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The Grand Knight Report – Robert Chevalier

WORTHY BROTHERS:

Thanks to all who attended the Council Installation of Officers at St. Catherine's in Westford on Sunday the 23rd. This event followed a beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr. Peter Quinn. We were delighted to have the 4th Degree Honor Guard involved in the ceremonial which was conducted by our District Deputy (Jack DeCourcy) and his Worthy Warden (Patrick Curley). This was a pleasant and inspirational evening.

You should be receiving this Newsletter prior to our Turkey Raffle fundraising night at St. John's Parish Hall on Saturday, November 5. The event opens after the 4PM Mass with light food, drink available at a modest price. This is a good opportunity for some social time until our first of 30 "Rounds" of drawings begins at 7PM. If you have not been to a Turkey Raffle before you should plan on coming in for a "look see". It's really a fun time and you can have a short visit or spend the

entire evening with us. Whole families are welcome and we will have youth volunteers running prizes to the winners. If you have not already offered to help us work the event please call or email me Bob.Chevalier@verizon.net phone: 978-649-1148 to confirm your attendance.

Your assistance has been requested by our Massachusetts State Council who is looking for information on why men seek and join the Knights of Columbus. This is being done with a survey that asks only 10 brief questions and can be accessed quickly at the following web site:

<http://kwiksurveys.com?u=KofCMemberSurvey> . I have already taken this survey and it's quick and easy. Please take a few minutes to do the same as it will assist the State Council in finding ways to encourage new membership.

Thank you for all that you do in the name of Charity and I look forward to seeing you at our November 14 Business Meeting!

Turkey Raffle –November 5th

This year will be the Second Annual Turkey Raffle hosted by the Council at St. John's Parish Hall. This is a new fund raiser started by Dan Dery. The event will be on Saturday, November 5th, with the doors opening at 5:00, you will have the opportunity to view the Annual St. John's Parish Auction items and make bids before the Turkey Raffle begins. The first drawing for the Turkey Raffles will begin at 7:00 and there will be 30 rounds for turkeys, hams and Beverages for your Holiday gatherings. There will also be major raffles for "Blocks of Scratch Tickets", other prizes and door prizes. Plan on bringing your entire family and help out by purchasing tickets. Food will be available during the evening.

Mass of the Roses – by Chuck Carroll DGK

This annual mass to commemorate the memory of all deceased members of our council will take place on Saturday, November 19th, at St. Mary's 4 pm Mass. All members of our council are encouraged to attend. If you are acquainted with any family members of the deceased, please contact Barry Bell (978-454-8567 or email btbell100@yahoo.com) with this information so that he can send them an invitation to attend this mass. A complete list of our deceased is listed below. The council plans to serve light refreshments in the church hall after the mass.

Thomas F. Astle, James Barrett, Lester Bohl, Robert Bourassa, Francis Burns, Jr., Thomas Canelas, Sr., Paul E. Clark, Jr. PGK, Peter E. Clougherty, George Colvin, Edward Courtemanche PGK, Rev. Daniel F. Cronin, Robert A. Desjardins, Robert N. Diette, William Dixon, Frank P. Driscoll, Kenneth W. Dunn, Matthew J. Falcone, Rev. Gary D. Fernandez, Paul Gagnon, George (Geo) Goguen PGK, David G. Gorham PGK, Albert F. Griffin, Sr., Thomas J. Hagan, Thomas A. Hughes, Jr., Charles J. Johnson, Joseph V. Kopycinski, Lawrence J. Lannan, Raymond F. Leavitt, Alexander J. LeCourt, Edward J. Lydon, Omer E. Marchand, Donald L. MacGillivray, Robert F. Moore, Roger J. Parent, Thomas Perkins, Vincent M. Polo, Noel D. Rainville, Roderick J. "Rudy" Richard, John J. Salome, William J. "Bill" Sweeney Sr., Charles A. "Bud" Turcotte, Henry E. Wilkins, Jr., Earl L. Woodbury

Mass of the Roses and Beyond

Mass of the Roses and Beyond..... It was planned to have the St. Mary's Hospitality Committee provide the refreshments for the Mass of the Roses as they have provided this sort of service in the past. However, this group is presently overbooked and understaffed so will not be able to do so. In reaction to this circumstance, it was suggested at our last council meeting that the council establish our own hospitality committee.

