

Baystate Knightline

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From the State Deputy

Today, in our society there is a small percentage of people who use abortion as a convenience. When I think about this it concerns me, as it should you. People will ask, what is the Knights of Columbus doing to support the anti-abortion issue in the country today? The "Culture of Life" resolution has passed unanimously at the Supreme Convention for at least



Carl Anderson and Bishop Lori stated that we as members have a moral obligation to ask every Catholic man to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. We should take a few extra minutes to ask our neighbors, friends, and relative to join our great organization.

There are many websites available to members of the Knights. Some of them include; www.KofC.org, our own www.massachusettsKofC.org, the newest www.FathersforGood.org and Supreme has set up a new daily communication, Editor@headlinebistro.com, these web sites will help to keep you informed about what is going on, both on a state and Supreme level.

Lastly, the Tootsie Roll Drive, our biggest fundraiser in the state of Massachusetts. The past few years our numbers have been falling, we need to get behind this worthwhile program and give it a much needed boost. Many people benefit from the money that is collected during this time.

I would like to finish with this, support your Council, respect your officers, get membership up to where it belongs. Enjoy the beautiful fall season

Vivat Jesus,
Billy

the past 12 years. This resolution strives to protect the life of the unborn. At this year's convention in Quebec City, the delegates voted to Assess each member in the United States and Canada three dollar increase in their dues starting January 1st 2009. The Supreme Council will match this amount dollar for dollar, and this fund will be used to offset expenses incurred in the continuing battle to end abortion and other Catholic issues. Many of us wear a red lapel rose or a little set of feet as a statement of support to the unborn, however the Knights of Columbus emblem itself is the best proof that you are Catholic and Pro-Life. Just a reminder that with elections coming up please remember to vote, the future of the Catholic Church is in our hands. The future of life is in our hands.

Membership is our #1 priority in the state of Massachusetts. During the Supreme Convention both

Council Growth is a key ingredient to achieving all of your success targets!

Please take out a piece of blank paper, now write one word on the page and only one word "Opportunity"...

What opportunities in your life would you have missed out on if someone had not asked you to become a member of the Knights of Columbus?

Would it have been the smile from a Brother Knight after you both completed a successful programming activity that assisted someone in need? Would it have been the feeling of joy you felt when children ran up to you and thanked you for the playground equipment? Would it have been a thank you hug from a Special Olympian? Or perhaps it may have been the letter from a young



teenager after they received their first bible and it was a gift from your council. By becoming a Knight of Columbus you and your family have developed lasting friendships with fellow Knights and their families.

Think about the many opportunities that you have experienced as a member of the Order, and ask yourself, which one you would give up; you probably answered none. I think that you would agree with me that becoming a Brother Knight has truly enriched your life.

Now think about the Catholic men and their families who have not been invited to be a part of the opportunities that you have experienced. Someone should ask these

men and their families to enjoy the many opportunities that membership in the Knights of Columbus has to offer. That someone is YOU! You are not just a member, you are a man with many opportunities, making a difference in the Church, family, and community. Share the opportunities that membership in the Knights of Columbus can bring with family, friends, and the men of your parishes...Give them the opportunity to have fun, make friends, and help to help others. Give a man and his family the Opportunity of a Life Time, ask him to Join the Knights of Columbus.

Joseph Pietruszynski, PSD
Supreme Regional
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Message from the State Chaplain

Bishop Daniel P. Reilly



We are certainly blessed in this jurisdiction of Massachusetts in our leaders and members and their wives and families. We have a dynamism and vitality in our Order here that is inspiring today and full of hope for tomorrow. A strong effort is being made by state, district and council leadership to help us become an ever stronger and more visible and effective Catholic presence in our state.

I am proud of our leaders and their spouses and families for all they have done for so long and for being ready to serve as Knights of Columbus, always and everywhere.

This means that we do not have our own personal agenda or seek to use the Order for our own purposes.

On the contrary, we want our beloved Order to grow stronger, to be more visible and to act more effectively so that the mission of the Church will be carried on in our day always more vigorously and victoriously.

Today, when secular standards are lionized as the way to the future and Christianity is maligned as the way of the past, we must stand up courageously in the service of our Order and I know that we will continue to do so with an ever greater intensity and commitment in the year ahead.

Let us always remember that we are a Catholic Fraternal Order, that we are founded on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and follow the teachings of our beloved Catholic Church and stand ready in all situations and circumstances to serve the Church and all her people in any way we can with the strength of our faith, the joy of our hope and the power of our love. This means simply that each and everyone of us, following the Church we love,

must live more fervently the Gospel we follow and promote more consistently the family life we embrace.

As our Supreme Knight wrote recently, "We must increase our efforts to help every Catholic see more clearly that being Catholic

means accepting the Church in its entirety, especially respecting the lives of all."

There is such a pull on us today to turn our Roman Catholic convictions into rampant political correctness, the so-called "new way of living" where everyone is right except people of faith and nothing is wrong except moral convictions. Let us always remember that we are R.C. not P.C.

In this election year where our religious moral values and even long-held American civic and community standards are being challenged we must not be swayed by politicians, even of our own Church, who would trade their allegiance to the moral teachings of the Church for a few votes. They are wrong. They know it. They just say, "that's the way it is in politics." Don't be fooled by them, either as a member or as a leader of our Order. Stand up for the eternal truth, the truth that makes us free.

Stand up for Christian morality as it takes on the deplorable moral decadence of today. Stand up for the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it calls us to live sacred, simple and serving lives to build up God's Kingdom here on earth.

This is God's call to us. Let us welcome it, embrace it, and thank God for it as we seek His help and strength to accomplish our mission as leaders and members of the Knights of Columbus here in Massachusetts.

May God bless us in this great
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Message from the State Treasurer

Peter K. Healy

Worthy Brothers, I need to point out a few things to you as your State Treasurer. Per Capita bills were mailed out in early July and many councils have already paid. Is your Council one of them? Ask at the next meeting. All bills are due upon receipt.

Next, the State Officers are hearing about councils that have been assessed by the IRS for non-payment of taxes which basically means you have not filed your tax forms for your Council and or Building Association? There is information in the Grand Knights Handbook, pages 253 – 294 and 356 – 361, handed out at the Grand Knight's Leadership Conference in June 2008. This includes information from our Supreme Advocate as well as IRS information. It is recommended that the Council enlists the help of a competent accountant as they go through this process. If you do not have your Handbook contact your District Deputy or the State Office.

