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Grand Knight Report – Eric Kibblehouse

Dear Brother Knights,

Congratulations on a fantastic effort for this year's Tootsie Roll drive. We raised \$10,103.00 for this year's submission to the State, at the Charity Ball on October 13. Bishop Ruocco Council was the lead contributor to this charity event. Time will tell where we finish, but it is another outstanding job by you the council and our Tootsie Roll coordinators – George Coughlin, Mike O'Malley and John Bielefeld.

We also had the opportunity to have a council faith-sharing evening with the added benefit of the presence of the image of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians which has been blessed by the Holy Father and has been circulating among the local councils (*see photo on page 3*). Thanks to District Deputy Gene Bartos for arranging the icon for us and Paul Sidari and Michael Foley for putting the program together. It was an excellent evening and one that helps put some perspective on what our faith is worth to us. In many parts of the Middle East, just being Christian puts your life in jeopardy. If you want to learn more about the Knights efforts with Christian refuge relief or to understand what is happening click on this link for more information.

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/charities/christian-relief/index.html>

November continues our commitment to Faith in Action with the Special Needs Bowling on November 18. We will also be selling Keep Christ in Christmas card the first weekend of month led by brother Dave Breen and your parish Round Table Leaders. We will be celebrating the Mass of the Roses on November 17, where we remember the brothers of the council who have passed on. We have 62 Brothers of the council and their families to honor in the true spirit of Fr. McGivney. Please consider attending the 4:00 pm Mass on November 17 at St. Mary's Church and the service that follows. At the end of the month we will have our Charity Night to honor those who have uniquely contributed to helping others. This event is open to all and I hope a strong showing is present.

Eric Kibblehouse, GK

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. – Romans 12:11

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 Sir Knight Dwight Maxwell of the Bishop Delany Assembly, the passing of Agnes Romano, mother of Sir Knight Francis Romano of the Bishop Delaney Assembly, and the passing of Sir Knight Everett Belisle of the Bishop Delany Assembly.

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

Pray for Christine Gaiero, by request of Nelson McCarthy PGK, Bob Wheeler; Dick Lindsey; Arthur Ayers, son-in-law of Joe McGrath; Tony and Laura Sidari, Son and daughter-in-law of Paul Sidari; Maura Dolan, mother of Jim Dolan; George Coughlin's wife, Betty and his daughter, Kay; 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; Doris Dzuris, wife of Deacon Bob 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, granddaughter of Al and Carol Hanley; Jerry Curtin; Tammi Cantrell, wife of Chris Cantrell; Janie Brenner, wife of PGK Steve Brenner; and Barbara DeStefano, wife of Charlie DeStefano.

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

Massachusetts Special Olympics Volunteer Opportunities

Brother Knights, volunteers are needed at the Unified Bowling State Qualifying Tournament on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at the AMF Bowling Lanes, Auburn, MA.

Volunteer Positions and times will be available in December.

Last year a group of our Brother Knights attended this event and had a great time.

I will post more information on the Bowling Tournament just as soon as it becomes available.

Fraternally,

Charlie DeStefano - Chancellor

Golf Tournament planned for June 2019

From Paul Brzezinski

The annual golf tournament has usually occurred in September. This year we opted to try a June date instead. Currently there is a need for a few volunteers to join the Golf tournament committee. The main goal of committee is to solicit sponsors, golfers and prizes.

If interested, contact Paul Brzezinski at paulbz28@hotmail.com or call 781-267-4736. The initial meeting will be early in 2019.

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.



Our Blessed Mother is known throughout the world by many titles. On Monday October 22, a Family Prayer Night was held to remember all of the Christians worldwide who are and have been persecuted and martyred for our faith. We were honored to have this beautiful painting of “Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians” which is circulating around the country and was blessed by Pope Francis.

Members in the photo are: Dave Breen, Gene Bartos, Adam Whitehouse, Charlie DeStefano, Paul Rigazzio, Joe McGrath, Paul Sidari, Jim Barrows, Bill Foley, Erik Kibblehouse, Michael Foley, Bill Pacino

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.

