembly Meeting

Council Meeting

Monday, October 19th
5:45 pm – Dinner
7:00 pm – Meeting

Home Association Meeting

Monday, October 26th
6:30 pm

Living Rosary Service

Tuesday, October 27th
6:30 pm in the Council Chambers

SCOTT LaFOND – GRAND KNIGHT

Happy September to all Brother Knights and their families! Hopefully you all had a great summer. With September we get back into our regular schedule of events. Just wanted to take a moment to say how great it was to see everyone that went to our picnic on August 30th. We had a great time, especially with the chicken BINGO. Thanks to Steve Dubreuil. I also want to thank all our volunteers. Without you the picnic would not happen. Don't forget our Spaghetti Supper on the 9th, Officers Meeting on the 14th, and our Council Meeting on the 21st. We are having an Officers installation on the 27th of September. Information about it is in this newsletter.

Thank you,
Vivat Jesus!
Scott Lafond, Grand Knight



Repose of the Souls



Please remember to keep in your prayers all our Brother Knights and members of their families who have passed away, including Ernest N. Laflamme, Jr., Edward J. Komer, those who are sick and elderly, all priests and religious vocations, and the lives of the unborn.

Please remember to pray that the men and women serving in our military stay safe, so they may return home to their loved ones.
Scott Lafond, Grand Knight

September Volunteer of the Month

My volunteer of the month is Immediate Past Grand Knight Ron Grenier. He is in charge of running Bingo, beginning with setup at noon (or sometimes Wednesday night), and stays through cleanup at 10:30 PM. Ron helps out at Spaghetti Suppers, even buying the donuts for the sauce makers on Monday mornings. He is a member of the Wake Committee, the Home Association Board of Directors, and helps out wherever else he can.

Thank you, Ron, for all you do!
Scott Lafond, Grand Knight



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT – FATHER DENNIS SKOWERA

“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, God is with us.” (Matthew 1:22 – 23)

The month of September is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. Yet on September 8, we also celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a day of great joy breaking into the world. In Mary's birth, God begins to reveal more clearly His saving plan: that He Himself will come to dwell among us. In this, we are reminded that from the beginning, God has desired to be with His people.

As the season begins to turn, the early morning chill reminds us that summer is giving way to autumn. The relief from the intense heat of late August, the anticipation of apple picking, the Big E in West Springfield, and the changing colors of the leaves all signal the beauty of this new season in New England.

With the change of seasons come cooler temperatures, the harvest, and many reasons to pray. May this season draw us closer to the Passion of Our Lord through the sorrows of His Blessed Mother. May the changing rhythms of our nation, our communities, and especially our homes give greater glory to God through lives more fully centered on Him, for truly, God is with us.

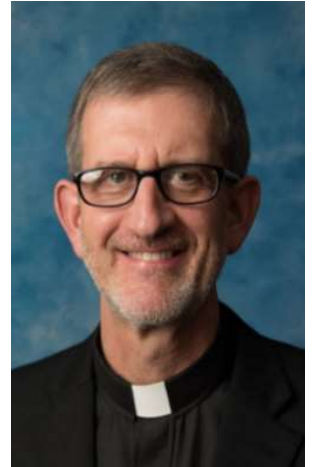
Jesus teaches us the heart of obedience, saying that He came “not to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent me.” Our Lady models this same obedience with humility, strength, and faith amid suffering. In Mary, we see how God's grace shines through human life offered fully to Him.

Let us, the Knights of Council 4044, as part of the family of the Catholic Church in Western Massachusetts and the Diocese of Springfield, honor Our Lady of Sorrows this month by praying the Rosary with our families and friends. Let us pray for the protection of family life, the safeguarding of the Church, reparation for sin, and renewed devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. And let us remember the words widely attributed to Fr. Patrick Peyton: “The family that prays together stays together.”

