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Grand Knight Report – Eric Kibblehouse

Dear Brother Knights,

January was another productive month for the Bishop Ruocco Council.

The Annual David Gorham Memorial Free Throw contest held on January 12 had one of the largest number of participants in its history. We will be sending a complete group of kids to the District contest on February 9 in Andover. We had great support for this event from brother Knights; thank you.

We again supported the Special Olympics Unified Bowling Tournament in Auburn, MA. The group organized by Charlie DeStefano had a great morning helping with the scoring and encouraging the athletes. Charlie even had the honor of presenting medals to a couple of division winners who qualified for the next round of competition.

We also had several Knights take part in the Novena for Life – “9 Days for Life” sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This was an online daily reflection and reading that I thought was very effective in presenting all of the aspects Life’s value for consideration.

The month ended with the social meeting at Princeton Station for the Superbowl get together, it was especially fun since we once again will be routing for the Patriots.

February is a short month and a little of a breather in programing. Our social night will be a Family night out/ Charity fund raiser on February 25, at the Westford 99 restaurant, save the date and tell your friends. Looking forward, the next Special Needs Bowling session is on Sunday, March 31.

In February, at the St. Anne – St. Catherine Collaborative, we are being asked to renew our Stewardship commitments. It is an interesting process to consider how we spend our talent, treasure and time. There are over 52 ministries listed for the parishioners to choose from; with the Knights of Columbus prominently presented. St. John and St. Mary offer a similar volume of ministers; with this amount of opportunity for our communities to choose from, it is critical that they know what the Knights are about and that we ask catholic men to join us. Our membership drives in March will be an important opportunity to make our efforts known.

Eric Kibblehouse, GK

Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God. – 1 Peter 4:10

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following brothers and their families and caregivers in your prayers:

With deep regret, we inform you of the passing of Rita Levesque, mother-in-law of James Barrows.

With deep regret, we inform you of the passing of Dick Evans, brother-in-law of Joe McGrath.

With deep regret, we inform you of the passing of Lawrence J. Lamplough, brother of PGK John Lamplough.

Pray for Rev. Raymond Benoit; Rev. Tom Corcoran; Rev. Peter Quinn; Rev. David White.

Pray for Chicki Rigazio, wife of PGK Paul Rigazio; Debbie Camacho; Paul Hart; Christine Gaiero, by request of Nelson McCarthy PGK; Bob Wheeler; Dick Lindsey; Ita Forde, sister –in-law of Joe McGrath; Tony and Laura Sidari, son and daughter-in-law of Paul Sidari; Karen Barrows, wife of James Barrows; Don Desfosse; Maura Dolan, mother of Jim Dolan; George Coughlin’s wife, Betty; Tom Callery; Frank Peabody; Ralph Nelson; Chuck Hirt; Joe Wissman; Tom Kelleher and his son, Richard Kelleher; Ann Sousa, wife of Mike Sousa; Dolores Carroll; Al and Carol Hanley; Deacon Bob Dzuris and Doris Dzuris; the MacDonald family--Connor, Jennifer and Frank MacDonald; Paul Pearsall; Cheryl Massey, daughter of George Ripsom; Joanne Carignan, close friend of Nelson McCarthy; Meghan Dwyer, grand-daughter of Al and Carol Hanley; Jerry Curtin; Tammi Cantrell, wife of Chris Cantrell; Janie Brenner, wife of PGK Steve Brenner; Thomas MacShane, son of PGK Joseph MacShane; Roland Sharland, father-in-law of Joe Clark.

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.

Also, we would like to know of any births, weddings or deaths so we may respond appropriately and with the recent change of a new Chancellor we would appreciate any updated information on our Prayer List.

If you know of a brother knight or family member who would like to be included in our prayers, please contact one of the individuals below:

Grand Knight Eric Kibblehouse at ekibble@hotmail.com or Chancellor Charlie DeStefano at deltasuv@gmail.com or Newspaper Editor/Publisher Bill Pacino at kofcnews@yahoo.com

State Raffle tickets for 2019/ Feb. social meeting benefit

From John Lamplough

State Raffle tickets for 2019

State Raffle tickets are on sale at \$15 per book or \$1 per ticket. Buy them easily when paying your dues or contact PGK John Lamplough at LMPL78@verizon.net. Ensure your contact information is legible.

February 25 Social Meeting – Dining for a Cause

Dining for a Cause to benefit The Paul Center will be held at the Westford 99 Restaurant on Monday, February 25 from 5 PM to 9 PM. The Westford 99 Restaurant will donate 15% of sales (excluding online orders, tax and gratuity) to The Paul Center. A flyer will be emailed to everyone later in February.

Massachusetts Special Olympics



On Saturday January 19, 2019, a group of Brother Knights in conjunction with the Sons and Daughters of Italy, volunteered for the Massachusetts Special Olympics Unified Bowling Tournament held at the AMF Lanes in Auburn MA.

Our assignment consisted of recording a tally sheet of the final score of each of the three strings of the bowlers assigned to the alleys that we were monitoring.

It was a very enjoyable morning to see all the smiles on the athletes having a great time.

I know all the volunteers equally had a great time and I enjoyed presenting some of the winners their medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Place.

I want to personally thank our volunteers GK. Eric Kibblehouse, Mike O'Malley, Tim Daley, John Lamplough, Barbara DeStefano, Charlie DeStefano, and Grand Lodge 1st. Vice President Denise Furnari for volunteering their time for this fun event.

