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A message from your State Deputy

My Brother Knights:

I would like to begin my message by thanking all the councils and members who have worked so hard and dedicated themselves in the recruitment of new members. We all know that if you want your council to be vibrant then we need to be active in recruitment and have a dynamic program. As of March 12, 2008 there are 11 councils which have made their membership and insurance quotas. There are 16 Council that have made their membership quota but need more insurance members. There are 31 councils at 50% of their membership quota. There are 20 councils at 25% of their membership quota and another 34 councils that are on the positive side of membership recruitment. I would like to thank these councils and their leaders for their efforts and at the same time remind all of my brother knights that there is still plenty of time left in the fraternal year for every council to have a positive membership result and for many to achieve their membership goals.

We all know men who would make great Knights, whether its someone we know from work, socially or from church. Unfortunately, the biggest problem

Is they have never been approached, so venture out today and ask them to join. One of the most encouraging factors this year is more councils are doing membership drives and they are being successful. Always remember, If your council needs help your State Deputy, State Officers and the entire state team are here to help you.

On March 5th, I had the opportunity, along with State Secretary Bill Donovan, to attend a lecture given at Harvard University by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. He was promoting his new book A Civilization of Love. The event was sponsored by Harvard University Council #14188. Speaking of Harvard, the Supreme Council has just hired Harvard P.G.K. Michael Brewer to work on developing more college councils. In Massachusetts he is currently working on MIT and Merrimack colleges.

On March 9th, we held our Pro-Life Mass at St. Michael's in Springfield with Bishop McDonnell as our celebrant. There were 40 Honor Guard members present as well as the state officers, District Deputies, chairmen, Grand Knights, council officers, members and their families. Thank you to all who participated in this wonderful event.

We are currently working on



the development of Hispanic Councils at St. Mary's in Waltham, Holy Redeemer in East Boston, St. Patrick's in Brockton and St. Josephs in Lynn, in addition, we are working on a Vietnamese Council in Springfield and three Eastern Rite Councils in New Bedford, Springfield and West Roxbury. We are also working diligently on new councils in Worcester, Fiskdale, Salem, New Bedford, North Dighton and Hamilton.

We continue to be invited by Pastors to start new councils at their parish because they say local existing councils are not visible. Always remember, that as a Grand Knight, it is your obligation to contact your pastors and introduce yourself to them and please understand that sometimes a pastor might still want his own parish council.

In the upcoming months we will be very busy with the District Deputy Dinners, the

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NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Message From State Deputy Vincent Rumasuglia (Continued)

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Ladies Appreciation Night Dinner, Regional and State Free throw competitions, the Cribbage Tournament, Golf Tournament, the Patriots Day Dinner and Lantern Award Presentation to Supreme Chaplain, Bishop William E. Lori, the State Convention at the Burlington Marriott Hotel, and the exemplification of the Fourth Degree in June. For the dates and details please see our Calendar of Events included elsewhere in this *Discoverer*.

Last month we finished with

our regional meetings, and while attendance was fair it could have been much better. Every council, grand knight, council officer and member should understand the purpose of these meetings is to share with each other that which works for your council in recruitment and programs. Hopefully, in this sharing of information and ideas we can help all of us to a better way to achieve our goals.

These meetings are also a time for councils to voice their opinions or concerns on what's going on with membership & programs either good or bad. As State Deputy I have always been willing to listen to

any brother knight who has a concern or an idea that would make Massachusetts a better jurisdiction.

In closing I would like to thank everyone for their support, hospitality and most important your continued friendship toward me and my family. I hope you can find time to attend some of our upcoming events, and I pray that everyone had a Blessed Easter.

Fraternally

Vincent A. Rumasuglia
State Deputy



Annual State Raffle State Treasurer Michael Baldner

My Brothers:

By this time, every council should have received and distributed the Annual State Raffle Books. The proceeds from this raffle are of primary importance in keeping the state per capita at a reasonable level, and of course, there is a great economic benefit to the local

council from their share of the proceeds.

Hopefully, every Brother Knight will participate by supporting the sale and purchase of these raffles. The state council appreciates everyone's support in this effort, and again we thank you for participating in the statewide effort to keep the amount of per capita at the current

rate.

REMEMBER IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO WAIT UNTIL THE CONVENTION TO MAKE YOUR COUNCIL RETURNS YOU CAN SEND RETURNS TO THE STATE OFFICE AS THEY ACCUMULATE.



GREAT COMING EVENTS



PATRIOTS DAY DINNER AND LANTERN AWARD PRESENTATION— This annual event is always a favorite with our K of C Families. Tickets are available at \$40.00 a person and tables of ten can be reserved for \$400.00. The recipient of this years Lantern Award will be His Excellency William E. Lori, Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut As you know, Bishop Lori is also the Supreme Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus.

Since this event is always completely sold out it is of great importance that tickets are purchased immediately. The dinner is scheduled to be held at

the Newton Marriott Hotel on April 21st. This is the same location as last years event.

LADIES APPRECIATION NIGHT— This will be the second Annual event, and if last year was any gauge then this one will sell out early so get your request for tickets in ASAP. The price is \$20.00 per member and that includes one lady guest....extra ladies are \$10.00 per. The Date is Saturday, April 26th and it will be held at the Sacred Heart Council in Franklin. This is an evening of dinner, entertainment and door prizes. The cooking, serving and cleaning up will all be done by Brother Knights and the ladies will just relax and enjoy. Don't get shut out.

