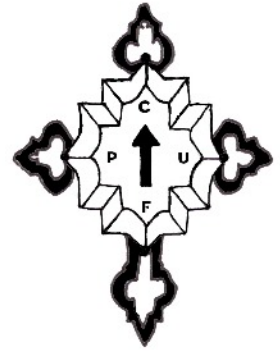




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COUNCIL OFFICER INSTALLATION



(Photo provided by Jim Peloso)

Congratulations to all the Council officers who were installed for the new Columbian year. Front row from left to right is, William Kuntz, Financial Secretary; Jude Martini, Advocate; Charles Smith, Grand Knight; Domingo Ampil, Chancellor; Curt Moran, Lecturer; and I. Scott Watkins (PGK), Treasurer. Second row from left to right is, Joe Coyle (PGK), Trustee; Ray Lopez, Deputy Grand Knight; Paul Desroches, Warden; Curt Bourdage, Inside Guard; and Frank Gerbes, Outside Guard. Third row from left to right is Ted Coughlin, Recorder; Kennan Ryan (PGK), Trustee; and Anthony Spaziani, District Deputy. (Not shown: Father William Damroth, Chaplain; Father Fernando Hernandez, Associate Chaplain; Father John Vondras, Associate Chaplain; and Rich Irons (PGK), Trustee.

****Council Blood Drive****

Our Council is sponsoring a blood drive on November 25, from 9 am to 3 pm, at Gallo Hall, 25 South Robinson Avenue, Newburgh. We need volunteer Knights to help out on the day of the drive. Please register with PGK Joe Coyle at 845-561-7384. Help us to make this drive a success. Pass the word around to everyone.

Grand Knight's Thoughts

Fellow Brothers:

I would like to start off my comments this month with heartfelt thank you's to several of our Brother Knights who dedicated their time to make certain events that we sponsor so very successful.

First is the Founder's Day Picnic that was held at our Council House, September 2. This was chaired by Past Grand Knight, Dan Keenan. Thanks to Dan and his tireless work this was a successful and fun day. No one left hungry!

Next was the Blue Mass on September 9, that was chaired by Brother Greg Gaetano. This Mass celebrates the sacrifices that our First Responders make each and every day, to keep us all safe. It also honored all those who have died in the line of duty. Thank you so much Greg for your hard work in continuing this well deserved acknowledgement of the sacrifices that our first responders make each and every day.

Next was the Air Show at Stewart Airport on September 15 and 16. Thanks to William Kuntz and the Brouderhof Community an invitation was extended to all Brother Knights and their families to attend this show at no cost. Bill even used this occasion to sell Treasure Chest raffle tickets. Many thanks to Bill and the Brouderhof for this wonder event.

Next, on September 18, was the Installation of our Council's Officers. Many thanks to Father William Damroth for allowing us to use Saint Francis of Assisi Church, O'Conner Hall for the reception after and for the beautiful and heartfelt Mass he celebrated to mark the occasion. I also want to thank our District Deputy, Anthony Spaziani, for officiating at this important event. I would also like to recognize the wives and significant others who took the time to attend and sponsor their Knights at this grand event.

Finally, the Annual Columbus Day Ball was held on October 7, at the Spruce Lodge, to honor our Knight of the Year, James Poloso. Many thanks to Brother Knight Vincent Colosso for all his hard work in making this night so special. The guest list was like a who's who of the Hudson Valley, with Senator Larkin and

Tom Bastile heading the list. A really great time was had by all! My thanks to Brother William Kuntz for helping Vincent and taking point in selling raffle tickets. This was especially challenging this year because of certain things that were out of our control. But through Bill's hard work we were able to reach our goal.

I'm sure you have noticed that this quarter's Compass is four pages shorter than in the past. PGK Dan Keenan was able to get it printed at no cost to the Council. However, Dan is retiring and we have to go to a printer to have it done. To cut down on expenses we had to make the decision to reduce the amount of pages from 8 to 4.

As usual for our Council, we have a busy schedule lined up for the remainder of 2018 and into the beginning of 2019. The upcoming events with details appear on page 4 along with our meeting schedules and soup kitchen information. Please refer to page 3 for the Save-the-date events. More information will be posted in the next Compass on these special events.

Finally, I want to thank each and everyone of you who help us and attend our events. Without you we would not be able to accomplish anything. I also urge each and every Knight of this Council to become involved in some way, big or small. If we can get all of our registered Knights to partake in just one event a year we would be extremely successful. There are numerous things going on, not just events, but committees working on improving the Council House, Fundraising and many more. Please join us, even if it's only once a year.

I wish each and every one of you and your families, a joyous and magical Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

God Bless you all,

Charles Smith
Grand Knight

PGK Joe Coyle has buttons for sale that read "It's OK to say Merry Christmas to me". Please let Joe know how many you would like. You can reach Joe at 845-561-7384.



Knight of the Year

Jim Peloso receiving his Knight of the Year award. To Jim's right is Vincent Calosso, Chairman Columbus Day Ball and to his left is Grand Knight Charles Smith

Important Dates for Christmas Season

December 2: First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the Liturgical Year.

