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**News and Happenings of K of C #69      Fall 2013**

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*Brother Knights,*

*Greetings Brother Knights. Progress toward my second year goals is going well. As the FS reports in his section of the Newsletter, one piece of that goal, started before I became GK, has been completed. Thanks to the work of FS Mark, processing the paper work and to Lector Jim and Warden Dan, making the retention calls, the Council has cleaned up the membership list. What this means is we will not be paying the per capita on members who are not paying dues.*

*A second goal, one I set for myself, is to involve the Council in more religious activities; we are, after all, a Catholic organization.*

*One event, the showing of the movie, "October Baby", took place in lieu of the second October meeting on October 24. There were about 20 in attendance and all who commented felt the movie is worth seeing. I plan on having another showing in the spring.*

*This year The Children's Christmas Party will be a "Keep Christ in Christmas" event beginning with Chaplain Father Bill offering a Mass. Following Mass Father Bill will have a small gift for all youth attending. "Keep Christ in Christmas" does not mean keep Santa out. Following the mass Santa will give the youngest children a small gift and there will be photo opportunities with Santa. No meal this year, and no charge. Refreshments, such as cookies will be served. See the events section for the form you must submit by December 13 so we can plan on the refreshments and gifts.*

*A third move to the religious is my contact with Mass Citizens for Life. Each January buses bring pro-life people to Washington. This year I plan to offer, to all Brother Knights and their family, a discount on the cost of the trip. I do not have the details yet, however, as soon as I do I will let everyone know. I hope some will be able to make this one day trip to show our concern for the unborn.*

*On November 2 we, once again, had a very successful Beer and Wine Tasting in support of Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and pantry. Thank you to Stan and Dianne and solid corps of volunteers that have made this annual event such a wonderful success.*

*The Memorial Service for departed Brothers took place on November 3. We had twenty-four Brothers pass since the last Memorial Service. Several family members of the deceased Brothers were present to light the memorial candle and place the rose. Thank you to the Chairman, Trustee Del Barabani and the MC, FA Jim Healey, the Honor Guard, Dan Roux, Charlie Walton and Roger Korel. Thanks, also, to the officers of the Assembly and Council, DGK Larry, Faithful Admiral and Warden Dan and Chancellor Dan who presented the symbols of the offices. A copy of the program, containing the name of the Brothers memorialized, can be found in this newsletter.*

*The "Coats for Tots" program, began a few years ago by Joe Babineau with the 4th Degree, has become a joint Assembly and Council effort. This year we have received requests for 83 coats and we are in the process of acquiring the coats which will be distributed through the schools after Thanksgiving.*

*Let me close a message wishing each of you a wonderful and joyful Holiday season:*

***Happy Thanksgiving***

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

***Happy New Year***

*Fraternally,*

**Delfo  
GK 69**

**CHAIRMAN OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Bingo** – Donald Miner

**Spaghetti Supper** –Dan Roux

**Wine and Beer Tasting** – Stan Matras. FDD

**Family Picnic** –

**Tootsie Roll Drive** – Dan O'Connell

**Members Memorial Service** – Delfo Barabani. PGK

**Veterans' Day** – Jim Ross

**Clergy Day Dinner** – Ray LeHouiller. FDD

**Big Truck Day** - Brian Houghton Jr. PGK

**Cruise Night** - Brian Houghton Jr. PGK & Jack Kelly PGK

**Free Throw Championship** – Dan O'Reilly, PGK

**Soccer Challenge** – Jim McVey

**Essay Contest** – Charlie Walton

**Scholarship** – Charlie Tanguay, FDD

**Special Olympics** – Ray Cartier

**Halloween** – Dave Amo, PGK

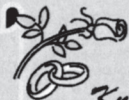
**Childers' Christmas Party** – Dan Roux

**6SantaMaria9** - Dan Larouche

**Special Events** – Todd Hoessler

**Lounge Super Bowl Party** – Marsha Pelc, LM

**BANQUET HALL RENTAL**



*The Camelot Room  
Knights of Columbus 460 Granby  
Bridal Tea*

Contact Debbie Badger  
for hall rental information at:  
[Debbie@kofc69.com](mailto:Debbie@kofc69.com)  
413-594-9848 or 413-598-8621 ext.2

ALL COUNCIL AND HOME  
ASSOCIATION FUNCTIONS MUST  
GO THROUGH BANQUET OFFICE  
**THIS IS A MUST!!!**



Dear Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! Perhaps that phrase appears to be somewhat premature while we are still in the month of November. Though that may be true for the calendar year it is not true for the Liturgical Year. The First Sunday of Advent begins the new liturgical year for the Church. Advent is a time of new beginnings. Throughout the Advent season the Church will revisit the longing of the Hebrew people for the coming of the Messiah. The spirit of Advent encourages us to enter that same sense of longing as did the Hebrews of ancient days. It was that spirit of expectation that Ann and Joaquim shared with their daughter Mary about the coming of the Messiah. Therefore, upon the visitation of the Angel Gabriel Mary was filled with grace as she responded to God’s invitation with the words “...let it be done to me according to your word.”

