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Installation of the State Officers and District Deputies

The Annual Installation of State Officers and District Deputies for the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts is scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 9th at the Immaculate Conception Parish at 600 Pleasant Street in Malden at 1:00 PM.

All members of the order, and their families are cordially invited to witness this wonderful event which is highlighted by the celebration of Mass by his Excellency Bishop Daniel P. Reilly, our State Chaplain, and the Very Reverend Richard Mehm our Associate State Chaplain, and Pastor of

Immaculate Conception Parish. All State Officers, District Deputies and their Wardens will be robed for this event, and Council Officers are encouraged to attend, wearing their robes of office

Following Mass and the Installation, there will be a reception, and a light collation in the parish hall.



State Deputy Vincent Rumasuglia



Assoc. St. Chaplain Fr. Richard Mehm



State Secretary William Donovan



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A Message From State Deputy Vincent Rumasuglia



This is our newest communication effort for our membership and our Councils. This first edition of *The Discoverer* is stylish and modern and we hope that as it evolves it will serve to inform, educate, and influence our members in a variety of ways.

First, let me say that the recipients of this newsletter will continue to be those who customarily received our old monthly bulletin mailings. Those 1500 members include all of the current leaders such as State, Council and Assembly Officers, District Deputies, Former District Deputies, Financial Secretaries, Council Chaplains and Committee Chairmen. It is their duty to further disseminate the

information contained therein to as many as they deem appropriate.

The Discoverer will not take the place of the current newspaper, but will allow us to reduce the distribution of that publication to twice a year. From time to time there may be a "message" in *The Discoverer* from one of the other state officers, or a committee chairperson, drawing your attention to a specific event in which they have a compelling interest.

The Discoverer will concern itself with State and Supreme Council matters, while the newspaper will continue to focus on State and local Council matters as well as matters of interest presented by our usual contributors. We will regularly print a calendar of upcoming state events and

information regarding degrees.

We will have articles regarding upcoming events with information that will answer any questions you might have and refer you to a person who can answer the questions we haven't. We will do articles on the various state run events, with pictures so that you will know how things are going in areas in which you have an interest.

I hope that this new forum serves you well and if there are any suggestions you might have to change or improve it, kindly contact me at

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State Treasurer Baldner "State Raffle Tickets being distributed."



Chairman Al Fuller announces the 2007 Masquerade Ball and Silent Auction



Enclosed with *The Discoverer* you will find a flyer that details the theme of this year's charity dinner dance. I think it sets forth the theme and costs in a clear fashion, so I would like to discuss other matters concerning the event. First, there will a Mass celebrated by Bishop Reilly at 4:30 in the Hotel. Second, the hotel, the Crowne Plaza, will have a limited number of rooms blocked off at a special K of C price of \$89.00, plus appropriate tax. If you are staying over, please book your room early.

Third, the theme of a masquerade ball does not set the dress code which will be black tie tuxedo or a dark business suit. **Masks will be provided by the Committee.** Finally and importantly, we are looking for donations for the silent auction. Donations come in all varieties, sporting event tickets, theatre tickets, baskets of cheer, collectables and holiday theme baskets. Also gift certificates for theatres, restaurants, museums, stores, shopping malls etc. Individuals and Councils or Assemblies will be recognized for

their contributions to the success of this event. Information regarding these donations must be forwarded by phone or e-mail to the State Office in order to prepare for display and presentation needs, if any.

In closing, let me remind all that if you haven't already sent the proceeds of your charity drive into the State Office, you will be welcome to present them at the Ball.



The State Charity Fund Drive

Everyone is reminded that the charity drive is just around the corner, on the weekend of October 5-9. Of course, some of you are already out there conducting your drives, and if there is anything that I can do to make that a successful event, please do not hesitate to ask. I can always be reached at the state office or at my home number listed in the directory.

If you have not yet ordered your Tootsie Rolls, there is still time, and there are in-state distribution points to assist those councils with small supply needs.

We will welcome the receipts from your drive at the office, and for many councils we will be looking forward to seeing you at the Masquerade Ball and Silent Auction in Worcester.



John Amico, Drive Chairman



This year the State Soccer Chairman PGK Tim Guerriero has scheduled the following dates (all Sundays) for the soccer challenges.

Calendar of Events for September and October

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.

September 9th is the **Installation** of State Officers, District Deputies and District Wardens (Pg. 1)

September 30th is the **Pro-life Mass** in the Diocese of Worcester. 10:00 AM TV Mass at the Cathedral. and

The Council **Soccer Challenge**

October 5-8 is **Charity Fund**

Drive (Tootsie Roll) Weekend

October 14th is the **District Soccer Challenge** (If necessary)

October 20th is the **Annual State Dinner Dance and Silent Auction** (Pg. 2)

October 28th is the **Regional Soccer Challenge**.



State Program Director
Jim Farrell

Schedule of Degrees for September and October

The following are the Degrees scheduled:

First Degrees:

- 9/9-Valencia No. 80, 4:00
- 9/10-Alhambra No. 88, 7:30
- 9/10-Elder No. 69, 7:30
- 9/17-Fr. Coppens No 4336, 7:00
- 9/21-Foxboro No. 6063, 7:30
- 9/24-Fairview No, 4044, 7:30
- 9/24-Fr. O'Brien No. 5254, 6:30
- 9/25-Middleboro/Lakeville No 223
- 10/01-Lexington No. 94 7:00

- 10/07-Valencia No. 80, 4:00
- 10/08-Elder No. 69, 7:30
- 10/09-Valladolid No. 70, 7:00
- 10/15-Lancaaster No. 4528, 7:30
- 10/15-Fr. Coppens No. 4336, 7:00
- 10/22-Fr. O'Brien No 5254, 6:30
- 10/22-Leominster No. 406, 7:30
- 10/26-Foxboro No. 6063, 7:30
- 10/30-Middleboro/Lakeville No 223

Second Degrees:

- 9/17-Leicester No. 4528, 7:30
- 9/24 Fr. O'Brien, No 5254

- 9/25-Middleboro/Lakeville No 223
- 9/25-Fairview No 4044 7:30
- 10/01-Lexington No. 94
- 10/22-Fr. O'Brien No.

Third Degrees:

- 9/30 Fairview No. 4044 11:00 AM
- CO : FDD Al O'Connor
- ADD: FDD Tom Shanahan
- Team: TBA
- HDD: Derek Fritz



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The Supreme International Convention
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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.

New Marion Hour of Prayer Launched

The new Knights of Columbus Marion Hour of Prayer program dedicated to Our Lady of Charity, was inaugurated during morning Mass at the Supreme Convention on Wednesday, August 8th. The inauguration ceremony was led by Cardinal Jaime Ortega y Alamino of Havana, who blessed framed images of our Lady of Charity being held by all the state deputies attending the convention, Our Lady of Charity is the patroness of Cuba.

Cardinal Ortega y Alamino prayed that "as these images of Our Lady of Charity go forth, may the Knights of Columbus and their families...be filled with faith and love.

Over the course of the next year, the framed images will be brought from council to council

within each jurisdiction throughout the Order for a one-hour prayer service and Rosary recitation. A prayer booklet accompanying each image includes hymns, a litany and a prayer that Pope John Paul, II used when he visited Cuba in 1998.

The Theme of the prayer service relates Our Lady of Charity to the Knights of Columbus' first principle of charity. It draws upon Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love) and includes special prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father.

