



**december**  
**2018**  
**Council 207**

**Jack Baraczek**  
**Grand Knight**

**Bruce Sherman**  
**Deputy Grand Knight**

**Mark Carr**  
**Financial Secretary**

**Patrick Carbonaro**  
**Advocate**

**Marc Lashomb**  
**Chancellor**

**Gerry Cuff**  
**Warden**

**Thomas Carter**  
**Treasurer**

**Kevin Kiernan**  
**Interim Recorder**

**JD Pabis**  
**Outside Guard**

**John Breanick**  
**Inside Guard**

**Trustees:**

**Joe LoPiccolo**

**Alex Vanderpool**

**Lee Vanderpool**

**Fr. Jim Enright, Chaplain**

**Kevin Kiernan, Ins. Agent**

**Jim LaMay, Bar Manager**

**Charity**  
**Unity**  
**Fraternity**  
**Patriotism**

# Knights of Columbus

Established in 1897

## Brother Knights, Family Members, Readers, Friends



Officially !!!! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. What a Great time of the year to be with friends and family as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Families will be together, gifts will be exchanged, the Kids Christmas Party, the Christmas Appeal, Caroling at nursing homes, the Knights Christmas Party, the Christmas Parade, many scheduled Christmas parties at the Knights and the tradition by the Knights of helping those in need over the Holiday Season.

To the last point of helping those in need. I would like to challenge all of us as individuals and families, to help out a Family(s) in need over the Christmas Season.

Cayuga County has one of the highest welfare rates in the State. One does not have to look very far to see individuals and families in need. Let us all do our part in working to make a positive difference in the life of a Family or individual, not only over the Christmas Season but all year long. In closing and on behalf of Myself, Jean and our entire Family, we would like to wish you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year. May you all have safe travels wherever you may go and may you all make great memories to reflect on in the years ahead.

### **The following is a Christmas message from Pope Francis.**

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Christmas!

Christ is born for us, let us rejoice in the day of our salvation!

Let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this day, which is Christ himself. Jesus is the radiant “day” which has dawned on the horizon of humanity. A day of mercy, in which God our Father has revealed his great tenderness to the entire world. A day of light, which dispels the darkness of fear and anxiety. A day of peace, which makes for encounter, dialogue and, above all, reconciliation. A day of joy: a “great joy” for the poor, the lowly and for all the people (cf. Lk 2:10).

On this day, Jesus, the Savior is born of the Virgin Mary. The Crib makes us see the “sign” which God has given us: “a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger” (Lk 2:12). Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, may we too set out to see this sign, this event which is renewed yearly in the Church. Christmas is an event which is renewed in every family, parish and community which receives the love of God made incarnate in Jesus Christ. Like Mary, the Church shows to everyone the “sign” of God: the Child whom she bore in her womb and to whom she gave birth, yet who is the Son of the Most High, since he “is of the Holy Spirit” (Mt 1:20). He is truly the Savior, for he is the Lamb of God who takes upon himself the sin of the world (cf. Jn 1:29). With the shepherds, let us bow down before the Lamb, let us worship God’s goodness made flesh, and let us allow tears of repentance to fill our eyes and cleanse our hearts. This is something we all need!

He alone, he alone can save us. Only God’s mercy can free humanity from the many forms of evil, at times monstrous evil, which selfishness spawns in our midst. The grace of God can convert hearts and offer mankind a way out of humanly insoluble situations.

Where God is born, hope is born. He brings hope. Where God is born, peace is born. And where peace is born, there is no longer room for hatred and for war. Yet precisely where the incarnate Son of God came into the world, tensions and violence persist, and peace remains a gift to be implored and built. May Israelis and Palestinians resume direct dialogue and reach an agreement which will enable the two peoples to live together in harmony, ending a conflict which has long set them at odds, with grave repercussions for the entire region.

