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Membership, A Plea Renewed!

When I was the State Warden, State Deputy James Sawyer was pleading for the membership to bring in new members.

For the entire ten years that I have served on the State Board as an officer, State Deputies, throughout the term of their administration, have asked that members reach out in their communities and recruit new members. Each year since I have been on this board the membership in our state has gone down.

I am trying to get men to join a Catholic fraternal organization, dedicated in service to the church, to persons with disabilities and to the family, mine and yours. None of us have ever pretended that recruitment was easy, we have never pretended that we could do it alone without your help, and we have always been ready to assist you in your efforts.

I need you to tell me what we at the State Council have to do to establish an active successful recruitment program. What is it that we are not doing in this jurisdiction to start us on the upside and to end a year with more members than we started with.

The Supreme Council has been helpful, over the years, they have tried several different recruitment programs. They create all the recruitment material and they will supply it for little or no cost.

The District Deputies of this jurisdiction have received their "marching orders" **GROW THE MEMBERSHIP.**

I don't want these men going into councils to discuss membership growth programs to receive glassy eyed stares as though our council leaders never heard of the concept. This is your chance to have dialogue to tell us what you need for a successful program in your council and how we can help you in reaching your growth goals. We need to set our programs in motion and we need to do it now. The District Deputies will be reporting back to us with your feedback and we will respond. The one message we will not accept is that your council can't or will not recruit. I believe in the leadership of this state and I believe that working together we will succeed. If you want to talk to a state officer, just pick up the phone and call. If you feel that there is some problem with your perception of state support call me!

I want to be the first State Deputy in twenty years to have a plus in membership and



when that goal is achieved I want it to be because we worked together as brothers in a fraternal organization, wherein we are bonded through our Catholic Faith.

I know that much is asked of you and time taken from your family is precious. The cause is great and the goal important. Each of us in a state level leadership position has been in the shoes of a council leader and each of us makes sacrifices that are difficult. We are not asking you to do that which we will not willingly do. All we ask is that you stand beside us shoulder to shoulder and make this jurisdiction grow. Vivat Jesus.

Fraternally,
Vincent M. Rumasuglia
State Deputy



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A Message From State Deputy Vincent Rumasuglia

The Annual Charity Dinner Dance
 and Silent Auction



State Secretary Donovan “Time to get your Passport in order.”

Next year, during the week of August 3-9, the Annual Supreme Convention will be held in the City of Quebec in the province of Quebec, Canada. The major reason for this notice is that it now appears that, if you wish to attend, you will be required to have a passport in order to enter Canada. It is my understanding that pass-

port renewals are done in about a month or so; but new passports could require many months before you will receive them. The passport process is relatively simple:

The application form is available from any local Post Office, and all the instructions including fees are listed,

Each applicant must have two passport photos which you can readily get from

any AAA Office. If you are a AAA Plus member there is no fee, for regular members its \$8.00, and \$12.00 for non members. The process only takes about ten minutes.

You probably want to move along speedily on this matter.

REMINDER

To send those State Raffle Tickets out to your Council Members along with their annual Council Per Capita bills.

Remember, \$5.00 of every sold book remains with the Council for their discretionary use.

Annual Midwinter Leadership Conference

The weekend of January 5th and 6th will be the Annual Winter Leadership Conference. This year the conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Worcester a hotel with which you should all be familiar.

Grand Knights are asked to attend for a half day in the morning on

Saturday the 5th at which time a new program will be presented from the office of **His Eminence Sean Cardinal O’Malley**. This program will be state wide so we urge that as many Grand Knights or council representatives as possible should be in attendance. The program for District Deputies will continue for the

remainder of the day and into Sunday and this year there will be some innovations which will be discussed in your reservation forms which will shortly be in the mail.



Exec Secretary Guerriero

Our New State Executive Secretary

The State Board of Officers has chosen a replacement for retired Executive Secretary Bob Shone. Affective November 1, 2007, the new Executive Secretary is P.S.D. Richard Guerriero. Richard will continue in his duties as State Webmaster and

for the remainder of the Fraternal Year in his role as advisor to the State Officers. State Deputy Rumasuglia and State Secretary Donovan have met with Guerriero and set forth his duties and his role in accomplishing the goals of the State Deputy for the remainder of the fraternal

year. Guerriero states that he is excited about his new role with the State Council and pledges that he will do whatever he can to assist the members and the State Deputy in order that they have a successful Fraternal year.

