

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

We all know Christmas and Christmas Time are very important times of the year. To a lot of folks we'll have contact with during our days approaching Christmas it will be very important also. But they won't be calling it Christmas. They'll say things like " Hey, Happy Holiday ". The direction this world is taking is very sad. No prayer in schools, not cool to say Christmas and so many of the Christmas cards you get say Happy Holiday. Why is it acceptable to say "Happy Holiday " but not acceptable to say " Christmas " which is the real name of the holiday. It is because of things like this that our work in the Knights of Columbus will never be done. We will always have causes to rally for and work to do to preserve what we have in the past fought so hard to establish. With that in mind let us go forward into the Christmas season with happiness and joy in our hearts that the most important "Holy(i)day" of the year is Christmas, the day Christ was born. We must always " Keep Christ in Christmas".

To all my brothers in the Knights of Columbus, their families and extended families I wish you a joyous, blessed Christmas. I urge you all in the new year to come back to the Knights of Columbus , get involved, make your opinions known, fight for what's right and don't let anything get in your way. Let the results of your efforts be "Faith in Action".

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Krempa, GK

3rd Degree News

Happy Anniversary!

If you see Otto Reitz congratulate him and his wife Margaret (Maggie). They were married 50 years ago on August 10, 1968. CONGRATULATIONS from Council 1839!

From the Desk of the Financial Secretary

Thank you to all who returned their C&B books. We met our quota.

We had our Memorial Mass on the 26th of November. . I have included a list of all members who have died since I started keeping the records. Please remember them in your prayers often.

Finally, the 2019 dues will be sent out in late December, Please respond quickly so it does not get lost in your TODO pile.

Thank you.

Jerry

Deceased Members of Council 1839 since 1995

06/11/1989	Bruno H Pier	06/28/1992	William G Baker
01/01/1995	Mario Giordano	06/23/1999	Raymond C Brew
07/10/1999	Rudolf W Valachovic	09/20/1999	Frank L Battisti
04/08/2000	Leo J Murphy	12/02/2000	Chas Isban
12/20/2000	John Degregorio	01/04/2001	James R Burke
01/15/2001	Stanley J Stypulkoski	04/12/2001	James J Mc Cauley
05/01/2001	John A Sportelli	12/21/2001	Leonard P Sick
02/15/2002	Clarence B Balles	05/10/2002	Samuel E Contento
05/17/2002	Joseph J Gusefski SR	09/10/2002	Charles A Porter
11/04/2002	John O'Malley	11/07/2002	Joseph Kendrot
11/18/2002	Louis Kizale	12/18/2002	Nick L Legnini JR
01/02/2003	Lawrence J O'Day	02/04/2003	Donald E Bean
03/27/2003	John J Hranek	06/11/2003	Chester Murray
12/23/2003	James J Caruso	12/31/2003	Donald J Hoffman
01/27/2004	Holmes W Somers JR	03/06/2004	William S Dinga
03/30/2004	Rev Patrick M. Brown	04/21/2004	Vincent P Vetrano
05/17/2004	Leo L. Mariani	10/24/2004	William L. Morris
11/29/2004	Russ Melazzo	02/02/2005	Wendall C Soltis
02/09/2005	Camille M Roach	02/28/2005	Bernard J Watson
03/06/2005	Robert H Clarke	04/27/2005	James Randesi
05/24/2005	George F Kinsella	09/11/2005	Frank Bush
10/26/2005	William M Sheehan	12/29/2005	Timothy D Houck
01/12/2006	Louis Picciano JR	05/09/2006	Donald W Hogan
06/15/2006	Eugene M Dailey	07/24/2006	James V Vivona
09/24/2006	James C O'Day	10/04/2006	Carl E Zweig
10/20/2006	Vincent C Dutcher	12/02/2006	Harold P McGowan
12/15/2006	Joseph A Caldwell	01/15/2007	Stanley S Sherry JR
12/14/2007	Phillip S Pompeii	02/21/2008	James J Carden
05/24/2008	Jack Russo	06/26/2008	Charles J Mckercher
02/09/2009	Orley J Borden	02/21/2009	Charles E Cleveland
03/13/2009	Dominick A Pozzi	04/12/2009	Robert R Fiori
10/21/2009	John F Callahan	10/24/2009	Thomas J McCormick
10/26/2009	John J Veselka	11/05/2009	Rudolph Sigler
11/17/2009	Ernest G. Sochor	01/25/2010	Michael J Oberst
03/03/2010	Lawrence R Hynes	07/02/2010	Hobart H Serafini
11/06/2010	Richard S Smacher	09/23/2011	Joseph G. Convertino
10/06/2011	John P Morris	10/13/2011	Rev Daniel G. Murphy
01/20/2012	Robert C. Wesko	01/26/2012	Frank L Lepkowski
05/03/2012	Phillip B Cleary	07/24/2012	Joseph F. Conwell
05/27/2013	Peter J Kosick	06/16/2013	Maurice F Battisti
10/26/2013	Edward F Butler	02/14/2014	Peter W. Daino
02/14/2014	Lawrence L Corwin	04/12/2014	Francis X Schofield
04/16/2014	David K Brown	07/31/2014	Raymond P. Hickey
12/07/2014	Douglas R. Koban PGK	12/23/2014	Wayne Huber
02/23/2015	John T Gorman	05/26/2015	William G. Baker PGK
06/23/2015	Michael J Donegan	07/30/2015	William C. Darrow
11/29/2015	Joseph L. Watson	04/12/2016	Warren F Haas
10/01/2016	Charles J Reardon	04/29/2017	Sebastian Scarapicchia
05/01/2017	Chester G Kupiec	06/03/2017	Frank G Gallo
10/07/2017	REV M S Wieczorek	10/15/2017	Steven P. Slama PGK
10/30/2017	Frank P Cartman	01/24/2018	Rev Harry C. Wallace