In Christ's service,

Father Dennis Skowera

Chaplain, Knights of Columbus Council 4044



From the Members Lounge

The Members Lounge is open every Wednesday through Saturday starting at 3 PM.

Welcome to our new bartender, Missy! Missy comes to us from Farmington, Connecticut. Her 23 year old son Justin is in the Army. She loves to be behind the bar and has been pouring drinks for decades. She is excited to be a part of the Knights. The Lounge is also available to members for private parties. Contact Lounge Manager Matt Cooke for details.



Newsletter

Please submit any articles for the Council Newsletter by the **23rd of this month** to Editor Daniel Mashia at dmashia@aol.com and/or to Grand Knight Scott Lafond at xscottlafond72x@gmail.com. Thank you.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – FRAN GETTO

Dear Brother Knights,

Fifty-nine members have not yet paid their 2026 dues. **If you are among them, please submit your payment today.** A list of members with outstanding dues is posted in the lounge. Please review it, and if you know someone listed, encourage them to pay their dues and remain a member in good standing.

Members with outstanding dues are subject to removal from the order.

Please consider volunteering to help your Council. Membership in the Knights is more than a membership card and/or an insurance policy. Remember, “the first and foremost principle of our Order is Charity, the greatest of all virtues and the crowning glory of a Christian life.” The day you joined the Knights you promised to uphold that principal. Ask yourself what you have done to assist your Council to meet that goal. Your council needs your presence and volunteer support. **There are many opportunities for members to get involved; speak with any officer to learn how you can help our Council grow. Please do that today.** You can find the list of officers’ phone numbers in every monthly newsletter.

Some Council mailings continue to be returned by the post office because member addresses are outdated or incorrect. If you have not received Council mailings, please contact me to update your mailing address. The same applies to email addresses: if you have an email address but are not receiving Council emails, we may not have your current address on file, or messages may be going to your spam folder. Please check your spam folder for emails from “Knights of Columbus email.” If you do not find any, contact me so I can update your member record.

NEITHER THE COUNCIL, NOR SUPREME, WILL EVER SHARE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WITH ANY OUTSIDER.

Remember, the Council continues to provide the option to use the on-line UNIPAY system to process their dues payment. Please see below if you want to learn more about remitting your dues payment using UNIPAY.

Many of you already have an account set up on UNIPAY that you use to pay your municipal real estate taxes and, if so, you will be able to use the same account that you already have for payments to the Council.

This is the URL code (<https://unipaygold.unibank.com/CustomerInfo.aspx?Customerid=2622>) that you can enter into your browser to access the Council’s UNIPAY pages directly, or if you prefer to access it using your cell phone use this QR code:

You may also utilize the UNIPAY system to make general donations or to specific Council endeavors like the Scholarship fund or to the Council’s Annual Thanksgiving dinner fund. Please consider helping your Council in any way that you can. This free and secure process is available and easy to use.

If you don't want to pay annual dues online, mail your check and the top portion of your invoice to me at 1413 Sunningdale Lane, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

All checks should be made payable to “Knights of Columbus Fairview Council 4044.”

Email me at:

KofC4044FS@gmail.com

Call or text me at: (413) 531-2460.

Thank you, Vivat Jesus!

Fran Getto,

Financial Secretary

Fairview Council #4044



4th Degree Assembly No. 2670

JOHN T. BATES, FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

Sir Knights,

There will be no Assembly meeting in October.

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer. Our next meeting is right around the corner Wednesday September 9th 7:00. I would love to see you there.

REMEMBER our Assembly meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month in the 4044 Council Chambers.

WE STILL NEED YOU! Please think about helping to save your Assembly so we can continue supporting our veterans, our Seminarians, and our community. Our officers are working hard to see that this Assembly continues, but they need your support by participating. Show them you don't want to lose this assembly. We need officers. I am going into my 3rd year as Faithful Navigator, and I really don't want to do 4 years. So please step up.

