



# The Emblem

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## UPCOMING EVENTS—2017

Jan 03 Tuesday	Men's Night Dinner (7:30pm) (Pork Roast) (Hall)
Jan 09 Monday	Building Board Meeting (7:00pm) (Rotunda Room)
Jan 10 Tuesday	Council #41 Meeting (7:30pm) (Rotunda Room)
Jan 16 Monday	Lafayette Assembly 109 Meeting (7:30pm) (Rotunda Room)
Jan 24 Tuesday	1st Degree Exemplification (see box below)
Jan 24 Tuesday	Council #41 Meeting (7:30pm) (Rotunda Room)
Jan 27 Friday	Annual Honor Our Military Veterans Dinner (7:00pm) (Hall) RSVP
Feb 07 Tuesday	Men's Night Dinner (7:30pm) (Chicken Scarpiello) (Hall)
Feb 09 Thursday	Family Supper (7:00pm) (Chicken, Sausage and Peppers)
Feb 11 Saturday	Valentine Day Dance (8:00pm) (Hall)
Feb 13 Monday	Building Board Meeting (7:00pm) (Rotunda Room)
Feb 14 Tuesday	Council #41 Meeting (7:30pm) (Rotunda Room)
Feb 20 Monday	Lafayette Assembly 109 Meeting (7:30pm) (Rotunda Room)
Feb 28 Tuesday	Council #41 Meeting (7:30pm) (Rotunda Room)
Mar 05 Sunday	130th Communion Mass & Breakfast (St. Mary's 9am, Hall after Mass)
Mar 07 Tuesday	Men's Night Dinner (7:30pm) (Roast Beef) (Hall)
Mar 09 Thursday	Family Supper ( 7:00pm) (Corned Beef and Cabbage) (Hall)
Mar 13 Monday	Building Board Meeting (7:00pm) (Rotunda Room)
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## PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDER!!!

Al Forte will be the Keynote Speaker at our Communion Breakfast on March 5th at St Mary 9am Mass followed by breakfast at Knights of Columbus. Cost: \$15.00 Come hear a wonderful story on how everyone can make a difference.

## First Degree Exemplification

**The 1st degree exemplification on January 24th, 2017.**

Brothers, we really need to take this serious. Numbers are really low. This Catholic Men's Organization makes a huge difference in our community. Let's keep it growing so our children can enjoy the same benefits we hold dear to us!

## Chaplain's Corner

Dear Brother Knights:  
Happy New Year! "Crossing the Threshold of Hope" is a title given by Saint Pope John Paul II to one of his major literary works. Many Americans feel that there is reason to believe that just such a "threshold of hope" for our country and its citizens of faith may be reached and crossed in the year A.D. 2017. One reason for this hope is that the recent election was won by a presidential candidate who pledged to nominate to the Supreme Court only judges committed to interpreting the Constitution in accord with the intent of the Framers. Over a span of decades a gradual crossing of the lines of separation of powers between the judicial, legislative and executive branches has seriously compromised the effectiveness of the system of checks and balances with equally serious consequences. Added to the intrusion of the various branches into one another's spheres of competence we've suffered an over extension and intrusion of Federal regulations and mandates into domains rightfully reserved by the Constitution to the states and local communities. Among the many consequences of this dysfunctional behavior of the three branches of federal government are government regulations imposed upon religious freedom as we have always known, understood and practiced it in America. America, one nation under God, has been given an opportunity to clean up its act in accord with God's Commandments and the wise counsels of the founders of our nation and framers of its Constitution. So yes, we do have reason to have some hope in this new year. We may well be on the threshold of hope that springs eternal. Hoping to see you often during the coming year, and wishing you God's blessing. Msgr. Ed Surwilo, Council Chaplain

## Message from the Grand Knight...

Dear Brother Knights, As we gathered together with family and friends during this joyous holiday season, I wish you all boundless joy and and happiness in 2017. It is hard to believe that six months has gone by since I became your Grand Knight. One thing I can say is that I can't do it without the help and support that I receive from fellow Brother Knights to include our lovely and dedicated Columbiettes. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

To the business side, I am happy to report that Council 41 has formed a Service Program Organization and is participating in the "Star Council Award". I am very humble and proud of our newly appointed directors: Program Director, J. Pat O'Brien, Church Director, Msgr. Edward Surwilo, Community Director, Frank Bellantoni, Council Director, Charles Trudeau, Youth Director Phillip Lawlor and Membership Director, DGK Tom Finn.

There are three important objectives about the "Service Program and I am encouraging more fellow Knights to participate and recruit new members to achieve these goals. First, encourage all members to contribute time, effort and abilities to the council's welfare. Secondly, the Council should attract other Catholic men to the order in order to increase membership and help meet the goals. Thirdly, to organize and create a "mentoring program" for the council for future success.

I am really looking forward to working with all my Brother Knights in 2017. In the spirit of Christmas, let's try to recruit and strengthen our family. Finally, my Family, I wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year...

Vivat Jesus... your Grand Knight, Paul Isla

## YOUTH TALK

**To mark the year of the family we are going to try harder than ever to get our youth more involved with K of C.**

**Brother Phil Lawlor is our Chairman:**  
PHIL@PHILPLAWLOR.COM

Special shout out to our Brother Knight Billy Belmonte for another great year in organizing, collecting, buying and distributing turkeys to those in need around the holiday. His service on behalf of the KofC is a great example of what we stand for. Gobble gobble Billy!

## COLUMBIETTE CORNER

**The Columbiettes meet every 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. Upcoming Ladies night will be Oct 26 and Nov 30. Anyone wishing to join please contact Jeanie at 203-323-5112**



**In repose of the souls of our Faithfully departed members:**  
**Please pray for them.**  
**John P Avalone**  
**Louis C Moavero**  
**William J Murray**

**Members, do you have a high school family member interested in doing community service for the Knights of Columbus???**  
The Knights will be offering opportunities for internships. We are looking for volunteers to help with events and office work.  
We will be happy to write up references which will help with possibility of scholarship opportunities within the Knights of Columbus as well as in other organizations. This is a great way to fulfill community service quotas. You can e-mail DGK Tom Finn at tjf0628@aol.com or 203-249

**Click “Like” on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus. St. Augustine Council 41, Stamford, CT or our webpage at kofc41.com. Please share pictures and memories.**

**4th Degree Corner**

Congratulations to Assembly 109 on receiving the coveted Civil award. District Allyn Temple presented the award.



At the Communion Breakfast 2016 the Lafayette Assembly 109 recognized brother Thomas Finn as the Sir Knight of the year. Guest speaker Past State Deputy Ralph Grandpre.



**Children’s Easter Party  
4/08/2017. Sign-up sheet at bar or contact .**



**Lunches Served Daily**  
**Monday - Friday from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm**  
**This is the Knights of Columbus’ best kept secret. Great food at a great price.**



**Sign up for Valentine’s Day Dance. See Danny at bar.**

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