We pray to the Lord that the agreement reached in the United Nations may succeed in halting as quickly as possible the clash of arms in Syria and in remedying the extremely grave humanitarian situation of its suffering people. It is likewise urgent that the agreement on Libya be supported by all, so as to overcome the grave divisions and violence afflicting the country. May the attention of the international community be unanimously directed to ending the atrocities which in those countries, as well as in Iraq, Libya, Yemen and sub-Saharan Africa, even now reap numerous victims, cause immense suffering and do not even spare the historical and cultural patrimony of entire peoples. My thoughts also turn to those affected by brutal acts of terrorism, particularly the recent massacres which took place in Egyptian airspace, in Beirut, Paris, Bamako and Tunis.

To our brothers and sisters who in many parts of the world are being persecuted for their faith, may the Child Jesus grant consolation and strength. They are our martyrs of today.

We also pray for peace and concord among the peoples of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi and South Sudan, that dialogue may lead to a strengthened common commitment to the building of civil societies animated by a sincere spirit of reconciliation and of mutual understanding.

Nor may our encouragement be lacking to all those fleeing extreme poverty or war, travelling all too often in inhumane conditions and not infrequently at the risk of their lives. May God repay all those, both individuals and states, who generously work to provide assistance and welcome to the numerous migrants and refugees, helping them to build a dignified future for themselves and for their dear ones, and to be integrated in the societies which receive them.

On this festal day may the Lord grant renewed hope to all those who lack employment – and they are so many!; may he sustain the commitment of those with public responsibilities in political and economic life, that they may work to pursue the common good and to protect the dignity of every human life.

Where God is born, mercy flourishes. Mercy is the most precious gift which God gives us, especially during this Jubilee year in which we are called to discover that tender love of our heavenly Father for each of us. May the Lord enable prisoners in particular to experience his merciful love, which heals wounds and triumphs over evil.

Today, then, let us together rejoice in the day of our salvation. As we contemplate the Crib, let us gaze on the open arms of Jesus, which show us the merciful embrace of God, as we hear the cries of the Child who whispers to us: “for my brethren and

NOTE: Additional updates reference Council 207 can be found within the following pages.

Fraternally,



Jack Baraczek  
Grand Knight, Council 207

*Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or just to talk. I would welcome your input.*

*My contact information: Phone: 315 415-5325    E mail: jackbaraczek@gmail*

**Special Thanks - I would like to give “Special Thanks and Recognition” to the following individuals: The list grows.....**

**Families** - Thanks to our Families for your support, understanding and participation in our KOC activities

**Finance committee** - The mission continues - year over year improvements continue— Bob Pine-Mark Carr-John Montone-Pat Crawford-Bruce Sherman-Dave Henry - for their continued efforts , professionalism and commitment to stay the course

**Charitable committee** - Bruce Sherman (Chair) Alex Vanderpool, Tom McNabb, Tim Delaney, Andy Sheridan, Dave Pappert - our mission continues - our charitable donations remain strong and growing - we anticipate a strong “Giving” thru year end.

**Veterans** - thanks always to our Veterans - we celebrate you not only on Veterans Day but each and every day of the year - thank you for your service to our Great Country.

**Volunteer of the month - November** - Chris Carter - I would like to congratulate Chris as our volunteer of the month for November. Chris is also an Officer and member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Chris, as an individual, is always raising her hand to volunteer for most all of our events. Cooking, kitchen clean up, serving, set up, Tuesday's at the soup kitchen, St Baldrick's, Veterans Day, Family picnic, to name just a few. When Chris does not officially volunteer we still see her at our events pitching in regardless. Many of our event posters are produced and provided by Chris. She is also the best right hand supporter of her husband Tom and his many activities at the Knights. You will see Chris and Tom regularly each week at The Knights. Thanks Chris for your continued help and support of Council 207. Your actions and deeds do not go unnoticed.

**NOTE:** We will have a special 2018 Volunteer of the month recognition party in January for all Volunteer of the month recipients. Details to follow.

**Deacon John Tomandl - Mike Skomsky** - Thank you for hosting up our Rosary Service each month at 6:30 prior to our Council meetings.

