

Knightly News



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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights: as the Easter Season continues, let us remember that the risen Jesus is a yearlong experience, and blessings will follow as we express our continual praise and daily worship.

Council Warden Bob Jursik, FDD and I appeared on the community access TV program "Around the Town" hosted by Dick Patten on Tuesday, April 14th. It gave great exposure for what the Knights do both religiously and socially. It is necessary for us to continue to reach out to the four parishes so our message is forefront, letting the people know for whom and what we stand: faith, hope, and charity!

This month, a

few of us will voluntarily participate in greeting Cardinal Francis Arinze of Nigeria at a benefit dinner for Magdalene College. We will also have a personal meeting with the Cardinal. It should be a rewarding evening.

I am saddened to report that we lost a great brother Knight and a great Catholic gentleman this month: our Past Grand Knight and member of our "Greatest Generation," Vernon Jewett. A 4th Degree Honor Guard was on hand for his wake and quite a few veteran Concord Knights paid their sincere respects. Vernon was a parishioner at St. John the Evangelist Church. He loved the faith, and he loved serving with his Brothers in the



**Grand Knight
David Dale**

Order. We will all miss him and extend our sympathies to his family.

Our April social dinner will also be a benefit for victims of domestic violence so please bring a donation to help support a safe place for them. May God always bless you and give you good health!

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MOUNTAIN ROAD CLEAN-UP ON MAY 9TH

Every home needs a Spring cleaning, and Concord's Mountain Road is no exception. After a brutal Winter of neglect and pollution, there's plenty of work to do for everyone clearing away trash and beautifying the community.

Join the Knights on Saturday, May 9th as we clean up Mountain Road. Volunteers will gather at the IHM Church parking lot for instructions and equipment at 8:30 AM. Help keep your hometown clean.



APRIL DINNER BENEFITS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

Once again, Council 112 will be collecting donated items for Concord's Rape and Domestic Violence Crisis Center at a special dinner held at the council hall on Monday, April 27th at 6:30 PM.

The center—which is housed at an undisclosed location—provides protection and material assistance for women and children who have been physically or emotionally assaulted within domestic relationships. In addition to the regular \$7.00 charge for a full, as-yet-undetermined dinner,

guests are also asked to donate needed items such as:

- Canned, non-perishable foods
- Soaps, shampoos, toothpaste
- Cleansers, paper towels
- Sweat suits (any sizes), for those victims whose clothing must be taken as evidence.
- Pajamas
- Gift cards to Walmart, Market Basket, Target, etc.
- Phone cards
- Basic cosmetics, manicure sets, hair coloring, etc.

Your gift can help begin the healing for those devastated by violence.



APRIL/MAY CALENDAR

- 19th—Divine Mercy Sunday
- 19th—NH K of C Spring Cribbage Tournament, Protection of the BVM Parish, Manchester, 12:00 PM
- 19th—2nd Degree Exemplification, Berlin council 506, 2:00 PM
- 18th/19th—Ladies Program Mothers Day Flower Sale, All parishes
- 20th—Ladies Program meeting, IHM Education Center, 7:00 PM
- 20th—1st Degree Exemplification, Bedford council 12988, 7:00 PM
- 25th/26th—Ladies Program Mothers Day Flower Sale, All parishes
- 26th—3rd Degree Exemplification, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Center, Tilton, 11:30 AM
- 27th—Social Dinner for Victims of Domestic Violence, Council Hall, 52 Bradley St, 6:30 PM
- 29th—ACS Relay for Life Breakfast, Council Hall, 52 Bradley St, 7:30 AM
- May 1st to 3rd—NH K of C State Convention, Radisson Hotel, Nashua
- 4th—Foxwoods bus trip reservation deadline
- 4th—Officers meeting, Council Hall, 52 Bradley St., 7:00 PM
- 9th—Mountain Road Clean-Up Project, IHM Church parking lot, 8:00 AM
- 10th—Mothers Day
- 11th—Business meeting (2009/10 Officer Nominations), Council hall, 52 Bradley St., 7:00 PM
- 16th—Morning of Reflection Men's Retreat, Sacred Heart Parish, 8:00 AM



COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

May 15th

FOXWOODS RESERVATIONS NEAR DEADLINE



The May 4th deadline for payments for the bus trip to Foxwoods Resort Casino is fast approaching and Ladies Program leader Debbie Thibeault is anxious that no one miss out.

