

# Baystate Knightline

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## From the State Deputy

Worthy Brother Knights:

First I would like to thank everyone that came to the State Convention and took an active part in the meeting. Starting from the Friday night reception to the Sunday award presentations everyone had a great time. I would like to thank and congratulate everyone that received an award. Our Family of the Year was Antonio and Martha Ledesma from Fitchburg. They are a great example of what we should strive towards.

This year so far we have 31 councils that have met their membership quotas, 25 councils have met their insurance quotas and 19 councils that can be Star Councils as long as all their paper work is filed. There is still time for other councils to meet their quotas and be a Star Council. If you are not sure if you qualify please talk to your DD or call the state office (781-551-0628).

Unfortunately our membership started off a little rocky in the months of July, August and

September. We only recruited 150 members and we suspended over 600 members. From October to May we recruited over 1000 members and we suspended another 375 members. As of May 25th we are a negative 800 for the year. It's very important that this coming year we do our best to recruit in the months of July, August and September. Our membership has continued to spiral downward and its time for us to reverse the trend, the only way we can accomplish that is to work hard at recruiting. We need to form a relationship with the priests of our parishes and be there to help out when it's necessary. Once again it's important that every council has a round table with the local parishes. If you do not, there might be a new council formed. If you need help with doing membership drives our State Membership Director Russ Steinbach and our State Team is here to help you. Let's make this fraternal year one to remember.

In the next few months please

plan on attending some of our state events. On Wednesday, July 18th is the Pawtucket Red Sox game, Saturday August 25th the Father Baggetta fundraiser for the Chapel of Hope "Family Picnic", Sunday September 9th at 1:30 pm the State Installation in Malden at Immaculate Conception, and Saturday October 20th the Charity Dinner at the Crowne Plaza in Worcester.

I would like to thank all my associates and their wives on the state board, state directors, chairman and committee men for all their hard work and dedication to our state and to the order. We cannot forget the hard work of our Grand Knights and their council members in recruiting new members and participating in the state programs and their own council programs.

Renie, Marissa, Courtney and I would like to thank everyone for your friendship, support and hospitality throughout the year.

Fraternally yours,  
Vincent Rumasuglia  
State Deputy

## State Chaplain's Message

Bishop Daniel P. Reilly

My dear Brother Knights,

Jesus said to His disciples, "Go out into the whole world and make disciples of all nations." (Mt. 28: 19) These words are intended for all of Jesus' followers. They are meant for you and me.

In a very real sense all of us are called to be evangelizers and missionaries, bringing our faith to others. But to do this we have to know our faith and then sow it, grow it and show it, always and everywhere. We used to call that "Catholic Action." Now we call it "witnessing" to our faith at every opportunity.

The Knights of Columbus helps us to do that by teaching our Catholic faith and by promoting effective service programs that build true Christian community.

The Knights of Columbus also helps us to deal with some of the more troubling elements of our culture that is so secular, materialistic and, at times, even anti-God. Today we hear of so many people who make themselves their own god. For them, morality is simply a matter of personal taste or choice. In their lives there is no objective truth or personal sin.

In the Knights of Columbus the truth of the Catholic faith shines through and informs our way of living, making us better, our families better, our communities better.

The Knights of Columbus teaches us and shows us how to reach out to others in true charity, to lift them up and make them better as we become better too. This is what I call showing our faith to others and making it shine brightly everywhere.

Remember, all of us who are followers of Christ must be, in our own way, teachers of the faith and witnesses sent by Jesus Christ to preach the Gospel at home and in the wider community. The Knights of Columbus can give us the strength never to compromise our faith, to see always the beauty and

the truth of it and to realize there is nothing on earth like it.

In a passing world we embrace the eternal. In a culture of death, we cherish and defend life. Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has said, "ours is not a religion of no's but yes." In a world of materialism we experience the lasting joy of the spiritual.

In a time of suffocating worldliness we are attracted by the call of the divine. This is why we love the Church as the Lord gave it to us.

If the Church became what the present culture wants it to be, it would not last. It would shrivel up and die.

But, thank God, the Church is very much alive as we see Her today. People in the Church, like you members of the Knights, are helping us and our families to be proud and strong members of the Church, unafraid to challenge the empty values of the day and letting your faith shine and your spirits soar.

It is a wondrous call and a noble task that members of the Catholic Church, people like ourselves, embrace. I thank you men and your spouses and families for being such an important part of it.

Let me sum up these thoughts with a beautiful quote from a monk of St. Joseph Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts. Father Raphael Simon died last December at the age of 97, after 66 years in the Trappist Monastery. He was a

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## A Note from Renie Rumasuglia Wife of State Deputy

Ladies;

On April 21st we had the **First Ladies Appreciation Dinner** which was held at the Franklin Council. This evening was such a wonderful success due to so many people who believed in the concept. The 160 men and women in attendance all had a fantastic time.

The men catered to their special ladies all evening long. Whether it was to bring food, drinks, or just dance together, enjoying one another's company was a wonderful sight to see. I was so very proud of all of these men for coming together and actually having fun pampering their women. They showed us all just how much they

do appreciate what we ladies do for them.

There were wives, fiancées, girlfriends, mothers, mother-in-laws, daughters, daughter-in-laws, nieces, cousins and friends who came for this special evening.

The presentation of food was **awesome** and so **delicious**. Thank you to our Chefs Tony Manzelli, Charlie Murphy and John Amico for a job well done.

To the rest of the committee for this event: Jim and Andrea Farrell, Russ and Donna Steinbach, Don and Maryellen Lattig, Tom and Carol Ledbetter, Barbara Manzelli, Dan and Charlotte Brenner, Marissa and Courtney Rumasuglia what can Vinny and I say, you all

did an amazing job and we could not have done this without **all** of you. Thank you **all** so much for your help in making this **one very special evening to remember**.

Between the making of the candy sea shells, arranging the centerpieces, festive lighting around the room, the setting up of the tables, and the colorful place settings, and of course the beautifully decorated heart cake made by a **very special someone**, Courtney Rumasuglia, all this made for a great conversation throughout the evening. I thank all who brought a gift for a giveaway.

We hope that when you hear about this evening you will choose

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# Report from the Treasurer

Michael Baldner

Brothers:

As we prepare for the next year I am happy to report that from a

## Message from the State Warden

Thomas P. McGinn

Dear Brothers,

May 2007, and it's been a wonderful year for me Patricia and I, we have meet a lot of Brother Knights and had a great time this first year.

We still need members and new councils, so keep the search going. Harvard College now has a new council as well as St Mary's in Holliston, St Julia's in Dartmouth and St Mary's in Holden, **congratulations** to these new councils. A special thank you to the District Deputy's that worked so hard with the men of these new councils, Welcome aboard. If any of you know or feel there may be a church or area interested in a council let me or the State Deputy or any of the State Board members know about it.

It was good to see so many of you at the State Convention in Sturbridge in May and I hope to see you at the District Deputy's Leadership conference in Worcester in June.

Hope you all have a wonderful summer, enjoy the warm weather and your families.

Vivat Jesus,  
Thomas P. McGinn  
State Warden

## State Chaplain's Message

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Jewish psychiatrist who converted to the Catholic faith at the age of 31. This is what he said,

*"To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances; To seek Him, the greatest adventure; To find Him, the greatest human achievement."*

This is what the Knights of Columbus is all about. Let us keep moving forward.

God bless you.  
"Vivat Jesus."

Fiscal point of view, the State Council is in good financial state. The representatives from your council, your delegates, should have explained this situation to you at a recent council meeting when they spoke about the recent State Convention. Our Budget for this fiscal year is the same as last year. This means that the Per Capita Cost per member will remain the same as last year.

