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WITH THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR MEMBERS IN MIND, OUR TRADITIONAL IRISH NIGHT MEETING IS CANCELLED

IGNITE 2021 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

When: Saturday, March 20th

Attention men of the parish, the theme for the 13th Annual IGNITE Men's Conference is Take Refuge in the Lord. As usual there are 3 tremendous speakers that will challenge all who attend. We will be running a "hybrid" conference this year. You will have 2 ways to participate. Attend in person at a local satellite site, see the list when you register, or you can participate at home.

With the "hybrid" format, we will have a half day event - 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. You can register for the IGNITE 2021 Catholic Men's Conference online at: ignitecatholicmen.org

Speakers: Fr. Jason Hage, SYR diocese; Chris Greison, former NFL QB; Steve Ray, media



Grand Knight's Message

Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone. Almost halfway through Lent. March 19th is St. Joseph's Feast Day. That's my mid Lent break. It's a solemnity - not a day of fasting. This year is declared the year of St. Joseph. Many churches are having special prayers and litanies honoring him. The Diocesan website has prayers to prepare for the consecration of St. Joseph.

Holy Trinity Church in Utica will be celebrating 40 hours of devotion March 21, 22, 23. Daily exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by afternoon Mass Sunday and evening Masses Monday and Tuesday. This is an excellent opportunity to spend some time in Lenten prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Take advantage of this privilege. Wishing everyone a solemn Holy Week and a blessed and happy Easter.

Sincerely and fraternally, *Joseph H. Rzepka, Jr., Grand Knight*

4th DEGREE

The regular February meeting is cancelled.

SENIOR KNIGHTS

The regular February meeting is cancelled.

BROTHERS WHO ARE ILL

John F. Pryor PGK [1985]

Michael J. Fitzgerald [1973]

Donald R. Cieri, Sr. [2001]

Joseph Gacek [1940]

George J. Amendolare [1986]

Joseph P. Kearney [1985]

Joseph White [1967]

THANK YOU NOTES

Utica Council and the Fourth Degree received letters of thanks from the **Veteran's Outreach Center** for our continued support. Additionally, we received a nice letter of thanks from **Mother Marianne's Kitchen** for making a donation from the Council. Also, thank you to those who make donations and leave bottles and cans for Evelyn's House.

K of C INSURANCE

Brother Donald Petrie has announced his retirement. Don has served our Council as Field Agent for many years and has provided superior service to our insurance members. We wish him all the best in retirement. Our General Agent remains Shawn Tetreault at (518) 310-1660. Please call his office for insurance needs or email at shawn.tetreault@kofc.org

IN YOUR CHARITY

Samuel F. Ventura [1948]

E-MAIL ADDRESSES/BULLETINS

About half of our members are receiving their bulletin each month by e-mail. This results in a significant savings to the Council. Let us know if you would like to get your bulletin by e-mail. Also, if you would like to get the bulletin both ways - regular mail and e-mail - we're happy to do that....just let us know by sending an e-mail. And, please notify us if your e-mail address changes.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

Anthony J. Picente [1997], Oneida County Executive, for providing critical support and leadership to residents during the pandemic.

Hon. Kevin E. Copeland [1977] on receiving the Republican endorsement for re-election to the position of New Hartford Town Justice. Brother Copeland is currently serving his eighth year as Town Justice. He is the brother of **Robert S. Copeland [1978]**, and the brother-in-law of **Richard J. Tehan [1997]** and **Mark L. Chanatry [1991]**. His father, **Warren Copeland**, deceased, was an Honorary Life member of Utica Council.

COUNCIL WEBSITE

Thanks to Len Montana and Mike Kohler, our Council website is updated daily. Please use the website for all Council information.

www.kofcutica.org

GYMNASIUM/FITNESS ROOM

The gymnasium and building remain closed to team play, including our Youth Program and adult men's basketball league. Members may use the gymnasium but only alone as a single or they may bring their son[s] or daughter[s] and shoot baskets. We cannot allow members to play one on one, two on two, three on three, etc., with other members. You may call Len Montana [315-534-9584] to reserve a time for the gym or Fitness room. Questions? Please call Len [315-534-9584].

2021 DUES

Thank you to those who have paid their 2021 dues. Soon another billing notice will be sent and ask that you please send in your dues so you can be included in the April publication of our annual **Year-In-Advance** list. Your payment will also help us avoid additional mailing and printing expense. *As always, if you or anyone you know is having financial problems and is unable to remit their dues, please contact us. No member will ever be suspended because they are unable to afford their dues.* **NOTE: 2021 membership cards have recently been sent to those who have paid their dues.**



Irish Night 2020



MOTHER MARIANNE'S WEST SIDE KITCHEN

Non-perishable goods will be collected at the Council until March 20, 2021. Our Council will participate in Mother Marianne's Annual Food Drive.

Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen provides hot meals and/or bag lunches every day to struggling families and individuals, the unemployed, and the homeless. The soup kitchen partners with other agencies to provide informational and educational programs, as well as referrals, for those in need. Founded in 2008, the operation is sustained through volunteers and donations. The soup kitchen is named after Utica, NY's first and only saint – Mother Marianne Cope, who grew up in the parish before becoming a Franciscan sister and spending the last 30 years of her life caring for leprosy patients in Hawaii. Please drop off your donations at the Council or you may drop them at Chanatry's Hometown Market, as the store is serving as a collection site.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17  <i>St. Patricks Day</i> NOT CANCELLED!	18 <i>St. Josephs Day</i> NOT CANCELLED!	19	20 CATHOLIC MEN'S IGNITE March 20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	COMING EVENTS! IRISH NIGHT - Cancelled 4 TH DEGREE Meeting - Cancelled SENIOR KNIGHTS - Cancelled AMERICAN NIGHT: (APRIL Meeting) - TBD GOLF - SOON!		