In addition I need to speak about our annual Frank Fourgere State Raffle. Raffle tickets were given to every District Deputy at the Installation of State Officers on September 14th in Walpole. This

past May 2008 a resolution was passed at the State Convention that states that every Council that does not participate in the State Raffle will be assessed \$1.00 per member. The resolution is on pages 236 – 237 of the Grand Knight's Handbook handed out at the Grand Knight's Leadership Conference in June 2008.

Please know that the State Deputy is looking forward to each Council's participation in the State Raffle. This raffle generates \$5.00 per Council for every book of 15 tickets sold. The State Council is handling the expenses of printing and prize money.

Please, please just mail out the book of tickets to your membership, sell them after Mass, and sell them at your Council activities, such as the Basketball Free Throw. There are a hundred and one ways or more to participate in this raffle. Each Council has the ability to fund raise at \$5.00 per book sold.

For example, if a Council sells 100 books, that is \$500.00 profit. The \$500.00 can be used to sponsor a seminar for the RSVP program.

How many youth teams can a Council sponsor for \$500.00?



If a Council sells 200 books, that is a total of \$1,000.00 profit, which can be used for 2 \$500.00 scholarships.

There are plenty of Pro Life organizations that can benefit from \$1,000.00.

And lastly, what can your Council do for your Church with this money? Plenty

These are but a few reasons why we need to be in the coffee shops, our work place, any social gathering, pushing these tickets. So please get involved. If each one of us gets involved, then money will add up quickly.

Additional books of tickets are always available. We ordered plenty. Contact your District Deputy or the State Office and we will send you additional tickets.

Now is also the time when we, the Knights of Columbus, are putting together our best fund raising event of the year, our Charity Drive or Tootsie Roll Drive. This is where a little hard work really pays off!! To spend 2 or 3 hours standing in front of a store or a bank, wearing those famous bright yellow aprons supporting "God's Special Children". Nothing beats it. People

thank you for your time. They drive up to you to give you money. You help teach their children a valuable lesson about charity and the giving of ones time to a great cause. This is an important cause. So get active, sign up for a shift, be involved, be a true Knight. Ask your wife, family and friends to volunteer their time. Help us to raise over \$400,000.00 again. It is for the kids, after all. It is about charity.

Please contact your District Deputy or the State Office if you have not received your Per Capita bill, Tootsie Rolls or the Raffle Tickets.

If we all take our jobs as leaders in the Knights of Columbus just a little bit serious when it comes to the finances of our Council, then we will succeed.

There is plenty of time to enjoy ourselves as we serve others through our programs.

Remember to close your meetings by asking, "Where and when is our next Membership Drive?" Then volunteer to help.

With that I wish you all a Star Council Year from both Margaret and myself.

Faternally,
Peter K. Healy

Prospect Lists and Council Brag Sheets can be The Key To Meeting our Recruitment Goals

Paul O'Sullivan, State, Membership Director

There is a saying that if you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there. Unfortunately that is often true when it comes to recruiting because we often approach our council recruiting without direction. In our BLITZ and Church Drives, we cast a wide net hoping to attract interested Catholic men, while ignoring those friends and relatives that are most likely to join our council with some encouragement from us. We also usually do a fine job promoting the Knights of Columbus; while we fall short when it comes to promoting our own council.

As recruiters, we need to convince our prospects that he should join our council group. Let's face it; the man, who joins our order during a Church drive, would likely have joined sooner or later anyway. A well structured prospect list helps the council reach out to those men, who are "too busy" to join. A well crafted Brag Sheet or Council Brochure will help convince him

why he should make time in his schedule to join us.

Each council should construct a list of at least twenty prospects. The Supreme Membership Recruitment Guide (#2769) offers many suggestions of whom we should include on the list. Fathers, sons, nephews, cousins and in-laws should find their way to the list. Our pastors may suggest parishioners, who are looking for parish community involvement. And don't forget to add former members to the list. Your area Regional Membership Chairman can secure, upon request, a list of former members in your council's zip code. Look especially for former members who are suspended from remote and out of state councils, as well as those former members of your council that may be ready to reactivate.

Each Council Officer, Chairman and Past Grand Knight should contribute at least one, probably two names. The list should be read at the council meeting and additional

names should be solicited from the membership. Then no fewer than three members should be assigned to recruit the prospect. Remember again, we are asking the prospect to join our group. It makes sense for several members of the group to ask him to join. Seek out your prospects at the Church Drives and personally invite them to the Council's Open House. Again, Supreme provides professional invitations at no cost to the council.

Recruiters should stress the benefits of the order, as well as the activities and projects that the council will be involved in over the coming months and why the council believes the prospect might be interested and helpful. That is where the Council Brag Sheet comes in. The Brag Sheet can be as simple as a list of the upcoming projects. But today, every council has several computer savvy members, capable of putting together a professional looking council brochure. The Supreme Council puts out an

excellent flyer on How to Design Your Council's Brochure (# 4125).

The Prospect List and the Council Brochure are two tools that can help focus our recruiting efforts. They help us plan, so we always know where we are going. If we use them properly they will keep us on the right roads to get us there.

State Chaplain's Message

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and blessed task and may our saintly founder, the Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael McGivney, intercede for us as we seek to advance the noble task he so prophetically and wholeheartedly began.

Vivat Jesus.

Most Reverend Daniel P. Reilly
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From the State Warden

Russell Steinbach

My Brothers, the past 2 years now seem to have just flown by, culminating with my election to the State Board. Donna and I feel we have truly been blessed by all the love and support that was shown towards us. I would just like to thank the District Deputy Class of 2004, the Dorchester Councils and all of our friends. I will try my best not to let anyone down. But it takes more than one person to make significant changes. That is why I'll be looking forward to everyone's help in the coming year.

Now that summer is over we are about to begin a very busy time to be a Knight. All the councils with their newly elected officers should be planning their installations and planning out the upcoming year. What better way to promote the order than by getting every member involved in some activity. Soccer Challenge, Basketball Free Throw, and our upcoming Tootsie Roll Drive are few to start. We have some upcoming social events which hopefully will bring the families together for some enjoyable times. The Knights of Columbus has something for everyone I urge the Grand



Knights to really work with their councils to build a great year.

