



Knights of Columbus

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Knight Reader

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Grand Knights Report

Welcome to 2009, and half way through our fraternal year. I have faith that we will meet our goals because of the hard work and dedication all of you give to our council.

This month we look forward to celebrating the national winner of the Youth Basketball Free-throw contest, and getting together in preparation of the NFL big game at the Princeton Station. We anticipate having the State Deputy at the free throw contest to present the trophy to Danielle Candelieri, please sign up to help at the event or simply attend to show your support for our National winner.

I recently received some negative feedback about the method we are using to fund the "Culture of Life fund" as being assessed from the Supreme Council. This was discussed at length in the planning meetings, and during the discussion and approval of the budget. This assessment is the second largest line item expense in the budget for the 08-09 fraternal year, and is being assessed based upon active dues paying members. This assessment is intended to be a one time occurrence to respond to a fund raising initiative from Supreme. If this becomes an ongoing program, we will identify additional funding sources. If you have specific concerns please contact me about them.

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

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

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| Jan 5 Planning Meeting | Jan 12 Business Meeting |
| Jan 19 First Degree - Tewksbury | Jan 25 Third Degree – Tewksbury |
| Jan 26 Social Meeting – Princeton Station | Feb 7 Free Throw Contest |

Free Throw Contest

The youth free throw contest needs your help. We need several Knights to man the event for it to run smoothly. The contest is at the McCarthy Middle School in Chelmsford from 9-3 on February 7th. Please contact Mike O'Malley to sign up for this event at either 978-649-XXXX, or omalleymp@hotmail.com. The state deputy is anticipated as he will present the national winners trophy to our local winner.

Scholarships by Dave Breen

Scholarship awards are available for any member or relative of a member entering a Catholic College or University for the 2009-2010 school year. Applications for the Massachusetts State Council K of C Catholic College Scholarships must be received by April 3, 2009 (Allow time for my signature as FS). Applications are available from Dave Breen, 978-692-XXXX (dlbreen@comcast.net) or directly from the State's WEB site at http://www.massachusettsstatekofc.org/Forms/Scholarship_Application_2009.pdf

Sick & Vigil by Chancellor Fran Burke

During the last Month our council has lost two of our charter members, Fr. Dan Cronin, beloved and longtime Pastor of St. Catherine of Alexandria parish in Westford on December 7th, and Matt Falcone longtime North Chelmsford resident on December 18th. Both were Korean era veterans. Please keep their souls and families in your prayers. Also, please pray for the following brothers and their families and caregivers. Paul Barker, Tom Canelas, Sr., Dolores Carroll (wife of Chuck Carroll), PGK Ed Courtemanche, Ed & Jean Fournier, PGK George Goguen, Ray Kelly, and Robert Moore. 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. 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 either Fran Burke 978-692-XXXX (fran@fxburke.com); Barry Bell (kofcnews@yahoo.com) or Armand DiLando (adilando@comcast.net)

Annual Anniversary Dinner in March

The Anniversary Dinner will be held at Lenzi's Restaurant on March 28, 2009 at 6:30PM. We will present the Knight of the Year Award and have a chance to reflect on the year. The menu includes soup, salad, and your choice of turkey or strip sirloin, and dessert. Please RSVP to Paul Rigazio at 978-256-XXXX or at pauljrigazio@gmail.com.

Membership

There is an upcoming first degree on Monday January 19th at the Tewksbury Council at 7:30 p.m., and a 3rd degree January 25th also at the Tewksbury council at 2:00 p.m. There is a 2nd Degree at the Lynn Council on Tuesday, January 13th at 8:00. Please let Adam Heroux or Dave Breen or Steve Brenner know about any approved candidates that would like to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS

Hats off to Ray Griffin and Gerald Scanlon who have achieved Honorary Membership status. These knights have devoted over 25 years of service to the Knights of Columbus. Our Council now has 4 HONORARY MEMBERS : Ray Griffin, Richard Lindsey, Richard Martel, Gerald Scanlon. And 18 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS including 10 PRIESTS: Fr. Benoit, Fr. Buntel, Fr. Dunn, Fr. Martel, Fr. O'Connor, Fr. Ventura, Fr. Aveni, Jr., Fr. Paul Sullivan, Fr. John Sullivan, Fr. White, Joe Connell, John Keating, Bob Moore, Tom Regan, Frank Carr, Joe Connolly, Gerry DesAutels, and Jack Peters.

