



Knights of Columbus

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Knight Reader

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Grand Knights Report

I hope all of you are well.

We just had our council level Dave Gorham Memorial Free Throw contest for boys and girls ages 10 to 14. It was a successful event this year with about 60 youth competing at the council level. We have five boys and four girls going on the district level to represent our council. I want to especially thank all of the brothers who came out to help run this event and Mike O'Malley, Jack Clancy, Steve Jones of the Chelmsford Youth Basketball League, and Joanne Gorham for organizing and sponsoring this event.

Our next social night is at Sal's Pizza in Chelmsford. Please see the calendar.

We are looking forward to our goal for achieving the Star Council award this fraternal year. Our membership quota is 15 new members. Currently we have brought in five new members and the year is half over, consequently, we need to recruit the balance before June. If you know anyone that you think would be a prospective candidate for our council, please approach him. Or, if you prefer, please ask any one of our officers to help you with recruiting a prospect. We can provide informational brochures and an enrollment form. Also, we are in the planning stage of running a recruitment drive in the parishes that we serve. There will be more news forthcoming about this drive.

Congratulation to the following brother Sir Knights who recently made their Fourth Degree: Joseph MacShane III, Joseph McGrath, Jason Monahan and Paul Paradise.

In closing, as we enter the season of Lent, may we use this time as a renewal of our Catholic faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. I am at your service. Please feel free to contact me at farmergb@aol.com.
Gene

2009-2010 Council Officers

Grand Knight – Gene Bartos *** Deputy Grand Knight – Fran Burke *** Chaplains – Fr. Ventura & Fr. White
Chancellor – Bob Chevalier *** Financial Secretary - David Breen *** Warden – Jason Monahan *** Recorder – Hal Baker
Treasurer – Steve Conte *** Advocate - Thomas Kelley *** Inside Guard – Al Hanley *** Outside Guard – Chuck Hirt*** Lecturer – open
*** 3rd year Trustee – Tony Cotroneo *** 2nd year Trustee – Paul Rigazio *** 1st year Trustee – Adam Heroux

THIS IS THE **Final** NOTICE FOR YOUR BISHOP RUOCCO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DUES

(This message applies to **ALL** the members who have **yet** to pay their dues.)

Dear Brother Knight,

Your bill for Membership Dues for 2010 is presented below. In order to save money on postage, this bill has been e-mailed to you and included within the newsletter for several months.

The Supreme Council has established a fund to support matters affecting life, family, marriage, and similar priorities in building a **Culture of Life**. . Each council is being assessed \$2 per member.

Through your generosity last year the campaign to raise money for the Bishop Ruocco Council Charity Fund was very successful, raising \$1725. Typically, at our November social meeting the council donates from \$600 to \$1500 to charities like Life Links, House of Hope, The Paul Center and KIDS Inc. So that we can continue this tradition, could you help support our charitable efforts by donating \$5, \$10, \$25, or other amount to the Bishop Ruocco Council Charity Fund?

Billing Date: December 1, 2009

DUE DATE: January 1, 2010

Make Check Payable To:

Bishop Ruocco Council #9275 K of C

Send Payment To:

David L. Breen, FS
5 Hearthstone Road
Westford, MA 01886
dlbreen@comcast.net

Detail of Charges	
Annual Dues for 2009	\$ 30.00
Culture of Life Fund Assessment	2.00

Sub total	\$ 32.00
Voluntary Contribution to Charity Fund?	()
Total	(\$)

DISABLED? 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 onetime submittal for the disabled knight but the Financial Secretary confirms the Disability Status annually. Supreme, State and Council fees are waived. If you are disabled, I urge you to consider applying for disability status.

UNABLE TO PAY? Contact Dave Breen, the Board of Officers is very understanding and generous.

Blue Mass- Save the Date

A Blue Mass honoring the Littleton Fire and Police personnel will be held on Saturday 24 Apr 10, at St. Anne Church in Littleton. The Pastor, Fr. Richard Casey will be the Mass celebrant. The 4th degree KofC Honor Guard will lead the entrance procession. This will be the 3rd Blue Mass by our Council, as the first was held in April 08 at St. Mary Church in Chelmsford , and the second in Apr 09 at St. Catherine Church in Westford, both honoring the local Fire and Police personnel, and was enjoyed by all.

State Raffle Tickets by PGK John Lamplough

State Raffle tickets are enclosed in the February newsletter. To simplify purchases for those knights who receive their newsletter by email, all they must do is mail a \$15 check per book to the council PO Box along with printed return address labels and Raffle Chairman John Lamplough will stick a label to each ticket and add the phone number listed in the roster unless a different number is provided. Purchases can also be made at any council meeting or contacting John at LMPL@comcast.net. Good Luck!

Sick & Vigil

Please pray for the following brothers and their families and caregivers: John Keville, Dorothy Laforme, Father Bilicky, Paul Barker, Ed & Jean Fournier, PGK George Goguen, Ray Kelly, Cathy O'Malley (wife of Mike O'Malley), Barbara Smith (wife of Michael Smith) and Paul Paradise. Ray Kelly was in the hospital for about a week and then recuperated at the Palm Manor Nursing Home for two weeks. He is home again. Paul Paradise had spinal surgery and is home recuperating for about 5 weeks. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of FDD Ken Mitchell who passed away in January. Ken was the District Deputy who started the Bishop Ruocco Council. See article below.

