



## **UPCOMING EVENTS AUG 1ST THRU DEC 31ST 2022**

<b>Sept 04, 2022 Friday</b>	<b>Gold Star Families, 1:00pm at Stamford Veterans Park</b>
<b>Sept 06, 2022 Tuesday</b>	<b>Men's Night Dinner (7:30pm) (Chicken Parmigiana) (Hall)</b>
<b>Sept 08, 2022 Thursday</b>	<b>Frank Robotti Golf Tournament (8:00am Shotgun) (Sterling Farms)</b> <b>(Luncheon immediately following at K of C Hall)</b>
<b>Sept 10, 2022 Saturday</b>	<b>Special Olympic Bocce Tournament-Volunteers Needed!</b>
<b>Sept 13, 2022 Tuesday</b>	<b>Council #41 Meeting (7:00pm) (Rotunda Room)</b>
<b>Sept 15, 2022 Thursday</b>	<b>Family Supper (7:00pm) (Meat Loaf) (Hall) (NEW DATE!!!)</b>
<b>Sept 16, 2022 Friday</b>	<b>Comedy night starring Motts Pelazza 6:30pm Chicken Scarpiello or</b> <b>Eggplant Parmigiana \$50 for Dinner &amp; Show CASH BAR</b>
<b>Sept 19, 2022 Monday</b>	<b>Lafayette Assembly 109 Meeting (7:00pm) (Rotunda Room)</b>
<b>Sept 24, 2022 Saturday</b>	<b>Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference, (7:30 am), W.Hartford, Ct.</b>
<b>Oct 08-09, 2022 Sunday</b>	<b>Tootsie Roll Drive for Needy Children/Special Olympics</b>
<b>Oct 04, 2022 Tuesday</b>	<b>Men's Night Dinner (7:30pm) (Meat Loaf) (Hall)</b>
<b>Oct 11, 2022 Tuesday</b>	<b>Council #41 Meeting (7:00pm) (Rotunda Room)</b>
<b>Oct 13, 2022 Thursday</b>	<b>Family Supper (7:00pm) (Pork Roast) (Hall)</b>
<b>Oct 17, 2022 Monday</b>	<b>Lafayette Assembly 109 Meeting (7:00pm) (Rotunda Room)</b>
<b>Oct 23, 2022 Sunday</b>	<b>Members Children &amp; Grandchildren Halloween Party (1-3pm)</b>
<b>Oct. 28 2022 Friday</b>	<b>Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre 6:30 pm (Hall)</b>
<b>Nov 01, 2022 Tuesday</b>	<b>Men's Night Dinner (7:30pm) (Chicken, Sausage &amp; Peppers) (Hall)</b>
<b>Nov 03, 2022 Thursday</b>	<b>Memorial Mass &amp; Dinner (6:30pm) (Hall)</b>
<b>Nov 08, 2022 Tuesday</b>	<b>Council #41 Meeting (7:00pm) (Rotunda Room)</b>
<b>Nov 14, 2022 Monday</b>	<b>Lafayette Assembly 109 Meeting (7:00pm) (Rotunda Room)</b>
<b>Nov 17, 2022 Thursday</b>	<b>Family Supper (7:00pm) (Turkey Dinner) (Hall) (NEW DATE!!!)</b>

