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# THE ANCHOR



## Knights of Columbus

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March – 2016

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### Calendar of Events

- Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Party – 6:30pm, K of C Main Hall
- Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – State Cribbage Tournament, Check-in 9:00am, Member's Quarters
- Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – Trip to Foxwoods, contact Al O'Connor, 7:30am, K of C Parking Lot
- Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Annual Board Meeting, 8:00pm, Member's Quarters
- Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> – Nominations for 2016-2017 Council Officers, Council Meeting
- Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Rock and Roll Show, Jimmy Merrick and Double Play, 7:00pm, K of C Main Hall
- Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Special Needs Prom, Hosted by the Tewksbury K of C, Tewksbury Country Club
- Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Election of 2016-2017 Council Officers, 8:00pm, Council Meeting

*See details inside for each event.*

***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:

We are only a little more than four weeks away from spring officially arriving and with the Red Sox spring training officially underway warm weather cannot be far away. The Council #4982 has been busy over the winter months doing what we “Knights of Columbus” proudly stand for guided by our four core principals. Our Council #4982 was very active this past holiday season and was able to help support some of the needy within the joint parishes of St. Thomas and St. Dorothy's as well as supporting Wilmington families through the Community Fund (Food Pantry) during the holiday season. Also, don't forget “Doc's” efforts allowing us to help several needy families during the holidays, along with supporting the Knights of Columbus basketball tournament. We have started efforts for council fund raising with St. Patrick's Day dinner dance on March 12<sup>th</sup> and tickets are available by contacting Kevin Doherty, check the Wilmington K of C web site for more details and upcoming events. We had a great turnout for the Basketball Free Throw, big thanks to Dan Woods and look forward to hearing council winners make it to the next level. We will be mailing out the annual state raffle booklets in the coming weeks. Please review details concerning the raffle on the next page.

We hope everyone has a happy, healthy spring and look forward to seeing everyone at our council meetings.

Stew Ring  
Grand Knight  
Knights of Columbus  
Father Edmund W. Croke Council #4982

**2016 K of C Free Throw Contest**

The free throw contest was held February 3<sup>rd</sup> and was a great success. Thanks to Dan Woods for running the event as well as the many Knights that helped out. Winners will compete at the District contest in February/March.

Congratulations to the winners of each age group:

	Girls:	Boys:
Age 9:	Mackenzie Ware	Joey Galvin
Age 10:	Kassidy Smith	Jacob Roque
Age 11:	Lily O'Malley	Tommy Mallinson
Age 12:	Kylie Ducharme	Willie Stuart
Age 13:	Mollie Ardito	Joel Kachappilly

Very Special MVP: Lily O'Malley

See pictures at our website [wilmingtonkofc.com](http://wilmingtonkofc.com)  
Click on [About Our Council](#) and select [Gallery](#).

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**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY**

March 12<sup>th</sup> - Celebrate with:

The Andy Healy Showband and The Heavey-Quinn Academy of Irish Dance Step Dancers

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**CORNED BEEF (RED & GRAY)  
& CABBAGE DINNER**

**RESERVE YOUR TABLE EARLY  
LAST YEAR WAS A SELLOUT**

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Wilmington K of C Hall ~ Doors Open at 6:30

~ Dinner at 7:00 ~ Tickets \$25 per person

**[kpdoherthy@comcast.net](mailto:kpdoherthy@comcast.net) or call 978-697-7313**

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**Annual K of C State Raffle**

The annual state raffle books will be mailed to all members in late March early April.

This annual raffle helps the State office with their charitable work and also helps our council. For every full book that we sell the council gets to keep \$6.00, which helps us with our charities.

The winning 10 tickets, which are drawn at the State convention in May, will receive cash prizes up to \$10,000.

**Members' Christmas Party**

The Annual Members' Christmas Party was held Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, and was a great time.

We hope you can attend next year.

**State Cribbage Tournament**

The 2016 State Cribbage Tournament will be hosted on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>. This is the 11<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. Non members can play accompanied by a member. The \$20.00 registration must be sent in by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to the Father Edmund Croke Council 4982 and mail them to:

Ray Mercuri Jr  
226 Lowell Street  
Wilmington, Ma 01887

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)

**DUES**

Thank you to those who have already returned their dues. If you haven't sent in your dues yet, your prompt attention is greatly appreciated.

**Council Activity Chairmen**

Jared Costantino PGK Installation of Officers  
Justin Strem PGK Scholarships and 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
Rich Casey Tootsie Roll Drive  
Danny Woods Free Throw Contest  
Mike Connelly The Anchor, Mass of the Roses  
If you would like to assist please contact them.

**Trip to Foxwoods**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is sponsoring a trip to Foxwoods on Wednesday April 20<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 21, 2016 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 2016 travel card.

### **Nomination and Election of Council Officers for 2016-2017**

Nominations for council officers will take place at the May 5, 2016 council meeting. Election of officers will take place at the June 2, 2016 council meeting. Anyone interested in running for office should contact the Grand Knight.

### **Rock and Roll Show**

We have booked Jimmy Merrick and his Double Play band for another great night of Rock and Roll. The show is booked for Saturday night May 14, 2016. 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 at 978-657-7009 or 978-618-5999.

### **God's Special People Prom**

The Tewksbury K of C will be hosting its annual God's Special People Prom on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Tewksbury Country Club. If you would like to help out at the event or have any other questions, please contact GK Stew Ring.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Degree News**

SK Wil Deveau has resigned as Comptroller for the Bishop Delany Assembly. We thank Wil for many years of dedicated service. Because of delays with Supreme, 2016 dues and membership cards have not been mailed yet. ~ If you are interested in becoming a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, there is an Exemplification scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> in Marlboro. Please e-mail Mike Connelly at [mike.kofc4982@comcast.net](mailto:mike.kofc4982@comcast.net) if you are interested.

### **NEW WEBSITE**

**Father Edmund W. Croke Council has a new website. Visit us at:**

**[wilmingtonkofc.com](http://wilmingtonkofc.com)**

### **FRIDAY NIGHT FUN**

Enjoy every Friday evening in the Member's Quarters beginning at 8pm. First and third Fridays of the month you can participate in Team Trivia. On the third and fourth Fridays of the month, enjoy an evening of Karaoke and dancing. See a complete description at our website: [wilmingtonkofc.com](http://wilmingtonkofc.com)

### **FATHER EDMUND W. CROKE COUNCIL OFFICERS 2015 – 2016**

Grand Knight	John Ring
Deputy Grand Knight	Michael Connelly
Financial Secretary	Thomas Meuse
Chancellor	Daniel Woods
Recorder	Darren Boehm
Treasurer	Ray Mercuri Jr., PGK
Advocate	Allan D. MacMullin, Jr, PGK, PFN, FDD
Warden	Kevin Doherty
Inside Guard	Frank Petrucci
Outside Guard	Richard Casey
Trustee 1 Year	Joseph A. Gallarelli, PGK
Trustee 2 Years	Justin D. Strem, PGK
Trustee 3 Years	Jared Costantino, PGK
Delegate to the State Convention	Jared Costantino, PGK
Delegate to the State Convention	John Ring, GK
Alternate Delegate	Alfred T. O'Connor, PGK, PFN, FDD
Alternate Delegate	Allan D. MacMullin Jr, PGK, PFN, FDD

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