Once again, because of efficient and effective management programs established in the State office over the last 6 years, the costs have been controlled in a period of time when everything has become so expensive. However I must admit that the office staff and you're elected State Board may be reaching an end to finding methods of accomplishing the same things

for the same or less monies. We continue to look for cost savings.

Let us continue with this thought process. Most of the Councils have paid last year's per-capita bills which were mailed last July and which were due at that time. The District Deputies and the State office continue to reach out to these Councils, which have not yet paid this payment.

The Frank Fougere State Lottery has just ended. The results are printed elsewhere in this paper. The overall collection was less than last year but we will try to work with all the councils to increase this total.

As a member you should know that this is a pretty effective fundraiser for the Council. Out of every book sold the Council gets to keep at least \$5. The State pays for the printing, the delivery and all

expenses related to the raffle. I would ask those members who run functions for the Council if their Fund raisers whether it be a social or a card party or just about anything can guarantee this type of money with a minimum of work. In a worst case scenario the Council mails the raffle book out with the request for yearly dues. The Council is already using a stamp for the mailing and the raffle book falls within the post office weight structure for first class mail.

My purpose for indicating this is that last year only 44% of the Councils took part in this annual raffle.

This raffle was established to help keep the per capita down. That purpose has been accomplished so far.

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## A Note from Renie Rumasuglia

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to join us at next year's Ladies Appreciation Dinner which will be held on **April 5th, 2008**. We are confident that we can **repeat** another evening of fun and look forward to spending time with you!

A Friday Night Reception was held at the State's Convention the weekend of May 18th at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in the Atrium area and was attended by many. This was an awesome evening! Your kind words and praises about the food and entertainment made the State Board Officers and their wives extremely pleased. All the hard work in planning a weekend that you hope would make everyone happy seemed to come together very nicely. As always the State Board and their wives enjoyed spending time with you and your families. We look forward to planning this evening again at the **2008 State Convention which will be held at the Burlington Marriott the weekend of May 2nd**. We hope to see many of you there!

I want to say it was a pleasure to observe so many ladies enjoying themselves at the Ladies Luncheon on May 19th. To the ladies who helped with the raffle and registration tables, great job! To our runners and the hostesses well done! The Sock Hop theme seemed to be enjoyed by many. The Soda Fountain glasses were a smash! Our entertainment by Sigy Moller and his rendition of Elvis and other artists seemed to be a great hit as well.

Thank you Knights and Ladies for the many door and raffle prize gifts that you had donated.

On behalf of Annmarie, Kathy, Margaret, Pat, Trisha and I you all make our job so enjoyable, thank you.

I want to say fantastic job, to the Class of 2007 District Deputies, your wives and families for your hospitality rooms were so much fun! All your hard work paid off! Everyone loved your rooms!

The Sunday morning breakfast for the ladies was a joy. It is very nice to be able to have some down time and be able to spend this with you.

With all the pictures that were taken all weekend you could possibly see yourself in a power point presentation at anytime as the State Deputy, my husband, Vinny loves to display pictures at different times during the course of the year. You should have witnessed a taste of this at the State's dinner on Saturday night. Please keep those pictures coming. It is really nice to view what councils are doing within their areas.

Knights and ladies for always helping my husband and me in anyway that you can, thank you. What so many of you did at the State's Convention regarding the backpacks and school supplies for **Cradles to Crayons** was truly amazing. The last count was **forty-five backpacks**, and they are still coming in. Thank you for believing in this cause

Just wanted to remind the ladies about a few upcoming events! On

**September 9th** at the Immaculate Conception Church in Malden we will be having the **State's Installation of Officers** with a coalition to follow downstairs. We would love to see more of the ladies and families in attendance to wish the State Officers and the District Deputies a successful new year!

Also, please keep the date **October 20th** in mind. We are having our **Charity Ball/Auction/Entertainment** this evening. Last year we had such a very successful and wonderful time that we are hoping to continue this trend this year! More information on this evening will be posted on the Knights Website and a mailing will take place also.

Ladies please check out the calendar of upcoming events listed within this newsletter. This will give you an idea of what is coming up.

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me or any of the ladies on the State

Board. We are here to help you in anyway we can.

On a very personal note I wish to thank so many of you for your cards, letters, emails, spirituals, food, and flowers that you had sent when hearing of my brother Danny's death on March 30th. My family and I are blessed to have you all in our lives. Thank you also to the Fourth Degree who honored my brother with their presence. Please keep us all in your prayers as this has been a very tough year for my family.

**Renie**  
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## Ceremonials Chairman

Merrill Dussault, F.d.d.

It does not seem possible that this Fraternal Year is drawing to an end; it feels like I just started this position. During this year we will have had fifteen exemplifications of the third degree. As we look back on this year it is obvious that there are some serious needs in the area of the third degree. First we are in a great need for Assigned District Deputies in the Central Area and in the Fall River/ Cape Cod area. We need more third degree teams especially in the Greater Boston area. We could use them in all areas. District Deputies who request third degrees have to assume the responsibility of learning the opening & closing of the degrees (this material is in you DD book). The Conferring Officers are not getting any younger we need replacements all across the state. If anyone would be interested in preparing for these individual positions or starting a team please contact me.

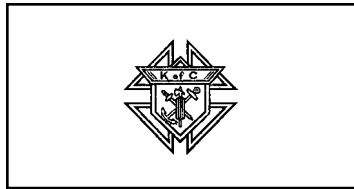
As of the last report, which is several months old, we have fifteen certified first-degree teams. I know

that we have more than fifteen first-degree teams. Your DD can certify a first-degree team; if they do not have a form contact me, I'll get them to you.

Second-degree teams are in the process of being certified. As of this date I know of one team that has been certified. Please let me know when you are ready to be certified and I will do my best to accommodate you. We do have two new teams getting ready this will bring our second-degree team total to twelve.

I am looking forward to working with all of you again next year. Hope you all have a safe & restful summer and will be refreshed and ready for another successful year.

Vivat Jesus  
Merrill J. Dussault, FDD



## Program Directors Report

By Jim Farrell, FDD

formally or informally and make sure that you are prepared for the upcoming year.

A prime example of events catching up with us was the Soccer Skills Challenge. Back in May we had given close to 70 to 80 packets on how to run this event, and most councils did not look at the material until well into September. It showed in the lack of participation by councils in the whole state.

So let's look to summer to have fun, but more important is to make sure your council has a strong first

quarter so you are not catching up for the rest of the year. To all the Grand Knights retiring I congratulate you on your year and I personally thank you and your families of giving of your time to be the leader of your council, and I hope you had a successful year. To those coming into office I wish you the best of luck for your council's success.

Fraternally  
Jim Farrell, FDD  
State Program Director

My Brother Knights,

Summer is almost here, and with all the fun that summer brings I am sure the last thing on everybody's mind is doing Knights of Columbus activities. Council's in this state historically do not plan or meet during the months of July and August, and they go full throttle when September hits.

By the time September rolls around the first quarter of the fraternal year is over. What you should do as councils is plan to meet either

## How Do I Make My Council Successful

Peter K. Healy, State Advocate

Success is measured and determined in many ways.

On the state level we look to see how involved the Council is. Is the Council meeting the needs of it's members, community and, most importantly, it's church or churches?

Does the Council send two delegates to the State Convention? How involved with the running of the State Council are they?

Does the Grand Knight attend the Leadership Conference? This starts off his year and is the first stop to setting up his programs for the upcoming year.

Is the Financial Secretary attending his workshops to stay on

top of his job? Another good point as the Financial Secretary is the only officer that is in communication with both the Supreme Council and the State Council from year to year as the Grand Knights come and go.

