

November 2024

Knights of Columbus Fairview Council # 4044

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Council Officers Meeting:
Monday, November 4, 6:30 pm

Spaghetti Dinner
Wednesday, November 13th
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

4th Degree Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 13th, 7 PM

Steak Roast and Nate Martel
performing in Lounge
November 15th

Council Meeting
Monday, November 18th
5:45 pm – Dinner
7:00 pm – Meeting

4th Degree Exemplification
Sunday, November 24th
Castle of Knights

Home Association Annual Meeting
Monday, November 25th
6:30 PM

Thanksgiving Day Dinner
Thursday, November 28th

Elvis at the Castle
Sunday, December 1st
12:15 PM Brunch, 3:00 Concert
Adults Buffet & Show: \$49.95
Child Buffet & Show: \$20.95
Show only: \$25

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Monday, December 2, 6:30 pm

Spaghetti Dinner
Wednesday, December 11th
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

4th Degree Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 11th, 7 PM

Council Meeting
Monday, December 16th
5:45 pm – Dinner
7:00 pm – Meeting

Home Association Meeting
Monday, December 23rd
6:30 PM

RON GRENIER – GRAND KNIGHT

My Brother Knights,

I hope you have been enjoying the great weather that we've been having.

I want to thank all the volunteers who helped out during the month of October. We had a busy month with the Spaghetti Supper, Jericho Dance, Candlelight Living Rosary, Bingo, our 4-Day Columbus Day Tootsie Roll Charity Drive weekend, and the Craft Fair. Thank you to all of you who helped. On Saturday evening several of us went to the Charity Ball in Milford to turn in our check for the tootsie roll drive. We placed in the top 10.

We have another busy month coming up with Spaghetti Supper, Aquanett, the night before Thanksgiving, and of course our Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday. Starting on Monday, November 25th, thru and including Thanksgiving Day.

We will need an extraordinary number of volunteers those 4 days:

- Meal Preparation in the Kitchen Monday – Wednesday starting at 8 AM
- Meal assembly in the Hall Thursday 4 AM to 8 AM
- Drivers for Meal Delivery starting at 8:30 AM Thursday
- Meal servers starting at 11 AM on Thursday
- Clean-up starting at 2:30 PM Thursday

If there is any time that you can give us, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lounge or you can call my home phone and leave a message: 413-533-0938.

I want to wish all of you a very Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Grenier
Grand Knight



REPOSE OF THE SOULS

Please remember to keep in your prayers: all our Brother Knights and members of their families who have passed away, including Gary R. Lefebvre and Robert P. Fortin, those who are sick and elderly, all priests and religious vocations, and the lives of the unborn. And remember to pray that the men and women serving in our military stay safe, so they may return home to their loved ones.

Ron Grenier,
Grand Knight



NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

My choice of volunteer of the month is Scott Lafond, Scott is there for every occasion at the council. You will see him at Bingo, Spaghetti Suppers, helping out at football game days in the Lounge, our Breakfasts, and whatever else we do. Scott is also the Deputy Grand Knight of our Council and a Home Association Board member.

Scott is very valuable to our organization. Thank you Scott, for all you do.

Ron Grenier, Grand Knight



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT - FATHER DENNIS SKOWERA

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 24, 2024

"So, Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." John 18:37

This date in the month of November is the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The dialogue between Pilate and Jesus is our focus. Jesus is brought before Pilate. Pilate then questions Jesus on the reason Jesus was brought before him. It is in their dialogue that Jesus reveals a truth to Pilate that goes over his head and below his knees, so to speak. I mean right before him is the very Truth. In Jesus' response to Pilate, Jesus, the Truth Himself, is revealing that His Kingship is not of this world. In fact, Jesus notes that He was sent to testify to the Truth. In essence, Jesus is saying He, Who is the Truth, was sent to witness to the truth, to Himself, Pilate's Creator.

In other words, Jesus is answering Pilate in the affirmative that, in fact, He, the Truth, God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, was born into this world to be King, King of the Universe. Jesus explains that this was the reason He was born. Jesus further tells Pilate and I paraphrase it here, that everyone who belongs to **Him** listens to **His** voice, the voice of the Word of God.

