



Knights of Columbus

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Knight Reader

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Grand Knights Report.

I hope you are all well. This month we have an opportunity for those who have not yet received their 2nd and 3rd Degrees to do so. There are two degrees nearby at the Wilmington council. Sunday April 11 at 1:00PM is a 2nd Degree and Sunday April 18 at 1:00PM is the 3rd Degree. These times are for candidates to arrive with the degrees starting at 2:00PM. I encourage you to complete these degrees and if you have already made these degrees, it is worthwhile to go and observe them. Please contact me or any other officer if you are interested or want more information.

We had a great council roast at our last social meeting. Adam Heroux PGK got inducted into that illustrious hall of fame. Lots of great laughs at the event.

We are looking forward to our goal for achieving the Star Council award this fraternal year. Our membership quota is 15 new members. Currently we have brought in five new members and the year is half over, consequently, we need to recruit the balance before June. If you know anyone that you think would be a prospective candidate for our council, please approach him. Or, if you prefer, please ask any one of our officers to help you with recruiting a prospect. We can provide informational brochures and an enrollment form.

Check out our new council web site. <http://www.kofc9275.org/> Thanks go to Mike Mancini and Fran Burke for making this happen.

Other upcoming events on this month's calendar that you can look forward to include the Evening of Reflection at St. Benedict Abbey and the Blue Mass at St. Anne in support of police, fire, and EMTs. During this Easter season, may we find new birth through the renewal of our baptismal vows and grow together with Christ. I am at your service. Please feel free to contact me at farmergb@aol.com.

Gene

Blue Mass in April

A Blue Mass honoring the Littleton Fire and Police personnel will be held on Saturday, April 24th, at St. Anne Church in Littleton. The Pastor, Fr. Richard Casey, will be the Mass celebrant. The 4th degree KofC Honor Guard will lead the entrance procession. This will be the 3rd Blue Mass by our Council, as the first was held in April 08 at St. Mary Church in Chelmsford, and the second in April 09 at St. Catherine Church in Westford, both honoring the local Fire and Police personnel, and was enjoyed by all.

Buildings & Grounds Update by PGK John Lamplough

Winners of \$25 each for February were Dolores Carroll, Joe Connolly, Harold Coughlin, and Richard LaRoche. March winners were Fran Burke, Joe Morabito, Rev David P. White, and Jeanne & Richard Lemieux.

2009-2010 Council Officers

Grand Knight – Gene Bartos *** Deputy Grand Knight – Fran Burke *** Chaplains – Fr. Ventura & Fr. White
Chancellor – Bob Chevalier *** Financial Secretary - David Breen *** Warden – Jason Monahan *** Recorder – Hal Baker
Treasurer – Steve Conte *** Advocate - Thomas Kelley *** Inside Guard – Al Hanley *** Outside Guard – Chuck Hirt*** Lecturer – open
*** 3rd year Trustee – Tony Cotroneo *** 2nd year Trustee – Paul Rigazio *** 1st year Trustee – Adam Heroux

State Raffle Tickets by PGK John Lamplough

The last chance to buy State Raffle Tickets is by the April 12th Business Meeting. To simplify purchases for those knights who receive their newsletter by email, all they must do is mail a \$15 check per book to the council PO Box along with printed return address labels and Raffle Chairman John Lamplough will stick a label to each ticket and add the phone number listed in the roster unless a different number is provided. Purchases can also be made at any council meeting or contacting John at L MPL@comcast.net. We should sell over 30 books, and the council makes \$6 per book. Take note of last year's grand prize winner listed on the back of each book. You have to play to win. Good Luck!

Evening of Reflection This Month

The Evening of Reflection is scheduled for 4/19/10 at the St. Benedict Abbey in Still River MA. The cost will be \$20.00 per person, and reservations can be made by emailing or calling Jim Lovas (jimlovas@comcast.net). Agenda will follow the traditional schedule:

6:00 Vespers (Please be on time)

6:30 Dinner

7:30 to 9:00 Reflection

Deacon Bob Dzuris will lead our reflection as he has done so well many times before. Keep the momentum from Lent going. The meal, the fraternity and the reflection time is always well worth it.

Knight of the Year -- This year we proudly announce Paul Rigazio as Knight of the Year for our council. Paul has dedicated time and effort for many council activities. To mention a few: Tootsie Roll Drive store captain, July 4 food booth, special needs activities, organizing the Blue Mass for fire, police, and rescue personnel, organizing the Anniversary Dinner, and representing our council in church and community activities. Thank you Paul.

