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# THE ANCHOR

## Knights of Columbus

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### Calendar of Events

- *Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Council #4982 Business Meeting, 8:00pm, Members Quarters*
- *Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – Installation of Council Officers, 7:00pm, K of C Hall*
- *Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – Doc's Golf Tournament, 12noon, Tewksbury Country Club*
- *Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> - K of C Family Breakfast, Follows 9am Mass – K of C Hall*
- *Columbus Day Weekend, October 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> - K of C Tootsie Roll Drive – Signup at Council Meetings*
- *Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>, Mass of the Roses, noon Mass at St Thomas, brunch follows – K of C Hall*
- *Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – K of C Members Christmas Party – 8:00pm, Members Quarters*

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*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 Knight:

Sadly, summer is drawing to a close for 2015. I hope that everyone experienced an enjoyable, healthy and event free summer. College students are moving into their housing, high school students gearing up for the coming year and young parents with kindergarten children going through the emotions of putting their children on a school bus or dropping them off at school. Council officers have met during the summer and started outlining objectives for the coming year. The church has asked our involvement and support for several tasks and we (Council Officers) have started the wheels in motion. One of our objectives is to increase membership and have had discussions on how we can accomplish this. All ideas are welcome and we can discuss at Council meetings. We are pleased that we were able to award three scholarships. I want to thank Justin Strem and members of his committee for their hard work.

It is with deep regret that Ken Lydon has asked to step down as Treasurer. Ken has spent many years as an officer for Council 4982 as Past Grand Knight, District Deputy, and Committee Chairman for the Tootsie Roll Drive. Additionally, he also has been responsible for organizing the Rock and Roll dances raising money for the Council charitable activities. But more importantly he has been a great resource consultant for those that followed him.

We will be starting our bi-monthly Council Meetings on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be meeting on the first and third Thursday of each month. We are currently starting to investigate the possibility of occasionally having a "Lecturer" meeting in place of the third Thursday meeting. We strongly encourage all members to participate whenever possible in Council meetings and activities. I'm sure all Council Activity Chairmen would be grateful for any assistance and help that you could provide. Please come and join us at Council Meetings and enjoy the company of fellow Brother Knights.

Stew Ring  
Grand Knight

## 2015 College Scholarships

Three \$1000 scholarships were awarded to the following students heading off to college: Jimmy Lawrenson (American Academy of Dramatic Arts), Patrick Keogh (Middlesex Community College), and George Hooper III (Northern Essex Community College). The awards were based on grades, merit, and essays and were presented by Grand Knight Stew Ring. Congratulations and best wishes to them as they embark on their collegiate studies.



GK Stew Ring, Jimmy Lawrenson, Patrick Keough, George Hooper III.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting

Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> marks the date for our first council business meeting of the season. Plan on attending and be an active council member. Meeting at 8pm and pizza to follow meeting.

## Installation of Council Officers

The Installation of Council Officers will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015 in the Council Quarters at 7pm. The evening will include dinner. The Installation will be conducted by District Deputy Richard Sweeney. All members and their families and guests are invited. Please contact Ken Lydon if you would like to attend.

## K of C Family Breakfast

We invite all parishioners to the K of C Hall to enjoy a great breakfast following the 9am Mass at Saint Thomas on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Tootsie Roll Drive

The annual Knights of Columbus tootsie roll drive will take place over the Columbus Day weekend, October 9th to 12th. There will be a sign up sheet at the council. Just a few hours from many brothers will make a huge impact. I am also looking for as many volunteers as I possibly can get this year, including any members who have high school aged children looking for community service hours. I will sign off for 2 hours of community service if they collect for the Tootsie Roll Drive.

– Rich Casey

## Council Activity Chairmen

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| 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 and Advertising |

All these chairmen could use some help. If you would like to assist please contact the Chairman.

## DUES

How else can we say it? If you haven't paid your dues, please do. Keep your membership in good standing. Thanks to all that keep their dues up to date.

