



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS JANUARY 1ST THRU MARCH 31, 2023**

Jan 03, Tuesday Men's Night Dinner (7:30pm) (Chicken Parm) (Hall)

# Jan 04, Wednesday March for Life registration deadline (see below)

Jan 09, Monday Building Board Meeting (7:30pm Building Board members only)

Jan 10, Tuesday Council #41 Meeting (7:00pm) (Rotunda Room)

Jan 12, Thursday Family Supper (7:00pm) (Meat Loaf) (Hall)

Jan 16, Monday Lafayette Assembly 109 Meeting (7:00pm) (Rotunda Room)

Jan 21, Saturday Street Harmony Band 8:00pm (see below)

Jan 24, Tuesday 1st Degree Exemplification (see box below)

Jan 27, Friday Annual Honor Our Military Veterans Dinner (7:00pm) (Hall) RSVP

Jan 28. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplication contact Ray 203-253-5601

Feb 07, Tuesday Men's Night Dinner (7:30pm) (Steak Pizziola)

Feb 09, Thursday Family Supper (7:00pm) (Chicken Scarpiello)

Feb 11, Saturday Possible Valentine Day Dance (8:00pm) (Hall)

Feb 13, Monday Building Board Meeting (Board members only) (7:30pm Rotunda)

Feb 14, Tuesday Council #41 Meeting (7:00pm) (Rotunda Room)

Feb 20, Monday Lafayette Assembly 109 Meeting (7:00pm) (Rotunda Room)

Mar 04, Sunday St Patrick Day Parade

Mar 14, Tuesday Trip to Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, Ct Irish band/lunch (see below)

Note: All Men's Night Dinners and Family Suppers are open to all members and their guests.

Please RSVP to have accurate number to order food.



#### **PAST EVENTS**

December, 2022 Toys for Tots

Dec 01, 2022 Thursday Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Dec 06, 2022 Tuesday Men's Night Dinner

Dec 11, 2022 Sunday Children & Grandchildren Christmas Party

Dec 13, 2022 Tuesday NEW MEMBER EXEMPLIFICATION Council #41/109 Christmas Party

Dec 15, 2022 Thursday Family Supper

Dec 19, 2022 Monday Lafayette Assembly 109 Meeting

Dec 31, 2022 Friday Annual New Year's Dinner/Dance

#### POPE FRANCIS NEW YEAR MESSAGE

In his New Year message Pope Francis urged everyone to "roll up our sleeves" for peace. He told the faithful to keep positive while working to build a better society.

Pope marked 55th World Day of Peace. The head of the world's 1.3 billion Catholics devoted his Angelus address to encouraging a stop to violence around the world, telling the assembled crowd at Saint Peter's Square to keep peace at the forefront of their thoughts.

"Let's go home thinking peace, peace, peace. We need peace," said the pope, following his Angelus prayer.

"I was looking at the images in the television programme "In His Image" today, about war, displaced people, the miseries. This is happening today in the world. We want peace."

Under sunny skies, the pope -- who turned 85 on December 17 -- reminded the faithful that peace

"And it needs a positive outlook as well, one that always sees, in the Church as well as in society, not the evil that divides us, but the good that unites us!" he said, speaking from the window of the Apostolic Palace.

required "concrete actions," such as forgiving others and promoting justice.

"Getting depressed or complaining is useless. We need to roll up our sleeves to build peace." Earlier Saturday, during mass in Saint Peter's Basilica in honour of the Virgin Mary, Francis delivered a homily in which he called violence against women an insult to God.

"The Church is mother; the Church is woman. And since mothers bestow life and women 'keep' the world, let us all make greater efforts to promote mothers and to protect women," he said. "How much violence is directed against women! Enough! To hurt a woman is to insult God, who from a woman took on our humanity."



#### **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

As we enter into New Year 2023, we must pause to reflect the: good, the bad and the ugly. More important what we need to strengthen and build on. Amid war, natural disasters and political change in 2022, Knights around the globe stood for freedom, defended life, shared the faith and offered help to families in need. Here at Council 41 we have achieved all of these goals and plan to build on our love for our Lord and His message.

