

# The Knight Writer

News and Happenings for Knights of Columbus Council # 69

Spring 2010

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ELDER COUNCIL # 69

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Michael Kirkpatrick

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James M. Healey

## Message from the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

The fraternal year is moving along very quickly. I am very proud of all that this council has accomplished so far this year. Many thanks go out to all the volunteers that make it all possible.

Just about a year ago, we made a hard decision to change our weekly bingo from Wednesday to Monday nights. A lot had to be changed. Meeting nights and spaghetti suppers had to be moved. Nobody likes change.

Well, I am happy to report that the bingo is doing extremely well. For the previous three years our attendance averaged 115 people. We are now averaging around 300 with many weeks much higher. It takes nearly 40 workers to run the bingo and bingo kitchen each week. If you have any time on a Monday night please come give a hand.

*Dennis Miner*

Dennis Miner, Grand Knight

413-592-5160

## From The Financial Secretary's Desk

The dues invoices were mailed out just before Christmas. Many thanks to our District Deputy, Mike Kirkpatrick, his wife, Linda, Brian Houghton Sr., his wife, Maureen and PGK Paul Tanguay for their assistance. The response to date has been good. The travel card box, which was initially crammed full, now has a bit of breathing room! If you have not paid as of yet, it is never to late to do so. Please do not make checks out to me, I'd like to accept the money but I can't. All checks must be made payable to Elder Council. As always, payments may be dropped in my box at the lounge.

The raffle tickets have also done well so far. Keep in mind the purpose of the raffle is to keep the per capita assessment (currently \$7.75 per member) as low as possible. The Council does make money on each book sold, as you can see, it's a win-win situation. We recently sent a mailing to our Honorary Life members to give them the opportunity to participate as well, and thanks to GK Dennis Miner, Advocate Charlie Tanguay, PGK Brian Houghton and Brothers Paul Aubuchon and Ernie Charland for their help.

I am usually in my office at the Council Thursday and Friday afternoons, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Mark K. Olson, FDD  
Financial Secretary



## A Message from the President of the Home Association

Brothers,

In a couple of months, we will hold our annual meeting to elect new directors and go over our financials. I would like to take a moment to let you know that in April we will be making our final payment on the loan for our deck. We also paid off our mortgage last year. This means we will no longer have any outstanding debt. In a time when organizations are struggling to survive, we are thriving.

We have a beautiful building! Please take advantage of what we have to offer. Our lounge is open to the public and has many new flat screen tv's. Come enjoy conversation with friends on our deck. We have two pool tables and a card room downstairs. We also have a weight room available for members. Book a party in our banquet hall and let our professional staff take care of all the details.

Hope to see you soon!

Brian DaCunha

President –Home Association

K of C Elder Council 69 baseball caps available for sale in lounge \$6.00 each.

### SPAGHETTI SUPPERS

April 6, 2010 to Benefit Holy Name School

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May 4, 2010 to Benefit Chicopee High School Band

Adults \$5.00

Seniors and Students \$4.00

Kids under 5 free



### ELDER COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

Congratulations to Timothy Miner, son of Grand Knight, Dennis Miner, for advancing to the finals of Massachusetts State Council Free Throw Championship to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday April 10, 2010 at Holy Cross College in Worcester. He will compete in the 10 year old age bracket.

Good Luck Tim !

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## **Father's Day Golf Tournament**

**Chicopee Country Club**

**Sunday June 20th 12:30 p.m. shotgun start**

**\$75.00 per person**

**See flyer for details - Sign up early**



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## **Friday Night Golf League**

Start up meeting Sunday April 11th 12:00 p.m. in downstairs card room. League starting soon.

Call Larry Perreault Jr. at 413-218-4071 to join or for more details.

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## **Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday April 3rd, 2010**

Member's children and grandchildren ages 12 and under welcome.

Starts at 1:00 p.m. Rain or shine.



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### **A Message from the Field Agent**

If you like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2010. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, its nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goals are to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check - up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can-guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that piece of mind, and that's (as they say in credit card commercials) priceless.

James M Healey  
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### **Elder Council Youth Activities**

Elder Council is supporting a youth baseball team for the John L. Sullivan Baseball League in Springfield. The boys will play in the under 13 age bracket. Sponsorship came from our weekly bingo and the children and parents have been holding fundraisers to pay for their new uniforms. Go Team !

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## **Save The Dates**

Wednesday Night Cruise Nights Begin In May  
 Aug 15th Family Picnic on council grounds.

Oct 2nd Big Truck Day

## **Membership**

Have you asked someone that you see every day or  
 in church on the weekend if he is a member yet?  
 Often times, the response is no one ever asked.

Asking is simple. Give it a try!

## **Meetings**

Our Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th  
 Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m . Please take  
 the time to attend and take an active role in our  
 council's discussions and decisions. We have also  
 brought food back to our meetings for members.  
 Sometimes it may only be hot dogs. Other times it  
 may be a full cooked meal. Attend a meeting and  
 see what's cooking !

## **Fourth Degree Schedule**

Father Daniel Doyle Assembly

There will be no meeting on Thursday April 15,  
 2010 due to Holy Thursday activities.

## **Hall Rentals**

Hall rentals are available. Contact our banquet  
 manager, Linda Stout, at 413-598-8621 for de-  
 tails.

## **Scholarship Applications**

Scholarship applications for incoming college  
 freshman of parents or relatives of an Elder  
 Council 69 member in good standing is available  
 online at [www.kofc69.com](http://www.kofc69.com) .

Deadline is May 1st to apply.

## **Blood Drive**

Blood Drive Benefit for Linda Asselin at KofC69  
 on Wed. May 26th.

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