

Baystate Knightline

The Massachusetts State Council Knights of Columbus Newsletter – 470 WASHINGTON STREET, NORWOOD, MA 02062

Where do we begin?? Where do we end? What are we doing right, What are we doing wrong?

State Deputy William Donovan

At the District Deputy, Grand Knight Conference in June, our objectives were presented from Supreme, a monstrosous commitment to the jurisdiction of Massachusetts of 2275 new members which I committed to accept.

I approached this situation with a positive attitude and informed Supreme that we COULD do it. We went into the conference and challenged everyone present to bring in five new members during the month of July or at least get five Form 100s signed. Two hundred members in the conference – 1000 new members – job half over. Well it is not as easy as thought!! I, myself, only recruited three new members. We had a good July – not great but not bad.

Supreme Council kept calling, asking for status but for some reason Massachusetts always hibernates in the summer months. With weekly conversations with State Membership Director Paul O'Sullivan, I kept saying – What is the matter with Membership? Both of us were confused why the jurisdiction of Massachusetts takes off the summer?

Things kept on slowly going through August among the other activities except for SUSPENSIONS – Wow did we get hit hard. Paul and I had some work to do. After we calmed down a little, I asked how does a good Catholic leave the Knights of Columbus or why and how does a deceased member get suspended??

The Membership team did a good job getting answers and explaining to the councils that they forgot what the State Deputy said about doing their job keeping membership and how we can suspend deceased members. Somehow Financials Secretaries are getting wrong information.

August brought more local installations and importantly, the Supreme Convention in Phoenix for all the Board members and many Massachusetts knights and families. We all were able to admire the Grand Canyon, Sedona and the lifestyles of the Arizona area-very HOT. After sightseeing we went to the Supreme Convention for another great experience we will not forget.

The Opening Mass with the procession led by the Fourth Degree and many Cardinals, Bishops, Priests and Deacons (By the way our own Deacon Joe Baniukewicz led the way.), the Supreme Knight's opening address, the proceedings on www.kofc.org. I strongly advise you to watch as a reminder of the great organization we belong to.

Our State Chaplain Bishop Daniel Reilly was recognized with a plaque by the Supreme Knight Carl Anderson at a luncheon for all the Hierarchy and priests as being the only State Chaplain to serve in three different jurisdictions (Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut).



The final days of Awards, Pembroke Council for their Community Award performance (including paperwork done properly) of their Special Need's Prom presented to Kevin McKenna, his wife Hope and newborn son Liam, and my wife Annmarie and myself. What an honor to Massachusetts!! District Deputy McKenna now has other councils in Massachusetts (and other states) working on this Special Needs Prom in their areas.

Back from Arizona, there was the opening Mass celebrated by Cardinal O'Malley for the 'Year For The Priest' and then Fr Joe Baggetta's Chapel of Hope Family Cookout Fundraiser. Food, beverages, games for all ages with swimming, presentations, and at the end of the day, Mass celebrated by Fr. Joe in a tent. If you have never attended, don't miss it next year.

September was State Officer and District Deputy Installation in Walpole celebrated by Bishop Reilly, assisted by Associate Chaplain Father Thomas Rafferty and Father Tim Kelleher (Chaplain of Walpole Council) and well prepared and assisted by the members of my Walpole council. Annmarie and I and the other Board members attended many local council installations and thank all for your hospitality as we met many great K of C families.

October brought on more installations, Blitz, many Saturday and Sunday Masses, Pro-Life Month Masses, MCFL booth on Common, Springfield Catholic School Dinner, Catholic Daughters Meetings, Pro-Life Dedication in Palmer, supporting Catholic Charities and our famous Charity Ball which raised monies for our Charities. The Installation of our first Vietnamese Council in Dorchester was an experience, an impressive Mass and a most beautiful experience.

November had a specially requested Pro-Life Mass by the Cardinal at the new Pastoral Center for the Boston area Knights of Columbus. This Mass was for the Boston Knights but many Knights and families attended from all over the state. We thank the Cardinal for this special Mass and for the reception to all afterwards. As usual the Fourth Degree was present and visible.

Our K of C trip of a lifetime to Italy (five day in Sorrento and two days in Rome) was great. Sorrento was our home base with trips to the Isle of Capri, Amalfi Drive, Pompei and Naples. I could go on and on about the trip and about swapping family stories with our fellow travelers who constantly looked out for each other. No rain, temperatures 65-75. Traveled home and after three hours at home was back on a plane to the State Deputy's Conference in Orlando.

Quota 2275 is now approximately 1625.

Can we do it? – Yes we can.

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Letter from the State Chaplain Most Reverend Daniel P. Reilly

My dear brother Knights,

I take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a happy, healthy and holy New Year.

As we look about us with hope in our hearts at the beginning of 2010 we know we are facing difficult times

- the economy, health care concerns, terrorist threats and all the challenges of daily living. In times like these we must turn to the positives in our lives - the foundation stones that make life a great adventure - and truly happy experience.

Two of these foundation stones are our faith and our family. If we hold on to them and nourish and strengthen them we will prevail and our lives will be happy and fulfilling even in tough times.

I know I went through this in the 1930s and 40s. In 1937 my father died and left my dear mother with 9 young children. She wrapped us all in a mantle of love and care coming from her strong Catholic faith and uncompromising love of family. We made it, not just surviving, but thriving and she made it happen.

Then we were a nation built on faith and strong family life.



Sad to say that is not true for many in our nation today. We have become a nation of political correctness where anything goes and should be accepted.

This is true except for the Christian faith and in particular the Catholic Church which in our society truly can be criticized and belittled without any correction or apology.

So I ask all of you, my brothers and your families, to take on this challenge. Let's make the spirit of our country kinder and more caring.

