



THE CHRISTOPHER

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GREG FONTANA
GRAND KNIGHT

News and Notes

News: Past Grand Knight, Joe Bouthiller has joined the Honorary Life Member group and moved to Florida

Notes: This is to inform you that the Supreme Board of Directors have modified the process a member may discontinue his membership in our Order.

Prior to the change, members would request the financial secretary to apply for a Withdrawal Card. The card could only be obtained if the member was in good standing i.e. dues were not owed. The other option members used was to not pay their dues and subsequently they were suspended

To initiate the new and approved process, a personal letter signed by the member requesting withdrawal (resignation) will now be required to be sent to the Membership Records Department at the Supreme Office. "In good standing financially" will no longer be a consideration, because a member can now resign whether he is current in dues or in arrears. The only stipulation is that he is eligible for reentry into the council as of the date he files his letter of withdrawal. There is no change to the rule that a withdrawal is not an option for a convicted felon, non-practical Catholic, or someone who is suspended or expelled under Section 162 of the Order's Laws.

It is suggested that if you have need to resign that you include your membership number, council name, council number and location.

Sacred Heart Council has a policy that any member that notifies the Grand Knight or the Financial Secretary that he has difficulty paying the yearly dues, the Council will waive the dues requirement. If a member can provide proof of disability, he should notify the Financial Secretary, who will provide the member with the necessary forms to be submitted to Supreme for waiver of dues and per capita. The Knights of Columbus is still the charitable organization you joined a while back.

Francis J. DeMiglio

MAY's Main Event:

Membership Drive: On Sunday, May 2, the Council held a very successful Membership Drive combined with a Coffee and Doughnut Social at St. Mary's Parish in Franklin on May 2. The Krispy Kreme doughnuts were a hit. A total of 12 Brother Knights and Mrs. Brown supported 6 morning masses. Results: Obtained 17 new leads for interested new members and sold 121 dozen doughnuts with proceeds of \$883 provided to St. Mary's. Thanks to my Brother Knights for the tremendous support with a special thanks to Brother Bob Brown and his wife.

Coming In June: TRIP TO FOXWOODS

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a trip to Foxwoods on Thursday, June 24.

The bus will leave the Council parking lot at 4:00PM and leave from Foxwoods at 10:30 PM. Refreshments will be provided on the bus and a coupon for a buffet at Foxwoods is included in the price. Expected cost is \$20 per person. Call Bob Simmler (508) 528-2727 for ticket information.

Coming In August: CLAM BAKE

Please plan to attend an end of Summer New England Clam Bake scheduled at the Franklin KofC early Saturday evening August 28th.

Watch for further details on the web site(www.kofc1847.org) and future newsletters.

Inquiries - Mike Perkins 401-932-8902.

Coming In September: ART AUCTION

The second annual Sacred Heart Art Auction will be taking place on September 11. Last year we were able to donate over \$4,000 to local charities from the proceeds from this auction and we want to make this year's event an even bigger success.

The first committee meeting for this event will be held on Tuesday May 25 in the Members Lounge. If you would like to be involved in one of the most fun events of the year call Peter Kohutanycz at 508-541-8215.

2003 – 2004 Fraternal Year Officers

Grand Knight:	Greg Fontana	(508) 473-5933
Deputy Grand Knight:	Joe Roy	(508) 528-1301
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Trustee 2 Year:	Bob Brosseau	(508) 528-9382
Trustee 1 Year:	Joe Roy	(508) 528-1301

The Knights of Columbus FAMILY BUS TRIP to the Knight of Columbus Museum In New Haven Connecticut

Saturday June 12, 2004

Bus leaves Norwood Council at 8:30 AM.

The Norwood Council has secured a bus for this fun and spiritually rewarding trip to Knights of Columbus Museum at Supreme Headquarters in New Haven. There will be snacks (and entertainment) on the bus and we will stop for lunch prior to visiting the museum. On exhibit will be Michelangelo's study model for the dome of St. Peter's Basilica that he handcrafted in 1560. There will be a guided tour of St. Mary's church and mass will be celebrated at 4:30.

The cost is \$15 per person and all Knights, families and friends are welcome.

Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis and must be made by June 1, by calling Raymond Pelissier (508-254-2027) or Leo Phalen (781-769-0007).

All checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus, Council #1319 and can be mailed to Raymond Pelissier, 103 Thomas Dr., Somerset MA 02726.

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brothers,

I would like to recommend to you and your families the devotion of Divine Mercy.

In 1931, Sister Mary Faustina Kowalska was startled when Our Lord began to appear to her to ask her to spread the message of His Mercy. As a way to spread this message, Christ asked Sister Faustina to paint an image of Him as He looked when He appeared to her. Christ asked Faustina to have people pray for His Mercy and to reverence this image of Him.

In April 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Mary Faustina Kowalska and formally instituted the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. If someone participates in a Divine Mercy Sunday devotion, the Pope has granted a plenary indulgence to remind people of Christ's Mercy. To receive the indulgence, one must go to a Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion, they must go to Confession on or around the date of Divine Mercy Sunday, they must receive Holy Communion on this Sunday, and they must be detached from sin.

There is much to know about Saint Faustina and Divine Mercy. To learn more, you can view the internet web site www.sisterfaustina.org.

In Massachusetts, we are also Blessed to have the National Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge (www.marian.org).

I pray that you will all learn more about God's Mercy through Saint Faustina and the Divine Mercy Devotion.

Thank you for all the good works you do.

May God Continue to Bless You,

Fr. David



1847 Association Report

Brothers,

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

Regards,

Bob Brosseau, PGK

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SPRING CLEAN UP

The Outdoor committee held its first clean up day of the season on May 1. The overgrown brush and trash outside the Members Lounge door was cleared and burned. Thanks go to Tony Gromelsky, Frank Fontana and Peter and Daniel Kohutanycz.

We will continue to meet at the Hall the first Saturday of every month to ensure our property remains presentable to our community.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

As Chairman I look forward to keeping you informed each month on the efforts we are taking to reach out to new and existing members.

Telephone Campaign: Over the course of the past three months, Brother Knights have been on the telephone reaching out to existing members in an effort to get all of our Brother Knights reacquainted with our Council. We look forward to seeing each of you at a future meeting or council event.

Member Directory: We have started the development of a member directory with a digital photograph of each member. We look forward to having this directory issued in the next few months. Please come on down to the next council meeting to have your picture taken.

Contact: If there are any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at work (508-634-4014 x101) or at home (508-553-9773).

Best Regards – Brother Roger Gullo

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.

PLEASE NOTE WE NEED A MEMBER TO VOLUNTEER TO AS BINGO CHAIRMAN FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR.

Events for May 2004

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Business Meeting	May 19, 2004	8:00 PM	Council Hall
Art Auction Committee Mtg.	May 25, 2004	7:00 PM	Members Lounge
1847 Association Meeting	May 26, 2004	8:00 PM	Members Lounge
Business Meeting	June 2, 2004	8:00 PM	Council Hall
Business Meeting	June 16, 2004	8:00 PM	Council Hall
1847 Association Meeting	June 23, 2004	8:00 PM	Members Lounge
Trip to Foxwoods	June 24	4:00 PM	Leave from KofC Parking Lot
July 4 th on the Common	July 2	6:00-10:00	Franklin Common
	July 3	10:00-10:00	Fireworks at 9
	July 4	12:00-10:00	Parade at 12:00
	July 5	10:00-9:00	