**Father Enright**—We always welcome your words of “Wisdom” at Council meetings.

**Patrick Carbonaro** - thanks for your continued council and guidance in support of Council 207

**Lee Vanderpool** - thanks for your continued support of our newsletter

**Building fund donations** - thanks to all who have so generously donated to our campaign - your contributions will be duly noted and posted on a special plaque unless you choose otherwise. If you do not want your name recognized please advise Joe LoPiccolo or John Montone. Every day we receive a contribution. All donations regardless of amount are truly appreciated and are tax deductible. **NOTE: we will post a donations board in Jan 2019. If you do not want your name displayed on the board please contact Jack Baraczek or Bruce Sherman. We will also sponsor a dedication and recognition party for all involved in Jan.**

**Wives, Families, Significant others** - thanks for your support of our Council Brothers and members of The Ladies Auxiliary - volunteering takes time and effort and your support is appreciated

**Officers, Trustees, members of Home Corp.** - thanks always for your extra effort and support of Council.

**Jeff Gage** - Thanks for your time as President of Home Corp and always lending a hand with your musical talent and equipment. Jeff has also been reelected as President of Home Corp. for another term.

**Don Poole** - all of us appreciate your event and schedule coordination

**Jim LaMay** - thanks for your continued time and efforts in managing the bar and your newsletter updates

**Bartenders** - thanks for your continued wit, your humor, your infectious smiles and putting up with the antics of our patrons - thanks Patrons for putting up with our bartenders. We are also looking for additional bartenders to supplement our Team. Please contact either Jim LaMay or Jack Baraczek if interested.

**“THE” Ladies Auxiliary** - Sandy and TEAM - thank always for your continued charitable contributions to our community and Council - your efforts and that of the Ladies Auxiliary

**Council 207 Brothers and Ladies Auxiliary members** - thanks for helping to promote Council 207 and also for your participation in Council activities and visiting the KOC

**Special thanks** - to the many volunteers that continue to appear in this section each month

**News and Views:** Results year over year continue to be very favorable, YTD November 2018 vs YTD November 2017 for both Council and Home Corp are within our fiscal budgets. Our gross \$'s in November were up 17.7% vs last year. Buy vs gross % continue as "Best in Class". The average past 3 months gross vs spend = 25%, vs the industry average of 41%. Our best performance to date. Every % of improvement = increased profits for Council and increased charitable contributions. Our financial committee continues to meet each month. Mark Carr provides an update on our fiscal performance, YTD, for both Council and Home Corp. Detailed financial updates are available at monthly Council meetings. Home Corp. is current with all obligations to Council. Based upon performance, additional \$'s are being allocated from Home Corp. to Council in support of our initiatives and charitable contributions.

Activities in November/December are very strong. We are scheduled for 45 events in December. Our rental contributions are the highest in several years. Many organizations are booking their events/meetings thru year end with some now booking in 2019. It is very important that you contact Don Poole well in advance when booking an event. A debit/credit system was approved by Home Corp. We will delay implementation until we are fully staffed with additional bartenders. Our physical building is in need of repair over the next 1-5 years. In addition to the new roof we are in need of the following - painting inside and out - repair of outside rear wall - stove repair or replacement - coat parking lot - remove and replace rear landscaping - security system - new computer - reconfigure kitchen - replace ice machine - replace air conditioner (21 years old) repair outside walls, etc.. All have been identified at Council meetings and with in our finance committee . Plans are under way to prioritize and set up a schedule to proactively address all issues over the next 5 years. We will establish a budget and timeline and all will require Council approval.

#### **Building Fund New Roof:**

Our special roof project is complete. We will have a special dedication ceremony, recognition and party for all that participated during January.

**Degree Updates:** We are experiencing difficulty in securing commitments from applicants for the 1st Degree. As a result we have had to again postpone or 1st Degree ceremony scheduled for November 27. Many Brothers have recommended that we form a Degree TEAM for the purpose of interviewing all perspective candidates to the 1st Degree prior to the ceremony. As a result we have formed a Degree TEAM that will interview all existing candidates as well as future candidates. Additional updates and recommendations will be reviewed during Council meetings. We have tentatively scheduled a new 1st Degree Ceremony for January 22.

