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# Knights Of Columbus

## Rhode Island State Council



### Newsletter – APRIL 2008

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

Dear Brother Knights, families and friends, There are many opportunities in the coming months for Knights and their families in Rhode Island to make a difference in their council, their parishes and their communities.

I am pleased to announce the reactivation of Friar Council #5787 at Providence College. Thomas Daly, Grand Knight, is a student and a member of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, CT. St. Mary's is the parish where Fr. Michael J. McGivney founded our Order in 1882. A 1<sup>st</sup> Degree was held last month at Dillon Council #3563 in North Providence where 4 additional students were welcomed into the Order. The Degree was attended by Thomas P. Smith, Senior Vice-President, Agencies & Marketing. Tom's son is a student at PC and a member of the council. Please join the State Officers and myself in welcoming Friar College back into the fold, and to Ernest Gagnon, GK at Dillon for his councils support. We pledge our support to GK Thomas Daly with the challenge he faces in bringing Friar Council back to its glory days.



The #1 priority for all councils is membership! We are currently at 59%, and need 91 (net) new brothers to realize our goal of 220 for the Columbian year. Last year we fell below 5,000 Associate Members, and lost a delegate to the Supreme Convention as a result. It is crucial that we realize our annual goal, and climb over the 5,000 Associate Member benchmark to retake our delegate position at the 126<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention to be held this year in Quebec City.

All councils should be participating in the Order-wide Membership Blitz this Spring. If any councils are struggling to participate, please contact our Worthy Membership Directors Peter Lentini, SW, and Michael Benson, FDD for assistance. At the conclusion of the Blitz, the District Deputies will be contacting the Grand Knights for results. This information will be tallied and reported to the Supreme Council in New Haven, CT. They are anxiously awaiting positive results from Rhode Island. Let's show them we are serious about the Order's growth in the jurisdiction of Rhode Island.

An excellent way to attract prospective members is the State Council Charity events. Our Annual Founder's Day Charitable Ball was held at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet in Cranston on Saturday evening, March 29<sup>th</sup>. This is the State Council's largest fundraiser of the year. This year's chairman, Steven Mariano and his wife Susan, along with their committee executed a memorable evening complete with a 7-piece band, silent auctions, and raffles. This was an excellent opportunity to showcase the generosity of Knights and their wives (or significant others) at their best.

Coming up is the annual Rhode Island State Council Charity Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 8 at Chemawa Golf Course in North Attleboro, MA. This is a shotgun start at 8 AM, followed by a Surf & Turf Dinner at Sullivan Council in Central Falls. Again, this is an important fundraiser for the State Council. If you do not or cannot golf, plan to attend the dinner. Invite your spouses, family members

#### RI STATE COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

##### APRIL

**04/13 World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

**04/17, 7:00 PM State Officers and District Deputies Meeting @State Office, Cranston, RI**

**04/25, 7:30 PM RI State Council Meeting at Narragansett Council, Westerly, RI**

**04/30, 7:30 PM 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Biennial @St. Joan of Arc (tuxedo's required)**

##### MAY

**05/02, 03 & 04, RI State Council Annual Convention at the Best Western in Newport, RI**

**05/15, 16 & 17, RI State Council Annual Tootsie Roll Drive.**

**05/18, 11:30 AM 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification @St. Pius V Church (tuxedo's required)**

##### JUNE

**06/08, 8 AM RI State Council Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Chemowa Golf Course in North Attleboro, MA**

**06/19, 7:00 PM State Officers and District Deputies Meeting @State Office, Cranston, RI**

#### ASK RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the means by which adults look into joining the Church. RCIA candidates learn about the Church and how service to one's fellow man is the best way to enact his faith. **Invite these new Catholics to join the Knights of Columbus.**

STATE DEPUTY (continued)

DAY OF RECONCILIATION

and friends. All councils are encouraged to be represented. Please contact FDD George Plante.

The Day of Reconciliation conducted by our State Chaplain, Fr. Joseph Paquette, was canceled due to low turnout. Only 28 people had made reservations.

The State Convention is fast approaching. This year's convention will be held at the Best Western in Newport, RI on May 2nd, 3rd & 4th. Included will be the Ladies Luncheon on Saturday featuring a Variety Show with Sigy Miller and Ronnie Howe. Reservations are needed for both the ladies Luncheon and the State Convention Dinner on Friday evening. Please contact FDD Red Drywa for details. Red always does a fabulous job.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE SECRETARY

Brothers, Any council that is participating in the state insurance program should have received it's annual billing notice. The price per active member quoted by RC Knox is the same as last year.



