



THE KNIGHT WRITER



News and Happenings of K of C #69

Winter 2011/2012

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Message from the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a belated Thanksgiving. Also I wish you and our families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Remember during the holiday to keep Christ in Christmas.

At this time I wish to thank all the chairman and their volunteers who worked on all the functions since our last Newsletter. As I stated in the previous Newsletter there is no "I" in the word "Team". As was shown in the success of the previous events held during the last three months.

As our Calendar shows there are a number of events taking place during the next couple of months. I ask that you support them by volunteering to help or attend them with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

James J. McVey, Grand Knight

*Members Christmas Party will be held
Thursday December 8th at 7:00 P.M.
\$5.00 donation benefiting Soup Kitchen
NO 1ST DEGREE THIS NIGHT*

Message from the Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

We are now approaching the most wonderful time of the year. Families will be gathering from near and far to be together on Thanksgiving Day with the anticipation of reunions with loved ones and a table filled with the richness of the harvest – and of course a turkey! What would Thanksgiving Day be without so many home-made pies. It is also a time of "being thankful" for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us by our God. And for some, it will be a prayerful remembrance of those who have gone before us while others welcome new birth at the prayer before the meal. The holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas are indeed some of the best moments – moments that we will treasure forever. I pray for all of the Knights of Columbus this holiday season. May you know the abundance of God's blessings and a re-birth of faith as the Miracle of the Incarnation is once again celebrated this Christmas. I pray that all the Knights find themselves in their parish church this Christmas where the bread presented as an offering becomes the Body of Christ. May his presence fill you with joy and peace throughout the Christmas Season and the New Year.

May God Bless You! Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Fr. Bill Tourigny

Chaplain

Elder Council of the K of C

Message from the Financial Secretary

Dear Brother Knights,
Dues notices for 2012 will be sent in the near future. In the past, I have included a book of State raffle tickets with each invoice. It is unknown whether that practice will continue as this is written, due to the problems with last year's raffle. As a reminder, when paying by check, please make your check payable to ELDER COUNCIL and not any individual. Payments may also be left in my mailbox at the lounge anytime.

The office of Financial Secretary is an appointed one. My three year term of office will expire near the end of April, 2012. Between now and then, a form will be sent to the Grand Knight for the purpose of conducting a review of my performance. It will be the decision of the Grand Knight and Trustees as to whether I will be retained for another term, or they may choose to recommend another member for the position. The choice is theirs.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your dues, membership or anything regarding the Order in general, please do not hesitate to contact me; I am here for you, the membership. I am usually in my office at the Council on Thursday afternoons, available at Council meetings or contact me directly at 413-348-4634 or by e-mail at markorealius@charter.net

Mark K. Olson, FDD
Financial Secretary

A NOTE ON SUSPENSIONS.....

Much has been made recently of the long list of delinquent members remaining on our books. As Financial Secretary, I have been a relatively easy target for confrontations on the floor of the Council Chambers, with members demanding to know why I have not suspended anyone. The reason is simple: the proper procedures had never been followed. I cannot write a Form 100, send it to Supreme, and have the member magically disappear from our books; it's not that easy. A list of all delinquent members had been provided to both the current Grand Knight and Immediate Past Grand Knight, complete with telephone numbers and the sponsor's name (if known). No attempt was made to contact any of these members until recently. The phone call process is now complete, and the Intent to Suspend process has begun. At the suggestion of both the State Membership and Retention Directors, these notices are being "spoon fed" to Supreme until all have been submitted. Brothers, we did not get into this situation overnight and we will not get out of it overnight. I ask for your patience and understanding as I continue with this major project.

BLOOD DRIVE



Wednesday January 18, 2012

1:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Contact Celeste Roux at 592-7747

For more information.



Spaghetti Suppers

Held the 1st Tuesday of each month from 4:30 – 6:30 to benefit a different organization each month.

December 6th – Friends of the Chicopee Seniors

January 3rd – Chicopee Comp HS Serve USA

February 7th – Holy Name School

March 6th – Honor Flight

VOLUNTEERS NEED TO HELP SERVE DINNER

Contact Jim Ross @ 594-9848 X-104

Meetings and Degree Dates

<u>2011 - 2012</u>	<u>Council Meeting 7:00</u>	<u>Home Assoc. Meeting 7:00</u>	<u>First Degree</u>	<u>4th Degree Father Doyle</u>	<u>4th Degree Arch Bishop</u>
November	10 & 24	17	10	17	16
December	8	15		15	14
January	12 & 26	19	12	19	18
February	9 & 23	16	9	16	15
March	8 & 22	15	8	15	14
April	12 & 26	19	12	19	18
May	10 & 24	17	10	17	16
June	14 & 29	21	14	21	20

*2nd Degrees will be announced at meetings contact the Grand Knight for further information.

Recruiting and Retention

- Council #69 needs the financial support of all members. Your dues support National, State and Local programs. If you are unable to meet your dues obligation – please inform us. We will work with you to help you remain a Knight.
- If you know a Catholic man who would make a good Knight – please ask him to join. If you do not want to ask, refer his name and phone number to the Grand Knight or the Deputy Grand Knight.



4th Degree FR Doyle Assembly / Archbishop Williams Assembly

Fourth Degree Exemplifications for the 2011 – 2012 Fraternal Year have been scheduled. The honoree is State Deputy Michael Baldner. The Exemplification is scheduled for April 28, 2012 at the Cape Codder Resort, Route 132, Hyannis.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday December 4, 2011 - Clergy Day 12:00 – 4:00 contact Ray Lehouiller, FDD, PGK Volunteers needed to make this a successful event!