**Membership Transfers:** I was invited to attend a recent St Frances Council meeting in November. The purpose of said meeting was to determine the future of the St Frances Council. It was determined due to several ongoing situations that the St Frances Council would not continue operations and would begin the process to close immediately. The process to close was reviewed with the District Deputy and plans are underway. The process to transfer existing Brothers in good standing was also discussed and is also underway. We have and will continue to welcome all transfers in good standing from the St Frances Council and have already processed 6 transfers. Council 207 has an opportunity to except transfers from approximately 60 Brothers. If you know of any Brothers from the St Frances Council that have questions regarding transfer process please have them contact either Matt Fallon (Gr Knight St Frances ) or Myself. In the coming months I will post a list of new member transfers.

**By-Laws:** Our Advocate, Patrick Carbonaro, has advised me that the current BY-Laws for both Council and Home Corp. require updating. Patrick has also reviewed same with our former Advocate, John Rossi. We will be working closely with Patrick, Jeff Gage, Mark Carr, Bruce Sherman, Pat Crawford, John Montone and Alex Vanderpool to begin the updating process. As a guide we will follow the current BY-Law and Charter Constitution Laws received by Supreme. This is a significant process and work is still underway to complete. We will continue to update on progress in future newsletters and Council meetings. We are also required by Supreme to comply with newly established guidelines for Councils with Home Corps. This process remains ongoing and we anticipate a draft document with in the 1st qtr of 2019.

**Additional Council members:** We will add approximately 25 new members to Council in 2018. In addition we are receiving transfer members from other Councils. Please join me in welcoming all of our new members.

**Grand Knight Suggestion Box:** I am always interested in any and all suggestions and recommendations that are in the Best interest of Council 207. There is a Grand Knight Suggestion Box located at the table near the front door. Your input and ideas are welcome.

**Christian Activities:** We will continue to expand our involvement in Catholic Christian Activities throughout the year. Increased involvement by Council in activities at Tyburn Academy, St Joseph, Catholic Parishes, Champions for Life, Special Council Masses, Seminarians, Christian couple's events, Deacon Dennis Virtues events, local Pastors and Deacons, KOC Supreme special events and activities, Young men's group activities, etc. Important that we all work together to ensure success and sustainability for these projects now and in future years.

Work is complete in constructing a special permanent display area at the KOC to remind us all of our Catholic parishes and Catholic Christian affiliates and their roles in our faith community. Displays will be posted in the near future.

**Notable Events:** Planned events for 2019 - sports night - casino night - clam/seafood night, Old timers recognition dinner - Wine Tasting - bourbon tasting - Past Grand Knight cocktail hour - KOC Mass Dedication at Sacred Heart Church - Police Officers/Firemen recognition day - Pancake breakfasts - Mass at KOC - I have met with Father Brown at Sacred Heart/Saint Ann's and plans are also under way to host a "Special Mass" of recognition for Council 207. If anyone has Council 207 memorabilia, please advise me "ASAP" - Rosary prayer service prior to Council meetings - Membership drive local and after Masses

**Ongoing Updates:** Please forward additional weekly update request directly to Rich Kloster each Monday. E mail updates will be sent to all Council members + Ladies Auxiliary members that have an e mail on file. We are also looking for a volunteer to assist Rich in updating the council web site.

**NOTE:** Use of our facility by members and guests is "Welcome" - please police all areas that are used and ensure that all items used are returned to their original location(s). Thank you.

**Events:** It is very important that you schedule your event "ASAP" with Don Poole. Depending on the event, we can also host multiple events at the same time. We continue to host simultaneous events in the front room + the main bar area + the back room.

**Prayer Intentions:** Dave Henry - Ann Scanlon - World Peace - Our Veterans - Pope Francis - Hurricane victims - earthquake victims - the homeless and the needy - Victims of terror, California fire victims, the Catholic church

**NOTE:** If you have a prayer intention please let Sandy Jorgensen or Myself know. We will publish in the newsletter as well as acknowledge at monthly Council and Ladies Auxiliary meetings.

**Volunteers:** We continue to receive requests from individuals to volunteer for events and committees. Large upcoming events = Continuing Membership drive - Charitable contributions committee see Bruce Sherman. All hands on deck. All are welcome and your participation is appreciated. Volunteers can sign up for events at Council or can fill out a volunteer form and drop off at the bar.



