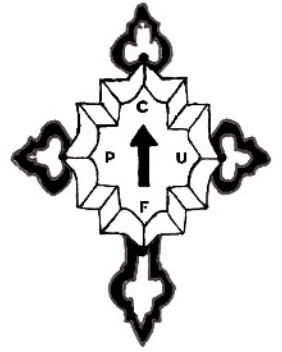




# 1899 To 2024



125<sup>th</sup> Year

## SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Knights of Columbus  
Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council No. 444  
Serving the Community and all of the Churches  
in the Newburgh area

### JOIN US

#### **The Kennan L. Ryan Memorial Car Show**

Sunday, June 23, 2024 10 AM - 3 PM

(Rain Date June 30)

Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles

At The Newburgh Mall -1401 Union Avenue, Newburgh N.Y.

Over 30 different Vendors and Food Trucks

#### **Anniversary Mass on September 1, 2024**

10:30 AM at Saint Patrick's Church

55 Grand Street, Newburgh, N.Y.

#### **Columbus Day Ball, October 13, 2024**

Special 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

5 PM until 10 PM at La Casa Vicina

Dinner, Dancing, Door Prizes and Great Food

\$65.00 per person

Contact Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920

**Message from our Grand Knight Paul Desroches:**

**For 125 years the Knights of Columbus Council 444 has supported the local community. We are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action. We are dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.**

**To give you an idea of what we do, over the past year we have promoted numerous activities that support our community as well as our Catholic faith and council. As a matter of fact, we have sponsored similar programs over the past 125 years. For example, Our annual Columbus Day Ball, the rededication ceremony for the Monument to the Unborn, the remembrance mass for fellow knights that were lost over the past year, coats for kids, Saint Luke's Christmas outreach, council Christmas party, tree lighting and Mass at the council house, basketball free throw contest, Super Bowl party, Saint Valentine's Day Dance, the Clergy thank you brunch, Lenten fish fry, our annual C & B raffle, fifth Sunday rosary, our annual Communion breakfast, and finally our annual car show. We also provide monetary and manpower support to the Saint Patrick's Soup Kitchen, the Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry, The Saint Mary's Outreach and the Saint Vincent dePaul Children's Outreach. We also provide manpower and monetary support to the area Religious Education Program.**

**As you can see, we are a vibrant, busy council with plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved with activities that interest them. Come join in the fun and support our community and churches at the same time! You are all welcome to celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> year by attending the Car Show, the Mass at Saint Patrick's Church, and the Columbus Day Ball.**

**Our main goal for the near future is to recruit practicing Catholic men to help us to continue our legacy and to help us to keep our council as vibrant as it is today. We serve the parishes of Saint Patrick's- Saint Mary's, Our Lady of the Lake and Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta: Sacred Heart and Saint Francis. Please feel free to call me if you want to know more at 845-568-7893.**

