



Knights of Columbus

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Knight Reader

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Grand Knights Report

The Jan 08 weather continued very cold, and as a result of a bad storm, we canceled our January 14th Business Meeting. In spite of the cold winter, our Council events will continue.

In January we ran our Recruitment Drives at St. Mary and St. John Churches. We will hold an Information Night for new members at St. Mary Church on 31 Jan.

The Annual Free Throw Championship was successfully held at McCarthy Middle School. Winners were determined in each category and will represent the Council at the District Competition.

Our annual Super Bowl Party was held at Princeton Station on 28 Jan. Numerous brothers were in attendance, and all enjoyed the food, refreshments, and liquid spirits. We are all wishing our New England Patriots another Super Bowl Championship in February.

In February and March, we have a Bottle Drive at St. Mary Church, a Pizza Social at Sal's in Chelmsford, Ham and Bean Supper at St. John's, St. Catherine Parish Breakfast, a DD Steve Brenner Testimonial, and a St. Patrick Day Dinner at St. Mary. Please support these activities.

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

PAUL RIGAZIO
(pauljrigazio@gmail.com.)

“May God be your only wealth: let yourself be molded by God, so that holiness, truth, and love of the heavenly Father will become visible to our contemporaries, who are thirsting for real values.”

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

Jan 31	Open House for new members	Mar 2	St. Catherine's parish Breakfast
Feb 11	Business Meeting	Mar 8	DD Steve Brenner Testimonial
Feb 25	Social Mtg. at Sal's Pizza	Mar 15	St. Patrick Day Dinner at St. Mary's

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:

William Aubut, Paul Barker, Tom Canelas Sr., Linda Costanzo (wife of Larry Costanzo), George Goguen, , Ray Kelly, Robert Moore, Theresa Goodwin (wife of Ray Goodwin), Angela Butt (daughter of Al Hanley), Richard Kelleher (son of Tom Kelleher). We were sad to hear about the loss of our brother Tom Hughes. Tom was a long time knight and will be missed. If you wish to send a note to his only daughter, Phyllis, her address is Phyllis Hughes, 2939 Van Ness Street, Apt. 939, Washington, DC 20008-2306. 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 649-9045 (farmergb@aol.com), Barry Bell (kofcnews@yahoo.com) or Armand DiLando (adilando@comcast.net).

Free Throw – Lots of Fun

The Council sponsored the Free Throw Contest at McCarthy Middle School on Saturday 19 Jan 08. 74 boys and girls, ages 10-14, participated and the winners in each category will represent the Council at the District Level competition at Chelmsford High School on 2 Feb 08. Thanks to Mike O'Malley and the eight brother knights, along with Steve Jones from the CYBL Joanne and Brittany Gorham, Stephanie Clark and Maryellen O'Malley who assisted in this annual youth event.

Recruiting Efforts

As indicated in last months Newsletter, the Supreme and State KofC officers are encouraging all Councils to intensify their recruitment efforts this year. To date, our Council has added only three new members towards our goal of ten. All members are asked to contact their friends, neighbors, etc. to recruit new members. This is really the only effective way for our Council to grow and continue its many good works. Several members represented the Council at the January weekend Masses and invited catholic gentlemen to our Information night at St. Mary's Church on 31 Jan.

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 desert. The cost is \$35 per person and tickets can be ordered from Nelson McCarthy XXX-XXXX. A flyer was attached to the January newsletter so you can put it on your refrigerator. 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. Don't miss out. Call Nelson today.

St. Patrick's Dinner at St. Mary's Church

St. Mary Social Committee is running a St. Patrick Day dinner on 15 Mar in the church hall. Our chef, Jason Monahan, has agreed to provide his culinary expertise in cooking this Irish boiled dinner, and will need help from several brothers to serve the dinner. Contact Jason at XXX-XXXX

State Raffle by John Lamplough

State Raffle tickets are being distributed in this month's newsletter. For those who receive the newsletter on-line, contact PGK John Lamplough at impl@comcast.net or at XXX-XXXX for tickets. 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.

Blue Mass

Arrangements for a Blue Mass, to recognize and honor our local Fire, Police and first responders, are continuing. Contact has been made with the Chelmsford Fire and Police officers, and a Mass has been set for Saturday, 12 Apr 08 at 4 PM. Fr. Donohoe, Pastor is in support of this special Mass. More information to come as details becomes known. Contact Paul Rigazio XXX-XXXX for more information.

