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A message from your State Deputy Paul O'Sullivan

Brothers and Families: It's hard to believe that we are reaching the half way point of this fraternal year. The business of the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus has been going strong over the last few months. Membership needs work if we are to repeat for Circle of Honor again this year. We need each one of you to sponsor a new member. We have initiated some reward incentives for all who do. (See Special Membership Rewards Block on Page 2)



Our August Family Picnic benefiting Fr. Joe Baggetta's Chapel of Hope was well attended and we thank as always FDD Arthur Whittemore for his dedication to this project. In September, the State Installation of Officers was held in Foxboro and we thank Bishop Hennessey and all who attended this very inspiring event.

The District Regional Meetings are currently being held across the State and many key points will be discussed. Every Council Officers is invited to attend these meetings (See Page 2 and Website Calendar for complete details). I want thank Supreme Program Consultant PSD Tom Ciborski and the State Officers for hosting these regional meetings. The Columbus Day Weekend brought out the many hardworking knights, families and friends to assist in collecting for our Charity Drive. So far returns have been positive and we thank all for helping the handicapped children and people with intellectual disabilities who will benefit from your participation. Our State Charity Ball & Auction again was a huge success and enjoyable evening for all. Thanks to all for their very hard workers.

The Soccer Challenge was held across the State from Council, District, Regional and the Finals. Thanks to FDD Dan Arsenault and his committee for working hard on the Soccer Challenge. (See our website for names and pictures of the winners.)

Now back to the business of the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus including our top priority of each one of us recruiting that new member. Don't forget the Basketball Free Throw Competition, Regional Men's and Women's Conference and again **recruiting that new member**. Keep up the great works of the Order. **Time to continue to keep Massachusetts a power in our Order.**

Susan and I wish all the members and their families a successful, healthy and STAR COUNCIL New Year!!
Fraternally Yours,

State Deputy



**BUILDING THE
DOMESTIC CHURCH**
While Strengthening Our Parish

Supreme Knight Announces new Order wide initiative support Catholic families and strengthen our parishes.

NEW DOMESTIC CHURCH SERIES

Introducing the new Building the Domestic Church series, a collection of popular CIS books focused on

issues of vital importance for Catholic families seeking to build up and strengthen the church at home. A special display kiosk is also offered for KofC councils promoting the series.

To cultivate life as a domestic church, a family must deliberately welcome God into its home. This program has been created to help each family do this. The **Family Fully Alive** program provides **monthly themes, reflections, meditations**, family projects and Scripture verses designed to help each family place God and the Catholic faith at the center of its life. Through prayer and reflection each family has the opportunity to grow in holiness together.

Visit the Supreme website kofc.org/domesticchurch

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ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL PER MONTH

Membership is everyone's responsibility, ask someone to join

Pat Curley State Membership Director

Thanks for working hard for the Order. One thing I would like to impress upon you is this: Recruitment is the responsibility of every member of the Order. Not just the GK or the DGK or the Chancellor or Membership Director, everyone. New members benefit the Order, the State and most importantly your own Councils. The more active members your Council has, the more you can do to accomplish the charitable goals that you have for your Council. We have regional membership teams in place that are available to help you at any time to attain your goals. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need help with any aspect of recruitment and retention

Pat Curley

Form #100
Belongs in
All of These Places

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER TODAY!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



2017 LANTERN AWARD TO DORCHESTER'S JIM BRETT

The Knights of Columbus for the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts proudly will bestow its highest public honor, THE 2017 LANTERN AWARD upon **James Brett** President and Chief Executive Officer of The New England Council. Jim has been a leading voice in advocating for public policy issues such as health care, education, financial services and energy throughout New England and Washington, D.C. and for his dedication to God and Country. *Monday April 17th at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel, 1657 Worcester Road, Framingham. Tickets are \$40 each or \$400 per table. Plan on attending!!*



Power of One

Have you recruited ONE MEMBER ... PER COUNCIL ... PER MONTH?



ULTRASOUND PROJECT The Unborn Need Your Help

Our Goal - To raise \$25,000 by Easter 2017 for the purchase and installation of an ultrasound machine for Pregnancy Help at Good Samaritan Hospital, Brockton. If the active councils in Massachusetts donated \$100 average per council we would have our goal to purchase this Ultrasound (See Flyer with mailing)



Charity Drive

Reminder that the charity drive monies are overdue. If your council has not submitted their check, please do so ASAP. Monies are now needed for charity grants for handicapped children and people with intellectual disabilities.

Thanks for all your hard work on the Charity Fund



2017 STATE FREE THROW COMPETITION .

Jan 31 Council Free Throw NLT Deadline	Feb 28 District Free Throw NLT Deadline
Mar 4 South Region @ Sacred Heart HS Kingston	Mar 4 North Region @ Coolidge School Reading
Mar 11 West Region @ St. Thomas the Apostle W Spring	Mar 12 Boston Region @ CM West Roxbury
Mar 18 Central Region @ Nichols College	Apr 29 State Finals @ Anna Maria Worcester

State Convention -THE ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION BEING HELD AT THE RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER AT HYANNIS ON THE WEEKEND OF MAY 19-21. PACKAGE PLAN INCLUDES 2 NIGHT STAY, WELCOMING HORS D'OUVERES RECEPTION FOR \$382.50 PER COUPLE, AND SAT. EVENING DINNER -FORM IN MONTHLY MAILING PACKET.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Feb 7 West—Ware Council Dist 1-9

Feb 8 Central—St Mary Jefferson Dist 10-21 & 53

Feb 9 Boston-St Mark VFW Dist 32-42 & 56

Feb 15 South— Middleboro Council Dist 43-52 & 55

Feb 16 North— Tewksbury Council Dist 22-32 & 54



SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP REWARDS FOR 2017

EACH MEMBER WHO SPONSORS A NEW MEMBER BETWEEN DECEMBER 1 AND MARCH 31 WILL RECEIVE 500 VIP POINTS FROM THE STATE COUNCIL (IN ADDITION TO ANY VIP POINTS AWARDED BY THE SUPREME COUNCIL) AND A 2016 STATE LAPEL PIN.

ANY MEMBER WHO RECRUITS 3 OR MORE MEMBERS BETWEEN DECEMBER 1 AND MARCH 31 SHALL RECEIVE A SHINING KNIGHT PIN AND AN ADDITIONAL 500 VIP POINTS.

THE FIRST FOUR MEMBERS TO RECRUIT 5 OR MORE MEMBERS BETWEEN DECEMBER 1 AND MARCH 31 WILL BE HOSTED AS A FOURSOME AT THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE MEMBERSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN JUNE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.

VIP POINTS ARE EXCHANGABLE TOWAD THE PURCHASE OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MECHANDISE ON KNIGHTSGEAR.COM. **REMEMBER:** WHEN SPONSORING A MEMBER PUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ON THE FORM 100.

See Web Site www.massachusettsstatedkofc.org for the latest information regarding what's going on around the State.

State Raffle Tickets

All State Raffle Tickets have been in your Grand Knights hands for a while (If not ask your District Deputy??) Please send Raffle Tickets out to your Council Members. Remember, \$5.00 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.

E-Mail

Information

The State Office requests that any member or council not receiving e-mails from the State Office kindly send their

e-mail information to the state office at State.office@maskofc.org