Now with all we have going on and summer sleep behind us please start recruiting. Membership once again is our biggest concern. Growing the order has got to be the number one goal of every Knight in Massachusetts. I know if we all work together we can help to make this year the breakout year for Massachusetts. Planning as always is the key to success. Having a high profile in our churches and in the community along with active program schedule is just what we need.

So off we go to our new year, this like many of the past years seem to be the one that puts us back to the top. Do we answer the call or let another year slip away with "would' a shoulda of." I know I'll be working with my district's to help attain their goals, as will all the good Knights across this great State of Massachusetts. Good luck to all and as I have always said if there is any way I can assist please feel free to contact me.

Vivat Jesus
Russell Steinbach
State Warden

Program Notes

FDD Kent Shorette, FDD, State Program Director

City is a charming place to visit. We all had an opportunity to meet people from all over the world. The entire Massachusetts Delegation had a wonderful time.

My first Program Meeting was held on August 11th at the State Office and most of the Directors and Chairman on the five Programs, Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth were in attendance.

My objective for the coming year is to work with the Chairman of these Programs, as they in turn help their District Deputies and Grand Knights to make these five

Programs a huge success. Working together side by side with all the Councils in the Massachusetts jurisdiction and the success of our Programs is the best way for the K of C to become recognized throughout the State, and this will increase our membership.

I am looking forward to working with the State Officers', my Committee Chairman and all my Brother Knights involved on these committees. I know this will be the best year ever for our Programs.

Vivat Jesus,
Kent Shorette, F.D.D.
State Program Director

Message from the State Secretary

Michael Baldner

Brothers:

Although our being a knight is always a part of who we are, as summer ends those thoughts and feelings which may have been put on hold during the summer because of our desire to find ways to relax and be with the family, as those lazy days end the time has come to further your Council's goals and accom-

plishments. Your Grand Knight hopefully with the chair officers and membership and program directors has planned an exciting and rewarding group of programs for the year.

I was privileged this summer during August to represent our fellow knights in Quebec City as a Supreme delegate. During those sessions I was able to hear the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson speak of our individual responsibilities as a knight. For a number of years he has indicated that each knight has a responsibility to give fellow Catholics the privilege of becoming a Knight. As a fellow knight that new member will join us in helping to create a culture of life as opposed to a culture of death. The Supreme Knight has further defined our goal to be "Building a Civilization of Love through Charity, Unity and Fraternity". He spoke about the current buzzword of "change". However one of his definitions of change relates to the necessity of transforming our politics. He indicated that although we are a non-partisan organization and as an organization we do not endorse candidates to public office, we do take strong interest in certain critical issues that affect our most fundamental values as Catholic Christians and as citizens. One of which has caused significant damage to society is the taking of human life through abortion. The Supreme Knight has again indicated that by following the Bishop's teachings, this time "Faithful Citizenships", we are taught that our moral convictions are more important than our attachment to a particular party and our desire to vote for a politician should not be swayed by an attempt to jus-

tify that politicians support for abortion versus his so called support of other issues that are catholic or are appealing to our view of society. This is one of many references to change that the Supreme Knight decided to address.

I must admit that in the above writing I have freely used words, phrases and sentences from the Supreme Knight's speech during the convention. His words are moving and thoughtful and I have little ability to paraphrase his thoughts in any way to justify his eloquence and inspiration. For a proper perspective of how he speaks of us, as Knights, "Building a Civilization of Love through Charity, Unity and Fraternity", I urge you to go on the Supreme Web Site and click on the section concerning the convention and his speech.

My purpose here is that, I believe, that the Knights of Columbus at the Supreme level is making a fundamental change and is proposing that the State level, council level and individual Knight will join the Supreme Knight and the Supreme Council in following this development of "Building a Civilization of Love through Charity, Unity and Fraternity".

As a former membership director I can not end without asking each and everyone of you to ask someone to join us and assist us in making the K of C an integral part of a local parish and the community.

Vivat Jesus.
Michael Baldner
State Secretary.



Congratulations to the following Councils which made or exceeded their Membership Quota for 2007-2008

88 Alhambra	1562 Uxbridge	11379 Charlton
98 Mt. Pleasant	1701 Clinton	12182 Lady of Guadalupe
100 Whip City	2476 Provincetown	12291 St. Miguel Peabody
117 Redberry	2706 Holy Cross	12710 Bishop Flanagan
121 Brighton	3384 St. Joan D' Arc	12897 St. Michael's Mendon
133 Lt. Galvin	3716 Scituate	13043 Santo Tomas Springfield
155 Watertown,	3745 Lynnfield	13575 Mt. Carmel
165 Rockland	4306 Holy Trinity	13637 Auburn
199 Southbridge	5004 Groveland	13966 Immaculate Conception
228 Webster	5037 St. Bertoni	14091 St. Francis
396 Gardner	5585 JFK Agawam	14188 Harvard University
420 Mansfield	5724 Northboro	14224 St. Mary Holliston
1031 Reading	7673 Stonehill College	14236 Dartmouth
1182 Athol	10877 Andover	14298 St. Mary's Holden
1190 Plymouth	11020 Millville	



Massachusetts Delegation at Boston Catholic TV booth at Supreme Convention with Cardinal, Bishops, Priests, State Board and Delegates and families.

Supreme Convention Quebec



Delegates to the Supreme Convention with Cardinal Sean O'Malley



State Deputy Bill Donovan meets the Mounties!!

State Installation



*Installation of Officers
Blessed Sacrament Church, Walpole*

(Left) State Warden Russell Steinbach, Donna Steinbach, State Treasurer Peter Healy, Margaret Healy, State Deputy William Donovan, Annmarie Donovan, State Chaplain Bishop Daniel Reilly, Kathleen Baldner, State Secretary Michael Baldner, Patricia McGinn, State Advocate Thomas McGinn, Immediate Past State Deputy Vincent Rumasuglia, Renie Rumasuglia (Right)



State Deputy Billy Donovan, Annmarie Donovan, and State Chaplain Daniel Reilly greeting guests after the Installation of Officers



Jewelling of District Deputies by State Officers

Charity Ball

Thanks to all those Councils with the members and family who worked so hard on the 2008 Charity Fund Drive over the last few weeks and months. The culmination of the Drive was the 4th Annual Charity Ball and Auction last Saturday Night with close to 300 people enjoying the evening with much money raised for our charities.

