



Knights of Columbus

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Knight Reader

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Grand Knights Report

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to lead our great council. I will work diligently to live up to the confidence you have placed in me. I would like to thank Paul for his two years of dedicated service to our council. I would also like to recognize our retiring officers, Chuck Carroll, Harold Coughlin, and Joe MacShane, and welcome our new officers Bob Chevalier, Steve Conte, and Al Hanley.

We have aggressive goals this year to make Star Council. Our membership quota has increased to 11 new members based upon our council size. This can not be done by any one individual. We each need to do our part. Don't assume that someone else has asked a potential candidate about membership in the Knights. We are all capable of helping the council meet the goals the Supreme Council has asked us to achieve.

A few upcoming events outside our council that are of interest include the testimonial for new State Deputy William Donovan, September 27th at 6PM and the State Charity Ball, October 25th at 6PM both at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Worcester. If you would like more information or are interested in attending these events please feel free to contact me or our District Deputy Steve Brenner.

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

Tootsie Roll Drive Coming Up

During the next two months our council will be conducting the annual Charity Tootsie Roll Drive to aid the physically and mentally challenged children in our local community. With the proceeds from this drive our council has renovated decks, ramps & stairs at The Paul Center, purchased a stair lift, computerized communication boards, wheelchairs, ramps, van lifts, customized chairs, and hearing aids for these children. Last year, the Bishop Ruocco Council contributed over \$16,000 to this local grant fund. Before September 7 you will have received a phone call asking for your help in this endeavor. You will be asked two questions. Please respond positively to both questions: Can you help at one (perhaps two) of the masses? Can you help during one or two time slots at a store or a football game? NOTE: The later masses and Saturday & Sunday at the stores are difficult to fill.

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

Sept 1	Labor Day (Planning mtg TBD)	Sept 15	First Degree Tewksbury
Sept 8	Business Meeting	Sept 22	Social Meeting/TR Golf Tourney
Sept 13, 14	TR drive at Churches	Sept 26	TR at CHS football game

100 Club Winners & Building & Grounds Info

May: Dick Curtis, Jim Lovas, Brenda Monahan, John Clancy.

June: Gene Bartos, Joe MacShane, Father White, Harold Coughlin.

July: Jim Lovas, Chuck Carroll, Paul Clark, Adam Heroux.

August: Gene Bartos, Kathy Clark, Jim Lovas, Nelson McCarthy.

Building & Grounds will hold elections after the September business meeting. We must have fourteen 3rd and 4th degree members to hold elections. 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 fund raiser and contact Nelson at 978-xxx-xxxx.

Sick, Vigil and Congratulations by Fran Burke , 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, Dolores Carroll (wife of Chuck Carroll), PGK George Goguen, and PGK Ed Courtemanche. Vigil: Rev. Gary Fernandez died July 17, 2008 in Trinidad, West Indies. Theresa “Betty” Goodwin (wife of Ray Goodwin Sr.) died August 28, 2008. Congratulations to: GK Adam Heroux and his wife, Jennifer, on the birth of their son Ashton Thomas Heroux on June 25th; Matthew and Melissa Bartos on the birth of their daughter Sarah Jane Bartos on June 26th; and Jason and Brenda Monahan on the birth of their daughter Leah Margaret Monahan on July 21st. 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: Fran Burke (978) xxx-xxxx (fran@fxburke.com)

Barry Bell (kofcnews@yahoo.com)

Armand DiLando (adilando@comcast.net)

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. There is lots of info attached to this newsletter. Raffle tickets can be returned at a meeting, or mailed to our PO Box 65, Chelmsford, MA, 01824 or mailed to Joe Clark at 536 Wellman Ave, N Chelmsford, MA. 01863.

Installation of Officers October 18

Pageantry....tradition... a few speeches and great food. What else can you ask for? The 23rd annual installation of officers will take place October 18th at St John the Evangelist Church after the 4PM mass. There will be a buffet dinner following the event for \$18 per person. Please RSVP to Adam Heroux or Gene Bartos as soon as possible to reserve your space.

Bicentennial Celebration needs our help.

As many of you know the archdiocese celebrates its 200th anniversary this year. To celebrate a cluster wide event is being held at St. Johns church. However, on Friday Sept 19 at 6PM the churches need us to help move some 200 chairs from Saint Marys church to St. Johns. We will have Barry put out an email on exact details as it gets closer. And GK Adam has asked Gene Bartos to be the point of contact on this. With enough men we can get it done quickly. Thanks in advance for your help.

Knight Notes

Welcome back from vacation! You may have been on vacation but the council continued along this summer with two terrific events, the 4th of July and the special needs fair. Despite some rain we had great participation at the booth and parade for the festivities in July. And our special needs fair was again a great success. The fair saw 80 children, and more than 25 knights participated. This is an event that the children look forward to. We recognize Ken Desilets for his excellent stewardship of this event. Also, the August Bottle & Can Drive raised \$540 for the council. There are more bottle and cans left to sort for the council drive. PGK John Lamplough will let everyone know when we will finish the drive to increase our profit. The next drive is Oct 25/26. **With these special events and summer behind us, it's time to think about back to school and back to more regular K of C meetings. **We welcome new members at a first degree on Monday September 15th at the Tewksbury council at 7PM. Please let Adam Heroux or Dave Breen know about any approved candidates. There is also still time to get potential member voted on before this degree, so please ask someone today to join the knights. **We should try to share the joy we get from participating in the Tootsie Roll drive with others. Get new members in before the 15th. On the TR drive, isn't technology wonderful? We can email you raffle tickets to print and mail in. That saves us so much time trying to mail them via the post office. ** Some interesting facts pulled from some great stats that Dave Breen has. Did you know that 10% of members have been Knights longer than this council has existed? In other words 10% have been Knights for over 23 years. That speaks volumes about the recruiting efforts of this council and all the work done over the years. I will try to find out the rate for the state...maybe our DD's have that info. Question to think about...how many members have achieved the fourth degree? Answer next month. **The next newsletter will be published in early October. Please send any articles for the next issue to Armand DiLando at adilando@comcast.net no later than September 15.

Lord, you are just, and the judgments you make are right. Show mercy when you judge me, your servant. Ps 118:137, 124