



Knights of Columbus

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Knight Reader

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Grand Knights Report

It has been my privilege and honor to be your Grand Knight for the past two years. I wish to use this, my final newsletter, to thank all my fellow officers and brothers for their kind support, good counsel, and encouragement during this time. I know you will provide the same to Adam Heroux and his fellow officers during the next Council year.

Our Council continues to be strong with many charitable and support activities for our communities and local churches. Several new activities were added during the past year, namely the St. Patrick Day Dinner at St. Mary Church, the Soccer Challenge, and a Blue Mass. Also, our District Deputy and brother Knight in our Council, Steve Brenner, received the largest number of votes at the recent State Convention for a delegate to the 2008 National Convention in Quebec City.

In order to continue our many good works, we need new and younger brothers to join our Council. All brothers are encouraged to recruit new members.

In June, we have the election of Officers and changing of the Guard at our Social Meeting.

Immediately after in July, we have the annual July 4th Parade, Float and booth. Many brothers will be needed to have another successful July 4th celebration and fund raiser.

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

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“Its about the journey – mine and yours – and the lives we can touch, the legacy we leave, and the world we can change for the better .”
Tony Dungy, NFL Coach

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

Jun	2	Planning Meeting	Jun 16	First Degree in Tewksbury
Jun	9	Business Meeting & Election	Jun 23	Social Meeting (Changing of the Guard)

100 Club

The 100-Club's first monthly drawing will be held at the June Social meeting. We will have 4 drawings each month, June, September, October, November for \$25 each. The Grand Prize drawings will be held at the Yankee Swap in December for \$350, \$250, and \$150.

Grand Knights Slate of Officers

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

Grand Knight	Adam Heroux
Deputy GK	Gene Bartos
Chancellor	Fran Burke
Warden	Jason Monahan
Recorder	Robert Chevalier
Treasurer	Gerry Curtin
Lecturer	Mike Mancini
Advocate	Tom Kelley
Inside Guard	Al Hanley
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.

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, Alan Bell (brother of Barry Bell), Dolores Carroll (wife of Chuck Carroll), Theresa Goodwin (wife of Ray Goodwin), Matt Falcone. We also remember the family of Joe Morabito on the loss of his mother last month. 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 xxx-xxxx (farmergb@aol.com), Barry Bell (kofcnews@yahoo.com) or Armand DiLando (adilando@comcast.net).

The 4th of July is Here!

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.

Tootsie Roll Golf Tournament

Monday, September 22nd **Course:** Passaconaway, Litchfield, N.H. **Tee Times:** 9:00 a.m., Shotgun **Format:** Scramble / Foursome **Cost:** \$130.00 per person, if paid by 8/17/08. \$140.00 after 8/17. Includes: 18 Holes of Golf, Cart, Gift and Meal to be held at the golf course. This is always a great time. More information to follow, if you have any questions or would like to help out, please contact Joe Clark @978-xxx-xxxx.

Membership News

Our Council is still striving to recruit new members to our great Council. We need ten new members to reach our Star Council goal of TEN. Fran Burke, our membership chair, has issued a challenge to all brothers; a pair of Lowell Spinners tickets for the brother who recruits the next or most new members. Our First Degree State Award Winning Team gave another great ceremony for 17 new members in Tewksbury on 19 May 08, of which four were from our Council. The new members are Marc Chateaufneuf, Stanley Norkunas, George Dixon, Jr., and Richard LaRoche. Our Council needs five more to meet our quota of ten for the fraternal year. Also, March 30th, Charles Hirt and Bob Chevalier became a Second Degree Knight and later that day, Bob Chevalier and John Desmond reached full Knighthood in the Third Degree. On May 19th Chuck Hirt received his third Degree status of Full Knighthood. Congratulations to all of you. The next scheduled 1st Degree is set for 16 Jun 08 in Tewksbury.

Star Council is still possible – by Steve White, Field Agent

With the end of the fraternal year fast approaching, Bishop Ruocco Council #9275 may still qualify for Star Council status! Star Council is a huge accomplishment with only about 7% of all councils in Massachusetts qualifying! At this time, we need additional new members as well as additional insurance members.

We need your help! If you are not an insured member, it's simple to do so...

- 1) A simple one time deposit of \$300 or more into our guaranteed annuity currently paying 3.85% to 4.1%.
- 2) Transfer some or all of your IRA, 401K or C.D.'s into our guaranteed annuity at 3.85% to 4.1%.
- 3) Life Insurance. (We have a small introductory plan that costs as little as \$50 per year!)
- 4) Long Term Care Insurance (at great rates!).

Any one of the four options outlined will satisfy the conversion of associate member status to insured member status. Widows of insured members also have additional benefits available to them on the passing of their husband.

Let's reach out and grab Star Council this year!

Please call Steve White at (603) xxx-xxxx or email him at kofcins@aol.com to start a plan or to simply ask questions. Applications need to be submitted soon to qualify for this fraternal year which ends June 30th.

Knight Notes

Thank you to everyone who bought or sold State Raffle books. We sold 28 books and unfortunately had no winners this year. We raised \$168 for the council and \$252 for the State. *About twelve brothers showed up for the social night on 27 May 08, for fun and games. Mike Mancini set up an "eight-ball" pool challenge for all who attended. Barry Bell and Steve White (Alias pool shark) made it to the final playoff game, which was won by Steve. He received a \$ 25 gift certificate from the Council. All enjoyed the Pizza, chips, liquid refreshments and the good chatter around the pool table. *The next Bottle & Can Drive is August 16th & 17th. Since there are no CCD kids and this is a council fund raiser, we need every Knights' help. Since there is no July social meeting, come start sorting on Monday, July 28th from 7-8:30 PM. Then again on Saturday, August 16th from 3-5 PM and Sunday, August 17th from 7:30 to 1 PM. Our thanks to PGK John Lamplough for coordinating this. *The Pro-Life Mass will be POSTPONED -- The Council's Pro-Life Mass (scheduled for 7 June) has been postponed. Father David needs more time to recover from surgery. Sometime next month we will choose a new date for the Mass, probably a Saturday in July. *Our thanks to GK Paul Rigazio. Paul is the first GK to serve two terms in the council. He worked tirelessly to add programs and increase membership during this time. He leaves the council in even better shape than he found it. *The next issue will be published in early September. Keep in mind there will be no newsletter during July or August, so please plan ahead. Please send any articles for the next issue to Armand DiLando at adilando@comcast.net no later than August 15.