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Winter - 2011



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec 1st – Council Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- Dec 14th – 4th Degree Christmas Party, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 15th – Council #4982 Christmas Party, 8:00 p.m.
- Dec 17th – Children's Christmas Party, 10:00 a.m.
- Dec 31st – New Years Eve Party, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan 5th – Council Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- Jan 26th – KofC Free Throw Contest, 6:45 p.m.
- Sept. 17th –

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My Brother Knights,
I hope this message finds you all in good health. I would like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve the Council as the Grand Knight for 2011- 2012, I hope I can perform up to the high standards set by my predecessors. As you know the Christmas season is upon us, I encourage you to join us for the members' Christmas Party and the Children's Christmas Party. But, as we enter this Christmas season, please remember what we are celebrating; It's not the presents that are under the tree but the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we should try to behave like he would, not only at this time of year, but every day. That being said, please remember those who are less fortunate than us during this season; the poor, the disabled, etc. If there is someone you can visit, a neighbor perhaps, this would be the perfect time of year to do so. You would be amazed how much it means to people to just let them know others are thinking of them. If you have been away from the Council for a while I encourage you to come on back and attend the Thursday night meetings, whether Council or Building association (Both are open to all members), and participate in moving our Council forward and doing the charitable works that make the Knights of Columbus the great organization it is. Merry Christmas and God Bless!
Fraternally,
Joseph Gallarelli - Grand Knight

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please keep our Brother Jimmy "Indeed" O'Leary and his family in your prayers.

MASS OF THE ROSES AND NECROLOGY

The Mass of the Roses for deceased members of the Fr. Croke Council was held on Sunday, November 6, 2011 at the 12 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas Church. Invitations to this Mass and the Brunch that followed were mailed to 27 widows of deceased members and the turnout was the best in years. The Necrology of our deceased members is posted on our website. Please keep these brother Knights in your prayers.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive took place over the Columbus Day weekend. A great effort was put forward from a small but dedicated group of Knights. We would like to thank Brother Knights: Al Gallarelli, Al MacMullan, Mike Champoux, Alfred "T" O'Connor, Darren Bohem, Ken Lydon, Joe Gallarelli GK, Norm MacEachern, and Rich Casey. Together this group raised **\$3274.50**. If I missed anyone please accept my apology. Once again, Brother Al Gallarelli topped the field of workers raising **\$1300**. Great job Al! *Ken Lydon*

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Children's Christmas party is coming soon!
Saturday, Dec 17th at 10 a.m. in the downstairs hall. Please complete the attached form as soon as possible and return it to the Members' Quarters **not later than Dec 12th**. Gifts, Santa, and fun for the kids!

NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION

Come one, come all to the Al MacMullin Hall at Council #4982 and join in our annual New Year's Eve celebration on Dec 31, from 7:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The cost is still only \$40.00 PP with Party Favors, Champagne, a Buffet Dinner, and DJ. Come on down & ring in the new year!

400 Club

The 400 Club completed another successful 25 week cycle in October. The winning numbers for the 25 weeks were: 140, 354, 110, 020, 192, 125, 246, 168, 112, 186, 383, 236, 353, 235, 352, 019, 392, 222, 181, 082, 359, 248, 143, 111, 024.

The Grand Drawing was held on Saturday, October 22nd.

The winning numbers were:|

\$1000 – 324; \$500 – 117; \$100 – 139, 055; \$50 – 101, 168, 140, 096, 067, 029

The next 25 week 400 Club started on Thursday, Nov 3rd. The final drawing will be held on Thursday, April 19th and the Grand Drawing will be held on Saturday, April 21st, 2012. All numbers paid in full by Thursday, December 1st, 2011, are eligible for a drawing for a free number for the remainder of this 400 Club drawing cycle, including the Grand Drawing on April 21, 2012.

There are still numbers available for this cycle's drawing! For \$25, you get a chance at a weekly drawing of \$100 for the remainder of this cycle. At the Grand Drawing, you and a guest can attend a dinner dance at no cost to you, plus a chance at one of (6) \$50 prizes, (2) \$100 prizes, (1) \$500 prize and (1) \$1,000 prize. A ticket makes a great idea for a gift!

As was announced in October, after 35 years of faithful service, Jimmy "Indeed" O'Leary has passed the torch to Tony Barletta.

Tony will be implementing a new e-mail notification and handling the bulk of running the 400 Club moving forward. If you are interested in obtaining a ticket, contact Tony Barletta at tonybarletta@comcast.net

Thank You Jimmy for all the years of hard work to make the 400 Club such a success and thank you Tony for stepping up and taking the lead!!

Make sure that you keep your dues current. Please leave your dues in the 400 Club Box in the Council Members' Quarters or mail your dues to:

Tony Barletta
20 Swain Rd.
Wilmington, MA 01887

Merry Christmas and Have a Prosperous New Year!

Ask a Man to Join the Knights Today!

Purchase Religious Articles

For many years people in our area could buy Religious articles at Gills in Woburn, but they have gone out of business. I have searched for a new Religious store and haven't had much luck.

What I did find is a web site where Religious articles of all kinds can be purchased. This company is the oldest Religious store in the United States. They were on Chauncy St. in Boston from 1907 to 2005. They now only work through the web - Look at www.matthewsheehan.net

Council Members' Quarters gets a Facelift!

If you have not been to the Members' Quarters lately, please stop in to see the new renovations and connect with your fellow Brothers. The bar area has been completely reconfigured, expanded, and improved. Final touches are completed and the results are impressive. To everyone who helped make this a great success, Thank you!! Look forward to seeing you there!

MONDAY NIGHT CRIBBAGE LEAGUE

The Council's Cribbage League is still going strong. The league plays every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Members' Quarters. Any member interested in joining only has to show up on Monday night. There are no dues; the cost per player is \$3 per night. A part of this entry fee goes to the winner for that evening, and the rest goes to sponsor 8 members in the State Council Cribbage Tournament.

This Space Available

Have an important event or fundraiser you would like to share with your fellow Knights? Have a comment or suggestion you would like to share? Have an announcement, like a wedding or birth, you are proud of? Share it with your community - This is the place to do it!

*Send any article, news, event, announcement you would like to see published in our communication to the editor at teamhartka@verizon.net. **The Anchor** communication is published quarterly (seasonally).*

*Stay tuned for past issues of **The Anchor**, current events, and pictures at our Council website at www.wilmingtonkofc.com*


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**ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Donation: \$5.00 per child (maximum \$15.00 per family)
(Immediate children and grandchildren only – RSVP - Please!)**

Please complete the attached form and return it to the Council Quarters *not later than DECEMBER 12, 2011*. Tickets will be reserved in your name and can be picked up at the door on the 17th.

(PLEASE PRINT)

MEMBER NAME and PHONE: _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING: _____

| <u>AGE</u> | <u>BOY</u> | <u>GIRL</u> |
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| 3 -- 5 | _____ | _____ |
| 6 -- 8 | _____ | _____ |
| 9 -- 10 | _____ | _____ |

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 12, 2011 !