Let us replace political correctness with our Roman Catholic faith. Let us stand up for Christ. Let us speak up for the Church. Let us daily live and teach and spread our Catholic faith.

It will make a big difference for each of us personally for families and for our nation. It will make 2010 a better year full of hope for the future. Happy New Year and God bless you always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Daniel P. Reilly
State Chaplain

We're Gearing Up for the 2010 Welcome Back Brother Initiative

**Paul G. O'Sullivan, FDD
State Membership Director**

While we are always looking for new members for successful First Degrees, this winter and spring all Massachusetts Councils are making a special effort to seek out and invite our former members to rejoin the order. Reactivating a former member counts toward the council's recruitment goal, in the same way as recruiting a new member. And it can be easier. Former members are already familiar with the benefits our order provides to them and their families, as well as our many programs and activities in support of Christ and his church. Members leave the order for many reasons; but chief among them is the lack of time, due to competing family, work and community commitments. So, there is no reason to believe that a break with the Knights of Columbus is a permanent one. Many active members have left the order and returned to active status.

State Chairman FDD Steve Brenner has been working hard to make 2010 the year of reactivated members in Massachusetts. Each District Deputy

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A Note from the State Treasurer

Peter K. Healy

Please note that per capita to both the State and Supreme is now overdue. If your Council has not paid it yet, please do so now. Supreme has suspended several councils and the State Council will not allow your Council's members to advance into the 2nd or 3rd Degree. Please check with your District Deputy if you are not sure of what you owe.

Every Council should now have received its State Raffle Tickets by now. District Deputies were given these tickets in September. Please contact either myself or the State Office if you're Council has not received its Raffle Tickets yet. Yes, it is that important.

This is a great fund raiser for both the State Council and the local Councils. It really is a win-win situation. The State Council is able to keep its per capita cost down and the Councils have money to use for local charities. Please include these State Raffle Books in with your dues notices. It is the easiest way to send them out. Earmark all funds raised through this raffle to a particular charity that your Council supports.

The Culture of Life assessments are also overdue. There are some Councils that have not paid this cost to the Supreme Council yet. Once more check with your District Deputy to see if you owe this assessment. Supreme will be issuing another assessment shortly at \$2.00 per member. Please pay this amount promptly as most of you have.

Lastly, thank you to all of the Councils that conducted the Tootsie Roll Drive. As we all know this money is used for a great cause. I am reminded of it frequently. It is

one of the best fund raisers you can do as a Knight. Please send in your donation so that the State Council can continue to award all of those needy grants for those deserving families.

Your Council is a lot like your house. Think of the inside of your home as the programs run by your Council. Every program run is a new piece of furniture or that high definition TV. It is something that causes you joy when you are sitting in that lazy boy chair watching TV. It gives you inner peace. Just like running one of your successful programs. So invite people into your home by running many programs.

The outside of your house is the membership side. It has many colors and it is constructed differently than the house next door. That is because people are different and we all bring something different to the table. Thus each Council is different and does things similar, but with their own special touch.

Continue to bring in new members to change the appearance of your house and to run the different and new or extra programs that you so successfully do. Never stop. You are always adding to the value of your home, both inside and outside.

Council Membership and Council Programs are always adding to the value of your Council. It is why men and their families join our ranks. It is why the community thinks of us in a positive light. Please continue the good works of our honored Order.

Margaret and I say thank you for your hard work and dedication and for welcoming us into your home for the Council installations and functions that we are able to attend.

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December came Degrees, Wreaths Across America presentation at Bourne Cemetery (Where wreaths are laid upon graves in the veteran's cemetery. Thanks to Chairman PSD Peter Giordano and the Fourth Degree. I got to lay a wreath upon my Aunt's grave – Ruth Donovan Ret Lt. Col US Army.), Membership Meetings, State Christmas Party, and many calls to our State Chaplain Bishop Reilly and Associate Chaplain Fr Tom Rafferty (who we congratulate for being appointed Pastor of St Thomas in Nahant along with his present assignment of St. John's in Swampscott-Must be nice to be young?)

January will be getting ready for our Leadership Conference in Worcester, Pro-Life March in Washington with the Blessed John XXIII Seminar, Fourth Degree Exemplification and council meetings.

If you missed last year's Lantern Award recipients – John & Magi Bish, you won't want to miss this year's recipient—Geraldine Stadelmann (rosary and prayers helped her survive Mumbai Hotel terror attack). State Convention to be held in May at Sturbridge Host Hotel. We are looking for solid, honest, non-stupid, real resolutions for the convention.

Congratulations to Harvard University Council for their being named Outstanding College Council by Supreme.

Fraternally
Billy

State Deputy's Lessons

Lesson #1 State Deputy gives Tootsie Roll hat to member

Lesson #2 Member Mark Dupont, proudly wears and wants picture taken

Lesson #3 when the State Deputy has jacket off, everyone should have jacket off



Pictured: William F Donovan, Mark Dupont, Br. Terrence Scanlon

A Message from the Master

FDD John E. Amico

On behalf of Suzanne and myself, we would like to congratulate State Marshall John McKenzie who was the Honoree at the Exemplification held at the Sheraton Hotel in Framingham on January 9, 2010. We welcomed over 75 new members to the Fourth Degree. Please join me in welcoming them!

On Saturday, March 20th the Fourth Degree will be holding a Fundraiser "A Knight with the Fourth Degree". We will be holding the fundraiser at the James O'Boyle Council #85 in Westboro. This is a casual evening (yes, jeans are the attire for the evening), and a chance to catch up with old friends and meet new friends. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per person which includes a light dinner, raffle and live auction. There are a limited number of tickets available. If you are interested in joining us please contact FDD Don Lattig at 617-232-4688 (donmaryellen@gmail.com) or FDD Bob Morrison at 508-478-3991 (bobmorr@comcast.net).