Advent, well celebrated, enables people of good will to celebrate Christmas with the joyful assurance that “the Word dwells among us!” The Blessed Virgin Mary gives each of us the example of the type of faith that is needed, especially in these modern times. Mary chose to listen to the Angel Gabriel because Mary was a woman of prayer. Her decision to say “yes” made possible the Miracle of the Incarnation. Today, we are often too busy to listen to the voice of God. We live in times where the “booming sounds and the flashing lights” grab our attention. Yet the voice of God remains constant but quiet.

My prayer for you, Brother Knights, is for a holy season of Advent. With an Advent season of “joyful expectation” Christmas is sure to be a time of renewed joy and peace. May you know a prayerful Advent and a joyful Christmas season.

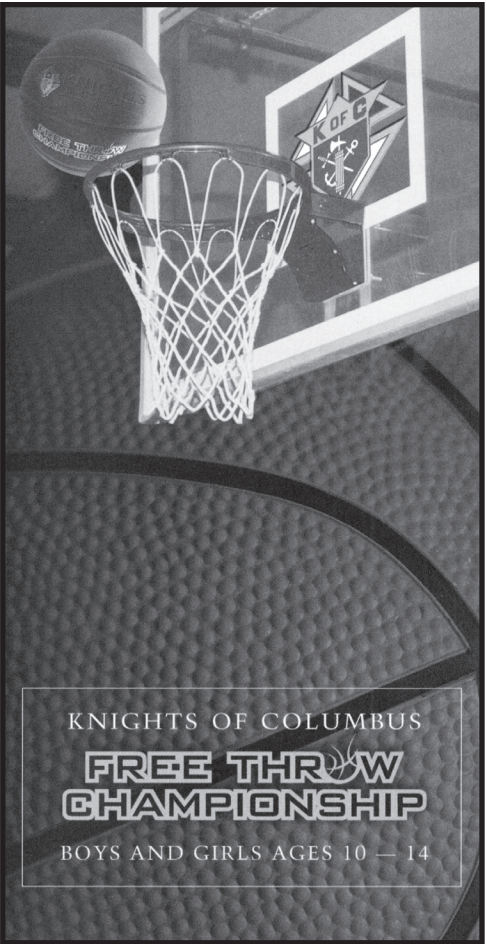
*And they shall name him Emmanuel! For God is with us!*

Fraternally yours in Christ,  
*Fr. Bill Tourigny*



Left to Right: DD William Huber,  
GK Delfo Barabani, FN Dan Therrien  
Emily Kibier, Lindsay Reidy, Hanna  
Reidy, Tucker Dalessio, Nicholas Como

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
BASKETBALL FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**  
BOYS AND GIRLS 10 – 14  
JANUARY 17, 2014 • 6:30 REGISTRATION  
ST ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH SOCIAL CENTER  
37 CELESTINE STREET • CHICOPEE, MA  
FOR INFORMATION CALL 413-530-2849



# Blood Drive



**January 22, 2014  
1:00 – 7:00 PM**

Main Hall at the Council, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee MA

Donors will receive a coupon for one pound of  
**DUNKIN’ DONUTS COFFEE**



The twenty four (24) Brother Knights listed below, have been called home by our Heavenly Father . They have served the Knights of Columbus and our Council for a total of 973 years . During their life time they served faithfully, GOD , COUNTRY, COMMUNITY and FAMILY .They are now at peace, waiting to welcome us when we too are called home.

