



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!*

~ There will be NO December Meeting ~

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, Families, and Friends,

As we begin the Advent season and prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth, I want to extend my warmest wishes for a blessed and joyful Christmas to you and your families. Advent gives the opportunity to reflect and appreciate the meaning of the season. Through our service and generosity, we support those in need and stay true to the mission of our Order.

During this season, I encourage all of us to continue working together in faith and unity. May the peace of Christmas fill your homes, and may the New Year bring good health, happiness, and renewed dedication to our calling as Knights.

Please remember that our annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 14. Santa will be there, and we have fun activities planned to make the event enjoyable for all our young guests. I invite all families to join us for this special event.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Michael Kohler, Grand Knight

2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership Dues invoices will be mailed January 2, 2026. ***You can help the Council defray the cost of mailing by paying your dues NOW.*** Your name will be published in 2026 YEAR IN ADVANCE CLUB that will be published in the 2026 February 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.

Make Checks Payable to "Knights of Columbus 189" and mail your checks to 155 Bolton Road, New Hartford, NY 13413-2513. If you prefer, 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 for any circumstance, please call 315-735-6171 or [email kofc189@roadrunner.com](mailto:kofc189@roadrunner.com)

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS WHO ARE ILL

Thomas R. Luley Sr., PGK (1973)

Samuel L. Russo [1972]

William M. Brunnett, Sr. [1976]

Joseph D. DiCesare [1960]

Philip Snyder [1966]

Joseph P. Kearney [1985]

William R. Ball [1983]

Please notify the Council office of a brother should be added for prayers

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

Welcome to Edgar M Ocampo who Transferred from Council 194 Glens Falls

4th DEGREE NEWS

As winter approaches, I welcome you to consider donating new or gently used jackets or sweatshirts, new socks, or new underwear, which I will deliver to the Utica Rescue Mission. If you are interested in donating, you can reach me at timfitzgerald21@gmail.com or 315-534-5538.

We will be taking a break from our normal 4th Degree meeting schedule for the month of December. As we enter the blessed season of Advent, I wish you all health and joy, and I hope you take the opportunity to grow in faith through adoration, quiet prayer, and joyful anticipation of the birth of our Lord.

I hope to see all 4th Degree members at our next Assembly meeting on January 27th. Please bring your member card and a rosary!

In Christ,

Tim Fitzgerald, FN



Robert Gondek, PFN Chairman of the Thanksgiving Turkey Drive and members of the Veteran's Outreach Center along with the 117 Turkeys that were presented to VOC for Thanksgiving.

SENIOR KNIGHTS

The Senior Knights Luncheon will be held on Wednesday December 17th 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.

NEW MEMBERS/VIRTUAL DEGREES

Joining the Knights of Columbus has never been easier. The online application is simple. If you know of a prospective member, send an e-mail to Len Montana, FS at kojc189@roadrunner.com Len will give you, or the new member, the link.

Membership degrees are also offered in a virtual format online. Contact us for information. NOTE: If you are a 1st or 2nd degree member yourself and have never taken your 2nd or 3rd degree, contact Len and he will invite you to the next Supreme Council virtual degree.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

If you need service on a policy, such as change of beneficiary, etc., contact:

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GYMNASIUM/FITNESS ROOM

This is a busy time of the year for our building.

Click our QR code to view our Website Calendar of Events scheduled.

Then Email kojc189@roadrunner.com or Text Len at 315-534-9584 to schedule your request.

SUPPORT OF CHARITABLE PROGRAMS

Please continue to support our Council's charitable programs. **Evelyn's House, The Veteran's Outreach Center.** Please 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) Leave these items in plastic bags outside the door of the Council Office. I'm at the Council Office every day and will bring your items inside.

Thank you for your continued generous contributions.

TURKEY SCRAMBLE MEETING 2025



COMING EVENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Polish Night Tuesday January 20, 2026

German Night Tuesday February 17, 2026
Irish Night Tuesday March 17, 2026

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

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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  CHRISTMAS PARTY	15	16	17 SENIOR KNIGHTS MEETING	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	COMING EVENTS!	HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026! Polish Night - Jan. 20, 2026 German Night - Feb. 17, 2026 Irish Night - March 17, 2026	