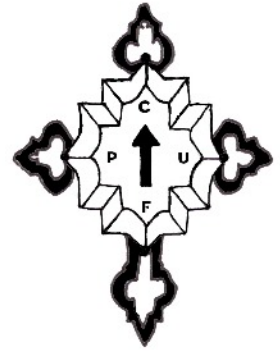




# The Council Compass

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**Congratulations to all the Council officers who were installed for the new Columbian year. Front row from left to right is: Bill Kuntz, Financial Secretary; Domingo Ampil, Chancellor; Ted Coughlin, Recorder; Frank Gerbes, Inside Guard; Curt Moran, Lecturer; second row; I. Scott Watkins, Treasurer; Charles Smith, Grand Knight, Ray Lopez, Deputy Grand Knight; Paul Desroches, Warden; third row; Rich Irons, Trustee (PGK); Ed Mead, District Warden; Father William Damroth, Chaplain; John McGivney, District Deputy and Ken Ryan, Trustee (PGK). Not pictured; Joseph Coyle (PGK), Trustee, Jude Martini, Advocate.**

## Grand Knight's Thoughts

Dear Fellow Brother Knights:

We began this past quarter with a very special celebration, 120 years as a Council of the Knights of Columbus. We also paid tribute to our oldest living member, Sal Accolla, who was very active in our council and whose artwork still adorns our meeting room. Thank you all for helping to make this a celebration to remember.

Thanks to PGK Ken Ryan, our game nights continue to be a very popular event! It has proven to be a truly fun evening with family and friends! Thanks so much Ken for continuing to work to make these nights so much fun!

My thanks also go out to PGK Greg Gaetano for organizing our annual Blue Mass to honor all our first responders. It is awe inspiring to see all the first responder organizations participating.

We also had our Council's Officer installation ceremony on September 17. Once again it was a memorable event. My thanks to Father Bill Damroth for celebrating Mass. Thank you to our District Deputy, John McGivney and District Warden Ed Mead for presiding over the installation process. I also want to thank Annie Ryan for providing the food and delicious deserts after the ceremony.

Of course our premier annual event, our Columbus Day Ball, occurred on October 13. This year we honored our Knight of the Year, Vincent Calosso. We had a record number of attendees as well as door prizes for everyone. We also sold a record number of raffle tickets. My sincere thanks to both Vincent Calosso and Bill Kuntz for all their work in making this event so successful, from selling ads in our brochure, to selling raffle tickets to organizing the actual dinner. Bill also doubled as emcee. My thanks to Domingo Ampil for providing his services as DJ.

I also want to thank our PGK Joe Coyle for his effort in organizing an American Red Cross blood drive. This is the second year that Joe has promoted this event and it is greatly appreciated.

Finally, our PGK and Trustee Rich Irons put together a wonderful event honoring the Altar Servers from all our parishes. Everyone not only had a wonderful time but the servers all received a well deserved certificate of appreciation that they truly appreciated.

Our next three months promise to be just as busy and just as rewarding.

We start off with our family game night on November 23 at 7 PM. This will be held at our council house and it's asked that everyone bring a dish to share, either dinner or desert or even both! BYOB and be ready for a night of good fun and laughs. Thanks to PGK Ken Ryan to continue this event for us.

Our Mass and Christmas tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for December 3 at our council house. Mass will be at 7 PM. We will also ask that you bring a canned good for our local food pantry. There will be a soup dinner that follows the ceremony. Please bring a desert to share. The Contacts are myself at 845-926-2096 or PGK Ken Ryan at 845-565-8015.

Next will be our visit to Saint Lukes Hospital with handouts to bring the Christmas spirit to those who find themselves needing special care during this special Christmas season. We are looking at December 7. Please call Bill Kuntz for additional information, at 201-697-9920.

Our council memorial Mass, honoring our members who passes away over the past year. It is scheduled for December 15 at 12:30, at Our Lady of the Lake church, on Route 52, In Newburgh. Our brother Knights who will be remembered are; Anthony Buccieri, Heriberto Chico, Andrew Zarutskie, John Matikiwicz, Henry Guiette, Thomas Amodeo, Deacon Jack Seymour and State Senator William Larkin. Please join us in honoring these special men. You can call me at 845-926-2096 if you require additional information.

Our Council Christmas party will be held on December 15, from 2 - 6 PM at the Dan Leghorn Fire House. A hot buffet, DJ, lots of fun and Santa bringing gifts to the children will make this an event not to miss. You can call PGK John DeLessio at 845-562-4963 or Jude Martini at 845-566-0235, if you need more information.

The Fifth Sunday Rosary will take place on December 29, at Sacred Heart Church, 301 Ann Street, Newburgh, N.Y, after the 12 Noon Mass. Contact Ted Coughlin, at 845-913-5831

Thank you all for your help in making this council so vibrant! If it's been a while since you have attended a meeting, please feel free to come and see what's going on. I promise you that you will not be disappointed. You might even be inclined to join in one of our fun events!

