

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- April 1
Easter Sunday
- April 2
Officers Meeting
- April 9
Council Meeting
- April 11
Spaghetti Dinner
4th Degree Meeting
- April 16
Board Meeting
- April 21
French Night
- April 23
Council Meeting

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GRAND KNIGHT - THOMAS CHARETTE

Karen and I would like to wish everyone a very happy Lenten season. I hope all of you were able to get your ashes and can fulfill your personal commitments. This past month we enjoyed attending the Valentine's Sweetheart Dance. A very special thank you goes out to Dottie and Joe Turgeon and Past Grand Knight Ray Cote who chaired the event. The food was outstanding as usual and the band was excellent. We had about 275 in attendance. If you weren't able to attend please consider coming next year.

Upcoming this month is our Irish Night in the lounge with Corned Beef Sandwiches, chips and a pickle and music by Pat Britton and his band. Tickets cost \$8 and are available in the lounge so please join us. We are considering purchasing a portable deep fryer for the council in order to put on monthly fish & chip dinners. Please let us know what you think as your input is important.

I am committed to working with the Home Association on making our lounge a more active and fun place to be. We are looking into starting a Ladder Ball and Bag Toss league in the lounge as well as possible card leagues (pitch/cribbage). We can only do this if the membership is interested in participating so again let us know what you think.

Scholarship Applications are available in the lounge. You can also download the application from the Council's web page at www.kofc4044.com The application has to be **postmarked no later than May 1, 2018** to be considered among this years recipients.

Lastly, I am asking our membership 2 very important things that are imperative to our Council. Ask a catholic friend to consider joining and attend a meeting at least quarterly. As of late we haven't had enough members in attendance to have a quorum on votes. This is your Council and we certainly do a lot of good, but we need your involvement. I don't think it's too much to ask to attend a meeting, get a free meal, have a few drinks with friends, and enjoy playing Keno. Your ideas and criticisms are always welcome for the good of the Council.

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 souls of Brother Knight Fred Bell who leaves behind his wife Vivian, Brother Knight Roger Bergeron, Brother Knight John Walsh, Brother Knight Gerald Dupuis who leaves behind his wife Kathleen, and Brother Knight Al Gardner who leaves behind his wife Arlene.

Father Joe

COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

My Brother Knights,

Below are some excerpts from Pope Francis' Ash Wednesday of Feb. 14, 2018. Our Holy Father reminds us that Lent is a good time - a favorable time - to rid our lives of the dissonant chords of Christian life by recognizing the temptations that we are subject to and how they can lead to distrust, apathy and resignation in our life and how these demons deaden and paralyze our souls. The antidote for that Pope Francis says is to take time this Lent to pause, see and return. Indeed let us pause from our regular routines to see Love in the Crucified Christ and to see that Love in each other. Let us return without fear to our God who never tires of forgiving us and who longs to touch our hearts so as to rekindle them with his love and mercy. Here are excerpts from Pope Francis's Ash Wednesday Homily.

“The Church in her maternal wisdom invites us to pay special attention to anything that could dampen or even corrode our believing heart. We are subject to numerous temptations. Each of us knows the difficulties we have to face. When faced with the ever-varying circumstances of our daily lives, there are voices raised that take advantage of pain and uncertainty; the only thing they aim to do is sow distrust. . . . [T]he fruit of distrust is apathy and resignation.

Lent is the ideal time to unmask these and other temptations, to allow our hearts to beat once more in tune with the vibrant heart of Jesus. The whole of the Lenten season is imbued with this conviction, which we could say is echoed by three words offered to us in order to rekindle the heart of the believer: pause, see and return.

Pause a little, leave behind the unrest and commotion that fill the soul with bitter feelings which never get us anywhere. Pause from this compulsion to a fast-paced life that scatters, divides and ultimately destroys time with family, friends, children, grandparents, . . . time with God. Pause for a little while, refrain from haughty looks, from fleeting and pejorative comments. Pause in order to look and contemplate!

See the face of our families who continue striving, day by day, with great effort, in order to move forward in life. . . . See the faces of our children and young people filled with yearning for the future and hope, filled with “tomorrows” and opportunities that demand dedication and protection. See our elderly whose faces are marked by the passage of time, faces that reveal the living memory of our people. See the faces of our sick people and the many who take care of them; faces which in their vulnerability and service remind us the value of each person.

See and contemplate the face of Crucified Love, [whose] hand [is] held out to those who feel crucified, who experience in their lives the burden of failure, disappointment and heartbreak. . . . See and contemplate the real face of Christ crucified out of love for everyone, without exception. For everyone? Yes, for everyone.

Pause, see and return. Return to the house of your Father. Return without fear to those outstretched, eager arms of your Father, who is rich in mercy (cf. Eph 2:4), who awaits you. Return without fear, for this is the favorable time to come home, to the home of my Father and your Father (cf. Jn 20:17). Return without fear, to experience the healing and reconciling tenderness of God.”

Dear Brother Knights, time passes quickly. How well have you used this time of Lent? This is indeed a favorable time to pause, see and return. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great grace to help us return to God so I encourage you to make use of this great gift. Christ's love and mercy knows no bounds. 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 Wednesday, March 21. 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. Take the time this Lent to pause, see and return!

