

SPIRIT OF 85

JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY COUNCIL #85

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

May, 2003

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Brother Knights,

I would ask that you read this newsletter completely. Our council is approaching the end of another fraternal year. As we approach the end of the year, I am hopeful that we will successfully complete all of our goals and meet the requirements as a STAR council. As you may recall we missed star last year by failing to gain just one new insurance member. We really do need 2 or 3 more Insurance Members this year. If interested see the Insurance Update article.

There will likely be several changes in the leadership of our council. A nominating committee is working very hard to bring forward a slate of candidates for our election of officers on June 2nd. I strongly encourage you to give serious consideration for how you can become a more active member of the work that we do. Keep in mind the principles of our Order of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I also remind you that our Council has worked hard these past several years to fulfill the themes of Celebrating our Faith, Our Families and Fraternity. You can help to ensure that this council and our work continue to remain vibrant and strong by taking an active part.

One of the changes that have been discussed since April is the replacement for Brother Rich Bailey as our representative on the St. Luke's Parish Council. Rich had indicated his wish to step down from that role. I am happy to report to all of the members that Brother Paul Salvadore has agreed to serve as our representative on the St. Luke's Parish Council. Thank you Paul and Rich!

If you are interested in serving as an officer you can contact any member of the nominating Committee (Joe Pucciarelli 366-2852, Dave Sullivan 366-4664 or Bob Sylvester 366-8051). The election will be held at our meeting on June 2nd. Plan to attend. Officers who will be elected are Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Guards, and one Trustee. The newly elected Grand Knight appoints the other positions of Chaplain, Lecturer and Program Directors. The Supreme Knight appoints the Financial Secretary.

For my part, I truly consider myself very fortunate to have been able to serve you as Grand Knight for these last 2 years. I have enjoyed every minute of the time. My commitment and support of this council will always stand firm. I thank you for your confidence and support these past 2 years.

On Friday May 2nd our brother Dr. Brendon Melvin suddenly and unexpectedly passed away. We bid Brendon farewell on Monday May 4th. A Mass will be offered for him on Saturday June 21st, 8 AM at St. Luke's.

We hosted a 3rd Degree Ceremony on Sunday April 6th. 39 Candidates took their Degree that day and 10 members of Council 85 were among them. I invite all members to extend their congratulations to Bill Beck, Peter Gardner, John Huddy, Guido Leonardo, Robert Reid, Rich Reilly, Derek Speed, Mark Sullivan, Sean Sullivan and Dennis Twomey.

We have read the applications of several men to join our

order. We hope to organize a 1st degree soon so that these men can be welcomed into our council before the end of the June.

On Monday evening April 28th Bob Kristan and Dave Sullivan represented our members by handing out Student Bibles to all of the Confirmation Class. This is the second year that we have been able to present this gift to the Confirmation Class thanks to the support from the Bingo Committee. We also appreciate the donation of the bookmarkers by Peter Gardner.

The Bingo Committee has also met the scholarship and CCD awards contributions for this year. At this time the selections of eight graduates to receive a \$500 scholarship award at graduation is completed and the selection of six graduates to receive the James Coyne CCD awards of \$100 each, at the Senior Mass, is also completed. Thanks to all members who helped to complete this work for this year. The names of the recipients will be announced later.

And again thank to every person who works every Wednesday Night at Bingo. We are very grateful to Larry Boyd, John Hegarty, Jim Hopkins, Bill LaPrade Sr., Paul McDonald, Bill McGee, Glenn McLeod, Herman Millet, Dan Pavolis, Joe Pucciarelli, Jerry Reilly, Mike Ryan, Dave Sullivan, Bob Sylvester, Carroll Westgate, Henry Wettlaufer, and many people who are not members but who lend a hand every week (spouses of members and friends of members). We really could still use your help, especially as we approach the summer months. We may have to publish a schedule of members and assign a night (once every 3 or 4 months) when we will ask that you plan to be at the hall to help us.

Dave Sullivan and I were proud to represent you at the 108th Convention of the Massachusetts State Council Knights of Columbus at Hyannis, MA. The highlight of the weekend was that a member of our council was among the winners of a prize in the State Raffle. Although it was not the big prize, we congratulate Ollie DeLollis on his winning the \$2,000 prize. At the convention our District Deputy, Ed Heister was elected to serve as a delegate to the Supreme Convention in Washington, DC in August. Congratulations Ed!

Our Financial Secretary reports that he has received dues from many members last month. If you do not have a current 2003 Membership Card please get in touch with Dave Sullivan. You can contact Dave at 508-366-4664.

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.

There will be a 1st Degree ceremony in our Hall on Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:30 P.M. Plan on attending and show your support.

