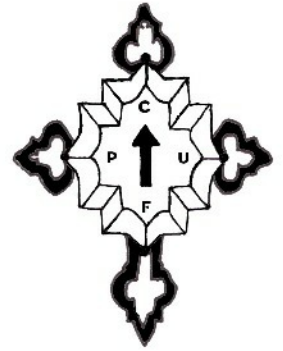




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## The Knights of Columbus Council #444

Presents the

## Kennan L. Ryan Memorial Car Show

### Featuring Cars, Motorcycles, and Trucks

### Sunday, June 23, 2024

### (Rain Date June 30)

### The Newburgh Mall

### 10:00 AM – 3:00PM

### 1401 Union Ave. Route 300

### Newburgh, NY 12550

### \*Trophies\* Best in Show\* People's Choice\*

### Goodie Bags\*

Vehicle Pre- Registration - \$15.00

Day of Registration- \$20.00

Vendor Spots- \$30.00

Food Vendors - \$45.00

Proceeds to benefit

Charitable works of

The Knights of

Columbus

*For vehicle information contact: Charles Smith (845)561-8647*

*or Dan Keenan (845) 562-9353.*

*For Vendor information contact Bill Kuntz (201) 697-9920*

### Family Fun Day

### Raffles\*Food\*Drink\*Music\*Vendors

### Food Trucks

### Appearance by BATMAN!!

### Special table to celebrate our Council's

### 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## GRAND KNIGHT'S THOUGHTS

Dear Fellow Brother Knights:

This is my last column as Grand Knight of Council 444. I cannot believe that it has been two years already. Time really flies.

Reflecting over my time as Grand Knight I must thank all of you for your unwavering support and willingness to "rise to the occasion" time after time. It has been a real pleasure to serve you all through the good times and the not so good. We accomplished many positive things for our Churches, our community, our council and the Knights of Columbus. Remember, that without all of you and your support, none of what has been accomplished would have been possible. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Once again we had a very busy quarter.

We started off with our Clergy Brunch. My thanks to PGK Greg Gaetano for all his work putting this event together. Great conversations and laughs were had by all. Most importantly, we had an opportunity to thank our dedicated Clergy for all they do for us during the year.

Thanks to our Financial Secretary, Bill Kuntz, we had a great time at the Saint Valentine's Day Dinner Dance. Thanks to Ming for getting all of us on the dance floor.

The very next day we had a Super Bowl party to remember. There was plenty of food and deserts and game boards to keep things interesting. Thanks again to Bill Kuntz for coordinating the event including making sure we had a cable feed that worked!

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Communion Breakfast this year due to lack of participants. So, our PGK Joe Coyle turned the Mass into a bereavement Mass for all our departed Brother Knights. It was a moving ceremony and it was wonderful to see so many Brother Knights attending in their Council uniforms.

We also had the opportunity to present our annual donations to our local food pantries/outreach programs. Saint Patrick's Soup Kitchen, Deacon Jack Seymour Food

Pantry, and the Saint Mary's Outreach. All three ministries were very pleased with our donations.

Mrs. Jamie Bunch, Director of Religious Ed asked for our help with security and foot traffic at their classes. We were able to get a few volunteers. I would very much like to see this expanded next year. Jamie is very appreciative of any help we can provide.

Our Worthy Recorder, Joseph Dennis, has again coordinated our Adopt a Highway event on Saturday, April 20. Through his efforts, we had a good number of volunteers helping to pick up trash along our section of highway on Route 207. It was hard work but rewarding as well as an opportunity to interact with our brothers. Thanks Joe for putting this together.

We also had our first family game night since the passing of our PGK Kennan Ryan. A wonderful time was had by all, so much so, that another one is already being planned.

Next up on June 23, from 10 AM to 3 PM, at the old Sears parking area at the Newburgh Mall, we are having the Kennan L. Ryan Memorial car show. At this time it looks like we may have record turnout of cars as well as a record number of vendors. Since September 3, is the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Council, we will have a special Anniversary Table with give-aways and Membership information.

Don't forget to mark your calendars with our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, on September 1, 10:30 AM, at Saint Patrick's Church. Also our Founder's Day Family Picnic the same day, beginning at 2 PM, then our Blue Mass on September 8, time and location to be determined, then the event of the year, our Annual Columbus Day Ball, on October 13, from 5 PM until 10 PM, at La Casa Vincina. More to come on all these events.