We are very excited and honored that State Deputy William Donovan will be the Honoree at our Exemplification to be held at the Cape Codder Hotel in Hyannis on Saturday, May 1st. We would like to show our thanks and support to Bill and Annmarie for all their hard work to our order during his term on the State Board.

If you are interested in joining us or would like to sponsor a candidate please contact Secretary to the Master Bob Morrison no later than April 15th. Vivat Jesus!

John E. Amico, FDD

The Year of the Priest

State Advocate Thomas McGinn

Brother Knights,

This is the year of the Priests and the year of the volunteer. What does that mean for us knights? First- Our Church is in trouble. There is a shortage of Priests and the number of Parishioners attending Mass is also down. As Knights what can we do? We can start helping the Church by being more visible getting more people interested in what we are doing with the Church.

It does not have to be great things but everyday things. A council could start with maybe a free coffee and donuts after Mass once a month. Help someone in need in the Parish, get to know the people and maybe even get a man interested in the Knights who hadn't given it a thought before.

Say the Priest needs some work around the Church such as painting, lawn care, just showing the other parishioners that the Knights are there as a visible force can make a difference.

The 4th degree is always visible and that is great, but we must strive to get the whole body of Knights visible, by our actions and our deeds. If a council needs or feels like it would like a project to keep the council going in a forward direction, have a meeting with the Priest that heads your local area Church, maybe he needs something and didn't know who to ask or he may have an Idea that has never been discussed before, it's a starting place.

We all need to work together to keep the Knights of Columbus and our Church alive and well. I'm sure Supreme could have some ideas on what other councils have done to get closer to the local Churches and in doing so keep the council vital.

We must stand together with St. Peter, our neighbors, our Churches, and together we will grow stronger.

My Wife and I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Vivat Jesus !

Thomas McGinn, State Advocate

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SAVE THE DATE

MASSACHUSETTS STATE CONVENTION

MAY 14TH, 15TH AND 16TH

THE STURBRIDGE HOST HOTEL

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
THE STATE OFFICE FOR A REGISTRATION FORM.

State Convention Ad Book
Mary-Ellen Lattig, Ad Book Chairperson

Dear Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Sir Knights, All;

We are at that time of year again when the planning of the Annual State Convention for the Knights of Columbus here in Massachusetts is in full swing.

It is in the spirit of this Fraternal Organization here in Massachusetts that we are writing to ask for your help and to share in the joy of Membership.

Our State Deputy, William Donovan, has asked me to assist the State Board in gathering financial help for the Annual Program Booklet for the 114th State Convention to be held in Burlington on the weekend of May 1st through May 3rd. This booklet is distributed to all the delegates at the State Convention. It not only serves as a guide to the Convention program, but is a vehicle for the State Officers, the hierarchy of the clergy and others to reach out to our Brother Knights with their messages of support, etc. This booklet has historically been supported by the generosity of our members and our friends in the business community. We need your help and this is the purpose of this communication.

In order to make this a success, I ask that you solicit one ad, whether it is for your own personal business or your employer, and in turn your Brother Knights, as a friend and financial supporter, will recognize your company's participation in helping this Charitable Order continue their good deeds.

The cost of the ads is as follows:

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| Full Page | \$150.00 | Quarter Page | \$ 60.00 |
| Half Page | \$ 90.00 | Business Page (1/8 page) | \$ 35.00 |
| | | Well Wisher | \$ 25.00 |

This is an opportunity for you, your brother officers, your council and all members to participate in this 114th Convention of the Massachusetts State Council Knights of Columbus.

The enclosed form should be completed and an ad copy attached. The complete form and check made (payable to Massachusetts State Council) should be forwarded to my attention at the State Office; address is on the enclosed form. If you would prefer, you can email your proposed outline or ad to donmaryellen@gmail.com and we will design your ad and return it to you for your approval. I would ask that you include the name of a person that we may contact should we have any questions. We invite your participation and support and would like your response no later than April 2, 2010.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 617-232-4688 or via email at donmaryellen@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Family of the Year 2009



Mass K of C With Seminarians at March For Life in Wash. DC



State Deputy Bill Donovan, Past State Deputies Vin Rumasuglia and Tom Ledbetter accompanied Rector Fr Peter Uglietto, Staff and Seminarians from Blessed John XXIII Seminary on the March For Life in Washington DC. Mass. State Council sponsors the bus trip every year for the Seminary.

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will receive a list of the former members in his District broken down by council. Former members lists are also available from State Executive Secretary Dick Guerriero in Excel format. The lists can be sorted by zip code, date of suspension, council number and several other categories.

Each Grand Knight should sit down with his District Deputy, Membership Chairman and Reactivation Chairman to review the list and select those former members, who are the best prospects for reactivation. Here are some tips and suggestions.

- Select a reasonable but challenging goal or quota: 20% of the former members on your list, ten members, five members, the number of former members needed to make this year's membership quota, or one more than the number of members that the council had to suspend last year, - whatever makes sense in your council.
- Look for former members, who used to be active or are active in the parish or the community. Former members who once joined for softball and now have started a family or former members, who left to raise a family and now are empty nesters, make good reactivation prospects.
- Look for former members in your council's zip code with a different council number. This suggest that the former member left the order, when he moved away from his council and may be looking for no more than somebody to ask him to become involved.
- Advertise your Welcome Back Brother initiative in the parish bulletin and the council newsletter. Solicit former members in the pulpit announcement during your council's spring parish membership drive.
- Sending a letter or invitation to former members is always a good idea; but only if it is followed by a personal one on one recruiting effort. Even better is two on one recruiting, when the Grand Knight is one of the recruiters.
- Designate a regular council meeting as the Welcome Back Brother meeting and invite the former member prospects. Or host a Welcome Back Brother social. Form 100s can be completed and signed at that time. Be sure to make a reminder call and offer the former member a ride to the Welcome Back meeting or Social. And have ready a project for the council to undertake with the help of the reactivated brothers.