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

On December 9, 2018, Sunday we have a spaghetti dinner fund raiser for St. Ambrose. Please mark your calendars and show up to help us; it is a lot of work and we can't do it with just 4-5 guys. Food will start being served at 12:30pm right after mass. I'll be there early with the cooks (7am). Please show up by 10am and be prepared to stay until about 3pm to help with the cleanup.

Council 1839 Christmas Party

The Christmas Party this year will be on December 15, 2018 at 7:30pm at Franks Italian Restaurant, 2633 Rt. 26, Maine, NY 13802, 607-323-5445. Each person will order off the menu and pay for their own dinner and desert. There is a bar there for alcoholic drinks. You can bring your own if you want but there is a corking fee for each bottle. See you on the 15th.

BEST VERSION

As human beings we are prone to self-examination and we constantly examine our lives and compare them to what we think we know about others. This is flawed thinking because we allow others to set the bar for us. That bar can be way to high and unattainable or very low and not any help to us. What we need to do is examine each aspect of our lives and decide if we are developing each to its full potential. As members of the Knights of Columbus we should ask ourselves " Are we the best version of Catholic Gentlemen we can be?" Sending in a check for your dues once a year won't do it and no one is going to appear at your homes to hold your hands and escort you to a meeting. Our great organization, the Knights of Columbus, can do it though. It can make you the best version of a Catholic Gentlemen you can be by providing leadership through its philosophy of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism and education. You need to give it a chance though. You need to give it a high priority in your daily life. It doesn't have to be number one, but it has to be somewhere in the top five. When you miss meetings, miss participating in events, and ignore calls for help from your brothers you not only hurt the Knights of Columbus, but you hurt yourself. Anyone can find fault and use it as an excuse to not get involved but it takes a courageous man to search out the GOOD, push the evil to the side, join in, participate offer your help and truly live up to the best version of a Catholic Gentleman you can be. We can all do this. We have the Faith -- all we need is the Action. Faith in Action. Be a Courageous Catholic Gentleman.

Vivat Jesus,

GK Bob Krempa

4th Degree News

Sir Knights,

I gave all 4th degree members the opportunity to join with the Color Corps in marching in the Veterans Day parade. Sadly, in addition to the Color Corps, I was the only one who showed up. We are the patriotic degree aren't we? Here is a second chance. We will be sending Christmas cards to the residents of the Oxford Veterans Home. As of today there are 189 residents. We will be writing the cards after our next meeting, 17 December. Please plan to attend and bring your favorite pen. We need your help.

Vivat Jesus!

Jerry Staeuble, FN

Color Corps Events

- Mar 2 St. Patrick's Parade at St. Mary's Church, Binghamton
 Mass at 11:30 AM; assemble at 11:00 in the parish hall under the church
- Mar 24 Confirmation at Church of the Holy Family, Endwell
 Mass at 2:00 PM; assemble at 1:30 in the parish hall
- Apr 3 Confirmation at Our Lady of Sorrows, Vestal
 Mass at 7:00 PM; assemble at 6:30 in the parish hall

Newsletter Information

The next newsletter is scheduled to be distributed by March 1, 2019; input is due by February 22 if at all possible.

If you would like to help reduce our costs for printing and mailing the quarterly newsletter, please consider signing up for receiving the newsletter via email. If you would like to do so. Please contact Alan Kline at kline.alan@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
Dec 9	Pancake Breakfast for St. Ambrose	11:30 AM	St. Ambrose Church
Dec 10	1st Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Room
Dec 15	Council 1839 Christmas Party	7:30 PM	Frank's Restaurant, Maine
Dec 17	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Room
Dec 25	Merry Christmas!!		
Jan 14	1st Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Room
Jan 21	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Room
Jan 28	1st Social gathering	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Social
Feb 11	1st Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Room
Feb 18	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Room
Feb 25	1st Social gathering	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Social
Mar 2	St. Patrick's Parade	11:30 AM	St. Mary, Binghamton
Mar 11	1st Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Room
Mar 18	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Room
Mar 24	Confirmation	2:00 PM	Church of the Holy Family
Mar 25	1st Social gathering	7:30 PM	OLGC - Council 1839 Social

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MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!