

# SPIRIT OF 85

## JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY COUNCIL #85

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

June, 2003

#### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

I am quite confident that in the Fall we will all have the opportunity to celebrate our membership in a Star Council. Official confirmation has not been received but I have it on good authority that all of the requirements have been completed.

This has truly been a busy fraternal year for us and as this fraternal year comes to a close I am happy to report to you concerning several changes, which will take place. I was contacted in May concerning my willingness to serve the State Board as a District Deputy. On Friday June 20, 2003 I received my appointment from State Deputy Tom Ledbetter as District Deputy. I am very happy to tell you that Council 85 is one of the Councils in my District, along with Council 365 Mumford, Whitinsville, Council 4158 Auburn, Council 9732 Anna Maria, Paxton and Council 11202 Fr. D'Alzon, Assumption College Worcester. I look forward to continuing to serve you and your new Grand Knight and Officers.

The election of officers was held at the council business meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003. Congratulations to all newly elected Brothers who will serve our council. You will find the list of officers for 2003 – 2004 in this newsletter. Each of us will have ample opportunity to support and help these newly chosen Brother Knights to lead our council. The first chance will be on July 7<sup>th</sup>, and then the activities for the year will begin with the Charity Golf Tournament, and the Summer Cookout at the Adolescent Unit of the State Hospital. I can also report that you will have a very important chance to show your support for our council officers by attending the installation ceremony, scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>. Mark this on your calendars. As a reminder there is always Bingo on Wednesday nights. Take note of the scholarships and awards, which were presented on your behalf and know that this was made possible thanks to Bingo!

I have never believed that it is possible to say thank you too often. It is in that spirit that I wish to thank the officers and members for your support and confidence in me these last 2 years as your Grand Knight. I was particularly fortunate to enjoy the teamwork and hard work of Dave Sullivan, FS, Joe Pucciarelli, President of the Charitable Corporation, Fred Brown, Bob Kristan, Bob Sylvester, Larry Boyd, John Hegarty, Carroll Westgate, Bill LaPrade, Rich Bailey, Dave Pickering, Joe Dury, Jim Hopkins, Jim Lowe, Jim O'Connor, Ed McTighe, Jim Hopkins, Arnie Cantera, Bill Henderson, Ed Hiester, Tom Giblin, Henry Wettlaufer and last but not least our Best Recruiter Bob Mazzalupo. I further suggest that you take note of the Corporation Update and extend your congratulations to the members of the Board for the hard work and dedication they have demonstrated to our council and its success. Great job!!

We hosted a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony on Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003. Please join me to welcome Anthony Badway, Ken Frey, and Douglas Parent to our order. The State Treasurer Vin Rumasuglia presented Dennis Twomey, who took his 3rd degree on April 6th, with the Shining Knight Award at this degree ceremony.

I was honored to represent all of the members of our council to present the Annual James E. Coyne, Jr. Memorial

CCD Awards at the Senior Baccalaureate Mass. I presented a certificate and a check for \$100 to Marta Beyer, Patrick Dunbeck, Mark Fallon, Michael Kristan, Caroline Richov and Lisa Richov.

The Annual Scholarships, which were presented at graduation, were as follows;

#### Westborough High School Scholarships 2003

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Joseph P. Antonio Memorial	Jacqueline Palladini
William R. Cove Memorial	Michael Kristan
George P. Kane Memorial	Brian Reilly
Vincent B. Lee Memorial	Michael Huddy
John A. Lowe Memorial	Laura Twomey
Paul J. O'Neil Memorial	Mark Fallon
Chester E. Hallice, Jr. Memorial	Heidi Flood

#### Holy Name High School Scholarship 2003

Chester E. Hallice, Jr. Memorial	Candice Parsons
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At the District Deputy / Grand Knights conference in June we heard about programs which will be organized by the State and Supreme next year. The highest priority for Our Order will be membership. We heard several speakers remind us that it is critical that we halt the trends that we have experienced the past 10 years or so. There will be 2 Membership Blitz Programs conducted on an international level next year. You will hear more about this. The State Board will be working hard to turn the Massachusetts jurisdiction around from a negative membership number to positive growth in membership next year. Expect to be invited, actually reminded, that if you believe in our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. If you believe that we are serious about Celebrating our Faith, Our Family and our Fraternity, then you must tell another Catholic Gentleman how you feel and invite him to find out more about us. We also would like to undertake a serious Father / Son membership Drive in our council this year. Of course, you do not need to wait for an organized campaign to invite your son to join if he is 18 years or older.

Just a brief reminder that if any member needs transportation to a meeting or any activity we ask that you please call either Herman Millet at 508-366-6944 or Dave Sullivan at 508-366-4664.

I ask you to keep in your prayers any member of our council who is sick or in distress.