With a targeted effort our jurisdiction can make the Massachusetts Welcome Back Brother initiative one of the most successful in the order. We hope every council in Massachusetts will respond. Good luck with this Welcome Back Brother initiative and all your projects and programs. Vivat Jesus

General Policy Statement on Promotion of Goods and Services Other Than Knights of Columbus Insurance and Financial Programs

As a general policy, the Supreme Board of Directors does not permit and will not authorize any member of the Order or any Knights of Columbus subordinate council or assembly to enter into any contract, agreement, or informal arrangement, or to use one's membership in the Order, in connection with the promotion of any product or service other than Knights of Columbus insurance and financial programs. The purpose of this policy is to preclude the use of, among other things, the Order's name, emblems, events, meetings, membership lists, and facilities to promote such other products and services. The Board wishes to minimize the risk that anyone would draw the mistaken conclusion that the Knights of Columbus (a) has endorsed the product or service being offered or (b) has guaranteed the integrity of that product or service. Obviously, the Board cannot make any such endorsement or guarantee about any product or service other than those offered by the Knights of Columbus through its own insurance and financial programs. Furthermore, the Board wishes to avoid any business association that might expose the Order to liability if a product or service does not meet a customer's expectations.

The Board's position with respect to such proposed contracts, agreements, informal arrangements, and membership is based on Section 162.11 of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus, which regulates the use of the name and emblems of the Order. On August 2, 2009, the Board reaffirmed this provision, adopting a broad rule of interpretation with respect to Section 162.11. Attached hereto are two documents, which set forth Section 162.11 and the Supreme Board's definitive rule of interpretation, which shall be binding on all members of the Order and all subordinate units.

Section 162 of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus

Any member of the Order who after trial, excepting where it is provided that no trial shall be had, shall be found guilty of the conduct specified in the subdivisions following shall be fined, suspended or expelled as set forth therein, to wit:

Using Name of Order

11. Using the name of Knights of Columbus or his membership in the Order in connection with any business or social or other enterprise, without permission of the Board of Directors; fine, suspension or expulsion.

Vote Re-affirming Rule Governing the Use of the Name and Emblems of the Order *Supreme Board of Directors, August 2, 2009*

It shall be a violation of Section 162.11 of the Laws of the Order for any member, acting individually or through any state council, subordinate council, assembly, chapter, home corporation, or affiliated entity, to use the Order's name, emblems, or membership lists, or any Knights of Columbus facility under his or its control, for the purpose of promoting, endorsing, selling, or advertising any product, service, or business or social enterprise other than the Order's insurance program. This prohibition extends to all publications, websites, mailings, electronic communications and social networks, contracts, promotional items, and sponsorships associated with a Knights of Columbus state council, subordinate council, assembly, chapter, home corporation, or individual Knight. This prohibition shall not impair the ability of any Knights of Columbus state council, subordinate council, assembly, or chapter to (1) use the Order's name, emblems, or membership lists, or any Knights of Columbus facility to conduct ordinary fraternal, charitable, and fund-raising activities, or (2) publish advertisements in a fraternal publication such as a council bulletin or a convention or event book, provided that the product, service, or enterprise being advertised does not relate directly or indirectly to any non-Knights of Columbus insurance product or annuity.

This rule does not supersede any other rules, motions, and resolutions requiring the prior approval of the Board of Directors for the use of the Order's name or emblems. If a member wishes to use the Knights of Columbus name, emblems, or any membership list in connection with any business or social or other enterprise that is not part of the ordinary business of the Order, he should contact the Office of the Supreme Secretary, through his State Deputy, for prior approval.

Knights in Action

37th Annual Special Needs Party Hogan Regional Center

Wakefield- On Thursday, December 10, 2009, the Wakefield Knights of Columbus, Council #104, hosted their 37th annual Christmas Party for the special needs individuals from the Hogan Regional Center in Hawthorne (Danvers). Enjoying a delicious ham or meatloaf dinner with mashed potatoes, squash and green beans were 50 special needs individuals with 20 of their counselors and recreational therapists from the State run facility.

After dinner, they had ice cream and cupcakes while waiting for Santa to arrive. Santa's appearance led to a big cheer as he went table to table giving each person a wrapped gift (hooded sweatshirt). The K of C thanks Past Grand Knight (PGK) Emerson Teal for purchasing the gifts and his wife Marie for wrapping all the gifts.

Council #104 members and friends preparing the food were: PGK's Emerson Teal and Jack O'Leary, Ernie Longo, Tom Driscoll and Karen Blaszcak. Helping to serve the meal were: PGK's Bob Curran, Charlie Finlay and John Lockhart, Grand Knight Bill Lovett, Allen Reilly, Doug Melanson, Marge O'Leary, Jason Zervas, Jennifer Brickley, Brian Brickley, Al Doucette, Larry Crispo, Bob Thomas, Bob Thomas, Jr. and Tim Green. PGK John Marshall was an excellent Santa as he chatted with each individual before giving them their gift.



(L to R): The Wakefield Knights of Columbus, Council #104 Grand Knight Bill Lovett welcomes the Hogan School's recreational therapists Peter Jostin, Amanda Cole and Tom O'Keefe.

The Holyoke Soldiers Home

At the Holyoke Soldiers Home today, the Pipe and Drum corps came marching into the room playing the themes from the various branches of military! When the Veterans recognized their theme, they saluted!

During the show, our Veterans heard several Patriotic tunes and many well known pipe songs like Scotland the Brave!