The trip mirrors the same plans as last August's bus ride in which the motorcoach was entirely sold out and riders got to enjoy a full day at the premier gaming center of the northeast. The bus will leave the Concord Trailways terminal at 7:00 AM on Saturday, June 6th, arriving in Mashantucket, Connecticut at 9:30. Riders will then have a whole day at Foxwoods, a

voucher for a free meal at the international buffet, and a chance to play Keno for free. Departure from Foxwoods will be at 6:30 PM with an expected arrival back home in Concord by 9:00.

Tickets are \$40 per person. Reservations can be made by calling (603) 753-9493 or sending an e-mail message to kdkmc@comcast.net. The motorcoach is completely air-conditioned and will be equipped with an on-board rest room.

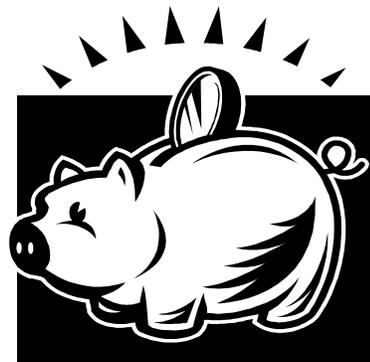
The Ladies regret that payments cannot be refunded after May 4th. Don't wait!

K OF C CORPORATION PROMOTES SALE OF SHARES

Jim Audet, PGK, president of the K of C Corporation of Concord, and the members of the board of directors, invite all current and past members of Concord Council 112 to buy shares in the Corporation. These shares, which are priced at \$25, provide income to help defray the costs of maintaining the council hall, including materials and

services.

For 2009 alone, new flooring has been installed in the downstairs lounge and extensive renovation is planned for the Penacook Street entrance to the building. If interested in purchasing shares, please call Jim at (603) 224-5633 or Joe Balassone at (603) 224-0118.



RELAY FOR LIFE BREAKFAST SET FOR APRIL 29TH



For the second year in a row, the Council Hall on 52 Bradley Street will be the site of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Breakfast, designed to increase interest and sponsorship for the fundraiser, which is scheduled for June 20th.

Council brother Knight Ben Bellerose has been named the honorary chairman for the event and makes sure to walk the "Survivor's Lap" every year.

Bellerose himself is a survivor of multiple cancers.

The breakfast will be held on Wednesday, April 29th at 7:30 AM and assistance with the food service is always welcome. The Relay for Life is an annual fundraiser for the ACS at which teams of walkers rotate around the athletic field of New Hampshire Technical Institute for 18 consecutive hours.

LADIES CELEBRATE MOTHERS DAY WITH FLOWERS

The Ladies of the Knights would never let Mothers Day pass by without making something special out of it, and with the help of Cole Gardens on Loudon Road they'll be bringing some floral beauty into Mom's life.

During the weekends of April 18th/19th and 25th/26th, the Ladies will be at all parish Masses taking orders for potted begonias, gerberas and fuchsias at discounted prices. The potted flowers will then be delivered to the purchasers during the weekend of Mothers Day, May 9th and 10th. Four-inch and six-

inch begonias will sell for \$6.00 and \$10.00, four-inch gerberas will sell for \$8.00 and hanging baskets of fuchsias will be available for \$30.00.

As the flowers are potted, they are an ideal way to enjoy their color and scent all season long, providing much greater pleasure for the purchase than any bouquet of cut plants. Cole Gardens was voted the Best Greenhouse/ Garden Shop in Concord for the year 2008 and was honored by New Hampshire Magazine the year before as the "Best of NH."



"MORNING OF REFLECTION" RETREAT SCHEDULED



Council brother Knight Rev. John Sledziona, CM of St. Peter's Parish has agreed to lead a special retreat for brother Knights from throughout Concord on Saturday, May 16th at Sacred Heart Church.

The "Morning of Reflection" will begin with a breakfast in the downstairs church hall at 8:30 AM. Afterwards, the group will gather in the church for a

special discussion on the writings of St. Paul as well as an opportunity for prayer. Following Mass, everyone will then re-gather downstairs for a concluding lunch.

The "Morning of Reflection" was re-scheduled from a proposed date during Lent and is a program created by State Co-Chaplain Rev. Robert Smolley of Manchester. All Concord Knights are invited.