JOINED	YEARS	IN MEMORIUM	CALLED HOME	AGE
Dec. 01-1954	59	Joseph Babineau	Nov. 11-2011	92
Oct. 01-1980	32	Rev. Paschal Rys	Mar. 05-2012	89
Aug. 20-1989	23	Czeslow Les	Nov. 4-2012	64
Dec. 05-2004	8	Joseph Gregoire	Nov. 12-2012	78
Feb. 1-1953	15	Evan Smith	Nov. 26-2012	70
Oct. 8-1964	48	Jerome Mitchell	Dec. 23-2012	68
Mar. 1-1962	50	Bernard Moran	Dec. 23-2012	86
Nov. 1-1953	59	Harold Darcy	Dec. 25-2012	95
May 12-1986	27	Arthur Savage	Jan. 13-2013	94
May 13-2002	11	Frank Jazab	Jan. 13-2013	99
Mar. 1-1954	59	Jean-Paul Boucher	Jan. 25-2013	78
July 14-1986	27	Chester Kozik	Jan. 25-2013	66
Feb. 15-1956	57	Adolf Orluk	Feb. 12-2013	72
Apr. 1-2014	9	John Rogalski	Feb. 26-2013	85
Jan. 1-1938	75	Edward Quigley	Feb. 2-2013	97
Feb. 1-1949	64	Armond Geoffroy	May 24-2013	98
Oct. 13-1969	44	Robert Pydych	July 6-2013	84
Aug. 1-1946	67	Eugene Roy	July 18-2013	76
Feb. 1-1948	65	Joseph Cote	Aug. 7-2013	87
June 1-1995	18	Richard Lefebvre	Aug. 9-2013	64-72
Aug. 12-1985	28	David Sikorski	Aug. 12-2013	75
Feb. 1-1969	44	Emile LaBonte	Sept. 12-2013	94
May 1-1966	47	Tomas Kelley	Sept.13-2013	61
Feb.14-1981	32	Raymond Depot	Sept. 19-2013	82

Blessed are they that who mourn for they shall be comforted.



**ELDER COUNCIL #69 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
FR.DANIEL DOYLE ASSEMBLY #2631**

CHAIRMAN DELFO BARABANI, PGK  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES JAMES HEALEY,PGK  
ORGANIST JOHN SULLIVAN, PATRICIA ZYGAROWSKI,VOCALIST

PROCESSIONAL	4 <sup>th</sup> DEGREE HONOR GUARD
ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS	COUNCIL & ASSEMBLY OFFICERS
NATIONAL ANTHEM,	JOHN SULLIVAN AND PATRICIA ZYGAROWSKI
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG	Chairman DELFO BARABANI PGK
PROCLAMATION	GRAND KNIGHT DELFO BARABANI JR,
INVOCATION COUNCIL CHAPLAIN, FR. WILLIAM TOURIGNY,PASTOR ST. ROSE DE LIMA CHRUCH	HOLY GUARD WE PRAISE THY NAMES
MUSICAL SELECTION	
SCRIPTURE READING DEACON, Mr. CHARLES WAINWRIGHT: ST-STANISLAUS CHURCH	
MUSICAL SELECTION	HOLY GOD WE PRISE THY NAME
MUSICAL SELECTION	"AMAZING GRACE"
PRESENTATION OF ASSEMBLY EMBLEMS	4 <sup>TH</sup> DEGREE OFFICERS
ALTAR RITUAL, FLORAL TRIBUTE ELDER COUNCIL #69 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUSOFFICERS	
MUSICAL SELECTION	"HAIL MARY,GENTLE WOMEN"
ROLL CALL OF DEPARTED BROTHER KNIGHTS	GRAND KNIGHT DELFO BARABANI, Jr.
LIGHTING OF CANDLE & FLORAL TRIBUTE FOR EACH DEPARTED BROTHER KNIGHT	
when name is called by a family member or friend	
CEREMONIES HONORING OUR DEPARTED VETERANS,	BOXED FLAG, WREATH, TAPS.
MUSICAL SELECTION	"ON EAGLE'S WINGS
MEMORIAL ADDRESS COUNCIL CHAPLAIN	Fr. WILLIAM TOURIGNY
CLOSING REMARKS	JAMES HEALEY'PGK
BENEDICTION	FR. WILLIAM TOURIGNY
MUSICAL SELECTION JOIN IN SINGING	
"LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH" AND	"GOD BLESS AMERICA"
PROCESSIONAL OF OFFICERS	LED BY 4TH DEGREE HONOR GUARD
	COMMITTEE
Chairman DELFO BARABANI	M.C.: JAMES HEALEY, , HONOR GUARD CAPT. ROGER KORELL
MUSIC, JOHN SULLIVAN	ARRANGEMENTS, JOYCE CHRETIEN REFRESHMENTS, JIM ROSS
	PROGRAM DELFO BARABANI PGK



A NOTE ON SUSPENSIONS...

