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Knight Reader

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Grand Knights Report

In March, we celebrated the Easter Season, remembering the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, the central belief of our Catholic Christian Religion.

Good news to all Knights is that Pope Benedict XVI recently advanced the process of achieving sainthood for Fr. Michael J. McGivney, our Founder, by giving him the title of "Venerable Servant of God." If canonized, Fr. McGivney would be the first American born priest to be so honored.

We are looking for brothers to step forward to fill our officer slate for the next fraternal year. Adam and Gene will need your help to continue our great works.

Our recent efforts of supporting our local parishes were a great success during March. Many parishioners at St. John, St. Catherine and St. Mary enjoyed our fine culinary efforts. Thanks to all who participated.

Our BLUE MASS plans, for honoring our local Police and Fire personnel, are continuing. The Mass is set for 12 Apr 08 at St. Mary Church. The Annual Catholic Men's Conference is set for 19 Apr 08, and is a great event for our Catholic brothers to attend.

At our March Social meeting, we roasted a deserving brother, namely Jason Monahan. Many brothers provided many good laughs at this annual Council event, enjoyed by all, but maybe not the roastee!!

In April, we have our Anniversary Dinner, recognizing our Knight of the Year, Blue Mass, Bottle Drive, Special Needs Bowling, Boston Catholic Men's Conference, and evening of Reflection. Please support these activities.

May all your accounts, including the one with the Good Lord, always be in balance.

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"Look to Jesus, the Living One, and repeat what the Apostles asked: 'Lord teach us how to pray.' Prayer will be the salt that gives flavor to your life, and leads you to Christ, humanity's true light." Pope John Paul II

2007-2008 Council Officers

Grand Knight – Paul Rigazio *** Deputy Grand Knight – Adam Heroux *** Chaplains – Fr. Ventura & Fr. White
Chancellor – Eugene Bartos *** Financial Secretary - David Breen *** Warden – Jason Monahan *** Recorder – Fran Burke
Treasurer – Charles Carroll *** Advocate - Thomas Kelley *** Inside Guard - Joseph MacShane *** Outside Guard - Gerald Curtin
Lecturer - Michael Mancini *** 3rd year Trustee – Harold Coughlin *** 2nd year Trustee – Richard Curtis *** 1st year Trustee – Anthony Cotroneo

Upcoming Events

Apr 5	Anniversary Mass	Apr 13	Special Needs Bowling
Apr 7	Planning Meeting	Apr 14	Business Meeting
Apr 12	Blue Mass at St. Mary	Apr 19	Boston Men's Conference
Apr 12/13	Bottle Drive at St. Mary	Apr 21	Council Evening of Reflection

Grand Knights Slate of Officers

The tentative Officers slate for the coming fraternal year is as follows:

Grand Knight	Adam Heroux	Treasurer	To be determined
Deputy GK	Gene Bartos	Lecturer	Mike Mancini
Chancellor	Fran Burke	Advocate	Tom Kelley
Warden	Jason Monahan	Inside Guard	Gerry Curtin
Recorder	To be determined	Outside Guard	Steve Conte

We need brothers to step up to an Officer position to continue our Council's great and many works. Contact Paul Rigazio or Adam Heroux. The elections will be held during the business meeting in June. Please consider serving your council.

Membership

Our Council is still striving to recruit new members to our great Council. We need 6 additional members to reach our Star Council goal of TEN. Fran Burke, our membership chair, has issued a challenge to all brothers; Fran is providing a pair of Lowell Spinners tickets for the brother who recruits the next or most new members. The next scheduled 1st Degree for April 21, has been cancelled because it is the same date as the Lantern Award put on by the State. If there are candidates from our council, hopefully we could have it at our Council meeting place during our Meeting of April 14th or April 28th.

Special Needs Bowling

Our Special Needs Bowling Day is set for Sunday April 13, at the Collins Bowladrome in Billerica from 1-3 PM. Many brothers are needed to support this event, as we need a brother to oversee each bowling lane and score. The smiling and happy face of the many children who attend is our reward. Pizza is served after the bowling is completed. Contact Ken Desilets at xxx-xxx-xxxx

Anniversary Dinner and Knight of the Year Award

We celebrate 22 years on Saturday, April 5th at Lenzi's Mill House function hall in Dracut. Cocktails will be at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. A dinner of family style roast beef and turkey will be served along with vegetables, salad, cheese & crackers and dessert. The cost is \$35 per person and tickets can be ordered from Nelson McCarthy xxx-xxxx. This is always a fun night that does not require any of us to work. The Grand Knight will award the Knight of the Year award during the evening. Also this year, we will be honoring Paul Clark and David Gorham. Don't miss out. Call Nelson today.

Boston Men's Conference.

