



# The Discoverer

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## A message from your State Deputy-Bill Donovan

My Brother Knights : I would like to congratulate our Supreme Knight on his leadership and the Connecticut State Council Knights of Columbus for their efforts in thwarting the attempts of certain disgruntled groups in their attack on the Catholic Church on Connecticut through Connecticut House bill #1078. This was an attempt to take the administration of the Church and associated properties away from the Pastors and Bishops, and as stated in the bill title was only against the Catholic Church.



It was kindred to the attacks of the "no-nothings" here in Massachusetts in the 19th century. These attempts to insert governmental regulation are not only mean spirited and unfounded in their accusations but in the eyes of many constitutional scholars they also appear to be unconstitutional on their face, but still these bills were filed.

This matter was tabled in Connecticut but they must be eternally vigilant as we in Massachusetts are when we file our annual resolutions against the "no-nothings" and their brand of anti-catholic bigotry. We must remain one Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. "The only way for evil to win is for good men to do nothing."

In another matter I want to make you aware that in the Mansfield area the Knights of Pythias are on a telemarketing campaign to "Support our Troops in the Military." This is in no way associated with the Knights of Columbus and I am advising you that the Telemarketers using the phrase "The Knights" in their solicitation should not be inferred as the Knights of Columbus and in fact should be challenged by you if called. Even though we are in full support of our troops (my son is in Iraq) and many other causes we do not and will not support any telemarketing solicitations. Generally these drives derive very little profit for the sponsoring organization. Just a reminder that ALL solicitations or fundraising must be approved by the State Deputy!

State Membership Director Paul O'Sullivan together with the state board of officers recently conducted a seminar on membership with the entire membership committee. We are aggressive in our support of the efforts of the local councils and urge all members to become involved in our recruitment efforts. Supreme Program Director Joe Pietruszynski and the State Officers recently conducted regional seminars regarding membership tactics with our state district deputies and they are out there ready to work with your council leadership in this matter. We must have your support, I need your support.  
Fraternally,

*William F. Donovan*

State Deputy



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## Schedule of Degrees for March and April

See our Web Site [www.massachusettsstatekofc.org](http://www.massachusettsstatekofc.org) for the latest schedule of degrees

# REMINDER

Please send those State Raffle Tickets out to your Council Members along with their annual Council dues bills. Remember, \$5.00 of every sold book remains with the Council for their discretionary use.

Also, Don't forget that State Convention Delegates voted a \$1 per member assessment on all councils not participating in State Raffle.

## Calendar of Events for March Thru June



- March 28 Worcester Men's Conference @ DCU Center, Worcester
- March 28 Fourth Degree Auction & Fundraiser @ Westboro Council
- March 28 Boston Region Free Throw @ Catholic Memorial High School, West Roxbury
- April 3 State Council Scholarship Applications due at State Office by close of business
- April 4 State Cribbage Tournament at Fr. Croke Council 9:30 AM, Wilmington
- April 4 State Free Throw Championship @ Holy Cross 9:30 Worcester
- April 10 Good Friday (State Office Closed)
- April 12 Easter Sunday
- April 18 Boston Men's Conference 9:00 AM—6:00 PM Conte Forum @ Boston College
- April 19 Boston Women's Conference 9:00 AM—6:00 PM Conte Forum @ Boston College
- April 20 The Lantern Award Presentation to the Bish Family, Sheraton Plaza @ Framingham
- April 25 Springfield Woman's Conference at Cathedral High School, Springfield
- May 1-3 Annual State Convention Weekend @ Burlington Marriot Hotel, Burlington
- May 9 LaSalette Annual Living Rosary @2:00 PM, Attleboro
- May 17 Annual State Golf Tournament 12:00 PM Shotgun start @ Chicopee Country Club
- May 30 Exemplification of the 4th Degree honoring PSC Fr. Joseph Baggetta Worcester
- June 26 Annual Past State Officers Dinner @ Crowne Plaza, Worcester
- June 27-28 GK and DD Leadership Conference @Crowne Plaza, Worcester
- July 26 Kof C day at the Pawtucket Red Sox 1:00 PM, Pawtucket RI
- October 24 Annual Charity Ball and auction

**Please Note that ordinarily the Charity Fund Diocesan Representatives meet on the first Wednesday and the State Board of Officers Meets on the second Thursday of each month.**

## Friendship Dinners

- March 27 - **District Deputy Robert Conrad** at the Roma Restaurant, 27 Middlesex Street, Bradford
- April 3—**District Deputy Wally Boyer** at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Cheshire

Please support these men for their many sacrifices to the order.

**Form #100  
Belongs in  
All of These Places**

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



**SIGN UP A  
NEW MEMBER  
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## State Golf Tournament

The State Golf Tournament will be held at Chicopee Country Club on Sunday May 17th—Noon Shotgun Start. \$100 per golfer. Contact FDD Greg Komer (413) 536-2580 or State Office for details.

## PAWSOX GAME

Sunday July 26th—1 PM Start  
\$10 Ticket for only \$8.50  
Great Family Day for your council.  
Contact State Office for Tickets

**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.  
THEY NEED US.  
WE NEED THEM.**

*Vocations Are Everybody's Business*

**E-Mail Information** The State Office requests that any member or council not receiving e-mails from the State Office on a regular basis kindly send their e-mail information to the state office at [mastatekofc@verizon.net](mailto:mastatekofc@verizon.net) If you wish to start receiving this important service.