State Raffle Tickets by PGK John Lamplough

State Raffle tickets are now available at all meetings and by contacting PGK John Lamplough at 256-XXXX 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.

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.

100 Club Winners – Grand Prizes

Congratulations to PGK Tony Cotroneo on winning the \$350 grand prize! Also, Steve White who won the \$250 and the \$150 prizes! Remember, you cannot win if you do not join. The new year will begin in March.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE NOW

Bills for membership dues for the year 2009 are attached to this newsletter. All members should obtain their membership cards so that they can attend meetings starting in January.

Notes of Interest-Barry Bell

During the Christmas Season, I received two notes from members that wanted to be remembered to the Council. One was from Ed Courtemanche. Barbara noted that both Ed and she had improved health during the past year and thanked the Council and members for keeping them in your prayers. As Ed always says “keep strong in mind and spirit.” Also, a very nice letter from Jeffrey Clark telling me of his duties in Iraq. He wanted to say thank you to the council and all the members who kept him in their prayers since the death of Stephanie. He was especially thankful for the prayers and the packages from the Local Heroes program.

Knight Notes

The December bottle drive earned \$193. The next drive is the weekend of Feb 14/15th. **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-XXXX. ** Being an officer is a wonderful opportunity to serve your council. Every once in a while there is an issue that comes up that requires debate and discussion. These issues are not the fun part of the job. In every situation our officers advise the GK as best they can. Not every topic is resolved the way we might personally choose, but this is part of being a council. Having lively debate and discussion is good. The best way to influence the discussion is at the meetings. The important thing to remember is that we have been fortunate to have solid officers who work to give the council the very best they have. Our leaders have always put the best interest of the council first. We thank them for this. ** PGK John Lamplough is selling the Super Bowl Squares. They will be drawn at the January social meeting. **Is there a Knight that you believe has stood out this year? The Grand Knight is looking for your comments on who would make a good Knight of the year. The award will be presented at the Anniversary dinner on March 28th. Send your comments to adam.heroux@gmail.com. **Don't forget to pay your dues for the New Year. Dave Breen is the person to see**So sad to hear about the two deaths this past month. Fr. Cronin a beloved pastor at St. Catherines and Matt Falcone. Both men were Charter Members of this Council. Matt was one of the first Trustees of the council. Matt was a very dedicated Knight in those early days. For those of you who did not get to meet Matt, he helped this council greatly during our start up. He was a good man who helped out quietly in so many ways. Our sympathy goes to Annette and family. **The next newsletter will be published in early February. Please send any articles for the next issue to Armand DiLando at adilando@comcast.net no later than January 15.

THIS IS A SECOND NOTICE FOR YOUR BISHOP RUOCCO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DUES

Dear Brother Knight,

Your bill for Membership Dues for 2009 is presented below. In order to save money on postage, this bill has been e-mailed to you and included with the January newsletter.

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 member.

Through your generosity last year the campaign to raise money for the Bishop Ruocco Council Charity Fund was very successful, raising \$1590. Typically, at our November social meeting the council donates from \$600 to \$1500 to charities like Life Links, House of Hope, The Paul Center and KIDS Inc. So that we can continue this tradition, could you help support our charitable efforts by donating \$5, \$10, \$25, or other amount to the Bishop Ruocco Council Charity Fund?

Billing Date: December 1, 2008
Due Date: January 1, 2009

Make Check Payable To:
Bishop Ruocco Council #9275 K of C

Send Payment To:
David L. Breen, FS
5 Hearthstone Road
Westford, MA 01886
dlbreen@comcast.net
978-692-XXXX

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| Detail of Charges | |
| Annual Dues for 2009 | \$ 30.00 |
| Culture of Life Fund Assessment | 3.00 |
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| Sub total | \$ 33.00 |
| Voluntary Contribution to Charity Fund? | () |
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| Total | (\$) |

DISABLED? Supreme will waive dues for knights who qualify for Disability Status. Two items, a brief letter from a doctor (or professional care giver) confirming the disability and a short form must be submitted to Supreme through the Financial Secretary. This is a one time submittal for the disabled knight but the Financial Secretary confirms the Disability Status annually. Supreme, State and Council fees are waived. If you are disabled, I urge you to consider applying for disability status.