Presented was over \$135,000 from local councils and we are receiving checks daily. Please get your checks from your councils and the paperwork in to the State Office ASAP so that we can continue with our Charity Grants.

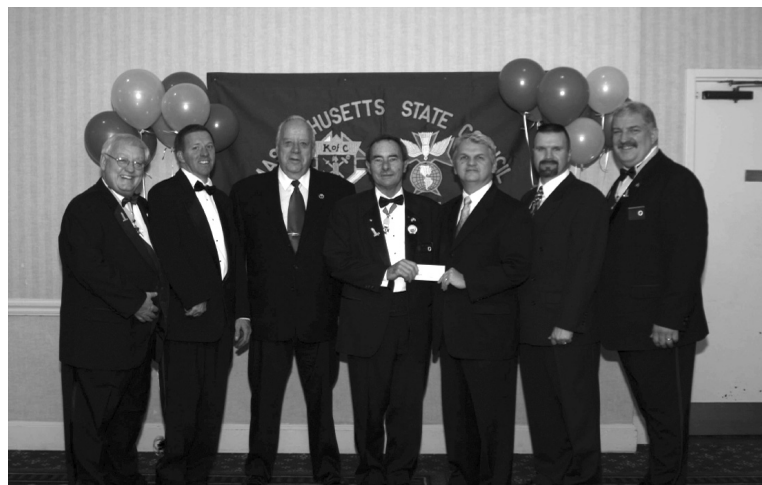
We will be sending out updates to let the membership know of the Councils collecting the most at their Drive. If you have collected more than the above councils, let us know and we will update this list.

Again, thanks to the council members and family and also to our Charity Ball Committee who did another spectacular job.

Bill Donovan
State Deputy



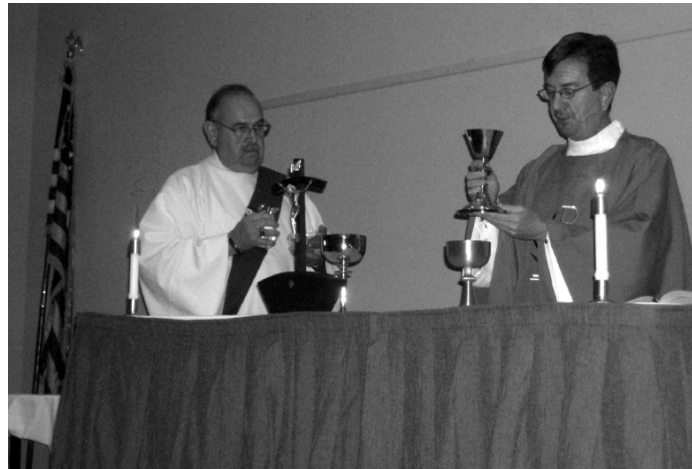
Bishop Ruocco Council presents check in the amount of \$15,135.90 to State Deputy Bill Donovan and Associate State Chaplain Thomas Rafferty.



Dorchester Council #107 presents check to State Deputy Bill Donovan



Top Ten Councils present at the Charity Ball



Associate State Chaplain Thomas Rafferty and Deacon Joe Baniukiewicz celebrate Mass prior to the Charity Ball.



State Deputy Bill Donovan & Fr. Thomas Rafferty in attendance to accept Charity Fund checks.

WOMEN

Paul R. Devin

The following contains the opinions of the speaker and not necessarily the opinions of the Supreme Knight or the Knights of Columbus

There is a widespread view among both Catholics and non-Catholics that women in general are viewed by the Church as second-class citizens. Critics would cite as evidence the fact that women are not allowed to be ordained priests or deacons. More immediately, they report personal experiences of women at the hands of clergy, even hierarchy, which caused them to feel underappreciated, if not abused by the “Church,” or at least by some of the clergy.

I cannot confirm, deny or even comment on some women’s personal experiences except to say many of these women remain dedicated to the Church, but still insist they have experienced things that cause them to feel undervalued. I would suggest that, as Church, each of us needs to be attentive to the way our behavior and our attitudes impact our fellow Catholics – male and female. One does not become a “better” Catholic because of one’s gender or status.

What I can respond to is the suggestion that the Church’s position on ordination of women, based as it is on the tradition established by Christ when He chose only men as His apostles and their selection of men as their successors, reflects a fundamental bias against women. However, in 1988, Pope John Paul II put to rest this argument in his apostolic letter *Mulieris Dignitatem*. There he made it absolutely clear and unmistakable that the Church views men and women as absolutely equal. Each was created for his or her own sake by God and each has a human nature which participates in the life of God. Our late Holy Father developed the relationship of women to the central story of human history – the Redemption – not just through the major, even essential role of Mary, the Mother of God, but of many women whose stories we read in both the old and new testaments.

One has to be especially impressed by the way Jesus dealt with women – not just

holy women, but women of all stripes. Prostitutes, poor women, those begging for His help, mothers, single women – indeed the entire spectrum of women He met in His travels. Jesus’ involvement with women was not especially well regarded by the religious and political figures of His day. Talking with women, treating them with dignity and respect especially in public and even more especially on the Sabbath exposed Jesus to political and religious risks. He did it anyway.

Since the Church was founded, women have been held up as role models, not simply for other women, but for all of us. From the time of Christ, with the Blessed Mother, with Mary Magdalen, Mary and Martha, then through the ages with St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, to Joan of Arc, Rose of Lima, Elizabeth Ann Seton and Mary Ward, women have served as models of Christian virtue. The list could go on much longer adding e.g., St. Catherine of Siena and St. Teresa of Avila. Many others are mentioned in the Canon of daily Mass – Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecelia, and Anastasia.

The point is the Church, following the example of Jesus, has not relegated women to second class status, but has from its beginning and continues to honor and respect the dignity of women as equal participants with men in their human nature.

The apostolic letter of Pope John Paul II is a summary of many of his reflections on the subject of women – many of which demonstrate a profound regard for women that would surprise one whose only source of knowledge on the subject is the public media.

I want to move on from the official view of women by the Church to the current role and treatment of women in society.