Please be sure to contact Fatima Council Grand Knight Ernie Pennini with the names of any departed brothers who died in the past year, and the KofC titles they held. They will be included at our Memorial Mass at the State Convention.

Grand Knights are reminded that unpaid Per Capita payments and Delegate forms should be sent to the State Office to my attention.

As always, your comments and ideas to assist the Rhode Island State Council Knights of Columbus in achieving the objectives of the Order are always welcome. You can reach me personally at [golfinnewport@cox.net](mailto:golfinnewport@cox.net).

There is still time to submit the paperwork for one of the College/University Book Awards as well as the Catholic Elementary and Secondary School Scholarships.

Vivat Jesus! Arthur Sylvester, SD.

Lastly, there is a LIMITED number of spots still available on the bus to the Supreme Convention in Quebec in August. If you are interested, please contact me at 949-0323 or [SteveC618@aol.com](mailto:SteveC618@aol.com).

Vivat Jesus.

Stephen Ciolfi, State Secretary

Pawtucket St. Patrick's Day Parade

A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE TREASURER

Worthy Grand Knights: There is new information on the Internal Revenue website, *IRS.gov*, regarding the form 990-N. You can access it by either going directly to the site, *IRS.gov* or linking to it from the State Council, *kofcri.org* homepage. Once on the IRS home page click on "Charities and non profits." Then click on the link "Annual Electronic Filing Requirements for Small Exempt Organizations- Form 990-N (e-postcard)." This page will give you information on what you need to file a form 990-N and who must file ( all councils and assemblies with gross receipts less than \$25,000). On this page click on "How to file" and then click on "here." This will take you to a page asking you "leave IRS site," clicking on this it will take you to a 'Request Login ID.'" In order to log in you will need your Employer Identification Number, EIN. Once you input your EIN, the system will automatically generate your login ID based on your EIN. I did not go any further into the system as it is premature to file now. Regarding the actual filing dates- if your council ends its financial year on December 31th, then you must file by May 15th, if your year ends June 30th, then you must file by November 15th. Again this is all predicated on each council or assembly having or obtaining its own EIN. Hope this helps.



Fraternally yours, John



Our chaplain, Fr. Joseph Paquette as St. Patrick!

**A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE ADVOCATE**

All **Resolutions** for the State Convention should have been sent to the State Advocate at his home or the State Office by March 1, 2008. Resolutions were to be on Council letterhead and signed by the Grand Knight.

Fraternally,

Jim Gilcreast, State Advocate



**A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE WARDEN (cont'd)**

I am pleased to announce that R.I. Knights of Columbus has attained its quota for **Parish Round Tables** for this Columbian Year. Thank you to our Worthy SD, Arthur Sylvester, for e-mailing all the GK's to remind them how easy it is to set up and activate Parish Round Tables.

Setting up a Parish Round Table allows the local council to have a presence in that parish, and if used properly, it is a great recruitment tool. Three (3) new members per Parish Round Table is the Orderwide average, yearly.

Let's go out & work these Round Tables. Thank you to all councils with Round Tables. For those councils without Parish Round Tables, "What are you waiting for? Don't you need new members?" Peter Lentini, SW, RI State Round Table Coordinator

**A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE WARDEN**

As chairman of the **Knights with the P-Bruins**, I would like to thank my Brother Knights for making this event the most successful Hockey Night ever. I believe the addition of the Pasta Dinner at Scalabrini Council contributed to its success. Where can you get lower level seating for a hockey game & an all you can eat meal for \$20.00? We raised \$820 for our charities.

My thanks to the Master of the Fourth Degree & to my Brother Sir Knights for the impressive honor guard in presenting the colors.



