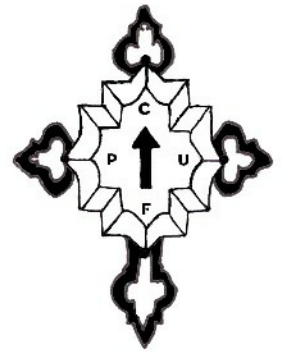




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Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council 444 Officer Installation, 2023

From left to right: Lecturer, Deacon Tom Neppi, State Warden, Dan Keenan, Treasurer, I Scott Watkins, Outside Guard, William Lake, Trustee, Ray Lopez, Warden, Rob DiGiglio, Inside Guard, Paul Zalanowski, Deputy Grand Knight, Frank Gerbes, District Deputy, James Banville, Recorder, Joseph Dennis, Grand Knight, Paul Desroches, Advocate, Jude Martini, Financial Secretary, William Kuntz and Chaplain, Father Joseph Tyrrell. Camera shy are, Chancellor, Angel Tapia, Joseph Coyle, Trustee first year, and Charles Smith, Trustee Second Year,

C & B Raffle Tickets

Each ticket is \$3.00, \$12.00 for a book of four. Enclosed are three books. Grand Prize is \$25,000, 2nd \$10,000, 3rd \$5,000 and 10 \$1,000 prizes. Please purchase however many you wish and return with payment ASAP to Knights of Columbus, Council 444, P. O. Box 444, Newburgh, N.Y. 12551. Drawing is December 2.

GRAND KNIGHT'S THOUGHTS

Dear Fellow Brother Knights:

I pray that this newsletter finds everyone well. We did receive bad news about Past Grand Knight Ken Ryan having a heart attack. Thanks to your prayers he is progressing, although slowly. Please keep those prayers coming!

We had a very successful Blue Mass on September 10, at Saint Patrick's Church, thanks to the efforts of PGK Greg Gaetano. Father Hernandez was our Celebrant at the Mass. Everyone went to the Winona Lake Firehouse after Mass for a delicious repast thanks to the culinary expertise of our own PGK Charlie Smith. Everyone had a really great time. Thanks so much to PGK Greg for all his hard work coordinating all the many parts of this worthwhile even recognizing all the folks who put their lives on the line for us each and every day. Job well done!!

Speaking of a job well done, our Worthy Financial Secretary successfully pulled off a night to remember for our Annual Columbus Day Ball, honoring PGK Ray Lopez. I believe we had a record turnout of 130 people and had record Treasure Chest Raffle sales. My congratulations to Bill, his wife Pam, and his daughter Justine and her husband Walter. Ray, the guest of honor, had a huge crowd of family cheering him on. Our DJ Ming, outdid himself as the dance floor was packed the entire night. He also brought "Photo Booth" equipment that turned out to be a huge hit. The night was so successful that no one wanted to leave at 10 PM. My thanks also go out to the folks at Casa Vicina for a really great night. Congratulations to our PGK and Knight of the Year Ray Lopez, for a well deserved night to remember.

Our Chaplain, Father Joe Tyrrell, kindly officiated at the re-dedication of the monument to the unborn. We had numerous Knights in attendance as well as their wives. Father Joe,

once again provided us with a memorable ceremony. I always find this a very moving event. I was very please to see the turnout that we had. Far too many unborn children are still losing their lives, we cannot do enough to stem this horrific practice. Thank you Father Joe for your commitment to this important, heartfelt ceremony.

Together with the Catholic Daughters, we will celebrate Father William Scafidi's 40th year as a priest on November 5, at the 12 Noon Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Newburgh. There will be a repast following Mass.

Our Council's annual Memorial Mass remembers our Brothers who passed away over the past year. It will be held on November 21, at 7 PM, at Our Lady of the Lake. 433 South Plank Road, Newburgh, N.Y.

The Council's tree lighting ceremony and Mass will take place on December 5, 7 PM, at the council house. Guests are welcome. There will be soup served and a collection will be held to support our local food pantries.

Please mark your calendars for the following: Annual Council Social Meeting Dinner, January 16, at 7 PM.

I have enclosed three books of C & B raffle tickets for your consideration. This is a major fundraiser for the Knights. They are \$3 a ticket, \$12 for a book. Please return ASAP to the Knights of Columbus, Council 444, P.O. Box 444, Newburgh, N.Y. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

May our Lord continue to bless you all. Have a wonderful, filling thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!
Paul Desroches
Grand Knight



Knight of the Year Ray Lopez with the Columbus Day Ball Chair Bill Kuntz.



Our Blue Mass participants outside Saint Patrick's, at 55 Grand Street, Newburgh.



State Assemblyman Chris Eachus presenting Knight of the Year Ray Lopez with awards.



Re-dedication of the Council's Monument to the unborn.



Ray having fun with the grandkids.

A Blessed and very happy birthday to the following council members who will be celebrating their birthdays in the months of November, December 2023, and January, 2024.

11/02 Richard Clarino	11/07 Robert Joy
11/08 George Barnett Sr.	11/08 Steven Galick
11/08 Frank Guglieri	11/08 Germain LaPointe
11/10 Theodore Coughlin	11/11 James Nugent Jr.
11/25 Frank Pennacchio	11/27 George Kingsley

12/02 Paul Zalanowski	12/05 Matthew Infante
12/11 Thomas McCullough	12/21 Ike Broome
12/22 William Lake	
12/23 Deacon Leonard Farmer	
12/26 Joseph Coyle	12/26 Brendan Wing
12/28 Joseph Hillman Jr.	

01/03 Rev. Samuel Taylor	
01/04 Martin Frasco	01/07 John Conway Jr.
01/11 Joseph Candela II	01/13 Gerardo Figueroa
01/20 Edward Finn	01/23 John DeLessio
01/24 David Maksomski	

Council Activities

Council 444 Memorial Mass

Join us in a Mass honoring our deceased members from the past year. Our Lady of the Lake Chapel, 7 PM, on November 21. We will be honoring Andrew Civale, John Conway Jr., Raymond Filipkowski and Anthony Gagliardi. Look forward to seeing you there.

Mass and Tree Lighting Ceremony

**December 5, at our Council House
Mass at 7 P.M.**

**Tree lighting ceremony at 8 PM
Empty Bowls Food Pantry Fund Raiser. Monetary donations will be appreciated for our local food pantries. Soup dinner to follow Mass and ceremony. Please bring a desert to share.**

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.

07 Nov: Membership Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

14 Nov: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

21 Nov: Social Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

28 Nov: Officers' Meeting at 8:00 P.M..

05 Dec: Membership Meeting at 8:00 PM

12 Dec: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8:00 PM

19 Dec: Social Meeting at 8:00 PM

26 Dec: Officers' Meeting at 8:00 PM

02 Jan: Membership Meeting at 8:00 PM

09 Jan: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8 PM

16 Jan: Social Meeting at 8:00 PM

23 Jan Officers' Meeting at 8:00 PM

30 Jan: Corporation Meeting at 8:00 PM

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

Save the Date

**Social Meeting Dinner
January 16, at 7 PM**

Location to be determined

**Please call GK Paul Desroches to RSVP
845-568-7893**

Mass Celebrating Veterans

The children of the newly combined Religious Education program at Saint Patrick's are sponsoring a Mass to honor all veterans on November 11, 4 PM, at Saint Francis Church, 145 Benkard Avenue, Newburgh NY.

The children are planning something special to honor our veterans. Please join us!

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.