



Knights of Columbus

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Knight Reader

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Grand Knights Report

Our Council has a very busy schedule of activities during the next two months, which hopefully many of our brothers will attend. We are supporting church activities at St. John, St. Catherine and St. Mary churches during the first three weekends in March. Many hands will make the work of cooking and serving the food enjoyable and rewarding for all.

Our recruiting efforts are continuing with two new members installed at the recent 1st degree exemplification. We need eight additional 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 new member.

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.

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 great works in the communities.

In March and April, we have a Ham and Bean Supper at St. John's, St. Catherine Parish Breakfast, a DD Steve Brenner Testimonial, a St. Patrick Day Dinner at St. Mary, a Council Roast, Anniversary Dinner at Lenzi's and the Blue Mass. Please support these activities.

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

PAUL RIGAZIO
(XXX-XXXX, or paulrigazio@gmail.com.)

"One of the hardest lessons we have to learn in this life, and one that many persons never learn, is to see the divine, the celestial, the pure in the common, the near at hand - to see that heaven lies about us here in this world."
John Burroughs, Naturalist

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

Mar 1	Ham & Bean Supper @ St. John's	Mar 15	St. Patrick Day Dinner at St. Mary's
Mar 2	Parish Breakfast @ St. Catherine	Mar 23	Easter Sunday
Mar 3	Planning Meeting	Mar 24	Council Roast
Mar 8	DD Steve Brenner Testimonial	Apr 5	Anniversary Dinner
Mar 10	Business Meeting	Apr 12	Blue Mass

Grand Knights Slate of Officers

The tentative 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	To be determined
Treasurer	To be determined
Lecturer	Mike Mancini
Advocate	Tom Kelley
Inside Guard	Gerry Curtin
Outside Guard	To be determined

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.

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 978-452-2435

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.

100 Club

The 100-Club is an important fund raiser to help Buildings & Grounds pay the rent. At the March business meeting, we will discuss possibly changing the terms and prizes awarded for the 100-Club. The current prize structure pays out \$2100 annually and requires 42 paid members to break even. So far, we have only 20 paid members. Contact Jason Monahan to renew your number.

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. 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.

Thanks to Larry

For many years Larry Costanzo has played the role of Santa Claus, not only at the Bishop Ruocco Children's Christmas Party but also at private parties throughout the community. This year is no exception; Larry raised \$125.00 for Camp Paul in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you Larry.

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!!

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., 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), Helen MacShane (wife of Joe MacShane)

Vigil: Bother Thomas Hughes died Jan 13, 2008

Vigil: Dianne Dugas (mother of Fran Burke) died Jan 29, 2008

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).

Overdue Dues

45 knights have still not paid their dues for 2008. TODAY, please forward a check for \$30.00, payable to Knights of Columbus, to

David L. Breen, 5 Hearthstone Road, Westford, MA 01886.

Knight Notes

There are at least ten events in the next seven weeks for you and your family to participate in! That is a lot of activity and hopefully you will find more than one that appeals to you. *Our Social Meeting on 25 Feb 08 at Sal's Pizza in Chelmsford was a big success. Many brothers, spouses, & friends attended this informal social, with pizza, beer and soft drinks available. A percentage of our purchases will help the Council's Bldg. and Ground bank account. *Congrats to our Super Bowl pool winners; Nelson McCarthy \$50, Chuck Carroll \$100, and Sandi Cotroneo \$50. *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 Council, with the support of a local confirmation class, held its latest Bottle Drive on 9-10 Feb at St. Mary Church, raising \$ 347. To date the Council has raised \$ 914 for the St. Mary Youth ministry Program. The next Bottle Drive is 12-13 April. Thanks to all who helped out. *Please read the enclosed invitation to the friendship dinner for our very own DD Steve Brenner. The dinner is set for March 8. *Kudos' to Mike Mancini for the work he did coordinating the sale of Christmas cards this year. The council had a profit of \$721!! *The next issue will be published in early April. Please send any articles for the next issue to Armand DiLando at adilando@comcast.net no later than March 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-XXX 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