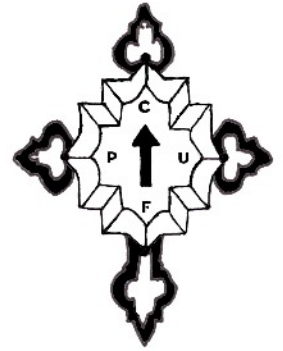




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## STAR COUNCIL AWARD

The Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council #444 is proud to announce that we have received the prestigious Star Council Award for the Columbian Year 2019 - 2020. This award is earned by meeting all of the many goals outlined by Supreme.

This award was earned under the leadership of Past Grand Knight Charles Smith and through the hard work of all the Member Knights of our council.



## INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

On October 8, Council 444 proudly installed their officers for the Columbian Year 2019 -2020. Pictured left to right front row are: Scott Watkins, Treasurer; Bill Kuntz, Financial Secretary, Father Bill Damroth, Chaplain; Ray Lopez, Grand Knight; John McGivney, District Deputy; Vincent Calosso, Chancellor; Ken Ryan, Trustee; Joe Coyle, Trustee. Second row; Ted Coughlin, Recorder; Ike Broome, Outside Guard; Jude Martini, Advocate; Frank Gruzecki; Frank Gerbes, Inside Guard and Ed Mead. Not pictured are Curtis Moran, Leturer; Charles Smith, Trustee; Curt Bourdage, Warden; and Paul Desroches, Deputy Grand Knight.

## GRAND KNIGHT'S THOUGHTS

Dear Fellow Brother Knights:

I sincerely hope this newsletter finds you all safe and in good health. Needless to say these are very difficult times. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of our officers if you are experiencing difficulties of any kind. I assure you that we are here to assist in any way we can.

The pandemic is still having a huge impact on our activities and meetings. We continue to have our meetings using the Zoom app. We send out the invitations via email to all our members for which we have email addresses. If you have not received an invitation, and would like to be included, please contact Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920. You do not need a computer to access the meeting, you can use a phone. You will not have video, but you will be able to converse.

Congratulation to the Family of the Month winners. The families along with a brief bio on them is on page 3. We are truly blessed to have these families as such an integral part of our churches. My heartfelt thanks to Bill Kuntz for all his hard work running this important program.

We were finally able to install our officers for the 2020-2021 Columbian year. My thanks to Father Bill Damroth for helping us with this wonderful ceremony.

My sincere thanks to all of our brothers who supported our Replacement Window Fund Raiser! Amazingly, we were able to raise the funds necessary to replace 18 windows including the window treatment. As a direct result of this effort, we were able to replace every window in the council house. Many thanks to Brother Vincent Calosso, chairman of the Maintenance and Improvement Committee. Besides the windows, the grounds have been dramatically improved with new shale and some grading. Vincent and his committeemen, Frank Gerbes, Curt Bourdage and Ken Ryan have

worked tirelessly to fix and improved so many little things that it's impossible for me to list them all. I am looking forward to having all the remaining items completed on his to-do list.

My thanks to Father John, who took time from his busy schedule to perform the ceremony to re-dedicate the monument to the unborn. My thanks also to all the brothers who attended the ceremony and to Frank Gerbes for sprucing up the grounds where the monument resides.

On November 1, we will be honoring and remembering the members of our council who passed away over the past 12 months. The Mass will take place at 12 noon, at Sacred Heart Church. My thanks to Father Damroth for agreeing to officiate at the Mass.

I am very pleased to hear that St. Mary's Outreach has re-opened at the Newburgh Community Center ( the Armory). They will be providing their much needed services the third Friday of each month. Set up is at 8 AM with distribution to begin at 9. Thank you to all who helped with their prayers!

To highlight the STAR Council Award that we received from Supreme, I asked that the picture of it be prominently displayed on the first page. Obviously I am very proud of all the hard work that all of you put into meeting the requirements for this very prestigious award. You should all be very proud!

There is not a day that goes by where I do not pray for this terrible virus to be eliminated. It is having a devastating effect on our way of life. Although it has had a huge impact on our Council activities, it hasn't stopped us from doing great things for our community. I am humbled by the hard work and dedication of all our brothers in this council. I am so lucky to be the Grand Knight of this amazing group of Catholic men.

May God continue to bless you all! Stay safe!  
Vivat Jesus!!!

Ray Lopez  
Grand Knight

## FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

The Family of the Month for July, 2020, at Sacred Heart Church is the Patrick Rutaquio Family.

The family have been parishioners at Sacred Heart Church since 1999. Patrick is an ICU Nurse at Vassar Hospital, and at Sacred Heart he is a Sacristan, Usher and Eucharistic Minister. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus. His wife, Elizabeth is an RN, a Eucharistic Minister and was a REP school teacher for three years.

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The Family of the Month for August, 2020, at St. Francis Church is the Ogonoowski Family.

The family have been parishioners at St. Francis and Sacred Heart Churches since 1996. All four of their children were altar servers at Sacred Heart, and they all attended Sacred Heart School and Our Lady of Lourdes High School.

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The family of the Month for September, 2020, at Sacred Heart Church is the Buda Family.

