



# THE ANCHOR

## Knights of Columbus



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov 20<sup>th</sup> - 50's Night at Council #4982, 8:00 p.m.
- Nov 25<sup>th</sup> - Day of Thanksgiving (all day)
- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> - Council Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Christmas Party, 7:00 p.m.  
(Fr. Coppens Council – Tewks)
- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> - Members' Christmas Party, 8:00 p.m.
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> - Children's Christmas Party, 10:00 a.m.
- **Dec 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas**
- Dec 31<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Eve Party, 8:00 p.m.
- Jan 6<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- Jan 27<sup>th</sup> - Free-Throw Competition, 6:45 p.m.
- Apr 16<sup>th</sup> - Annual Cribbage Tourney
- Apr 30<sup>th</sup> - 400 Club Grand Drawing

### Tootsie Roll Drive

I thank all Brothers who participated in the annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Charity Drive over the Columbus Day weekend. Council #4982 raised \$3608, our best effort in many years! This year we had more help resulting in more money collected. We were again led by PGK Al Gallarelli who collected \$861 at the Dunkin Donuts by Lucci's market. The following Brothers also donated their time and effort to the drive; Jim "Indeed" O'Leary; Fran Romano; Rich Casey; Bob Troy; Lenny Oullette; Ken Michaud; Darren Boehm; Grand Knight Mike Champoux; Rich Hayden; Al O'Connor; Al MacMullin; Norm Maceachern and Ken Lydon.

Much appreciated Brothers!

Ken Lydon

### Members Christmas Party

The Annual Members' Christmas party will take place in the Members' Quarters on Thursday, December 16, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. Come one, come all – come let us be joyful!

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### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My Brother Knights,

Brothers, Can you believe the holidays are here already?! With Thanksgiving just days away, Christmas planning is in full steam. But, before I jump into Christmas and end of year activities, I wish to express great appreciation to all Brother-Knights and friends who have worked on and volunteered in a host of activities over the course of the fall. Your Council was represented at the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Community Fair on the Common as well as at the Chamber of Commerce ½ Marathon and 5k Walk in September. I am also proud to make you aware of the best Tootsie Roll drive we've had in years. The special joint meeting of the Building Association and Council to discuss smoking in the Member's Quarters had great attendance and resulted in a positive and fruitful discussion. A well-attended Mass of The Roses left me even more appreciative of our fellow brothers who have gone before us and of their families who are special to our Council. All of these activities and many more have been successful only because YOU made them successful. It is the membership of this Council, YOU, that do the things that set the Knights of Columbus apart. I challenge each of you reading this to reach out and participate in ANY of the activities you see listed in *The Anchor*. You may call me or any of the Officers and we will gladly find ways for you to get involved and help your Council.

As is mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, Council #4982 has a new class of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree candidates pursuing full membership. I ask you to all make an effort to meet these fine gentlemen and make them feel welcome in our Council. If you are working on a Council project, please consider contacting them to engage their help and help them get involved in more of the Council activities.

The Christmas season brings a busy time to our Council. I look forward to seeing many of you again at our Members' Christmas Party and hope to see many of you get involved in the Charity Raffle, Children's Christmas Party, New Year's Eve party, and more. Please contact me or Ken Lydon to find out how YOU can help in any of these or other events! Many hands make light work!

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### 400 Club

The winning numbers for the 25 weeks ending October 21 were: 075, 132, 121, 171, 070, 374, 063, 372, 100, 021, 112, 155, 288, 262, 391, 336, 265, 236, 369, 368, 075, 198, 266, 330, 241.

The Grand Drawing was held on Saturday, October 23, 2010 the winning numbers were: \$1000/232; \$500/160; \$100/333, 398; \$50/075, 242, 169, 286, 093, 187

The next 25 week 400 Club started Thursday, November 4, 2010, the winning number was 186. The final drawing will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2011. The Grand Drawing will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011.

DOUBLE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING - all numbers paid in full by Thursday, December 9, 2010, will be eligible for a drawing for a free number for the remainder of this 400 club drawing cycle, including the Grand Drawing on April 30, 2011. Make sure you keep your dues current by depositing to the 400 Club Box in the Members' Quarters, see Jim "INDEED"

O'Leary in person, or mail your dues to:

James O'Leary, P.G.K.  
119 Lakeview Avenue  
Tewksbury, MA 01876

There are numbers open for the current 400 Club Cycle!

Anyone interested is asked to contact Jim O'Leary at (978) 658-3466. There will be 25 weekly drawings of \$100. At the end of the 25 weeks there is a Dinner/Dance for ticket holders and a Grand Drawing with prizes of \$1000, \$500, \$100, \$50.

*Jim "Indeed" O'Leary*

### FIFTY'S NIGHT - Live Band/Dancing

On Saturday, November 20, from 8 to 12 p.m. the live band "Double Play" will be performing at the Wilmington K of C. Featuring Jimmy "Mr. Rock and Roll" Merrick on Guitar and Peter "The Wild Man" Previte on Keyboard, it's sure to be a fun night! The donation will be \$15 per person and all are requested to bring your own snacks!

To purchase tickets and to reserve tables of 10, please call Jim "Indeed" O'Leary at 978-658-3466 or Ken Lydon at 978-657-7009

### **Did you know?**

- A polar bear cannot be seen by an infrared camera, due to its transparent fur.
- Children grow faster during the springtime.
- George Washington was the only unanimously elected president.
- Twins have a very high occurrence of left-handedness.

