



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Council Christmas Party*

~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 ~

Sacred Heart St. Mary's Church, New York Mills, NY

**Party: 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.**



This year we are to our Annual Christmas Party in place of our regular monthly meeting. We invited all members, families, friends and parishioners to attend the annual Council Christmas Party. Take a moment just before Christmas to enjoy a visit with friends. We will serve coffee, donuts, bagels, snacks, beverages and who knows?? Maybe Santa Claus will show up!!! Yes, we expect Santa and his helpers to be at the party. Everyone will have an opportunity to have your photo taken with Santa compliments of the Council. Face painting, amusement games, Bounce House and plenty of fun for all. Note: this party is for all members,

children and friends, just come and enjoy a good time. [Also, note: there will not be a regular Council meeting on the third Tuesday of this month.] Admission is free just RSVP the Total number Family Members Attending by Dec 15, 2023.

### *Grand Knight's Message*

Dear Brothers,

Christmas is a time of hope, love, and joy. It's a time when we come together as a community, as families, and as Knights of Columbus to reflect on the gift of God's love for us. In the midst of the busiest of the holiday season, it's important that we take a moment to remember the true meaning of Christmas and the profound impact it has on our lives. During this Holy Season, let us recommit ourselves to these principles and to the service of those in need. It is through our acts of kindness, charity, and fraternity that we truly live out the message of Jesus Christ.

Fraternally, *Michael Kohler, Grand Knight*

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## BROTHERS WHO ARE ILL

**John F. Pryor, PGK 1985**

**Joseph P. Kearney 1985**

**William S. Hartnett 1965**

**Samuel L. Russo 1972**

**George J. Amendolare 1985**

**Paul A. Benedetto 1987**

**William M Brunnett Sr. 1976**

## K OF C INSURANCE

If you need service on a policy, such as change of beneficiary, etc., contact Thomas McKeon Field Agent 484-343-8711 email [Thomas.Mckeon@koc.org](mailto:Thomas.Mckeon@koc.org)  
Joseph Grayeske-Field Agent at 484-924-8449 email [Joseph.grayeskeKofc.org](mailto:Joseph.grayeskeKofc.org)

## SENIOR KNIGHTS

The Senior Knights Luncheon will be held Wednesday, December 20 at 12 noon at the American Legion Post located on 8616 Clinton St., New Hartford. New members are always welcome. Please call Jim Solan for reservations at 315-768-4443.

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## KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

Welcome to our newest member - **Trevor N. Mastro 10/17/2023.**

**James G. Clifford [1981]**, owner and president of Clifford Fuel Company Inc. and Cliff's Local Market on raising \$36,447 for the Kelberman Center.

Clifford Fuel and Cliff's Local Market [20+ stores] have been family-owned and operated for over 60 years.

### *The following members recently achieved Honorary Status*

#### HONORARY MEMBERS

**Daniel W. Calhoun**

**Robert S. Nowak**

**Michael G. Nackley**

**Guy A. Bonomo**

**Terrance K. Heintz**

#### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

**Cesare J. Cerminaro**

**Mark E. Maher**

**Gabriel S. Timpano**

**John J. Gorczynski**

**Andrew K. Curtis**

**Jerome F. Donovan**

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## 4<sup>th</sup> DEGREE

There will be no regular meeting for the 4th Degree Assembly this month. Instead of a regular meeting the members were invited to participate in the Holy Hour/Adoration held at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus on Wednesday, December 13 at 5:15 pm. The Assembly received recognition from VOC for their very thoughtful and generous donation of and delivery of 65 Turkey's to the Veteran's Outreach Center for their Thanksgiving Care Packages.



*The picture is Robert Gondek who spearheaded the fundraiser and also delivered the Turkey's on Wednesday November 15.*

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## **IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!!! 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

2024 Membership Dues notices will be mailed December 1st, 2023. Help the Council defray the cost of mailing by paying your dues NOW. Your name will be published in 2024 YEAR IN ADVANCE CLUB that will be published in the January Newsletter. Dues for Regular Members are \$88.00 and for Honorary Members \$28.00. We are asking our Honorary Life Members, who are exempt from paying dues, for their support by asking for a suggested voluntary contribution of \$28.00 or amount of their choice. This will help the Council with our Charitable Donations. Please make Checks Payable to "Knights of Columbus 189" and mail your checks to 155 Bolton Road, New Hartford, NY 13413-2513. There also is a secure mailbox by the door of the council to drop off your dues if you prefer. If any member is unable to continue their membership, please call 315-735-6171 or [email kofcutica.org](mailto:kofcutica.org).

## **COUNCIL WEBSITE: [www.kofcutica.org](http://www.kofcutica.org)**

Check out our updated website. This site gives a wealth of information on the business of our local Council 189. [www.kofcutica.org](http://www.kofcutica.org) covers all Council information, upcoming events, our history of the past, and an updated calendar so you will never be left out of an event. Thanks to Mike Kohler for arranging and maintaining the Council website. This site is updated regularly so you will be informed of all council business and activities.

## **GYMNASIUM/FITNESS ROOM**

This is a busy time of the year for our facility. To reserve time or with any questions regarding the use our facility and scheduling please call Len Montana (315-534-9584). Please refer to our Website [www.kofcutica.org](http://www.kofcutica.org) for upcoming events already scheduled.

## **SUPPORT OF CHARITABLE PROGRAMS**

Please continue to support our Council Program. Evelyn's House, The Veteran's Outreach Center. Bring your donations of non-perishable food, disposable diapers, baby wipes, paper towels, sippy cups, binkies, toilet paper, wipes, cleaning products, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, bath towels, sheets, kitchen towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste. Can & Bottle Drive, (RINSED) to support our Charitable programs. Leave these item in plastic bags outside the door of the Council Office. I'm at the Council Office every day and will bring your items inside. Thanks for your continued support.

## **NEW MEMBERS/VIRTUAL DEGREES**

Joining the Knights of Columbus has never been easier. The online application is very simple. If you know of a prospective member, send an e-mail to Len Montana, FS at [kofc189@roadrunner.com](mailto:kofc189@roadrunner.com) Len will give you, or the new member, the link – it's that easy. Membership degrees are also offered in a virtual format online. Contact us for new member information. NOTE: if you are a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> degree member yourself and never took your 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, contact Len and he will invite you to the next Supreme Council virtual degree.

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**DECEMBER 2023**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>COMING EVENTS!</b>		<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024! - Jan. 1, 2024</b> <b>Polish Night - Jan. 16, 2024</b> <b>German Night - Feb. 20, 2024</b> <b>Irish Night - March 19, 2024</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>  <b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>SENIOR KNIGHTS LUNCHEON</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>  <b>31</b>	<b>25</b> <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>