**God Bless You All**

## Past Grand Knights of Council No. 444

1899-06	Francis J. Gorman	1965-67	Fred J. Monaco
1906-09	Thomas F. Gunning	1967-68	John J. O'Leary
1909-11	Benjamin J. MacDonald	1968-69	Louis Bazzone
1911-14	Michael J. Donahue	1969-70	Joseph A. Vanacore
1914-16	Thomas S. O'Malley	1970-71	Samuel P. Leghorn
1916-18	James A. Stapleton	1971-72	Robert M. Schoonmaker
1918-20	William J. Beahan	1972-73	Brian M. Doyle
1920-22	Raphael A. Egan	1973-74	Clarence Klein
1922-23	Thomas J. Donahue	1974-75	John T. Conway Jr.
1923-25	Leo J. Byrne	1975-76	John J. Vondras
1925-27	Hugh G. McGuire	1976-78	John P. DeLessio
1927-29	James E. Igo	1978-80	John J. Doherty
1929-31	Raymond F. Rafferty	1980-81	John L. Seymour
1931-32	E. Edward FitzGerald	1981-82	Robert Webber
1932-33	William H. Kennedy	1982-83	James H. Sweetman
1933-34	Andrew J. Berkery	1983-84	Warren S. Wagner
1934-37	Edward F. Dillon	1984-85	Vincent C. Adinolfi
1937-38	Allen J. Indzonka	1985-86	Robert Webber
1938-39	John W. Powell	1986-87	Angelo Foti
1939-40	Walter D. Guiney	1987-89	Thomas A. Cuti
1940-42	William J. Pullar	1989-91	Daniel Keenan
1942-44	Ernest DeCrosta Jr.	1991-93	I. Scott Watkins
1944-45	Charles W. Beck	1993-95	James Rogers
1945-47	David J. Lockard	1995-97	Andrew Civale
1947-48	Alfred Vecchione	1997-99	Michael Steup
1948-50	Thomas G. Dowd	1999-01	Daniel Keenan
1950-52	James H. Lyle	2001-03	Anthony J. Cracolici
1952-54	David J. Barry	2003-05	George H. Quintyne
1954-55	Harry H. Haight	2005-07	Gregory T. Gaetano
1955-56	Albert H. Rochetti	2007-08	Joseph J. Dionisio
1956-57	Edward T. Yereance	2008-10	Mark A. Rosolowski
1957-58	William H. Greenhalgh	2010-12	Darren M. Gamma
1958-59	William F. Byrnes	2012-14	Richard J. Irons
1959-60	Theodore FitzMaurice	2014-16	Ken Ryan
1960-61	Salvatore A. Chiarmonte	2016-18	Joseph Coyle
1961-62	Joseph L. Rosolowski	2018-20	Charles Smith
1962-63	Sylvester Montoroula	2020-22	Ray Lopez
1963-64	Anthony E. Paladine	2022-Present	Paul Desroches
1964-65	James H. Lyle		

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF MSGR. HENRY O'CARROLL COUNCIL 444 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Newburgh Council No. 444, Knights of Columbus was formed on September 3, 1899. It started with a membership of 84, all of whom were thoroughly interested in helping the local churches and the community as a whole. The council was founded 17 years after the establishment of the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal organization in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882.

The first meeting took place on September 5, 1899, at the Elk's Hall at Centennial and Second Streets. The membership named the new Council the Newburgh Council Number 444, Knights of Columbus. Francis Gorman was chosen as the first Grand Knight and M. J. O'Brien as the Deputy Grand Knight.

On May 2, 1904, Grand Knight Gorman recommended that the council purchase the Newburgh City Club building at 81 Third Street. The Council voted to buy the building for \$10,000. The first meeting was held there on October 18, 1904. With a home of their own, the Newburgh Knights expanded their social and athletic activities.

During World War I, the council became very active in charitable activities throughout the community. Many of the council's members took part in the war. On November 27, 1925, the council dedicated a bronze tablet listing the 96 members who answered their country's call to serve. Special recognition was given to the four members who paid the supreme sacrifice; Edward Coffey, M.J. Deegan, J.J. Donnelly and P. F. Durick. Nicholas Farina had the honor of unveiling the plaque, while our Chaplain, Reverend Henry O'Carroll gave the blessing and Reverend Hoey of the 107<sup>th</sup> Regiment gave the dedication address.

As previously mentioned, Francis Gorman was the first Grand Knight of the Newburgh Council, serving from 1899 until 1906. He was also the first Executive Officer of the local assembly of the Fourth Degree Knights. Today, the Newburgh Fourth Degree Assembly is known as the Francis J. Gorman Assembly.

On May 16, 1900, the Reverend Henry O'Carroll became Chaplain of the Newburgh Council, a position he held until his death in 1957. In October 1937, he was elevated to the position of Monsignor. Today our Council carries his name: Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council No. 444.

Eventually, the Knights lost their clubhouse on Third Street to Urban Renewal. They moved to Broadway and then to a house on the Epiphany College property in New Windsor. After the building was vandalized in 1977, they moved to a house on Old Little Britain Road, which is the present day headquarters and clubhouse. Looking ahead, the Knights are looking to build a new larger clubhouse to accommodate all their activities.

Today, after 125 years, we are still a vibrant, growing organization. We are heavily involved in community and religious activities. Besides our works of charity, we are strong supporters of our faith as well as our clergy. We welcome all practicing Catholic men who wish to serve their Church and Community. Feel free to contact our Grand Knight, Paul Desroches, at 845-568-7893, if you have any questions about our organization or if you wish to join.