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

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| The election was held June 4 <sup>th</sup> at the council meeting. |  |
| 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   | Richard Casey                          |
| Outside Guard  | Frank Petrucci                         |
| 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                              |
| Alternate Delegate   | Alfred T. O'Connor, PGK, PFN, FDD      |
| Alternate Delegate   | Allan D. MacMullin Jr., PGK, PFN, FDD  |

## Doc's Golf Tournament

Brothers:

I'd like to thank our generous brothers who played in the two club golf outing and sponsored holes in the past. This fund raiser has turned out to be a great event, where our brothers have a wonderful time. I hope you know what a big difference you have made for so many children at Christmas through your generosity. We are able to provide the Wilmington Community Fund "Adopt a Family Program" with a check for \$1000.00.

We are also able to donate T shirts to all the participants in the Knights of Columbus/ Larry McGrath Christmas Basketball Tournament.

The 2015 golf outing is scheduled for 12:00 Noon, Saturday, September 26 at the Tewksbury Country Club. Get your groups together to take part in this fun filled day. Food and beverages will be available at the council after the tournament.

We are looking for hole sponsors \$10-\$20-\$50. The

hole sponsors are our main fundraisers for the event, or you can just make a donation. All checks should be made out to K of C 4982. To sign up, sponsor a hole or make a donation, fill out an envelope with your name and the payment. Don't forget to add that the payment is for golf, sponsor or a donation. You can give the envelope to the bartender or mail it to the council at 112 Middlesex Ave c/o Dave Orndorff.

Thanks to all

– Dave “DOC” Orndorff

### **Mass of the Roses**

The Mass of the Roses will be held at St Thomas of Villanova at noon on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please join us after mass at the K of C Hall for brunch as we remember our past Knights.

### **Members' Christmas Party**

The Annual Members' Christmas Party will be held Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00pm in the Member's Quarters. All Knights in good standing are invited.

### **KNIGHT'S CORNER**

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal benefit society. Incorporated March 29, 1882 and has grown from several members in one council to more than 13,000 councils and 1.7 million members worldwide.

We are men of faith guided not only by our belief in God and the Catholic Church but by our belief in each other and in ourselves. We are the Knights of Columbus believing that a man is defined by his actions as a follower of God and as a leader in his community.

Guided by four core principles, “**CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY and PATRIOTISM**” within the order itself there are four “DEGREES” of Knighthood each one exemplify one of the four principles. To become a full Knight each member is encouraged to attain the third degree level after which he can go on to the fourth degree, the one that embodies “**Patriotism**” and is the most visible of all the degrees.

We are committed to the Catholic Church, so are we to our communities and as fathers and husbands serving our families is not only part of what we do its part of who we are. But of the countless rewards “**Knighthood**” offers perhaps the most inviting is

this:

***The knowledge that as a Knight you can make a difference through fearless service, through heartfelt perseverance and above all through unfaltering fellowship.***

Knights of Columbus are Catholic men 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place while supporting their church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie, it is being involved with your community. IT IS SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith, it is about protecting and enhancing your family life and as a vehicle to give back to your community. Come see just what we are all about and take the first steps to enhancing your personal life by joining the “**Wilmington Knights of Columbus Father Edmund W. Croke Council 4982**”.

For questions or information about joining please contact information below:

Call Grand Knight Stew Ring at [978-658-3723](tel:978-658-3723) or email Deputy Grand Knight Mike Connelly at [mike.kofc4982@comcast.com](mailto:mike.kofc4982@comcast.com).

– Jack Kavanaugh

### **WHO WE ARE**

We as members of the Knights of Columbus are a vassal of the church, a protector of our family and conscience of our community needs

Guided by four principles “Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism”, we believe that man is defined by his actions as a follower of God and as a leader in his community. As an individual members are counted on to support our council or we weaken our stand ..Success is a sum of versatile ideas and participation from each part that makes up the whole and we need you to get involved.

We meet formally on the first and third Thursday of each month and request your participation. Make it a permanent item on your monthly calendar. Please plan on meeting with fellow Brother Knights, proud to be a member of Father Edmund W. Croke Council 4982.

– Jack Kavanaugh



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