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

I remain gratefully and fraternally yours,

Herman Millet, GK

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CORPORATION UPDATE

On May 5th Joe Pucciarelli, President and Bob Kristen, Treasurer of the Charitable Corporation presented their Annual Report to the members. Everyone present was very pleased with the comprehensive report by Joe and Bob. The two most important messages from their report were that 1) Bingo is the life's blood of our ability to perform charitable work and keep the corporation financially sound, and 2) the board had completed a thorough investigation of the problems with the roof of the Hall and had evaluated several bids to replace the roof. A contractor was selected and the Hall's roof will be replaced this June. Elections were also held at that meeting and Bob Kristen and Joe Dury were elected to 3-year terms. John Hegarty was elected to complete the remaining year of Jim Lowe's term on the board. Congratulations and thank you!

At our regular meeting in May elections of Officers of the Board were held. The officers for the 2003 – 2004 fraternal year are as follows:

President	Joe Pucciarelli
Vice President	Joe Dury
Treasurer	Bob Kristan
Recording Secretary	Jim O'Connor

In our continuing effort to control expenses, the Corporation voted unanimously to make two changes at the hall that will reduce our monthly operating costs. First, after much discussion and deliberation, we voted to replace the existing cable TV service with Satellite TV. As many of you know, our cable bill has been raised to \$85 per month. For about \$45 per month, we will be able to install a new system, with similar channels. Second, the phone company is now charging us \$83 a month for the pay-phone in the lobby. We are going to switch this with a "courtesy phone" which will allow free local calls -- and cost only \$25 per month.

FAMILY COMMUNION BREAKFAST

On Sunday April 6th Michael Pakaluk spoke on the Luminous Mysteries at our Communion Breakfast. Thank you to all who attended and to the Committee who worked so hard to make this a success. Thanks to our Chairman Dave Pickering, and Bill Beck, Jim Driscoll, Bob Mazzalupo, Vic Melfa, Chris Palladini, Joe Pucciarelli, Dave Sullivan, Bob Sylvester, and Dennis Twomey. At our next Council Meeting after the Communion Breakfast, a motion was made to present a gift of \$200 to Mike Pakaluk with our thanks for his talk. We celebrated Faith, Family and Fraternity. Mike's presentation was the faith part of the day. We recognized Joe and Vicki Dury as the December Family of the Month for the Diocese of Worcester and Robert and Mary Kate Reid as our Council January Family of the Month. To celebrate fraternity we presented a certificate congratulating Brother Bob Mathieu on the occasion of his 50th year as a member of the Knights of Columbus. Bob took his 1st degree on February 1, 1953. Theresa Strouse accepted for her father and delivered the certificate to her dad that afternoon. We also have a certificate for Brother Bill Farland who took his 1st degree 50 years ago on May 1,

1953.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

Our Council has been very proud to recognize members and their families for the last 2 years. As an update for all members, we were pleased to celebrate John and Judy Hegarty as our February Family of the Month. Carroll and Theresa Westgate were recognized as the March Family of the Month and Bill and Vilma Henderson as our April Family of the Month.

GUEST SPEAKER JUNE 16TH

We have invited Deacon Gary Miller to join us as a guest speaker for our meeting on June 16th. Deacon Gary will speak to us about his very special mission in the Diocese of Worcester. This will be an open meeting so everyone is welcome. Consider inviting others to join us at 7:30 PM at the Hall.

SAENGERFEST MEN'S CHORUS

Our friend Leonard Anderson of the Siloam Masonic Lodge phoned to ask that we join with them on Saturday May 31ST at 7:30 PM for a very enjoyable concert by The Saengerfest Men's Concert Chorus. The concert will be in the new Charlotte Spinney Auditorium at the Westborough High School. Tickets are \$20, which will include a catered reception following the concert. Leonard assures me that this will be a very enjoyable evening by this 65-member chorus.

INSURANCE UPDATE

Last month information on Tax-Deferred Annuities was provided. Council 85 needs two or three members to become an Insurance Member to make Star council this year. If you are interested in any information about the Knights of Columbus Insurance products contact our Field Agent soon.
Thomas J. Giblin, Field Agent

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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Brendon Melvin

Our prayers and deepest sympathies are with the family of our departed brother. Hear us O Lord, as we humbly pray Thee to show Thy mercy upon the soul of Thy servant, our Brother Brendon and place him in the region of Peace and Light so that he may partake with Thy Saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEXT MEETING!!!

The next business meeting of the Council will be on Monday, June 2nd, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There will be a 1st Degree at Council 85 Hall, Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:30 . Let's all go and show our support.