Tears formed in many eyes when they played amazing grace! One such person was TV 22's Julie Tremmel who had to duck around a corner to wipe her eyes!

The expression on the Veteran's faces was heartwarming! They truly enjoyed the music provided by Celtic Thunder! What made this pipe and drum corps even more special was their age!

Several members are teenagers and a few haven't even reached their teens yet!

If you ever wondered if the Knights make a difference, just attend a function like this one today!

I am proud to say I am a Knight and that I was able to donate a few hours of my time!

Having attended several of these functions, like many of you I have gotten to the Veteran's! Following this show, I repeatedly was thanked for the Knights doing so much for these Veterans! Amazing how giving back so little can mean so much!

The bar has been set! Let us go forward to continue putting smiles on so many faces! I personally want to thank you all very much!

Special thanks to:

All my Brother Knights who helped, contributed, and donated to the success of this day! To FDD Frank Cassidy for arranging for Celtic Thunder to be there for us! To the many members of Celtic Thunder who donated their morning to be there at the Holyoke Soldiers Home! And to the Franco Del'Olio and his Culinary Students for making us the cookies we provided!

Sincerely,

PGK Tom Barry - St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698 - Belchertown, MA

Captain and Honor Guard Asst Commander - Archbishop Williams Assembly #388



Council 228 Webster, MA Cooks And Entertains.

Council #228 Webster prepared a picnic dinner for the parishioners of St Anthony of Padua church in Dudley, following a mass of celebration and blessing celebrated by Bishop McManus of the Worcester Diocese. The mass was held to bless the projects recently completed by the parish and contributed to by Council 228. These included new carpeting, stained glass windows, organ and a newly renovated baptismal font. As well as preparing the food FDD Dick Orsini also provided the entertainment. Over 125 parishioners attended the event and a great time was had by all.



Knights of Columbus Council #228 Sponsor Boy Scout Troop and Issues Challenge.

K of C Dudley/Webster Council #228 is pleased to sponsor Dudley Boy Scout Troop 273 with a \$100.00 check to be used toward their upcoming trip to our nations capital. In late July the scouts will visit Washington DC, Gettysburg, Pa and Baltimore, Md to have them visualize battles gone by, but not forgotten.

The K of C is happy to contribute to this stimulating trip themed "FREEDOM ISN'T FREE" to help the scouts realize this theme first hand!

"The Knights of Columbus urge all local groups to consider sponsoring and offering their support of this trip. As we have seen in recent weeks in Washington DC the sacrifices for our freedom continue today and everyday.

For more information concerning sponsorship please contact Committee Chairman Mr. Jim Dunne at 508-949-0084.



Boy Scout Committee Chairman, Jim Dunne receives check from K of C Grand Knight, Paul Perry

Council #228 Webster/ Dudley

Knights of Columbus Council #228 Webster/ Dudley is pleased to make a \$500.00 donation to all three of their round table churches this May 2009.

St. Anthony of Padua of Dudley will be using the funds to upgrade their CCD training materials enabling in house training for this program.

Sacred Heart Parish of Webster will be using their contribution to upgrade church lighting in conjunction with National Grid for cost effective energy savings.

St. Louis of Webster has yet to direct the use of their donated funds and is contemplating combining it with another donation for a future project



Father Paul Campbell along with CCD Coordinator Linda Brink receive donation of new CCD Program material from Grand Knight Paul Perry. Also in this photo is the newly renovated Baptismal Font, partially funded by the Knights of Columbus 2008 donation to St. Anthony's Church.

Gardner Council

All in The Family – DeFazio

Three generations of the DeFazio Family join the Knights of Columbus Gardner Council.



The Bishop Minihan Council 202

The Bishop Minihan Council 202 repaired the garage at St. John the Baptist Parish in Haverhill, MA last September 2009. Seven council members participated in the project for a total of 113 hours. The garage required replacing 24 feet of building sill, 50 feet of T-111 on the bottom, scrape the building, repair the garage door and paint the building. The council spent a little over \$300.00 and received over \$400.00 in donations. The total cost if done by a contractor would have cost at least \$3036.00 and the council saved the parish approximately \$2723.00.

The council raised \$200.00 of the council's cost by conducting a Religious Trivial night at St. John the Baptist Parish.



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John Marrella, Supreme Advocate

Worthy State Deputies,

In my address to you at our mid-year meeting in Orlando, I discussed the importance of maintaining the strength and integrity of the Knights of Columbus “brand”. Our brand is more than just the name and emblem of the Order — it encompasses our identity as an international fraternal service organization with a distinctively Catholic character and mission. Because charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus as well as the essential virtue of the Christian life, our brand should be defined by the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we perform through our councils and parishes. By living out our vocation as Catholic men serving people in need, regardless of whether they share our faith, we will be a powerful witness not only for the Knights of Columbus brand, but for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is no higher calling than this.

At the mid-year meeting you each received a copy of the Order's general policy statement on the promotion of goods and services other than Knights of Columbus products, along with the text of Section 162.11 of the Laws of the Order and the Supreme Board's definitive rule of interpretation. These statements are intended to help you and your fellow officers protect the integrity of the Order's brand in your respective jurisdictions. I hope you will take the time to read them carefully and understand how they might apply to the real-life situations you face every day. In light of the large number of inquiries we receive at the Supreme Advocate's office, I believe it would be helpful to you to have the text of these statements easily available for use in advising and guiding the subordinate councils in your states. Accordingly, below is the general policy statement intended to provide guidance concerning the Order's prohibition against entering into contracts and agreements with other entities (for example, a financial services company that seeks to promote its services through the Knights of Columbus in exchange for a payment to the state council). Section 162.11 of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus (page 2) and the Supreme Board's rule of interpretation (page 3) govern the use of the Order's name, emblems, membership lists, and facilities.