Become an Officer

Election of new officers is quickly approaching. We invite anyone that has made their third degree to consider becoming an officer for the coming fraternal year beginning July 1. Please contact current Grand Knight Gene Bartos or any other officer about your interest.

Sick & Vigil

Michael Kendrick, Jr. and his wife Amy would like to announce that they have recently welcomed into their lives a second child. His name is Nathan Michael and he was born on February 17th. Everyone is healthy and we could not be happier! Congratulations to parents and grandparents.

Please pray for the following brothers and their families and caregivers: Emily Chateaufeuf daughter of Marc, Elaine Fulbright, Ann Carr, Frank Carr, Don MacGillvary and his wife, Helen, John Keville, Dorothy Laforme, Father Bilicky, Paul Barker, Ed & Jean Fournier, PGK George Goguen, Ray Kelly, Ralph Nelson, Cathy O'Malley (wife of Mike O'Malley), Barbara Smith (wife of Michael Smith), Paul Paradise and Steve and Pam White's first grandchild Khloe. 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 Bob Chevalier, Barry Bell (kofcnews@yahoo.com) or Armand DiLando (adilando@comcast.net)

Knight Notes

Please note one change from what has been previously reported- on the April 26 we are having a 1st degree at The Paul Center rather than Tewksbury. This makes it even easier for our members to be there to support our team and meet new Knights. **Glad to hear that Steve Whites 12 day old granddaughter is out of Childrens Hospital after heart surgery. Your prayers have helped. **Our council donated \$810.00 to the Lea Dagg Benefit Fund. \$200 from the Council's Charity Account and \$610 from the attending members** Please contact Fran Burke if you are interested in attending this years Boston Archdiocese Catholic Mens' Conference. There are still a few reserved seats left. **April 10th and 11th are the next dates for the bottle drive at St.Mary's church.**At the March business meeting, we heard about how chilly it was in Florida from Ray Dunn and District Deputy Jack DeCourcy during their respective trips in February. The council demonstrated it's sympathy for them...well...you can guess how. **This month is the annual night of reflection- details are in this issue- make sure you make time for Him – He is always there for us. Join us for dinner and reflection on the 19th.**The next newsletter will be published in early May. Please send any articles for the next issue to Armand DiLando at adilando@comcast.net no later than April 15.

He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia! (Lk 24:35)

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 10 STATE FREE THROW
- 10-11 BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE
- 11 2nd DEGREE IN WILMINGTON
- 12 COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
- 17 MEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
- 18 3rd DEGREE IN WILMINGTON
- 19 KNIGHT'S NIGHT OF REFLECTION
- 24 STATE CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT
- 24 BLUE MASS AT ST. ANNE CHURCH
- 26 1st DEGREE IN CHELMSFORD

MAY

- 1 4th DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION
- 3 PLANNING MEETING
- 10 BUSINESS MEETING
- 14-16 STATE CONVENTION
- 17 1st DEGREE IN TEWKSBURY
- 24 SOCIAL MEETING @ KIMBALL'S

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 * Holy Thursday	2 * Good Friday	3 * Easter Vigil
* Easter 4	7-8:30p Planning Meeting @ Paul Center 5	3:30-4:30p Blue Mass rehearsal 6	7	8	9	10-2p State Free Throw - Holy Cross, Worcester 3-5p Bottle Drive @ St Mary 10
7:30-1p Bottle Drive @ St Mary 1-3p 2nd Degree @ Wilmington Council 11	7:30-9p Business Meeting @ Paul Center 12	13	14	15	16	9-5:30p Boston Catholic Men's Conference (contact Fran Burke) 17
1-4p 3rd Degree @ Wilmington Council 18	6-9p Social Night - Night of Reflection @ St Benedict Abbey 19	20	21	22	23	9-1p State Cribbage Tournament - Fr. Croke Council, Wilmington 4-5:30p Blue Mass @ St Anne 24
25	7:30-8:30p 1st Degree @ Bishop Ruocco Council 26	27	28	29	30	1

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 10-8p Exemplificati... of 4th Degree - Hyannis
2	3 7-8:30p Planning Meeting @ Paul Center	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 7:30-9p Business Meeting @ Paul Center	11	12	13	14	15 9-9p State Convention
16 8-12p State Convention	17 7:30-8:30p 1st Degree @ Tewksbury Council	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 6-8:30p Social Night - family fun evening @ Kimbal's	25	26	27	28	29