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“HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2019”

On behalf of the Council Officers, staff & myself we wish you and your family a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year. We also thank you each and every member for your continuing and unwavering support to both Fr. Baker Council and the Lackawanna Catholic Club (LCC) in 2018, as well as for years past! Without your support our home for the last 61 years certainly would have been closed by now. The New Year gives our Council an opportunity to start afresh. We need to focus on growing our Council and our core mission of Charity, Fraternity and Unity. We urge all members to invite family, friends and co-workers to become members of our Council and we urge current members to attend meetings and to become more proactive in council functions & activities. The growth of Our Council is key to our success! We will continue to face challenges in 2019 as will the LCC. The condition of the roof is a Major Concern that may ultimately determine whether the LCC can remain our home. Please, I repeat please come to our next council meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:00PM; your presence and input is valuable and appreciated.

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tue Jan 1st	Solemnity of Mary	Tue Jan 1 st	New Year's Day
Thur Jan 3rd	Sr. Knights 1:00PM	Sat Jan 5 th	Reorganizational Mtg 12PM
Wed Jan 9th	Council Mtg 7PM	Sat Jan 19 th	Free Throw Contest 10AM

4TH DEGREE NEWS MSGR. TOOMEY ASSEMBLY # 2038

The next assembly meeting is Thursday, Jan 3rd, 2019 Burke Council, 7:30PM. On behalf of the Officers and Color Corp of the Msgr. Toomey Assembly may you have a most Happy & Healthy New Year.

KNIGHTS NEWS

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – Congrats to council member John Todorof who attained “Honorary” membership status. **Council Dues Reminder:** Dues paying council members are reminder that your annual dues for 2019 are due by January 1. Reminder post cards will be sent out soon; please honor your commitment! Membership cards will be mailed upon payment. Honorary Life members (non-dues paying) will also be receiving membership cards beginning with 2019 as a requirement by the Supreme Council. Anyone with questions should contact Financial Secretary John Radwan at 675-1804. **Upcoming Degrees:** Hamburg Council will be hosting the next First Degree Ceremony in March. The exact date is unknown right now but will be forward to members on our council email list; also in the Arma Dextra. When's the last time you asked someone to join the Knights of Columbus? Sons, grandson, God sons – keep the tradition alive! For more information please contact FS John Radwan at 675-1804.

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DARTS – Wed, Dec 12th bought another season of our Fr. Baker Wednesday Nite Dart League to a close. Had another great season with a commitment to return to action on Wed., Jan 9th, 7:30PM. This league is open to all, no prior signup, just show up, guaranteed a “good time!”

CHARITABLE & BENEVOLENT PROGRAM 2018 – Thanks to all who purchased tickets for this fun raiser. The Final Drawing was Sat., Dec. 1st. Hope someone from Fr. Baker Council had a winner!

FREE THROW CONTEST Once again OLV Elementary School will be hosting the Fr. Baker Council’s “Free Throw Contest” as it did last year. The competition will be held in the school gymnasium on Saturday, January 19th beginning at 10AM and is open to all girls & boys ages 9 -14. Registration forms are available at the “News & Announcements” section of the council’s website (www.fatherbakerkofc.com); **Volunteers Are Needed**. Please contact Bob Meegan @ 348-6119 or John Radwan @ 675-1804 to volunteer.

LCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION: Very poor turnout for this important election, however 3 new directors were elected: Bob Meegan, Mark Lalley & Rob Stoklosa, coupled with current members John Sowinski, John Radwan, Jim Novak, Pete Weaver, Gene Mendrysa and 1 vacancy. We welcome our new members and their input & views during this difficult time, thank you for joining.

HERE YE! HERE YE! – In conjunction with are Knights of Columbus initiatives, are Family & Youth Activities have found 2 directors to help launch these activities: Family FS John Radwan & Youth newly elected director Bob Meegan, thank you gentlemen looking forward to these.

SOCIAL GET-TOGETHERS – At the Dec. monthly meeting the Grand Knight asked us to brain storm some social activities/get-togethers we thought might attractive bringing together our members, their wives, partners, families, etc. Dance, dinner, cocktail hours? I thought introducing this to the membership would give the idea a wider audience to share their thoughts. Those in attendance were asked to share with family and bring back their input, and I would welcome anyone’s suggestions via the Arma Dextra, Baybarn@AOL.Com, would love to hear from you to share at next month’s meeting, and to the members that’s Wed., Jan 9th, 7:00PM.

SENIOR KNIGHTS NEWS

MEETING: Next Sr. Knights meeting Thur. Jan. 3rd, 2019 @ 1:00PM.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS – Mike Cusack, Dennis Fitzgerald, James Joynt, Bob Kroll, Mark Lowry, Gene O’Rourke, Don Schott and to our latest Nonagenarian “Happy 90th” Henry Bonarek! What a great way to ring in the New Year gentlemen – Enjoy your Special Day.

SR. KNIGHTS CHRISTAS PARTY – Fun? Wow! Again, this year the Sr. Knights hosted a most enjoyable, fun-filled Christmas Celebration. This was one of the largest turnouts in quite some time; even had our girl friend Trish Harris back in dancing action. That always means a Good Time! The room warmly projected a wonderful Christmas theme thanks to committee chairs Kevin Gilbride and Gene O’Rourke, thank you gentlemen for all you did to make this evening a true Christmas Celebration! And to the Keppler Brothers and their “Rock ‘n Rebels” for providing music that transcended us back to those glorious “60’s!” and the beautiful Christmas Music as well.

2019 DUE’S ARE DUE! - Dues are still only \$5.00, if paying by check payable to Fr. Baker Sr. Knights and forward to: Otto Johnson, 5680 Rice Rd, Boston, NY 14025 or bring them to the meeting on the 3rd.

BINGO – We all know how important BINGO is to the survival of our council, we are in dire need of not only floor volunteers but a few people who will be willing to accept administrative positions as a member of the BINGO team, these roles **Must Be Filled** please give it some serious consideration, for more information please contact Otto Johnson via the club 825-5150.

BROTHERS-In-Need. Please remember in the kindness of your prayers 3rd Degree & Honorary member Charles “Eddie” Rogers, Jr. member 41 yrs., 4th Degree & Honorary member Edward Krakowski, member 57 yr., 3rd Degree Robert Mendez, member 34 yrs., and Joseph Abram, 3rd Degree & Honorary member for 54 yrs. Joe was also a very active member, worked BINGO committee for over 30 yrs., as well as several other council functions. Gentlemen you combined for almost 200 years of dedication to Baker Council – thank you for your service! May St. Peter be there to walk you through the gates . . .

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