**FOUNDERS DAY CHARITY BALL**

Brothers, on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2008 The Rhode Island State Council held our Annual Charity Ball. All councils were encouraged to be represented. This years event was held at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, and featured a seven piece band to entertain us. There was a Silent Auction as in years past. Councils were asked to provide a theme basket of their choice. There was a Raffle of a 32" Flat Screen TV donated By Dr. Dan Harrop. Steven Mariano, DD, RI State Council Founders Day Charity Ball Chairman, and State Degrees & Ceremonials Chairman

**Free Throw championship**

I present to you the 2008 State Free Throw Champions.  
 Girls Age 10: Maddy McLaughlin, 14/25 Baskets, District 4, Council 21  
 Girls Age 11: Jackie Burr, 19/25 Baskets, District 4, Council 21  
 Girls Age 12: Mikayla Murphy, 18/25 Baskets, District 3, Council 12613  
 Girls Age 13: Jessica Carrigan 16/25 Baskets, District 7, Council 4005  
 Girls Age 14: Maria Corsini, 7/25 Baskets, District 2, Council 10557  
 Boys Age 10: Michael Muto, 14/25 Baskets, District 4, Council 2011  
 Boys Age 11: Mathew Michaud, 11/25 Baskets, District 4, Council 21  
 Boys Age 12: Bradley Henry, 22/25 Baskets, District 4, Council 2011  
 Boys Age 13: Andrew Veiga, 21/25 Baskets, District 7, Council 4005  
 Boy Age 14: Ryan Gallagher, 19/25 Baskets, District 5, Council 11087  
 Bishop Hendricken, again, is to be congratulated for their charitable donation of the basketball facilities at no charge! I had plenty of support from fellow Knights to help with scoring and shagging balls. Once again I received help from my son, Joel, with recording of the scoring results. Walter Sebastianelli, State Free Throw Chairman.



My appreciation to DD Steve Mariano for organizing the meal & special thank you to SD Arthur Sylvester, FDD George Plante & FDD Michael Benson for stepping in and preparing the dinner at a moments notice. I would be remiss if I did not thank my wife, Janet, my daughter, Melyssa, and my granddaughter, Sabrina, for picking up last minute supplies & setting the tables.

With the positive feedback I have received, I am sure next year's event will be sold out early.

Thanks to all. Peter Lentini, State Warden



**ASK 1 2 BE 1!!!**

Are you carrying a Form 100?

## RHODE ISLAND STATE COUNCIL CONVENTION

The 2008 State Convention will be held at the Best Western Mainstay, 151 Kalbfus Road, Newport on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> 2008. The room rates this year are \$79.20. Please call the Hotel at (401) 849-9880 for your reservations. Remember to tell them you're from the Knights of Columbus. Shut off date for room reservations is **March 31, 2008**.

The State Dinner will be held in the Hotel Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:15 PM. The Meal will be Salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Oven Roasted Potatoes, and for dessert Carrot Cake and coffee. The cost of the Dinner will be **\$28.00 per person**. There will be a cash bar starting at 6:30PM.

The opening Mass, Celebrated by Bishop Tobin, will start at 8:00 AM Saturday, in the Banquet room. Council contributions to the Bishop's Appeal Fund will be presented to the Bishop at this time. We will have coffee 'an in this room, as well as out in a corner of the dining room following the Mass.

The Ladies Luncheon will be held in the **Hotel** at **Noon**, luncheon is **\$30.00** per person (includes Luncheon, Gratuity, taxes and the **show** (see advertisement for further details). There is a limit of 60 Ladies for this Dinner/Show.

### Get your reservations in early.

The Memorial Mass will be in the Hotel Saturday at **6:00 PM** in the Banquet Room at the Hotel.

Please send me your Dinner Reservation and/or your Reservation for the Ladies Luncheon **as soon as possible**.

**I must have all Dinner and Luncheon Reservations no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

Fraternally, "Red" Augustus R. Dryka  
53 Mill Cove Rd. Warwick, Rhode Island 02889  
(401) 7393547 redkaye@cox.net

## Variety Show Luncheon

**With Sigy Moller & Ronnie Howe**

Join us as we salute the great performers in musical history. Recapture the legendary spirit of Engelbert Humperdink, Tom Jones, Frank Sinatra, Neil Diamond, Elvis Presley, Dean Martin, Bobby Darin, Buddy Holly, Rick Nelson, and the sounds of American Bandstand and more.

