

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- Oct 4
Council Officers
- Oct 13
Spaghetti Dinner
4th Degree Meeting
- Oct 18
Council Meeting
- Oct 25
Board Meeting



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MATTHEW COOKE-GRAND KNIGHT

Our Financial Secretary, Fran Getto, has informed me that we still have over 70 members who have not paid their 2021 dues. Please send in your payment today if you have not done so yet - the Council can use the funds, as we have not been able to hold our usual fundraising functions. Thank you.

The Officers and I have decided to hold off on our September Spaghetti Supper. With the ever-rising Delta COVID-19 numbers and knowing the close proximity that people sit together, we did not feel comfortable with holding the event. We know how much of a community event it is, and how everyone has been waiting for its return. It is more important to keep everyone safe.

We will be starting our weekly Thursday night Bingo beginning September 9th at 6:15pm. After 17 months, everyone has been craving their Bingo games. Without Bingo, Council #4044 would not be able to operate out of this large facility that we call our Castle. **Every person entering the building to either play Bingo or volunteer will be required to wear a face mask, regardless of vaccination status. No exceptions!** With this Delta variant and its severity along with the rising numbers, the only way we can operate with 300-400 people in the building at once is with everyone wearing a mask until seated. If the numbers go down, we may be able to do away with the mask requirement. If it continues to rise, we may also need to require that masks stay on when seated.

We will only be serving snacks (chips, soda, candy, coffee, etc.) at our Snack Bar the first week or two. We will re-evaluate considering crowd sizes, and will poll patrons if they would order food if we were to offer it. We cannot afford to waste food with over-production as we always have in the past.

Our Tootsie Roll Drive will only be one weekend this year. Columbus Day Weekend- Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday! Due to COVID, we are limited on where we can collect donations from, and because we are only doing it one weekend, I really hope all of the spots will be filled for Elaine. She works hard at this and takes it to heart! With over 1,000 members, it should not be hard to do. Please let Elaine know how you can help! Home: 533-3620, Cell: 530-9594

Although it is not 100% certain yet, it looks like we will have to cancel our Thanksgiving Dinner this year. As Grand Knight last year, it was by far my toughest decision and it is not easier this year. You all know from your own family, grocery shopping prices have climbed and climbed. So many people, both members and our community, gave us backlash and had all the answers for us last year. We "should have done this" or "could have done that" when we made the decision to cancel. The logistics of trying to complete deliveries were discussed last year. This year, to make it worse, the Council just does not have the funds! The want and need for more takeout options due to COVID puts our estimate at over 5,000 meals, which is a large increase from our 3,500 usual average. With the last few years costing us around \$14,000, factoring in the higher food costs and demand, we just do not have the \$20,000 projected that it would cost.

Your Lounge is open Thursday and Friday 3pm to at least 10pm, and Saturdays from Noon to at least 10pm. Sunday, September 12th, we will be open for football starting at Noon. As always, the Lounge is there for party rentals, as well! Any group of over 20 people needs to be approved by the Lounge Manager. As we are not open yet on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, you can have private parties those days for only \$50, which includes a bartender. Even though we are open on Saturday it is usually quiet, so you are welcome to book a party on Saturday as well.

VIVAT JESU! Matthew Cooke, Grand Knight

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BISHOP JOSEPH F. MAGUIRE ASSEMBLY 2670



MARK URBAN, FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

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I would like to begin by welcoming our newest member,
Bishop William D. Byrne to our Assembly.

There is no Honor Guard Meeting scheduled in September.

There is an Officer's Planning Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 8th at 6:45 pm.

The regular meeting for all Sir Knights will follow at 7:30 pm in person and via zoom.

Both meetings will be held in the Council Chambers.

Via Zoom enter meeting ID 79328388186 and password R77Y5R (Password is case sensitive)

Assembly 2670 is holding a September 2021 Calendar Raffle. Tickets are now on sale. The price is \$10 and can be purchased from any officer of the Assembly. We will be drawing the winners at the September 8th meeting.

We have lost several members this past year. Let us remember them and all of our Brother Knights that have passed away while we remember and pray for those who perished 20 years ago on September 11th.

VIVAT JESU! Mark Urban, Faithful Navigator

COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

“No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.” (Gospel for September 10, 2021; Lk 6:40)

Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism represent the core principles of the Knights of Columbus. Any activity that we perform which produces or brings about one of the four core principles as long as the activities are morally good, is a good act. One such activity which comes to mind is that of mentor.

A 2014 study found that “young people with mentors, especially at-risk youth, have more positive visions of themselves and their futures, and they also achieve more positive outcomes in school, the workplace, and their communities.” The value of mentoring is nothing new. Proverbs 22:6 says: “Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it.” Whether you are teaching a practical or spiritual skill or a new technique or way of thinking, your instruction will have an impact. Take time to be a good mentor for the sake of the next generation and the greater glory of God.

Challenge by Chaplain Reverend Dennis Skowera:

The challenge I have as I write this is to go about doing good for at least one person this month. Look for someone in need and try to fill that need. That need can be material or spiritual. That person can be someone you know or someone the Lord puts on your heart. Establish rapport, befriend the person, and take the person under your wing. Be a good example as a good potential mentor might even if the person doesn't respond.

