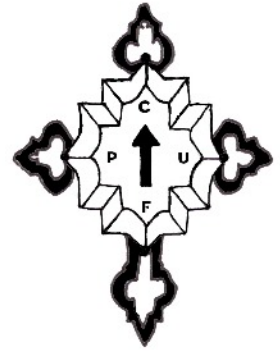




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Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council #444

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The Knights of Columbus Council #444
Presents the 11th Annual
Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Memorial Car Show
Featuring Cars, Motorcycles, and Trucks

Saturday June 25, 2022

(Rain Date July 9)

SEARS @ the Newburgh Mall

10:00 AM – 3:00PM

1401 Union Ave. Route 300

Newburgh, NY 12550

***Trophies* Best in Show* People's
Choice* Goodie Bags***

Vehicle Pre- Registration - \$15.00

Day of Registration- \$20.00

Vendor Spots- \$30.00

Food Vendors - \$45.00

Proceeds to benefit

Charitable works of

The Knights of

Columbus

Vendor Registration Form:

<https://forms.gle/iGPo5jLQdaqSbBD88>

*For vehicle information contact: Ken Ryan (845) 565-8015 Charles Smith
(845)561-8647 or Dan Keenan (845) 562-9353.*

For Vendor information contact Bill Kuntz (201) 697-9920

Family Fun Day

Raffles*Food*Drink*Music*Vendors*

**Special Appearance by
BATMAN!!**

GRAND KNIGHT'S THOUGHTS

Dear Fellow Brother Knights:

Unfortunately, the Virus continued to have an impact on our activities the last few months. We were not able to have our Basket Ball Free Throw contest, the Saint Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, the Super Bowl Party, and the Lenten Fish Fry. I pray that we will be able to get back on track soon.

Many thanks to PGK Greg Gaetano for once again putting together our Clergy Brunch. I find this a very rewarding event, to take a moment and show our clergy how much we appreciate what they do for us year in and year out!

My thanks also go to PGK Joe Coyle and Recorder Joe Dennis for being able to continue with our Communion Breakfast. Needless to say, despite the issues with the pandemic, it was very well attended and all thoroughly enjoyed the orating skills of Father Giuseppe, of the Saint Mary of the Assumption Friary in Newburgh. It was a welcome respite from the disappointments of cancellations due to the virus.

Under the guidance of PGK Ken Ryan, the Car Show crew of PGK Dan Keenan, PGK Charlie Smith and the Vendor Chairman, Bill Kuntz, are hard at work getting trophy sponsors on board, and getting vendor's to commit. In addition they are seeking donations of gift certificates and items to give out in the goody bags for the participants. If you would like to help out, please give Ken a call at 845-562-9353.

PGK Greg Gaetano is also hard at work getting ready for our Annual Blue Mass. Mark your calendars for September. We will know the exact date, time and church by the time the next Compass is published.

Also, please remember to mark your calendars for the Columbus Day Ball, to be held on October 9, 2022.



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 2020 - 2021. This award is earned by meeting all of the many goals outlined by Supreme.

This award was earned under the leadership of Grand Knight Ray Lopez, and through the hard work of all the Member Knights of our council.

This will be my last Compass as the Grand Knight. My term officially ends on June 30. I must say that it has been a very challenging two years, but with the sage guidance of my fellow officers, I like to think we had a very productive two years, even with the pandemic mine fields. There just isn't enough room to thank all of you who have been so helpful to me. I am convinced that this is the best Council of them all. I am proud to have served as your Grand Knight.

If the Good Lord would grant me one wish, as I leave this office, it would be for five or six of my fellow brothers to join us in one or more of our activities. Put in whatever amount of time you can spare. Believe me, it's a very low key but fun experience. If you want give me a call at 845-561-2003, and we can chat.

May Our Lord continue to bless you all.

Vivat Jesus!

Ray Lopez

Grand Knight

TREASURE CHEST RAFFLE

Look for raffle tickets in the mail! Ticket prices are: \$10 for one, or three for \$25. There is a special only for the tickets you will receive through the mail, 6 tickets for only \$40.

Your help in selling tickets is desperately needed! Please call Bill Kuntz with your availability and ideas at 201-697-9920

HISTORY OF THE BLUE MASS

The Blue Mass dates back to 1934, when a Catholic priest from the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Maryland, organized the Catholic Police and Firemen's Society while stationed at St. Patrick Church in Washington, D.C.