Did the Council send representatives to the Lantern Award?

Do the delegate's wives or girlfriends attend the Ladies Programs? This should never be overlooked as it is the wives in many cases that work behind the scenes to make a Council's programs succeed. Yes, we have programs at the State level for them. Are they participating or is the Council neglecting them. So many times Margaret

has said to me that this lady did not know she could attend the State Convention or the Lantern Award. No one told them.

On the Council level success is determined by the work of the Grand Knight. Did the Council meet regularly? Did the Council run all its programs? Did the Council bring in new members?

Did the Council participate in the Charity Drive, also known as the Tootsie Roll Drive? If not, why wouldn't you? It helps children and there are few things I can think of that are more important than that.

Are we forgetting that we are all brothers and this is an opportunity to share programs and learn "how the other guy" is succeeding. Don't be afraid to ask a grand knight how his Council did that raffle or ran that activity. You must put your foot forward and introduce yourself. Don't be afraid. We were all in that position once. If someone is succeeding at something, ask them how. LEARN. That is important to everyone. SHARE. That only strengthens every Council in Massachusetts.

How's the Council's membership? The last thing you want to hear is, No one asked me to join. Guess where we have heard that statement? We hear it at the three Men's Conferences in Massachusetts. We pass these leads onto you for your Council to ask the interested person to join.

So I ask the incoming Grand Knights, Do you want to be known as a good Grand Knight or a lousy Grand Knight? Ask a State Officer for advice. More importantly, ask your District Deputy for his advice. Challenge your Council. Try a new program or do something just a little different. With interested members a Council always succeeds.

## Report from the Treasurer

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The State office only has a few ways to raise money. The main method is Per Capita. The amount raised in this method depends upon the amount of billable members. Since I have been on the Board, the last six years, the number of members has dropped through death and suspensions by almost two thousand members.

The second main method is the State raffle. This method needs the Councils and the members to participate.

The councils and you, as members, are the only one's who can increase the amount of money raised.

The State Council needs you to recruit members, retain members already recruited and to take part in the raffle.

Again your delegates to the State Convention were given information on both the Charity Fund (Tootsie Roll Campaign) and the Charitable Foundation. The amounts and types of grants given and the money raised from your Drives from and for the Charity Fund are listed in books that they received. Both the amount of money raised and the grants are impressive and you all should be proud of these statewide achievements.

The Foundation was established to raise and give monies for causes that are excluded from the Tootsie Roll money. This includes the K of C working with the Church, Catholic Charities, and Diocese wide Scholarship Programs for the Parochial schools and many other entities. Raising money for the Foundation happens in many ways. However all methods to raise money need the council and the memberships cooperation. We ask that the membership of Councils that have sold buildings to consider the Foundation when the council sets up their Charitable Fund with the monies from the sold building. A number of Councils have done this and this is what provided a part of the seed money for the foundation.

Again these accounts are healthy and the principal not in the actual Fund or Foundation is also doing well.

I consider it both a pleasure and a privilege to share this information with the members and their families and hope that you can support and keep strong our efforts in the community and the church.

Vivat Jesus  
Michael Baldner  
State Treasurer

## We Need Your Help!

Russell Steinbach, State Membership Director

Summer is coming and soon some councils will be shutting down for a month or two. While I don't begrudge anyone a summer vacation, we as Knights of Columbus in Massachusetts face a very serious membership problem. The past year we again failed to meet our membership quotas. Now, more than ever (as we should be ready for a vacation), I urge to actively recruit all summer long. Many parishes and councils will be holding family cookouts to promote membership in our order. Another idea is to try running a church drive and social some morning after Mass. Last year we in Massachusetts got off to very poor start on membership through the first three months of the year and we barely recruited 100 members. This is not the effort we need; we have to do some recruiting all year long. To achieve our quota, we need to average some 150 members

state-wide per month. I know this might seem impossible, but brothers believe me, if we all pull together and work for the common good of our order and we can do it.

The men in Massachusetts who make up our membership teams have worked very hard over the past year, and as the membership director it was an honor to have been involved with them. They were present at many membership drives, conferences and free throw finals. As I have stated in the past any Grand Knights or councils that may need assistance from the membership team please call me. This year we are planning on adding even more men to help with the recruiting efforts. Have a safe summer, enjoy what time you can with your families and whenever possible try to recruit new members.

Vivat Jesus,  
Russell Steinbach

# Paul Devin, Supreme Advocate KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ADDRESS TO MASSACHUSETTS STATE CONVENTION MAY 20, 2007 YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

Do you ever wonder why you see so few young adults at Sunday Mass? Why is it that young people ages 20-39 (that is those born between 1967 and 1987) are a group that seems to have disappeared from our churches, our liturgies, our Catholic life? Who are they and where have they gone?

Perhaps this example will help. Let me introduce you to two women – a mother and her daughter.

The mother is sixty-seven years old, born and raised in the Church and has been a faithful Catholic her entire life. She attends Mass each week, prays the rosary, accepts nearly all the Church's teachings and supports the Church generously.

Her daughter was baptized in the Church, attended CCD classes and thinks of herself as Catholic. She knows the basic truths of the Catholic faith and agrees with them. She says she is spiritual and has a close relationship with God, but she disagrees with the Church's opposition to artificial birth control and believes women should be allowed to be priests. She is not registered in a parish and attends Mass only on special occasions.

Mother and daughter get together regularly for coffee and often talk about religion. The mother believes that her daughter should take her faith more seriously. The daughter disagrees. She does not accept some of what the Church teaches and disagrees with much of what the Church says and does.<sup>1</sup>

Is this a familiar story? Are these two women typical of Catholics of different generations today? In a series of studies beginning in the 1990's and culminating in 2005 by a group of religious and lay sociologists, that is their conclusion. These comprehensive studies, published in a series of books are not only fascinating, but important reading for leaders of the Church and of the Knights of Columbus.<sup>2</sup>

Who are these young adult Catholics? Here are some things we know about them:

They are the children of the boomer generation – the post-Vatican II generation. They think of Vatican II – the Second Vatican Council which ended 40 years ago – as ancient history. They have only known one Pope during their formative years – Pope John Paul II – a person they admired for lots of reasons, but one whose views they did not always agree with or feel compelled to accept as binding on their moral decisions. These young adults grew up after Watergate and Vietnam; they saw the decline in vocations; they saw a Church divided between liberal and conservative; they understood it was permitted, even required or expected, to challenge all authority – even Church authority. They see the Church as one of many religious organizations offering a way to a spiritual life, not necessarily as the one true Church. They are better educated than their parents or grandparents from whom they learned about their faith. They are critical of absolutes, see themselves as spiritual, but not religious, and most of their heroes are from the musical, entertainment or sports worlds – not from the litany of saints.

What else do we know about them? Nearly 45% of the young adult Catholics under the age of 30 in this country are Hispanic. For young adults, they see themselves as fully acculturated Americans, not as immigrant Catholics who need their Catholic identity to be secure as adults.

Young adults who admired John Paul II knew he cared about them and was challenging them to see through the secular culture of the day, reject what it offered, and search for

something better, some transcendental truth. Yet, many young adults reject the notion that there is any absolute truth, even though they admired the late Pope for challenging them.

When I was a young adult, I admired Robert Kennedy. Two examples stand out. He confronted young adults - especially those taking advantage of college deferments to avoid the draft. Though he opposed the war, he confronted and challenged those who smugly sat in their college classes safe from harm while many less fortunate young men and women faced injury or death in Southeast Asia.

