



KNIGHT SCENE NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 13, 2010
Sweetheart Dance

April 10, 2010
K of C / Shriners Dance

May 1, 2010
French Night

May 9, 2010
Mother's Day Brunch

May 19, 2010
Living Rosary

July 10, 2010
Installation of Officers

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

DEAR BROTHER KNIGHTS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY,

Lorraine and I ushered in the New Year at the Castle of the Knights. I don't know where to start in describing such a perfect evening that was orchestrated by Donald and Denise Darcy and their very competent and dedicated staff.

The James Bond theme was evident from the time we entered the hall. Theme songs from the James Bond movies filled the air, a showing of the first James Bond movie "Dr. No" was being shown on a big screen and there were games of chance located on the fireplace side.

The evening flowed by very quickly. Prior to dinner we could avail ourselves to a cheese bar and that not being enough we were served a variety delicious hors d'oeuvres by a very efficient service staff.

Dinner started promptly at 7:00pm. Our server (Catherine) was responsible for our table of eight and the adjoining table of twelve. She served us all quickly and efficiently and I noticed that all guests were served in the same manner. The gourmet meal was well prepared and delicious. During the meal we were entertained with various dances, choreographed to the themes of the Bond movies. That was an absolute plus.

The kitchen staff awed us with the desert and the way it was served. They absolutely out did themselves.

After dinner we were entertained with good music and could choose to dance, gamble or just sit around and chat with friends. Midnight came, the balloons dropped, the horns blew and the New Year had arrived. We hugged, kissed and shook hands; the evening had gone by so quickly. However, it wasn't over yet, a table had been set up with finger sandwiches and beverages.

There were over three hundred guests in attendance, of which, less than one third were from Council 4044. When you make your plans for next year, please consider joining your friends at the Castle of Knights. You'll be glad you did.

MARCH 13, 2010

Our **Annual Men's Conference** will take place at Cathedral High School. I attended last year's conference with a few fellow Knights from the Fairview Council. Those of us who attended agreed that it was a worthwhile and moving experience. I encourage all my brother Knights to attend this year's conference as a group. You will not regret it.

APRIL 25, 2010

PRIESTS APPRECIATION DINNER

Both banquet rooms have been reserved for this event. It is our hope to fill them to capacity with our honored guests, their parishioners, brother Knights and their families. Please set this date aside so that you may honor the dedicated priests of our diocese.

NEWS FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

My brother knights:

Greetings to all my brothers as we continue our journey during this year 2010 and may peace reign in our hearts and especially in a world troubled by terrorism and natural calamities. Let us also remember in our prayers our military men and women serving abroad and also trying to save lives in Haiti. During these trying times, our prayers are especially needed.

Lent is almost upon us. Nothing strikes home better the meaning of this season than the sign of the cross. Perhaps our emphasis this year, as we mourn the loss of life, should be the cross and the Lord's suffering and death. We can receive consolation in suffering because Jesus suffered and brought purpose to our lives.

Every time you see a cross, think of God's love and remember that He has conquered all. The inscription above the front doors of my church are in Latin but read "by this sign you shall conquer". A good by-word for Lent 2010.

May the cross inspire all of us and be a reminder that Jesus showed us the way.

May God bless you all and the suffering people of Haiti.

Father Galipeau
Council 4044 chaplain

4th DEGREE NAVIGATOR NEWS

Sir Knights,

As in the past the St. Patrick's Committee of Holyoke Inc. invites the Honor Guard Unit to participate in the 53rd Annual Parade to be held March 21, 2010 in the City of Holyoke. I will have a sign up sheet at the next Honor Guard rehearsal on Friday February 5, 2010 to be held in council chambers at 7:00 PM. The 120 Club winners for the month of January were: John Kisiel, Kevin Godek, Leslie Sias and Gerry Gagnon.

We did our Annual Survey Report for the year 2009. I am overwhelmed by the participation of Assembly 2670. We had 4,443 hours between Church, Community, Youth, Habitat for Humanity, miscellaneous, and sick and disabled. Visiting the sick = 364 visits, Visits of condolence = 298 visits, Blood donors = 21 visits. THANKS TO ALL! I would like to say Thank You to all our Officers for your commitment and involvement with this Assembly. A special thanks to all our members of Assembly 2670 and Councils associated with us and your continued support.

Fraternally yours,
Arnie Craven
Faithful Navigator

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles for the March newsletter should be submitted to Donald Turgeon at dturgeon3739@charter.net by February 11, 2010.

FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

April 15 - tax day - is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity may allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive - guaranteed - sound to you?

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 at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee - along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember - **absolute** safety of principal), really will provide you with peace of mind.

We are happy to meet with you - at your convenience and in your home - to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, **think about one thing** you can do to help yourself - opening a Knights of Columbus annuity. It's reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust - you! Please contact your assigned field agent for more information.

James Masters, members A-K

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REPOSE OF THE SOULS

Helena Rota, Armand Mercier, Dorothy Bouzon Turgeon, Stella Barthelette, Martin Kearney, Leonard Paul, Bun Gladu, Esther Fitch Dennis, Roland Noiseaux, Claudette Crochier

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

If you haven't noticed, there's a RESERVED VOLUNTEER PARKING in front of the Members' Lounge. This parking slot will be available to the selected Volunteer of the month.

Donald Gladu was selected as volunteer of the month of January.

