



The Apple Tree

Council 7273 Calendar of Events

September

- 11 - Bingo Team #2
- 13 - Primary Elections
- 15-16 Applefest
- 18 - Bingo Team #3
- 20 - District Meeting in Morrisonville
- 23 - Northern Conference and Chapter Meetings in Keeseville
- 25 - Bingo Team #4
- 30 - Officers' Meeting 1 p.m.

October

- 1 - Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- 2 - Bingo Team #1
- 7 - Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
- 8 - Columbus Day
- 9 - Bingo Team #2
- 14 - Officer Training in Tupper Lake
- 14 - Walk of Faith
- 16 - Bingo Team #3

My Brother Knights,

I hope you've all had a safe and wonderful summer. In the next couple weeks our council will be very busy with the Peru AppleFest. The Walk of Faith will follow shortly behind that. Help will be needed at the AppleFest, especially with the chicken barbecue. I invite all Knights to come and give us a hand. It would be greatly appreciated.

Over the past year many of our Knights have either passed away or had to step down from the positions they worked at bingo, cleaning up after bingo and working pull-tabs. I am asking if any of our Knights who have not been able to get involved in the past but who may be able to get involved now to please step forward and help us out with these activities so that we can continue doing the wonderful things that we do as the Knights of Columbus.

On October 27, 2018 we will be holding our yearly awards banquet. This event will take place at the Keeseville Knights of Columbus with cocktail hour starting at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 and awards to follow. Unlike last year I will not be able to take reservations after the 19th of October 2018. The Keeseville Knights of Columbus need at least a week to make sure they have all the food. The menu will be prime rib or chicken, mash potatoes, gravy and a vegetable. The Council picks up the dinner tab for a member and his guest. The bar is self-pay. Make reservations by calling me with your dinner choices at 518-593-1198 or email **(Cont. P. 4)**

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Grand Knight Report continued

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Our annual council budget was presented at the meeting in September and voted on at the October meeting.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Mrs. Scarlett McBride who volunteered to make her michigan sauce for our bingos and to Allen Dixon who has made the delicious sauce for so many years.

We will be conducting a membership drive on the sixth and seventh of October at both the 4:30 mass on Saturday and the 9:30 mass on Sunday. Again I cannot stress enough how desperate we are for workers to help us out with our Tuesday night bingo and pull tabs. Please if you can find the time do step forward and volunteer to help us one week a month to make these events successful. Thank you for your time. It is a pleasure to be your GK.

Applefest Participation

Our Council 7273 family will be working everywhere during the Applefest. The brothers working Sunday's chicken BBQ will begin husking corn at 7 a.m. and working throughout the day. The BBQ typically sells out about 4 p.m. If you can help with any phase of the BBQ please call Grand Knight Keith Kemp at 518-593-1198. Keith will be preparing the chicken in the parish center kitchen on Fri-

day, September 14th beginning at 7 a.m. He could also use help at that time.

Workers are also needed in many other aspects of the Applefest on both Saturday and Sunday. If you, your wife or any member of your family or your friends are willing to help please call John Ryan at 518-643-9386 or 518-420-8696.

Knights of the Month

Congratulations to our Knights of the Month for July and August Gordy Santor and Don Covell. Both men step up to help whenever they can. Don, assisted his wife Linda, just did a great job chairing the parish picnic.

Northern Conference and Chapter Meetings

Delegates from the Northern Conference's 45 councils will participate in the fall Northern Conference and Bishop Brzana Chapter meetings on Sunday September 21st at Keeseville Council 4689. Charity, membership, youth, community and church programs will be the primary topics of discussion. Conference Chairman Allen Dixon, Grand Knight Keith Kemp, Deputy Grand Knight Bob Manchester, Upstate Conference Coats For Kids/Catholic School Support Coordinator John Ryan will attend.

Admission Degree Successful

Our August 5, 2018 Admission Degree was very successful with five candidates from area councils experiencing the first lesson of our Order - Charity. Sincere thanks to the candidate sponsors, our degree team and everyone who attended the ceremony.

Upcoming 3rd Degree

The Knighthood/3rd Degree of our Order has been scheduled for Sunday, November 4, 2018 at Tupper Lake Council 2177 at 1

p.m. Any member desiring to take the 3rd Degree should contact Financial Secretary Gordy Burdo at 518-563-2796 as soon as possible. This may be your last opportunity for several months, so please take advantage of it.