As critical as he was of the war and many of our domestic policies, he also went to the Soviet Union and debated Russian college students about the differences between our system of representative democracy and the totalitarian system they lived under. Robert Kennedy never convinced all the college students here either to surrender their deferments or to oppose more actively the divisive war in Vietnam. Equally importantly our late Holy Father never stop talking to young Catholics, imploring them, and assuring them of his love for them, even though they did not always nor in great numbers follow him on moral and ecclesial issues. Neither Robert Kennedy nor our late Holy Father ever stopped trying to reach out to them.

Nor should we. The stakes have never been higher. There was a time you may recall when young adults would leave the Church, stop going to Mass on Sunday then come back to marry in the Church, have their children baptized, and remain committed practicing Catholics for the rest of their lives.

Not so with young adults today.<sup>3</sup> They leave, but marry later, delay having children, marry non-Catholics or marry outside the Church, join other churches, and return in fewer numbers than we have seen in the last 100 years. Yet, these young adults will be the leaders of the Church in 10-15 years and will remain so for the next twenty to thirty or more years. They will be the conduits of the faith to their children and grandchildren. If we lose them, we will have a very different Church than the one we know today. So, what can we do?

As Pope John Paul II said to an audience of young Catholics "We 'need your energies, your enthusiasm, your ideals, in order to make the Gospel of Life penetrate the fabric of society.'"

First, we must recognize that these young adults are very important to the Church, but we must also recognize that the Catholic Church is even more important for them. We cannot simply dismiss their music, entertainment or sports icons, their tastes, preferences, life style, clothing and friends as a "passing phase," or as frivolous and immaterial.

Second, we need to listen to them, talk with them not at them, not lecture them, not insist that they must do what we do and believe exactly what and how we believe.

Third, we need to devote significant resources to this group of Catholics. In most parishes, indeed in most dioceses, young men and women from 20-39 are an invisible population. This is even more so if they are single or without children. We need to lavish time, attention and resources on them. We need to design programs – and fund them – and provide training for the program leaders or directors so that we can attract these young adults back to the Church. We need to involve them in every aspect of the parish's life. Include them as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, RCIA trainers, leaders of prayer groups, discussion groups, social action groups,

and so forth. We need to tell them we care about them, know they exist and want them to be part of our parish life.

Studies have shown that young adult Catholics have a desire to learn about the Church, its history, traditions and beliefs and the reasons for them. They want to know more about the bible, the teachings of Vatican II and the Church's social justice ministry. Let us make these things available to them in the parish.

Fourth, as a Church, we must hand on to them our faith. We know this is our responsibility to our children. We are conditioned to be aware of this responsibility from the Sacrament of Matrimony and then during the Sacrament of Baptism. But it is not and must not be limited to our own children. Each of us must be the image of Christ in this world. What does it mean? It means that we must live, must act out, if you will, our faith each day, both at home and outside the home. We must have and be able to articulate to them and to others a Catholic identity, and to show them what it means in our lives. As we reflect our Catholic faith, our friends, our colleagues, both young and old, will take notice. Respect, kindness, authenticity, honesty, love of neighbor, reverence for our Catholic faith and its traditions and expressing it, all contribute to the transference of our faith. Recently, a business colleague shocked me when he confided that I was partly responsible for his conversion to the Catholic faith. I truly was amazed because I had no idea that anything I did influenced him in any way.

Once we attract young adults to talk about their personal spiritual needs and expectations, we must communicate what it means to be a Catholic. At its most elementary levels, being a Catholic requires us to believe in a personal God, a God who created us to know Him, to love Him and to be with Him forever. He didn't presume we would grasp it on our own, so He revealed Himself to us through Jesus Christ, His son. Our belief in Him and how He revealed Himself to us and how He continues to be present in our lives through the Church, the Eucharist and the liturgies because He loves us so much, is to be a Catholic. It is all this and much much more.

Young adults relate to that understanding of God. They want to be valued, to know they are of value. What then stops young adults from becoming or continuing to remain Catholics? Being a Catholic imposes certain obligations, in both actions and beliefs. Someone once said anyone could be good at tennis if there were no net and no lines! But, the net and lines are what makes being good at tennis so satisfying. Similarly, with any sport, any activity, any academic achievement - it is the discipline that gives it value. Being a Catholic can and should be presented to our young adults as more than simply a fleeting feel-good sensation. It is a way of life. It is our response to the unfathomable love of God.

Today, young adults frequently describe themselves as "spiritual," but not "religious." They say they do not need organized religion to know God, to live a good life. We must listen to this statement. We dismiss it as selfish, lazy, or whatever, at our peril. But religion is our way of remembering God, of reflecting on what His intervention in our human and personal histories means to us. What does it say about God and what does it say about us? Religion is our way of responding as a community to that intervention.

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## YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS continued

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There was a priest who was a Professor at a college, teaching a course on Indian culture and religion. One day, a student who was intrigued by this professor came to him after class and challenged the priest by asking about “all the corruption in the Church.” “What about all the wrongs that have been committed in the name of the Church? What about the mess that you and yours have made due to your adherence to these traditions?”

The student was shocked when the priest merely shrugged and asked “What about it?” The student was stunned into silence. The priest continued. “It’s really the wrong question” he said. “In every large institution there are mistakes, there is domination, manipulation, vindictive assaults, physical or rhetorical, on those considered outsiders. So, why should that not be expected of the largest organization in the world.” “No,” said the priest, “the real question is ‘the Church is corrupt - what are you going to do about it?’ What exactly is your stake in the question going to be?”<sup>4</sup>

That is the challenge the Church and the Knights of Columbus need to present to young adults.

What does this mean for the Knights of Columbus and its members? Success in the Church’s evangelization of the next generation is crucial to the success and growth of the Knights of Columbus. Our job is to help evangelize the world and to offer membership in the Order to every eligible Catholic man. Eligible! That means men who are practical Catholics. To insure an adequate pool of practical Catholic men, we must focus our attention, resources and efforts on young adults. This is not an easy task. We, of the pre-Vatican II and Vatican

II generations, do not share the same language, music, art, heroes, clothes, or, in other words, the same culture as the members of the post-baby boomer generation.

How then do we connect with them?

Let me share some positive ideas with you. The 2005 survey (which includes all generations) asked “As a Catholic, how important is each of the following to you?” Tied for first place was “Helping the Poor” and “Belief in Jesus’ resurrection from the dead.” Receiving an importance rating of 50 or more out of 100 were “the sacraments, such as the Eucharist (76%); the Church’s teaching about Mary the Mother of God (74%); having a daily prayer life (54%); and participating in devotions such as Eucharistic adoration (50%).<sup>5</sup>

What lay organization focuses its efforts on charitable work for the poor and needy, the Eucharist, devotion to Mary the Mother of God, and cultivating a life of personal prayer? Exactly! The Knights of Columbus! To these young people and Catholics generally, the Knights of Columbus offers them both a vision and a mission totally compatible with what they believe in and what they say they need.

So what do we do?

Here are some thoughts – not answers – just thoughts:

- 1) Acknowledge their existence;
- 2) Take them seriously;
- 3) Be honest with them and expect them to be with you;
- 4) Persuade, don’t demand;
- 5) Focus on values that you share;
- 6) Agree to disagree on some issues;
- 7) Be a witness to your faith and its blessings in your life;

- 8) Recognize that they have a different view of the Church than you do and respect it - even if you believe they are 100% wrong;
- 9) Don’t assume their criticisms and challenges are a sign of a lack of spirituality or of rejections of the Church;
- 10) Within the Knights of Columbus, be welcoming of young men. Mentor them. Give them responsibilities and opportunities to work for the Order and do good for their parish, community and family.

There is a line from one of Billy Joel’s songs that goes “Some people see through the eyes of the old before they ever get a look at the young.”