# Family Support Services Recreation Program

CFL's Recreational Program brings people with developmental disabilities together with trained mentors for fun and exercise at the Champions for Life Sports Center!



If your child is eligible for Family Support Services through the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), he or she is eligible for our program! To apply, you will need a completed application form (on our website) and proof of eligibility from OPWDD/FSS.

*Not sure if you're eligible?*

We can check for you if you have a TABS ID number.

*No TABS number?*

We encourage you to call the Central New York Front Door Contact number at 315-793-9600, Ext. 603.

Our FSS Program promotes social, physical, and emotional development based on the individual needs of each person. Eligible participants are paired with mentors that formulate a growth plan and goals, and then visit for an hour-long session each week to achieve them. Eligible persons may also participate in CFL programs at a reduced rate. Call us for more information!



## Early Intervention at Champions for Life Sports Center

Is your child enrolled in an *Early Intervention Program*? CFL offers free play in the gym for children who have been enrolled in the Early Intervention Program every Friday morning from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. We do not charge for this program, and the only requirement is that your child is receiving Early Intervention Services.



## Soup Kitchen Calendar

Knights of Columbus

47 Market Street, Auburn, NY

4:30PM—6:30PM

01/08/19	02/19/19
01/15/19	02/26/19
01/22/19	03/05/19
01/29/19	03/12/19
02/05/19	03/19/19
02/12/19	03/26/19



## For Our Service Men & Women

Dear Lord, we thank you for the lives and service of our men and women in the Armed Forces. Strengthen them and give them guidance as they stand in harm's way to protect our nation and way of life. May they face each day of service in the same way Your Son Jesus did; with courage, dignity, and faith. And if it is your will when their work is through, bring them safely home. Lord, please also bless the families of our troops. Reward them generously for their sacrifices which are known only to You. May we never forget those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom and safety: those that have died in the service of our country. May they rest in peace forever with you in your Kingdom. Amen. In Honor to All Who Have Served.



(Veterans Memorial Dedication Monument at St. John The Evangelist Church, Naples, Florida)

## DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS...

1  
 1  
 2  
 2  
 2  
 2  
 4  
 4  
 4  
 4  
 5  
 6  
 7  
 8  
 8  
 9  
 9  
 10  
 11  
 12  
 12  
 13  
 14  
 15  
 15  
 16  
 16  
 17  
 18  
 18  
 19  
 20  
 20  
 20  
 21  
 22  
 22  
 23  
 23  
 25  
 29  
 29  
 30  
 31  
 JANUARY 1  
 JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH SOUP KITCHEN BEGINS EACH TUESDAY  
 JANUARY ROOF PROJECT CEREMONY AND RECOGNITION - TBD  
 JANUARY 2018 VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION PARTY



FRIDAY HAPPY HOURS  
 C&B PROGRAM CONCLUDED  
 ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE - TBA  
 CHARITABLE GIVING COMMITTEE - TBA  
 FUNDRAISER AND CHRISTMAS PARTY  
 SU VS CORNELL 8:00  
 CHRISTMAS CAROLING  
 GUEST BARTENDER  
 AUBURN PBA  
 SU VS NORTHEASTERN 6:45  
 FLSC CHRISTMAS PARTY  
 ND VS OKLAHOMA 7:00  
 4TH DEGREE MEETING  
 DEACON DENNIS PROGRAM  
 CAY COUNTY OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY  
 SU VS GEORGETOWN 3:30  
 ND @ UCLA 10:30 PM  
 KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY  
 GUEST BARTENDER  
 LADIES AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY  
 DEACON DENNIS PROGRAM  
 VIRTUES MEETING AND LUNCH  
 BAR ASSOCIATION PARTY  
 REALTORS CHRISTMAS PARTY  
 AUBURN HIGH TEACHERS PARTY  
 SU VS OLD DOMINION 12:00  
 ND VS PURDUE 1:30  
 GUEST BARTENDER  
 JIM VIVENZIO FAMILY PARTY  
 SU VS BUFFALO 8:00  
 ND VS BINGHAMPTON 7:00  
 AUXILIARY  
 ND VS JACKSONVILLE 7:00  
 ROSARY SESSION (6:30)  
 COUNCIL MEETING  
 PARTY  
 SU VS ARKANSAS 2:00  
 CJ SHAW CHRISTMAS PARTY  
 GUEST BARTENDER  
 CHRISTMAS PARTY  
 COUNCIL CLOSED - MERRY CHRISTMAS  
 SU VS ST. BONAVENTURE TBD  
 ND VS COPPIN STATE 12:00  
 GUEST BARTENDER  
 NEW YEARS EVE - COUNCIL OPEN - SCHEDULE TO FOLLOW  
 COUNCIL OPEN HOUSE AND DUES COLLECTION FOR 2019 - BUFFET PROVIDED