Thursday December 8, 2011 (No 1st Degree) - Members Christmas party a donation of \$5.00/pp or can goods. All goes to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen.

December 11 - 31, 2011 - ICON Service Ste. Rose De Lima Church, Honoring our Lady of Guadalupe - Contact Del Barabani Jr, PGK. for more details.

December 13-14-15, 2011 - Brite Nights (Seniors) contact Paul Tanguay, PGK

Saturday December 17, 2011 - Council Members/Guest Christmas Party contact Del Barabani Jr., DGK

Sunday December 18 2011 - Children's Christmas Party contact Dave Amo, PGK for more information

Wednesday January 18, 2011 - Blood Drive 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. Contact Celeste for more details at 592-7747

Message from the Field Agent

As we close out another year and get ready to start a new one, now is a good time to take inventory of your Life Insurance coverage. Do you need to make changes to your Beneficiary designations, who owns the policies, has anything changed where you need more Life Insurance – such as a new home or a new job, are your children insured, now is the time to do that while they are young and insurable.

Give me a call soon and we can go over your Life Insurance need. I hope you all have a healthy New Year.

For further information contact me at 413-592-5875.

James M Healey
Field Agent



Members/Guest

Christmas Party

December 17, 2011

6:00pm Social hour

7:00pm Dinner

\$25/pp,

Choice of Prime Rib/
Chicken/Veggie Lasagna.

Group Seating 6-10People!

50/50 Raffle

SUPER BINGO

Bingo is held every Monday, Early bird game starts at 6:15PM and Regular games start at 6:20PM. We have a full service kitchen and a snack counter.



VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED

FOR BINGO AND IN THE KITCHEN



Bingo Raffle proceeds benefits our scholarship fund.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to the following
Brothers who have achieved Honorary
Membership Status:

Richard Barnes
Henry Jerold
Kevin Lucey
William McCarthy
James McVey
Richard Veale

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to the following
Brothers who have achieved Honorary
Life Membership Status:

James Martin
Ronald Mongeon
Ronald Roy
leonard St. John

IN MEMORIAM

May the Lord have mercy on the
souls of our departed Brothers:

William Corridan
John Godin
Rev. Gerard Lafleur
Jerome Pare
Albert Tetreault
May they rest in peace.

Hats off and thanks To

All the members who participated in the State Charity Fund Drive, the drive was a success!
Everyone who helped and attended the wine tasting night. It was a success.

Jim Ross would like to thank those volunteers that helped with the Veteran's Day luncheon.
We served 95 Veteran's and guests that day.

Message from Editor

Hello Gentleman,



Please keep in mind that if you want something added to the newsletter please make sure that you get it to Jim McVey or myself in a timely manner. As it is difficult for me to try to put together a newsletter when I am being given items to add at the last minute.

Your next Newsletter should arrive around the middle of February 2012.

Deadline for submission is January 31, 2012

Until I write to you again gentleman, I would like to wish you and your families a safe and Happy Holiday.

Your Editor
Kay Banville
mlbanville@charter.net

Report from Fr. Daniel Doyle Assembly

Holiday cards and gifts program for veterans who reside at Northampton/Leeds and Holyoke's Soldier Home will take place first week of December. Special Thank you to Chairman, Daniel Therrien, for setting up this worthy project.

This years raffle for "Coats for Kids" was a success. Our chairman and former F.N. Joseph Babineau has obtained from Chicopee Schools a list of children in need of a winter coat. Purchase and Distribution of the coats will be in December. A special thank you also goes to Joe for initiating this wonderful program.

Congratulations! To our newest Sir Knights. Daniel Roux and Delfo Barabani, Jr. Let's welcome them to the 4th Degree.

Merry Christmas and please keep in your prayers our sick and elderly veterans.

Daniel J. O'Connell F.N.

SUPER BOWL PARTY



February 5, 2012

For more information contact:
Marsha the lounge manager



SOCCER
SHOOTOUT EVENT

Due to late date,
this activity will be
scheduled
earlier next year.

Knight of the month and Family of the month 2011

	<u>Knight</u>	<u>Family</u>
July	Eugene Murphy	M/Mrs. Emery Filarski
August	Delfo Barabani, Jr.	M/Mrs. John Smus
September	Joseph Solock	M/Mrs. David Amo & Family
October	Paul J. Kelly	M/Mrs. Raymond Chartier & Family
November	Charles Tanguay	M/Mrs. Paul Tanguay & Family

CHAIRMAN OF STAND IN COMMITTEES

Bingo - Mike Alexander

Spaghetti Supper - Jim Ross and Dan Roux

Family Picnic - Brian Houghton Jr., PGK

Tootsie Roll - Jack Kelly, PGK

Big Truck Day - Brian Houghton Jr., PGK

Wine/Beer Tasting - Stan Matrass, FDD, PGK

Veterans Day - Jim Ross (Nov. 11, 2011)

Clergy Day Dinner - Ray Lehouiller, FDD, PGK

Members Memorial Mass - Del Barabani Sr.

Irish Pub Night – Dan O'Reilly

Children's Christmas Party - Dave Amo, PGK

Halloween Party (kids) - Dave Amo, PGK

Members/Guest Christmas Party - Del Barabani Jr.

Special Olympics - Ray Cartier

Super Bowl Party - Marsha Pelc (Lounge Mgr.)

BANQUET HALL RENTAL



*The Camelot Room
Knights of Columbus 460 Granby
Bridal Tea*

Contact Debbie Badger
for hall rental information at:

Debbie@kofc69.com

413-594-9848 or 413-598-8621 ext.2

ALL COUNCIL AND HOME
ASSOCIATION FUNCTIONS MUST
GO THROUGH BANQUET OFFICE

THIS IS A MUST!!!

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