You should feel free to use the text of these documents and to share them with your fellow officers. We hope that this will help you and your fellow officers more effectively safeguard the integrity of the Knights of Columbus brand.

Fraternally,
John Marrella
Supreme Advocate

General Policy Statement on Promotion of Goods and Services

Other Than Knights of Columbus Insurance and Financial Programs

As a general policy, the Supreme Board of Directors does not permit and will not authorize any member of the Order or any Knights of Columbus subordinate council or assembly to enter into any contract, agreement, or informal arrangement, or to use one's membership in the Order, in connection with the promotion of any product or service other than Knights of Columbus insurance and financial programs. The purpose of this policy is to preclude the use of, among other things, the Order's name, emblems, events, meetings, membership lists, and facilities to promote such other products and services. The Board wishes to minimize the risk that anyone would draw the mistaken conclusion that the Knights of Columbus (a) has endorsed the product or service being offered or (b) has guaranteed the integrity of that product or service. Obviously, the Board cannot make any such endorsement or guarantee about any product or service other than those offered by the Knights of Columbus through its own insurance and financial programs. Furthermore, the Board wishes to avoid any business association that might expose the Order to liability if a product or service does not meet a customer's expectations.

The Board's position with respect to such proposed contracts, agreements, informal arrangements, and membership is based on Section 162.11 of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus, which regulates the use of the name and emblems of the Order. On August 2, 2009, the Board reaffirmed this provision, adopting a broad rule of interpretation with respect to Section 162.11. Attached hereto are two documents, which set forth Section 162.11 and the Supreme Board's definitive rule of interpretation, which shall be binding on all members of the Order and all subordinate units.

Section 162 of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus

Any member of the Order who after trial, excepting where it is provided that no trial shall be had, shall be found guilty of the conduct specified in the subdivisions following shall be fined, suspended or expelled as set forth therein, to wit:

Using Name of Order

11. Using the name of Knights of Columbus or his membership in the Order in connection with any business or social or other enterprise, without permission of the Board of Directors; fine, suspension or expulsion.

Vote Re-affirming Rule Governing the Use of the Name and Emblems of the Order
Supreme Board of Directors, August 2, 2009

It shall be a violation of Section 162.11 of the Laws of the Order for any member, acting individually or through any state council, subordinate council, assembly, chapter, home corporation, or affiliated entity, to use the Order's name, emblems, or membership lists, or any Knights of Columbus facility under his or its control, for the purpose of promoting, endorsing, selling, or advertising any product, service, or business or social enterprise other than the Order's insurance program. This prohibition extends to all publications, websites, mailings, electronic communications and social networks, contracts, promotional items, and sponsorships associated with a Knights of Columbus state council, subordinate council, assembly, chapter, home corporation, or individual Knight. This prohibition shall not impair the ability of any Knights of Columbus state council, subordinate council, assembly, or chapter to (1) use the Order's name, emblems, or membership lists, or any Knights of Columbus facility to conduct ordinary fraternal, charitable, and fund-raising activities, or (2) publish advertisements in a fraternal publication such as a council bulletin or a convention or event book, provided that the product, service, or enterprise being advertised does not relate directly or indirectly to any non-Knights of Columbus insurance product or annuity.

This rule does not supersede any other rules, motions, and resolutions requiring the prior approval of the Board of Directors for the use of the Order's name or emblems. If a member wishes to use the Knights of Columbus name, emblems, or any membership list in connection with any business or social or other enterprise that is not part of the ordinary business of the Order, he should contact the Office of the Supreme Secretary, through his State Deputy, for prior approval.

Family of the Month

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Worthy Grand Knights and District Deputies,

I would like to call upon all Grand Knights to give serious consideration to making the Family of the Month /Quarter a program in your Council this year. Throughout all of the Dioceses of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts we will be hearing and learning about the importance of the Sacrament of Matrimony and the Family. This program is an excellent way to demonstrate the commitment to celebrating the family by each Council. Don't be concerned that you selected the same family last year or 2 years ago, celebrate them again. Use this program as a way to show that K of C Families are important to your council.

Supreme has sponsored the “Family of the Month” program as a way for all councils to provide local recognition of families in your councils and also to be recognized by the Supreme Council. Every month Supreme randomly selects names of families from those submitted to receive

a statue of the Holy Family. This is to help to remind us that the model for the family that we Catholics and Knights celebrate is Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

I call upon all District Deputies and Grand Knights to make an extra effort as we begin the 2009/2010 fraternal year to increase your participation in this program. To any council that has participated we offer our thanks and ask you to continue to select families in your council.

If you have any questions or would like help you can contact me or any member of our Committee. Also as a reminder you can submit the council selection on line or on the forms in the Family of the Month booklet. Please send the original to Supreme and send a copy to your District Deputy, as well as a copy to myself at 205 Ruggles Street, Westborough, MA 01581 or use my email address if you submit electronically and use this as the MA State address at hjmillet@verizon.net and as always keep a copy for your council records.

The members of the Family of the Month / Quarter Committee are;

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Fraternally yours,
Herman Millet, F.D.D.

Ten Resolutions for 2010

Joseph Pietruszynski, PSD

Supreme Membership and Programs Coordinator



Starting today let us all resolve to regard the New Year as an opportunity. A positive attitude, humor and a kind word go a long way toward happiness and success. Being at the dawn of a new year, I offer these 10 resolutions. I hope they will be useful to you as guidelines for 2010.