I encourage all members to build with us and bring your ideas to the table. Let your Knights of Columbus be the resource you need to increase: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I do hope all enjoyed their Christmas and remember that we are here for each other.

When I reflect throughout the year it is easy to the wonder things that we accomplish throughout the year. I am blessed to have a wonderful team around me that does so many wonderful things in our community in the name of our Lord.

Vivat Jesus GK Tommy Finn

#### **National March for Life - SHORT SUSPENSE**

We are very happy to announce - A bus trip to the National March for Life next month - January  $19-20,\,2023$ 

This trip is in collaboration with San Salvador Council 1 and the St. Mary's Pro-Life Committee, and the cost of the bus is being subsidized by the state and local council.

Review the attached flyer for all the details.

The cost of the bus is \$75 per rider.

This will be an overnight, round-trip from St. Joseph's Church parking lot in New Haven. Links to trip registration and payment for the bus are located on the flyer.

Costs for meals and hotel are on your own.

PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER BY JANUARY 4, 2023. Enough RSVPs are needed by this date to ensure the bus can run.

TO REGISTER: tinyurl.com/4k8pahmv

Please note that hotels can be booked at a considerable discount through travel sites such as Priceline.com rather than through the hotel directly. We highly suggest you consider that. Participants can consider room-sharing as well. If you would be interested in sharing a room, please indicate that on the registration form.

Seats are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. We highly suggest you register for the event, secure your bus seat, and make your hotel reservations as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please email prolife@stmarysnewhaven.org













The children's Christmas party was so much fun. We had a dance contest (thank you Ms. Pollard). Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest (thank you Columbiettes), face painting (thank you Kelly Finn) and Mr. and Mrs. Santa (thank you big Mike). Our community came to thank you Dairy Queen, Westover Pizza, Stamford Florist and Sunny Days. It was beautiful to see us all come together to make our children smile and feel loved.

Many Knights supported the Toys for Tots program for six weeks. We collected, organized and distributed over 20,000 toys.

Our Coat for Kids drive brought surrounding councils together to distribute 350 to needy children.

Our tree lighting was quite special this year. 15 members and their families came together in a candlelight ceremony led by Mnsg Surwilo to sing praise to the reason for the season.

Always thanking our Color Guard for standing tall and being on the always ready. Here they are at the Veterans Mass for Veteran's Day.



#### **Fourth Degree**

We continue to have great events for the membership here at the Hall. Thanks for your support.

There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification for members looking to joining the patriotic degree. Jan 28, Saturday. Call Ray fordetails.

The Color Guard Commander Frank Leone and I have looked over our previous events for the Color Guard and have prioritized seventeen (17) annual events for our Lafayette Assembly 109. Please continue participating as your schedule allows.

January 27 Veteran's Appreciation Dinner @ Hall

2/ TBD St. Augustine Council #41 Communion Mass & Breakfast

3/4 Saturday St. Patrick's Day Parade in Stamford

5/29 Sunday Memorial Day Parade in Stamford

5/30 Monday Memorial Day Parade in New Canaan

6/14 Wednesday Flag Day in Stamford (SPECIAL EVENT WE HOPE AT SCHOOL IN STAMFORD)

6/ TBD Haitian Patron Saint (Mary) Mass @ St. Gabriel's Council 1531

8/ TBD Sunday St. Roche Patron Saint Mass and Parade in Greenwich

8/ TBD Sunday Sacred Heart Italian National Parish Santa Maria Feast Day Mass

8/ TBD Sunday Sacred Heart Italian National Parish Saint Theodora Feast Day Mass

We do have requests from the Bishop's Office for special masses and wakes and funerals during the year. We are increasing our Color Guard membership ranks and all 4th Degree members are welcome to participate! Call me, FN Ray Downey 203-253-5601 redowney@optonline.net for information.

God Bless America!

#### **Knights in Action!!!!**

Enough can't be said about Brother Knight Dan Sposi. He is often the man that moves our council forward. Year after year he puts together a New Years Eve Party that rivals any other around town to include NYC. He has been our permitee at the bar and constantly engages with the Council and Building Board to drive in revenue to pay our bills. He is always on the look to bring in bands on a Friday or Saturday night to liven up the atmosphere. Council #41 thanks Danny for his commitment to our family!