CONGRATULATIONS
DONALD

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Louise Syriac, Regina Winggard, Richard Dumphy, Bud Cataw, Gloria O'Brien, Paul Phaneuf, Marie Mainville, Chet Sweeney, John Rigali

FROM THE MEMBER'S LOUNGE

In October we had our first Pig Roast. Tony Cyran and Paul Soja prepared and roasted the pig. Those, who partook, were treated to a delicious meal. A belated thank you. Ray A very special THANK YOU to Bernice McNiff. She once again sold most of the Brightside Angels at our weekly Bingo. Jeff and Dave, thank you for that great Christmas Eve spread.

Don't forget Friday evening dinners. For \$10.00, you really get your money's worth.

Your Lounge affords you the free use of pool tables, shuffleboard, darts and reasonably priced beverages.

Also, you can watch major sporting events on our big screen TV.

Note: Members may reserve the Lounge on Sundays for small parties.

Saturday March 13, 2010

A Day Long Celebration

In Honor of St. Patrick's Day

Corn Beef Sandwiches at Noon and

A Corn Beef Dinner in the Evening

The Home Association along with our Council will honor St Patrick with a day long celebration. We will serve Corn Beef sandwiches with chips and a pickle from noon to 2:00pm. There will only be about 80 sandwiches available and will be served on a first come first serve basis. The cost will be \$5.00 per person.

In the evening we will have a full Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner in our lounge. The menu will consist of Corn Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Rye Bread and Dessert.

The cost as always will be \$10.00 per person. You can purchase tickets in advance for the dinner only from the bartenders starting on Monday March 1, through Friday March 12, 2010 or until sold out. We will serve dinner from 5:00 - 6:30pm. The evening will also feature entertainment by the **Ireland Parrish Band** from 6:00-10:00pm.

So come on down to your members lounge for some good food, entertainment, drink and Irish Music. As always we appreciate and thank you for your continued support and hope to see you there.

The Committee

K OF C & SHRINERS DINNER DANCE

Saturday, April 10, 2010

This year's dinner dance will be held at the Castle of Knights. Dinner choices will be roast beef or baked chicken and include potato, vegetable, salad, dessert, coffee and tea.

Cocktail hour is from 6pm until 6:45pm followed by dinner at 7pm. Music will be provided by our favorite D.J. Bruce Marshall from 7pm until 11pm. Come join us for an evening of good food, dancing and friendship.

Tickets are on sale in the lounge Mondays, Tuesday, and Fridays beginning February 8th.

The price is still \$25.00 per person.

See Norm Fleury or call him at 592-5190.

REMINDERS

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 6:30 Cribbage

Saturday, February 13, 2010 Sweetheart Dance
Contact Kevin Godek for tickets until February 8, 2010

Saturday, April 10, 2010 K of C and Shriners Dinner Dance
For more information contact PGK Norman Fleury

NEW YEAR'S EVE BOND BALL

With a dedicated committee who gave unselfishly of their time and talents, we all succeeded in providing our guests with a very entertaining and memorable evening. I want to express my appreciation to the guests who personally thanked me and the banquet staff for putting forth such a grand celebration. From all reports, the fund-raising New Year's Eve Bond Ball was a great success.

Entertainment was provided by DJ David Colucci, Mr. Brian Fournier, Anastasia Christie and students of the Jitterbug School of Social Dance. Dancers entertained the guests with dances choreographed to themes from the James Bond movies. Music selections were such that you could dance or just sit and socialize with friends. For those who felt lucky, there was the Casino.

Thank you to Mr. Scott Samuelson and Sandy Lafleche for their help in organizing the evening.

To Dave and Jeff Sarrasin for the excellent food served in grand style, especially the desert presentation. You outdid yourselves. Service was great. We were served quickly, efficiently under the ever watchful eye of Sue (soon to be "Nan") Skorka.

SPECIAL THANK YOU(s):

Bob Goudrault - Web Page

Ed & Cis Leblanc - Ticket sales

Centerpieces: Marie Darcy assisted by Gail Muise,

Jeannette Leblanc, Doris Boucher and

Edith Martinez-Kittedge.

Darlene Darcy - Graphic Design

Judy Getto - Hostess

Croupiers: Mike LaFleur, Ed Swartz, Fran Getto,

Dave Saraiva, Daniel Darcy, Brendan Covington,

Norm Fleury, Jay Trehey, Joe Turgeon

Set-up and Cleanup Crew: Michael, Cheryl, AJ, and Mike

Getto, Pam Skiba, Marie Baines and Jeff Lovell.

Guests were greeted at the door by the Fourth Degree Honor Guard comprised of Ed Laframboise, Richard Fulton, Ray LaMarche and Don Gladu. The beautiful full length white mink coats were courtesy of Patricia Richard, Joanne LaBrecque, Grace Fleury and Helen LaMagdelaine. Raffle Winners were: Sony TV - Steve Kirsner, Pendant - Cheryl Getto, Celtic Tickets - Sandy Salois, Dance Lessons - Gerry Lacasse. The "Best Bond" Contest was won by Steve Drozell and was awarded a bottle of Dom Perignon 2000 vintage champagne.

Your hard work and dedication made this New Year's Eve Ball the best ever. You should all be very proud.

Thank you all very much.

Don Darcy.

FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Officers Meeting 7:00P.M.	2	3	4 Super Bingo	5 4th Degree Honor Guard Rehersal 7:00P.M.	6
7	8 Council Meeting 7:30P.M.	9	10 Spaghetti Supper 4th Degree Meeting	11 Super Bingo Newsletter Deadline	12	13
14	15 Home Association Meeting 7:00 P.M.	16	17	18 Super Bingo	19	20
21	22 Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.	23	24	25 Super Bingo	26	27
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