Let us not be like those people who only see through the eyes of the old. Let us reach out to the young in our councils, our assemblies and throughout the Order.

- 11) Above all, trust in Christ and the Holy Spirit to help you reach these young Catholics.

*Vivat Jesus!*

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## Charity

State Secretary  
William Donovan

Charity; the First Degree of our order. Have you ever taken the time to think about the word? Webster’s thesaurus gives us a few definitions that we should really think about; love for ones fellow human beings, generosity toward the needy, compassion, and etc. How does this relate to us and our Order? Do we even sit down and think to ourselves about where has the day, week, or month gone? What have I done for others lately?

When I was Faithful Navigator of the Bishop Minihan Assembly (1992-1993), I was approached by the Faithful Purser to get a service program going for the Fourth Degree. I was strained to think of what to do with a group of men who averaged and age above 60. With a lot of help from my wife we found an organization called Project Share. Share, or as it is known now as Project Serve, is a wise alternative to food shopping. It is a food co-op with over 350 locations throughout New England. Everyone regardless of age or income may participate as well. The only requirement is that participants must complete two hours of volunteer service a month.

We as member of the Knights of Columbus more than likely do this many times over in a month. We volunteer our time by helping the elderly, our parish, boy scouts, hospitals, and etc. Giving ourselves, our time, and our talents to help those perhaps less fortunate than us gives us the greatest feeling.

## Massachusetts State Council Family of the Year District Deputy Antonio & Martha Ledesma

Antonio and Martha Ledesma have been active in the Knights of Columbus Santisma Trinidad Chapel and the Hispanic community. Antonio and Martha are the parents of 3 children as well as 2 adopted children Anarya -25, Antonio- 24, Aylice- 23, Jocelyn-22, Yésslina-7. And are recently the proud grandparents of their granddaughter Roselyn.

While living in New York City Antonio and Martha were involved with PTA as well as the Boy & Girl Scouts this involvement continued with these organizations.

When they moved to Massachusetts There volunteerism continues as they are actively involved with the policy council of the Montachusett Opportunity Council as well as the head start program in the city of Fitchburg.

Antonio and Martha became Foster Parents 15 years ago and since that time have welcomed 174 Foster Children into their home through the Department of Social Service. As well as serving as an emergency drop off for children in need of immediate housing. For which they are on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week and haven taken in well over 100 of these needy children. The Ledesma Family has remained in contact with many of these children over the years.

In 1997 with the forming of Santisma Trinidad Council in Leominster Mass Antonio was elected to be the Charter Deputy Grand Knight. During this time, he



built a new altar and confessional at Santisma Trinidad chapel. Antonio was also involved with his Fellow Knight in the construction of a 50ft stairway that led down to the recreational area of the chapel grounds. Antonio set up and administered a fund to help defray the operation costs of the chapel.

During Antonio’s term of office as Grand Knight he helped to form a Squires Circle to which his son Antonio Jr. was charter chief squire as well as the notary for the Columbian Squires state board of officers who on his 18th birthday followed his

father’s footsteps into knighthood.

Antonio is a dedicated knight who is currently serving his 4th year as DD as well as Faithful Navigator of the Bishop Bevan Assembly.

Martha has supported Antonio in his many endeavors as well as helping to cook at many KofC functions and is also a charter member of the first Spanish circle of the Daughters of Isabella in Massachusetts.

It is for these reasons that the Massachusetts State Council is proud to award the Ledesma Family the Family of the year award.

## RESOLUTION NO. 11 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

**WHEREAS:** our late and beloved Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Familiaris Consortio*, has stated that “marriage and the family constitute one of the most precious of human values ... willed by God in the very act of Creation,” and

**WHEREAS:** Pope John Paul II also taught in *Familiaris Consortio*, “Since the Creator of all things has established the conjugal partnership as the beginning and basis of human society, the family is the first and vital cell of society,” and

**WHEREAS:** in writing his Apostolic Exhortation, our late Supreme Pontiff recognized that “the family is the object of numerous forces that seek to destroy it, or in some way to deform it,” and

**WHEREAS:** the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, promulgated by His Holiness, Pope John Paul II in 1994, teaches that homosexual acts are “grave depravity,” and

**WHEREAS:** the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in its 2003 instruction *Considerations Regarding Proposals To Give Legal Recognition To Unions Between Homosexual Persons*, written by His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, states that laws which favor homosexual unions are “contrary to right reason,” and “obscure certain basic moral values and cause a devaluation of the institution of marriage,” and

**WHEREAS:** the Sacred Congregation further states that “in those situations where homosexual unions have been legally recognized or have been given the legal status and rights belonging to marriage, clear and emphatic opposition is a duty,” and exhorts all persons of goodwill to “refrain from any kind of formal cooperation in the enactment or application of such gravely unjust laws and, as far as possible, from material cooperation on the level of their application,” and further reminds us that “everyone can exercise the right to conscientious objection,” and

**WHEREAS:** with reference to same-gender marriage, civil unions and domestic partnerships, the Sacred Congregation goes on to state that “the denial of the social and legal status of marriage to forms of cohabitation that are not and cannot be marital is not opposed to justice; on the contrary, justice requires it,” and

**WHEREAS:** the Roman Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts oppose any law which would permit persons of the same gender to attempt marriage, and have consistently opposed any and all efforts to extend legal recognition to civil unions and domestic partnerships, and

**WHEREAS:** the Supreme Judicial Court of the Massachusetts, in its decision in *Goodridge vs. Department of Public Health* has rendered same-gender marriage permissible in this Commonwealth since May 17, 2004, and

**WHEREAS:** there is presently an initiative petition, House Bill 4617, before the Massachusetts General Court, which would amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth to define marriage “as the union of one man and one woman,” and

**WHEREAS:** there is presently a joint resolution, H. J. Res. 22, before the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States that would amend the federal constitution for the purposes of defining marriage as “the union of a man and a woman” therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That in the One Hundred Twelfth Annual Meeting assembled in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> days of May, 2007 that the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus meeting in convention, representing the 45,000 fraternal members and their families in the Commonwealth, express our fervent support of these legislative proposals, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** we urge all members of the Knights of Columbus in Massachusetts to contact their elected representatives and senators in the Massachusetts Legislature and the Congress of the United States in order to express their support of these legislative proposals, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that in keeping with the specific instructions of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, we exhort all members of the Knights of Columbus in Massachusetts to refrain from all formal and material cooperation, and from any act or expression of approbation or acceptance of same-gender marriage, civil unions, or domestic partnerships, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to each representative and senator who represents the Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, and to each member of the Great and General Court of Massachusetts, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to each Knights of Columbus council and Fourth Degree assembly within the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that a copy of these resolutions be printed in its entirety in the next issue of the *Baystate Knightline* for the edification of all members of our Order and their families throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Submitted by:  
The State Officers





**Family Cookout  
to benefit  
Fr. Joseph Baggetta's  
"Chapel of Hope"**

Dear Brothers, Families and Friends,

You are invited to our state family cookout on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 PM until 4:00 PM at the *AMVETS Post #79*, Natick, MA. Tickets are ten (\$10.00) for a single and twenty (\$20.00) dollars for families (children up to 10 years of age) All proceeds go to the support of Former State Chaplain, Father Joseph Baggetta's "Chapel of Hope."

We hope to see all of our brother knights, families and friends. There will be plenty of food, swimming and various children's games. This event will end with Mass at 4:00 PM.

If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation or if you wish to buy tickets, checks can be made payable to The Chapel of Hope and mailed to:

The Chapel of Hope  
C/O Arthur Whittemore, F.D.D.  
P.O. Box 63  
Raynham, MA 02767

Tickets and direction will be mailed to you when we receive your checks. Please indicate on the check at the memo line whether your check is for tickets or a donation.