Challenge by Chaplain Reverend Fr. Dennis Skowera:

Are we listening to the Word of God? This is my challenge for the month of November, a month of remembering. Be attentive to the voice of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. He speaks to us, not only in mere human words, but through the various circumstances and events we are in some way involved in throughout our day.

Questions for Reflection:

Do we believe that Jesus is the Truth? Or do we ask what Pilate asks: "What is truth?" Do we listen attentively when we are doing our daily activities? Do we take the time to prepare for our days, either at its beginning or closing? If we do hear the Lord speaking to us, do we act on it? Do we truly belong to the Truth and listen to His voice?



DONATIONS TO LOCAL CHARITIES

At October's Council Meeting, we voted to donate \$100 to the Our Lady of the Cross Fall Festival in Holyoke and \$100 to the Special Olympics of Massachusetts.

Thank you to all who support Bingo and our other Council Functions which allow us to make these donations!

Financial Secretary

Dear Brother Knights,

There are still 52 Council members that have not yet paid their 2024 dues. A list of those members is posted in the Members Lounge. Please ask to check the list and if you see the name of someone you know, please ask him to continue as a valuable member of Council 4044 by paying his 2024 dues.

Remember, some significant changes to the process were completed for the 2024 membership renewal. Please review the dues notices carefully. ALL payments for membership dues should be mailed to me at 1413 Sunningdale Lane, Ormond Beach, FL 32174. **For the annual membership renewal please make your checks payable to Knights of Columbus Fairview Council 4044.**

Your Council has acquired the UNIPAY system that will allow you to pay annual dues online and allow you to make donations to our charitable funds. It will also allow non-members to make online donations to the Council's charitable funds. It will be up and running for the 2025 Fraternal year membership cycle, around the middle of December 2024. You may already have an account set up on UNIPAY that you use to pay your municipal real estate taxes and, if so, you will be able to use the same account that you already have for payments to the Council. We will be testing the platform over the next couple of months. Expect to receive more details throughout the fall.

This is the URL code

(<https://unipaygold.unibank.com/CustomerInfo.aspx?Customerid=2622>) that you can enter into your browser to access the Council's UNIPAY pages, or if you prefer to access it using your cell phone use this QR code.



Feel free to open the link now and get a feel for the setup and functionality.

I am still receiving texts, email messages and notes from members regarding incorrect degree status. As I receive these corrections from members, I update the Council records and replace the members' cards with the correct degree status. Please continue to notify me of any error you see when you receive your membership card.

I want to thank all the members who responded to The Council's recent letter requesting email addresses; however, there remain 144 active council members that have not provided an email address to the Council. They are not receiving the monthly council newsletter or any other important information posted by the Grand Knight. **Please help your Council to reduce operating costs by sending your email address to me today. NEITHER THE COUNCIL, NOR SUPREME, WILL EVER SHARE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WITH ANY OUTSIDER.**

Email me at:

KofC4044FS@gmail.com

Call or text me at:

(413) 531-2460.

Thank you,

Vivat Jesus!

Fran Getto, Financial Secretary, Council #4044



From the Home Association

The Annual Meeting of the Fairview Council Home Association will be held on Monday, November 25th at 6:30 PM at the Castle of Knights. All members of Fairview Council 4044 are invited to attend. Board Members whose terms expire at the end of this year are up for re-election include Matthew Cooke, Joseph Chmielewski, Jeff Ciszewski, and Donald Darcy. Paul Soja is retiring and will not be seeking another term. We thank Paul for his many years of service to the Council and to the Home Association. Anyone interested in running for the Board of Directors should contact Board Clerk Daniel Mashia at (413) 626-7257 or Board President Matthew Cooke at (413) 519-3258.

Bishop Joseph F. Maguire 4th Degree Assembly No. 2670

JOHN T. BATES, FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

Sir Knights,

We are off to a good start with two meetings in a row meeting quota. This past year the assembly struggled to meet quota for our meetings. I thank our regular attending members that show up allowing us to be able to hold our meetings.

But WE STILL NEED YOU to come back to attending the meetings if we are to continue as an active assembly. Our few regulars attending members plus our officers can't maintain the assembly without your help. We also need new members to join the 4th Degree as well.

