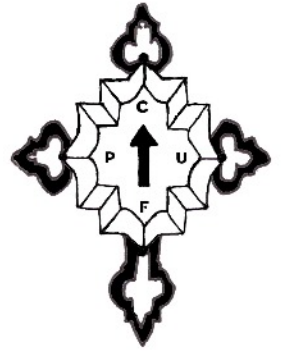




**1899
To
2019**



120th Year
SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Knights of Columbus
Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council No. 444
Serving the Community and all of the Parishes in the
Newburgh/New Windsor areas

Anniversary Mass on September 1, 2019
10 AM at Sacred Heart Church
301 Ann Street, Newburgh, N.Y.

Celebration Brunch following Mass at 12 P.M.
Honoring Salvatore Accolla
Our Oldest Living Member

Temple Hill Tavern and Catering
171 Temple Hill Road
New Windsor, New York
\$25.00 Per Person
RSVP GK Charles Smith 845-926-2096

Message from our Grand Knight Charles Smith:

For 120 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 120 years. For example, Our annual Columbus Day Ball, then the Red Cross Blood Drive, the Mass for the unborn, and the rededication ceremony for the memorial of the unborn child, the remembrance mass for fellow knights that were lost over the past year, coats for kids, council Christmas party, tree lighting and Mass at the council house, basketball contest, Super Bowl party, Saint Valentine's Day Dance, our 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 have also been having monthly family fun nights for our members and their families to get together on a Saturday for a night of wholesome fun and games.

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 120th year by attending the mass at Sacred Heart and the celebration after at Temple Hill Catering.

Our main goal for the 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, Saint Mary, Our Lady of the Lake and Our Lady of Calcutta, Sacred Heart, Saint Francis. Please feel free to call me if you want to know more at 845-926-2096.

**God Bless You All
Charles Smith
Grand Knight**

Past Grand Knights of Council No. 444

1899-06	Francis J. Gorman	1963-64	Anthony E. Paladine
1970-71	Samuel P. Leghorn	1964-65	James H. Lyle
1907-09	Thomas F. Gunning	1965-67	Fred J. Monaco
1909-11	Benjamin J. MacDonald	1967-68	John J. O'Leary
1912-14	Michael J. Donahue	1968-69	Louis Bazzone
1914-16	Thomas S. O'Malley	1969-70	Joseph A. Vanacore
1916-18	James A. Stapleton	1970-71	Samuel P. Leghorn
1919-20	William J. Beahan	1971-72	Robert M. Schoonmaker
1920-22	Raphael A. Egan	1972-73	Brian M. Doyler
1922-23	Thomas J. Donahue	1974	Clarence Klein
1923-25	Leo J. Byrne	1974-75	John T. Conway Jr.
1925-27	Hugh G. McGuire	1975-76	John J. Vondras
1927-29	James E. Igo	1976-78	John P. DeLessio
1929-31	Raymond F. Rafferty	1978-80	John J. Doherty
1931-32	E. Edward FitzGerald	1080-81	John L. Seymour
1932-33	William H. Kennedy	1981-82	Robert Webber
1933-34	Andrew J. Berkery	1982-83	James H. Sweetman
1934-37	Edward F. Dillon	1983-84	Warren S. Wagner
1937-38	Allen J. Indzonka	1984-85	Vincent c. Adinolfi
1938-39	John W. Powell	1985-86	Robert Webber
1939-40	Walter D. Guiney	1986-87	Angelo Foti
1940-42	William J. Pullar	1987-89	Thomas A. Cuti
1942-44	Ernest DeCrosta Jr.	1989-91	Daniel Keenan
1944-45	Charles W. Beck	1991-93	I. Scott Watkins
1945-47	David J. Lockard	1993-95	James Rogers
1947-48	Alfred Vecchione	1995-97	Andrew Civale
1948-50	Thomas G. Dowd	1997-99	Michael Steup
1950-52	James H. Lyle	1999-01	Daniel Keenan
1952-54	David J. Barry	2001-03	Anthony J. Cracolici
1954-55	Harry H. Haight	2003-05	George H. Quintyne
1955-56	Albert H. Rochetti	2005-07	Gregory T. Gaetano
1956-57	Edward T. Yereance	2007-08	Joseph J. Dionisio
1957-58	William H. Greenhalgh	2008-10	Mark A. Rosolowski
1858-59	William F. Byrnes	2010-12	Darren M. Gamma
1959-60	Theodore FitzMaurice	2012-14	Richard J. Irons
1060-61	Salvatore A. Chiaromonte	2014-16	Ken Ryan
1961-62	Joseph L. Rosolowski	2016-18	Joseph Coyle
1962-63	Sylvester Montoroula	2019-Present	Charles Smith

