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Grand Knights Report.

It has been so amazing to see Jesus' Face in recent days: on the special needs people who attended the fair, on those who helped run the fair, in the new members who attended the most recent business meeting, and in all of you who are part of our organization and volunteer your time to do the great work that our council accomplishes. I am so thankful.

A couple of special shout outs to: Ken Desilets for all of the work he does around special needs events and grants, and Dave Breen who recently retired from work, but thankfully will continue quietly doing so much to keep our council running smoothly.

It is a terrific gift that our council area lines up with the local church collaborative (used to be called a cluster – Sts. Anne, Catherine, John, and Mary). There is a diocesan initiative kicking off this fall to bring these groups closer together. We can do our part by continuing our various activities, but can we do more? How about taking on one more church related thing? A couple of suggestions: stop in for adoration Sept. 3-4 at St. John's, help to put together a nocturnal adoration like this at the other parishes, or maybe attend the ACTS retreat coming up Sept 23-26. This retreat is a great weekend and one of the tools our local church collaborative will be using to bring parishioners from the four churches closer together.

May His peace be with you as you walk along your path,
Fran Burke

2010-2011 Council Officers

Grand Knight – Fran Burke *** Deputy Grand Knight – Bob Chevalier *** Chaplain – Fr. White
Chancellor – Hal Baker *** Financial Secretary - David Breen *** Warden – Jason Monahan *** Recorder – Jim McPadden
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3rd year Trustee – Paul Rigazio *** 2nd year Trustee – Adam Heroux *** 1st year Trustee – Gene Bartos

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

11-12 BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE
13 BUSINESS MEETING @ PAUL CENTER
20 TOOTSIE ROLL GOLF TOURNEY
20 1ST DEGREE IN TEWKSBURY
23-26 A C T S RETREAT
25-26 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE
27 SOCIAL MEETING @ PAUL CENTER
27 REGIONAL MEETING IN WILMINGTON

OCTOBER

2-3 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE
4 PLANNING MEETING
7-10 TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE
11 BUSINESS MEETING @ PAUL CENTER
25 SOCIAL MEETING @ PAUL CENTER

New officers

Congrats to our new officers in this our 25th year. We pray for their good health and wisdom to continue to guide us in our works.

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FaithWorks – We can all help

FaithWorks is a faith-based support group for unemployed and employed men and women. Since its founding over a year ago, parishioners of St. Catherine's in Westford, St. John's and St. Mary's in Chelmsford, St. Anne's in Littleton, and a number of other churches have been involved in developing the program. Meetings are held monthly, combining prayer, networking, and practical job search and career skills in a spirit of fellowship. The group's monthly meetings delve into typical job-searching strategies and networking. Additionally, the group is different by exploring the role of prayer and reflection in the job-hunting process through participating in a form of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, a program of meditations, prayer, contemplation, and examinations of conscience. The next meeting will be September 24, at 7 pm for networking and the program starts at 7:30.

How you can participate: Post jobs if you are in a position to help job seekers. Provide support by sharing your knowledge and expertise, with others at a meeting. Come and net work with faithful people seeking to follow God's plan. Join the group for support of finding God's plan for you.

You can now join our group on LinkedIn. Join LinkedIn.com and search for 'Faithworks' under Groups. Please join us and bring a friend. For information, contact Terry Drula at terrydrula@comcast.net ; Glen White at glenwhite.mail@gmail.com .

God has a plan for you— you've got work to do.

Prayer for the Job Seekers:

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tootsie Roll Drive

This year we will be collecting at the churches on the weekend of October 2 and 3 except St. Anne which we will work on September 25 and 26. We will collect at all the regular Sunday and Saturday masses. Then the big push comes on Thursday, October 7 until Sunday, October 10. We have 3 hour shifts available from 7AM to 6PM on all days. The annual golf tourney is on Monday, September 20. We have always placed at or near the top of the state since our existence and with the troubled economy we need your help more now than ever. Members will be getting a call during this month to inquire about your availability. We hope you can help out. For more info, contact PGK Adam Heroux.