(Our Council K of C Insurance Agent) ↓

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### FIRST DEGREE

A First Degree Exemplification was held at the Council on Thursday, October 21, 2010. At this degree we exemplified the Degree to five new candidates. Congratulations to James DeFeo, Dion DeJesus, Michael T. Fay, Christopher Gray and Shawn Lee. We also accepted a transfer from Bunker Hill Council #62, Robert Flynn. Be sure to extend your welcome to our new Brothers at Council #4982!

### MASS OF THE ROSES

The Annual Mass of the Roses in memory of our deceased members was held on Sunday, October 31, 2010 at the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas' Church. An individual invitation was sent to the widows of our deceased Brothers. In particular we remembered: Conrad J. Gerhartz, John M. Smalley, Thomas P. Grady, and Francis W. Hackett all of whom have passed away since January of 2010. In their memory a rose was presented to each widow in attendance by Grand Michael Champoux. An excellent Communion Breakfast was also prepared and served - special thanks to the kitchen crew for setting up the hall and preparing the breakfast. May these and the souls of all of our deceased Brothers rest in peace.

### Annual K of C Free Throw Contest – 2011

The Fr. Croke Council #4982 Annual Free Throw Contest will be held in the Wilmington High School Gym on Thursday night January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This competition is run by the Council and is open to any boys and girls between the ages of 10 to 14 (ages as of January 1, 2011). There will be shooting in each age class, boys separate from girls. Trophies will be awarded to each of the ten winners and they will then advance to the District shoot-out in February.

Registration begins at 6:45p.m. and the competition will start at 7:15 p.m.. Each shooter gets three practice shots followed by 15 free throws. Ties are resolved immediately. Please encourage any young people you know to join us for an evening of fun. Over the years, we have had success at the District, Regional and State level and we have had several State Champions.

*Dick Hayden*

**Bowling News**

In our third month of bowling it appears that our two teams, the Knights and the Columbians, have a tough road ahead. Currently they are in fourth and fifth place and each bowler is being challenged week to week. The Knights are bowling without their team captain, Eddie Tighe as Eddie has been sidelined with some health issues that have prevented him from bowling. Brother Eddie has been a member of Council #4982 since 1960 and has been a member of the Knights bowling team since the Council put two teams into the Wilmington Town Bowling League many years ago. Eddie has always been an enthusiastic bowler and a great competitor. He always looks forward to bowling against the Columbians and he has had some of his better strings when they are the opponents. (Nothing like a friendly competition no matter what the game is, especially when it involves your Brother Knights!) Those members who know Eddie always enjoy his company and friendship, whether it be over a Cribbage board or at the bowling alley. So, our best wishes go to Eddie as we miss his company at Candlewood Lanes on Wednesday evenings.

**Bowlers Needed!** - The Knights and Columbians are the two teams sponsored by Council #4982 in the Wilmington Town Bowling League for the past several decades. Currently both teams have been experiencing difficulties in having the required five bowlers on Wednesday evenings. With the age factor, (current average is 70) plus the travel plans and family responsibilities, we need to revitalize the rosters. So, if you like to bowl candle pins and have Wednesday evenings from 7 - 9:00 p.m. available, stop by the Candlewood Lanes on Route 28 in North Reading any Wednesday evening or call Al MacMullin at (978) 663-4209. This is a handicap league so all averages are welcome. FYI, the Wilmington Town Bowling League has been in continuous play since 1939 and is probably the oldest candle pin league still bowling in all of

New England.  
Al MacMullin

**FOURTH DEGREE NEWS**

The December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2010. It will be the Annual Fourth Degree Christmas Party and will be hosted by the Father Coppens Council in Tewksbury beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Assembly will be conducting our Annual Charity Food Drive at this function. Please bring your non-perishable food donations with you! Support of this effort has been remarkable in the past and we hope that you will lend your support to this most worthwhile endeavor. If you are unable to attend the Party but would like to participate in our Food Drive, please contact one of the Assembly Officers and we will make arrangements to pick up your donation.

We will again be having a "Yankee Swap" at the Christmas Party. Each member and their wife or guest who would like to participate in the gift exchange is asked to bring a small gift (worth not more than \$10) to the function.


**Massachusetts State Council K of C**

Dear Pro-life Friends,

Dr. Mildred Faye Jefferson passed away [just recently]. The Pro-life Movement has lost a great and respected leader and a wonderful friend. Had we not been blessed with Dr. Jefferson, the momentum and influence of the Pro-life Movement would not be where it is today. Dr. Jefferson's work was part of all those in the Pro-life family and she greatly admired the many contributions and programs of the Knights of Columbus in respecting life. Please continue to pray for Dr. Jefferson and for the protection and sanctity of human life.

Please also pray for the Pro-life efforts in this Country and let us be led to continue the work of Dr. Jefferson in defending the right to life. May she rest in peace surrounded by the angels and saints and God's eternal love.

Thank you

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**ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2010 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 7, 2010.*  
Tickets will be reserved in your name and can be picked up at the door on Saturday, December 18, 2010.

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(PLEASE PRINT)

MEMBER NAME and PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>AGE</u>	<u>BOY</u>	<u>GIRL</u>
1 -- 2	_____	_____
3 -- 5	_____	_____
6 -- 8	_____	_____
9 -- 10	_____	_____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 7, 2010 !**



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