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“HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY”

With so much to report and so little space let me first extend a Happy & Healthy Thanksgiving to you & your families on behalf of the Officers & Staff of Fr. Baker Council. I am happy to report that the implementation of our 2018/2019 Council Serve Program is going well. In October our Council donated \$200 to VetH.E.R.D. and their mission to help returning & disabled veterans. We are now gearing up for more Fall programs, including “Coats For Kids”, “Keeping Christ In Christmas Poster Contest” and the “Free Throw Contest” for boys & girls 9 thru 14. On Aug. 28, our Council established a Finance Committee whose goal is to use the lessons learned from the IRS audit and improve our oversight of Council accounts. Our Council is looking to fill 2 important vacancies, namely Deputy GK and the Finance Committee Leader. Also, please attend our next Council meeting scheduled Nov. 14th (6:30PM refreshments, 7:00PM meeting). The main focus of this meeting is to vote on the “Terms of Use” (lease) Agreement with the LCC. As always your input is welcome and I urge to attend. Last month we saw an increase in attendees. Hopefully attendance will continue to increase. Lastly the IRS has added the 2016 tax return to their audit; more to come when details are available. And please remember our dearly departed Brother Knights who have passed away and will be honored at our Annual Memorial Mass on Nov. 7, 2018, 7:00PM, council hall. Our Lady of Victory Pray For Us & the LCC. If you know a Veteran be sure and thank them for their service! Fraternaly, *Gene Mendrysa* , GK

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs Nov 1st	Sr. Knights 1PM	Sun Nov. 4th	Daylight Saving Ends
Tue Nov 6th	LCC Bd. Mtg. 6:30PM	Wed Nov 7 th	Memorial Mass 7PM
Sat Nov 10th	Meat Raffle 6PM	Mon Nov 12 th	Veterans Day (Hon.)
Wed Nov 14 th	Council Mtg. 7PM	Thurs Nov 24 th	Thanksgiving

4TH DEGREE NEWS MSGR. TOOMEY ASSEMBLY #2038

The next assembly meeting is Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018, Nash, 7:30PM. Our Lady of Fatima’s Annual Mass was celebrated on Sunday, October 21, 2018, had a very nice turnout and the service was beautiful; thanks to all who made it happen and attended.

KNIGHTS NEWS

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT – Upcoming 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degrees will take place on Sunday, Oct. 28th at St. John Hall Christ the King Seminary. First Degree 5PM, Second & Third Degrees will commence after the completion of the First Degree. Current 1st & 2nd Degree members interested in advancing should contact John Radwan 675-1804 for info and to make a reservation; there is no cost involved, just time. K of C Training Seminars for council members scheduled for Nov. 3rd have been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Training sessions for current and new council officers will take place in 2019; stay tuned. Nov. Lottery tickets are still available in the council lounge. Members who have still not sent in a donation to help pay current utility & tax bills are encouraged to please consider a contribution, ASAP, thank you for your help! The Annual Election of the Bd. of Directors will take place on Sat., Dec. 8, 2018, 1:00-4:00PM. Currently we have 2 unfilled positions, no nomination committee has been announced; no term lengths provided. Any 5 or more members of the LCC can nominate a fellow club member to a vacant position on the board. Their letter of nomination of a fellow club member must be signed & submitted to the secretary by Nov. 14th, 2018.

DARTS - Well with new lounge hours and licensing issues the council lounge is open for Darts on Wednesday along with Wednesday BINGO. Transition isn’t always easy, but everything should be functioning again soon. Thanks to all the players for their patience and understand during this time. And to Lou and committee for keeping everything running so smoothly, frankly for keeping it “Alive!”

CHARITABLE & BENEVOLENT PROGRAM 2018 – Still time to purchase a change on this fundraiser, FINAL DRAWING Sat., Dec. 1st, 2018. Remember a portion of all purchase’s remain within the council. And that \$1 gives you a chance on \$25,000, \$10,000, \$5,000 and ten \$1,000 prizes, not quite the Billion \$ Mega but much better odds.

2018/2019 COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM SCHEDULE – As shared with you the past few months these programs are well underway and a clearly defined blueprint in place for further programs. For more information or incite to what’s happening attend a monthly meeting (Wed., Nov. 7th, 7PM) and see for yourself first hand what Fr. Baker Knights of Columbus (your Council) is “really” all about!

FALL MEAT RAFFLE – Sat., Nov. 10th, 2018 council clubrooms, volunteers still needed, signup sheet on council lounge bulletin board. Doors open 6PM, action starts at 7PM, \$5.00 p/p, refreshments, snacks & door prize included; this fund raiser to support the LCC’s expenses. If you can’t volunteer, please attend. Contact event chairs Kevin Gilbride – 675-7972 or John Radwan 675-1904 for more information. This is an adult event, please no alcohol admitted.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS – On Wed., Nov. 7th the following departed 2018 members will be honored: Michael Schiavi, Wm. A “Bill” Godios, Patrick J Gallagher, Albert R “Bud” Pearce, Sr., Richard “Dick” Dougherty, Stephen P Check, Robert J Joslyn, Joseph J Kloc, Jr., Ronald J Pacholczak, Sr., Edw. M Flaherty, Daniel K Fitzgibbons, James C Skinner, Stanley Strychorz, James M Carlin, Maurice J Schenck, Richard J Krajewski, Gerald “Gonzo” Gonsiorek, Lovell M Avery, Jr., Kevin P Courtney, John F Schieber, John J savannah, Thomas A Bystryk, Sr. This Mass is a beautiful and moving Mass as a candle is lit as each member’s name is announced; please try and attend to honor the memory of our departed brothers.

SENIOR KNIGHTS NEWS

MEETING: Next Sr. Knights meeting Nov. 1st, 2018 @ 1:00PM, lunch to follow after a brief meeting.

NOVENBER BIRTHDAYS – Chuck Bridge, Ed Lalley and our newest nonagenarian Joe D’ Amato “90” yrs. old, way to go Joe! Enjoy your special day gentlemen get out and celebrate! (Joe save enough wind to blow out all those candles . . .).

2019 SR. KNIGHTS OFFICERS: Pres. Kevin Gilbride, Sec. Treasurer Otto Johnson, Recorder Jerry Brodrick “the Bear”), Sgt. At Arms Pete Weaver, VP – vacant. Thank you, gentlemen, for your time, energy and devotion to Fr. Baker Sr. Knights.

CASINO TRIP – On Monday, October 8, Sr. Knights sponsored a wonderful trip to Seneca Salamanca Casino another sold out excursion. Thanks to event chairs Kevin & Mary Lou Gilbride for caring for this outing. Had a few winners but nothing able to retire on, but lots of fun on a beautiful autumn day!

SR. KNIGHTS CHRISTMAS PARTY – Friday, Dec. 7th, 2018, cocktails 6:00PM, dinner 7PM, cost \$25.00 p/p, 2-hour open bar; entertainment provide by LA’s own Keppler Bros. For reservations please contact Kevin Gilbride 675-7972 or Gene O’Rourke 823-2493. On behalf of the Sr. Knights May your Thanksgiving be filled with much Joy and Gratitude for all He Blesses us with . . .

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 1st.

BINGO – Played every Wednesday 12:45PM. Workers still needed, callers, payoff, kitchen, thank you!

BROTHERS-In-Need. Please remember in the kindness of your prayers recently departed Hon. Life members John J Savanah and Thomas A Bystryk who were both members for “50” years. Tom also served as GK, FN, Color Corp and Fr. Baker Council house manager. He and his wife Kathy were both very supportive through the years of numerous council functions and activities. May the Angels Smile Upon them.

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