# December 2018 Virtue in the Home

## Santa Marta: Pope Calls for Generosity to the Poor

The Enemy of Generosity is Consumerism

NOVEMBER 26, 2018 19:01 JIM FAIRPOPE'S MORNING HOMILY

Do you want a larger heart and a cure for the dangers of consumerism? Try being more generous to the poor. That was the advice of Pope Francis during his November 26, 2018, homily at Mass in Casa Santa Marta in the Vatican. The homily was reported by Vatican News.

"It's a terrible disease nowadays, consumerism," the Holy Father said. "I'm not saying all of us do it, no. But consumerism – excessive spending to buy more than we need – is a lack of austerity in life. This is the enemy of generosity. And material generosity – thinking about the poor: 'I can give this so that they can eat or have clothes' – has an ulterior result: It enlarges the heart and helps us be magnanimous."

The Pope pointed out that in the gospel, Jesus often contrasts the rich and the poor. For example, in his comments to the rich young man in the 19 chapter of Matthew, he says is hard for one who is rich to enter heaven.

In fact, Francis said some people might call Jesus a "communist." But he made the comments about the rich and poor because he knew that riches draw people into the spirit of the world. But generosity can turn the Christian in the right direction. The Holy Father explained:

"An appeal to generosity. Generosity belongs to everyday life; it's something we should think: 'How can I be more generous, with the poor, the needy... How can I help more?' 'But Father, you know that we can barely get through the month.' 'But surely you have at least a couple of coins left over? Think about it: you can be generous with those...' Consider the little things. For example, look through your room or your wardrobe. How many pairs of shoes do I have? One, two, three, four, fifteen, twenty... Each of us knows. Maybe too many... I knew a monsignor who had 40... But if you have many pairs of shoes, give away half. How many clothes do I not use or use only once a year? This is one way to be generous, to give what we have, and to share."

Pope Francis gave the example of a woman he met. When she went grocery shopping, she spent 10 percent of what she bought on food for the poor. He said she gave her "tithe" to the poor.

"We can do miracles through generosity," Francis said. "Generosity in little things. Maybe we don't do it because we just don't think about it.

"The Gospel message makes us reflect: How can I be more generous? Just a little more, not much... 'It's true, Father, you're right but... I don't know why, but I'm always afraid...' But nowadays there is another disease, which works against generosity: The disease of consumerism."

Finally, the Holy Father invited us to be generous and to start by inspecting our houses to discover "what we don't need and could be useful for someone else."



## Holy Father's Prayer Intention

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis

**The language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.**

# LADIES AUXILIARY UPDATE FROM SANDY JORGENSEN.....

It's hard to believe that the end of the year is almost here. The month of December is full of hustle and bustle as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. With that being said there are many activities taking place at the club this month.

When you read this newsletter the annual Christmas Caroling event will have already taken place. Each year a group of members of the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary along with their families visit area nursing homes to spread some cheer to the residents of the nursing homes. This is by far one of my favorite events of the year. To see the smiles on the elderly as we FA LA LA is so heartwarming. Our thanks to all who participated and to Big D's Limos for providing our transportation and to Paul Salterello and Felix Mucedola for their instrumental roles in this wonderful event.



On December 9th, our annual Children's Christmas Party will take place from 1-3 PM. This is always a very well attended event and is open to all members and their children/grandchildren. Sign up sheets were posted at the beginning of November for all who were interested in attending. The sign up sheets allow us to plan the day corresponding to the ages of the children. There will be pizza and cupcakes for all to enjoy. The balloon man will once again provide us with his expertise and we are hoping to have face painting for the children as well. And as always, rumor has it that Santa will be making a stop by to check on all our little ones.

