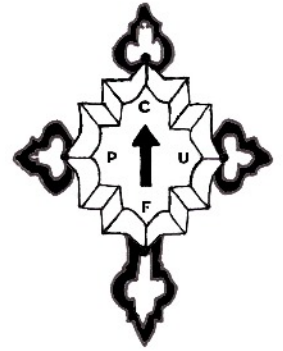




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## Columbus Day Ball

Honoring Council 444  
Knight of the Year

Frank Gerbes Jr.

October 16, 2021

Spruce Lodge Inn

619 Route 17K

Montgomery, N.Y.

5:30 - 10:30

\$60.00 Per Person - Pre Paid

Sit Down Dinner-Dancing-Cash Bar-Door Prizes

Treasure Chest Raffle Tickets were mailed to all our  
Brother Knights - Please return them ASAP to Bill Kuntz  
at Knights of Columbus, Council 444, PO Box 444,  
Newburgh, N.Y., 12551

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Annual Blue Mass and Special Remembrance Mass

Honoring all First Responders and Essential Workers  
Plus

A Tribute to those who lost their lives on 9/11

Saint Patrick's church

55 Grand Street

Newburgh, N.Y.

September 12, 10:30 AM

## GRAND KNIGHT'S THOUGHTS

Dear Fellow Brother Knights:

Happy New Year!!! Columbian New Year that is!

I pray that this new Columbian Year allows us to return to some semblance of normalcy. I am encouraged by the fact that we were able to close out the old Columbian Year with an extremely successful Car Show. My sincere thanks to Ken Ryan (PGK) and Charlie Smith (PGK) as well as Dan Keenan (PGK) and Bill Kuntz.

Thanks to Greg Gaetano, we have also scheduled our Blue Mass! This year we will honor not only our First Responders but also Essential Workers and we will have a special 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance of those who lost their lives on 9/11. It is scheduled at the 10:30 AM Mass at Saint Patrick's Church, 55 Grand Street, Newburgh, on September 12. I hope to see you all there!!!

Next we have our Columbus Day Ball, which will be held on October 16, from 5:30 to 10:30, at the Spruce Lodge, 619 Route 17K in Montgomery. It will be a sit down dinner for \$60.00 per person and there will be a cash bar. You can contact Chairman Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920.

Then, we will have the Re-dedication of the Knights of Columbus, Council 444 Monument to the Unborn, on October 12, 2021 at 3 PM, at Calvary Cemetery, in New Windsor, N.Y.

The Memorial Mass to honor those knights who passed away over the last year, will take place at 12 Noon, on November 14, 2021, at Sacred Heart Church, 301 Anne Street, Newburgh, N.Y.



### The Car Show Crew

Our sincere gratitude to all those who helped out including, Charlie Smith, Dan Keenan, Bill Kuntz, Angel Tapia, Mike Diaz, Jim Peloso, Joe Dennis, Frank Gerbes, John Delessio, Matt Infante, Joe Candela, Jose Marango, DJ Ming and of course, Ken Ryan!

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Some really good news is that the Council house has been fumigated and declared free of all vermin! We have contracted with a cleaning outfit to sanitize and clean the house from top to bottom. Hopefully, we will be able to hold our meetings in person in the not too distant future!

I know I must sound like a broken record, but I urge everyone to try to attend a meeting, even once a month. This council belongs to all of you and you really should have a voice in what's going on. For the time being we are still solely on Zoom, but that will change in the not too distant future and we will meet in person as well as continue the Zoom meetings for those who, for whatever reason, cannot attend in person. I can promise that I will try to make it as convenient as possible for as many people who wish to attend a meeting.

One last thing, we are an aging Council. We really need to recruit new members to carry on the work of this council. So please, try to recruit one person to join us and hopefully become a future leader. It is vital to the continuation of our works of charity and support of our churches.

May God continue to bless you all!  
Vivat Jesus!!!  
Ray Lopez  
Grand Knight

COUNCIL 444 KNIGHT OF THE YEAR  
FRANK GERBES

Frank Gerbes Jr. was born on Mother's Day, in 1950 to Frank Gerbes, Sr. and Helen Gerbes in Newburgh, New York. He has an older sister Helene and two younger brothers, Paul and Steven. His Baptism at St. Francis of Assisi began his lifelong dedication to the Church. After attending St. Francis Elementary School and St. Patrick's High School he received his B.S. in Marketing from Marist College. In 1966, he traveled to St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City to receive the Cardinal Spellman Youth Award, and he met the love of his life, Mary. They married 50 years ago on August 28, 1971 and were blessed with a son Jody Edward, (his wife Kristi and two grandchildren, Jackson and Elle,) a daughter Joy, (her husband Brian Conneally and three grandsons, Nolan, Luke and Braden, currently living in Park City, Utah, and daughter Fay (and husband Asher Pacht and one grandchild, Miryam.)