On behalf of the officers and myself, we wish you a safe and HAPPY FOURTH of JULY!

Fraternally yours,

*Herman Millet, GK*

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#### CORPORATION UPDATE

Last month we reported on the projects undertaken to reduce expenses and continue the renewal of our Hall. The members of the Board are pleased that the four major projects they have been working are progressing nicely. First, the replacement of the roof has been completed successfully and below budget. Second, the upgrade of our TV system is progressing well as we switch from cable to satellite. The

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upgrade will connect both upstairs and downstairs TV's allowing for future activities (did I hear SuperBowl party?). Third, the payphone has been replaced with a new phone, which allows free calls within most MA area codes (and saves us \$500 per year). Finally, we found a five-year billing problem with our gas bill and are working to get a refund. Much good progress to report! At the last meeting, new officers were elected. The Members of the Board of the Charitable Corporation for 2003 – 2004 fraternal year are as follows:

President	Joe Pucciarelli
Vice President	Joe Dury
Treasurer	Bob Kristan
Recording Secretary	Jim O'Connor
Director	Rich Bailey, GK
Director	John Hegarty
Director	Dave Pickering

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#### Council Officers

For 2003-2004

Chaplain	Rev. George Lange
Grand Knight	Rich Bailey
Deputy Grand Knight	Bob Kristan
Chancellor	Joe Pucciarelli
Treasurer	Fred Brown
Recorder	Dennis Twomey
Warden	Chris Palladini
Advocate	Ed McTighe
Lecturer	Carroll Westgate
Guards	Larry Boyd
	Henry Wettlauffer
	Vic Melfa
	Greg Parsons
Trustees	Herman Millet
	Bob Sylvester
	Jim O'Connor

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#### FAMILY OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

We continued our participation in this program with the selection of Jim & Irene Hopkins as our May Family of the Month. We also received a commendation from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson congratulating Bill & Vilma Henderson on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary on June 6<sup>th</sup>. A letter was received by me informing me that Tony & Cindy Dolphin had been selected as the Worcester Diocese Family of the Month for April. Congratulations to all!!

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7<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament Monday  
August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Committee Chairman Larry Boyd wants us all to know that there is less than 2 months before the 7<sup>th</sup> Charity Golf Tournament. This means that you are now called upon to assist in obtaining sponsors and donations for the tournament. If you know of a business that would be interested in helping you should contact Larry at 508 898 3588. Assisting Larry on his

committee are Arnie Cantera, Chris Palladini and Carroll Westgate.

Here is some of the important information you will need to recruit sponsors and donations. Sponsorship levels are, 1) Tournament Sponsor - \$250, 2) Hole Sponsor - \$100, 3) Cart Sponsor - \$25, and 4) Friend Sponsor - \$10. Any and all donations of prizes are also welcomed and appreciated. And of course you are invited to sign up to play. This event has grown each year and made a valuable contribution to our council charitable fund each year. Pitch in to help support this event!

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#### Cookout at State Hospital

The plans for the summer cookout at the Westborough State Hospital are underway. The date will be Saturday Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in attending please contact our very dedicated Annual Chairman Fred Brown at 366 2505. Have you mailed in your CORI Form?

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#### WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM IF YOU CAN'T CARE FOR YOURSELF?

Raising a family is costly. For many of us, there's not much left over for long-term goals...such as saving for our children's education or for retirement.

Ideally, caring for a sick parent wouldn't have to be part of that equation. Yet as with so many things in life, the reality is quite different. Today, many people start families in their 30s and 40s – while their parents live well into their 70s, 80s, and 90s.

If one day you require nursing care, you might have to ask your children for help just when they're ready to send their own sons or daughters off to college. This is, in fact, a common dilemma among middle-aged people today. Experts have even coined a term – “the sandwich generation” – to describe those who are squeezed between these conflicting financial obligations.

Knights of Columbus Care – a long-term care insurance plan – is the newest addition to the Knights' portfolio of insurance plans. It is available to members and their spouses ages 40 through 85, subject to underwriting requirements. You have a choice of nursing-home-only coverage, or comprehensive coverage – which also covers at-home and hospice care.

In addition, you choose your daily benefit amount, benefit duration, and elimination period. This flexibility allows you to determine both your coverage and the premium you will pay. I can furnish details.

In Massachusetts, the average cost of nursing home care is \$220 per day or approximately \$80,000 per year. That could easily force you to deplete assets or to rely on your family for help.

Contact me at 508-478-2786, to find out how long-term care insurance can give you peace of mind.

Tom Giblin - Field Agent

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#### ***NEXT MEETING!!!***

**The next business meeting of the Council will  
be on Monday, July 7th, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.**

**Join us to support our new Grand Knight!**

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