Sign-up sheets were available at the meeting for members to volunteer their significant others help, as well as their own, to form this committee. Only one Brother Knight, Chuck Hirt, was bold (foolhardy) enough to volunteer his wife's help. Chuck was kept overnight at LGH, but is home now and doing well. A better plan to form this committee is to use our newsletter to ask for volunteers. If you and/or your spouse, daughter, or friend wish to help in this fashion please let either Chuck Carroll (978-256-9668) or Jason Monahan (978-452-2435) know. This committee will only be called upon when an event calls for a collation of *light* refreshments. To complete this contemplated committee a Brother Knight is needed to act as a coordinator. His main job would involve contacting committee members when they are needed for an activity. **Any volunteers?**

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following brothers and their families and caregivers: It is with much sadness that we report Donald MacGillivray passed away on August 13, 2011 and a few weeks later, his wife Helen passed away on September 17, 2011; Suzanne Lovas (wife of Jim Lovas), Cathy O'Malley (wife of Mike O'Malley), Jeanne Peters (wife of Jack Peters), Barbara Smith (wife of Michael Smith), Roderick MacLellan, Sr., Emily Chateauneuf daughter of Marc, Elaine Fulbright, Maria Carderelli, John Keville, Father Bilicky, Paul Barker, Ed & Jean Fournier, Ray Kelly, Al and Pauline Gorham. 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 Grand Knight Bob Chevalier at Bob.Chevalier@verizon.net, Chancellor Jim McPadden at JMcPad35@aol.com, or Newsletter Editor/Publisher Barry Bell at kofcnews@yahoo.com.

Special Needs Bowling

The Special Needs Bowling will take place this year on Sunday, November 13th at the Collins Bowling Center in Billerica from 1:00 – 3:00

Note to all brother knights and especially new brother Knights, for a short 2 hours, you are needed to help out at this great charity event. Your reward will be a lot of smiles, laughter and of course a piece of pizza. You will really enjoy helping these children and giving their parents a break. Call and volunteer to help (Ken Desilets PGK 978 692-6866)

The Boston Chapter

The Boston Chapter would like to invite you, and all members of Councils in the Boston and Fall River Dioceses, to a Social to be held on Sunday November 6th at 2:00 at the home of Andover Council 1078, 10 Brook St. Andover, MA.

2 bowling alleys, a pool table, basketball court, card tables and more will be available for some friendly competition. There are TVs in the bowling alley, pool room and a large screen TV in the member's rooms to watch the Pats play the Giants at 4:15 as well.

Beer and soda will be available for purchase. If you desire wine or something stronger you should bring your own. We will also be providing pizza and snacks.

This is a great opportunity to meet the Officers of the Chapter as well as members from other Councils in the area and to learn more about the mission of the Boston Chapter.

So grab your bowling shoes or pool cue and join us for what should be a great time! Please feel free to forward this e-mail to members of your Council. We look forward to seeing you there.



Bishop Ruocco Council
Westford – Chelmsford – Littleton

Turkey Raffle

Saturday November 5th

Doors open at 5PM (after 4 PM Mass) with the first drawing at 7PM

St. John The Evangelist Parish Hall

115 Middlesex Street, N. Chelmsford

30 rounds of raffles for Turkeys, Hams and Beverages for your Holiday gatherings. Plus, major raffles for “Blocks of Scratch Tickets”, other prizes and door prizes.

This raffle is held in coordination with St. John's annual Parish Auction. Come and browse the auction for a while and stay for the evening Turkey Raffle. Take your entire family. Fun for all, Food items available.



FIELD AGENTS REPORT by Stephen White**3% GUARANTEED MINIMUM INTEREST FOR LIFE!**

Many people look at that heading and assume that you are stuck at 3%. Not the case with the KofC. When the overall economy improves and interest rates increase, so will the interest rate in your annuity.

Our annuity just became more "user friendly". We can electronically deposit your interest earned into your checking or savings account every month without fees! That's in addition to our existing withdrawal allowances!

So if you have money in CD's, IRA's, 401K or other accounts, call Steve White at (603) 894-4780 or email kofcins@aol.com to compare rates and features. You'll be glad you did!

FIRST DEGREE NEWS by Raymond Dunn

Because of personal and professional conflicts many of the present team members are unavailable for degrees. Therefore, more members are needed to join the team in order to continue. If no new members join we may have to discontinue the Bishop Ruocco Council's first degree team. Any brother interested in joining or has questions please contact me at 978-458-4720 or at rajedunn@comcast.net Thank you.

There is a First Degree scheduled for November 21st at the Tewksbury Council Hall. Candidates are to be there by 7:00p.m.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE 2011 by Adam Heroux, PGK

Brothers, I would like to thank you for all of the hard work, dedication, and continued support of the Tootsie Roll Drive. I feel strongly that the amount of work and dedication to this fund raiser is a testament to our council's commitment to the principle of charity. We were blessed with good weather throughout the drive, and the results bear that out.