St. Anne – John Bielefeld
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St. Catherine – Tom Kelley
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St. John – Bob Chevalier
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St. Mary – Dave Breen
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Note: Change of editor

To contact Barry Bell directly, use his personal email address,
btbell100@yahoo.com

The newsletter email address
kofcnews@yahoo.com is being monitored by the new newsletter editor Bill Pacino.

News from John Lamplough

1. The State Raffle fundraiser is kicking off and raffle tickets are being mailed out with the 2019 dues invoice. This year, the State keeps \$10 per book and the Council raises \$5 per book. Please be sure to make your check out to the Bishop Ruocco Council. More to follow monthly.
2. Buildings and Grounds Super Bowl LIII Pool will kick off in November. The squares are \$5 each and the pool pays \$100 to the winners of the first 3 quarters and \$100 for the final score.

Newsletter deadlines

Articles that are to be included in the December issue of the Knight Reader must be e-mailed to Bill Pacino at kofcnews@yahoo.com by November 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 **January** 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.

Reminder – Events in November

Christmas Cards, Car Magnets & Advent Calendars

Following each Mass at St. Anne, St Catherine, St. John and St. Mary churches on November 3 and 4, the Bishop Ruocco Council will be selling Christmas Cards & Car Magnets to promote Christ and the Holy Family as the central figure during the Christmas season. Proceeds support K of C programs, such as, Wreaths Across America, Seminarians, Bible Schools, Church Service Awards, Culture of Life, Youth Free Throw Contest.

From David Breen at 978-692-4873 or dlbreen@comcast.net.

Youth Essay Contest, Bishop Ruocco Council

All Catholic students in public, private, and parochial schools' grades 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are invited to participate in the 2018-19 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Students are encouraged to write a 500- to 750-word essay on the theme of “**How does your family keep its Catholic Faith in Action?**”. The contest is open to students in the St John – St Mary Collaborative, St Anne – St Catherine Collaborative, Notre Dame Academy, and children and grandchildren of council members.

Essays will be judged in November and first place winners at each grade level will receive a monetary award and their essays will be submitted to the K of C State Council for judging and awards from the State Council. Participants are required to furnish a written parental consent form.

For entry forms and additional information contact: Gene Bartos (gene.bartos@verizon.net)

Contestants must submit their essay attached to the entry form to Bishop Ruocco Council post marked by November 5, 2018 to the following address: Bishop Ruocco Council, P.O. Box 65, Chelmsford, MA 01824-0065

Knights of Columbus Mass of the Roses – Saturday, Nov. 17

St. Mary Church, 4 PM Mass – November 17, 2018

In honor of our deceased brothers, please attend the Mass of the Roses followed by a touching ceremony in the downstairs hall. Questions? Contact Jim Lovas at jimlovas@outlook.com

Bowling & Pizza Event –Sunday, Nov. 18

Yes, we still need many volunteers to run our 2nd Bowling a last event this year. It takes a minimum of 12 brother Knights to run this correctly.

If you haven't helped previously, this is a great way to provide fun and laughter to these very special kids.

Here is what you need to know:

Place: Collins Bowladrome, 325 Boston Road, Billerica

Time: Please arrive at 12:30 PM to help setup, bowling starts at 1 PM

Help Needed: Keep score, help the bowlers with bowling, serve pizza, & much more

Family Members: Your wife and/or your kids (over 15 yrs.) are encourage to help us

KofC T-shirts: Yes, so the families know who runs this event

Contact Ken at kgdesigned@gmail.com - to join us on that Sunday and God Bless

November Charity Night – Monday, Nov. 26

From Ken Desilets

Our theme for our November Charity Night, social event, is “Individuals who have made a difference in our/their community”.

We have three great speakers for that night. First, we have Wendy Turcotte the founder of “The Marys” in Westford. It is a unique thrift shop that helps other charities. Then we have Barbara and Ira Smith, the founders of Household Goods in Action. Their facility provides free home goods for families that find themselves in difficult times. Finally, we have Linda Cox whose son Brett who we have helped with the purchase of an iPad back in 2010. She has become an advocate for other families with children with autism.