Bill, Bills & One More Bill By Dave Breen

Membership dues are due by December 15, since you need your membership card to attend any meeting after January 1, 2008. Our Council has a grand total of 218 members. After accounting for 14 inactive insurance members, 11 priests, 10 honorary lifetime members, 1 honorary member and 1 disabled member there are 181 paying customers. The honorary members only pay the supreme and state fees. For each honorary and paying member the Council annually distributes \$3.50 and \$1.00 to the Supreme Council to cover per capita assessment and catholic advertising, respectively. The Massachusetts State Council per capita assessment is \$7.75. Thus, only \$17.75 of your \$30.00 dues payment remains within our Council. These dues are the major source of funding that supports our Council's budget. The bills were issued as part of the November, December & January newsletter. If you have not paid yet, you are delinquent.

Parish Breakfast at St. Catherine's Church

We are going to team up with the 6th graders this year. The big day is on March 2 after the early masses (7:30 to 11:15). They will be selling tickets a few weeks before at the masses, then at the breakfast taking orders and serving the food. We will be purchasing the supplies and cooking. The receiving charities have not been identified but the children are looking for a needy family and we have not decided. If you are interested in helping out give Mike Mancini a call XXX-XXXX or mkj.mancini@att.net. This event has taken on a new dimension of good faith and should be a lot of fun!! Come on by!!

Power of Ten Program

The Council will be starting a *Power of Ten Program* to invigorate our current membership. About twenty Council members will become Captains, and be assigned ten members in their area to keep in touch with every few months. The Captains will encourage their team members to attend our meetings & events, recruit new members, inform of sickness and/or need for prayers, and support our overall activities. Dick Curtis, a PGK, will chair this program.

Knight Notes

Dick Curtis passed along to us that St. Johns is in need of a bit of help. The 5PM Sunday Mass at St. John's has had a chronic shortage of ushers to pass the collection baskets. If you happen to attend that Mass on a given Sunday, please consider introducing yourself to John Hartnett, the lead usher, and ask if he needs assistance with the collection on that day. He's not asking for a commitment -- just taking it one Sunday at a time. The Council, with the support of a local confirmation class, will hold its next Bottle Drive on 9-10 Feb at St. Mary. To date the Council has raised \$ 567 for the St. Mary Youth ministry Program. Thanks to all who helped. It's too late to order an Entertainment book from PGK Nelson McCarthy. The last book was auctioned off at the Super Bowl Party Monday night. Gary Krauch was the lucky winning bidder. Good to see a young Taylor on the front page of the Chelmsford Independent. Good publicity for the free throw contest. A reminder that State raffle tickets will be mailed with the February newsletter and can be purchased by contacting PGK John Lamplough at XXX-XXXX or at LMPL@comcast.net. Tickets cost \$15 per book and the Council gets to keep \$6 for every book of tickets sold. The drawing will be held at the State Convention in May 08. Please make checks payable to K of C Council 9275 and turn your tickets and money in at a meeting or mail them to the council PO Box. We have had a few recent local winners from that raffle. John also reminds us that the February social meeting will be at Sal's pizza. Sal's serves beer and wine. See the attached flyer to this newsletter. February is almost here and Lent is almost upon us. Start thinking about how you spend this time of preparation. Perhaps it's more time in prayer, or the rosary, or at least one extra mass per week. Don't let this lent go by, it is too important. The next issue will be published in early March. Please send any articles for the next issue to Armand DiLando at adilando@comcast.net no later than February 15.



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January 29, 2008

Brothers all:

It is with great pleasure that the Officers and Brother Members of the Bishop Ruocco Council # 9275 of Westford/ Chelmsford cordially invite you to a Friendship Dinner to be held in honor of our Brother, District Deputy Stephen E. Brenner, on Saturday, March 8, 2008, at the Parish Hall of St. Mary's Church, 25 North Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824.

The event is being held to support our District Deputy, who has been nominated by this Council to be a delegate for the 2008 Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention to be held in Quebec, Canada.

The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a social hour followed by dinner at 8:00 p.m. A speaking program will immediately follow the dinner. (Please indicate below if you are interested in speaking)

The cost of the meal is \$ 25.00 per person. Those not attending may send a donation if desired. Payment should be made payable to: **Bishop Ruocco Council # 9275**, and sent, along with the lower portion of this form, to:

Barry Bell, Friendship Dinner Chairman 236 Mammoth Road, Lowell, MA 01854-2226

Inquiries may be made to Barry Bell, Telephone XXX-XXXX or e-mail btbell100@yahoo.com

Please return by March 1, 2008

Your Name: _____ Guest _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ e-mail: _____

Council Name and Number: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ Interested in Speaking: Yes: _____ No: _____

Donation amount if you can not attend: _____

Please respond by March 1, 2008



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