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## GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN

Dear Brother Knights,

Time sure does fly when so many things are happening. Once again I am late with the bulletin message.

Old but still of interest, The Children's Christmas party was a success, thanks to Dave Amo and his committee. 134 youngsters had a great time. Among them were the six children of our two members serving in Iraq with the military. Thanks also to Brian Houghton Jr. and to Ray Lehouiller for running two money raising events to help defray the cost of the Christmas party. The final report for this event is now in the making and will be ready for the next meeting.

Our Bingo player numbers are still low, we need the help of any member of your family who plays Bingo to attend on Weds. nights. Players are complaining that the prizes are not as high as they were. Reason, less players less money to be given out. By staying away you are creating the problem, not the solution. Plans are in the making to reward the players attending. It will happen very soon, so be on the look-out.

Happy to report at the last 1st degree our council had seven candidates. Our total now stands at 24, 50% of the State's goal. Thanks to Ed Potyrala, Frank Jazab and others. St. Anthony's Parish has signed up nine members. Now if the other parishes do the same, my goal of 69 will be made. Let's go Knights I still have flag pins to give out.

Have you heard our banquet hall has a new name? It will be known from now on as the Camelot Room at the K of C. It was the center of attraction at the bridal show, in fact a TV station set up and used it as the back drop for their interviews. Good work Linda and Chef Alexis.

Council 69 was well represented at the Mayor's Inaugural Ball with two tables. It was a great time. On Thursday Jan. 26 our annual Hoop Shoot took place at Bowe. Heading up the committee this year were Craig Moson and Dave Amo. Special thanks to Dan O'Reilly for managing that evening. 38 players participated and winners are Girls: 10yrs-Meghan Shewchuk, 11yrs-Shannon O'Neil, 12yrs-Amanda Bruno, 13yrs-Kaitlyne Labonte, 14yrs-Andrea Lyon, Boys: 10yrs-Aric Santos, 11yrs- Kyle Tereso, 12yrs- Felix Vega, 13yrs-Edeike Roman and 14yrs-Juan Carlos Santana

Say did you see the picture of our PGK Paul Aubuchon presenting pins to Fr. Greene and Fr. Remy for their continuous membership in our Council. It was in the Catholic Observer.

May God watch over you and your family and our troops overseas.

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## Highlights this Month:

- *Bingo*
- *Irish Pub Night*
- *Children's Easter Egg Hunt*
- *Shining Stars*

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

My Dear Brother-Knights,

As we begin a new year, I want to share with you some thoughts from Robert Fulghum's book "All I need to know I learned in Kindergarten". In telling us how to live a meaningful life and how to be happy, he says: "These are the things I learned, not in college, but in the sandpile at Kindergarten Sunday School; I learned: Share. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that are not yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together."

Almost everything we need to know is in there somewhere. Take any one of those items and apply it to your life and it holds true and clear and firm. Not everybody has the luxury of "taking a nap every afternoon" (as I do), but think what a better world it would be if we all "put things back where we found them" and "cleaned up our own mess" etc. . . . And it is still certainly true, no matter how old we are, that "when we go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together"!!!

Happy and Holy New Year!

Fr. Leo

## UP COMING EVENTS

**Monday February 6th** - Spaghetti Supper to benefit Assumption Education Fund 4:30pm-7:00pm

**Monday February 13th** - Council meeting and 1st Degree Exemplification at 7:00pm.

**Saturday February 25th** - Irish pub night at 7:00pm

**Monday February 27th** - Council meeting at 7:00pm.

**Monday March 6th** - Spaghetti Supper to benefit The St. Patrick's Parade Committee 4:30pm-7:00pm

**Monday March 13th** - Council meeting and 1st Degree Exemplification at 7:00pm.

**Monday March 27th** - Council meeting at 7:00pm.

**Monday April 3rd** - Spaghetti Supper to benefit Holy Name School 4:30pm-7:00pm

The newsletter and other events are now available on our web site at [www.kofc69.com](http://www.kofc69.com).

**Monday April 10th** - Council meeting and 1st Degree Exemplification at 7:00pm.

**Saturday April 15th** - Kids Easter Egg Hunt 1:00pm

Members **John M Hession, Theodore M Kulig, Joseph O'Brien and Jean Boulrice** have been called home to the Lord. Please remember them in your prayers.

Joining our Council are new members **Jean Louis Gagne, Thomas Lamanski, Raymond LaRose, Sam Megel, Alfred Moreau, Stanley Stec, and James Sarasin**. Transfers were **Julien L Drapeau and Thomas D O'Brien**.

**Family of the Month** was **Brian DeCuna and Family, Knight of the Month** was **William Connolly**. Congratulations to them on this honor.

After every **regular Council Meeting** a raffle is held. The winner must be present at the meeting to win. Last month's winners were **D.B. Corridan, Daniel O'Donnell and Tomi Majkowski**.

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**New Board Member Named** - With regrets the members of the Home Assc. directors accepted the resignation of PGK Dan O'Reilly from the Board. He will continue to serve as Council Trustee. The members of the Board elected Dave Amo, to replace Dan on the Board. He will serve out the rest of the term.

**Bingo is our biggest fund raiser and we need your help.** Can you volunteer a couple of hours at Bingo once a month? Remember, this is our lifeline. Stop by on Wednesday nights. All we ask you for is an hour or two of your time. In an effort to increase our crowd **on Feb 8th we will be giving a free hot dog and soda with your paid admission. Please support**

**our Bingo.**

**Fr. Daniel Doyle Assembly Fourth Degree** - A reminder to all Sir Knights and any Third Degree Members who are interested in joining our assembly that we will be holding an open house on March 9th at 7:00pm. Now is a great time to join as an exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held in Western Mass. in June. Stop in at our open house and learn more.

Let's all support our council activities. Become involved!!!  
Paul Tanguay, F.N.

An **Irish Pub Night** will be held on February 25, 2006 at 7:00pm at our Council featuring Bill Egan & Company. Tickets are \$12.00 per person and includes corn beef sandwich and Lamb stew. Proceeds to benefit the Chicopee St. Patrick Parade committee. For more information contact Ray Lehouiller.

**Kids Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on Saturday April 15th at our council. This event is for member's children or grandchildren only 12 and under. The hunt will start at 1:00pm rain or shine. Help will be needed to stuff the eggs on Friday April 14th at 6:30pm in the Old Lounge.

F.N. Paul Tanguay of the Fr. Daniel Doyle Assembly and myself attended a meeting during which our Bishop spoke about and explained his suggested plan to help raise the finances to **build the new Regional Catholic High School**. Enclosed with this bulletin is a letter from me and an envelope which we hope you will use to support this project, along with the members of Councils #90 & #4044, who have received a similar letter from their Grand Knight.

**K of C. Councils Honored** - What a surprise when Ernest LaFlamme, chairman of the **Shining Stars** Nominating Committee and Gail Sherman, President

of the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce came knocking on my door. The big surprise was when I opened the letter they handed to me. It stated that the Knights of Columbus Councils #69 & #4044 were selected as the recipients of the 2006 Chicopee C.C. Citizens of the Year award.

What an honor for the organizations. They will be publicly honored at the annual awards banquet to be held on Fri. March 3, at the Castle of Knights. More to follow after we receive the information. We are as they said, "A Shining Star Organization." Del

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