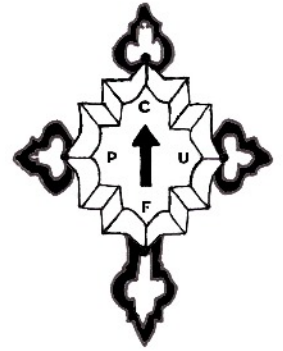




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This is a picture of the plaque for the window fund raising campaign, that will adorn our Council House. All the window donor names appear on the plaque.



GRAND KNIGHT'S THOUGHTS

Dear Fellow Brother Knights:

I trust that everyone had a blessed Christmas and a joyous ensuing 12 days of Christmas. Unfortunately, the virus has resulted in a Christmas season like no other. Hopefully the New Year will allow us all to resume to some kind of normalcy with the advent of the vaccine.

Unfortunately, our Council activities are extremely limited due to the pandemic. As of the publication of this newsletter, the following activities are canceled:

The Annual Super Bowl Party
The St. Valentine's Day Dance
The Clergy Brunch
The Lenten Fish Fry
Communion Breakfast

Our Replacement Window Fund Raiser was a resounding success! We raised enough money to replace 22 windows, along with window treatments. My heartfelt thanks go out to all of you who were so generous. A Picture of the plaque with all the names of the donors is on page one. My thanks also to Vincent Calosso, Chairman of the Maintenance and Improvement Committee, as well as his committee members, PGK Ken Ryan, Frank Gerbes, and Curt Bourdage.

We had a wonderful memorial Mass on November 1, for the members of our council who passed away from November 1, 2019 thru October 31, 2020. My sincere thanks to Father Bill Damroth for taking time from his schedule to officiate at the Mass.

Since that Memorial Mass, we have lost two more of our Members, Robert Spreer and Vincent Cincotta. Please let us all pray for their souls. They will of course be included in our Memorial Mass in 2021.

My sincere thanks to Bill Kuntz for being the point man behind the Family of the Month program. It involves a lot of work, but it has become very popular among the churches we support. In addition, it is one of the few programs that we can continue during the pandemic.

For the Month of October, the Delgado Family from Saint Patrick's/Saint Mary's church. For November it was the Tapia Family from Our Lady of the Lake Chapel. The December Family was the Reyes Family from Saint Francis Church.

My heartfelt congratulations to all the families who were chosen! You are wonderful role models for all practicing Catholics. A brief Bio on all three families follows on page 3.

I want to mention that everyone should take the opportunity to join us at a meeting. There are two general membership meetings each month on the first and third Tuesday, at 7:30 PM. They are ZOOM meetings, so they are virtual. It will give you an idea of what is going on and you have an opportunity to join in the conversation and have your ideas heard. You should receive an invitation via email, if we have your email on file. If not, please contact our Financial Secretary, Bill Kuntz, at 201-697-9920. Bill will be happy to assist you in figuring out the best way for you to attend. Your options are virtual, or by telephone, so you really don't need to be computer literate. I hope to see you at our next scheduled meeting!

As we enter the sacred period of Lent, let us remember and try to practice the Corporal Works of Mercy. Although the pandemic restricts most of what we can do, there are still things we can practice to make us better Catholic men. Four of the Corporal works that we all can practice are:

- Feeding the hungry
- Sheltering the homeless
- Clothe the naked
- Giving drink to the thirsty

We can practice these by helping out at the food pantries that our parishes support. The days and hours of operation are listed on the back page. All COVID 19 safety procedures are followed.

Lent is also a time of reflection and prayer. Let us all try to pray to our Lord each and every day.

I would very much like to welcome the new members of our Council! Congratulations to Angel Tapia and Michael Calosso! They both completed all their degrees in January.

Please pray that we all stay safe and that we can return to normalcy soon!

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 October 2020, at St. Patrick's/St. Mary's church is the Delgado Family. The family have been parishioners at St. Patrick's/St. Mary's Church since 1973.

Both Ana and Julio have been involved with numerous groups within the church. They have also imbued their children with the desire to serve as Julio Jr. Is a Captain in the NYPD and Irma is a National Catastrophe Adjuster.

Congratulations to the Delgado family for being such fine role models for the church.