Over the past forty years, certainly since the publication in 1963 of Betty Friedan’s *The Feminine Mystique*, there has been an evolution, even a revolution, in the role of women. Women, however, remain the center of family life, the primary caretakers and educators of children, the supporters and companions of their husbands,

the ones responsible for the care of elderly parents and relatives, and fulfill many other traditional roles.

While they have long been expected to fulfill these traditional roles and the attendant responsibilities, women were now being asked, no – being told – that their roles included so much more than that. To use the phrase of the day – they could have it all and must have it all or be a failure. No longer was it enough for a woman to be the center of her family’s life and her community’s life, she now must be part of the “real world.” She must include a career as part of her responsibilities. She must be a breadwinner for her family and herself and must develop all her skills, not just those that enhance her husband and her family and her church and her community.

She was, of course, not entitled to give up her prior responsibilities, but was required to add these new obligations to the already exhausting burden of her prior duties.

Society, which included the electronic media, women’s groups, magazines aimed at women, books, academic studies and women’s contemporaries reinforced and shaped these attitudes. A woman was expected to become educated, to enter the job market, to compete for promotions and to do all of this as well as maintain all of her other responsibilities.

No one told women it was impossible. Examples of “successful” women who were or appeared to be able to do both simultaneously were held up as the norm without any critical examination of their real success or their resources. The unexpressed point was – they can do it, so can you – so must you.

While all of this so-called empowerment was taking place, something quite different was also occurring. Some referred to it as the “sexual revolution,” but it was a development that basically said sex and marriage were not related, women have as much right to sexual pleasure as men, women have as much right to sexual diversity of partners as men have had, and sexual relations and childbearing should be considered separate.

In addition, women were told and continue to be told that they must remain physically attractive, thin, clear-skinned, youthful, and sexually imaginative to their husbands and/or boyfriends. They must do whatever it takes – diet, exercise, makeup, hair coloring, plastic surgery, to offset the normal effects of aging, etc., etc., etc. Perhaps our mothers were not confronted with these demands, but our wives, our daughters and our granddaughters have been or will be. It seems inadequate and almost superficial to say it is not fair to women, but I will say it nonetheless. It is not fair.

Certainly, it is not fair that in the 21st century, we continue to objectify women. We do this in so many ways, but often we men look upon women in general as creatures designed solely for our comfort and pleasure. As Knights of Columbus, we cannot change society’s view overnight, but what we can do is to resolve in our own lives to resist this view of women. We must respect the dignity of every woman, recognizing that men and women are different, that each has a special and irreplaceable role in society but that women are equal **partners** in our lives’ journeys and not merely sources of our comfort and pleasure.

As men, we must resist the temptation to tolerate pornography, whether “adult” or “child” and the perverse treatment of women as sexual objects to be stared at, whistled at, admired primarily for their physical attributes and scorned if they fail to measure up to the current ideal size or shape. We should not continue to tolerate unflattering references to women in private or public conversation, whether black or white, because to remain silent in the face of those kinds of remarks, even by famous “artists” makes us collaborators and encourages more of the same. We must have the courage to confront this attitude and make it clear that we categorically reject it.

Identifying the proper role for women after forty plus years of cultural input, mass communication, education and training, is a much more complicated challenge. We cannot say for

certain that all of these changes in the roles of women are for the better. Certainly, more women are in the workforce, more are in colleges and universities where they have expanded their intellectual horizons, more are the major family breadwinners than ever before. But, simultaneously, more children are born out of wedlock, more women have abortions than they did forty years ago, more families are headed by single women and more families, headed by a single female parent, are living in poverty than ever before, or even more than contemporary two parent families are. The cause of these circumstances cannot be attributed solely to the so-called feminist revolution, but that development has not prevented these things from occurring.

What is clear though is that many women are unhappy, frustrated or despondent, because they believe they are failing at something or at everything. The demands of family, children’s schooling, sickness, spousal relations and aging parents’ needs – are adversely impacting their chances for success at the workplace, and elsewhere. To the exhortation that they should simply do more, try harder, put in more time at home or the office, sacrifice a little more, “leave it all on the field,” their only response is that they can’t. And it is true.

Why then do they even try? First, they are told they can. Second, they are told they must. Third, they are told they **should** because this is the way to have it all and live the good life. No one is saying to women “you have been sold a bill of goods. Cut back, focus on what you can and must do, for yourself and for your family. If this requires deferring a new car, a large home, an expensive vacation, so be it. No one can have it all simultaneously – no man – no woman.”

At the same time, we, as men, especially as Knights of Columbus, must recognize that there is no “one size fits all” solution to this problem. Many women find themselves having to work or needing to work. The response **needed** from men – husband, father, boyfriend – is to find ways to sup-

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port them. We no longer can assume that cooking, shopping, housekeeping and childcare are solely the responsibilities of working women. These responsibilities must be shared and, by that, I do not mean men must help out on occasion. I mean, men must take over the primary responsibility for some or all of these roles.

To be sure, working or not working outside the home is not an easy choice for educated women who have deferred marriage and childbearing to complete their education. They worry about losing their place on the corporate ladder, paying off education loans, and they worry about the biological clock ticking. They worry about keeping up with the Joneses, appearing to be a failure to their peers and if they attempt to have it all, they worry about “quality time” or no time at all for their families.

These are real concerns and as a society we have done little to help women. We have not taken their concerns seriously and given priority to addressing their needs. For example, is it necessary for educated women to lose their place on the corporate ladder forever because they chose to have a family? Can society not address this issue through aggressive programs of part-time work, continuing education, at-home work, flex hours, job sharing, day care programs that are cost effective and safe, or through other programs that those more expert than I could propose? It is foolish to say such an effort would be ineffective or a waste of money.

Women’s most serious issues today range from balancing home/work concerns to physical safety to being respected as women. These concerns must be taken seriously by all of us and not left solely to the women affected to work it out. The physical safety of women, for example, is everyone’s concern, yet we design our cities where 115,000,000 women live, and our malls where the majority of shoppers are women, without giving their safety the priority in the design and implementation phases it deserves.

Finally, let me address one of the most divisive issues of the day and one that affects women in a unique and personal way and that is abortion.