- 1. Face the future with courage and creativity, and don't let fear be your guide.** See change as an optimist, a call to draw on your talents in new ways, starting with an open attitude. Develop a Culture of Life. Assist a pregnant woman in need, support pro-life legislation, continue your work to defend and promote human life. We will face many urgent problems in the upcoming months, and we must work together to come up with the solutions.
- 2. Laugh a lot.** And see the humor in your own stumbles as a healthy balance for more difficult times when there is little humor to be found.
- 3. Greet the people you meet day-to-day with a ready smile, unforced politeness and respectful patience.** There's fury and rage in many people about relatively minor grievances they have with co-workers, neighbors, brother knights and acquaintances. Impatience and irritation are harder on the giver than the receiver. It's to your advantage to lighten up.
- 4. Indulge every person you know with excess encouragement.** Self-confidence is an essential ingredient in their development as leaders. As state leaders it's better to offer the gift of listening, rather than always teaching. Give the gift of your life's experience.
- 5. Let's all floss regularly.** Embrace the need to learn about treating the body we been given with knowledge care, good nourishment and a healthy lifestyle.
- 6. View spontaneity as a present of time and inspiration instead of an intrusion.** A change in plans, a sudden encounter, a different locale...too often, they're met with rejection, as we cling to routines and deadlines. Spontaneity can free and refresh the mind.
- 7. Admire what is good without an accompanying need for possession.** Give the gift of membership. An opportunity to feel good while doing good.
- 8. Learn and care about the environment as much as the economy.** Next shopping trip add up the number of products you bought that are sealed in plastic containers and bags. Where does all that waste go?
- 9. Focus your mind on things that matter.** If some of these present problems to you, resolve not to be held back by a tendency for denial, or by excuses. Instead, look for solutions and be open to compromise.

- 10. Cherish the people you love every day, in every reasonable way.** And don't feel awkward or wait too long in letting them know you love them.

Adoption of these 10 resolutions will help you to thrive-not just survive. If you agree with me and include the 10 points into your life your New Year will be filled with happiness and joy. As Knights of Columbus families, we share our happiness and joy with others.

Start the New Year off by recruiting one new Knight into the Order. As leaders I encourage you to lead this recruiting push during the month of January and set the example for the rest of your councils. Recruiting and retaining members' remains to be the most important task for the New Year.

We constantly need new energy and fresh ideas. We need to expand our reach. To grow in membership we must personally ask every eligible Catholic man to be a Knight of Columbus.

Simply put, new members are the bedrock of our Order – they bring new enthusiasm and new ideas to our councils. If you think of the state membership as a bank account, you cannot continue to withdraw year after year without depositing annually more than you withdraw – or eventually you will go broke.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson addressing the state deputies this past November stated "The Catholic population is growing everywhere. We ought to be exceeding that growth. Is there parishes so well run and so active that it could not use the assistance of a Knights of Columbus council?"

Explaining our formation program of new members to Bishops and priest the Supreme Knight tells them "when initiate new members we bring them into our councils and get them active. Over time, they become more dedicated in the acts of charity, dedicated in building a culture of life. Members become better parishioners, better Catholics, better husbands, better fathers."

"The only limitation on our potential is the limitation we put on ourselves. It is in our parishes, where the Church lives, that we can build the Church in a way that nobody else can build it."

Recruiting new members is essential for the continued growth and well-being of your councils and for the Massachusetts State Council. Strong and viable councils beget strong and viable districts, state councils, and the Order. Working together Supreme, state, district and council we can and will make Minnesota State Council have positive net/net growth on June 30th.

On behalf of the Department of Fraternal Services and myself, I wish all a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Vivate Jesus!

Joseph Pietruszynski, PSD
Supreme Membership and Programs
Coordinator

La Salette Shrine - Pro-Life Monument



ATTLEBORO - A Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Monument was blessed, dedicated and unveiled at La Salette Shrine on Saturday afternoon.

"May this monument be a memorial to their memory," said Bishop Daniel Reilly, who blessed the monument. Reilly is the bishop emeritus of Worcester.

Brother Robert Russell, the chairman of the shrine's Pro-Life Committee, said the Knights of Columbus bought the monument.

"We thought it would be nice to have a statue of the unborn," Russell said. "We hope that many more people will come here to pray for the unborn," Russell said.

The monument is dedicated to Brother Bob Nichols, who died in 2008. He started the shrine's Pro-Life Committee, according to Russell.

Steven James Taylor from Jamaica Plain created the fibreglass monument. The process started two years ago, but the first monument, which was made out of plaster, broke.

"We were pretty well devastated," said Donald Vandal of the Knights of Columbus. "He redid a completely new statue," Vandal added.

Nichols and Vandal had been trying to get a pro-life statue at the shrine for years, but when Russell came to the shrine, the process started coming together, Vandal said.

After the monument was unveiled, the large audience moved inside to watch a film before a Mass for the unborn was held.

There are pro-life statues all over the state, at churches and on Knights of Columbus property, according to State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus William Donovan.

"I think this is beautiful," Donovan said.

"It's a reminder to us that life is not replaceable," Donovan said.

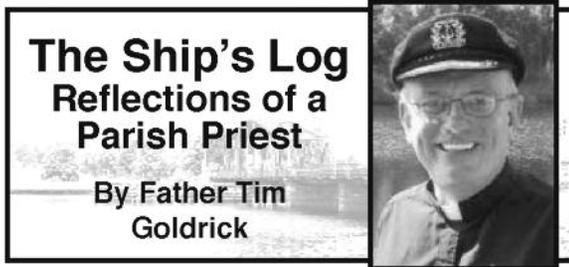
Saturday's event at the shrine was held one day after the 37th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on Jan. 22, 1973, that a woman has a constitutional right to an abortion.

