



THE CHRISTOPHER

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GRAND KNIGHT

News and Notes

There are still some wrinkles to iron out in order to assure the membership receive The Christopher on a monthly basis. Be assured Brothers, the new group of people that are striving to make the delivery of "The Christopher" a monthly routine will overcome the remaining problems.

Past Grand Joseph Bouthiller has been awarded "Honorary Life Membership". Joe has been a K of C member thirty plus years, went through the chairs to Grand Knight and he was an active member of the team that put on the First Degree.

Past Faithful Navigator, Bob Brown fainted during mass February 8th. Probable cause for this scare was due to a medication reaction. He is OK now. Brother Joe Gillis had a heart attack and will require surgery.

The officers at the state level have been queried with regards to scholarship programs. It has been learned that scholarships are awarded from the State Council and Supreme Council. You fathers can apply to the state offices in Norwood, telephone number is 781-551 0628. The completed forms must be submitted to the State Office no later than April 10, 2004. In the case of applying at the Supreme level, call our local Insurance Agent, Joseph DiCalogero, telephone number 781-769-3277. He will then call New Haven for an application that will be mailed directly to you. The dollars for the Supreme Council sponsored scholarships come from the K of C Insurance Organization.

Francis J. DeMiglio

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Great Idea for Lent – Brother Knight, If you haven't been to a meeting lately give it a try!!

This Month's Main Event:

St. Patrick's Day Dance

Our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance will be on Saturday, March 27th.

Once again we have the band Majic and we will be entertained with an Irish Step Dance demonstration. Please see page 2 for ticket information.

Next Month's Main Event:

Lent Communion Breakfast

We hope to build on the success of our Advent Breakfast with our next Communion Breakfast on April 4, Palm Sunday.

Please contact Joe Roy for information.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

I want to thank the membership committee for all their hard work. We are seeing a lot of old and new faces at our regular meetings. We are having our meetings in the front hall because of the increased attendance. Our meetings are about 30 members or more and will continue to grow over time. My chair officers and I will be meeting to discuss a reunion for all members and their wives to get to know all the new members and past members that have joined us again. We also have been serving refreshments and food after all the meetings on the first and third Wednesday.

Our council now has a new web site that will allow you to get updates about the news of your council. The web sites addresses are: www.kofc1847.org, and www.kofcfranklin.org. I want to thank brother Mike Perkins for putting up an excellent web site. If you have any comments about our web site or any changes please email me at gfontana@americanbe.com with any questions or concerns.

In closing, I want to thank all my chair officers for all their hard work and support as we grow as a council.

God Bless
Grand Knight
Gregory Fontana

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**The Knights of Columbus
proudly presents the band**

Majic

at their annual

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

On March 27, 2004

At 6:45 PM at the Council Hall

Irish Step Dancers Traditional Irish Dinner Dancing

Tickets are \$20 per person. Cash bar.

Only 200 tickets will be sold. Less than 100 left.

For tickets call

John Macalone 508-520-3396 Or Peter Kohutanycz 508-541-8215

**The Knights of Columbus
will hold their**

Lenten Communion Breakfast

On April 4, 2004

Breakfast will be served at 9:00 am.

Inspirational speaker.

For ticket information call Joe Roy at (508) 528-1301

Chaplain's Message

Yes, God Forgives Your Sin, when you go to Confession.

Even though I'm sure this never happens to you, imagine that you and your wife have an argument. In the argument you say things that are rather harsh and were said in the heat of the moment. After the argument, how are things between you and your wife? If I were a betting man, I would say that things are rather quiet and cool. But once you summon up the courage, you apologize to your wife, your wife forgives you, and you're back close to one another.

Brothers, this is just like what happens when we sin against God. When we sin, we offend God. Our sin puts a great distance between God and us. And our relationship with God is quiet and cool until we apologize to Him. If the sin is serious or mortal, then you must confess it through the Sacrament of Penance. If the sin is venial, you can pray a good "Act of Contrition" and God forgives the sin.

You may ask, "Why do I have to confess my sins to Priest?" The answer is because Christ said so. On Pentecost, when Christ established the Church, He told His Apostles, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (John 21:22) Just as the Priest is the one to celebrate the other six Sacraments, so the Priest is the one to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance.

If it has been a while since you went to Confession, please know that you are not alone and that the Priest will help you with the Confession. If you are not sure what sins you may have committed, review your life against the Ten Commandments and the Capital Sins (pride, avarice, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony and sloth). Next, if you have struggled with keeping the Commandments or have committed one of the seven Capital Sins, you ask yourself three questions: Did I know what I did was serious? Was I free to do this act? Did I actually do the act? If the answer to these three questions was yes, then that action was sinful.

Confession is not about condemnation or pointing fingers. Confession is about God forgiving us of our sins and bringing us closer to Him.

Please, please, please, receive the Sacrament of Confession regularly. You will be so happy you did.

God Bless You and Your Families,
Fr. David

1847 Association Report

Brothers,

At the February meeting of the 1847 Brother John Macalone announced his resignation as President of the 1847 Association Board of Directors. I am pleased to have been elected at the same meeting to serve as President.

In this my first report to you, I would like to thank Brother Macalone for all of his work over the past few years. Not only our building, but our financial health and this council's ability to respond to the needs of our church and community is better for his service.

The next meeting of the board will be held Wednesday, March 24 at 8PM in the council chambers. Any member is welcome to attend, though voting is restricted to those elected to the board.

The board has singled out the condition of our parking lot as the most urgent building related issue. At this time we are exploring options for patching and repairing the asphalt surface.

On another note, I am requesting a volunteer to head the kitchen committee as Brother Bob Browne has indicated he can no longer function in that capacity.

Finally, in an effort to promote the active use of our member's lounge, we are planning a Fish and Chips supper on Friday, March 12. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Please pray for the board as they consider the important decisions affecting our council home.

Regards,

Bob Brosseau, PGK

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BINGO

Monday Nights in the Council Hall
COMPLETELY NON-SMOKING
Doors open at 5:30 PM. Games start at 6:30 PM.

Please contact **Peter Kohutanycz** (541-8215) and donate a few hours, once a month, to support this charitable endeavor in 2004.

Benefit Golf Tournament

A benefit golf tournament will be held on May 10, 2004 at 9:00 AM at the Heather Hill Country Club in Plainville, MA. It is a benefit for J.T. Denneen, grandson of Brother Knight Joe Yoder. J.T. has been treated this year for major health issues and the funds raised at this event will help defray medical and transportation expenses that the family has incurred. You can sponsor a hole, register to play as a single or a foursome. See Joe Yoder for sign up forms.

Events for March, April, and May 2004

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Business Meeting	March 3, 2004	8:00 PM	Council Hall
Fish & Chips Dinner	March 12, 2004	6:30 PM	Council Hall
Business Meeting	March 17, 2004	8:00 PM	Council Hall
1847 Association Meeting	March 24, 2004	8:00 PM	Members Lounge
St. Patrick's Day Dance	March 27, 2004	7:00 PM	Council Hall (See feature on Page 2)
Lenten Communion Breakfast	April 4, 2004	9:00AM	Council Hall
Business Meeting	April 7, 2004	8:00 PM	Council Hall
Business Meeting	April 21, 2004	8:00 PM	Council Hall
1847 Association Meeting	April 28, 2004	8:00 PM	Members Lounge
J.T. Denneen Benefit Golf Tournament	May 10, 2004	9:00 AM	Heather Hill Country Club Plainville, MA