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HENRY O'CARROLL COUNCIL 444 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Newburgh Council number 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 107th 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 Gorman Assembly.

In 1914, The Reverend Henry O'Carroll became Pastor of Saint Patrick's church. Shortly thereafter he was appointed 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, The Monsignor, Henry O'Carroll Council Number 444, Knights of Columbus.

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 120 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, Charles Smith, or any of our Officers listed on page 5, if you have any questions about our organization or if you wish to join.

**Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council 444
2019 - 2020 Officers**

Chaplain:	Fr. William Damroth
Assoc. Chaplain:	Fr. Fernando Hernandez
Assoc. Chaplain:	Fr. John Vondras
Grand Knight:	Charles Smith 845-926-2096
Deputy Grand Knight	Ray Lopez 845-561-2003
Chancellor:	Domingo Ampil 914-850-0181
Warden:	Paul Desroches 845-564-3642
Treasurer:	I. Scott Watkins (PGK) 845-564-0339
Financial Secretary	William Kuntz 201-697-9920
Recorder:	Ted Coughlin 845-913-5631
Inside Guard:	Frank Gerbes 845-527-7659
Outside Guard	Curt Bourdage 845-863-6504
Advocate:	Jude Martini
Trustees:	Rich Irons (PGK) 845-565-5045 Kennan Ryan (PGK) 845-565-8015 Joseph Coyle 845-561-7384
Lecturer:	Curt Moran 845-564-3239
District Deputy:	John McGivney 845-453-2805
Insurance Agent:	John Hackney 646-541-5380

SALVATORE ACCOLLA

We will be honoring a very special guest today. Sir Knight, Salvatore Accolla. Sal is our oldest living Knight at the young age of 100 years!

Sal was born on July 2, 1919, in the town of Messina, Italy. As an adult, he worked as an artistic craftsman, decorating the interior of churches enabling the parishioners to experience the solemnity, grandeur and mightiness of their faith.

After marrying his beloved Mary in 1949, they emigrated to the United States in 1950, and they settled in the Bronx. He found work as a fine furniture refinisher, and he became an expert in mixing paint colors.

In 1951 they celebrated the birth of their daughter, Joanne. Years passed and they moved to our area in 1976.

After a few years, Sal met a man named Chick Bambino. Chick sponsored Sal to become a Knight and he completed his first degree on January 1, 1988, and then completed his fourth degree on April 1, 1989.

Sal was very active in the Knights. Eventually, he became one of the team members, Deputy Grand Knight, on the first degree ceremony team. He was also the comptroller for the Fourth Degree. In addition, Sal donated his time to work on the plaques and artwork that decorate our Council meeting room, as well as our outdoor sign. Sal also donated his time and expertise refurbishing the statues in Sacred Heart Church, Saint Francis of Assisi Church and other churches in Orange County. He also painted the Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's Church in Newburgh.

Sal, it is with great pleasure, that all of us honor you today, in celebration of our 120th anniversary, for all your past achievements for the Knights of Columbus as well as for our Council and our local Churches.

Thank you Salvatore and may you live another 100 years!!!

Highlights Of Our Activities Over The Past Year