Vivat Jesus.

Fraternally yours,

*Vincent M. Rumasuglia*  
State Deputy

*Arthur Whittemore*  
Chairman

## State Convention – Sturbridge



**Renie Rumasuglia, Wife of State Deputy welcomes all the Ladies to the Sock Hop!**



**Rene Rumasuglia takes a minute to catch-up with daughters Marissa and Courtney after a great weekend!**



**Ziggy Moler, the phenomenal impersonator who sings like Elvis, Engelbert, Neil Diamond and Tom Jones was the entertainment at the Annual Ladies Brunch.**



**A souvenir picture from the weekend!  
Top Row: Judy Devin, Wife of Supreme Advocate, Mona Sylvester, Wife of State Deputy of Rhode Island, Kathy Baldner, Margaret Healy, Patricia McGinn. Seated: Annmarie Donovan, Renie Rumasuglia, Patricia Guerriero**



**Ladies relax with coffee on Sunday morning after a hectic weekend ... The coffee was sponsored by the Ladies of the State Board.**



**State Membership Director Russ Steinbach, State Secretary William Donovan, FDD Ed Heister, State Deputy Vincent Rumasuglia**



**Robin Arel spends quality time with Dad, Leo, while awaiting the Presentation of her Scholarship. Robin will be attending St. Anselms in New Hampshire. Good Luck Robin!**



**Special Olympics Global Messenger greets the State Dinner escorted by State Secretary William Donovan and State Warden Thomas McGinn**





# Lantern Award Honoring – Bishop Timothy A. McDonnell, Bishop of Worcester



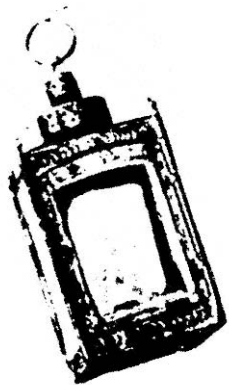
State Deputy Vincent Rumasuglia, Renie Rumasuglia, Bishop Reilly, Bishop O'Donnell, Supreme Advocate Paul Devin, Cecil Barber, Louis Barbour, Supreme New Council Development



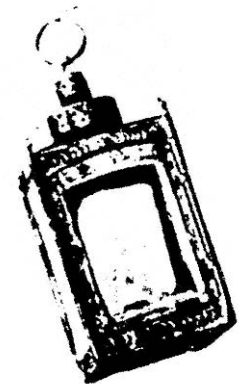
Bishop O'Donnell, an avid Yankee Fan shows off his new favorite hat. Go Red Sox!



The State Board with the Lantern Award Recipient Bishop O'Donnell



Dignitaries at the Lantern Award being escorted to their seats by the Fourth Degree Honor Guard under the leadership of State Marshall FDD John McKenzie



Hey Suzanne! John can cook. he makes a great salad!

## Ladies Night – Sacred Heart Council, Franklin



Thank you  
FDD Charlie Murphy,  
Former Master FDD  
Anthony Manzelli and  
FDD John Amico for a  
job well done.

Your hard work was truly appreciated and enjoyed.



State Treasurer  
Michael Baldner  
and  
State Advocate  
Peter Healy  
serving dinner  
to the Ladies.



Thank you to all that came to Ladies Night Appreciation. We hope to see you all next year!

A special thank you to all of those who served on the committee.

A special thank you to Courtney Rumasuglia for your delicious cake and your wonderful idea.



# Knights in Action

## **Bishop Ruocco Council 9275**

Knights from the Bishop Ruocco Council 9275 in Westford-Chelmsford, MA run 5 Bottle & Can Drives annually to help raise money for the CCD programs of St Mary Parish in Chelmsford, MA. The knights work with the CCD students, and the council has raised approximately \$20,000 over the last 10 years.



## **Dracut Council #4225**

Shown in attached photo are Ed Gertz, PGK/FS and Dick Demers, PGK of Council #4225 Dracut MA. presenting a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Father Gary Thompson, Pastor St. Mary Magdalene Parish. The Donation was to help defray the cost of furnishing the Kitchen in the newly built Parish Center. Presentation was made at a Parish Breakfast sponsored by Dracut Council #4225 and through the efforts of the parish's PAC committee, raised the sum of \$1,000.00 for the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society



## **Cross of Christ Council, #12283, Assonet, MA**

Cross of Christ Council 12283 in Assonet, MA, has spent two years restoring an abandoned two-hundred year old cemetery on the grounds of St. Bernard Catholic Church, Assonet. The church building and long-neglected cemetery were purchased from a Protestant congregation in 1979. The project included tree removal, stonework, landscaping, iron work, and the repair, cleaning, and resetting of the headstones.



DGK Al Castro and PGK Andy Digiammo discuss final restoration plans for the table stone.

## **Uxbridge Wins Back to Back Battles!**

The Mumford council of Whitinville and Uxbridge council of the Knights of Columbus would like to announce that Uxbridge High School has won the Second Annual Battle of the Bridges contest sponsored by the councils for the 2005-2006 School Year.

For each athletic varsity contest between the two schools, points are awarded for victories that occur during the School Year. The winning school is presented with The Knight of Columbus "Battle of the Bridges" Trophy and the win is also proclaimed by the Banner that hangs in its Gymnasium.

While all the events had the intensity that comes out only when these two long time rivals meet, Uxbridge went about defending their 2004-2005 title by defeating Northbridge in almost all the early contests this year but those wins couldn't compare with carnival atmosphere in Uxbridge after the upset win on Thanksgiving against Northbridge in Football. Northbridge started to peck away at Uxbridge's lead by winning a couple of Basketball games, but Uxbridge's Spring Sports teams didn't give up enough points for Northbridge to win its first B of B Title this year. The K of C "Battle of the Bridges" will be awarded at the Uxbridge High Athletic Banquet which will be held May 30, 2006 at The Village Haven Restaurant in North Smithfield R.I.. The councils would like to commend all the athletes at both schools for their sportsmanship displayed during the course of the Year.



## **Andover Council #1078**

The Andover Knights of Columbus #1078 held a Wine, Cheese, and Microbrew Tasting on Saturday 4/28. Bill Buco arranged logistics including for the liquor distributors to donate and speak on the wine and microbrews presented. A crowd of more than 100 was entertained by Brother John D'Ambrosio on the keyboards, and singer Kate Grater. Board member Paul and Regina Kelly were presented a gift certificate to the Andover Inn by GK Mike Schwing for Paul's renovation of the council meeting room and Regina's decorating expertise and drapes. PGK Chuck Lane and Kate Lane received gifts as recognition for their highly successful black tie Valentine's dinner dance and Silent Auction. Proceeds from the Wine and Cheese Tasting will be used in part to support St. Augustine's school in Andover. St. A's Pastor Fr. Bill Cleary enjoyed the evening and shared some laughs with John Markiewicz, and a story of working with Cardinal Cushing on fundraising for another school. A great time was had by all.

## **Around the Horn**

Dennis Vello and District Deputy Mark Olson met Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame members Tom Baker and Amleto Monacelli at the PBA Tournament of Champions Pro Am Tournament at Bradley Bowl, Windsor Locks, CT, March 28. (L-R) Vello, Baker, Olson, Monacelli



## **Bishop Feehan 2911**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bishop Feehan Council 2911 Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, July 20, 2007 at the Bay Point Country Club in Onset. Registration opens at 6:30 am with a "Shot Gun" start at 7:30. \$95.00 per person includes golf cart, prizes, and a steak barbeque. All process benefits Bishop Feehan Council 2911 and its charitable activities. For more information, contact Kevin Ward at (508) 291-0949 or Rich Zoppatti at (508) 291-2759.