In closing, I wish each and every one of my fellow Knights and their families a joyous and magical Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

May God bless you all!!  
Vivat Jesus!!!

Charles Smith  
Grand Knight



**Our Council in Action: Food donation to the Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry**



**Knight of the Year, Vincent Calosso presented with his award by GK Charles Smith**

**Important Dates for Christmas Season**

**December 1: First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the Liturgical Year.**

**December 9: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)**

**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 5: The Epiphany of our Lord.**

**\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\*\*\***

**Brother Knights who wish to purchase 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree dress uniforms may do so at Alfie's Uniforms, 152 Windsor Highway, New Windsor, N.Y., Suite 100. Mention Knights of Columbus, Council 444. Contact I. Scott Watkins (PGK) at 845-564-0339 or GK Charles Smith at 845-926-2096.**

**This issue of the Compass was made possible by the generous donation of Frank Gerbes. Please use his real estate business or recommend him to your friends and acquaintances.**



**\*\*\*\*\*Save the Dates\*\*\*\*\***

**(Knights only)  
Social Dinner Meeting 1/21/2020**

**Events where all are welcome  
Super Bowl Party - 2/2/2020  
St. Valentine's Day Party - 2/8/2020  
Clergy Brunch - 2/17/2020  
Communion Breakfast - 3/29/2020**

**A Blessed and very happy birthday to the following council members who will be celebrating their birthdays in the months of Nov, Dec, and Jan.**

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11/02 Richard Clarino        | 11/07 Nicholas Cracolici    |
| 11/07 Robert Joy             | 11/08 George Barnett        |
| 11/08 Steven Galick          | 11/08 Frank Guglieri        |
| 11/08 Germain LaPointe       | 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 McCullough      | 12/19 Deacon John Seymour   |
| 12/20 Deacon Lawrence Kawula |                             |
| 12/21 Ike Broome Jr.         | 12/23 Deacon Leonard Farmer |
| 12/26 Joseph Coyle           | 12/28 Joseph Hillman Jr.    |
| 01/01 John DeLessio          | 01/03 Rev. Samuel Taylor    |
| 01/04 Martin Frasco          | 01/04 Martin Frasco         |
| 01/07 John Conway Jr.        | 01/08 Robert Webber         |
| 01/11 Joseph Candella II     | 01/13 Gerardo Figueroa      |
| 01/20 Edward Finn            | 01/24 David Maksomski       |

# *Council Activities*

## Council Christmas Party

Sunday, December 15, 2019,  
from 2 - 6 P.M.

Dan Leghorn Fire House  
(Orange Lake)

Hot Buffet, DJ lots of fun and Santa bringing  
gifts to the children.

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

Contact: John Delessio - 845-562-4963

Jude Martini - 845-566-0235

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## Council Memorial Mass

December 15, 12:30 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of  
the Lake Church.

In honor of our Brother Knights who passed  
away over the past year: Anthony Buccieri,  
Heriberto Chico, Andrew Zarutskie, John  
Matikiewicz, Henry Guiette, Thomas Amodeo,  
Deacon John Seymour and William Larkin.

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## Calendar of Council Meetings

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

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

19 Nov: Social Meeting at 8 P.M.

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

03 Dec: Mass and tree lighting at 7 PM.

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

17 Dec Social meeting at 8 P.M.

24 Dec No meeting - Christmas Eve.

31 Dec No Meeting - New Years Eve.

07 Jan: Regular Council Meeting at 8 PM

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

21 Jan: Social Dinner meeting at 7 P.M.

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

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

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

18 Feb: Social meeting at 8 P.M.

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

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

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## Mass and Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 3, at 7 P.M.

At our Council House

Mass at 7 P.M.

Empty Bowls Food Pantry Fund Raiser

Please bring a canned good for food pantry.

Soup dinner to follow Mass and ceremony.

Please bring a desert to share.

Contact GK Charles Smith 845-926-2096 or

PGK Ken Ryan 845-565-8015.

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## Fifth Sunday Rosary

Please join us to say the Rosary on Sunday,  
December 29, after the 12 PM Mass, at Sacred  
Heart Church. All are welcome! For additional  
information please call Ted Coughlin at 845-

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Visit to Saint Lukes Hospital with handouts  
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find themselves needing special care during  
this Christmas season. December 7, 2019

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201-697-9920

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## Family Game Night

Join us for an evening full of fun, food and  
games!

November 23, 5 PM, at the Council House

Bring a dish to share, dinner or desert

Contact Ken Ryan 845-565-8015

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## 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

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## Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry

Need volunteers on Friday and Saturday  
mornings from 9 A.M. to Noon. Note that the  
food pantry 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..

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