**Marion Hour of Prayer**  
ICON Schedule on website  
<http://massachusettsstatekofc.org>

## Degree Schedule for March and April

### FIRST

#### March

- 23 Vincent O'Brien Council #5254 Abington @ 6:30
- 31 Middleboro/Lakeville Council # 223 @ 7:30
- 31 Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted #14710, Waltham @6:30

#### April

- 5 Valencia Council #80, Milford @4:00
- 9 Elder Council #69, Chicopee @7:00
- 13 Leicester Council # 4528 @7:30
- 14 Valladolid Council # 70 @ 7:30
- 16 Otter River Council #2536 @6:15 (Holy Cross Parish, 26 Lake St., E. Templeton)
- 27 Vincent O'Brien Council #5254, Abington @6:30
- 28 Middleboro/Lakeville #223 @ 7:30

### SECOND

#### March

- 23 Vincent O'Brien Council #5254, Abington @7:00
- 31 Middleboro/Lakeville #223 @ 7:30
- 31 Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted #14710, Waltham after first

#### April

- 7 Wakefield Council #104 @8:00
- 13 Leicester # 4528 after first
- 16 Otter River Council #2536 after first
- 27 Vincent O'Brien Council #5254, Abington @7:00

### THIRD

#### March

- 29- St. Francis Council #5027 @ Weymouth, 1 PM
- Team: Fall River, Host DD: Joseph Donnelly

#### April

- 19—Otter River Council #2536 @ Holy Cross Parish E. Templeton@1:00 PM
- Team: CO and ADD TBD, Host DD: Michael Enright
- 19—Msgr. Shea Council #3819, N. Andover @1:00 PM
- Team: Blackstone Valley, CO: Al O'Connor, ADD: Don Henchey, Host DD: Everett Belisle
- 26- Adelphi Council # 4181, Shrewsbury @1:00 PM
- Team, CO & ADD to be determined, Host DD: Fred Davis
- 26- Arlington Council #109 @ 12:00
- Team-Blackstone Valley, CO & ADD to be determined, Host DD: David Craven



## State Convention and Ladies Luncheon

IN THE COMING DAYS YOU WILL BE RECEIVING IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION BEING HELD AT THE BURLINGTON MARRIOTT HOTEL ON THE WEEKEND OF MAY 1-3. THE PACKAGE PLAN INCLUDES YOUR 2 NIGHT STAY AT THE HOTEL, THE WELCOMING HORS D'OEUVRES RECEPTION WITH A CASH BAR, AND THE SATURDAY EVENING DINNER FEATURING THE DRAWING FOR THE WINNERS OF THE P.S.D. P. FRANK FOUGERE RAFFLE WHICH IS NAMED IN HONOR OF ITS FOUNDER. THE COST OF THE PACKAGE IS WELL BELOW THE INDIVIDUAL COST OF EACH ITEM INCLUDED. I ASK THAT IF YOU ARE STAYING OVER NIGHT, THAT YOU STAY AT THE MARRIOTT. IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE STATE TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF ROOMS IN ORDER TO NEGOTIATE A FAVORABLE RATE. ONE ITEM THAT IS NOT INCLUDED IS THE LADIES BRUNCH WHICH MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE STATE OFFICE AT A RATE OF \$25.00 PER PERSON. THIS EVENT IS ALWAYS A FAVORITE OF THE LADIES AND TICKETS DO SELL FAST HOWEVER, IF WE HAVE NOT SOLD ALL THE TICKETS AT A CERTAIN TIME THEN WE MUST REDUCE THE NUMBER AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO BE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE. PLEASE SEND IN THE RESERVATION FORM INCLUDED IN THE MAILING AS SOON AS YOU CAN. YOUR LADY WILL BE ENJOYING HERSELF WHILE YOU'RE IN CONVENTION.

I ALSO WANT TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SOLICITATION OF COUNCILS, ASSEMBLIES AND MEMBERS FOR THE DONATION OF CENTERPIECES FOR THE TABLES AT THE BRUNCH AS WELL AS DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLES. ALL DONATIONS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AND APPRECIATED AND ANY THING DONATED WILL BE GOING HOME WITH YOUR LADY.

IN CLOSING, I WANT TO REMIND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING COUNCILS SUBMIT RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE DELEGATES AT THE CONVENTION. THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE RESOLUTIONS IS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH IN THE STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE IN THIS EDITION. YOUR TIME FOR FILING SAID RESOLUTIONS IS RUNNING SHORT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROCESS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE STATE ADVOCATE OR THE STATE OFFICE STAFF WHO WILL HELP YOU OR REFER YOU TO SOMEONE WHO CAN.

*Billy*



### K of C Trip – Sorrento & Rome

State Council sponsored trip featuring: Sorrento, Naples / Pompeii, Isle of Capri, Amalfi Drive, Vatican City (with Scheduled Audience with the Pope), and Rome!

9-Days/7-Nights November 11 – 19, 2009 All for under \$2000 per person.

Almost all meals included (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Don't delay—seats are limited for this great bargain. See Enclosed Flyer

Contact State Office ASAP (781) 551-0628 for details.

