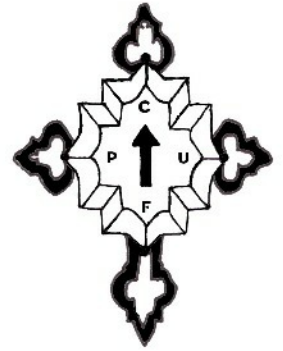




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Communion Breakfast

Sunday, March 17, 2024, 9:30 Mass

Our Lady of the Lake

433 South Plank Road

Newburgh, N.Y.

Guest Speaker is

Our Seminarian Kevin Noyola

Brunch to follow at about 11:00 AM

Temple Hill Tavern

171 Temple Hill Road

New Windsor, N.Y.

\$30 per person

Children 6 - 10 are \$10

5 and under are free

Pre paid reservations needed by February 28

Contact Joe Coyle PGK 845-561-7384

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Knights of Columbus Council 444 CLERGY BRUNCH

Join us in showing our appreciation for all our
Clergy

Denny's Restaurant, 1283 NY-Route 300,
Newburgh, N. Y.

February 19, 10 AM till done.

GRAND KNIGHT'S THOUGHTS

Dear Fellow Brother Knights:

I pray that this newsletter finds everyone well.

We had yet another busy Christmas season. Unfortunately, we suffered a devastating loss with the passing of Past Grand Knight Kennan L. Ryan. Please keep him in your prayers along with his wife Annie.

I am extremely proud to announce that our Council voted unanimously to change the name of our annual car show to the Kennan L. Ryan Memorial Car Show! I can't think of a more fitting tribute to our Past Grand Knight.

We started off November with our annual Bereavement Mass to remember our Brothers who passed away over the past year. We had the Mass at Our Lady of the Lake this year. Father Fernando was kindly took time from his busy schedule to say the Mass. It was a very moving ceremony celebrating the lives of our fellow Knights.

We were able to provide coats for kids this year to both the Jack Seymour and Saint Mary's Outreach food pantries as well as the Saint Vincent dePaul Society.

We were also able to bring some cheer to the children and staff at Saint Luke's Hospital. The Nurses cherished the chocolates and the children loved the stuffed animals that were generously provided by the Pet Smart store in Newburgh.

We next celebrated our Christmas Tree lighting with a Mass, said by our Chaplain, Father Joe, then carols and our actual tree lighting. We had a wonderful soup dinner courtesy of our PGK Charlie Smith. A truly memorable evening.

January saw our Social Dinner Meeting at Temple Hill Tavern. A good time was had by all. My thanks to Paul Aceti and his team for a

Wonderful evening.

Finally, we had our Basketball Free Throw contest. Father Fernando allowed us to have it at the gym in the Saint Patrick's school. All the children has a great time and loved their certificates and trophies. On to the regions!!

We have even more events coming in February. First is the Saint Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, at Temple Hill Tavern. With DJ Ming at the helm, it's sure to be a really fun evening, and with Temple Hill Tavern providing the buffet, no one will leave hungry! It will run from 6 to 10 PM

The very next day, we will have the Super Bowl Party at O'Connor Hall, at Saint Francis Church. Bring a dish to share, or pay \$5 at the door. As usual, Bill Kuntz will have games and raffles for the adults and various kid games for the little ones. Always a good time for all. Start time is 4:30 and it will run till it's over.

We are hoping to have the Lenten Fish Fry back in operation this year. Hopefully we can kick it off on February 16, at Gallo Hall. Stayed tuned for more information in the next few weekds.

Our Annual Communion Breakfast will take place on March 17. Mass will be at Our Lady of the Lake at 9:30 AM, then were are off to the Temple Hill Tavern for a tasty brunch beginning at about 11 AM. We are very proud to have our Seminarian, Kevin Noyola, as the guest speaker.

Before I forget, our May 21, Social Meeting has been pushed back to May 22, due to a conflict with a Chapter Meeting. Over the next few months, I pray we can come together to make all these planned events a huge success. We have another huge celebration coming in the Fall, our 125th anniversary! More to come on that.

May our Lord continue to bless us all! Have a meaningful Lent and a Blessed Easter.

Paul Desroches
Grand Knight

Why do we put ashes on our forehead?

Ashes are applied to our forehead in the sign of the cross as the words, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return" are spoken to us. The other formula which is used, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" emphasizes our call to continual conversion and holiness of life. This act symbolizes our mortality as well as our need for ongoing repentance. It is a reminder that this life is short and merely a foreshadowing of what we shall become through the redemption of Jesus Christ on the cross. The work of our redemption will not be complete until we are raised from the dead, in resurrected bodies like His own and called to the eternal communion of heaven.