My time as Grand Knight is quickly coming to an end. I know that my successor will be a very productive Grand Knight and will bring this Council to new heights. Let's welcome him with open arms.

May our Lord continue to bless all of you.

Vivat Jesus!  
Paul Desroches  
Grand Knight

Knights Of Columbus  
 Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council 444 - Newburgh, N.Y.  
**Celebrating 125 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
**TO OUR CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY**

September 1, 2024

**Saint Patrick's Church - 10:30 MASS**

Stop by our special Anniversary Table at the  
 Kennan L. Ryan Car Show  
 More to come!



Saint Valentine's Day Dinner Dance



Presentation of our gift to Saint Mary's Outreach on April 19.

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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 May, June and July, 2024.**

05/02 Rev. Bladi Socualaya Miranda  
 05/03 Roberto Criollo      05/03 Jude Martini  
 05/06 Christopher Wing    05/12 Frank Gerbes  
 05/12 Joseph Panoski      05/15 Michael Biondo  
 05/16 Francisco Miranda    05/17 Ediberto Soto  
 05/19 Charles Alexander    05/21 Robert Morabito  
 05/24 Stephen Bloomer      05/26 Kevin Petrarca  
 05/30 Rev. Fernando Hernandez

06/01 Thomas DeBenedictus  
 06/07 Eric Meah              06/09 Robert Digilio  
 06/12 Samuel Sodano        06/16 Harry Birch  
 06/19 Gregory Gaetano      06/26 Robert Specht  
 06/29 Charles Balvo         06/30 William Rogers

07/01 Luke Wittmann         07/03 Dale Rodriguez  
 07/06 Charles Aregbesola  
 07/09 Michael Calosso      07/11 Charles Piper Jr.  
 07/12 Timothy Brink         07/13 Michael Lutz  
 07/14 Anthony D'Angelo      07/14 Richard Kelly  
 07/14 I. Scott Watkins       07/15 John Grimm  
 07/17 Steven Giammattei  
 07/20 Dr. Gary Peet            07/21 Jerome Wyant  
 07/25 Vincent Calosso  
 0730 Deacon William Castellane  
 07/31 James Hulock

# Council Activities

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual

The Kennan L. Ryan Memorial Car Show  
Featuring Cars, Motorcycles and Trucks  
Sunday, June 23, 2024 (Rain Date June 30)

10 AM - 3 PM

Sears at the Newburgh Mall  
1401 Union Avenue, Route 300, Newburgh,  
N.Y.

A family fun day!

Raffles, food, drink, music and Vendors

*For vehicle information contact: Ken Ryan (845) 565-8015*

*Charles Smith (845)561-8647 Dan Keenan (845) 562-9353.*

*For Vendor information contact Bill Kuntz (201) 697-9920*

A special appearance by Batman

The Columbus Day Ball  
At La Casa Vicina  
Sunday, October 13, 2024  
From 5 - 10 PM

Honoring Our Knight of the Year

**Paul Desroches**

\$65.00 per person

Treasure Chest Raffle  
\$10 each or 3 for \$25  
Member special 6 for \$40

Contact: Bill Kuntz  
(201-697-9920)

Bill can always use some help  
Give him a call and help him out!

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## Calendar of Council Meetings

**Please Note:**

**Until further notice all meetings will be held at 8:00 PM in person and on Zoom. Fourth Degree and 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 May Membership Meeting at 8:00 PM

14 May: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8:00 PM

21 May: Social Meeting at 8:00 PM

28 May: Officers' Meeting at 8:00 PM

04 Jun Membership Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

11 Jun: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

18 Jun: Social Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

25 Jun: Officers' Meeting at 8:00 P.M..

02 Jul: Membership Meeting at 8:00 PM

09 Jul: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8:00 PM

16 Jul: Social Meeting at 8:00 PM

23 Jul: Officers' Meeting at 8:00 PM

30 Jul: Corporation Meeting at 8 PM

06 Aug: Membership Meeting at 8:00 PM

13 Aug: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8 PM

20 Aug: Social Meeting at 8:00 PM

27 Aug: Officers' Meeting at 8:00 PM

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## SAVE THE DATES

September 1, Anniversary Mass at  
Saint Patrick's Church

September 1, Founder's Day Picnic  
2 - 5 PM, at the Council House

September 8 - Blue Mass

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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.

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## 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.