Books have been written on this subject; dozens of legal

opinions have been written; states have passed numerous statutes attempting to restrict abortions or to regulate them in some way or other. I will not even try to summarize it all here – even if I felt competent to try – which I don’t. I will say this: The lot of women has not been improved by abortion. Indeed, society has not benefitted by the legalization of abortion.

Since the 1973 decision of *Roe v. Wade* there have been more broken marriages, more cohabitating, more children living in poverty, more women living in poverty, and more children born outside of wedlock than ever before. These are the conditions the advocates for the legalization of abortion argued would be improved if abortion were made legal. The back alley abortion – using the dreaded coat hanger which allegedly resulted in 10,000 deaths a year, was pure fiction. It was argued that out of wedlock births were to be reduced. **It did not happen.** Women who were pregnant would be able to end the pregnancy easily and without consequences. **It did not happen.** Divorces previously caused by the strain of too many children would go down. **It did not happen.**

Instead, most of the evils which were said to result from the lack of legal access to abortions worsened after abortion was made legal. The original rationale of the Court, dividing the gestation period into three trimesters and limiting the state’s interest in preserving the baby to the latter two trimesters, has been replaced by the notion that abortion should/must be available at any time. Proposed legislation currently being considered in New York State would lessen protection for women while insuring that no limitations on abortion, however reasonable, prudent, or popular, would be allowed.

But my point here is not that abortion is bad because a baby’s life is destroyed – though I certainly believe that. It is not even that the effect of the abortion jurisprudence has corrupted the legal relationships between a husband and wife (notice to the husband not required), doctor and patient (he must provide her with abortion advice, and a hospital with abortion services, but may not be required to advise her of the potential consequences – bleeding, death, breast cancer, depression, even suicide), phar-

macist and customer (he/she must dispense abortifacient drugs, even if it violates his/her religious or conscientious beliefs), parent and child (notice to the parent of the pregnancy of and abortion to a minor child not required), though I firmly believe that jurisprudence has been so corrupted.

Rather, I believe abortion has been a disservice to women in large measure because it has deprived women of the information all people need and deserve when facing a serious medical procedure. Most women today do not obtain abortions from their personal physicians as *Roe v. Wade* assumed would be the case. The persons advising the woman or the girl regarding the abortion and certainly the physician performing the abortion is usually a stranger with little or no familiarity with or background knowledge of his or her “patient.” By depriving women of the same level of information about the procedure (including the potential consequences) they would be entitled to receive, if they were being prescribed an antihistamine or penicillin, for example, the woman is simply treated as a passive pawn in the political battle between those who see abortion as an empowering tool for women and those who see abortion as tantamount to murder. Women deserve much more. Here again our society has chosen abortion to deal with social, family, employment and medical issues that could be addressed in many other more effective and less divisive ways and it ignores or hides the awful risks of abortion, including bleeding, breast cancer, depression, death or suicide. Society simply needs the will to address these issues and, when it does, the lot of women in our society will be improved.

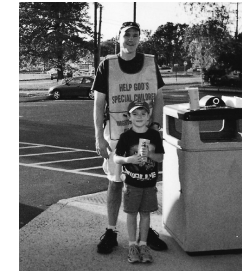
In a study of women who have had abortions, one woman had this to say: “Before I had my abortion, which my family urged me to have, if just one friend had supported me, one friend had said ‘have the baby and I will help you,’ I would not have had the abortion.” That woman did not have that friend.

So, let me say this today. You, as a Knight of Columbus are, and must continue to be, that friend. The Knights of Columbus has opposed abortion for thirty-five years and will continue to do so for as

long as abortion is legal. The Knights of Columbus must support women in their decision to have their child, women who

believe that the right to life is the indispensable right for all human beings.
Vivat Jesus!

Thank You To Council, Assemblies, Members and Families Who Made This Year’s Tootsie Roll Drive Successful!



Thanksgiving Prayer

We are thankful, God, this Thanksgiving Day
For all the blessings sent our way
We pray for every family large or small
We ask Thee to care for them all.

For all our loved ones far away
Dear God, keep them safe we pray
May they know they are not forgotten
On this Thanksgiving Day.

We give thanks for the miracle we receive
Forgive us for being so blind we do not see
Give us a new awareness of everything
And for the joy to our life that you bring.

Dear God, we are thankful to you
For the many things that you do
We ask for Thy guidance along our way
As we pray this Thanksgiving Day.

Happy Thanksgiving
The Members of the State Board
State Deputy William & Annmarie Donovan
State Chaplain Daniel P. Riley
Associate State Chaplain Rev Thomas Rafferty
State Secretary Michael & Kathleen Baldner
State Treasurer Peter & Margaret Healy
State Advocate Thomas & Patricia McGinn
State Warden Russell & Donna Steinbach
Immediate Past State Deputy Vincent & Renie Rumasuglia

Message from State Advocate Thomas McGinn

All I can say is Thank You for all the thoughts and Prayers you sent.

This is the start of a new leadership, under Billy we hope that the state will go forward to achieve the goals that supreme sets for us. We must work together to get new members and new councils. It's not easy to do all that is asked of us, but helping each other with ideas and hard work, I feel that it can be done.

Look around your district at the churches and its people see what is needed, that's a beginning. Ask the Priests what the Knights can do in his Parish the biggest thing is to get involved. People are funny they want to help just look around, but they need direction, be that director, be that friend, be that leader. It sounds like big job, well it is !!



We are Knights- a special breed of Catholics, the ones that see a problem and do something about it, "A band of brothers" that work together, we must get more Catholics involved, remember many hands make the work lighter.

As you know, I'm now the Advocate for the State of Massachusetts. If you are having a problem or something comes up that you don't know what to do, do not hesitate to call me. I will be at your call if I don't know what you should do I will get the correct information to help you. May we look forward to a good year, with God's help it will be so.