Our Council has purchase 25 tickets to this great annual conference. This year the all day conference is set for Saturday 19 Apr at the Conti Forum at Boston College. The Council has also made arrangement for a bus to transport all to and from Boston College. The tickets are \$ 25 and \$ 10 for the bus fare. Contact Adam Heroux (xxx-xxx-xxxx) or Bob Camacho (xxx-xxx-xxxx) to reserve your tickets and bus seat. Tickets will be \$ 40 at the door. This is a great day to celebrate your Catholic faith with over 4,000 local Catholic men. This has always been a great day, don't miss out!

State Raffle by John Lamplough

State Raffle tickets were distributed in last month's newsletter. Tickets cost \$15 per book and the council gets to keep \$6 for every book of tickets sold. Tickets need to be turned in by April as the drawing will be held at the State Convention which will be held in Burlington on May 2 – 4, 2008.

The 4th of July is right around the corner

You cannot tell by the weather but it's true! The Council will again be participating in the Annual Chelmsford Celebration by marching in the Parade, building a float, and operating our booth. Brothers will be needed to march, build the float, and man the booth, selling our great hot dogs, hamburgers, and Sal's pizza. Adam Heroux and Gene Bartos will need your help to continue the great community support we provide.

Blue Mass set for St. Marys Church April 12

The Blue Mass, to recognize and honor our Chelmsford Fire and Police first responders, is set for Saturday, 12 Apr 08 at 4 PM. Fr. Donohoe and Fr. Ventura will concelebrate this special Mass. . The Chelmsford Fire and Police officers, their Honor Guard, and the Bishop Delany 4th Degree Assembly will participate. A small collation of coffee, soft drinks and a cake will be provided in the hall after the Mass. Hope to see a good contingent of brothers attend this new Council event. Next year a Blue Mass at St. Catherine's in Westford is being planned. Contact Paul Rigazio xxx-xxx-xxxx for more information.

Sick, Vigil and Congratulations by Gene Bartos, Chancellor

For those who are sick or in distress, please remember that you are in our prayers at each meeting and in the private prayers of our hearts. Please pray for the following brothers and their families and caregivers. Paul Barker, Tom Canelas Sr., Ray Kelly, Robert Moore. Vigil: Angela Butt, daughter of Brother Al Hanley, who died March 17; Linda Costanzo, wife of Larry Costanzo, who died Sunday, March 29; and Genevieve Forrest, step-mother of Sue Coughlin, wife of brother Harold Coughlin. If you know of a brother knight or family member who would like to be included in our prayers, please contact one of the individual below. Also, we would like to know any births, wedding and deaths so that we may respond appropriately. Please inform Gene Bartos (farmergb@aol.com), Barry Bell (kofcnews@yahoo.com) or Armand DiLando (adilando@comcast.net).

Help Needed at St. John's by Dick Curtis

Saint John's parish is looking for men to staff a work party, on a weekend in May, to re-shingle the roof of a walkway which connects the Rectory to the Parish Offices. The roof is roughly 9 feet off the ground -- not a major elevation. At this time, the plan is to choose a weekend in May when people are available and the weather is favorable. A parishioner in the trades will bring in appropriate scaffolding; the work party will set that up Friday evening, and do the shingling work on Saturday. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Dick Curtis, at Dick.Curtis@hp.com

Evening of Reflection at St. Benedict's Abbey, April 21 Social Meeting by Mike Mancini

Ever gone to our annual Evening of Reflection? It is an event YOU should attend with your brother Knights. The evening gets started with Vespers (evening prayer service) in Latin. Most of us remember Latin services, so it is a trip down memory lane for me. Then we go over to the main building for a fine heavenly meal and a glass of wine. The evening is topped off in a third room for some insightful reflection and discussion, led by one of our council spiritual leaders. How can you pass this up for a mere \$20, all proceeds go to the Abbey. If you want to car pool the evening starts in St. Mary's parking lot at 5:15PM, otherwise meet you there. Vespers start promptly at 6PM at the Abby Chapel 252 Still River Road, Still River, MA. You must reserve a seat before April 15, please call Mike Mancini at mkj.mancini@att.net. The Web page for the Abbey is at <http://www.abbey.org>. Hope you decide to join us.

Knight Notes

*The council evening of reflection is set for Monday April 21 in Still River. We typically have dinner that is prepared by the monks and then enjoy a talk given by one of the local clergy. *Brother Fran Burke is being generous in offering Lowell Spinners tickets to the person who recruits the next member and to the person who recruits the most members. These tickets are tough to get. Spinner games are a lot of fun. We thank him for his generosity. *The next bottle drive at St. Mary's is April 12, 13. We raised \$914 year to date to this program. Please contact PGK John Lamplough if you can help. *John also reports that \$123 was raised at Sal's Pizza last month. *The council needs all of us to consider serving in one capacity or another. One of the ways you can help out is offering to serve as an officer. If you are unsure about the duties, please ask one of the officers. *The next issue will be published in early May. Please send any articles for the next issue to Armand DiLando at adilando@comcast.net no later than April 15. . *Our sympathy to Al Hanley and family on the death of his daughter Angela and Larry Costanzo and family on the death of his wife, Linda. We cannot imagine the pain they are in.