<b>Nov 15, 2022 Tuesday</b>	<b>Annual Building Board Meeting &amp; Elections (8:00pm) (Hall)</b>
<b>Nov 25, 2022 Friday</b>	<b>Coat's for Kid's Distribution (9:00am - 12:00) (Hall)</b>
<b>December, 2022</b>	<b>Month of the Silver Rose</b>
<b>December, 2022</b>	<b>Volunteer for Toys for Tots</b>
<b>Dec 01, 2022 Thursday</b>	<b>Annual Christmas Tree Lighting (7:00pm) (Outside)</b>
<b>Dec 04, 2022 Sunday</b>	<b>Soup Kitchen (12 noon) (New Covenant Center) (TBD)</b>
<b>Dec 06, 2022 Tuesday</b>	<b>Men's Night Dinner (7:30pm) (Prime Rib) (Hall)</b>
<b>Dec 11, 2022 Sunday</b>	<b>Children &amp; Grandchildren Christmas Party (1:00-3:00pm) (Hall)</b>
<b>Dec 13, 2022 Tuesday</b>	<b>Council #41 Members only Christmas Party (7:00pm) (Lounge)</b>
<b>Dec 15, 2022 Thursday</b>	<b>Family Supper (7:00pm) (Prime Rib) (Hall) (NEW DATE)</b>
<b>Dec 19, 2022 Monday</b>	<b>Lafayette Assembly 109 Meeting (7:00pm) (Rotunda Room)</b>
<b>Dec 31, 2022 Friday</b>	<b>Annual New Year's Dinner/Dance (8:00pm-1:00am) (Hall)</b>
<b>Jan 03, 2023 Tuesday</b>	<b>Men's Night Dinner (7:30pm) (Chicken Parm) (Hall)</b>
<b>Jan 09, 2023 Monday</b>	<b>Building Board Meeting (7:30pm Building Board members only)</b>
<b>Jan 10, 2023 Tuesday</b>	<b>Council #41 Meeting (7:30pm) (Rotunda Room)</b>
<b>Jan 12, 2023 Thursday</b>	<b>Family Supper (7:00pm) (Meat Loaf) (Hall)</b>
<b>Jan 16, 2023 Monday</b>	<b>Lafayette Assembly 109 Meeting (7:30pm) (Rotunda Room)</b>
<b>Jan 24, 2023 Tuesday</b>	<b>1st Degree Exemplification (see box below)</b>
<b>Jan 27, 2023 Friday</b>	<b>Annual Honor Our Military Veterans Dinner (7:00pm) (Hall) RSVP</b>
<b>Feb 07, 2023 Tuesday</b>	<b>Men's Night Dinner (7:30pm) (Steak Pizziola) (Hall)</b>
<b>Feb 09, 2023 Thursday</b>	<b>Family Supper (7:00pm) (Chicken Scarpiello)</b>
<b>Feb 11, 2023 Saturday</b>	<b>Possible Valentine Day Dance (8:00pm) (Hall)</b>
<b>Feb 13, 2023 Monday</b>	<b>Building Board Meeting (Board members only) (7:30pm Rotunda)</b>
<b>Feb 14, 2023 Tuesday</b>	<b>Council #41 Meeting (7:30pm) (Rotunda Room)</b>
<b>Feb 20, 2023 Monday</b>	<b>Lafayette Assembly 109 Meeting (7:30pm) (Rotunda Room)</b>
<b>Note: All Men's Night Dinners and Family Suppers are open to all members and their guests.</b>	

## **GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE**

On August 16, the Building Board held what I consider to be a historic meeting where we heard arguments about a proposal to entertain a bid for the sale of our building. Good discussions were heard on both positions: sell or not to sell. When it was all over the majority of votes went to NOT SELL the building. When the membership decided not to sell, they also agreed to do more to support the building which many members consider sacred grounds. With that comes the responsibility for every member to support our building, our home and our events. The reality of our fate rests in our ability to pay the bills and future capital improvements. We need to generate more income. Leadership is brainstorming ways to increase revenue. We are adding events to increase our visibility and hopefully encourage people to join and contribute. Please always consider participating!

## **PAST EVENTS**

<b>Aug 02, 2022 Tuesday</b>	<b>Men's Night Dinner (7:30pm) (Pork Osso Bucco) (Hall)</b>
<b>Aug 11, 2022 Thursday</b>	<b>Family Supper (7:00pm) (Chicken, Sausage &amp; Peppers) (Hall)</b>
<b>Aug 16, 2022 Tuesday</b>	<b>Special Meeting called by the Board of Directors 800pm (Hall)</b>
<b>Aug 27, 2022 Saturday</b>	<b>HELPING OUR HEROS- Volunteer to Cleanup Veteran Home</b>

## **Assembly #109 Special events and activities**

The Honor Guard supported Bishop Frank Caggiano with the rededication of St Mary's Parish in Ridgefield CT. William "Billy" Smolinski's service was next door at the Bozak Funeral Home and was attended by many people and the Honor Guard with Faithful Friar Msg. Edward Surwilo gave our traditional ceremony. (All dues paying members either Fourth or Third Degree may receive the Wake honors when requested. Immediate family members of #41 & #109 may also receive the Honors when requested. We also completed two Feast Day celebration masses at Sacred Heart National Italian Parish in Stamford. Another feast day was observed at ST. Roche in Greenwich by the Color Guard.