First Degree Team by Ray Dunn

Hi brothers, I hope you had a great summer, but it is time to stop being complacent and help your council. For many years your council's First Degree Team has put on the ceremony with a good number of council members which not only brought in many new members but also allowed Bishop Ruocco council to receive many awards.

Because of various factors, the team is at a minimum of members. In fact, last year several performances relied on "volunteers" from the audience. It is time for some members, older members and new members, of the Bishop Ruocco council to join YOUR First Degree Team, or it may not continue to exist, at least not with me as its captain. Please join by emailing me at rajedunn@comcast.net or by calling me at 987-XXX-4720. You can have a small part or a larger one, whatever you feel comfortable with. We only do the degree on the third Tuesday every other month starting in September. I look forward to hearing from you."

Sick & Vigil

Please pray for the following brothers and their families and caregivers: PGK Jim Lovas, Emily Chateaneuf daughter of Marc, Elaine Fulbright, Ann Carr, Frank Carr, Jane Brenner, Ray Dunn, Maria Carderelli, Don MacGillvary and his wife, Helen, 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), Al and Pauline Gorham, and Steve and Pam White's first grandchild Khloe. 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)

Knight Notes

A special shout out to PGK Jim Lovas as we send him all our love and prayers during this difficult time. Jim, your brother Knights are here for you. **We got more kudos over the summer. District Deputy Jack DeCourcy announced we were awarded the Columbian Award and Founders Award for the year 2009-2010. "It is a tribute to the great work that is done by the members of the Council. You can be justifiably proud of the work that has been accomplished and the Awards recognize these achievements." We can all be proud of our council as it continues to be recognized around the state. **The council's Bottle & Can Drive Fundraiser is September 11th & 12th at St Mary's. We need help on Saturday from 3PM to 6 PM and on Sunday from 7:30 AM to 1 PM. This is a major part of our budget so we need as much help as possible. To help contact PGK John Lamplough at 987-XXX-2625 or at LMPL@comcast.net. **Adoration at St. John's , Sept 3-4 9:00AM to 8:00AM. Please stop by any time and spend some time with our Lord. **If anyone is connected into any of the local town soccer organizations please contact John Clancy. We would like to rekindle the soccer shoot out, but need to be connected to the town leagues for this to be successful. **The annual special needs fair was another success this year. The campers enjoyed breakfast and games almost as much as our members did. **Buildings and Grounds will not be selling Entertainment books this year and is relying on the 100-Club as its main source of revenue. See the attached flyer and register early to get your lucky number. Contact PGK John Lamplough at 987-XXX-2625 or LMPL@comcast.net for more information. **Keep in mind the special needs bowling is set for Nov 7. **Get back into a routine this fall, stop by for a Monday night meeting. ** Don't forget the new web address on the front cover of this issue. **. **The next newsletter will be published in early October. Please send any articles for the next issue to Armand DiLando at adilando@comcast.net no later than September 15.

Those who want to be rich are falling into temptation and into a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge them into ruin and destruction. (1 Tm 6:9)

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2010 Building and Grounds Association Annual 100-Club Terms and Conditions

1. Enrollment to join this year's 100-Club is now open. Anyone can join and buy as many numbers as they want. The cost is \$50.00 per number paid by the November business meeting.
2. Prizes will be reviewed at the November business meeting. We anticipate 85% of the proceeds will go to prizes and 15% to Buildings & Grounds. The expectation is to have drawings at the November thru March social meetings for 8 prizes per month worth \$25.00 each, and the Grand Prize drawings will be held in at the Anniversary Dinner.
The estimated prizes are as follows:
1st Prize: \$500.00
2nd Prize: \$250.00
3rd Prize: \$100.00
3. Winners need not be present to win, and their names will be published in the council's monthly newsletter
4. To join complete the form below and mail it with your check made out to **Buildings & Grounds** to: **Knights of Columbus, PO Box 65 Chelmsford, MA 01824**. You can also join and reserve your current number by calling John Lamplough at xxx-2625 or emailing him at LMPL@comcast.net