God Bless, *Charlie DeStefano*

PATRIOTS POOL for 2019-2020

From Barry Bell

I have launched an “exploratory committee” to study a run, but have not decided as of this time. I have met with three committees, but the final decision will not be made until March 31st. What am I talking about?

A PATRIOTS POOL for 2019-2020.

The Calendar Fundraiser was very successful and raised money for the Bishop Ruocco Council Charity Fund. After three years, the Calendar Fundraiser did not have enough people sign up, so that there was not a profit to support the Council Charity Fund. Therefore, it was cancelled. I have been asked many times to try it again as money is desperately needed.

I have come up with a different plan, **A FOOTBALL POOL**, which I think will be more appealing to a larger group. If successful, it could raise a little more than the \$ 3,000.00 + and that would be great.

HERE ARE THE “RULES” A maximum of 100 people/ A minimum of 75 people. Cost will be \$ 100.00 per square.

You would be guaranteed to be in 17 football games with a possibility of 20 games IF the PATRIOTS go to the SuperBowl.

You will be in every game that the Patriots play in - 16 Regular season games, 3 Championship Round games (if the Patriots play) and the SuperBowl no matter who the two teams are.

PAYOUTS 16 REGULAR SEASON GAMES 0-0 (opening score) = \$ 25.00, End of Half = \$ 50.00, End of Game = \$ 100.00

3 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES – (IF the PATRIOTS play) Wildcard, Divisional, Conference

0-0 (opening score) = \$ 25.00, End of First Quarter = \$ 50.00, End of Half = \$ 50.00, End of Third Quarter = \$ 50.00, End of Game = \$ 100.00

SUPERBOWL – (No matter who the teams are) 0-0 (opening score) = \$ 25.00, End of First Quarter = \$ 100.00,

End of Half = \$ 100.00, End of Third Quarter = \$ 100.00, End of Game = \$ 250.00

YOUR SQUARE WILL NOT CHANGE, HOWEVER THE NUMBERS ACROSS THE TOP AND DOWN THE SIDE WILL CHANGE.

TIME LINE: Now until March 31st --- your COMMITMENT – NO MONEY. We did not have 50 Council Members in the Calendars Fundraiser, SO YOU need to say yes PLUS you need to get a non-council person to say yes.

IF WE DO NOT REACH 75 BY MARCH 31st, NO POOL. IF WE GET 75+ WE WILL HAVE THE POOL AND START COLLECTING. You can give me partial payments until you are paid in full. When YOU pay \$ 100.00 you will pick your square.

BONUS IF WE HAVE 100 SQUARES, WE WILL PAY FOR EVERY SCORE CHANGE DURING THE SUPERBOWL. I have other “bonus” thoughts if we get great participation.

SIGN UP NOW, SIGN UP NOW, SIGN UP NOW, SIGN UP NOW

Contact BARRY BELL at btbell100@yahoo.com to give your commitment

Bishop Ruocco Council, 2019 Calendar of Events

| FEBRUARY | | | |
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| 4 | Planning Meeting | Eric Kibblehouse | 7:00 pm @ Paul Center |
| 11 | Business Meeting | Eric Kibblehouse | 7:00 pm Collation @ Paul Center |
| 25 | Social Meeting – dining for a cause | John Lamplough | Westford 99 restaurant, Littleton Rd. 5 PM to 9 PM |
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| MARCH | | | |
| 4 | Planning Meeting | Eric Kibblehouse | 7:00 pm @ Paul Center |
| 11 | Business Meeting | Eric Kibblehouse | 7:00 pm Collation @ Paul Center |
| 18 | FIRST DEGREE | Jim Lovas | 2068 Main St, Tewksbury, MA 01876 |
| 25 | Social Meeting | Eric Kibblehouse | TBD |
| 31 | Special Needs Bowling | Ken Desilets | 12:30 pm Collins Bowladrome, Billerica |
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| APRIL | | | |
| 1 | Planning Meeting | Eric Kibblehouse | 7:00 pm @ Paul Center |
| 8 | Business Meeting | Eric Kibblehouse | 7:00 pm Collation @ Paul Center |
| 20 | Anniversary Dinner | Eric Kibblehouse | TBD |
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Newsletter deadlines

Articles that are to be included in the **March 2019** issue of the Knight Reader must be e-mailed to Bill Pacino at kofcnews@yahoo.com by February 26.

Please send the articles. I will edit them to fit and then publish the Knight Reader during the first week of the month. Articles received **after the 26th** will be saved and published in the **April** newsletter.

Currently there are 26 members who do not use e-mail for updates. **If you wish to be kept informed, please send me your e-mail address for e-mail updates.** I will still send you a snail mail of the newsletter if you so desire.

Round Table Coordinators

The following brothers are the Round Table Coordinators at the four parishes that our council serves. Their role is to act as a liaison with the pastors, church ministries and organizations, and brother Knights within the respective parishes.

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| St. Anne – John Bielefeld jeb2117@gmail.com | St. Catherine – Tom Kelley twkjr1@aol.com | St. John – Bob Chevalier bob.chevalier@verizon.net | St. Mary – Dave Breen dlbreen@comcast.net |
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Meeting times

The monthly planning meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

The monthly business meeting and social meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. with a collation prior to the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at The Paul Center, 39 Concord Road, Chelmsford.