



Knights of Columbus

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Grand Knights Report

First I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas. God sent us His Son so that we all may be saved. He provided us the example of Catholic life, and I am thankful for all of the work that we do in His name. We have many opportunities to celebrate this month. The Yankee Swap is during the normally scheduled business meeting December 8th. Another opportunity to celebrate is the Children's Christmas Party on December 6th. Remember these are great opportunities to introduce potential candidates and their families to some of the more social activities we have on our calendar. The New Year is just around the corner and the fraternal year is nearly half over! Who have you asked to be a Knight? This is the time we need to push hard to meet our membership goals. In November we had 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree exemplifications within one week. I was reminded of the beauty and symbolism in these degrees, and attending these re-energizes me in the principles of our order. Think back to your first degree, remember hearing the words, and experiencing the symbols. I know there is someone you know who could benefit from these teachings. Ask them to become a Knight of Columbus.

I would like to congratulate Danielle Candelieri from Westford for being selected as the national free throw champion in the 14 year old girls' category. Danielle has won the local and state free throw championships for the past few years representing our council. The State Deputy will present Danielle a trophy in the near future. I would also like to congratulate Julia Mancini for placing 2nd in regional soccer challenge representing our council. In January we will hold the council level basketball free throw contest for this year, hopefully we will have continued success as a council.

I am at your service. Please contact me with questions or comments. I am best reached by email at adam.heroux@gmail.com or at home at 978-459-XXXX.

Childrens Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Cameron Senior Center December 6th from 1-3 PM. Please bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it for Santa to distribute at the event. This event is open to all, so invite your friends and neighbors. There will be crafts and snacks during the event.

100 Club Winners – Grand Prize at Yankee Swap

The October 100-Club \$25 winners are Nancy Bell, Barry Bell, Steve White, and Jason Monahan.

November - Kathy Clark, Heather Schlossnagle, Dick Curtis, and Nancy Desilets.

The year-end grand prizewinners of \$150, \$250, and \$350 will be drawn at the Yankee Swap. That should make it quite a night!

2008-2009 Council Officers

Grand Knight – Adam Heroux *** Deputy Grand Knight – Gene Bartos *** Chaplains – Fr. Ventura & Fr. White
Chancellor – Fran Burke *** Financial Secretary - David Breen *** Warden – Jason Monahan *** Recorder – Robert Chevalier
Treasurer – Gerry Curtin *** Advocate - Thomas Kelley *** Inside Guard – Al Hanley *** Outside Guard – Steve Conte*** Lecturer - Michael
Mancini *** 3rd year Trustee – Dick Curtis *** 2nd year Trustee – Tony Cotroneo *** 1st year Trustee – Paul Rigazio

Upcoming Events

Dec 1 Planning Meeting

Dec 6 Children's Christmas party

Dec 8 Business Meeting/Yankee Swap

Dec 13, 14 Bottle Drive

Culture of Life Fund

The Supreme Council has established a fund to support matters affecting life, family, marriage, and similar priorities in building a Culture of Life. Each council is being assessed \$3 per active, dues paying member. It was the decision of the council to include an assessment with the dues bills for this \$3 per member. If you have any questions please contact Adam Heroux.

State Raffle Tickets by PGK John Lamplough

State Raffle tickets are now available at all meetings and by contacting PGK John Lamplough at 256-2625 or LMPL@comcast.net. They will be mailed out in the January newsletter. They are \$15 per book and the council makes \$6 for every book sold. We have a goal of selling 50 books. You have to play to win and our council has had many winners over the past. Prizes range from \$500 to \$10,000.

Membership

There is an upcoming first degree on Monday January 19th and a 3rd degree January 25th at the Tewksbury council. Please let Adam Heroux or Dave Breen know about any approved candidates that would like to attend.

K of C Service Award – Congrats!

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Service award was presented to Cara Hehn daughter of 2nd degree knight Joe and Sharon Hehn. She is attending UNH. The council also supported Cara's fundraising efforts for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition when she ran the 2008 Boston Marathon. Cara was recently featured in the Lowell Sun as the youngest women entered to run the Baystate Marathon in Lowell.

Womens Social by GK Adam Heroux

My wife Jennifer would like to pass on her gratitude and the thanks from My Father's House for the donated items provided by the wives in attendance. The women had a nice lunch, wine, and apparently took turns playing with our infant.

Knight Notes

PGK Nelson McCarthy is selling the Boston and Southern New Hampshire editions of the 2009 Entertainment Book. Books cost \$25 and the B&G makes \$5 per book. Please support this worthwhile fundraiser and contact Nelson at 978-256-3580. ** Look for the council free throw contest to be in January. Next issue will have more info.** The next bottle drive is Dec 13/14. ** A little advance notice, our collation cost will be \$5 for the annual Yankee Swap. This will cover the costs for the larger collation. Let's get started on thinking about unique gifts to bring! You are almost out of time. You need to bring a wrapped gift of at least \$15 in value. This is such a fun night, and we are drawing the 100 Club grand prize winners as well! ** The Westford Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Cameron Senior Center. Please feel free to bring food items for the pantry to any of our meetings, especially with the holidays approaching **A question from last month...how many members do we have over the age of 90? We currently have 3. **The next newsletter will be published in early January. Please send any articles for the next issue to Armand DiLando at adilando@comcast.net no later than December 15.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God (Phil 4:6)