The  State
Charity Fund Drive

I want to thank all of the members, their families and the many councils throughout the jurisdiction for all their efforts towards the success of the charity drive. Our early returns seem to indicate that this was another very successful effort. I will attempt to get a preliminary list of all the returns from the various councils published in the next edition of *The Discoverer*. I urge all the council's which have not yet made their returns to do so immediately.

Having served as Chairman for the two years of State Deputy Rumasuglia's administration I

want to thank all of the people who served with me on the Charity Drive Committee. I also want to remind my Brothers that it is never too early to plan the next drive.



John Amico, Drive Chairman

SOCCER CHALLENGE

The Soccer Skills finals have been held and all of the results are available on line at the state website. They would have been printed here, but are too numerous to be included and given justice. Both reports and photos are on line

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

Calendar of Events for December and January

The following are the events scheduled:

The First Monday of each month is the meeting of the **State**

Diocesan Charity Committee at the state office. All Grant requests must be in at least one week prior, to be sure to be reviewed.

State Board of Officers are scheduled to meet the second Thursday of each month.

December 5th is the State Directory Christmas Party at Franklin council. (Invitation only)

January 5th and 6th The Mid-winter Leadership Conference for District Deputies and Grand Knights will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Worcester. Letters with reservation forms will be in the mail soon.

Schedule of Degrees for December and January

The following are the Degrees scheduled:

First Degrees:

- 12/02-Valencia No. 80, 4:00
- 12/10-Elder No. 69, 7:30
- 12/17-Leicester No. 4528, 7:30
- 12/17-Fr. Coppens No. 4336, 7:00
- 01/06-Valencia No. 80, 4:00
- 01/14-Alhambra No. 88, 7:30
- 01/14-Elder No. 69, 7:30
- 01/21-Fr. Coppens No. 4336, 7:00
- 01/22-Valladolid No. 70, 7:00

- 01/25-Foxboro No. 6063, 7:30
- 01/28-Fr. Vincent O'Brien No. 5254
6:30
- 01/29-Middleboro/Lakeville No. 223
7:00

Second Degrees:

- 01/21 Leicester No. 4528, 7:30
- 01/28-Fr. Vincent O'Brien No. 5254
After 1st.

Third Degrees:

Nothing Scheduled at this time
check Website



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Our Lady of Charity Icon

The Massachusetts State Council is a Catholic, charitable, family oriented, fraternal group. We Support our Bishops, our Priests and our Church. To be considered for membership you must be a Catholic male in communion with the Holy See who has obtained the age of eighteen.

The Massachusetts State Council Charity Fund is a Fund dedicated to the benefit of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities of any age, and Persons with Physical Disabilities who have not yet attained the age of twenty years. In order to participate in the fund you must go to the local council in your community, and speak with the Grand Knight. If the applicant complies with the prescribed procedure, the grant request will be forwarded to the state diocesan charity committee for investigation and recommendation. After review of the Committee's recommendation, the State Board of Officers has the final approval or rejection of the grant request.

Massachusetts Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Charity Icon Presentation

Schedule for December 2007 and January 2008

Dist.	District Deputy	Dates of Icon	Dist.	District Deputy	Dates of Icon	Dist.	District Deputy	Dates of Icon
4	Richard A. Smith 413-786-3091	November 25 -December 8	21	Stephen E. Brenner 978-446-0432	November 25 - December 8	38	Maurice E. Harvey 781-826-3064	November 25 - December 8
5	Mark K. Olson 413-594-7617	December 9— December 22	22	Raymond Marchand 978-744-1867	December 9— December 22	39	Daniel R. McEleney 781-961-6562	December 9— December 22
6	Derek L. Fritz 413-594-7617	December 23 - January 5	23	Thomas Parisi 978-352-8880	December 23 - January 5	40	Warren Kennedy 781-447-0439	December 23 - January 5
7	Richard M. Henry 413-773-7466	January 6— January 19	24	John J. King 978-689-2550	January 6— January 19	41	Stanley J. Kovalski 617-376-0577	January 6— January 19
8	Gerard O. Bernier 413-245-9461	January 20— February 2	25	Robert Conrad 978-521-9984	January 20— February 2	42	Thomas J. Gorman 781-545-9389	January 20— February 2