The Icon of Saint Joseph was presented at The Queen of the Clergy, Strawberry Hill Avenue next to St. Bridget of Ireland Parish. Most of the retired Clergy and other religious not traveling were in attendance to pay reverence and participate in an ½ hour prayer service in the Chapel. When we show this Icon the Color Guard is always in attendance. GK Tom Finn & FN Ray Downey were then welcomed into the living room for a Meet & Greet with our "retired" priests. (GK Tom Finn liked the reception so much he is hoping for another invitation!) At 6pm Thursday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at Saint Basils Seminary on Glenbrook Road the St. Joseph Icon will be displayed during a religious retreat with our brother knights who are seminarians there. The Rector Father Tymchyshyn (Tim-Chin-Shin) is organizing the event. On Friday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> St Bridget of Ireland and St Maurice with Pastor Father Bates will host the St. Joseph Icon at St. Bridget for an hour from 6pm-7pm before the Adoration of Mary service. Having grown up in the St. Maurice Parish and for the last 20 years a member of St. Bridget's Parish I am personally very happy to participate in this wonderful event. Please join us when or wherever you can. Again, the Color Guard will be in attendance whenever the Icon is publicly shown. If you are interested in joining the Color Guard all will be offered an opportunity to meet and discuss our program.

## **Message from the Faithful Navigator Ray Downey**

Let me say I believe in the Knights of Columbus and our brothers I am not better than you, please allow me to be as good as you. I joined in 1993 and participated in wonderful events and activities and now am the titular head of Assembly 109- 4<sup>th</sup> degree by membership vote. The "Special Meeting" called by the Building Board of Directors Association, of which all dues paying Council #41 are members, on August 16<sup>th</sup> in the Hall was an eye opener to say the least. The letter sent to members mentioned "financial transaction" not a vote to sell the building and property for \$7.25 million. This omission was a mistake as stated by members who knew the truth and felt the Board was hiding the truth. Brother Knights I have spoken with were surprised at our financial situation and asked "What happened to the money we had?" Some said the letter invoked no sense of urgency leaving them to believe there was nothing "Special" about it. As soon as the broker deal was signed, we should have been informed six months ago. "WHY NOT", the marketplace knew and I was told by various members and non-members pieces of information that could have only come from our Board or the marketplace. The concerted effort to withhold information from Council 41 members by the Board was explained away as "We need to make sure we can get the best price, and if bidders on the property know our financial situation it will lower their bids." The vote failed to agree to sell. Well non-members who frequent the bar/lounge told me more information than I knew before the meeting took place on August 16<sup>th</sup>. They said members of the board told them things. I brought those comments to board members. The failure of the Board to share more information to the membership earlier and fully answer pertinent questions boggles the mind! Imagine non-members drinking at the bar lobbying me on how I should vote. At the same time, I was told by Board members not to discuss anything I knew with our membership! You may recall that as Faithful Navigator I sent emails to our Assembly 109 membership telling them that the Special Meeting was a plan to sell the building and property. One Board member sent me an email telling I had no right to email my Assembly about the truth, his email contained grammatical errors and was a futile attempt to pressure me to not inform you of their intent.

The failure of the Board to adequately inform the membership in the past has led us to where we are today. We need to observe the By-Laws which call for elections every year of five (5) members. The elections have NOT been held for over two years. As per the By-Laws all ten (10) positions are overdue for elections. This has been stated by former Board members who have resigned this year. We need new ideas, thoughts, programs and revenue plans to cover expenses and encourage our membership to continue to support our efforts as they have in the past. This can and must be done. Where do we start? The GK Tom Finn and myself FN Ray Downey, spoke with the Board President Sam Faugno about a Special Meeting for elections to be held at the next Board meeting Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. He gave permission after I formally requested as the By-Laws allow him to do, (verbally and by email). Days later he back-tracked and withdrew his permission-even though he had directed me to tell the GK to have the appropriate Board members send out letters as required in the By-Laws to the membership with ten (10) days advance notice of the meeting. The Board member refused and so did the Board President. After continued discussions with Council 41 members and officers and the GK, I have started a list of (thirty-five) 35 signatures calling for a Special Meeting to elect new officers to the Board. This is correct and stated in the By-Laws, it was recommended to have a slate of members willing to volunteer to bring us forward and achieve open communication with the members of the "Association". With the goal of making open and upfront discussions on our future and implement plans beneficial to us all, I have called upon tried-and-true professional men willing to bring these new ideas and move forward openly. Please call me at 203-253-5601 and sign the request and support these men willing to correctly communicate effectively and often about what is happening within the organization. Each month we will evaluate and report the status of this organization. Decisions on our future should not be private. Although we have rituals that non-members do not know, WE ARE NOT A SECRET SOCIETY THAT SHOULD WITHHOLD INFORMATION FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP. As I stated at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting "Knowledge is Power" when used appropriately and for the common good then I would call that correct. Sadly, this information has not been shared which led to the failure of the Board's goal to sell. It was defeated 56-25, but the amendment to renovate the Hall was approved. We must continue to support our caterer and Lounge. Again, I am asking the membership to sign the request for a Special Meeting to be held this September 2022 for new elections to the Board. This is allowed under the By-Laws, (By the way all members may request the current By-Laws from the Board representatives, as stated in the By-Laws.)