December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 25: The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. (Holy Day of Obligation)

January 6: The Epiphany of Our Lord.
Fifth Sunday Rosary

Please join us to say the Rosary on December 30, 2018. We will observe the Fifth Sunday Rosary after the 12 PM Mass at Sacred Heart Church. All are welcome. For additional information, please call Ted Coughlin at 845-913-5631

New Insurance Agent

At publication time we discovered that our new insurance agent is John Hackney, cell phone 646-541-5380. John is a Knight and is working to contact each of us to determine if we have questions. In the meantime if you have a pressing issue, do not hesitate to contact John.

Parish Named for St. Mother Teresa

Father William Damroth, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi and Sacred Heart Churches, and our council chaplain, announced the name of the newly merged parish as the Parish of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Father Damroth will be installed as the pastor of the new parish at a Mass on November 24, at 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart Church. Our sincere congratulations to Father Damroth on this great honor.

****Save the Dates****

Please plan on joining us for these entertaining events:

Council Social Meeting Dinner - 1/15/19
(Knights only)

All are welcome to the following events:

- Super Bowl Party - 2/3/19
- Valentine's Day Party - 2/9/19
- Clergy Brunch - 2/18/19
- Communion Breakfast - 4/7/19

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

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| 11/02 Richard Clarino | 11/07 Nicholas Cracolici |
| 11/07 Robert Joy | 11/08 George Barnett Sr. |
| 11/08 Steven Galick | 11/08 Frank Guglieri |
| 11/08 Germain La Pointe | 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 Mc Cullough | 12/16 Henry Guiette |
| 12/19 Deacon John Seymour | |
| 12/20 Deacon Lawrence Kawula | |
| 12/21 Ike Broome | 12/23 Deacon Leonard Farmer |
| 12/26 Joseph Coyle | 12/28 Joseph Hillman Jr. |
| 12/31 Stephen Browne | |
| 01/01 John DeLessio (PGK) | 01/01 Salvatore Foti |
| 01/01 Edward Lastowski | |
| 01/03 Rev. Samuel Taylor | 01/04 Martin Frasco |
| 01/07 John Conway Jr. | 01/08 Robert Webber |
| 01/11 Joseph Candela | 01/13 Geraldo Figueroa |
| 01/16 Ernest Bello | 01/20 Edward Finn |
| 01/24 David Maksomski | |

Lift High the Cross

Council Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9, 2018
from 3 - 6 P.M.

St. Francis of Assisi Church, O'Conner Hall.
Hot Buffet, DJ, lots of fun and Santa bringing
gifts to the children.

\$20 adults and children 12 and over; \$10
children 5 to 11; 4 and under are free.

Contact: John Delessio - 845-562-4963 or
Jude Martini - 845-566-0235

Mass and Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 4, at 7:00 PM
At our Council house.

Mass at 7:00.

Empty Bowls Food Pantry Fund Raiser
Please bring a canned good for the St.
Francis of Assisi food pantry.

Soup dinner to follow Mass and ceremony.

Bring a desert to share

Contact PGK Ken Ryan (845) 565-8015 or
GK Charles Smith (845) 926-2096.

Council Memorial Mass

November 25, 11 AM Mass at St. Francis
of Assisi Church.

In honor of our Brother Knights who passed
away over the past year..Thomas Mulligan,
Charles Koran, Raymond Baumann, Thomas
Shustack, Torry Granja, William Pushman,
Salvatore Colacchio and Clarence Starsiak.

Coats for Kids

Our Council will distribute winter coats to the
children at the the Jack Seymour food pantry,
319 Broadway, entrance on Anne Street, from
9am to noon.

Calendar of Council Meetings

06 Nov: Regular Council meeting at 8 P.M.

13 Nov: Fourth Degree meeting at 8 P.M.

20 Nov: Social Meeting at 8 P.M.

27 Nov: Officers' meeting at 8 P.M.

04 Dec: Regular Council meeting at 8 P.M.

11 Dec: Fourth Degree meeting at 8 P.M.

18 Dec: Social meeting at 8 P.M.

25 Dec: Officers' meeting at 8 P.M.

01 Jan: Regular Council meeting at 8 P.M.

08 Jan: Fourth Degree meeting at 8 P.M.

15 Jan: Social meeting at 8 P.M.

22 Jan: Officers' meeting at 8 P.M.

29 Jan: Corporation meeting at 8 P.M.

05 Feb: Regular Council meeting at 8 P.M.

12 Feb: Fourth Degree meeting at 8 P.M.

19 Feb: Social meeting at 8 P.M.

26 Feb: Officers' meeting at 8 P.M..

Note: The Rosary will be said before every regular
and social meeting at 7:30 PM

St. Mary's Outreach

Volunteers are needed the third Thursday and
Friday of every month from 8 A.M. To 1 P.M.
Thursdays are set up days and Fridays are the
"giving" days. Report to Mannix Hall (The old St.
Mary's School next to St. Mary's parking lot.)
Call Marietta Allen at 845-566-1425

St. Francis of Assisi Church Outreach

Need volunteers on Friday and Saturday
mornings from 9 A.M. to Noon. Note that the
Outreach has moved to the Msgr. Valastro
Activity Center at 319 Broadway.

If you can help or have questions, please call
Linda or Paul at 845-234-8564..

Help Collect Box Tops for Education

We are asking all fellow Knights to help collect
"box tops for education". Just look for the symbol
below on almost any dry good that you get from the
store, clip it, and bring it in to the Council. We are
supporting the Nora Cronin
Academy with these donations.
For additional information contact
PGK Scott at 564-0339.