**Tickets \$30.00 per person**

**(includes Luncheon, Gratuity, Tax and the Show)**

**Maximum 60 reservations**

**Lunch includes: Tossed Garden Salad, House Dressing, Hot Luncheon Rolls, Baked Stuffed Breast of Chicken, Vegetables Potato, Dessert Beverage**

**Contact Red Dryka at 739.3547**

## MEMORIAL MASS

Worthy Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries,

This is a reminder that I would like to have the names of your deceased brothers of your council sent to me by April 12th, 2008 . If they were a state officer, former DD or a PGK, I would like to know that also. The e-mail address for all this is [memorialmasskofcri@yahoo.com](mailto:memorialmasskofcri@yahoo.com)

Vivat Jesus

Ernie Pennine GK, Fatima Council 4331 and Memorial Mass Committee

## TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

We have a new Chairman, Mike Krzywonos. This year's MR Funds (Tootsie Roll) Drive will take place May 15, 16 and 17.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS RHODE ISLAND

The Special Olympics Rhode Island Executive Director, Michael McGovern (member of St. Francis Council 2011) is requesting continued support from the Knights of Columbus.

In the past, the Knights have been very generous in support of the State Summer Games held annually at the University of Rhode Island on the first weekend in June. This signature event highlights the abilities of the athletes and fosters the continuing effort to dispel stereotypes and improve the lives of persons living with intellectual disabilities through sport.

It is Mike's hope that the Knights will continue with their support in these very difficult economic times. Special Olympics provide year-round training to youth & adults.

## RI STATE COUNCIL K OF C SCHOLARSHIPS

There are a number of scholarships available under the guidance of the Rhode Island State Council. Please see your Grand Knight for forms. They include...

*1 Elementary Catholic School Scholarships*

*1 Secondary Catholic School Scholarships*

*Book Award*

*5 College/University Book Awards*

The deadline for the submission of applications is 04/22.

Please refer to the RI State Council web site for more details. [www.kofcri.org](http://www.kofcri.org)

## NEW MEMBER INSURANCE POLICY

The New Member Policy is an excellent tool to realize your councils insurance Quota. Many councils report waiving the first year dues and initiation fee if the candidate agrees to the New Member policy.

In recognition of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, the New Member Policy is open to all existing Knights without KofC insurance between the ages of 18 and 65. Ask your Financial Secretary for more details.

## ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 8th is coming and I have yet to fill the course for this years charity golf classic. After the tournament from last year, I find it hard to believe that I didn't fill the course for this year by the end of last June. The cost is still \$100.00 and it includes the golf, cart, and the dinner after. What a deal! The meal will be surf and turf as it was last year and guest tickets are still only \$25.00 for those who do not golf. So hurry-up and send me your sign-ups. Also this year I will be accepting payments, so you won't have to come up with the whole amount in June. I can be reached at- 401-524-3639 most any time but, if I don't answer, leave me a message and I will surely get back to you. Let's make this year's tournament a big success. Let's show our support of the Knights by filling the course. This course can only support 108 players. So hurry and reserve your spot by calling George Plante @ 524-3639.

This event is coming up fast. Get the word out and don't forget to sign up. Every council, district and insurance agency is encouraged to sponsor a hole for \$100. A professional sign with your information is provided. Ask your employers, favorite restaurants, and service companies. All proceeds go to benefit State Council charities!

### A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE RAFFLE CHAIRMAN

Brother's, there are still raffle tickets left if any council is in need of any. Please contact Steven Mariano, DD @480-5089. Also, all councils should have their payment in by 4-25-08. Thank you, Steven Mariano, DD & Chairman

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Worthy District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Membership Directors and Brothers All,

Our Columbian Year is rounding third and headed for home! With 75% of the year behind us, we have three months left to achieve our goals. As of April 1, there are 7,102 members, a net gain of 1 from the March 1 report, however this is a loss of 18 since July 1. There are 154 new Knights, but 172 are lost from our ranks due to deaths, suspensions and transfers.

Year-to-date membership results are: 154 new Knights, 25 suspensions, for a net gain of 129. Our net goal is 220, so as of April 1, we need 91 net.

March membership results are: 22 new Knights,

5 suspensions, for a net gain of 17. I would like to congratulate the following councils for their efforts in April (net members in parenthesis): St. Joseph #58 (2), St. Thomas #1472 (3), St. Francis #2011 (1), St. Lawrence #2235 (1), Sullivan #2700 (1), Lincoln #4005 (5), Fatima #4331 (1), Feeney #7110 (3), Mary Doran #8977 (4).

The following is our current scorecard showing net membership. All councils should be at 75% of their goal to be on track for Star Council. There are 13 (in bold) at 75% or better, and 7 who have achieved or exceed their quota. Please join me in congratulating **Our Lady of Fatima**, Ernie Pennine, GK; **St. Joseph**, Tom Mahoney, GK; **Pascoag**, Eric Barna, GK; **St. Eugene**, John Keach, GK; **Sullivan**, Don Godin, GK; **Dillon**, Ernest Gagnon, GK; **East Providence**, Roland Grant, GK, for their achievement.