Giving something up

For most older Catholics, the first thought that Lent brings to mind is giving something up. In my childhood, the standard was to give up candy, a discipline that found suitable reward in the baskets of sugary treats we received on Easter. Some of us even added to the Easter surplus by saving candy all through Lent, stockpiling what we would have eaten had we not promised to give it up.

Some years ago a friend of mine told me that he had urged his children to move beyond giving up candy to giving up some habit of sin that marked their lives. About halfway through Lent he asked the children how they were doing with their Lenten promise. One of his young sons had promised to give up fighting with his brothers and sisters during Lent. When his father asked him how it was going, the boy replied, "I'm doing pretty good, Dad—but boy, I can't wait until Easter!"

That response indicates that this boy had only partly understood the purpose of Lenten "giving up." Lent is about conversion, turning our lives more completely over to Christ and his way of life. That always involves giving up sin in some form. The goal is not just to abstain from sin for the duration of Lent but to root sin out of our lives forever. Conversion means leaving behind an old way of living and acting in order to embrace new life in Christ. For catechumens, Lent is a period intended to bring their initial conversion to completion.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The key to renewed appropriation of these practices is to see their link to baptismal renewal.

Prayer: More time given to prayer during Lent should draw us closer to the Lord. We might pray especially for the grace to live out our baptismal promises more fully. We might pray for the elect who will be baptized at Easter and support their conversion journey by our prayer. We might pray for all those who will celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation with us during Lent that they will be truly renewed in their baptismal commitment.

Fasting: Fasting is one of the most ancient practices linked to Lent. In fact, the paschal fast predates Lent as we know it. The early Church fasted intensely for two days before the celebration of the Easter Vigil. This fast was later extended and became a 40-day period of fasting leading up to Easter. Vatican II called us to renew the observance of the ancient paschal fast: "...let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind".

Fasting should be linked to our concern for those who are forced to fast by their poverty, those who suffer from the injustices of our economic and political structures, those who are in need for any reason. Thus fasting, too, is linked to living out our baptismal promises. By our Baptism, we are charged with the responsibility of showing Christ's love to the world, especially to those in need. Fasting can help us realize the suffering that so many people in our world experience every day, and it should lead us to greater efforts to alleviate that suffering.

Abstaining from meat traditionally also linked us to the poor, who could seldom afford meat for their meals. It can do the same today if we remember the purpose of abstinence and embrace it as a spiritual link to those whose diets are sparse and simple. That should be the goal we set for ourselves—a sparse and simple meal. Avoiding meat while eating lobster misses the whole point!

Almsgiving: It should be obvious at this point that almsgiving, the third traditional pillar, is linked to our baptismal commitment in the same way. It is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized.

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, 2024.

01/03 Rev. Sam Taylor	01/04 Martin Fresco
01/07 John Conway Jr.	01/11 Joseph Candella
01/13 Gerardo Figueroa	01/20 Edward Finn
01/23 John DeLessio	01/24 David Maksomski

02/05 William Hightower	02/06 Michael Sayegh
02/09 Deacon Thomas Neppi	
02/10 Richard Sosa	02/15 James Roscher
02/20 Bruce Lubkeman	02/22 John Obrien Sr.

03/06 Francis Cook	03/09 Rev. Mark Connell
03/10 Rev. Joseph Tyrrell	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 Stephen Auggredou
03/29 Thomas Curtis	

Council Activities

Saint Valentine's Day Dinner

Dance

February 10, 6 PM to 10 PM

Temple Hill Tavern

Buffet Dinner - DJ Ming - Cash Bar

Super Bowl Party

February 11, 4:30 until the end

\$5.00 per person or bring a food dish to share

Games for the kids, football pools, 50/50 raffle.

BYOB

RSVP by February 4, to Bill Kuntz

201-697-9920

Calendar of Council Meetings

Please Note:

Until further notice all meetings will be held at 8:00 PM in person and on Zoom. Officers' meetings will be in person only.

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

06 Feb Membership Meeting at 8:00 PM

13 Feb: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8:00 PM

20 Feb: Social Meeting at 8:00 PM

27 Feb: Officers' Meeting at 8:00 PM

05 Mar: Membership Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

12 Mar: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

19 Mar: Social Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

26 Mar: Officers' Meeting at 8:00 P.M..

02 Apr: Membership Meeting at 8:00 PM

09 Apr: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8:00 PM

16 Apr: Social Meeting at 8:00 PM

23 Apr: Officers' Meeting at 8:00 PM

30 Apr: Corporation Meeting at 8 PM

07 May: Membership Meeting at 8:00 PM

14 May: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8 PM

22 May: Social Meeting at 8:00 PM

28 May Officers' Meeting at 8:00 PM

Save the dates:

February 16 - Fish Fry - O'Connor Hall

June 23 - Annual Kennan Ryan Car Show at the old Sears parking lot.

June 30 - 5th Sunday Rosary

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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.