## **Valencia Council #80**

Valencia Council of Milford had wrapped over five hundred gifts for the children of St. Mary's and Sacred Heart parishes of Milford.



Six Wise Men – The five hundred gifts were given to the children of both parishes by SIX WISE MEN, Three Wise Men (KofC) at each church with help from other Knights.



## Knights in Action

### Council #2536 Otter River

A ham and bean supper was hosted by the council at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Winchendon. This was the first event held by the council. All were welcome!



The Buscanera family of Baldwinville was presented with a check to be used for a Smart Walker device to help daughter Desiree walk for the first time.



A family Easter Egg Hunt was held at St. Vincent de Paul parish in Baldwinville with lots of happy and hungry children. The snow did not slow anyone down from finding eggs.



### Cross of Christ Council 12283, Assonet

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### Greenfield Council



Kelley Rose helps her son, Devin, 5, who has autism, communicate using a device that displays pictures of common objects and common phrases that he can select using a touch pad. The Knights of Columbus paid for the portable technology.

## Your Tootsie Roll Dollars at Work!

## Northborough Knights of Columbus Ship "goodies" to Troops in Iraq

St. Augustine Council #5724 of Northborough was contacted by Father Dennis Rocheford from St. Theresa Church in Blackstone, MA. Fr. Rocheford is on duty as a Commander in the Navy and a Chaplain serving in Iraq. Fr. Rocheford said that after coming off the line, the troops do not have access

to normal "comfort" foods and could the Knights of Columbus take up a collection at their respective parishes in Worcester Diocese for these men and women so far from home. Merrill Dussault the Financial Secretary of the Northborough Council became the driving force in this effort aided by

Michael Ryan, the Grand Knight. Father Steve Gemme, Pastor of St. Bernadette's Parish in Northborough, gave permission for the collection to take place. It was a huge success as the photos will attest!

Several members of the Knights of Columbus volunteered their time to sort and pack and some of the wives helped out as well. A work party was organized by Merrill Dussault and on the 30th of January the packing began. As can be seen from the photos, most of the gifts consisted of various types of candy, fruit and cereal bars gum, hard candy, powdered Gatorade Chap Sticks and so on. The knights carefully packed all this material in shipping containers addressed to Fr. Rocheford at a special location in Iraq. After leaving the Northborough Post Office it will be handled by the U.S. Military.

According to Dussault, he said that it is the Knights intention to run a collection at both Catholic Churches in town. He said that collections will be made at St. Rose of Lima and at St. Bernadette's every other month until he hears

from Fr. Rocheford that he has enough. Dussault said that he feels we are a long way from that day. Merrill Dussault and Mike Ryan said that people have thanked them for the opportunity to do something real and wanted for the troops in harms way in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

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The Packing Process: L-R Merrill Dussault, Peter Kohn and Charles Foster, Jr.



The Finished Product: L-R Merrill Dussault, Peter Kohn, Charles Foster, Jr. and Joseph McNamara

## Neurology

Listed below are Members of the Knights of Columbus who have passed away recently.

### Council #98, Mount Pleasant Council

Robert C. Mahoney  
James L. McCarthy  
John G. Reen

### Council #89,

Rev. Mark Carr, State Prior

### Council #155 – Watertown Council

Joseph S. Mattaliano

### Council #180

FDD Gerard Magner, Sr.

### Council #396

Brother Neil Borkowski

### Council 1462, Braintree Council

FDD Paul Honiker  
FDD John E. McDonald

### Council 1829

FDD John F. Anglin

### Council #2121, Maynard Council

Brother Edward J. Allard, 60 year member  
Sir Knight Albert Crowley, 37 year member  
Brother John A. Doran, 48 year member  
Brother Donald M. Duncan, 48 year member  
Sir Knight Norman V. Hannon, Sr. 33 year member  
PGK, Sir Knight William F. McGann, 57 year member  
Brother John J. O'Rourke, 37 year member  
Brother Joseph M. Sullivan

### Council #3669

Rev. Ralph D. Tetrault, Council Chaplain

### Council #4044, Chicopee

Brother Robert J. Lynch, 62 year member  
Brother Harold W. Cote, Sr., 33 year member

### Council 5027, St. Francis Xavier Council

PGK Joseph Cullinan

*May their souls and all the souls of our departed brother knight's rest in peace.*

If you know of a Brother Knight that has passed away please let us know. Just drop us an email with the name, number of years of membership and his highest rank of office if any to [dlattig@rcn.com](mailto:dlattig@rcn.com). Don't have email leave us a message at 617-232-4688.

## Calendar of Events – 2007-2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>July</b>		
4	Fourth of July	
19	PawSox Game	McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket
<b>August</b>		
7-8-9	Supreme Convention	Nashville, Tennessee
25	Fr. Joe Baggetta's "Chapel of Hope" Family Picnic	Amvets, Natick
<b>September</b>		
3	Labor Day	
9	Installation of Officers	Immaculate Conception Church Malden
<b>October</b>		
6, 7, 8	Tootsie Roll Weekend	
8	Columbus Day	
20	Charity Ball	Crowne Plaza, Worcester
31	Halloween	
<b>November</b>		
11	Veteran's Day	
22	Thanksgiving	
<b>December</b>		
25	Christmas Day	
<b>January</b>		
1	New Year's Day	
5,6	District Deputy Conference	Crowne Plaza, Worcester
21	Martin Luther King Day	
<b>February</b>		
18	President's Day	
<b>April</b>		
5	Ladies Appreciation Night	Place – TBD
14	Lantern Award	Newton Marriott
<b>May</b>		
2, 3, 4	State Convention	Burlington Marriott, Burlington

## Congratulations to the State Scholarship Winners – 2006-2007

<b>Name</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Council</b>
Jeffrey L Stankiewicz	Siena	Gary O. Stankiewicz	Fairview Council #4044
Erin M. Hanlon	Emanuel College	Albert A. Hanlon III	Frank Meader #6064
Robin M. Arel	St. Anselms College	Leo P. Arel	Elder Council #69
Samantha Alves	Catholic University of America	Thomas Alves	Gloucester Council #215
James M. Pelissier	Providence College	Arthur Pelissier	Walpole Council #1319

# MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

## TOP GUN AWARDS

### COUNCIL AND NUMBER

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MALDEN # 13966  
 REDBERRY DORCHESTER 117  
 SAN MIGUEL ARCHANGEL  
 GLOUCESTER 215  
 SEEKONK 5108  
 ST.MICHEAL'S, MENDON #12897  
 TOP PROPOSER AWARD

### GRAND KNIGHT

THOMAS MONAHAN  
 PATRICK MANNION  
 PEABODY 12291  
 MICHEAL MC CORMACK  
 ROBERT F. RISIO  
 GERARD HEALY

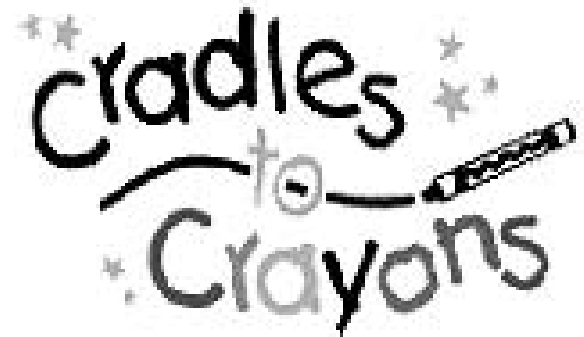
## NET MEMBERSHIP GAIN AWARD

FR. FRANCIS COPPEN TEWKSBURY 4336 CARL LOWE NET 22  
 PERCENTAGE MEMBERSHIP GAIN AWARD -  
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MALDEN #13966 - THOMAS MONAHAN 380%

