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“RING IN THE NEW”

Wishing you and your family a Happy, Healthy & Blessed New Year! For some this may be an emotional time. Get rid of the old, Ring In the New, all in anticipation and uncertainty of what’s to come. And not to mention making all those short lived resolutions. What are we to do? I suggest we keep it simple, have confidence in our Faith and simply take things one day at a time. Changing calendars reminds us we do have an opportunity to start anew. This is true for our council as well. With five new members joining our council and hopefully with more to come we look forward to being that charitable and fraternal organization as originally intended by Fr. Michael J. McGivney founder of the Knights of Columbus. You and your family are invited to come to our Annual Open House on Monday, January 1, 2018 from 1:00-4:00PM. Our Lady of Victory Pray for US!

Fraternally, *Gene Mendrysa*, GK

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon Jan 1st	Solemnity of Mary	Mon Jan 1 st	Open House 1PM
Thur Jan 4th	Sr. Knights Meeting 1PM	Wed Jan 10	Council Meeting 7PM

4TH DEGREE NEWS MSGR. TOOMEY ASSEMBLY #2038

The next assembly meeting is Thur., Jan 4, 2018, Burke Council, 7:30PM. Just a reminder the Exemplanation Degree will take place this April, Niagara Falls, NY; never too early to ask a 3rd Degree member to move on up, it’s a beautiful Degree. On behalf of the Officers and Color Corp of the Msgr. Toomey Assembly may your New Year be filled with much Joy, Peace & Happiness. Happy New Year 2018 . . .

KNIGHTS NEWS

MULTIPLE MAILINGS – Please note: any mailing address that has two or more members residing at the same address will receive only one newsletter. This is in an effort to reduce postage and save paper, ink, etc. In most cases it will be addressed to the senior member at the address. Thank you..

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT – Please send your **New Info** for phone #'s, Emails and/or addresses to Fin. Sec. John Radwan (jr0410@aol.com) or call 716-675-1804. Regular & Honorary member’s **Annual Council Dues** are due on 1-1-2018. Checks payable to Fr. Baker Council #2243, remit to John Radwan, 130 Main St., W Seneca, NY 14224. There are currently 3 **Vacant Council Officer** positions: DGK, Outside Guard & Recorder. Any interested party please contact GK Gene Mendrysa 716-207-9036. **Catholic College Scholarship Applications:** available from K of C for incoming freshman. For requirements & detailed information go to: kofc.org/un/en/service/scholarships/index.html. **For Applications:**

kofc.org/un/en/contact/scholarships_app.html or call 203-752-4332; deadline March 1, 2018. For **Catholic High School Scholarships & Tuition Grant Applications:** NY State Council is sponsoring both scholarship & tuition grants for incoming freshman in September 2018. For detailed information & applications go to: <http://www.newyorkknights.com/youth>. Completed applications must be received by NY State Council by April 1, 2018.

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DARTS – Another fun filled round of darts just concluded just in time for the Winter/Spring round to get under way. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018, 7:30PM. All are Welcome! No sign up, just show up, blind draw, 5 games, mid round pizza nite, weekly split club, conclude with banquet nite and awards. You'll Love It!

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CONTEST - On Friday, Dec. 15th I had the pleasure of being one of 4 judges in the Knights of Columbus Coloring Contest that our council sponsored at OLV Elementary School. There were over 70 entries in 3 age brackets. Several of the pictures were amazing which made it very difficult to choose. After much deliberation the 3 division winners were chosen. Each was awarded a cash prize and will move on to a district level judging. Special thanks to GK Gene Mendrysa for Fr. Baker Council's involvement and for facilitating the judging. School Principle Mrs. Krause said the students were very excited from the start and enjoyed every minute of the contest.

NEW MEMBERS "ON BOARD" – Congratulations to our newest members who attained their 1st & 2nd Degrees on December 12th: Bruce Coleman, Kevin Courtney & Len Fusco. Welcome Gentlemen!

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ELECTION – On Sat., Dec. 9, 2017, our annual Board of Director's election took place. The following candidates were elected: PGK Jim Novak, John Radwan and Lou Damstetter to 3 year terms, PGK John Sowinski 2 year term (one 2 year term vacant), a 1 year term vacant. Congratulations gentlemen, may the Holy Spirit shine His wisdom & guidance upon you.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – On Saturday, Dec. 9th the "Big Guy" himself was back again to have breakfast with council members, their families and friends. The kitchen crew prepared a wonderful variety of breakfast entrees for all to enjoy; there was plenty to go around! And thanks to the Breakfast Committee for making all the arrangements to make this all happen and to anyone who donated a door prize or gift. Santa did a wonderful job of bring joy and happiness to all the kids; Thanks Santa!!!

FREE THROW CONTEST – Since 1972 councils have sponsored Free Throw contest for boys & girls ages 9-14. Competitions start at the local level with winners moving up to 3 higher levels; then to the international level championship competition in their group. Our council will participate as a sponsor in January 2018, still in preliminary stages. Volunteers needed, please contact John Radwan 675-1804 or Bob Meegan 348-6119 to get involved, your support in helping with this most worthwhile event is greatly appreciated.

SENIOR KNIGHTS NEWS

MEETING: Next meeting is Thursday, January 4th, 2018 at 1:00PM, lunch to follow after a brief business meeting.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS - Mike Cusack, Mark Lowry, Gene O'Rourke, Bob Kroll. What a cast of characters for "New Year's Babies"! Great way to start the New Year gentlemen – Celebrate . . . !

CHRISTMAS PARTY - From all who were in attendance a most sincere "Thank You" to Fr. Baker Council Senior Knights for again sponsoring a most entertaining, fun filled Christmas Celebration. Larger group than last year and just a whole lot of fun! Music by the Keppler Bros.(Rock'n Rebels), great dinner, cocktails and most of all wonderful camaraderie! Special thanks to event chairmen Kevin Gilbride and Gene O'Rourke. Room looked very festive, thanks to the house decorating committee. Pat & Trish were both Sadly Missed!

SENIOR KNIGHT'S DUES – Sr. Knights Fin. Sec. Otto Johnson would like to remind the membership that the By Laws state Annual Dues (still only \$5.00) should be paid by (or at) the first January Monthly Meeting (not to mention it makes life a lot easier for the Fin. Sec.). If remitting by mail please send them to: Otto Johnson, 5680 Rice Rd., Boston, NY 14025, or you may leave them at the council lounge marked Sr. Dues, attn; Otto Johnson. Or bring them when you attend the January Meeting – there you go. Please indicate if you want a card mailed. Thank you gentlemen hope to see you on the 4th . . .

BROTHERS-In-Need. Please remember in the kindness of your prayers PGK's Pat Gallagher & Tom Bystryk both dealing with long term illnesses. May Jesus bless them with His Healing Graces.

BINGO

Played every Wed. afternoon 12:45PM + Queen of Hearts. **New volunteers always welcomed!**

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