DISTRICT		COUNCIL	GRAND KNIGHT	MBR %	INS %
1	4753	Fr. Joseph Boehr	William Ayre	3.7%	-28.6%
1	256	Newport	David Dresser	0.0%	-80.0%
1	3618	Reverend Christopher Rooney	Paulo DeSousa	0.0%	-33.3%
1	4201	Middletown	Stephen Davis	-8.3%	0.0%
<b>1</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
2	4331	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	<b>Ernest Pennine</b>	<b>106.3%</b>	<b>-50.0%</b>
2	3547	<b>Bishop John B. Scalabrini</b>	<b>John Ricci</b>	<b>80.0%</b>	<b>-33.3%</b>
2	73	Our Lady Queen of Africa	Edmund Bargblor	0.0%	-133.3%
2	7328	Federal Hill	Joseph Amitrano	0.0%	0.0%
2	10557	St. Augustine	John McGinn	0.0%	0.0%
<b>2</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>58.3%</b>	<b>-45.0%</b>
3	12613	<b>St. Cecelia</b>	<b>Matthew McKenna</b>	<b>80.0%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>
3	91	San Juan Bautista	Rolando Menendez	0.0%	0.0%
3	10620	St. Joan of Arc	Robert Aubin, Sr.	0.0%	0.0%
3	1472	St. Thomas	Stanley Jamro	-71.4%	-133.3%
<b>3</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>-4.5%</b>	<b>-25.0%</b>
4	58	<b>St. Joseph</b>	<b>Tom Mahoney</b>	<b>133.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
4	2011	<b>St. Francis</b>	<b>Paul Galitskie</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>50.0%</b>
4	9197	St. Mark	David Nardolillo	60.0%	33.3%
4	21	Narragansett	Rick Devine	40.0%	20.0%
4	5295	Pope Pius XI	James Mattiucci	20.0%	33.3%
4	6939	Bishop John J. Neuman	Douglas Munroe	20.0%	0.0%
<b>4</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>52.8%</b>	<b>22.2%</b>
5	383	<b>Pascoag</b>	<b>Eric Barna</b>	<b>166.7%</b>	<b>-33.3%</b>
5	14417	<b>St. Eugene</b>	<b>John Keach</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
5	7110	Feeney	Mark Bamberg	60.0%	0.0%
5	5702	Reverend William J. Frehill	Kyle Thibault	20.0%	0.0%
5	11087	St. Philip	Peter Parisi	20.0%	33.3%
5	5274	All Saints	Eugene Robitaille	0.0%	0.0%
5	13938	St. Teresa's of the Child Jesus	Wayne St. Pierre, Sr.	0.0%	0.0%
<b>5</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>92.8%</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>
6	2295	<b>Warwick</b>	<b>Michael Hogan</b>	<b>85.7%</b>	<b>-10.0%</b>
6	5787	Friar (Providence College)	Devin Driscoll	33.3%	-16.7%
6	1738	Cranston	David Biel	12.5%	0.0%
6	398	Hope	Steven Doughty	0.0%	-66.7%
6	5701	President John F. Kennedy	Robert Walsh	0.0%	-33.3%
<b>6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>40.0%</b>	<b>-16.7%</b>
7	4005	<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>Gerard Tougas</b>	<b>83.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
7	113	Woonsocket	Stanley Eason	50.0%	0.0%
7	2235	St. Lawrence	Scott Watts, Sr.	20.0%	0.0%
7	111	Reverend James E. Finnegan	Anthony Campanelli	0.0%	-33.3%
7	1618	St. Anthony	Michael Colucci	0.0%	0.0%
7	2965	Reverend Irene J. Bouffard	Anthony Tedeschi	-6.7%	-25.0%
<b>7</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>19.0%</b>	<b>-13.0%</b>
8	2700	<b>Monsignor John F. Sullivan</b>	<b>Don Godin</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>66.7%</b>
8	3563	<b>Reverend Jordan J. Dillon</b>	<b>Ernest Gagnon</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>25.0%</b>
8	57	Fr. Delaney / St. Theresa	Alfred Hervieux	0.0%	-25.0%
8	2385	St. Paul	Richard Momingham	0.0%	0.0%
8	11684	St. Thomas the Apostle	Renato Leonelli	0.0%	33.3%
<b>8</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>41.9%</b>	<b>17.6%</b>
9	8977	<b>Mary Doran</b>	<b>Tim Cook</b>	<b>80.0%</b>	<b>-33.3%</b>
9	12821	St. Gregory the Great	Daniel Shea	40.0%	-33.3%
9	71	Pope Leo XIII	Jerry Marra	0.0%	0.0%
<b>9</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>39.9%</b>	<b>-22.2%</b>
10	1528	<b>East Providence</b>	<b>Roland Grant</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
10	3623	Bishop William A. Hickey	David Quinn	33.3%	-20.0%
10	5273	Monsignor Peter E. Blessing	William Moskosky, Jr.	14.3%	0.0%
10	379	Bristol	Rick Baccus	0.0%	20.0%
<b>10</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>37.1%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** (continued)

