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"**Pray For The Unborn**"

Grand Knight's Message

"Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One; and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable. The angels sing his glory with the shepherds; the wise men journey with the star. The eternal God is born for us as an infant child**.**"**- Kontakion for the Nativity**

Dear Brother Knights,

As we enter the season of Advent and prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to each of you who have volunteered their time, talents, and energy throughout the year. Our council's success is built upon the generosity and dedication of Brother Knights who step forward whenever there is a need.

Whether you helped at a fundraiser, supported a parish event, participated in a charitable project, or simply lent a helping hand behind the scenes, your efforts have made a meaningful difference in our parish and community. Thank you for embodying the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity that define the Knights of Columbus.

Christmas reminds us that not all gifts are not wrapped in paper but are found in service to others. Every hour volunteered and every act of kindness reflects the spirit of Christ and strengthens our brotherhood.

As we look ahead to December, I warmly invite all Knights and their families to join us for our Annual Christmas Party. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season, enjoy fellowship, and give thanks for another successful year together. We especially encourage those who may not have attended recently to come and reconnect with your brother Knights. We miss you!

I would also like to encourage every member to become more involved in our council activities. Even a small contribution of time can make a significant impact. New volunteers bring fresh energy, and friendships that help our council continue to grow and serve. If you've been looking for a way to become more engaged, this Christmas season is the perfect time to start. Join us at our next meeting.

Jesus Vivat, ac pax et bonum!

Bernard Stevenson

Grand Knight, Council 1839

3rd Degree News

Father Prior's Jubilee: On Sunday, October 18, OLGC celebrated Father Prior's Jubilee of his Ordination and the 85th Anniversary of OLGC with an outstanding breakfast. Bishop Douglas Lucia was in attendance for the celebration. The Knights helped sponsor the event by cooking HUNDREDS OF THEIR WORLD-FAMOUS PANCAKES, and the Altar Rosary Society provided a vast array of other tasty dishes. The event was attended by over 280 people.

Picnic News: On Sunday, September 13, the Knights of Council 1839 held their annual picnic at Highland Park from 1:00 – 4:00. A great time was had by all!

Christmas Party: The date is TBD, but likely the second week in December. More details to come!

From the Financial Secretary

On February 7 the Knights will be cooking breakfast at St. Anthony's. More details to come!
November 21 is the Catholic Men's Fellowship Breakfast at OLGC. The group is called "**Iron Sharpens Iron**" from Proverbs chapter 27, verse 17: "**Iron is sharpened by iron; one person sharpens another."** We need each other and can only be blessed with fellowship and building each other up in faith, morals and our witness to each other. Mass is at 9:00 AM and Confessions are heard beginning at 8:00 AM. There is a Rosary recital at 8:30 AM. The group meets on the 3rd Saturday (generally) of the month from September through June. Please plan to join us at any of these events. It is work but it is also a good feeling in doing for others, and we do have fun.

Faithful Navigator's Message

Worthy Brothers,
The month of November gives us a distinct opportunity to glance back with a sense of gratitude for our Church, our families, our freedom and our fraternity. With that being said, we are about to embark upon a time of giving.
On the 22nd of November (right before Thanksgiving), Council 1839 and Council 4746 will collaborate in making pizzas and providing soft drinks for members of the Special Olympics at the Midway Lanes in Vestal. This annual service we provide should give us a tremendous sense of giving back to the Community. Additionally, we are approaching the season of Advent (November 29th), followed by the Birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Advent, as you know, is the season of hope and joy and a time for sharing and caring. Christmas is the most joyous time of all. However, in this day and age, Christmas is overwhelmingly commercialized. That is why we should uphold the banner of Keeping Christ in Christmas. As always, we should all practice gratitude. Remember it is God's love that has brought you into existence and to this exact moment; practice looking for His hand in your day. May God Bless you and your families, and I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry and Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Ed Contino, Faithful Navigator
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4th Degree News

Color Corps at Confirmation: On Sunday, October 18, 2026 the Color Corps participated in a confirmation at Our Lady of Sorrows for 60 candidates. The Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Douglas Lucia, Father Richard Prior, Father Cornelius Deep, Father Joseph Ahukanna, and Father Gerald Shantillo. Also assisting in the Mass were Deacons William Matts, Edward Blaine, Michael Carroll, Jan DeAngelo and Paul Heiland, and seminarians Nicholas Mion and Gianni Verginio. The Knights were represented by Color Corps Commander Walt Loveless, SK John Browne, SK Bill Bernier and SK Jim Henenlotter.
Veterans Day Parade: On Nov. 11 the Knights will be marching in the Veterans Day Parade in Endicott, weather permitting. Details to follow once participation is confirmed!
Hoop Shoot: The Knights of Columbus Championship Free Throw "Hoop Shoot" competition will be held at OLGC on Friday, January 16 at 6:00 PM. Prep time for the event starts around 5:30. This event is conducted and sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Vestal Council. Boys and girls from 9 - 14 are eligible to participate in the Hoop Shoot. There will be pizza, snacks, and other tasty foods. All Knights must have their Safe Environment cards with them to be compliant with the Diocese of Syracuse.

Special Olympics Bowling

On Nov. 22, 2026 Knights from the Endicott and Vestal Councils will serve pizza and soda to Special Olympics bowlers and their families at Midway Lanes. At previous bowling events we had a great time – please stop by if you can!

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
November 9	1st Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	Council 1839 meeting room
November 11	Veterans Day Parade	6:00 PM	Endicott
November 16	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	Council 1839 meeting room
November 21	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Breakfast	9:30 AM	OLGC
November 22	Special Olympics Bowling	8:45 AM	Midway Lanes
November 26	**Happy Thanksgiving!!**		
December 14	1st Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	Council 1839 meeting room
December ??	Endicott Council Christmas Party	TBD	Council 1839 social room
December 19	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Breakfast	9:30 AM	OLGC
December 21	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	Council 1839 meeting room
December 25	**Merry Christmas!!**		
January 1	**Happy New Year!!**		
January 11	1st Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	Council 1839 meeting room
January 15	Hoop Shoot	5:30 PM	OLGC
January 16	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Breakfast	9:30 AM	OLGC
January 17	Chapter Meeting	TBD	St. Mary's
January 18	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	Council 1839 meeting room
February 8	1st Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	Council 1839 meeting room
February 15	4th Degree Meeting	7:30 PM	Council 1839 meeting room
February 20	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Breakfast	9:30 AM	OLGC

The Knights on Social Media

The Endicott Council has a Facebook page and a presence on the OLGC website:
https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558764730812
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