We have had great members of the Board in the past and there are still some good people today, but we need a fresh start. I understand the difficulties regarding decisions that were made, but accountability is required. Those that agree and feel they can help are encouraged to support no matter the vote. In a new election. The goal is to join together and do what is proper while including the membership as a team. To empower our Association and look forward to the future we must join together and continually exemplify our pillars of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Hopefully this message will awaken passionate emotions in all of us. Everyone who spoke with me after the meeting offered encouragement and ideas of support to help us. May I repeat the message of a Captain in WW2 of the US Navy. When he greeted his new crew members he said, "This is the CAN-DO ship, anything we give a full effort to do we CAN-DO. They did successfully throughout their service. We CAN-DO this also together. Waiting for the months before the Annual Meeting would delay efforts from right-thinking members to correct our situation. Remember the past nine (9 or years) have not produced solutions to remedy our finances. We can't procrastinate, **delay is failure**, it is time to move forward with new successful ideas and actions immediately which a September 2022 vote would accomplish Remember to all our brothers, "Vivat Jesus" God Bless America.

(BY THE WAY FROM NOW ON THE BAR SHOULD BE CLOSED BEFORE ALL MEETINGS AS DRINKING BY MEMBERS IS NOT ALLOWED BEFORE COUNCIL, ASSEMBLY AND BOARD MEETINGS) There were disruptions during the meeting by obviously inebriated members. Neither myself or the Grand Knight had the authority to close the bar or prohibit drinking during the meeting. The member(s) of the Board responsible for the Bar/Lounge should have done this.

**Recent words from Pope Francis on Fraternity**

**Fraternity**

“A just society cannot exist without the bond of fraternity - without a sense of shared responsibility and concern for the integral development and well-being of each member of our human family,” Pope Francis stressed.

For this reason, a global community of fraternity based on the practice of social friendship “calls for a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good.”

So, in order to heal the world from rivalries and violence that result from a desire to dominate rather than serve, we need not only responsible citizens but also “capable leaders inspired by a fraternal love directed especially towards those in the most precarious conditions of life.”

In this regard, the Pope encouraged ongoing efforts on national and international levels for work for the adoption of policies and laws “that seek to address, in a spirit of solidarity, the many situations of inequality and injustice threatening the social fabric and the inherent dignity of all people.”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**-Gold Star Families**

On September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at Stamford Veterans Park there will be a ceremony to honor Gold Star Families. Gold star families – spouses, children, parents, siblings or others whose loved one died in service to our nation – are a vital part of our country's military community and history. Many in our council hold patriotism near and dear. Please come out to support this cause. I do know there will be representation led by GK Finn and FN Downey with Color Guard members as requested by the organizers of this wonderful ceremony honoring all of the deserved.

Entertainment Committee is preparing a fall program to include comedy and music shows to include dinner and drinks. It has been a long time coming so please look out for future emails and come on down and enjoy a dinner and a show!

Anyone with any suggestions for a show please contact Ray Downey 203-253-5601 @

[downeyraymond84@gmail.com](mailto:downeyraymond84@gmail.com)

### 2020 Council 41 Officers

Grand Knight- Thomas J. Finn jr.  
 Deputy Grand Knight- Phil Lawlor  
 Chancellor - Rob Fabrizio  
 Treasurer – Frank Noto  
 Advocate - Chuck Hanlon  
 Recorder - Marlon Lopez  
 Warden - Fred Morabito

Inside/Outside Guards -  
 Frank Leone  
 Chris Peterson

Trustees (3) -  
 Tony Uva  
 Charles Bittman  
 Ken D'Andrea

Appointed Positions  
 Chaplain - Ft. Nick  
 Financial Secretary - Ray Downey  
 Lecturer - Vitto Quivelli  
 Program Director - Edward Walther