CARENET DINNER PLANNED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Although Council 112's CareNet dinner is more than a month away, Program Director Glenn Camley, PGK, FDD, PFN still wants the early call to go out for donations. CareNet offers immediate material assistance to mothers facing crisis pregnancies and electing to carry the child to term.

The May 25th meal falls on Memorial Day however council leadership is not concerned about the possibility of diminishing attendance.

Guests are requested to bring items to the dinner suitable for a new mother, such as:

- ◆ Strollers
- ◆ Formula
- ◆ NEW car seats (NOT used)
- ◆ Baby clothes
- ◆ Maternity clothing
- ◆ Blankets
- ◆ Bed sheets/sets
- ◆ Baby toys

Further details on the meal itself will be in the May newsletter.



INSURANCE REPORT BY MATT POULIN, FA



In a previous column I wrote specifically to baby boomers regarding the “r” word: retirement. I presented some dire facts regarding the current state of employer-provided pension plans. That was the bad news. The good news - you can do something about it.

Think of retirement as a three legged stool. In order to maintain balance, you need all three legs...or there is a real possibility of a crash!

One leg consists of the benefits the government offers you. Debate rages about the viability of future benefits, and my best advice is to stay tuned to the discussion and make sure you are aware of what is planned for those benefits. Any change in future promises should be accounted for when we get to the third leg.

The second leg is your company’s pension plan, either defined benefit (such as a

traditional pension: you work so many years and the company provides you with so much monthly benefit) or defined contribution (such as the popular 401K plans). Again, some of these plans, particularly traditional, are under stress. Learn how yours works; read the plan description; stay on top of the news coming from the company. On the 401K side, become a good investor. Teach yourself the fundamentals of good diversification and know how much you have and when you will need it.

Finally, the third leg, and the one that you can exercise the most control over. The saving you do yourself.

Everyone – everyone – needs this third leg. It consists of the money you yourself set aside on a disciplined basis to help in retirement. You don’t directly control government benefits and you don’t directly manage your company’s

pension plan. But you do manage your own life.

Establish a retirement plan of your own. Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income that you cannot outlive at retirement. That’s right – guarantee you an income you cannot outlive. That really will provide you with piece of mind.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about the one thing you can do to help yourself. It’s reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust: you!

APRIL-MAY BIRTHDAYS



Dan Alphonse
Don Graves
Tim Hands
Frank Drouse
Sal Garafalo, PSD
Mike Kirby
Bill Beauchaine
Don Faretra
John McDonnell
Frank Roberge
Mike Morin

Marcel Amrol
Rev. Von DeRosia
Paul Hooper
Ernie Lopez
Vic Allard
Council DGK Jim Preisendorfer
Bob Miller
Wilbur Cate
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Bill Heath
Council Trustee Keith Thibeault, PGK
Ray Soucy

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT BY REV. ANTHONY KUZIA, CM



In the April issue of Columbia magazine, Bishop Lori comments on how often we long for the “Good old Days.” We do this believing that everything was better “before.” Modern life has complicated things; people have lost something valuable in faith and the Church and everything around us suffers. Bishop Lori quotes St. Augustine who said; “You hear people complaining about this present day and age because things were so much better in former times!” St. Augustine was writing in the fifth century; very much a part of what we would consider the “Good old Days.”

Bishop Lori makes an excellent point. In the 20

centuries since Christ was born, we have come to an understanding of who he was as a human person and who he is as a divine member of the Trinity. But in the “Good old Days” his disciples struggled to understand his scandalous death on the cross and his miraculous rise to new life; an event so astonishing that it must have required great faith just to grasp it.

Every age lives with it's own difficulties. The challenge is to remain faithful disciples when faced with our own contemporary challenges. As Bishop Lori says, faith requires us to look to the future and not long for the past. Our faith in the power of the resurrection must be as

strong as the first of Jesus' disciples. We must commit ourselves to living our lives as people of the resurrection so that, in the centuries to come, the community of believers can look back and think of our times as the “Good old Days.”

Just a reminder... After they have received First Communion, Catholics are bound to make their Easter Duty; this is the obligation to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season which, this year, will conclude on Trinity Sunday, June 7th. Catholics are also bound to confess serious [mortal] sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season