All 3rd degree members should consider joining the 4th Degree and get more involved with the Knights of Columbus. It's through the 4th Degree that you can join the Honor Guard if you wish. These Sir Knights add dignity and a pride of church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations, their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus. We definitely need more Honor Guard members in our assembly.

There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification at the Castle of Knights on Sunday, November 24th. Current members are welcome to attend. Please contact me at 413-374-1083 for details. Anyone that's interested needs to have payment into the Assembly by the November 13th meeting: \$70 for new members, \$55 for current members, and \$30 for the lady's luncheon.

Assembly meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month in the 4044 Council Chambers. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, November 13th.

We currently have openings for Faithful Captain and Faithful Scribe. Currently we have no officers to take the helm when my term is done, so I encourage all of our members to come back and help us get this assembly going strong again.

The 4th Degree will be selling Calendar raffle tickets in November for a December raffle. Please seek out any 4th Degree member for tickets.

I would like to personally wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and best wishes to Fairview Council 4044 for a successful Thanksgiving Day providing a free meal to all those in need. Thank you.

John T. Bates, Faithful Navigator (and acting Scribe).



From the Members Lounge

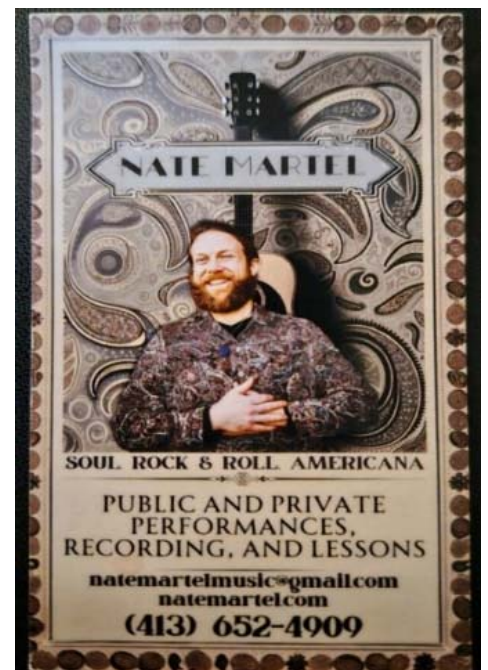
Our Lounge is now open for Sunday football. For the 1:00 pm Patriots games, we also have food (Pizza, Wings and Hot Dogs) available. We also have the DirectTV NFL Sunday ticket, so we can put on any games.

Due to increased costs, drink prices will be increasing, some by 25¢ and others by 50¢, beginning November 1st.



We will have a Steak Roast including baked potato, side salad, dinner rolls and coffee on Friday, November 15th. Tickets are \$18 and available from the bartender.

Nate Martel will be performing in the Lounge that night as well.



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70th Council 4044 Officer Installation – September 29, 2024

Fairview Council held its 70th Installation of Officers on Sunday, September 29. Congratulations to newly-installed Grand Knight Ronald Grenier and all of his supporting officers.

The day began with Mass at Saint Patrick’s Church in South Hadley, celebrated by the pastor, Rev. James Nolte. The formal Installation of Officers was conducted by District Deputy Donald Darcy assisted by District Warden Mark Olson and Chaplain Father Dennis Skowera. A dinner and program followed at the Fairview Castle of Knights where State Treasurer Eric Oulette introduced the other Massachusetts State Officers attending, including State Deputy Robert Schwarz and Immediate Past State Deputy Tom Butler.

Eric also introduced all Past Grand Knights in attendance from the Council and PGK Greg Komer presented a white jacket to retiring Grand Knight Steven Dubreuil.

Thank you to all who attended, and congratulations again to Grand Knight Ronald Grenier and his wife Carole.



Pictured from left to right: District Deputy Mark Olson, Grand Knight Ron Grenier, Fr. James Nolte, State Deputy Bob Schwarz, District Deputy Don Darcy, Immediate Past State Deputy Tom Butler, Fr. Nolte, and GK Ron Grenier.