### 2022 Council 109 Officers

Faithful Friar Monsignor  
 Edward R. Surwilo  
 Faithful Navigator Raymond E.  
 Downey  
 Faithful Captain Robert Fabrizio  
 Faithful Pilot Frederick T.  
 Morabito  
 Faithful Comptroller Edward  
 Walther  
 Faithful Scribe Marlon Lopez  
 Faithful Purser Chuck Hanlon  
 Faithful Inner Sentinel Frank  
 Leone  
 Faithful Outer Sentinel Christian  
 J. Peterson  
 Faithful Trustee (3<sup>rd</sup> Year)  
 Charles Bittman  
 Faithful Trustee (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)  
 Anthony J. Uva  
 Faithful Trustee (1<sup>st</sup> Year)  
 Jamille Aine  
 Color Guard Commander  
 Frank Leone

### Committees to be filled (STILL VACANT)

Gentlemen, events only happen with  
 your time  
 Newsletter  
 Website  
 Facebook  
 Halloween Party  
 Men's night-GK  
 Children Christmas Party  
 Entertainment  
 Youth  
 Firework Parking Detail- FN  
 Children Halloween Party  
 Wake Team  
 Family night- FN  
 Flag Day-FN  
 Tootsie Roll- Rich N  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary  
 Rosary for Life  
 Silver Rose  
 Soccer Challenge  
 Basketball Challenge



The buzz is out! The Sandola Family is a top shelf catering business right here at the Knights of Columbus on Shippan Ave.

They are already off to great reviews catering all kinds of events in the hall.  
 Please consider using our hall and recommending it to your friends. Contact Prime Time Catering's Patty at 203-964-1492

They also have agreed to serve lunch and dinner here:  
 12:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
 Wednesday-Saturday

**LAST CALL!!!!**

**PRAY FOR**

**PEACE**

**WALK/Yankee**

**Game**

**Sunday, September**

**25**

(Walk optional)

Train time from

Noroton

Heights:9:40am

Walk time: 11:00am

Game Time:1:35pm

Going to the game is part of our 2022 Pray-4-Peace Events/Walks helping to spread the Pray-4-Peace message.

- Yankee Stadium Sept. 25th

Prayer warrior fans can go to the Sept. 25th game wearing PRAY-4-Peace shirts. Some may also join us on the walk from Grand Central Station to Yankee Stadium. Train rides to and from NYC will be free. This is a great opportunity for all to do good and you can bring your family! Call Al Forte:203.940.3651 or email @ [Ajfortejr10@gmail.com](mailto:Ajfortejr10@gmail.com)

Pray-for-Peace and pray the Pray-for-Peace mission. And help us promote our 2022 Pray-for-Peace Events/Walks.

We are at the beginning. God will determine the results.



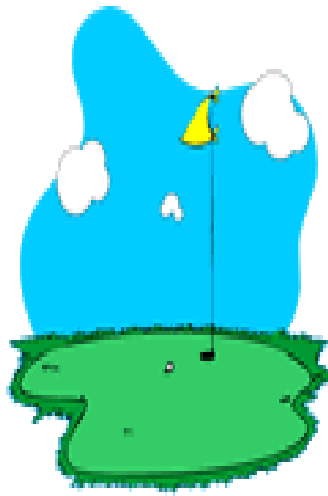
**Announcement:**

**Frank J. Robotti**  
**Golf Classic**

To benefit people with physical  
and mental disabilities

Thursday Sep 8, 2022  
at Sterling Farms Golf Course,  
7:45am.

For information including  
To help sponsor  
Call Brother Ken D'Andrea  
at 203-219-5530



**31ST ANNUAL FRANK J. ROBOTTI  
GOLF TOURNAMENT DINNER**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

Time: 2PM  
Cost: \$60PP  
Location: Hall

**FOOD AND OPEN BAR**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO  
CHILDREN CHARITIES**

In conclusion my Brothers and Sisters, the Knights of Columbus Council 41 is here to serve our community with the guidance and teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ. If anyone has any questions or you are interested in becoming part of our family, please feel free to reach out to me. Never forget, "Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori" means "Times fly, remember death". **Become part of the difference now.**  
GK Thomas j. Finn

Please take the time out to remember our fallen Knight William Smolinski. Billy was a true patriot full of passion and love for Country and God.