Top 20 Councils for the 2009-2010 Charity Fund (Tootsie Roll) Drive

**Congratulations to Fr. Harold M. Wren, Billerica
for their top amount of \$16,375.00.**

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| 3963 Fr. Harold M. Wren, Billerica | \$16,375.00 |
| 9275 Bishop Ruocco, Chelmsford | \$15,181.04 |
| 7312 Pope Paul VI, West Harwich | \$11,436.20 |
| 4044 Fairview, Chicopee | \$10,630.30 |
| 5585 John F. Kennedy, Agawam | \$10,001.00 |
| 347 Cardinal Spellman, Whitman | \$7,900.00 |
| 69 Elder, Chicopee | \$6,941.81 |
| 10346 St. Pius X, South Yarmouth | \$6,920.13 |
| 3716 Scituate | \$6,839.31 |
| 1462 Braintree | \$6,836.55 |
| 252 Norwood | \$6,427.74 |
| 3049 West Roxbury | \$6,275.05 |
| 109 Robert E. Grannan, Arlington | \$5,881.00 |
| 1078 Mother of Good Counsel, Andover | \$5,467.93 |
| 234 Dedham | \$5,402.56 |
| 2259 Greater Quincy | \$5,040.00 |
| 3384 St. Joan of Arc, Orleans | \$5,038.27 |
| 1611 Father Daniel J. Kennedy, Needham | \$5,029.07 |
| 5027 St. Francis Xavier, South Weymouth | \$4,916.59 |
| 396 Gardner | \$4,800.00 |

Oh, feathers



Monday 7 September 2009 – Phoenix, Arizona – Labor Day

Did you happen to notice in a recent edition of *The Anchor* a full-color photograph of three bishops? “Above the fold” on the front page (as we say in the newspaper business) and wearing a tri-cornered hat was **Bishop George W. Coleman**. The caption explained that the hats identified the three bishops as members of the Massachusetts delegation attending the 127th Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus. The convention was held in Phoenix, Ariz. I hear that the temperature reached 115 degrees in Phoenix that week. What attracted more than 80 bishops and archbishops and eight cardinals (including **Sean Cardinal O’Malley**) to the sweltering southwestern desert in August? The answer is the 1.78 million members of the Knights of Columbus, all of whom are pledged to stand in solidarity with bishops and priests. Conversely, bishops and priests stand in solidarity with the Knights.

Over the past 10 years, the Knights have donated more than \$1.3 billion to charity. Just last year, during the worst of the recession, Knights’ charitable giving rose to more than \$150 million. But money isn’t everything. While so many people complain about being too busy to get involved, the Knights’ volunteer service increased to almost 69 million hours in the 2008 fraternal year alone. In the past decade, that adds up to nearly 626 million volunteer hours (valued at **\$11 billion**).

The bishops were in Phoenix to encourage the members of the largest lay Catholic organization in the world. Even the desert heat couldn’t deter them from their mission.

At the Supreme Convention, the Order honored the best of the best out of more than 14,000 councils worldwide. A Minnesota council won the Church Activities Award for restoring a dilapidated church. The Council Activities Award went to a council in Virginia for providing members with support (including business networking and career counseling) during times of hardship, unemployment or cata-

strophic family health issues. The Community Activities Award went to a council here in Massachusetts —The **Richard Cardinal Cushing** Council, in Pembroke. This council working with other councils, businesses, and organizations, sponsored a Prom Night for 75 special needs youth and young adults.

The idea of the special-needs prom came from then **Grand Knight Kevin McKenna**. The concept was to give the young people the opportunity to experience the fun and excitement of a prom and to help teach the community about living with disabilities. The night of the prom, while the young people danced, parents adjourned to another room to, over a meal of pasta, share personal experiences and helpful advice. As a result of the program, the Knights in Pembroke earned the most prestigious Community Service Award that can be presented to any Knights of Columbus Council in the world.

The men of St. Nicholas Parish are preparing to apply to Supreme Headquarters in New Haven, Conn., for a council charter. The Knights of Columbus was founded in New Haven by **Father Michael J. McGivney** in 1882. It is dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. We already have several new members in different stages of initiation. In order to apply for a charter, we need 30 men. We’re almost there.

Initiation into the Order consists of three steps called “degrees,” each marked with solemn ceremony. When a new council is in formation, a team is sent by the State Council to formally conduct the initial meetings and to receive men applying for membership. I was pleasantly surprised to welcome Massachusetts State **Deputy Bill Donovan** to our very first meeting. At this point, we have now held two ceremonies for first degree membership and one ceremony for second degree membership. Our candidates seeking full membership in the third degree will join with others at a centralized location to complete their initiation into the Order. Then it’s on to the election of our own council officers. Council officers must be Knights in the third level of membership.

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Although one does have to be a Knight to attend a business meeting, there is really nothing secret about the Order. The ceremonies of first, second, and third degrees are held in executive session.” Participants are asked not to divulge the particulars simply because that would spoil it for incoming members.

Not all Knights carry swords and wear *chapeaux* adorned with feathers. This is the formal uniform of the fourth degree. The fourth degree is a distinct organization, primarily ceremonial and patriotic. There are other specialized groups under the umbrella

of the Knights of Columbus. These include schoolboy councils (Squires), college and university councils, military councils, Eastern Rite councils, Spanish-speaking councils, etc.

This is the Year for Priests. I am a priest. This priest gladly accepts all the help he can get. If necessary, I will even wear a tri-cornered hat. I can’t do feathers, though. I’m allergic.

Father Goldrick is pastor of St. Nicholas of Myra Parish in North Dighton.



KNIGHT LIGHTS — Supreme Knight Carl Anderson (center) presents the International Community Service Award to Kevin McKenna for the Pembroke Council’s Special Needs Prom Program. From left: Mass. State Deputy Bill and Annmarie Donovan, Anderson, Hope (with five-week-old Liam) McKenna and Mass. District Deputy Kevin McKenna. (Photo by Dick Guerreiro)