The Family of the Month for November at Our Lady of the Lake is the Tapia family. The family has been part of Our Lady of the Lake chapel for over five years.

Both Angel and Maria have participated in many church activities and have been wonderful role models for their children who are all altar servers.

Congratulations to the Tapia family for all their service to the church.

The Family of the Month for December at Saint Francis of Assisi Church is the Reyes Family. They have been a part of St. Francis since 2015. All five of their children attended Sacred Heart School, four are Altar Servers with the youngest, Brianna, age 6, having that as her goal.

Congratulations for being such a fine family role model.

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

Our heartfelt thanks to the following donors to the Window Replacement Fund Raiser:

Mike Biondo
Ike Broome
Vincent Calosso
Mike Carpentieri
Ted Coughlin
PGK Joseph Coyle
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Joseph Dennis
Frank Gerbes
Deacon Peter Haight
PGK Dan Keenan
Richard Kelly
Bill Kuntz
GK Ray Lopez
In Memory of the Lucas Family
David Maksomski
Jude Martini
James Peloso
An Pham
PGK Scott Watkins

A Blessed and very happy birthday to the following council members who will be celebrating their birthdays in the months of Feb, Mar and Apr.

02/06 Michael Sayegh	02/09 Raymond Filipkowski
02/09 Deacon Thomas Neppel	
02/10 Richard Sosa	02/15 James Roscher
02/16 Francis Bedetti.	02/22 John Obrien Sr.
03/04 Curtis Moran	03/05 Jean Devis
03/06 Francis Cook	03/09 Mark Connell
03/16 William Kuntz	
03/21 Ralph Depew Jr.	03/21 Carl Hamilton
03/25 Rev. Patrick Bonner	03/25 Deacon Peter Haight
03/26 Domingo Ampil	03/26 Brian Doyle.
03/27 Peter Vondras	03/29 Thomas Curtis
04/02 An Pham	04/06 Alberto Laudato
04/09 Leonard Mc Cue	04/13 Mark deCastro
04/17 Richard Irons	04/18 Samuel Colavito
04/18 Kennan Ryan	04/18 Charles Smith
04/19 Deacon John Hanley	04/19 Robert Markel
04/20 Kevin Butler	04/23 Gregory Raciti
04/25 Dominick Galage	

Council Activities

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the pandemic, the following activities are canceled:

- Annual Super Bowl Party
- St. Valentine's Day Dance
- Clergy Brunch
- Lenten Fish Fry
- Communion Breakfast

The February raffle tickets were included in the Dues mailing. Please be as generous as you can since our fundraising efforts are very limited.

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY

Please mark your calendar for the next Fifth Sunday Rosary on May 30, 2021. Location and time to be determined. contact Ted Coughlin at 845-913-5631, for additional information.

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.

- 02 Feb: Membership meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- 09 Feb: Fourth Degree meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- 16 Feb: Social meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- 23 Feb: Officers' business meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- 02 Mar: Membership meeting at 7:30 P.M..
- 09 Mar: Fourth Degree meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- 16 Mar: Social meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- 23 Mar: Officers' business meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- 30 Mar: Corporation meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- 06 Apr: Membership meeting at 7:30 PM
- 13 Apr: Fourth Degree meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- 20 Apr: Social meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- 27 Apr: Officers' meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- 04 May: Membership Meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- 11 May: Fourth Degree meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- 18 May: Social meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- 25 May: Officers' meeting at 7:30 P.M..

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE EASTER SEASON

- February 17 - Ash Wednesday
- March 28 - Palm Sunday
- April 1 - Holy Thursday
- April 2 - Good Friday
- April 4 - Easter Sunday

Lenten Practices

All the Fridays of Lent are days of days of abstinence for Catholics aged 14 and up. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of abstinence but are also days of fasting. Abstinence simply means abstaining from eating meat. Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals, such as, chickens, cows sheep or pigs. Birds are also considered meat. Moral theologians have traditionally taught that we should abstain from all animal derived products, except foods such as, gelatin, butter, cheese and eggs. Fish, both salt and freshwater species, are permitted, as well as amphibians, reptiles and shellfish.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Above all, common sense should prevail. For example, the physically or mentally ill, pregnant or nursing women or those with diabetes are exempt. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry

Need volunteers on Saturday mornings from 8:30 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.

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.