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 either Bob Chevalier, Barry Bell (kofcnews@yahoo.com) or Armand DiLando (adilando@comcast.net)

Anniversary Dinner Coming Next Month

The 24rd Anniversary Dinner of the Bishop Ruocco Council will be held at LENZI in Dracut on Saturday night, March 27th. Gene Bartos, GK will recognize the Knight of the Year prior to the dinner. All brothers and their guest are welcome and encouraged to attend this annual celebration of the Council. We need a minimum guarantee of 50 attendees. The cost of the family style roast beef and turkey dinner is \$ 40 per person. Please contact Paul Rigazio, PGK at pauljrigazio@gmail.com to make your reservation. Make checks payable to Bishop Ruocco KofC. Cocktails at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:30 PM. . Hope to see you there.

Sad News as Kenny Mitchell Passed Away in January

By now everyone has heard and read about the death of FDD Kenny Mitchell. His involvement in establishing this council cannot be understated. He helped in every possible way during those early days. He helped in recruiting new members, advising on how to run a meeting and establish programs. Kenny visited us often during meetings and made time not only for officers and members but went out of his way to greet new members. He advised many of our first grand knights and event chairmen. His words and advice have been repeated many times since then. He would even follow up a visit to a council meeting or event (especially when we ran dances) with a phone call offering his comments and praise. During a few difficult times Kenny helped with guidance and encouragement that was extremely helpful in ensuring the health of the council. He was kind and generous. He was also very proud of this council. We felt like royalty when we would visit the Billerica Council for their annual St. Patrick's corned beef dinner. He always made us feel welcome. In the last few years he was not able to get out to as often as he had in the past, but he was an avid reader of this newsletter and still tried to keep in touch with us. I am unable to find the analogy to adequately describe to you what he really meant to us in the early days. Kenny Mitchell was a giant of a man and this council, along with everyone else who knew him, has lost quite a friend. God Bless him.

A Field Agents Report – by Steve White

- The preliminary numbers are in for 2009 and KofC Insurance has once again come up big!
Volume of business was up 13%. \$ 7.6 Billion Issued in 2009
Life Insurance Premium was up 21%. \$ 70 Million received in 2009
Annuity Deposits up a whopping 60% \$ 485 Million received in 2009
Overall Assets up 10% \$ 15.5 Billion
- How many businesses can record numbers like that in a down economy? Just think of what we can do when the economy turns around!
- Supreme Knight Carl Anderson says "Insurance is our most important benefit. The fraternalists must know this!"

As your Field Agent, my question to you is: Do you have enough confidence in your current insurance agent / financial advisor, to allow me to give you a second opinion? Think about it...

For a no obligation complimentary analysis, Steve White at kofcins@aol.com . You'll be glad you did.

Knight Notes

Don't miss out on the anniversary dinner coming in March....our 27th!! Where have the years gone? **Also in March, at the social meeting on the 22nd we will have another council roast. **Our thoughts and prayers for brother Chuck Hirt and family as his son Joe heads for the middle east on a voluntary 90 day deployment. ** PGK Nelson McCarthy has wrapped up another successful year selling Entertainment Books for B&G. We sold 30 books and raised \$150 for B&G. We received 1 free book which was raffled off at the January social meeting. **Happy 65th birthday to PGK Barry Bell....is it me, or has he not changed in 10 years?! **Save the date for the Blue Mass in April. It's just another great and worthy event sponsored by this council. **Try to reach out to someone who is unable to get out because of age or health this winter. Your visit is worth more than you know. **February 13th and 14th are the dates for the next bottle drive at St. Mary's. See PGK John Lamplough if you can help out. ***I cannot express the sorrow I feel that Kenny will not be with us to celebrate our 25th next year. He had faith in us and strengthened us.* **The next newsletter will be published in early March. Please send any articles for the next issue to Armand DiLando at adilando@comcast.net no later than February 15.

The Lord said to Simon Peter; I have prayed that your faith may not fail; and you in your turn must strengthen your brothers. (Lk 22:32)

March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1 7-8:30p Planning Meeting @ Paul Center	2	3	4	5	6
7 1-3p Special Needs Bowling	8 7:30-9p Business Meeting @ Paul Center	9	10	11	12	13 3-8p St Patrick Dinner @ St Mary
14	15 7:30-8:30p 1st Degree @ Tewksbury Council	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 7:30-8:30p Social Night - council member roast @ Paul Center	23	24	25	26	27 6-9p Council Anniversary Dinner @ Lenzi
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 7-8:30p Planning Meeting @ Paul Center	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 7:30-9p Business Meeting @ Paul Center	9	10	11	12	13 3-5p Bottle Drive @ St Mary
14 7:30-1p Bottle Drive @ St Mary	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 5-8p Social Night - pizza fund raiser @ Sals	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6