



# Knights of Columbus

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## **Grand Knights Report**

I would like to thank everyone that made the Tootsie Roll Drive another enormous success, especially the store captains and our event chair Dave Breen. We raised \$15,300 as of the counting party on October 11<sup>th</sup>, with two events remaining to increase that amount. I had many opportunities to talk to knights that for many reasons we don't see often. To a man, they all stated that though they wished they could be more active, they make time to support the Tootsie Roll Drive. It is this dedication that makes our council perennially one of the strongest in the state. Dave Breen has chaired this event for seven years, and is stepping down. It was through Dave's organization, for the past seven years, that his event has been a continued success. Please join me in thanking Dave for his hard work

November 2008 brings another Presidential election. I will not endorse any candidate, but will ask all of you as patriotic Catholic gentlemen to investigate the positions of each candidate on issues like abortion, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia, and other moral issues of our day. There are many resources available for Catholic voters online. I urge you all to get out and have your vote counted.

The November social meeting again will be our charity night. We will be making the final determination of what charities to support at the planning meeting in November. I am proud of our council's continued generosity to worthy local charities.

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

## **IS YOUR MONEY SAFE!**

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Our annuity is very "user friendly" and guarantees your principal and interest. Do you have money in C.D.'s, Savings, IRA's or 401K's that is not performing well? Now is the time to contact your Field Agent Steve White at (603) 894-XXXX or [kofcins@aol.com](mailto:kofcins@aol.com)

Contact Steve today to learn how our plans work with no pressure or obligation whatsoever! You'll be surprised at how simple it really is!

### **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**

Nov 3	Planning Meeting	Nov 17	First Degree- Tewksbury
Nov 10	Business Meeting	Nov 24	Social Meeting – Charity Night

**Membership**

There is an upcoming first degree on Monday November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Tewksbury council at 7PM. Please let GK Adam Heroux or Dave Breen know about any approved candidates that would like to attend. There is also still time to get potential member voted on before this degree, so please ask someone today to join the knights.

For all first and second degree Knights that are interested in promoting through the degrees, there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup>, and we are working to schedule a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree locally. If you are interested please contact Adam Heroux (978-459-XXXX) so we can determine the demand for these degrees.

**Childrens Christmas Party**

The Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Cameron Senior Center December 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Soccer Challenge**

The Council ran its Second SOCCER CHALLENGE at Harrington Elementary School, Chelmsford, on 21 Sep 08. About ten youngsters competed by taking 15 penalty kicks and we had six winners in the various 10-14 year old boy/girl categories. The turn out was low due to a conflict with the 200th anniversary Archdiocesan Celebration at St John Church at the same time. Next year we hope to combine our Soccer Challenge with the Chelmsford Elks who hold a similar competition each year. The Regional competition was held in Georgetown, with competitors from Wilmington, Wakefield and Chelmsford, with our own Julia Mancini placing second in her category. Congratulations to all participants. Thanks to Jack Clancy for chairing this event.

**Special Needs Fair Update**

Our annual Fair at the Paul Center was a great success. We served 27 Special Needs kids along with 15 councilors our special breakfast of eggs, pancakes and sausages. The weather was phenomenal which attracted some estimated 80 kids to attend the Fair. How did we know it was a great success? Could it be that the kids ate all the food, or the 2 hours of their laughter and smiles while playing the games/making the water bottle holders/working the parachute or was it the good feeling when we (the Knights) left knowing that we put a little sunshine in their lives for a couple of hours, yes to all of the above. Many thanks to all the Brothers that make this happen. God Bless.

**Knight Notes**

Another huge year for the Tootsie Roll Drive! I got so much feedback on the many locations people saw Knights collecting. \*\*Don't forget to push for the first degree coming up this month. There is still time to find new members. \*\*The October bottle & can drive raised \$243 for the CCD classes. The next drive is Dec 13/14. \*\*Greg and Genny Clark are proud parents to their 4<sup>th</sup> child, Liam Joseph Clark, born October 6th. \*\*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! \*\*The answer to last month's question- how many priests do we have as members of our council? The answer...11! A question for next month...how many members do we have over the age of 90? Answer next month. \*\*The next newsletter will be published in early December. Please send any articles for the next issue to Armand DiLando at [adilando@comcast.net](mailto:adilando@comcast.net) no later than November 15.