The Presentations start at 7:30 PM at our regular meeting place, the Barette Building @ The Paul Center. Light refreshments will be served. This is an open event to all who are interested. So, bring your wives and friends, etc. Come and be inspired.

Dues payment in November

From Financial Secretary, James Barrows

I would like to stress how important your donations are to our council in order for us to do our good works. In November, an early reminder of dues payments will be e-mailed out. Please plan ahead to pay early. We will be asking again for donations to the business and charity accounts. Please be as generous as you can. The council needs to raise money through your generous donations and other fundraising methods. If you have ideas or are interested in running an activity, notify your Grand Knight.

Faith in Action programs and local chapter leaders

From Program Director James Barrows

The following are the program local leaders for the **Faith in Action** programs for our council. If there is any program that sparks your interest, then please contact myself or the leader. Some programs will need leaders to step up and run them. Many hands are needed for our council to perform our good deeds.

<p>Faith</p> <p><i>Leader is Paul Sidari</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vocations 2. Rosary programs 3. Spiritual reflections (retreat) 4. Holy hours 	<p>Community</p> <p><i>Leader needed</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coats for Kids 2. Wheelchair mission 3. Free throw shooting 4. Catholic citizenship essay contest 5. Helping Hands
<p>Family</p> <p><i>Leader is Michael Foley</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food for families 2. Keep Christ in Christmas 3. Family prayer night 4. Family of the year 5. Consecration to the Holy Family 	<p>Life</p> <p><i>Leader is James Barrows</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marches for Life 2. Special Olympics 3. Ultrasound program 4. Silver Rose 5. Mass for people with special needs 6. Pregnancy center support 7. Novena for Life

Bishop Ruocco Council, 2018-19 Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER			
3/4	Keep Christ in Christmas - Christmas Card Sales	Dave Breen	All four churches
5	Planning Meeting	Eric Kibblehouse	7:00 pm @ Paul Center
12	Business Meeting	Eric Kibblehouse	7:00 pm Collation @ Paul Center
17	Mass of the Roses	Jim Lovas	St. Mary's, 4 PM
18	Special Needs bowling	Ken Desilets	1-3 PM, Collins Bowladrome, Billerica
19	FIRST DEGREE	Jim Lovas	2068 Main St, Tewksbury, MA
26	Social Meeting - Charity Night	Ken Desilets	7:00 pm @ Paul Center
DECEMBER			
3	Planning Meeting	Eric Kibblehouse	7:00 pm @ Paul Center
10	Business / Social Meeting - Yankee Swap	Eric Kibblehouse	7:00 pm Collation @ Paul Center
15	Wreath Saturday	Joe McShane	Chelmsford Vets
24	Social Meeting - Annulled		
JANUARY			
7	Planning Meeting	Eric Kibblehouse	7:00 pm @ Paul Center
5 or 12	Free Throw Contest	Mike O'Malley	8:30am -3:00pm McCarthy Middle School
14	Business Meeting	Eric Kibblehouse	7:00 pm Collation @ Paul Center
21	FIRST DEGREE	Jim Lovas	2068 Main St, Tewksbury, MA
28	Social Meeting - Superbowl Party	John Lamplough	7:00 pm @Princeton Station

Hope of Nations Catholic Conference

The Bishop Ruocco Council #9275 in Chelmsford participated in the "Hope of the Nations" Catholic Conference at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium on September 15, 2018. Our Knights joined 27 Brothers from Massachusetts Councils in Lowell, Billerica, Dracut, Groton and the Bishop Delany Assembly for this event. This is our second year of serving our faith in action as Conference Guides and Honor Guards at the Hope Conference.

It was our special honor this year to conduct The Silver Rose Ceremony recognizing Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Bishop Ruocco Honor Guard then processed to the Image of Our Lady and saluted while Deacon Hunt placed the Silver Rose on display during the rosary. The day was not finished until the Bishop Ruocco Honor Guard escorted Bishop Mark O'Connell (also a Brother Knight) into worship in the celebration of Mass. What a wonderful day of service and participation in our faith.

From Bob Chevalier PGK, SK

