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A message from your State Deputy-Peter Healy

Worthy Brother Knights:



Now is the time for the Knights of Columbus! Now is our time to act like the Catholic gentleman we say we are. Now is the time to support our Cardinal, Bishops and Priests as we all say we do. Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Bishop George Coleman, Bishop Timothy McDonnell and Bishop Robert McManus have asked for our help in stopping the Physician Assisted Suicide bill which is Question 2 on the November ballot. We must vote NO. Your assistance is need on so many levels. There have been numerous seminars across the state that we have been asked to attend. There are more being scheduled. Attend one and bring someone with you.

The Cardinal is hosting a TV Town Hall Meeting on Oc. 3th and we are all invited to attend. We must alter our schedules and make ourselves available for this important event. Our District Deputies are being asked to set up meeting spaces for this to happen, either at our halls, in a Church or in a school-Wherever there is a television set that can be tuned into CatholicTV. Attend this event and bring someone with you. We, the Knights of Columbus in Massachusetts, are over 41,000 members strong. If we include our wives, brothers, fathers and sons I am sure we would double that number to over 80,000 strong and if each person asks another person to attend the Town Hall Meeting, we double again to 160,000. As you can see the power of asking someone to help out is second only to the power of prayer and I pray that we can all do this together.

We are asked to assist our pastors as they encourage people to support this NO vote on question 2. One way will be by registering people to vote. This deadline is October 17, 2012 and is rapidly approaching.

Another consideration is to reach out to the home bound and get them to vote via absentee ballot. You, our members, know relatives, friends and members of the Knights of Columbus that are in this situation and can approach them to help them to cast their vote.

I also ask you to note that the physician organizations are opposed to this legislation because to causes a patient to lose their life. All doctors take an oath to save lives, not to help people commit suicide.

What is the Culture of Life? It is us living according to God's Plan and following his direction. It is us protecting the young and the old, from conception to natural death. It is now our turn to fight bad legislation that is wrong for America.

Will you become the executioner of your loved one, be it your mother, your father or another family member. Someone has to take their loved one to a doctor willing to prescribe a lethal prescription. Someone has to pick up the prescription from the local pharmacy. Someone has to assist their loved one in suicide. Make sure you are not that someone.

Vote NO on question 2 this November. Vivat Jesus: Peter Healy



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Vote on November 6th Cardinal Sean O'Malley and the other Massachusetts Bishops have asked all to be sure that on November 6th they:

1. Registered to VOTE (Deadline for State Registration is Oct. 17th)
2. Get an ABSENTEE BALLOT if not able to vote on Nov. 6th
3. MOST IMPORTANT: **VOTE NO ON QUESTION #2** (Physician Assisted Suicide).

Physician Assisted Suicide Bill Points:

1. Six Months prognosis can be inaccurate.
2. Question 2 does not require a patient to consult with a psychiatrist before receiving a prescription to commit suicide and many terminally ill patients have depression.
3. Does not require a consultation with a palliative care or hospice expert.
4. No physician is present when the patient takes the lethal prescription.
5. There is no requirement to notify family members.
6. We should be supporting improved hospice and palliative care statewide, not legal suicide



4th Degree @ Sheraton Four Points Leominster - November 3rd - Honoree for this degree is State Chaplain Bishop Robert Hennessey. Plan on taking degree—We would like all to bring your Chaplain or local parish priest to become new 4th degree members in the Bishop's honor.



State Charity Fund Drive and Ball

Everyone is reminded that the charity drive is just around the corner, on the weekend of October 6-8 (or when you can do it). Of course, some of you are already out there conducting your drives, and if there is anything that we can do to make that a successful event, please do not hesitate to ask. There are some in-state emergency Tootsie Roll distribution points to assist those councils with small supply needs. With our Charity Fund empty, We will welcome the receipts from your drive at the office, and for many councils we will be looking forward to seeing you at the Charity Ball and Silent Auction at the Sheraton Four Points in Leominster on Saturday Oct 20th 2012.

2013 Midwinter GK/DD Conference The Midwinter Leadership Conference is on January 5, 2013 at the Sheraton Framingham for all Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and Council Officers. Registration begins at 8:00 AM. Our Midwinter "Friends Feeding Families" Project will be accepting donations. All attendees are asked to bring a bag of food for Catholic Charities "Friends Feeding Families" project in which the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus is a partner. Please donate a bag of food!

State Raffle Tickets All State Raffle Tickets will be in your Grand Knights hands soon (If not ask your District Deputy??) Please send Raffle Tickets out to your Council Members. Remember, \$5.-\$6 of every sold book remains with the Council for their discretionary use. Also, Don't forget that State Convention Delegates voted a \$1 per member assessment on all councils not meeting quota based on participation in the State Raffle.

INSTALLATION OF STATE OFFICERS INCLUDING DISTRICT DEPUTIES: Thanks to all including State Chaplain Bishop Hennessey, Assoc. Chaplain Fr. Robert Brusco and all who coordinated in the Installation of the State Officers. Congratulations to all the State Officers and District Deputies and best wishes for a successful fraternal year.

Calendar of Events for October Thru December: (October-Soccer Regionals—Final Nov 4-Holy Cross)
Oct 5—8 Annual State Charity Drive **6**-Springfield Pro-Life Mass **7**-Boston Pro-Life Mass Cathedral
20-Charity Ball Sheraton Four Points Leominster **27**-FS Training in Norwood
Nov 3 4th Degree Sheraton Four Points Leominster **4**-Soccer Final @ Holy Cross 1 PM
Dec 2—State Directory Christmas Party—Norwood Council **15**-Wreaths Across America
Jan 5 GK/DD Conference @ Sheraton Framingham **6**- DD Conference Continues

PRO-LIFE MASS

Oct 6 at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield @ 4 PM with Bishop McDonnell

Wreaths Across America

This program has already started. We urge councils and individuals to donate to this amazing cause. Invite them to attend on December 15 at Bourne and Agawam Cemetery the laying of the wreaths. **Please respond to the State request and not from other groups or councils since we would rather support veterans needs as determined by the K of C.** (See Flyer enclosed)

Coats for Kids:

In each Diocese, The State Board has allocated \$2000 in matching funds. Councils can work together with other councils to put together a pool of money that will be matched. This can be done with Parishes that serve the poor. Coats for Kids Team can work with groups in the parishes and allow the Pastor or his designee to pick out needy families. The pastor will be provided with vouchers so that the family can come to a place to pick up the coats. This work must be started now since we will order now to get coats by the end of



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