You have heard the Lottery adage “You can’t win if you don’t play!” The recruitment adage could be **“They won’t join if you don’t ask them!”** Through April 1 there are still 20 active councils that have not recruited a single member! However, there is still time to recruit. Each council should engage in a Membership Blitz between now and the end of the year. Schedule a First Degree within 30 days to initiate your new members. The BLITZ materials order form is available on the Supreme Council web site, [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org), or by calling the Department of Fraternal Services at 203.752.4270. **Please let me know what assistance the Membership Team can be to you in your councils recruiting efforts.** Michael Benson, Membership Director, South

**RECRUITMENT INCENTIVES**

**From Supreme Council:** Grand Knights 125th Anniversary Year Third Incentive Drawing. For councils that recruit five (5) new members gross between April 1 and June 30, 2008, the Grand Knight of record will be entered into a drawing for one of 10 “KofC Apparel Sets.” If the grand knight qualifies in each of the quarterly contests during the 125th anniversary celebration he will be eligible for a grand prize drawing to be announced in April of 2008.

**From the RI State Council:** The Grand Knight & Council Membership Director with the highest percent of quota achieved for the year, receives tickets for two to the Rhode Island State Council Cruise on Narragansett Bay!

**A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE MASTER**

There will a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification on May 18, 2008 at St. Pius V Church at 55 Elmhurst Avenue, Providence. The Honoree for this Ceremony will be Tim Hird, our Former Degrees and Ceremonials Chairman for the State Council and Former Team Captain for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. The Exemplification will begin with 11:30 AM Mass with the Degree to follow at 1:00 PM in the hall downstairs. The cost is \$65.00, which includes the dinner. Anyone making their First Degree prior to December 18, 2007 and obtained the honors of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree is eligible. **All candidates should register with the Secretary to the Master, Mike Dziok, prior to the Degree.** A Ladies afternoon tea will be held at no charge, at Dillon Council, while the Exemplification is being held. William Schulte, State Master of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree



**WHAT YOUR COUNCIL NEEDS FOR A BLITZ**

In an effort to assist councils in conducting a recruitment BLITZ, here is a quick guide to what every council might need to have on hand for their recruitment

- ❖ Prospect Cards: #921A
- ❖ The Faith-based Recruitment Flyer: #4497
- ❖ Membership Documents: Form #100
- ❖ The Greatness of a Man flyer: #4496

**SHINING ARMOR AWARD**

Be sure to incorporate the Shining Armor Award into your new member development process. The Shining Armor Award is managed at the council level to recognize new members during their 1st year of membership who have embraced their role as a Knight of Columbus. This prestigious award is presented by the Grand Knight to new Knights who complete the following.

- Attend at least 3 Business Meetings
- Participate in 3 Service Programs
- Meet with Insurance Agent
- Recruit a New Member
- Receive 2nd & 3rd Degrees



**SAVE THE DATE**

The Annual Knights Day on Narragansett Bay will be Sunday, August 24. Knights and their families cruise Narragansett Bay from Warren to Newport aboard the Bay Queen. Contact DD Mike Dziok for details.

**RI STATE COUNCIL CHARITY**



State Deputy Arthur Sylvester, presents a check for \$1,700.00 to the Office For Comprehensive Youth Ministry. The funds will be used for the purchase of New American Bibles.

Joining Arthur are State Warden Peter Lentini, State Chaplain Fr. Joe Paquette, Louise M. Dussault, OCYM, and State Treasurer John Marcello.