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Knights of Columbus



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 2nd – Council Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 11th - Council Quarters Cleanup and Project Day
- Sept. 12th - **Installation of Officers, Council #4982, 5:00 p.m.**
- Sept. 16th - Joint Council / Board Discussion, 8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 18th - Installation of Officers – 4th Degree, 6:00 p.m.
- Sept. 25th – 50th Anniversary Winter Sports Day
- October 8th – 11th - **Annual Tootsie Roll Drive Weekend**
- October 31st – Mass of the Roses, 8:00 a.m.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

The Installation of Grand Knight Michael Champoux and fellow Officers of the Father Edmund W. Croke Council #4982 will be held on **Sunday, September 12th at 5:00 p.m.** at the Council in the Allan F. MacMullin Sr. Hall (upstairs). *All Council members are invited and all attending are requested to please contact Paul Beaton (978) 658-4742, Jim O'Leary (978) 658-3466 or Ken Lydon (978) 657-7009, ASAP!*

Grand Knight	Michael L. Champoux
Deputy Grand Knight	Joseph A. Gallarelli
Recorder	Kenneth J. Lydon, PGK, FDD
Treasurer	William J. Wallace, PGK
Chancellor	Michael R. Carlson
Warden	Justin D. Strem
Inside Guard	Ryan J. Keefe
Outside Guard	Jeremy D. Hansford
Advocate	Paul F. Beaton, PGK, FDD
Trustee 1 Year	Bryan L. Syring, PGK
Trustee 2 Years	Raymond J. Mercuri, Sr., PGJ
Trustee 3 Years	Raymond J. Mercuri, Jr., PGK

GRAND KNIGHTS' MESSAGE

My Brother Knights,

September is here and with it comes a full and busy schedule for our fraternal year. But, before we discuss the upcoming events, I want to express, on behalf of the entire Council, our sincere gratitude to the Brothers and close friends and family that volunteered to cook, clean, prepare and serve the 4th of July Breakfast and Dinner. Please take note of the list on the next page and take a moment to thank them if you see them around!

I am truly excited and motivated to guide the Council as your Grand Knight this year. I want ALL Brothers to know that this is YOUR Council. Every member in good standing has equal access to the benefits of being involved. Similarly, we ALL share the responsibility of keeping our Council strong and continuing the work of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Together, your officers and I have established some priorities and goals for the next year and beyond. These goals can be summarized into three main categories.

1. Improved COMMUNICATIONS
2. Increased focus and commitment to CHARITY
3. New member RECRUITMENT and member RETENTION.

Within each category are a host of ideas, events and activities that will be rolled out. But, as with everything your Council does, these efforts can only achieve the desired goals with the cooperation and contributions from our Brother Knights – That's YOU!

COMMUNICATIONS: Your Council MUST begin to take advantage of the improved methods of communicating more quickly, more often, and FREE through the use of EMAIL and the INTERNET. The costs of printing and mailing *The Anchor* have become unwieldy and, are unnecessary. I implore every member who received *The Anchor* in print form through regular mail to PLEASE send your email *(continued next page)*

address to me at mike.champoux@proforma.com or to Ken Lydon at kenneth_lydon@msn.com so we can convert you to receive future communications via email. It saves money, time, and paper! Thank you for taking the time to do this for your Council!

CHARITY: Our Charter and our 1st pledge as Knights is to serve our fellow-man and our Parish. Therefore, I am excited to announce a tremendous opportunity for all of us to deliver on that promise. Through St. Thomas Parish, I have been asked if the Knights of Columbus can assist in the construction of a ramp for a parishioner currently living in a nursing home. This ramp will allow her to move home and be with her family. THIS is what we are here for! I am asking for members with any trade skills, knowledge, experience or desire to become part of the Council's Charity Construction Committee. If you volunteer, this does NOT mean that you will be asked to do free work every weekend. What we envision is a collaboration of K of C Members and parishioners determining together what work needs to be done and how to get it done through; funding, donations, man-power, materials, etc. Want more info and/or can volunteer? Call or email me at 978-447-1100. Let's work TOGETHER!

MEMBERSHIP: There is a continuous need for us to always be recruiting new members. The most common reason men give when asked why they never joined is "Because no one asked". Please brothers, ask!!! In Addition, we will be working hard this year and in the coming years to reach out and re-engage with our Brother Knights from whom we have not heard in a while. If you fit into that category, please be receptive to reconnecting with your Council. Remember why you joined? It's still here, We're still here!