More than 1,000 police and firemen, dressed in their blue uniforms, attended that first Blue Mass, which was celebrated on September 29, 1934. The tradition of showing gratitude to emergency responders and their families in this way has continued throughout the United States.

This Mass honors those currently serving as emergency responders (Police Officers, Firefighters, Correction Officers, 911 Operators and EMS Personnel) as well as those who have died in the line of duty and brings a greater awareness of those who serve us so faithfully, often placing others' lives and safety above their own. Our lives are a gift from God, given to us that we might in turn give our lives in service to Him and to others. Those who have dedicated their lives in service as emergency responders are living out this truth, and we gather together on this day to celebrate them.

The Knights of Columbus has a long history of supporting the brave men and women of the emergency services community. Within a few days of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Knights began distributing nearly \$1.5 million in direct aid to the families of slain police and rescue workers.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council began the Blue Mass in New Haven in 2002 and has hosted it annually each year since. Similar Blue Masses have been organized by Knights of Columbus Councils nationwide, including Council 444, who will be celebrating this year's Blue Mass in September.



Members of our Council at our Communion Breakfast/Brunch with our guest speaker, Father Giuseppe.

A Blessed and very happy birthday to the following council members who will be celebrating their birthdays in the months of February, March and April 2022.

05/02 Rev Bladi Socualaya Miranda	05/03 Jude Martini
05/03 Roberto Criollo	05/12 Frank Gerbes
05/06 Christopher Wing	05/15 Michael Biondo
05/12 Joseph Panowski	05/17 Ediberto Soto
05/16 Francisco Miranda	05/21 Robert Morabito
05/19 Charles Alexander	05/30 Rev Fernando Hernandez
05/26 Kevin Petrarca	06/01 Thomas DeBenedictus
06/01 Salvatore Aulogia	06/07 Joseph Bilello
06/05 Andrew Civalo	06/09 Robert Digillio
06/07 Eric Meah	06/16 Harry Birch
06/12 Samuel Sodano	06/26 Robert Specht
06/19 Greory Gaetano	06/30 William Rogers
06/29 Rev Charles Balvo	07/01 Brother Luke Wittmann
07/02 Salvatore Accolla	07/03 Dale Rodriguez
07/06 Charles Aregbesola	07/09 Michael Calosso
07/11 Charles Piper Jr.	07/12 Timothy Brink
07/13 Michael Lutz	07/14 Anthony D'Angelo
07/14 Richard Kelly	07/14 I. Scott Watkins
07/15 John Grimm	07/17 Steven Giammattei
07/20 Dr. Parry Peet	07/21 Jerome Wyant
07/25 Vincent Calosso	
07/30 Deacon William Castellane	
07/31 James Hutlock	

Council Activities

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1401 Union Avenue, Route 300
Newburgh, N.Y.
A family fun day!
Raffles, food, drink, music and Vendors
A special appearance by Batman!

Calendar of Council Meetings

Please Note:

**Until further notice all meetings
will be held at 8:00 PM in person
and on Zoom**

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

- 03 May: Membership meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 10 May: Fourth Degree meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 17 May: Social meeting at 8:00 P.M.
Corporations' Annual Meetings
- 24 May: Officers' meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 07 Jun: Membership meeting at 8 P.M.
- 14 Jun: Fourth Degree meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 21 Jun: Social meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 28 Jun: Officers' meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 05 Jul: Membership meeting at 8:00 PM
- 12 Jul: Fourth Degree meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 19 Jul: Social meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 26 Jul: Officers' meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 02 Aug: Membership Meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 09 Aug: Fourth Degree meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 16 Aug: Social meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 23 Aug: Officers' meeting at 8:00 P.M..
- 30 Aug: Corporation Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Please note that the Holy Rosary will be recited prior to each council meeting at 7:30. All are welcome.

The Columbus Day Ball

Save the Date

October 9, 2022

Details to follow in the August Compass

Contact: Bill Kuntz
(201-697-9920)

The Blue Mass
Sponsored by
The Knights of Columbus
Council 444
Honoring
Law Enforcement
Fire Fighters
First Responders
Essential Workers

To be held on a Sunday in September
Date, time and church will be
announced in the August Compass

HELP WANTED

We have too many projects and not enough hands to do them all. We desperately need your help for our Council to continue it's mission to help those less fortunate than us. Call GK Ray Lopez - 845-561-2003 or Bill Kuntz at 201- 697-9920 ,and let them know you can help!!!

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.