## PROGRAM AWARDS

Award	Council No. & Name	Grand Knight
Council Activities Award	St. Michael's Council # 12897	Gerard T. Healy
Youth Activities Award	John Boyle O'Reilly Council # 85	Carroll Westgate
Church Activities Award	Fr. James Coffey Council # 13845	Kent Shoretle
Community Activities Award	Frank M. Meader Council # 6064	Albert A. Hanlon III
Family Activities Award	St. Martha's Council #14027	Perry Page
Public Safety		
Program of the Year	Vincent A. O'Brien Council # 5254	John P. Sullivan
Best Website of the Year	John Boyle O'Reilly Council # 85	Carroll Westgate
Distinguished Council	Lexington Council # 94	Mario Massimilla
Council Of Excellence	St. Michael's Council # 12897	Gerard T. Healy
Council Of Excellence	Holy Family Council # 11510	Tyrone Gonsalves
Council Of Excellence	Seekonk Council # 5108	Robert Risio
Council Of Excellence	Saint Joan of Ark Council # 12742	Joseph R. Duggan
Honor Council	South Hadley Council # 1721	
Honor Council	St. Mary's Council # 11690	James McEnaney
Honor Council	Burlington Council # 4978	Charles McLean
Honor Council	Fr. Harold M. Wren Council # 3963	Richard Sweeney
Honor Council	Holy Family Council Hanscom AFB # 14016	Miles Palasz
Honor Council	Msgr. Jean A. Prevost Council # 12380	Raymond Pelletier
Honor Council	St. Joseph Council # 11914	Michael Wojcik
Best Council Division # 3	Lexington Council # 94	Mario Massimilla
Best Council Division # 4	St. Michael's Council # 12897	Gerard T. Healy

# THANK YOU!



On behalf of the State Board Officers and our wives, I would like to thank my Brother Knights and their ladies for participating in the Cradles to Crayons endeavor which took place at the State Convention the weekend of May 18th at the Sturbridge Host Hotel.

This Organization helps low income children and families in need.

Well over forty-five backpacks loaded with assorted school supplies and boxes filled with school items were collected. This was truly an overwhelming display of your continued generosity!

My Brother Knights and ladies may I say that you never cease to amaze us with your giving spirit!

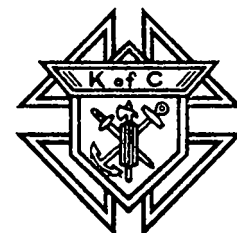
Thank you again for your support in this worthwhile project.

*State Deputy Vincent & Renie Rumasuglia*

## Thank you

I would like to thank all the Knights of Columbus Members and their Wives for all the Get Well Wishes, Cards and Prayers while I was going through my Cancer Treatments. I am now on the road to recovery and will see you all at the next Function.

Thank you,  
 Nancy A. Kovalski  
 Wife of Stanley J. Kovalski Jr. D.D.





*Congratulations to all of the State Free Throw Champions and to all the Councils for their support!*



<u>Name</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Council #</u>	<u>Score</u>	
Cecilia Burke	Girls	10	1st	19	13764	23	
Camryn Boutin	Girls	10	2nd	5	5406	20	
Kerry Chen	Girls	10	3rd	18	85	19	
Sarah O'Connell	Girls	10	4th	32	1611	16	
Brooke Korona	Girls	10	5th	43	11690	10	
Sean Davin	Boys	10	1st	39	6063	23	
Michael Jezierski	Boys	10	2nd	9	228	21	
Daniel Perry	Boys	10	3rd	45	9444	20 + 3	Shoot Out
Justin Nobrega	Boys	10	4th	26	4336	20+1	Shoot Out
Ryan Sarno	Boys	10	5th	5	5406	15	
Gabrielle Lavinio	Girls	11	1st	1	411	20	
Madelyn Ganser	Girls	11	2nd	32	1611	19	
Olivia Montgomery	Girls	11	3rd	18	85	18	
Emmalie Keenan	Girls	11	4th	19	13764	14+ 4	Shoot Out
Brittany Silva	Girls	11	5th	46	2476	14+ 3	Shoot Out
Brendan Kileooyne	Boys	11	1st	18	85	23	
Michael Bombard	Boys	11	2nd	3	4044	19	
Joel Berrora	Boys	11	3rd	24	67	13	
Tyler Casper	Boys	11	4th	43	11690	11	
Jennifer Janiak	Girls	12	1st	19	9275	23	
Rachel McCall	Girls	12	2nd	49	488	15	
Taylor Rooney	Girls	12	3rd	5	5406	13	
Lekhya Vaddepati	Girls	12	4th	11	4181	11	
Alyse Kearns	Girls	12	5th	46	5254	4	
Ryan Mcelroy	Boys	12	1st	39	5876	24	
Liam Barberich	Boys	12	2nd	12	13140	18	
Meaghan O'Connell	Girls	13	1st	32	1611	19	
Danielle Candelieri	Girls	13	2nd	19	9275	18	
Katie Cawley	Girls	13	3rd	40	5254	15	
Ashlee Cordeiro	Girls	13	4th	4	11178	12	
Cam Clifford	Boys	13	1st	34	234	24	
Owen Ernest	Boys	13	2nd	18	85	19	
James Moynahan	Boys	13	3rd	45	9444	17 + 4	Shoot Out
Adam Brandano	Boys	13	4th	29	3745	17 + 2	Shoot Out
Elijah Marchese	Boys	13	5th	7	133	13	
Christine Ganser	Girls	14	1st	32	1611	24	
Justine King	Girls	14	2nd	8	183	18	
Jessica Stukey	Girls	14	3rd	28	4982	17	
Ashley Donelan	Girls	14	4th	14	1562	13	
Patrick Hession	Boys	14	1st	18	85	21 + 5	Shoot Out
Justin Perron	Boys	14	2nd	39	14027	21 + 3	Shoot Out
Bryan Flaherty	Boys	14	3rd	43	11690	18	
James Law	Boys	14	4th	6	10698	17	
Michael Arria	Boys	14	5th	23	4982	15	





**Massachusetts Knight of Columbus Night  
with the  
Pawtucket Red Sox  
Wednesday, July 18, 2007 – 7:05 p.m.**

**Paw Sox vs. Ottawa Lynx  
\$9.00 per person**

**Local Councils can buy tickets in quantity and use them for:**

- Member rewards
- A council fundraiser
- Recruitment incentives

**Order your tickets through the State Office  
Call Bob Shone or John Amico  
781-551-0628**

## Next Deadline

The deadline for the next Knightline  
is September 15, 2007

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us

617-232-4688 – [dlattig@rcn.com](mailto:dlattig@rcn.com)

FDD Donald & Mary-Ellen Lattig  
Knightline Editors



*Save the Date!*

*Annual Charity Ball & Auction  
to Benefit the  
Knight of Columbus Charity Fund*

*Saturday, October 20, 2007  
Dinner & Entertainment*

*Crowne Plaza, Worcester*

*Last years' auction/dinner dance was a success  
so don't plan on missing it!*

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*Congratulations to the Third Year District Deputies.  
Delegates to the Supreme Convention  
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*Enjoy Nashville!*



Back Row: DD Norman Corriveau, DD Richard Conte, DD Ron Hadley, DD Warren Kennedy, DD Jack O'Neil. Front Row: DD John Pettazoni, DD Thomas Walsh, DD Paul O'Sullivan, DD Daniel McEleney