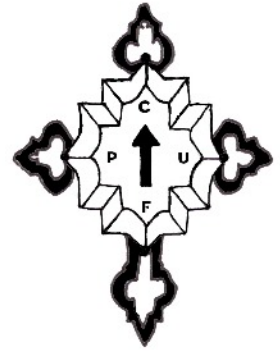




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Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council #444

Knights of Columbus



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Communion Breakfast

Sunday, March 26, 2023, 10:00 Mass
Sacred Heart Church, 301 Ann Street
Newburgh, N.Y.

Guest Speaker is
Amy Mathiew, Executive Director of Beacon of Light
Brunch to follow at about 11:30 AM
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171 Temple Hill Road
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\$27 per person
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5 and under are free
Pre paid reservations needed by March 18
Contact Joe Coyle PGK 845-561-7384
Joe Dennis 845-728-1214

SAVE THE DATE

Knights of Columbus Council #444
Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Memorial Car Show
Sunday June 25, 2023 (Rain Date July 2)
The Newburgh Mall, at the old Sears parking area

For vehicle information call: Ken Ryan (845-565-8015)
Charles Smith (845-561-8647) Dan Keenan (845-562-93530)
For vendor information call: Bill Kuntz (201-697-9920)
Mark your calendars for a family fun day!!

GRAND KNIGHT'S THOUGHTS

Dear Fellow Brother Knights:

I hope everyone had a magical, happy Christmas. I pray that we have a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Our council may be small in size, but we more than pull our own weight when it comes to community events. Our participation in these events should be a source of pride to each and every one of you.

On November 20, we sponsored a Bereavement Mass for our Brothers who passed away over the past year. Yet again we had a tremendous turnout! My thanks to the Fourth Degree for their impressive Ceremonial Display. I know that the families of our deceased Brothers were equally impressed. Attendance by the remaining Council Members was equally impressive. My thanks to you all for your solidarity! Thanks also to our Chaplain, Father Joe, for a beautiful, solemn Mass.

We participated again in the Coats for Kids program. This year, thanks to all of our fund raising efforts and in conjunction with the Kiwanis, we were able to purchase and distribute 10 cases of coats. It was truly wonderful to see the kids' reactions when they received their new coats.

On December 6, we celebrated the coming Christmas season with a Mass, Tree Lighting ceremony, soup dinner and a fund raiser for the food pantries that we support. It was a resounding success! Father John Antony celebrated Mass for us and gave a homily that was all about forgiveness. After Mass, the crowd got into the spirit by singing several carols, after which, the magic switch (donated by Bill Kuntz) was pressed bringing the tree to life. After, we all retired to the main room where we enjoyed tomato and chicken soup made by Charlie Smith and Anne Ryan. Charlie also cooked up some delicious grilled cheese

that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We were also able to collect \$100 in donations for the food pantries!!! A truly memorable event!!!

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we were not able to celebrate our Christmas Party this year. I hope we can celebrate it next year with a resounding response.

After much planning, getting the Armory reserved, filling the basketballs with air, arranging for the trophies, purchasing food and snacks and recruiting Knights to help out, the Basketball Free Throw contest had no participants. Hopefully we can turn this around next year. It's really a fun event. Special thanks to our Worthy Chancellor, who set up a recruiting table at the event.

On Tuesday, January 17, we had our annual Dinner Social Meeting, at Temple Hill Tavern. A good time was had by all. Thanks to Paul Aceti and his staff for a wonderful meal and for accommodating our needs.

We are truly blessed! The Newburgh Mall gave us permission to have our car show there even though Sears is not longer around. I put a "save-the-date" on the first page.

There are several events that appear on the last page of this newsletter. The Saint Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, February 11, the Super Bowl Party, February 12, the Clergy Brunch, February 20, the Communion Breakfast, March 26, and the car show on June 25. Now that is one really busy schedule!!!

I urge everyone to try and join us on at least one of these events. I guarantee you will have a wonderful time.

The next newsletter will not be sent out until after the Easter Holiday, so I wish you and your families a spiritually beneficial Lent and a Happy Easter!

Paul Desroches
Grand Knight

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE EASTER SEASON

February 22 - Ash Wednesday
April 2 - Palm Sunday
April 6 - Holy Thursday
April 7 - Good Friday
April 9 - 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.

**Help us to show our thanks to our clergy
Join Us at the**

Clergy Brunch

**February 20, 2023, 10 A.M.
Denny's Restaurant, 1283 Route 300
Newburgh, N.Y.**

**Contact Greg Gaetano PGK 845-629-2722
(Please keep in mind that the clergy are our
guests and as such we all chip-in to pay their tab
as well as our own.)**



The joy of a new winter coat

**A very happy customer of one
of the many coats we
distributed on behalf of
Council 444.**

**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, 2023.**

02/05 William Hightower	02/06 Michael Sayegh
02/09 Raymond Filipkowski	
02/09 Deacon Thomas Neppi	
02/10 Richard Sosa	02/15 James Roscher
02/20 Bruce Lubkeman	02/22 John Obrien Sr.
03/06 Franis Cook	03/09 Rev. Mark Connell
03/16 William Kuntz Jr.	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	04/04 Angel Tapia
04/06 Alberto Laudato.	04/09 Leonard McCue
04/13 Mark deCastro	04/17 Richard Irons
04/18 Kennan Ryan.	04/18 Charles Smith
04/19 John Hanley	04/19 Robert Markel
04/20 Keven Butler	04/25 Dominick Galage

Council Activities

Saint Valentine's Day Dance

February 11, 2023
6 PM - 10 PM

Temple Hill Tavern
171 Temple Hill Road
New Windsor, N.Y.

\$40 per person \$50 at the door

DJ Ming and Cash Bar

RSVP by February 1
To Bill Kuntz 201-697-9920

6th Annual Super Bowl Party
O'Connor Hall
Saint Francis Church
February 12, 2023

4:30 until end of the game
\$5 per person or food donation
to share.

Games for the kids, football
pools, 50/50 raffle and BYOB.
Questions - 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.

03 Jan: Membership Meeting at 8:00 P.M.
10 Jan: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8:00 P.M.
17 Jan: Social Meeting at 8:00 P.M.
24 Jan: Officers' Meeting at 8:00 P.M..
31 Jan: Corporation Meeting at 8:00 P.M.
07 Feb: Membership Meeting at 8:00 PM
14 Feb: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8:00 PM
21 Feb: Social Meeting at 8:00 PM
28 Feb: Officers' Meeting at 8:00 PM
07 Mar: Membership Meeting at 8:00 PM
14 Mar: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8 PM
21 Mar: Social Meeting at 8:00 PM
28 Mar: Officers' Meeting at 8:00 PM
04 Apr: Membership Meeting at 8:00 PM
11 Apr: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8:00 PM
18 Apr: Social Meeting at 8:00 PM
25 Apr: Officers' Meeting at 8 PM

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

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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.