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION— Reservation Forms have been sent out in the last general mailing and will be sent again. The convention is May 2nd-4th at the Burlington Marriott Hotel and once again there is an excellent package available.

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION LADIES LUNCHEON— Tickets are now available at the State Office and the price this year is only \$25.00. The price includes a spectacular brunch and great entertainment. Brothers, get the money in. You don't want to explain to your wife/girlfriend/daughter why they can't go because you didn't act fast enough.

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

D. D. Friendship Dinners:

The following are the remaining dates and listings

3/29 Stanley Kovalski 7PM Abington

4/06 Ernest LeBlanc 3PM Middleboro

4/12 Mark Olson 6PM Chicopee

4/12 Richard Pomerleau 7PM Randolph

State Cribbage Tournament: The Tournay will be held at Fr. Croke Council in Wilmington on Saturday, March 29th.

State Golf Tournament: The Tournament will be held at Acushnet River Valley Golf Club in Acushnet. Tee time is 7:30 AM (Shotgun Start)

applications are available through the state office and will be included in the general mailing.

Fourth Degree Exemplification: This June 7th event will honor Reverend Monsignor Leo A. LeClerc. The site is the Double Tree Inn in Westboro.

Past State Officers Dinner: This year the dinner will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Worcester on Friday evening June 27th.

June Leadership Conference: The conference for Grand Knights and District Deputies will be on Saturday the 28th and for District Deputies alone on Sunday the 29th. The site will be the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Worcester.

Tour of Ireland: While not scheduled until November 4-12 this excellent Tour offering a 9 day-7night tour of Ireland also includes 13 meals, airfare and hotels for less than \$1,600.00 and will be sold out soon. Contact the state office for reservation info now.

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 if they wish to start receiving this important fraternal service.

Calendar of Events for March, April and May

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.

March

22-Western Region Free Throw Dist. 1-9 Elms College

29-Boston Region Free Throw Dist. 29-35 Xaverian Brothers HS

29-State Cribbage Tournament Fr. Croke Council, Wilmington

April

4- Scholarship Application

due by the close of business at State Office.

5-State Free Throw Finals at Holy Cross, Worcester

18- Boston Catholic Women's Conference at BC Conte Forum

19-Boston Catholic Men's Conference at B C Conte Forum

21-Patriots Day Dinner and Lantern Award Newton Marriott Hotel

26-Ladies Appreciation Night Sacred Heart Council, Franklin

May

2-4-State Convention at the Burlington Marriott Hotel

17- K of C Fall River Diocese Pro-Life Mass and Living Rosary La-Salette Shrine

19- State Golf Tournament-Acushnet River Valley Club, Acushnet

Schedule of Degrees for March and April

The following are the Degrees scheduled:

First Degrees:

03/24- Fr. O'Brien No. 5254 Abington

3/25- Middleboro/Lakeville No 223

3/27- Brighton No. 121

3/27- Northboro No. 5724

3/28- Foxboro No. 6063

4/06- Valencia No.80 Milford

4/08- Valladolid No. 70 Lynn

4/08- Mt Pleasant No. 98 W. Rox.

4/14- Fr. Coppens No. 4336 Tewks.

4/14-Elder No. 69 Chicopee

Second Degrees:

3/24-Fr. Vincent O'Brien No. 5254 After 1st.

3/30-Lexington No. 94 1:00PM

Third Degrees:

3/30-Lexington Council No. 94

Team: Blackstone Valley

CD: FDD Al O'Connor

FDD: Tom Shanahan

HOST DD: Rich Conte

4/13-Auburn Council No 4158

Team: Pioneer Valley CO: TBD ADD: TBD Host DD Gerard Bernier

4/27-Gardner No. 396

Team: Blackstone Valley CO: TBD ADD: TBD Host DD Michael Enright

All Degrees, Locations and Times are listed on the State Website:
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Our Lady of Charity Icon

Important Breaking Knights of Columbus News

Pope Declares Father McGivney Venerable

Pope Benedict XVI declared Father Michael J. McGivney venerable March 15, approving a decree of "Heroic Virtue" for the parish priest who founded the Knights of Columbus. This step significantly advances Father McGivney's cause for sainthood and gives the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God" and if canonized, Fr. McGivney would be the first American born priest so honored.

Massachusetts Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Charity Icon Presentation

March & April Schedule

Dist.	District Deputy	Dates of Icon	Dist.	District Deputy	Dates of Icon	Dist.	District Deputy	Dates of Icon
12	John P. Blackwell 978-443-6131	March 16— March 29	29	Charles L. Rowe 781-595-7194	March 16— March 29	46	Richard C. Zoppatti 508-291-2759	March 16— March 29
13	Michael J. Enright 978-974-1570	March 30— April 12	30	William H. Dee, III 781-334-3395	March 30— April 12	47	Francis M. McLaughlin 508-291-2759	March 30— April 12
14	Leonard Desjardins 508-883-1071	April 13— April 26	31	Paul R. Berthiaume 781-231-2042	April 13— April 26	48	Arthur Whittemore 508-822-5107	April 13— April 26
15	Antonio Ledesma 978-343-0275	April 27— May 10	32	David M. Craven 781-729-9152	April 27— May 10	49	Joseph J. Martin 508-998-1273	April 27— May 10