Fraternally yours,
Thomas McGinn
State Advocate



A Message from the Master of the Fourth Degree Bishop James A. Healy Province

– Save the Dates –

Fourth Degree Exemplifications 2008-2009

January 24, 2009 – Fairview Council, Chicopee
Former Master Anthony V. Manzelli, Honoree

May 30, 2009 – Crowne Plaza, Worcester
Former State Chaplain Joseph Baggetta
Honoree

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2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
2009		
January 3, 4	Midwinter Leadership Conference – Crowne Plaza	Worcester
January 7	Charity Fund Diocesan Representatives Meeting	Norwood
January 8	State Officers Meeting	Norwood
January 24	Exemplification of Fourth Degree (Honoree Former Master Anthony Manzelli)	Fairview, Chicopee
February 4	Charity Fund Diocesan Representatives Meeting	Norwood
February 12	State Officers Meeting	Norwood
February 28	Southern Region Free Throw @ Carver HS	Carver
March 4	Charity Fund Diocesan Representatives Meeting	Norwood
March 7	Central Region Free Throw @ St Louis School	Webster
March 12	State Officer Meeting	Norwood
March 14	Western Region Throw @ Elms College	Chicopee
March 21	Springfield Men's Conference - Cathedral HS	Springfield
March 21	Northern Region Free Throw @ Coolidge School	Reading
March 25	Pro-Life MASS @ St Julie Billart	No Dartmouth
March 28	Worcester Men's Conference -DCU Center	Worcester
March 28	Boston Region Free Throw @ Xaverian Bros. HS	Westwood
April 1	Charity Fund Diocesan Representatives Meeting	Norwood
April 9	State Officers Meeting	Norwood
April 10	Good Friday	
April 12	Easter Sunday	
April 4	State Cribbage Tournament 9:30 a.m.	Wilmington
April 4	State Free Throw Championship @ Holy Cross	Worcester
April 20	The Lantern Award – Bish Family	TBD
May 1-3	State Convention Weekend @ Burlington Marriott	Burlington
May 6	Charity Fund Diocesan Representatives Meeting	Norwood
May 9	LaSalette Annual Living Rosary @ 2:00 p.m.	Attleboro
May 14	State Officers Meeting	Norwood
May 17	State Golf Tournament @ 12:30 PM Shotgun	Chicopee Country Club
May 30	Exemplification of Fourth Degree (Honoree Fr Joseph Baggetta)	Worcester
June 3	Charity Fund Diocesan Representatives Meeting	Norwood
June 11	State Officers Meeting	Norwood
June TBD	Annual PSO Dinner & GK / DD Conference	TBD



Knights in Action

Northborough Knights of Columbus Aid Flooded Council in Vinton, Iowa

St. Augustine Council #5724 of Northborough, Massachusetts recently sent a cash donation to Marion Council #3893 in Vinton, Iowa to assist brother knights in the huge effort facing them in the clean-up and repair of their facility to resume normal operation. Like the thousands of K of C Councils throughout the country, the Vinton council is engaged in supporting charitable works within the local community. The Northborough K of C is assisting them in their effort to return to normalcy in the face of the disastrous floods that have spread through the Midwest.

The council to council connection comes from a personal friendship between Joseph McNamara, Grand Knight of the Northborough K of C and Paul Coyle, a former Massachusetts resident and Past Grand Knight of the Vinton council. Coyle and McNamara see each other once a year at a function in Boston and this year this council to council support program was developed.

According to Coyle, Vinton is a flooded area with electrical plants under 6 feet of water and they have been without electricity for a couple of weeks. The Public Works Department recently installed a large portable generator that supplies a small part of Vinton with power. The plan is to move the generator periodically to give all residents some power for a short period of time. Full power is not anticipated for at least another week as the flood waters begin to recede. Marion Council #3893 is also under 6 feet of water at this time and it has been unable to function in its usual support of the community. Plus the extraordinary cost to support the clean-up has members wondering how and if ever, they can return to normalcy. McNamara said that K of C councils have a way of supporting each other and mentioned the huge flow of dollars from the Massachusetts area into the south following the damage caused by hurricane Katrina.



New World for Travel for Local Boy

Benjamin Noble, age 8, recently received a Duct "Go-Anywhere" Wheelchair Bicycle Tandem. Noble has cerebral palsy and the new wheelchair bicycle will open a new world of travel that has already put a smile on his face. The unique item was design by Frank Mobility System of Oakdale, PA and is distributed locally by Bouvier Pharmacy. The purchase was funded by the Marlborough Knights of Columbus. A special Knights charity fund provides money to help physically handicapped children under the age of 20.



State Deputy Billy Donovan 5/2/2008 presenting a \$48,300 check to Veryl Anderson Exec. Dir. Of Andover's Professional Center for Child Development the weekend of the State Convention. Also Pictured are GK Jack DeCourcy and PGK Chuck Lane of Andover #1078.

The presentation took place at the Andover Country Club and was a highlight of PCCD's 35th Anniversary Gala. As part of the ongoing relationship between the Andover K of C # 1078, a dozen items were contributed by the council towards PCCD's silent auction. The Professional Center is located at the former#1078 council home, which PCCD acquired when the Andover Council transitioned to our current building.

Both the council and Professional Center for Child Development and grateful for the support of the K of C State Board and particularly to then State Secretary Billy Donovan for his advice and driving to Andover twice from Walpole to help, and for the leadership and support of outgoing Immediate Past State Deputy Vinny Rumasuglia.



Presentation was made by COA Director to Dracut Council #42225 for Donation of new stove for the COA Kitchen.

**If you would like to see
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Family of the Month Program

**Herman Millet, DD
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September 1, 2008

Worthy Grand Knights and District Deputies,

As we begin this new fraternal year, I would like to call upon all Grand Knights to give serious consideration to making the Family of the Month /Quarter a program in your Council this year. Throughout all of the Dioceses of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts we will be hearing and learning about the importance of the Sacrament of Matrimony and the Family. This program is an excellent way to demonstrate the commitment to celebrating the family by each Council.

Supreme has sponsored the "Family of the Month" program as a way for all councils to provide local recognition of families in your councils and also to be recognized by the Supreme Council.

Every month Supreme randomly selects names of families from those submitted to receive a statue of the Holy Family. This is to help to remind us that the model for the family that we celebrate is Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

I call upon all District Deputies and Grand Knights to make an extra effort as we begin the 2008/2009 fraternal year to increase your participation in this program. To any council that has participated we offer our thanks and ask you to continue to select families in your council.

If you have any questions or would like help you can contact me or any member of our Committee. Also as a reminder you can submit the council selection on line or on the forms in the Family of the Month booklet. Please send the original to Supreme and send a copy to your District Deputy, as well as a copy to myself at 205 Ruggles Street, Westborough, MA 01582 or use my email address if you submit electronically and use this as the MA State address at hjmillet@verizon.net and as always keep a copy for your council records.