Frank has always been a natural salesman. This ability led him to his successful 26-year career in Real Estate with RE/MAX Benchmark Realty Group. He received the RE/MAX Hall of Fame, Lifetime Achievement, Spirit of RE/MAX and Children's Miracle Network Top Contributor awards.

His career allowed him to spend numerous volunteer hours with his favorite charities. Frank was an ambassador and member of the Board of Directors for the Orange County Chamber of Commerce and received the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Frank is the Past Distinguished President of Kiwanis of Newburgh, as well as a four term Board Member and Lieutenant Governor for the Hudson River Division of Kiwanis of New York.

He volunteers as a chef for Habitat for Humanity Builder's Blitz and Family Volunteer Days.

Recently Frank was recognized by County Executive, Steven M. Neuhaus as Orange County Citizen of the Month.

Frank has shared his voice with the St. Francis Choir for over forty years, and along with his wife, Mary, they were coordinators of the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for the Archdiocese of New York since 1990. As a Catholic School parent, Frank held numerous PTO offices and catered parish events. He was statistician for Burke Catholic High School Basketball for fourteen years.

When asked about being named Knight of the Year", Frank said, "To receive this recognition as Knight of the Year for Council 444, Knights of Columbus, is truly an honor and is greatly appreciated." Frank looks forward to many more years of service to his Church and the Knights.

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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 August, September and October.**

08/01 Bro Adrian Aquinas	
08/04 Rev. Vincent De Paul Howley	
08/06 Anthony Gagliardi	08/08 Curtis Bourdage
08/16 Joseph Rotunda	08/21 Paul Desroches
08/23 Vincent Cracolici	08/23 George Marvella
08/25 Rev. Hakim Dario	08/26 Anthony Navarro
08/26 Michael Steup	08/29 Rev. John Vondras
08/29 Arthur Witchurch	09/01 Samuel Leghorn
09/01 Rev. John Thenen	09/02 Anthony Cracolici
09/03 James Peloso	09/12 Carlos Martinez Jr.
09/15 Zachary Costa	09/18 Raymond Lopez
09/20 John Wentz	09/21 Mark Aulogia
09/21 Lawrence Yantz	09/24 Michael Diaz
09/27 Rev. William Damroth	
09/27 Vito Maiorana	09/29 Rev. Dennis Dinan
10/03 Joseph Dennis	10/04 Patrick Rutaquio
10/06 Donald Suttlehan	10/08 Ronald Brophy
10/09 Daniel Keenan	10/11 Edward Lastowski
10/17 Michael Carpentieri	10/17 John Vandermark
10/19 John Post	10/20 George Quintyne
10/22 George Patterson	10/25 George Cote

# Council Activities

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**October 16, 2021**

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**\$60.00 per person**

**Spruce Lodge**

**619 NY 17K**

**Montgomery, N.Y. 12549**

## The Blue Mass

Sponsored by

The Knights of Columbus  
Council 444

Honoring Law Enforcement  
Fire Fighters, First Responders  
Essential Workers

And A 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance of Those  
Who Lost Their Lives on 9/11

September 12, 2021

10:30 AM

Saint Patrick's Church

55 Grand Street, Newburgh, N.Y.

Treasure Chest Raffle Tickets on sale

Please contact

**Bill Kuntz - 201-697-9920**

For event tickets and raffles

Re-dedication of the Knights of  
Columbus, Council 444

Monument to the Unborn

October 12, 2021 at 3 PM

Calvary Cemetery

New Windsor, N.Y.

## Calendar of Council Meetings

**Please Note:**

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

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

- 03 Aug: Membership meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 10 Aug: Fourth Degree meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 17 Aug: Social meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 24 Aug: Officers' business meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 31 Aug: Corporation meeting at 8:00 P.M..
- 07 Sep: Membership meeting at 8 P.M.
- 14 Sep: Fourth Degree meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 21 Sep: Social meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 28 Sep: Officers' business meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 05 Oct: Membership meeting at 8:00 PM
- 12 Oct: Fourth Degree meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 19 Oct: Social meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 26 Oct: Officers' meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 02 Nov: Membership Meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 09 Nov: Fourth Degree meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 16 Nov: Social meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 23 Nov: Officers' meeting at 8:00 P.M..
- 31 Nov: Corporation Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

## Council 444 Memorial Mass

In honor of our Brother Knights who passed  
away over the past year.

**November 14, 2021, 12 Noon Mass  
at Sacred Heart Church.**

**301 Anne Street  
Newburgh, N.Y.**

## 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.