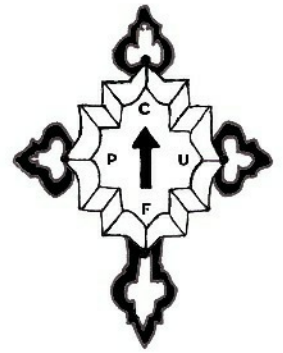




# The Council Compass

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Msgr. Henry O'Carroll, Council 444 Slate of Officers for the Columbian Year 2024/2025.

First row from left to right: Deacon Tom Nepl (Lecturer), Jude Martini (Advocate), Bill Kuntz (Financial Secretary), Ray Lopez (Trustee 1<sup>st</sup> Year), Dan Keenen (State Warden), Scott Watkins (Treasurer), Joseph Coyle (Trustee 3<sup>rd</sup> Year), Second Row from left to right, Paul Zalanowski (Inside Guard), James Banville (District Deputy), Paul Desroches (Grand Knight), Frank Gerbes (Deputy Grand Knight), Rob DiGiglio (Chancellor), William Lake (Warden), Joseph Dennis (Recorder). Not pictured, Angel Tapia (Outside Guard), Charles Smith (Trustee second year) Father John Antony (Celebrant).



## GRAND KNIGHT'S THOUGHTS

Brothers and Friends:

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

We made it through the busiest summer that this Council has ever experienced and it's thanks to all of you! Nothing is impossible with the dedication and sacrifice of our members.

Let me re-cap. All our events had a recruitment table with information about the Knights as well as hand outs celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Council. The events were:

The Kennan L. Ryan Memorial Car Show  
The Italian Feast at Sacred Heart Church  
The UNICO Clam Bake  
Our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Newburgh.  
Our Council's Founder's Day Picnic  
The New Windsor Community Day Event  
The Council Blue Mass at St. Patrick's  
The Newburgh Churches Return to Our Faith event.  
The Columbus Day Ball  
The re-dedication of the Council's Monument to the Unborn.

I challenge any Council to top this event filled Summer!! Congratulations yet again. Well Deserved!!!

Don't think it's time to relax! The next few months promise to be almost as busy. The month of November will bring, Coats for Kids, and the Adopt a Highway program. Also, our Council's Annual Memorial Mass, at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 9:30 AM Mass on November 17. This year we will be honoring PFN, PGK Kennan L. Ryan, Edward Lastowski, and Kevin Butler.

We will also have the Monte Fiore/Saint Luke's Christmas Spirit event for Children hospitalized during the Christmas Season.

Michael Biondo, a member of our Council and the Great Nephew of Msgr. Henry O'Carroll, donated a painting of the Sacred Heart that belonged to Msgr. Please see page 4.

Moving on to December, our Council Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with Mass, at our Council House, will be held on December 3. Mass will be at 7 PM, followed by the singing of Christmas Carols, followed by the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, followed by a soup and bread dinner. Charlie Smith traditionally prepares several gourmet soups that are a delight to the senses! All we ask in return is for a \$5 per person donation. All of which goes to one of our Outreach or Soup Kitchen programs.

Next up is our Council Christmas Party. Last year we had to cancel, hopefully this year will work out.

January brings the Basket Ball free throw. We are hoping to better the attendance from last year. We had a participant make it to the State quarter finals!

Also in January is our Social Meeting Dinner. It will take place on January 21, at 7 PM. Location to be announced. Cost is \$35 PP. Call GK Paul at 845-568-7893, to let him know you're coming.

February, is our Council raffle, courtesy of Scott Watkins. Then the Super Bowl party on February 9, and the Saint Valentine's Day Dinner Dance on February 15, both coordinated by Bill Kuntz and the the Clergy Brunch, on February 17, courtesy of PGK Greg Gaetano. Then in April we will have our Communion Breakfast chaired by PGK Joe Coyle and our Recorder Joe Dennis.

Be on the lookout for announcements regarding all these activities, we will need your help in making them successful events!!

Please note that the Officer's Meeting in December has been canceled because it falls on Christmas Eve. The Corporation meeting will also be canceled because it falls on New Year's Eve.

In closing, I wish all of my fellow Knights a wonderful Thanksgiving, a glorious Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year! May our Dear Lord continue to bless us all.

Paul Desroches  
Grand Knight





Blue Mass outside Saint Patrick's Church



Father Fernando at the Italian Feast wearing the K of C Vestments that the Council presented as a birthday gift.



125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Recruitment Team



Members of our Council carrying the colors in the Italian Feast procession.



Founder's Day Picnic

Adult Faith Formation

**A Blessed and very happy birthday to the following council members who will be celebrating their birthdays in the months of November, December 2024, and January, 2025.**



Past Grand Knights and Knights of the Year.

11/08 Germain LaPointe 11/10 Ted 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 Jr. 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  
 01/11 Joseph Candela II 01/13 Gerardo Figueroa  
 01/16 Ernest Bello 01/20 Edward Finn  
 01/23 John DeLessio 01/24 David Maksomski

# Council Activities

November 17  
Council 444 Memorial Mass  
Our Lady of the Lake  
9:30 Mass  
Honoring  
Kennan L. Ryan PFN, PGN  
Edward Lastowski  
Kevin Butler



Presentation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus painting by the Great Nephew of Msgr. Henry O'Carroll, Michael Biondo. The painting hung in Msgr. O'Carroll's Office in the Rectory. It will be hung in our meeting room so we will always be able to see it.

Adopt a Highway Event  
On November 9  
Meet at Council House at 9 AM  
Equipment will be distributed  
and work explained.

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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.

05 Nov Membership Meeting at 8:00 PM  
12 Nov: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8:00 PM  
19 Nov: Social Meeting at 8:00 PM  
26 Nov: Officers' Meeting at 8:00 PM  
03 Dec: Membership Meeting at 8:00 P.M.  
10 Dec: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8:00 P.M.  
17 Dec: Social Meeting at 8:00 P.M.  
24 Dec: Officers' Meeting - CANCELED.  
31 Dec: Corporation Meeting - CANCELED  
07 Jan: Membership Meeting at 8:00 PM  
14 Jan: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8:00 PM  
21 Jan: Social Meeting Dinner  
28 Jan: Officers' Meeting at 8:00 PM  
04 Feb: Membership Meeting at 8:00 PM  
11 Feb: Fourth Degree Meeting at 8 PM  
18 Feb: Social Meeting at 8:00 PM  
25 Feb: Officers' Meeting at 8:00 PM



Anniversary Mass

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Mass and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony  
December 3  
Mass at 7 PM  
Carols following Mass  
Tree Lighting following Carols  
Soup Dinner following Tree Lighting  
\$5 per person donation appreciated  
All proceeds to Outreach/food pantry