Lastly, let me encourage all members to carve out 1 or 2 hours during *Columbus Day Weekend* to help raise funds during the *Annual K of C Tootsie Roll Drive*. (cont.)

Once again, *Charity* is who we are and the Tootsie Roll Drive is the easiest way that EVERY member can do something to help the Council help God's special children. Let's break some records this year!!

I hope to see MANY of you at the Installation of Officers on September 12th and I look forward to working with all of you! Vivat Jesus!!

Fraternally,
Mike Champoux - Grand Knight

*Please extend a "Thank you" to the following Volunteers who worked the 4th of July Breakfast and/or Dinner on the Common:

Bill DuBois, Bill Longo, Gary MacDougall, Jared Constantino, Al Gallarelli, Bill Wallace, Kevin French, Bill Starett, Ray Mercuri Sr., Ray Mercuri Jr., Mary Alice Woods, Bill Ross, Jeff Linehan, Fran Romano, Jim O'Leary, Steven Langenfeld, Deven Langenfeld, Frank Sferrazza, Dick Jackson, Dick Hayden, Al O'Connor, Lorraine Casey, Bryan Syring, Bob Troy, Chris Barry, Bob Kelly, Joe Gallarelli, Mike Champoux, Ken Lydon, Justin Strem, Mike Carlson

MEMBERS' QUARTERS SMOKING POLICY

A special joint meeting of the Council members and the Building Association will be held on Thursday, September 16th at 8:00p.m.. *The sole topic for discussion will be the issue of smoking in the Members' Quarters.* If you have questions, suggestions, or constructive ideas on this subject, please plan to attend this meeting and participate. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

MONDAY NIGHT CRIBBAGE LEAGUE

The Council's Cribbage League will begin play again in September; every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

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400 Club News

This 400 Club cycle began on Thursday May 6, 2010. The winning numbers to date are 075; 132; 121; 171; 070; 374; 063; 372; 100; 021; 112; 155; 288; 262; 391; 336.. The winning number for a free ticket for this cycle was 037. The final drawing will be Thursday, October 21 and the Grand Drawing Dinner/Dance will be Saturday, October 23, 2010. Please contact Jim O'Leary with any questions at (978) 658-3466.

Jim "Indeed" O'Leary

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Installation of Officers Adam Lucas (Faithful Navigator) and Christopher Lucas (Faithful Captain) in the 4th Degree will be held on September 18th at 6:00 p.m. at Council #4982 in the Allan F. MacMullin Sr. Hall (upstairs).

Please contact Paul Beaton for more information. *Patriotism - Lead from the Front!*

50th Anniversary Winter Sports Day – Sept. 25th

- 9:00 a.m. Street Hockey Tournament
- 11:00 a.m. Whist Tournament
- 12:30 p.m. Food
- 2:00 p.m. Free Throw Contest at Wilm. High

*All active and deceased member families are eligible to participate in the events. "Families" includes direct members, nieces, nephews and cousins.

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

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ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Tootsie Roll Drive will take place on Columbus Day Weekend, October 8 thru October 11.

The Council has had very poor support from our members in this charitable effort in recent years. If you [our Council] can give a few hours of your time it would be greatly appreciated. It is rather embarrassing that our Council, with over 500 members, has roughly 12 brothers help raise only \$2000 on average.

Ken Lydon PGK, FDD

Intent of Motion for 2010-2011

The attached intent of motions will be submitted at the Council meeting on September 2nd. These motions consist of repetitive annual expenses that are consistently adopted. They are being made now to eliminate any issues that have arisen in the past when motions were not made in a timely fashion.

Christmas Basketball Tournament	\$1000
Free throw trophies	\$130
Dart teams (2)	\$500
Cribbage teams (2)	\$150
St. Dorothy's Bazaar	\$300
St. Thomas STAMP	\$300
Scholarships (2)	\$1000
Members' Christmas Party	\$1000
Childrens' Christmas Party	\$1200
Mass of the Roses (Breakfast, flowers, gift)	\$400
Delegates to the Convention	<u>\$700</u>
Total	\$6680




Ken Lydon PGK, FDD

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