Cheers Danny and may your 2023 be a healthy and happy one.

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Street Harmony returning to the Knights of Columbus!!!

Join our own Paulie Messanelli for a night of oldies!!!

Date: Saturday, January 21st

Time: 8:00pm Location: Bar



Please pay your dues!

Regular membership for 2023 year is \$55 per regular membership.

Honorary membership for 2023 year is \$10 per honorary membership, (at age 65, after 25 years of continual service).

Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 41", send payments to Knights of Columbus Council 41

Attention: Ray Downey-Financial Secretary

507 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902

We do have a new feature on the <a href="www.kofc41.com">www.kofc41.com</a> website that allows payment online with an additional \$3 surcharge fee, (regular membership would be \$58), honorary membership would be \$13 (\$10 + \$3 surcharge) Questions please call Ray Downey, FN Council 41 203-253-5601, redowney@optonline.net

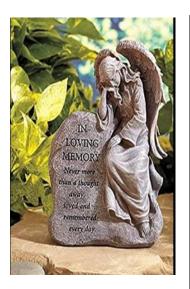
#### **Columbus Day update:**

Our voices are being heard through the power of unity and numbers. Never think your voice can't be heard. Columbus Day and Veterans Day added back in as city and school holidays for the next two years. Superintendent Tamu Lucero said the draft calendar will be discussed during a meeting of the Board of Education's Labor Committee scheduled for Jan. 10. The meeting is open to the public if you wish to attend. There will be an additional meeting Jan. 24. Both meetings will be at the Government Center at 7:00pm. Please arrive in 15 minutes earlier to show a sign of unity.

Included is the link to sign Dr. Fusco petition which will be presented at this meeting, just click and sign

https://chng.it/ZSGpp79qbK





Please join us in remembering our falling brothers this past year.

- Richard R. Ganino Nov30, 2022
- Sal Gallagi Dec 10, 2022
- Alfred Sanseverino Dec 19, 2022

Let's also pray for the passing of Pope Benedict.



The Pope accomplished so much. Visit here for more information: https://www.britannica.com/biography/Benedict-XVI



Remember to visit our web page to see upcoming events as well as see past newsletters at KofC41.com. New members can join at please go to <a href="kofc.org/join">kofc.org/join</a> and fill out the online application Council 41.

# PRIMETIME CATERING

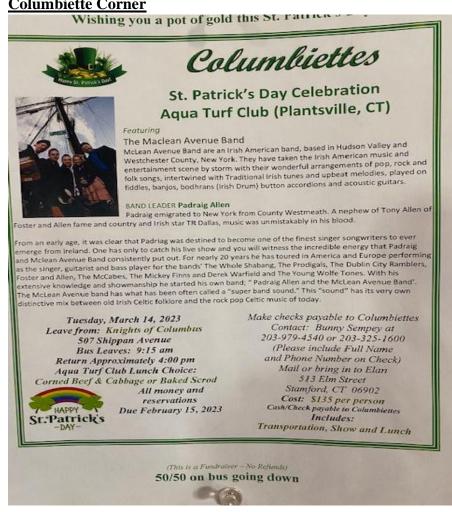
Offering catering for all occasions, ranging from weddings, corporate events, birthdays, showers, anniversaries, dinner dances, baptisms, family reunions, Christmas parties and any event that you desire and envision. As well as catering, our banquet hall is over 4000 square feet and can accommodate over 200 people, for any large event. Our space can also be divided to accommodate two smaller events at once, therefore double the fun. We are excited to turn your event dreams into a reality!

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#### **Columbiette Corner**



Our beautiful Columbiettes are at it again. They have organized a trip to the famous Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, Ct. to see the proclaimed Maclean Avenue Band from Ireland.

DATE: Tuesday, March 14

Leave from: Knights of Columbus,

507 Shippan Ave

Bus leaves: 915am

Bus returns: 4:00pm

RSVP BY: FEB 15, 2022

Lunch will be corned beef cabbage or baked scrod

Contact: Bunny 203-979-4540

Cost: \$135pp

Includes: Transportation, Show

and Lunch

# May God be with you every step of 2023

**Tommy Finn Grand Knight** St. Augustine Council Stamford, CT