The gross number is \$13803.02, after expenses we net \$13076.96. We may still have an opportunity to add to this number.

A new addition to the TRD this year was the partnership with St. John the Evangelist Church for our golf tournament. The tournament raised \$3000 for our council, and was a great success. Please consider playing next year, Monday September 17th again at Overlook CC in Hollis NH.

I would like to pass on to the council my thanks to all that helped out, volunteered, and in general supported the TRD at the Golf tourney, churches, football game, and stores. There are too many people to name, but they all have my thanks!

SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS by Deacon Robert Dzuris

May the rains of life that fall upon
Your spirits now and then,
Leave behind them pools of light
To make life bright again,
Clean and shining pools of light
Reflecting Heaven's blue,
And possibly sometimes a star
To light the way for you

"Let each one remember that he will make progress in all spiritual things only insofar as he rids himself of self-love, self-will, and self-interest." By Ignatius of Loyola?

TRD by the numbers:

79 Brother Knights volunteered - contributing 218 man hours - distributing 7500 tootsie rolls, collecting nearly 8000 coins! We had an overall 94.7% efficiency of charitable donations.

I have started collecting my spare change into a TRD canister, if you would like one of these to go towards the drive next year please let me know and I would be happy to get you one.

Thank you and God Bless,

Adam Heroux, PGK

NOTES FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY by David Breen

In Memory of Ken Dorrance

Steve White's Father-In-Law

Steve White's father-in-law, Ken Dorrance, passed away last month. In memory of Ken, his wife, Beverly, recommended donations to the Bishop Ruocco Council's Charity Fund instead of sending flowers. From the generosity of many of Ken and Beverly's family and friends, \$820.00 has been donated to the Bishop Ruocco's Charity Fund. If you wish to add to this fund, please send your donations to David Breen

Scholarship Awards

Scholarship awards are available for any member or relative of a member entering a Catholic College or University for the 2012-2013 school year. Applications for the Massachusetts State Council K of C Catholic College Scholarships must be received by April 5, 2012 (Allow time for my signature as FS).. Applications are available from Dave Breen, 978-692-4873 (dlbreen@comcast.net) or directly from the State's WEB site at:

http://www.massachusettsstatekofc.org/Forms/Scholarship_Application_2011.pdf

Dues Requests

Dues requests will be mailed during the month of November, so I can send you by January 1st your 2012 Membership Card, which you will need when attending Business and Planning Meetings. If dues are an issue for you, don't wait until I've sent you 3 post office mailings, 5 emails, and 10 phone calls, and we're 6 to 9 months into the year, please contact me now.

Having Difficulty Paying Dues?

There are two methods of remaining a "Knight in Good Standing" if you are having difficulty in paying your annual dues.

- 1 Dues may be waived by the Officers Board for the year. The extenuating circumstances for which the board has waived dues in the past include: illness, out of work, military service, and seminarian. I do not need details related to your problem. The council still pays State and Supreme assessments and Catholic advertising.
- 2 Supreme will waive dues for knights who qualify for Disability Status. Two items, a brief letter from a doctor (or professional care giver) confirming the disability and a short form must be submitted to Supreme through the Financial Secretary. This is a one-time submittal for the disabled knight but the Financial Secretary confirms the Disability Status annually. Supreme, State and Council fees are waived.

Contact Dave Breen – 978-692-4873 or dlbreen@comcast.net or 5 Hearthstone Rd, Westford

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS by Paul Rigazio, PGK

The Council will be selling religious Christmas cards at St Mary's Church after the November 12th and 13th Masses. Paul Rigazio will be leading this effort and will need brothers to help at the Saturday 4:00 pm Mass, and the Sunday Masses of 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm Masses at the church. This is one of our key fundraisers during the year. Please contact Paul at 978-256-4664 or paulrigazio@gmail.com to indicate the masses you can cover.

Newsletter by Barry Bell

Articles that are to be included in the December issue of the Knight Reader need to be e-mailed to me at kofcnews@yahoo.com before **November 20th**. I was very pleased with the response for articles to the November Issue. If you see a name next to the article, that is the author of the article. No name indicates that I inserted the article. Thank you to Bob Chevalier, Chuck Carroll, Dan Dery, Steve White, Ray Dunn, Bob Dzuris, Adam Heroux, Dave Breen and Paul Rigazio. Communication is most important to be fully informed. Please think of adding an article to the next issue. I am hoping to add pictures and a calendar in upcoming issues.

Thank you, Barry Bell