

# SPIRIT OF 85

## JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY COUNCIL #85

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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January - March 2008

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE



**Brother Knights:**

My best wishes to all for a healthy and prosperous New Year!!!

Our first business meeting of the new calendar will be Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> , 7:30pm at the Council Hall. We will be conducting the business of the council at that time. Your voice and vote are important and I look forward to seeing you there. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the meeting.

**Concluding 2007:**

- **:Our annual Childrens Christmas party .**  
Originally planned for Dec.16<sup>th</sup> was re-scheduled for December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Once again Brother Jorge Fernandez put his energy into organizing presents for each child, arranging for Santa and a juggling clown called Flippo. Thanks also to Brother Bob Sylvester for planning and purchasing food and treats for both adults and children. This year's party was the best attended yet. Over 56 adults and children enjoyed the day
- **The annual Christmas party for children of the Westborough State Hospital**  
Thanks to Brothers Fred Brown and Jim Hopkins for once again organizing and conducting this special event. In conjunction with the Northboro council it is a way to bring a little holiday cheer to these children. Thanks to all knights who attended.
- **Welcome a new first degree member !!**  
Take a moment to introduce yourself to our latest member.....Robert Czerwinski . Bob concluded his first degree on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Special note ----Annual Basketball Free Throw event**  
**Save the date .....Thursday ,January 24<sup>th</sup> @ Mill Pond School, 6-9pm.** This will be our 15<sup>th</sup> annual free throw event and promises to be one of our biggest yet ! I will be calling on you for assistance that evening with the children on the court or at the registration and trophy table  
Jim O'Connor, GK.

**Council 85 Officers for 2007 – 2008**

Chaplain	Father Jesus Martinez
Grand Knight	Jim O'Connor
Deputy Grand Knight	Peter Gardner
Chancellor	Joe Pucciarelli
Warden	Bob Sylvester
Financial Secretary	Bob Kristan
Treasurer	Fred Brown
Advocate	Edward McTighe
Recorder	Jonathan Flood
Lecturer	Herman Millet
Guards	Lawrence Boyd
	Henry Wettlaufer
Trustee	Bill Henderson (3yr term)
Trustee	Jim Hopkins (2yr term)
Trustee	Carroll Westgate (1 year term)

**Meetings & Calendar of Events-1<sup>st</sup> qtr. 2008**

**Jan 7th-** Council Business Mtg. Council hall , 7:30pm

**Jan 24th – Annual basketball free throw –Mill Pond School, 6-9pm**

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup>-** Council Business Mtg, Council hall 7:30pm

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>-** Annual statewide Knights of Columbus Retreat @ Calvary Retreat Center , Shrewsbury .

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>-** Council Business Mtg. Council hall 7:30pm

**March 8<sup>th</sup>-** Free Throw central region championships, Webster MA.

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**Other events with date and time TBD:**

- **Annual Patriot's Day Dinner and Lantern Award-Newton Marriott Hotel ,April 21<sup>st</sup>. Honoree Most Rev. William E. Lori, Bishop of Bridgeport CT.**
  
- **Communion breakfast with speaker .. Our lecturer Herm Millet is planning for a spring event**

*Stay tuned for more info!!*

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**Council 85 Charitable Corporation**

The Charitable Corporation in conjunction with the council conducted an audit of all financial accounts and records during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Our trustees Carroll Westgate, Jim Hopkins and Bill Henderson conducted this audit with Bob Kristan and Joe Pucciarelli of the charitable corporation. All went well and I am pleased to report that we are in fine financial shape heading into the new year.

Your charitable corporation continues to make necessary improvements to our council hall and it's grounds. If you have not been to the hall in a while please come take a look. You will see all new carpeting, wall treatments and wainscoating. This work was supervised and facilitated by Brothers Bob Sylvester and Jim Hopkins.....thank you gentlemen. With winter upon us plowing , salting and proper heat maintenance is a major focus.

Our bingo operation continues at about 70 patrons every Wednesday night. This is possible because of the involvement of a select team of knights led by past GK Carroll Westgate. Thanks to all for a job well done

Meetings of the council charitable corporation are held once a month typically on Thursday evenings, 7:30 pm at the council hall. All members are welcome to attend. Contact corporation president Joe Pucciareli for further information (508)-366-2852.