Questions for Reflection:

What's it like to be a mentor for someone? Have I ever had someone take an active interest in me? If not could I take an active interest in someone else seeking that person's good and trying to bring it about?

Father Dennis

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 soul of Brother Knight and Past Faithful Navigator Richard Fulton who leaves behind his wife Barbara and Brother Knight Luke Lessard Sr. who leaves behind his wife Lisette.

Matthew Cooke, Grand Knight

DISTRICT DEPUTY

Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

All Catholic students in public, private and parochial schools grades 8-12 are invited to participate in the 2021 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Students are encouraged to write a 500 to 750 word essay on the theme of:

Describe everyday obstacles that you may have experienced or witnessed others experiencing while living a life of authentic faith. Explain how you have overcome these obstacles and how, by doing so, it has helped your faith to continue to grow.

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” - James 1:2-4

The contest will be hosted by Fairview Council 4044. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the contest. Participants are required to furnish written parental consent. \$50 prizes will be awarded for the top essays for each of the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades, and winners will be entered into the State and Supreme Council level competition. The entry form can be downloaded here: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/community/catholic-citizenship-essay-contest/4208-essay-entry-form.pdf>

Or from the Council website – www.kofc4044.com

Completed applications and essays are due October 1st and can be sent to: K of C Council 4044, 1599 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020 or dropped off in the Members Lounge.

For additional information, please contact event chairman Daniel Mashia at (413) 626-7257.

Daniel Mashia, D.D., P.G.K.



911 MEMORIAL MASS

SAVE THE DATE this year, the annual deanery-wide 9/11 MEMORIAL MASS, honoring the memory of the innocent victims and selfless heroes who perished in the tragic terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, will be offered at Ste. Rose de Lima Church on Saturday, September 11th at 7:00 pm. This liturgy is sponsored annually by the Catholic parishes of Chicopee and Ludlow—911 Memorial Mass Committee. This year marks the 20th annual observance of the horrific events that took place on that fateful day in our nations history. Plan to attend as we offer out thoughts and prayers, not only for the innocent victims, including those first responders, fire, police and emergency technicians who simply went to work that day and never came home. Also the families and friends whom they have left behind.

Steven Dubreuil, Deputy Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus, Council 4044

WE'RE BACK
BINGO
NIGHT

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 9

Knights of Columbus, Council 4044

1599 Memorial Dr.
Chicopee, MA

Doors open at 4:30 pm
Games start at 6:30 pm

Please wear a mask until
you are seated.

No Reserve Seating
Limited Snack Bar

GREAT PRIZES!
FUN FOR ALL!

Bingo prizes are based on the number of cards purchased

INSURANCE AGENT

It's time for our Knights of Columbus Fraternal Survey. This is an opportunity to stay in touch with you, see what has changed in your life and let you know I am here to be of service to you and your family. Our survey can also be completed online; simple, fast and confidential.

As you look through the survey, you might find a block to check or a subject you would like some information on such as:

- Is your life insurance and other benefits at work adequate?
- Can you keep your group life insurance when you move to another job?
- Are you thinking about a relative that has had a long-term care or extended care event and would like to know how you could plan ahead and what benefits may be available to you and your spouse?
- Is now the time to get serious about retirement?
- Do you have current plans that you need some service on such as a change of beneficiary or ownership?
- Have you moved and we need to update your contact information?

Any of these can be addressed if you complete the survey.

Many know the Knights of Columbus from our good works in the parish or community, our disaster response, support for Special Olympics and our prolife efforts. But very few of them know that we are a life insurance company with exclusive benefits for its members, spouses and dependent children. After all Fr. McGivney saw that protecting our families was one of the two key reasons, he brought those New Haven men together in the basement of St. Mary's Church in 1882.

"No doubt Father McGivney was motivated by the wish to keep young Catholics from entering the ranks of condemned secret societies and by the need to protect families during sickness and death." (*Faith and Fraternalism, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982; Christopher J. Kauffman, pg.17*)

Unite men of faith and protect our families. Our Order has been faithful to that mission for over 139 years. With the Beatification of Blessed Michael J. McGivney, we should have a renewed enthusiasm to invite other men to join the Order to reap those benefits of Unity, Charity and Fraternity. I am just as passionate to help protect our Catholic families. Tempus fugit, memento mori!

Vivat Jesus!

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September 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 4th Degree Honor Guard Cancelled	2 Bingo 6:16pm Cancelled	3	4
5 Live Mass Chalice of Salvation Forest Park 10:00am	6 Labor Day	7	8 Spaghetti Cancelled 4th Degree Officers 6:45 Meeting 7:30	9 Bingo 6:15pm Grand Reopening	10	11 911 Mass Ste. Rose de Lima 7:00pm
12 Lounge Open for  Noon	13 Officers Mtg. 7:00pm	14	15	16Bingo 6:15pm	17	18
19	20 Council Mtg. 7:00pm in person and on zoom	21	22 Newsletter Deadline	23Bingo 6:15pm	24	25
26	27 Board Mtg. 7:00pm	28	29	30Bingo 6:15pm		

All of our events are subject to change because of the virus.