Lorenzo & Filomena Buda moved from Italy to Newburgh. They have been parishioners at Sacred Heart for over 35 years. They attend the 10 am Mass every Sunday. Lorenzo is the Italian Lector at these masses. Filomena is a member of the Catholic Daughters Court Patricia #195, for over 27 years and is also a member of the Sacred Heart League for 11 years. They have been married for 56 years and they have one daughter Luisa, and two grandchildren.

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### Family of the Month Details

Any parishioner at the four churches that the Knights of Columbus Council 444 service are eligible, Sacred Heart, for the months of July September and March, St. Francis, months of August, December and April, St. Patrick's, months of October, January and May and Our Lady of the Lake, November, February and June.

Questions, as well as fellow Knights willing to volunteer their time to participate may be directed to Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920.

## Council House Window Replacement Fund Raiser

A special thank you to the following individuals who generously donated to our window replacement fundraiser for the Council House.

Ike Broome  
Mike Carpentieri  
Ted Coughlin  
PGK Joseph Coyle  
PGK John Delessio  
Frank Gerbes  
Deacon Peter Haight  
PGK Dan Keenan  
Richard Kelly  
Bill Kuntz  
GK Ray Lopez  
David Maksomski  
Jude Martini  
James Peloso  
An Pham  
PGK Scott Watkins

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**A Blessed and very happy birthday to the following council members who will be celebrating their birthdays in the months of Nov, Dec and Jan.**

11/02 Richard Clarino	11/07 Nicholas Cracolici
11/07 Robert Joy	11/08 George Barnett Sr.
11/08 Steven Galick	11/08 Frank Guglieri
11/08 Germain LaPointe	11/10 Theodore Coughlin
11/11 James Nugent Jr.	11/25 Frank Pennacchio
11/27 George Kingsley	11/28 Michael Daum
12/02 Paul Zalanowski	12/05 Matthew Infante
12/11 Thomas McCullough	
12/20 Deacon Laerence Kawula	
12/21 Ike Broome Jr.	
12/23 Deacon Leonard Farmer	
12/26 Joseph Coyle	12/28 Joseph Hillman Jr.
01/01 John DeLessio	01/03 Rev. Samuel Taylor
01/04 Martin Frasco	01/07 John Conway Jr.
01/08 Robert Webber	01/11 Joseph Candella II
01/13 Gerardo Figueroa	01/20 Edward Finn
01/24 David Maksomski	

## *Council Activities*

**Communion Breakfast  
March 21, 2021  
St. Patrick's Church  
55 Grand St. Newburgh, N.Y.**

**10:30 AM Mass**

**Brunch to follow at**

**Temple Hill Tavern**

**171 Temple Hill Road,**

**New Windsor, N.Y. 12553**

**\$25 Per Person**

**Children 10 and under free.**

**Paid reservations are required**

**Guest Speaker is Bishop Colacicco**

**Contact: PGK Joe Coyle**

**845-561-7384 or**

**Joe Dennis 845-728-1214**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING  
COUNCIL ACTIVITIES ARE  
POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Council Tree Lighting Ceremony**

**Annual Christmas Party**

**Gifts for hospitalized kids at St. Lukes**

**Basketball Free Throw**

**Council Social Dinner**

**We intend to re-evaluate our activities on a monthly basis to determine if conditions allow us to safely hold our normal activities.**

**All members will be informed of changes to our calendar by email or phone, or both.**

### **FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY**

Please join us to pray the Rosary on November 29, after the 12 PM Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 301 Ann Street, Newburgh, N.Y. All are welcome. Please contact Ted Coughlin at 845-913-5631, for additional information.

Please mark your calendar for the next Fifth Sunday Rosary on January 31, 2021. Location and time to be

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### **Calendar of Council Meetings**

#### **Please Note:**

**Until further notice all meetings will be held at 7:30 PM on Zoom**

Please call Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920 if you have not received a Zoom invite via email.

- 03 Nov: Membership meeting at 8 P.M.
- 10 Nov: Fourth Degree meeting at 8 P.M.
- 17 Nov: Social Meeting at 8 P.M.
- 24 Nov: Officers' business meeting at 8 P.M.
- 01 Dec: Membership meeting at 8 P.M..
- 08 Dec: Fourth Degree meeting at 8 P.M.
- 15 Dec: Social meeting at 8 P.M.
- 22 Dec: Officers' Meeting at 8 P.M.
- 29 Dec: Corporation Meeting at 8 P.M.
- 05 Jan: Membership Meeting at 8 PM
- 12 Jan: Fourth Degree meeting at 8 P.M.
- 19 Jan: Social Dinner meeting at 7 P.M.
- 27 Jan: Officers' meeting at 8 P.M.
- 02 Feb: Membership Meeting at 8 P.M.
- 09 Feb: Fourth Degree meeting at 8 P.M.
- 16 Feb: Social meeting at 8 P.M.
- 23 Feb: Officers' meeting at 8 P.M..

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### **Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry**

Need volunteers on Saturday mornings from 9 A.M. to Noon. Note that the food pantry has moved to the Sacred Heart gym. If you can help please note that set up starts at 7 AM. If you have questions, please call Linda or Paul at 845-234-8564.

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### **St. Mary's Outreach**

St. Mary's Outreach has opened at the Newburgh Community Center (Armory). They will operate on the same schedule as before, the third Friday of every month. Set up at 8 AM and the distribution starts at 9.