Walk of Faith

Our Council will participate in the Annual St. Augustine's Church - Peru Community Church Walk of Faith on Sunday, October 14th. All families and members are encouraged to participate. Register about 11:45 and walk shortly thereafter.

From 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. our council will serve a pulled pork dinner in the St. Augustine's Parish Center. If you, family or friends would like to assist please call Grand Knight Keith Kemp at 518-593-1198.

Officer Training in Tupper Lake

Conference-wide officer training will be conducted at Tupper Lake Council 2177 on Sunday, October 14th. We await more information.

2018-19 Charity Budget Approved

Council 7273 Bingo/Pull Tab Charity Budget was approved at the Council's August 6, 2018 meeting. Budgeted donations total \$35,000. Recipients include St. Augustine's Church, St. Augustine's Religious Education and many other parish programs, St. Patrick's Oratory, the North Country Mission of Hope, Seton Catholic, Catholic Charities, the Peru Youth Commission, The Boy and Girl Scouts, the Diocesan Capital Campaign, the Babbie Rural and Farm Learning Museum, Birthright, the ALS Raising Hope Foundation, the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association and others.

2018-19 Council Budget Proposed

The Council's 2018-19 Council budget will be voted on at our October 1, 2018 meeting. It includes \$10,000 for charity above and beyond Bingo and Pull Tabs.

GK Kemp presents our donation to St. Anne's Shrine Director Fr. Brian Cummings.

C&B Sales

C&B Chairman John Theisen reports that 93 C&B books have been sold as of September 3rd. We still have time to sell many more books. If you have books or need books of tickets please call John Theisen at 518-570-8259. C&B and especially its matching fund program is a great benefit to our parish's religious education program and to Seton Catholic.



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Pilgrimage A Success

The Annual NYS K of C Pilgrimage to St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte, Vermont was well attended in spite of threatened rain. Our council is grateful for donations from Plattsburgh Council 255, the Plattsburgh 4th Degree Assembly and Champlain Council 3525, the Northern Conference and from people attending the picnic. Thanks to them, all our expenses were covered.

Lecturer James Bosley's September 3rd Presentation

My brother knights, Happy Labor Day! In honor of Patriotism, one of the four main principles of our order, I have prepared a lecture on Labor Day. According to the United States Department of Labor, "Labor Day is a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country."

It all started in 1885 and 1886 with a few local ordinances, the first state laws came in 1887, and finally it became a federal holiday in 1894. The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882, so it is interesting that those first local laws came only three years later and within about twelve years we had Labor Day as a national holiday.

The Department of Labor website says "The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday – a street parade to exhibit to the public 'the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations' of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families."

Labor Day was a victory for the labor movement of the late 19th century where labor unions fought for better wages, reasonable hours and safer working conditions for workers. Concepts like a 40 hour work week and a minimum wage are commonplace to us now but did not exist back then. Conditions back then, especially in industrial environments, could be so bad that they proved fatal for many young breadwinners. This was one of the reasons the Knights of Columbus was founded, as a way to take care of the widows and children of these men.

I admit, when I was a little boy there was a time when I thought Labor Day was the day women were supposed to give birth. Or at the very least it was surely a day in honor of mothers. Now it seems to me a day to give hard working people a rest. And rest is important. God even commands it; telling us not to do work on the Sabbath.

In Deuteronomy 5:15 it says "Remember that you too were once slaves in the land of Egypt, and the Lord, your God, brought you out from there with a strong hand and outstretched arm. That is why the Lord, your God, has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day."

In John 15:15 Jesus says to the apostles "I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father."

How benevolent is our God that He calls us friends and commands us to take time to rest between our labors! I hope you have all had a restful Labor Day weekend and that you have a chance to get some more rest in before we go rock another Applefest in service of our God and His Church.



Council 7273 Officers for 2018-19 after being installed by District Deputy Tom McDonald assisted by District Warden Henry Coolidge. L-R Henry Coolidge, Cormac O'Callaghan, Bob Manchester, Bob Akey, Peter Keenan, Keith Kemp, Tom McDonald, Father Alan Shnob, Matt Stygles, Gordy Burdo, Bob Herforth. Absent: John Ryan, Peter Glushko, Greg Lombard and Tony Andrews.



L-R District Deputies Tom McDonald, John Taillon, Bill McIntyre and Brandon Baldwin at the Northern Conference Executive Board Meeting.

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