The members of the Family of the Month / Quarter Committee are;
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Fraternally yours,
Herman Millet, DD

1st Annual Family Safety Day

The 1st Annual Kathy Picard Family Safety Day was held on Sunday October 5, 2008 from 10am to 2pm and was hosted by the Fairview Knights of Columbus Council #4044. Over 200 children as well as 600 parents were in attendance for this informative and fun-filled day. This event was inspired by Kathy Picard, a child abuse victim now child advocate to bring attention to various safety programs to help children and their parents in the local community. In attendance were many volunteers including members of Fairview Council #4044 and the Clown Unit for providing hours of entertainment. The Hampden County

Sheriff's Dept. provided retina scans of the children, Chicopee Police Dept. handed out free bicycle helmets, as well as many other give-aways provided by various local businesses. Everything from martial arts demonstrations, child safety seat inspections, fire prevention by the Chicopee Fire Dept. and finger printing were all available at no cost to families. We thank all of the organizations for taking part in this event and putting children first. We hope to see everyone again next year for an even bigger and better Family Safety Day!

Matthew D. Sabat
Past Grand Knight
Fairview Council #4044

Thank You!

Immediate Past State Deputy Vincent M. Rumasuglia

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies;

I cannot believe that my time as your State Deputy has come to a close. I want to say to each and every one of you that it has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your State Deputy.

My wife Renie and I will cherish the many memories that we have shared with you and will always hold them close to our hearts. You the Knights of Columbus will always remain a part of our extended family. We have formed such wonderful friendships through the years and know that these friendships will truly last us a lifetime. Many of you have touched our lives in so many different ways. You have welcomed us into your lives as we have you. You have always brightened our world with your thoughtfulness.

To the Membership, you're Ladies and your families we wish to say thank you for always making our family feel ever so special and very important. The respect and kindness shown to both



Renie and I as we visited your Councils throughout the State and attended so many of your functions will be remembered always.

I do hope that for all we had tried to accomplish these past two years that you were pleased with the outcome.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to our friends from Supreme, Joe Pietruszynski our Regional Program Consultant; Georges Haddad Senior Fraternal Consultant; and Al Cala Director of Hispanic Growth for all the help they had given to Massachusetts these last 2 years.

Thank you once again for coming along on this Our Journey of a Lifetime!

My wife Renie and I along with our daughters Marissa and Courtney have always felt that it was a privilege to represent our State of Massachusetts and we hope that we did it well.

Vivat Jesus,
Vincent Rumasuglia
Immediate Past State Deputy

Start a Circle

Ronald Ryel, FDD

We live in an interesting time. Yesterday we had, for the very first time, a man of African descent accept his party's nomination for President of the United States. Today, we had the first woman named as a Vice Presidential candidate for the Republican Party. One thing is clear; things have changed drastically in our lifetime.

One of the things that has not changed is that young people need to have good examples of men to help them grow to be responsible members of their generation's society. Another thing that has not changed is that the title of Knight has always been associated with a person of honor who does what others will not because it is the right thing to do.

When I was a young man of 12 years old, I was asked to join a Squires Circle that was being formed in the Ware Knights Council. I was interested in the Squires program because I saw the dedication that my grandfather, Lionel Guimond, PGK, had to the Order. The gentleman who was to organize our circle was Mr. John Daly. To this day, I can recall my time as a member of St. Thomas Circle.

When I turned 18, I could not wait to take my first degree. I am pleased to have been able to take my first, second,

third, and fourth degree as a member of the Ware Council #183. In the nearly thirty years that I have been associated with the Knights I have served as Chief Squire, Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, and District Deputy. I have been honored to have served in each of these positions, but having been asked to serve my fellow brothers as the chairman of the Squires program for our state is an honor that I never thought I would have.

I have shared my journey with you in this, my first article, in an effort to show you what can happen when you have a Circle in your Council.

I largely see my role as the Chairman as a resource to you, my brothers.

I firmly believe that the Squires program is one that is truly worth our support and can aid the young men, our Councils and the community if we give it our full effort.

Please take some time over the next few days to prayerfully consider if you can re-energize the Circle that may already be in your Council.

If you don't have a Circle, please know that I and many others within our state are completely dedicated to assisting you in establishing one.

Who knows, maybe thirty years from now, someone will be sharing with their brothers how you changed their life.

“THE PARISH ROUND TABLE”

Jim McVey, FDD, State Round Table Chairman

Bishop Daily stated at the 124th Supreme Convention that more and more councils are being formed in parishes, and where there are not enough men yet for a council, we have the Parish Round Table Program. We Knights have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer every eligible Catholic man the opportunity and the privilege of membership in our order. Presence is the key word in establishing a New Council or the Parish Round Table, as both have increased membership in mind. Two goals are fulfilled in that tremendous man power is made available in helping the pastor achieve his plans and goals and increased membership on the Council level. The concept has been designed to help foster continued close ties between parishes, military chapels, shrines and councils throughout all jurisdictions and especially our own jurisdiction in Massachusetts. During fraternal year 2007-2008 we have established and have on hand 132 Round Tables. Through this we are showing and living our service is one of the most dynamic qualities of being a Knight, which is our involvement with and commitment to Church, Community, Council, Family

and Youth. Our Military Round Tables throughout the country assist the Chaplains in their needs to administer to our troops whether they are stationed at home or abroad. We are also working with priest assigned to Chapels in which a Council through the Round Table can help them maintain that ministry. Example is the Cardinal Cushing Training Center located in Hanover. In conclusion please contact the State Board Office at 1-781-551-0628 or e-mail - mas-tatekofc@verizon.net.

If you see a need for a Parish Round Table in your community. Keep in mind a Parish Round Table's main purpose is to help the parish priest and chaplain however necessary and provide the manpower necessary to help parishes achieve their goals. It is a unique and effective support structure with in the parish. Vivat Jesus! have a great fraternal year!

Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they somehow will,
When the road you're trudging is all uphill,
When the funds are low, and the debt is high
And you want to smile, but have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is strange with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won, had he stuck it out,
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you can never tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the fight when you hardest hit,
It's when things seem worst,
That you must not quit.

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