Dear Brother Knights,

On July 1, 2011, our total membership was 903. At that time, there were a considerable number of members who had not paid dues in quite some time, most of whom were 3 or 4 years in arrears. Previous administrations had offered amnesty programs which, unfortunately, did not work. This office became an easy target at meetings by several members who demanded to know why these members were still on our rolls and not suspended. They were looking to this office for a "quick fix" to our problem which, quite simply, was not going to happen. There is a lengthy process involved which must be followed to the letter. After consulting the State Membership and Retention Directors, it was agreed that the best way to achieve our goal was to submit 15 to 20 Intent To Suspend notices per month. We knew this would be time consuming, but worth it. Slowly but surely, the numbers began to decrease, from the above mentioned 903 to 803 as of January 1, 2013, then to 770 as of July 1. As I write, the total membership is now 736, a difference of 167. Factor in the new members, transfers, deaths, etc., and the actual suspension number is higher. THANK YOU to those brothers who put their trust and confidence in me. They said, "It couldn't be done" -- but WE DID IT!

Mark K. Olson FDD  
Financial Secretary

SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

Included with this newsletter is a brief survey of fraternal activity. Please fill in the blanks with an estimate of hours you devote to any or all of the projects on an annual basis. Please return it to the Financial Secretary with your dues payment, leave it in his box at the lounge or return it in person. Please make your returns no later than January 18 so that they may be tabulated for our annual report, which is due at Supreme January 31. Thanks!

EVENTS

Bingo every Monday

Admission sales beginning at 4:30      Early Bird at 6:20  
Come to volunteer      Come to play      It can be fun either way

Spaghetti Supper

Tuesday December 3, 2013      4:15 to 6:45  
Benefit: two year old Max Johnson. On August 4, 2013 Max received a heart transplant and is under continuing care at Boston Children's Hospital.  
Please help Max and his parents  
5 and under no charge      ages 6 to 12 and over 64 \$5.00      all others \$6.00  
50/50 raffle to benefit Council 69  
Spaghetti      sauce      meatballs      salad w of w/o dressing      roll      butter  
Coffee      Tea      Lemonade      Ice Water      Deserts available for purchase  
A good meal, a good cause, come and join us

Members Christmas Party

Thursday December 12, 2013  
As in years past there will be a quick business meeting and then a meal will be served. Each member is asked to pay \$5.00 for the meal and all money collected will be donated to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry.  
There will be an open bar  
Following the meal we get the time to reconnect with old friend, become acquainted with new members and enjoy the Christmas season  
I hope to see many of you on that day.  
There will be no meeting on December 26, Merry Christmas

Adult and Community Christmas Party

Saturday December 14, 2013  
Buffet with Beef, Pork and Chicken entrees  
Cocktail hour 6:00 to 7:00 Buffet beginning at 7:00 PM  
Music by DJ Dave  
\$20.00  
This should be an affordable, fun event



# Children's Christmas Party

Friday December 20, 2013

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Our Chaplain, Father Bill, will celebrate Mass at 6:30

Father Bill will present each youth a special gift

Light refreshments will be served

Santa will be available for photos

**Each child 0 to 10 years will receive a gift bag.**

Those planning on attending should complete the reply card  
and

return to the Council no later than **December 13, 2013**

**There will be no charge for this fun event**

Questions??? call Celeste at 413-592-7747

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Number of **girls** age 0 to 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **boys** age 0 to 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional family members attending, all ages \_\_\_\_\_

Questions, call Celeste at 413-592-7747

Please return to the Council by December 13, 2013

## FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE....

Dear Brother Knights,

It's that time of year again! Dues invoices will be printed and mailed the first weekend in December. As always, a book of State raffle tickets will be included in the mailing. The raffle has always been a win-win situation since the proceeds assist in keeping the per capita costs down and it's also an instant fund raiser for the Council. For every full book sold, we remit \$9 to the State, the Council keeps \$5 and \$1 remains with the seller, although in most cases the seller donates the dollar to the Council. I would ask that all checks be made payable to Elder Council. Dues and raffle may be combined in one check. Checks made payable to the State will experience a delay in processing. A separate mailing will be sent to all Honorary Life and Disabled members so that they may have an equal opportunity to participate. If you cannot afford to purchase the entire book, even a few tickets will help. The Council is mandated to sell 77 full books or face an assessment of over \$700. Your understanding and participation is greatly appreciated.

Now that the suspension process from previous years has been completed, we are starting fresh. The Officers of this Council take the obligation of every member to pay his dues in a timely manner very seriously. If any member is experiencing difficulty and finds himself unable to pay his dues, please contact the Grand Knight and/or Financial Secretary. We do have some leeway and will handle these situations on a case by case basis. The billing schedule is as follows: First notice, December. Second notice,

Dues payments and raffle returns may be mailed to the Council, placed in my box at the lounge or paid at a Council meeting. Thank you in advance for your prompt payment!

Mark K. Olson FDD

Financial Secretary