I see many 4th degree members at the spaghetti dinner and or at the bar but not coming to the meetings. The only way we can grow our assembly and keep it going is with more participation from our members. We currently have openings for Faithful Captain and Faithful Scribe.

All third degree members should consider joining the 4th Degree and get more involved with the Knights of Columbus. It's through the 4th Degree that you can join the Honor Guard if you wish. These Sir Knights add dignity and a pride of church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations, their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus. We definitely need more Honor Guard members in our assembly. Our assembly can help with the cost of the uniform. Our Honor Guard will be participating in the 25th Anniversary September 11 Mass at Sainte Rose de Lima Church in Chicopee at 6:30 pm.

I hope everyone's enjoying their summer. I look forward to seeing everyone come September 9th. Let's make it a good fraternal year.

Together in Faith,

John T. Bates, Faithful Navigator (and acting Scribe).



Bingo & Spaghetti Supper Volunteer Opportunities – We Need You!



We hold **Bingo** every Thursday. Actual games run from 6:15 pm until about 10 pm.

Bingo is our Council's #1 fundraising activity. We have volunteer opportunities from mid-afternoon through the evening. You can help with set up, the snack bar, selling pull tickets, selling Bingo cards, verifying winners, and/or clean up. You can volunteer once a month or every week. Become a part of the team! Volunteers receive a discount at the snack bar and two free drinks in our lounge. Please help if you can. **We really need more volunteers at Bingo!**

Please contact our Past Grand Knight Ron Grenier for information on volunteering. You can find his number on the last page of this newsletter, or just **come by on a Thursday night!**

Spaghetti Suppers are held on the second Wednesday of every month.

Dinners are \$8 each with a \$6 take-out meal available, and meat sauce for \$8 a quart.

The supper runs from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

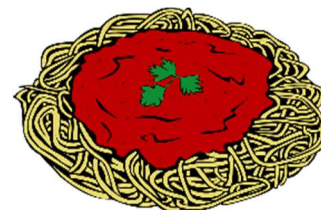
We need volunteers for set up, service, and clean up.

Each volunteer receives a meal and two drink tickets.

Just come into the hall and speak to a person in a **red** K of C shirt, who will help you to get started.

We also give credit to students who need volunteer hours!

Our next Spaghetti Supper is Wednesday, September 9th. Desserts will be provided by the Friends of the Chicopee Library.





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2026 – 2027 Officer Installation - September 27, 2026

*Please join us for the Installation of Officers for
the Knights of Columbus Council 4044
on September 27, 2026*

*11:00 a. m. Mass at Sainte Rose de Lima Parish
600 Grattan Street
Chicopee, MA 01020*

Installation of Officers immediately following the Mass

*Join us in the Celebration Dinner following
The Installation at the Castle of Knights
1599 Memorial Drive
Chicopee, MA 01020*



*Please RSVP by September 14, 2026
To Scott Lafond at (413) 427-6769*





9/11 MEMORIAL MASS
FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2026
6:30 P.M.
STE. ROSE de LIMA
CHURCH



A Memorial Mass, honoring and remembering the memory of the innocent victims and selfless heroes who perished in the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, will be offered at 6:30 pm on Friday, September 11th at Ste. Rose de Lima Parish, located at 594 Grattan St. in Chicopee.

This year marks the 25th annual observance of the horrific events that took place on that fateful day in our nation's history.

Please join us as we gather to offer our thoughts and prayers, not only for the innocent victims, including those first responders, fire, police, and emergency medical technicians who simply went to work on that day ... and never came home, but also for the families and friends whom they left behind.

A small reception will follow in the church vestibule.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Grand Knight - Scott Lafond, PFN	Melissa	427-6769
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Trustee - Steven Dubreuil, PGK	Laura	250-1677
Trustee - Ronald Grenier, IPGK	Carole	626-2550
Financial Advisor - William Wisniewski	Jessica	265-1213

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