Then on December 10th, the Ladies Auxiliary will be having their annual Christmas Party. This party will replace our monthly meeting. The price is \$15 per member and we will also have a Christmas gift exchange if anyone wants to partake in this added activity. (\$10 value). All members should have received an E-vite or an invitation by mail. Reservations are required and if you did not receive an invitation please contact me so that I can relay the information to the committee.

The Ladies Auxiliary is once again sponsoring a Christmas Lottery Ticket Wreath raffle. The wreath is on display at the club behind the bar and tickets are 1/\$2 or 3/\$5. You can purchase tickets at the club or from several of the Auxiliary members. Thank you for supporting this raffle. The winner will be drawn on December 19th at the club Christmas gathering.

Please join us at the club on December 19th for an Ugly Christmas Sweater Party. This is a night to spend time with other members while enjoying snacks, drink specials and enjoying some Christmas cheer. Hope to see you there. On January 1st, we will hold our annual Open House. It has always been a great day with many members attending. On this day, we collect our yearly dues (increased to \$15 this year). There will be food available throughout the day for you to enjoy. What a great way to spend time with friends and at the same time take care of our yearly membership dues. Hoping all can join us as we celebrate 2019!!

Please continue to remember Ann Scanlan and Sue Bertronica in your prayers.

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sandy

[nanajorg03@verizon.net](mailto:nanajorg03@verizon.net)

## BAR UPDATE FROM JIM LAMAY....



As always, thanks for your continued support, loyalty and patronage of Council 207. Our Brothers as well as Ladies Auxiliary and their guests are truly making a difference thru your participation, support and attendance at the Knights.

We are well into our busy season. Our November gross receipts increased by 16.7% vs last year and our margins improved. Activities will continue to increase thru year end and into the new year. December is very busy with a full calendar schedule. Always important to book early with Don Poole to secure a date. Several large activities are scheduled for December including Christmas caroling at nursing homes, kids Christmas party, Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party, CJ Shaw Christmas Party, as well as several scheduled Christmas parties.

Let me know if there is interest in a New Years eve party.

Year over year monthly revenues and margins continue to be positive. We are also well with in our fiscal budget guidelines and our cost ratio performance continues to be best in class.

Specials also for all SU + Notre Dame games - happy hour pricing + snacks during game times - feel free to bring a snack to pass. We will soon be transitioning from football to exclusively basketball games.

A guest bartender sheet has been posted for Sundays. Guest bartenders are on from 12:00-2:00 and promise to bring special food for all to enjoy. Please take the time to sign up.

We are still looking to set up a bourbon and wine club. Minimal annual membership with quarterly tastings by local merchants and suppliers. Special wine and bourbon glasses for each individual joining. Additional ideas are welcome. Really need your thoughts on this.

NOTE: Please get the word out with in our Council members and The Ladies Auxiliary. We are looking for 2 additional bartenders as well as 2 temporary bartenders. Please contact either myself, Jack Baraczek or Jeff Gage if anyone is interested.

I look forward to seeing you soon and don't forget to bring a friend. Any recommendations or ideas you may have are always welcome. Again, thanks for your loyalty and support of council 207. I look forward to seeing you soon and don't forget to bring a friend.

Thanks,  
Jim

### Special Thanks....



This newsletter is printed with the help and donations of IMS  
Thanks to Lee and Tara Vanderpool and their TEAM!

## CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2018

Our Christmas Appeal for 2018 is underway.

Each year, through the generosity of our Brothers, The Ladies Auxiliary as well as Friends of the Knights we receive donations to be distributed to those in need within our Community and Cayuga County.

Your generosity truly helps to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals and Families over the Christmas Season.

In addition to the local Churches, food pantries, The Salvation Army, Catholic and public schools etc., we adopted several families and provided gifts for the kids as well as a Christmas dinner.

Smiling faces, tears and the heartfelt thanks from all that received our donations were a blessing to us all.

