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# THE ANCHOR



## Knights of Columbus

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### Calendar of Events

- *Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Trip to Foxwoods, contact Al O'Connor, 7:30am, K of C Parking Lot*
- *Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> - Annual Board Meeting, 8:00pm, Member's Quarters*
- *Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – State Cribbage Tournament, Check-in 9:00am, Member's Quarters*
- *Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> – Nominations for 2015-2016 Council Officers, Council Meeting*
- *Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – Rock and Roll Show, Jimmy Merrick and Double Play, 7:00pm, K of C Hall*
- *Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – Election of 2014-2015 Council Officers, Council Meeting*
- *Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Special Needs Prom, Hosted by the Tewksbury K of C, Tewksbury Country Club*
- *Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Knights of Columbus Breakfast, 7:00am K of C Hall*

*Council Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of the month, 8:00 pm, in the Member's Quarters*

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### Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope everyone is excited for some warm weather and got through this crazy winter.

I would like to thank everyone that showed support and attended the Comedy Show held in February. The night was a huge success and we will no doubt hold another event next year. We raised over \$2900 for the council.

Kevin Doherty did a tremendous job running the St. Patrick's Day Party on March 14<sup>th</sup>. That day was very busy for the council as Rich Casey also organized a breakfast that morning for over 60 kids and parents from the parish conducting a 30 Hour Famine. The 41 kids fasted after the meal for 30 hours while they went and served food to the poor in surrounding cities. Needless to say the kitchen upstairs was very busy that day and I would like to thank all of the members that helped cook and prepare the breakfast and corned beef dinner.

Please make sure that all Members are up to date with Dues. Those that have not paid by April 1, 2015 will be suspended from membership. IF suspended, those members lose ALL membership privileges including being served at the bar in the member's quarters. Those individuals that are two years past due will have their membership revoked. I just want to remind everyone that IF membership is revoked and an individual wants to be reinstated they will start from scratch on their "years of good standing". There are a few members that are behind on dues that are only a few years away from being "Paid up for life" and that would be a shame.

Thank you to those that are up-to-date with membership dues and I look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming weeks!

Fraternally,  
Jared Costantino  
Grand Knight

### **30 Hour Famine**

On behalf of the Religious Ed Department of Wilmington and South Tewksbury, we would like to extend our thanks. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, 41 high school students attended the very first 30 Hour Famine hosted by our church. It was a great success. These students went out into the community and performed various acts of service from working with elders, working at Lowell Wish Project and feeding the homeless at Lazarus House and on Boston Common. The K of C put out a fabulous breakfast for them to kick off the event and we extend a special thanks to all the Knights who helped out at the breakfast.

–Rich and Debbie Casey

### **2015 K of C Free Throw Contest**

There were some winners from Wilmington at the North Regional Free Throw contest on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, held in Reading. The winners will compete at the State level on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Those advancing from Wilmington, by age group: Girls: 9 year old Kassidy Smith. Boys: 9yo Shea Price; 11yo William Stuart; 14yo Adam Doucette. We wish them all the best in their next competition.

### **Trip to Foxwoods**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is sponsoring a trip to Foxwoods on Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>. The trip was originally started by Jim “Indeed” O’Leary and is always a fun filled event. The cost of the trip is \$30.00, of which the Casino returns gratuities for that same amount in the way of a buffet voucher and Keno tickets. You’ll enjoy a nice scenic ride, with coffee and donuts provided on the ride down and liquid refreshments on the ride home. The bus leaves the council at 7:30am sharp and returns about 6:15 PM. The activity is very popular and sells out pretty quickly. If you are interested contact Al O’Connor 978-658-8405 E Mail [aconnor2at@verizon.net](mailto:aconnor2at@verizon.net)

### **Annual Board Meeting**

The annual board meeting of the Knights of Columbus council 4982, will take place on Thursday April 16, 2015 in the members quarters at 8:00 PM. The Business manager for the building, Bill Liston will present a financial report and status of building issues. Following the report there will be an election for two members to join the building association. The two open seats are for a two and three year term. Candidates must have an up to date 2015 travel card.

### **State Cribbage Tournament**

The 2015 State Cribbage Tournament will be hosted on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year we’ve run the tournament at the Wilmington Knights of

Columbus. Check-in will be at 9:00am in the Members quarters. Coffee and donuts will be served in the morning followed by roast beef and all the fixings for lunch. This is a members only Tournament.

The \$20.00 registration must be sent in prior to event. Please make checks payable to the Father Edmund Croke Council 4982 and mail them to:

Ray Mercuri Jr  
226 Lowell Street  
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The tournament will be double elimination and prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers. For more information email Ray Mercuri Jr directly at: [RayMercuri@verizon.net](mailto:RayMercuri@verizon.net)

### **Rock and Roll Show**

We have booked Jimmy Merrick and his Double Play band for another great night of Rock and Roll on Saturday night May 9, 2015. The doors will open at 7:00PM and the show goes until midnight. The cost is \$20.00 per person. There will be 2 pizzas provided per table. Bring your own snacks. Call Ken Lydon for tickets 978-657-7009 or 978-618-5999.

### **Annual K of C State Raffle**

The annual state raffle books will be mailed to all members in early April. This raffle helps the State office with their charitable work and also helps our council. For every full book we sell the council receives \$6.00, which helps with our charities. The winning 10 tickets, drawn at the State convention in May, will receive cash prizes up to \$10,000.

### **Nomination and Election of Council Officers**

Nominations for 2015-2016 council officers will take place at the May 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Election of officers will take place at the June 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Anyone interested in running for office should contact the Grand Knight.

### **Special Needs Prom**

The Tewksbury K of C will be hosting its annual Special Needs Prom on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Tewksbury Country Club. The attendees must be high school age and accompanied by an adult. If you would like to help out at the event or have any other questions, please contact Stew Ring.

### **Fourth of July Breakfast**

Our council will be hosting the Fourth of July Breakfast again this year, on Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> at the K of C Hall. Doors open at 7:00am. Tickets will be \$6 at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July building in advance or at the door. Please contact Stew Ring if you have any questions.