Pictured from left to right: 1st picture: Council Chaplain Father Dennis Skowera, District Deputy Donald Darcy. 2nd picture: PGKs Matthew Cooke, Robert Lelievre, Donald Darcy, Daniel Mashia, Gregory Komer, Thomas Charette, Steven Dubreuil, Edward LeBlanc, Steven Martin, Peter Panaretos, Paul Soja and David Saraiva.

Volunteer Opportunities – We Need You!



We hold **Bingo** every Thursday. Actual games run from 6:15 pm until about 10 pm. We have volunteer opportunities from mid-afternoon through the evening. You can help with set up, the snack bar, selling pull tickets, selling bingo cards, verifying winners, and/or clean up. You can volunteer once a month or every week. Become a part of the team! Volunteers receive a 50% discount at the snack bar and two free drinks in our lounge. You can contact our Grand Knight Ron Grenier for information on volunteering. You can find his number on the last page of this newsletter, or just come by on a Thursday night!

Spaghetti Suppers – Second Wednesday of the Month

Spaghetti Suppers are held on the second Wednesday of the month.

The supper runs from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

We need volunteers for set up, service, and clean up.

Each volunteer receives a meal and two drink tickets.

Just come into the hall and speak to a person in a red K of C shirt who will help you to get started.

We also give credit to students who need volunteer hours!

We will be making the spaghetti sauce on Monday, November 11th at 8 AM in the kitchen.



Council Newsletter

Please submit any articles for the Council Newsletter by the **23rd of the month** to editor Daniel Mashia at dmashia@aol.com and/or Grand Knight Ronald Grenier at ronrx1@comcast.net. Thank you.

Charity Ball – Saturday, October 19 – Doubletree Hotel, Milford



Many of our Council Officers attended the Annual Massachusetts Knights of Columbus State Charity Ball in Milford, where we presented our check for \$3,420 from the funds raised in our recent Annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

Pictured left to right: State Treasurer Eric Oulette, State Chaplain Father Matthew Wescott, Council 4044 Trustee Matthew Cooke, State Secretary Nicholas Melanchook, Council 4044 Guard Daniel Mashia, State Deputy Robert Schwarz, Council 4044 Grand Knight Ronald Grenier,

Council 4044 Recorder Jeffrey Ciszewski, State Advocate Michael Gibson, Council 4044 Deputy Grand Knight Scott Lafond, State Warden Michael Bello, Council 4044 Warden Mark Urban, Immediate Past State Deputy Thomas Butler, Council 4044 Financial Secretary Francis Getto, and District Deputy Donald Darcy.

Aquanett Concert – November 27

New England's most authentic 80's Tribute Band will be performing on Wednesday evening, November 27 at the Castle.

Doors will open at 6:30 and music is from 7:30 to 11 PM.

Tickets are \$15 in advance (available in the Lounge, the Castle Office, or on line) and \$20 at the door.

Hope to see you there!



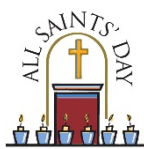








COUNCIL OFFICERS 2024 - 2025

Grand Knight - Ronald Grenier	Carole	626-2550
Chaplain - Father Dennis Skowera		532-7503
District Deputy - Donald Darcy, PGK, PFN	Denise	221-1490
Deputy Grand Knight - Scott Lafond, PFN	Melissa	427-6769
Chancellor - Mark Rodowicz	Robin	536-9026
Warden - Mark Urban, PFN		322-9228
Recorder - Jeffrey Ciszewski		561-6260
Inside Guard - Richard Sabourin	Carol	537-2964
Outside Guard - Daniel Mashia, PGK, PFN, FDD		626-7257
Financial Secretary - Fran Getto	Judy	531-2460
Treasurer - Edward LeBlanc, PGK	Cecile	221-0869
Advocate - Peter Panaretos, PGK, PFN	Mary	538-7748
Lecturer - David Sarrasin		626-2439
Trustee - Matthew Cooke, PGK		519-3258
Trustee - Robert Lelievre, PGK	Jennifer	592-3198
Trustee - Steven Dubreuil, IPGK	Laura	250-1677
Insurance Agent - William Wisniewski	Jessica	265-1213



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