



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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German Night 2026

~ TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026 ~

Sacred Heart St. Mary's Church Cafeteria

New York Mills, NY



**Bockwurst, Knockwurst, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, Limburger Cheese, Rye Bread
with Beer, Wine, Soda & Water COST: \$12.00**

Doors open at 5:30 pm. Dinner will begin after opening Prayer at 6:30 pm.

Chairmen Joseph H. Rzepka Jr, PGK. Along with all PGKs in Memory of Lester Libich 3rd Degree member who passed away October 2014, after working 38 years at Utica Council. It was his tradition that he served as chairmen of German Night annually. **RESERVATIONS...VERY IMPORTANT...make your reservations by emailing at kofc@roadrunner.com or calling (315-735-6171) and leave the number in your group.**

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers in Christ,

As we begin the season of Lent, we are given time to slow down and reflect on our faith. Lent is about prayer, making small sacrifices, and helping others, all of which help us grow closer to God. It is a chance to look at our daily lives and find simple ways to become better men of faith.

This season prepares us for Easter by reminding us of Christ's sacrifice and the hope that comes from His resurrection. Whether it is through spending more time in prayer, giving something up, or lending a helping hand, each effort matters.

I wish each of you a meaningful and blessed Lenten season.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Kohler, Grand Knight

IN YOUR CHARITY

We ask that you remember our late members who have passed away since our last newsletter.

Joseph Guzzetta Jr., son of Joseph J Guzzetta Sr., PGK (1971)

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]

William R. Ball [1983]

Please let us know if one of our members is in a nursing home and included.

KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations **Timothy D Foley** (1983) Honorary Life Member

Richard E Prusko Honorary Life Member

Jeffrey L. Tanoury (1988) Life Member

New Member- **Brendan Rowlands**, son of Keith Rowlands (1980)

Transfer **John Reil** (2014) from Council No. 10941 Hillard, Ohio

4TH DEGREE NEWS

There will be a 4th Degree meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the 4th Degree Chambers. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

SENIOR KNIGHTS

The Senior Knights Luncheon will be held on Wednesday February 25, 2026 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

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 for upcoming events already scheduled

2026 Year In Advance Club

William E. Burke Council 189

(Dues Received as of 1/31/2026)

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

(made a voluntary dues contribution)

Special Recognition of the Voluntary Donation made by the James Wurz, Jr. & Edward T. Wurz, Sr. Foundation

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Michael T Beck
John W Bialek
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Victor L DeFelice
Thomas J Dolansky
Jerome F Donovan
Leo T Dudziak
Richard P Dziekowicz

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Dominick Garofalo Jr
Robert J Gondek
Walter Guminiak Jr
George J Gutch
Charles L Hage
Joseph M Hage
Brian P Hanley
Robert J Kane
Nicholas R Kelly
Brian P Kney
Thomas J Kubicki
Donald Joseph Lazzaro

Dennis J Loftus
Carmen J Luvera
Joseph J Lyszczarz
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Charles J McNeil
Patrick McQueeney
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Gregg A Stephens
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Donald J Virkler
William M Virkler
Robert B Virkler
Florio A Vitullo
Nassar Joseph Yagey
John S Zwijacz

REGULAR & HONORARY MEMBERS

Alan J Akins
Mark R Angelucci
Jack J Angrisano Jr
James P Armstrong
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Richard Bates
Michael T Beck
Joseph Bellino
Shawn V Biamonte
Paul A Bianco
Guy A Bonomo
Frank J Buffa Jr
Frank J Buffa III
Michael M Buffa
Richard W Burton
Sean W Burton
Gary J Caiola
Daniel W Calhoun
Robert R Calli
Ronald H Carlone II
Philip J Cavaretta
Anthony C Chiffy II
James R Cichon
James G Clifford
Gerard R Cole
Patrick D Comeskey Jr
Brian E Comeskey
Daniel M Cornmire
Matthew W Cornmire
Michael A Dangler
Richard C Delahunt Jr
Christopher J Devins
Gary M Dischiavi
Richard P Dziekowicz

David J Elacqua
Michael P Flanagan
Richard A Flisnik
Michael T Forsythe
Lance J Giangolini
Andrew J Goodelle
James P Goodman
Jon A Gorea
S Mark Hapanowicz
Terrance K Heintz
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Blair M Kahler
Robert J Kane
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Joseph J Karwacki
David P Kelsey
Matthew T Kiszewski
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Bradley M Kowalczyk
Michael Kowalczyk
Richard S Kozlowski
Jerry J Kraus
James J Krol
Joseph N Labella
Kirk T Lallier
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Robert J Marshall Jr
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Patrick B McGrath
Ryan McGrath
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Daniel J Meehan
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Richard R Smith
Patrick J Snyder
James J Sojda
James N Solan
Ronald J Sperry
Frederick R Sperry
Craig M Sperry
Thomas M Sreca
Matthew T Sreca

Michael J Sreca
Norman V Stanulevich
Mark W Stappenbeck
Ardwin J Stepanick II
Michael Swierat
Christopher P Taft
Jeffrey L Tanoury
Michael E Tolpa
Alban J Uryniak
Timothy J VanDresar
William M Virkler II
Sean B Virkler
Jace M Volo
Timothy M Welchons
Henryk A Widomski
Joseph P Wilk
Adam G Wilk
Michael V Wilk
Thomas C Witte
Scott A Wojnas
Michael J Wojtanowski
James J Wurz
Mark J Yarwood
Stephen R Zogby

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 kofc189@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 never took your 2nd or 3rd degree, contact Len and he will invite you to the next Supreme Council virtual degree.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

If you need service on a policy, contact:

Greg Mattes, Field Agent

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COMING EVENTS MARCH 2026

• **Irish Night - March 17th** •

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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  HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
15	16 PRESIDENT'S DAY	17  GERMAN NIGHT	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 4TH DEGREE MEETING	25 SENIOR KNIGHTS	26	27	28

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IRISH NIGHT - MARCH 17TH