Please fill out completely

Numbers Preferred: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

“Come, follow me, Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men” Matthew 4:19

YOUR INVITATION TO AN ACTS RETREAT

St. William Men’s ACTS Retreat Espousal Retreat Center, Waltham, MA September 23-26, 2010

We would like to invite you to join us for a spiritually uplifting weekend, a get away from the usual busy schedule. ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. This weekend will be an opportunity to strengthen your faith, renew yourself spiritually, and build and grow friendships with some great men. All men age 21 and older are welcome to attend.

The retreat begins Thursday evening September 23rd with check-in from 5:30-6:00 PM at St. William’s Church, Tewksbury, MA. Transportation will be provided to the Espousal Center. We will return to St. William’s on Sunday, September 26th for the 11:30 AM Mass. A welcome home reception will follow mass in the school hall.

The total cost of the retreat is \$200, and includes lodging, food, beverage, and lots of activities. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 made payable to "St. William’s ACTS" must accompany this form to reserve your place. The remaining balance of \$150 will be due at the Thursday evening check-in. Please Note: Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. Please contact Mike if you are in need of assistance.

Approximately 7-10 days prior to the Retreat, you will receive a letter describing the necessities you should bring with you. Please call any of the contacts listed below if you need further information or have any questions. We look forward to having you with us!

Please send or deliver your completed registration form and deposit to:

ACTS Retreat, St. William’s Parish 1351 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876

Questions and inquiries please contact:

Bob Moccia, Co-director
Cell: 508-xxx-3627
r.moccia@comcast.net

Mike McDermott, Director
Cell: 987-XXX-4183
coop125@yahoo.com

Frank Marino, Co-director
Cell: 857-xxx-2598
famarino@comcast.net

Please detach and return this section with your deposit

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name as you want it to appear on your nametag:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Any special dietary, medical, allergies or other needs for the retreat weekend?

Age: _____ Marital Status: _____ Parish: _____

Emergency contact person: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

2nd Family/Friend contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____



Why should I go on a three day retreat?



1. Because you have concerns that can be helped by a change in environment, a chance to think and clear your head, surrounded by decent, honest, and caring men from all walks of life.
2. Because you need to “get away” from all the world’s noises and slogans that encourage you to “measure up” and think materially...*when you know this is not true.*
3. Because you need new ideas and increased knowledge concerning your primary goal in life: to form a good a honest soul for God and your family.
4. Because you know you owe it to yourself to “recharge your batteries”, to pause from all the busy moments of life—to strengthen yourself by a few days with God and others seeking God.
5. Because you are burdened with sorrow and you need to ask “Why? Why this? Why now, God?” but you don’t know who you can say that to.
6. Because you cannot easily say “I am at peace...” at this moment in your life. And you know you need to.
7. Because you owe it to your family and friends to check in on your faults and weaknesses, and to self-examine, receive forgiveness, and move on, no longer alone.
8. Because you see the weekend as refreshing, relaxing, and restful.
9. Because you want to talk with others just like you, but with different experiences in life, men who have “been there” and are offering themselves to you for support and encouragement, and maybe some practical steps.
10. Because you heard that thousands of men before you have left these three days with a personal gift from God. Because you realize that you are no different from them: no smarter, no less smart; no stronger, no weaker; no better, no worse...and you know that God has the same gift of acceptance, wisdom, and strength for you. And because you know that everyone from everywhere has left this weekend with great and powerful gifts. They have left feeling confident, capable, and loved by God.

The retreat is called “ACTS” which stands for “Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service”. These are the precepts of the retreat. ACTS is a nation-wide Catholic movement that began in San Antonio, Texas, over 20 years ago. You can learn more about it at www.actsmissions.org. The current ACTS Team has been formed at Saint Williams in Tewksbury. The retreat will be coming to the Chelmsford, Littleton, Westford area in 2011. For more information, please contact me at —

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