In one of our Councils traditional year end appeals for the needy, we appreciate your contributions. Your name will be recognized on our Christmas Appeal Tree at The Knights.

In the “Spirit of one of our founding Virtues - Charity” thank you in advance for all you do in support of Council 207.



## Ukraine Designated Newest State Council

THE EXPANSION of the Order to Ukraine began 13 years ago with a simple plea. Speaking at the 123rd Supreme Convention in Chicago, Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, then major archbishop of Kyiv-Halyč, expressed his fervent desire that the Knights of Columbus be established in his country.

Some 100 Ukrainian men were welcomed into the Order in 2011, and within two years, with the help of Knights from Poland, the Order formally expanded to Ukraine with councils in Kyiv and Lviv.

Ukraine officially became a K of C territory in 2016, and today the country counts more than 1,000 Knights in 25 councils.

In his annual report Aug. 7, Supreme Knight Anderson announced that the Board of Directors has designated Ukraine as a state council.♦



From left: Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, Archbishop Mieczyslaw Mokrzycki of Lviv, Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv-Halyč, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore and Supreme Secretary Michael J. O'Connor stand with the Ukrainian flag following the States Dinner.

# events...

## PARENT DINNER GATHERING & SUPPORTIVE TALK

### TALK ENTITLED: RAISING CHRISTMAS EXPECTATIONS WITH A CRECHE

The creche is defined as a model of the scene of Jesus birth displayed in Christian homes and public places. The tradition is over 600 years old and popularized as a strong Christmas devotion by St Francis of Assisi. As Advent begins you are cordially invited to join the Catholic Community in a dinner gathering featuring a talk by Ms. Michelle Kuhner. She will weave the spiritual approach of St Francis and the Catechetical teaching methods of Dr Maria Montessori into a way of bringing Christ back into Christmas for our children.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, December 6, 2018, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus #207 Hall, 47 Market St., Auburn NY.



The dinner is free but reservations are limited and required by December 3rd. This dinner is targeted for parents & caregiving grandparents of children ages 12 and under. Reserve by calling or texting Deacon Dennis at 315 406 1538.



Michelle Kuhner earned her Bachelor's degree in Theology from DeSales University and her Masters in Theological Studies at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family in Washington, DC in 2013. Michelle earned her certification in Level One of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 2015.

## WEDDINGS BANQUETS BEREAVEMENTS SPECIAL EVENTS

The Knights of Columbus in Auburn, NY is the perfect spot for your next special occasion. The impressive hall and lounge can accommodate over 130 guests and is equipped for all your party needs.

*Catering is available for an additional fee,  
or you may use our kitchen facilities*

*For inquiries and reservations, contact:  
Donald Poole: 315-730-1608*



47 Market Street  
Auburn, NY 13021

# Save the Date

## **“What’s for Dinner?”**

**The return of one of the most successful fund raisers for  
St. Joseph School!**

Numerous area restaurants have graciously donated Gift Cards/Certificates to their establishments in various amounts. These donations have been complied into “Menu Ribbons”. One ribbon is worth \$1000 of gift cards, one is worth \$500 of gift cards.

**St. Joseph School will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the ribbons!**

**Each ticket will be priced at \$20!**

**That’s \$20 for a chance to win \$1000 worth of dinners! Drawing will take place  
December 11, 2018**

**Tickets are available at:**

**The school office at 89 Genesee Street, Auburn  
The Knights of Columbus, Market Street, Auburn  
Or  
Contact Joanna Bilinski at 315-246-4506.**



## **NOTES FROM OUR INSURANCE AGENT**

**Kevin Kiernan**

**315-406-0980**

**Email: [kevin.kiernan@kofc.org](mailto:kevin.kiernan@kofc.org)**

**For all your insurance needs**

**BE CONFIDENT in the protection you provide your family.**

**BE CONFIDENT in their future.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE**

**YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE**

As your fellow member, and Insurance Agent, please give me an opportunity to share with you and your family the benefits that the of the Knights of Columbus have to secure their future

*Merry Christmas*



**Knights of Columbus  
Auburn Council #207  
47-51 Market Street  
Auburn, NY 13021**