Fr. Joe

FRIENDSHIP DINER

Friendship Dinner in Honor of District Deputy Don Darcy

Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, and Brothers all:
The Brothers of Fairview Council #4044 would like to invite you to a Friendship Dinner to be held
In honor of District Deputy Donald Darcy. This event will take place on Saturday April 14th, 2018
At The Castle of Knights, 1599 Memorial Dr. Chicopee, Ma. 01020.

This event is being held to support our District Deputy, who has been nominated by Fairview Council
#4044, to be a delegate to the 2018 Supreme Convention to be held in Baltimore, MD.

The dinner will begin at 5:30 pm. The cost of the meal is \$25.00 per person, casual dress.
Those not attending may make a donation if they wish.

Please make checks payable to "Donald Darcy" and mail it with the lower portion to:

Kevin Godek, Friendship Dinner Chairman,
11 Bach Lane, South Hadley, Ma. 01075-1001

Inquiries may be made to Kevin Godek at (413) 534-3485 or kjgodek@comcast.net

Please return by April 4th, 2018

Name _____ Guest(s) _____

Address _____

Phone# _____ E-Mail _____

Council Name & Number _____

Number of tickets _____ Donation if not attending _____

BISHOP JOSEPH F. MAGUIRE 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY

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413-592-5190 granor@verizon.net

We will be having elections in May and I am looking for a few 4th Degree members to fill in the vacant chairs. If you are interested in being active please contact me so your name can be placed on the ballot in April.

There is a Ice Cream Social scheduled at the Soldiers Home for **Monday, March 5th at 1:30 pm.**

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

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

The Regular Meeting of the Assembly is **scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th at 7:30pm.**

VIVAT JESU

Norm Fleury, Faithful Navigator, Past Grand Knight

COUNCIL BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 25th in the Members Lounge

There will be a sit down breakfast served from 9:00 am till 12:00 noon.
Your choice of Eggs to order with ham, sausages, waffles, home fries, and toast.
Beverages include coffee, tea, and milk.

The price is \$8.00 per person, \$6.00 for children age 6-10 and age 5 and under free.

Tickets and seating are limited so please purchase them early.
They can be purchased with the bartender during normal operating hours or
by contacting **Grand Knight Tom Charette at (413) 244-0607**
Tickets will also be available at the door the morning of the breakfast.

FRENCH NIGHT

April 21, 2018

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 19th
Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until April 13th
Between 6-8:00 pm**

**Ron & Carole Grenier 533-0938
cell phone 626-2550**

Elaine Bogart 533-3620

BINGO

There is no bingo on **March 29th, Holy Thursday**. I have obtained permission from the Springfield Diocese, the Grand Knight, the Chicopee City Council, and the Massachusetts State Lottery to have bingo on Sunday March 25th. 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 will be the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and the 25th.**

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. 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. Again, if we are to continue as a Charitable Organization we need your help. Please call or email me if you can volunteer for that afternoon or evening. **I can be reached at (413) 534-3485 or kjgodek@comcast.net**

Kevin Godek, Bingo Chairman

INSURANCE

Lent has just begun, but before you know it, Easter will be here. While in this Lenten season, we are called to reflect and prepare ourselves for coming of Easter, often by sacrificing something of value. This can be somewhat analogous to concept of whole life insurance, albeit over a different time period. With life insurance, you pay a premium for significant period, then you are able to reap a significant reward. This reward may come in the form of large dividends, a significant cash value accumulation, and/or the possibility of the policy being completely. Of course, the largest benefit of whole life insurance is the fact that the death benefit is guaranteed to be payable, as long as the premiums are paid. This benefit is also almost always received tax-free as well, which is very unique in this day and age. If any of these benefits are of interest to you, I would be happy to discuss them in more detail with you in the next couple months.

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

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

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

This months Volunteer of the Month is Past Grand Knight Ed LeBlanc. Ed and his wife Cecile volunteer at our monthly Spaghetti Dinner and our weekly Bingo. Ed and Cecile ran our recent Paint & Sip Event and they are always available to help with any of our functions. Ed is currently one of our Council Trustees, a member of the Home Association Board of Directors and Chairman of the Home Association Board of Trustees. Their countless volunteer hours have not gone unnoticed and we thank them for their continued service.

Thomas Charette, Grand Knight

DONATIONS

Last month donations were made to the Western Mass Association of the Deaf \$100, Knights of Columbus Council 81 in Marlborough, MA for their 125th Anniversary \$30, Chicopee St Patrick's Day Parade Committee \$155, Catholic Communications \$50, and Pro Life of Pioneer Valley \$200.

Edward Leblanc, PGK, Trustee

NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email every month, please send us your first and last name along with your email address to kofc4044@yahoo.com. In the subject field please add NEWSLETTER. Please check your spam or junk mail to see if your server is placing it in one of those folders rather than your inbox.

Keep in mind that if you do not delete your emails that you have read or the ones you placed in your trash folder, your account may be full and the newsletter will come back undeliverable.

Thank you,
Norm

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March 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 Bingo 6:15pm	2	3 Irish Dinner in the Lounge 4:00pm-?
4	5 Soldiers Home Ice Cream 1:30pm Officers Mtg. 7:00pm	6	7Honor Guard Rehearsal 7:00pm	8 Bingo 6:15pm 4th Degree Officers Mtg. 7:00pm	9	10
11	12Council Mtg. 7:30pm	13	14 Spaghetti 4:30-6:30pm 4th Degree Mtg. 7:30pm	15Bingo 6:15pm	16	17
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