

Brother Knights,

You may have noticed this news letter has arrived a little later in the month than the previous news letters. This is because I wanted this letter to arrive just before the second meeting night of the month. Why would I want the letter to arrive just before the February 28 meeting? I want to make a point of inviting all members to attend this non-meeting meeting. What I mean by non-meeting meeting is we will not be conducting a regular business meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a special events night.

The start time is 7:00PM and at that time **Master John S. McKenzie of the of the Massachusetts District of the Bishop James A. Healy Province** will be presenting the Patriotic Award to the Sir Knights of the **Father Daniel Doyle Assembly 2631**. After the presentation, there will be food and a social.

Following the social:

1. Brother Alain Stanislas will talk on the French Night we are planning for June
2. Brother Dave Amo will talk on some family summer trips that the Council is considering.
3. Brother Dan Larouche will be explaining the program that will hopefully generate income for the council and this program does not require the Brother Knights to spend any extra money.

Please make an effort to attend.

Delfo  
GK 69

Please check our new partnership with Market America and Shop.com. This partnership has been created to help council 69 develop a fundraising program for today and for the future. See the flyer included in this newsletter and look for future notices on how to save money and support the council. Dan Larouche, Chairman of this project, will be at the February 28 meeting to explain this exciting new approach to supporting the council. Again, I encourage all Brother Knights to attend the February 28 meeting.

*Dear Brother Knights,*

*Ash Wednesday has come and Christians around the world have entered the great season of Lent. The word 'lent' is a Latin word 'lenten' which literally means springtime. The Holy season of Lent is meant to be a season of spiritual growth. The Gospel encourages us to enter "the inner room" of our lives and pray in secret. Why in secret? So that no one knows expect God. It is so easy to wear our religious life on our sleeves for everyone to see. However, if there is no serious attempt to return to our God with mind and heart renewed, then the visible acts are empty. Should we choose to return to our God with mind and heart renewed then our deeds are accomplished in true humility and sincerity of heart. As believers we need to do the right things for the right reasons. Therein lies the one question of Lent that each of us needs to answer prior to the celebration of Easter: How well have I lived my life of baptism? Reflecting upon this question demands that we not compare ourselves to others, but rather, compare ourselves to Jesus. It is in that comparison to Jesus that we recognize a need for a true conversion – a change of heart. It is my hope for all Brother Knights that we humbly embrace the Season of Lent by entering the "inner room" of their lives with great intimacy with our God; reflect upon the need to be more like Jesus; and through reconciliation begin anew our individual and collective to call to discipleship. My prayer for the Brothers of the Knights of Columbus of Council #69 is to grow in charity and fraternity toward each other and so become a stronger sign of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. May the forty days of Lent lead each of us to the joy and peace of Easter Sunday.*

*Fraternally yours,*

*Fr. Bill Tourigny*

*Chaplain,*

*Knight of Columbus Council #69*

January 10, 2013

Exemplification of the First Degree. Fr. offered the opening prayer and read all a Happy New Year. He also told all to remember his father who is **Grand Knight**: the turnout for the Christmas party was light and a good time was had by all who attended. Children Christmas Party was well attended, fifty-two children, fifty six-  
s. All appeared to enjoy the pizza & **Mail**: a thank you from Fr. Bill for the Council Christmas gift, a thank you from The Soldiers' Home in Holyoke for books donated and a thank you from Bowe School for the Coats for **Committees**: January 7 Spaghetti Supper, a fund raiser for Celeste Roux, raised about \$2500.00. Bright Nights, as planned, was a break even event with a \$10 net balance. **New Business** Motion to purchase 2 tickets to the St. Patrick's Parade Committee Dinner at \$10 each passed. Motion to move \$100.00 from the Scholarship account checking for the purpose of 2013 Scholarship awards passed first reading. Motion to remove one of the trustees was **rejected** and then was tabled. **DD John** advised members that not all members are able to attend state meetings. He noted the deadline for reporting on Year of Faith award is November 24. Gendron and his wife are both having health issues.

January 24, 2013

Regular business meeting. **Grand Knight**: The final report on the 2012 State Roll drive shows Elder Council did not make the top 25. As one of the best Councils in the state I feel

we should do better. The amount collected is directly related to the number of Knights collecting. **Mail**: Thank you from the Darcy and Jazab families for wake services. **Chancellor**: Reminder of the March 9 Mens' Conference at Bellamy School. Family of the month, Dan Therian. Knight of the Month JR Sanchez. **Committees**: Basketball Free Throw, Council Jan. 30, District Feb. 2 both at St Anthony Social Center. French Night planned for June. **Old Business**: Tabled motion for the removal of a trustee was brought to the floor and after some discussion was again tabled. **New Business**: CCHS Cheerleaders, \$50.00, Lorraine's Soup Kitchen retirement \$250.00. Memorial Service: Frank Jazab and Arthur Savage.

February 7, 2013

Exemplification of the First Degree. Two for Council 69. **Grand Knight**: Ad in St Pats' program brought to floor in error, ad is bingo operating costs. The retirement party for Lorraine was very good. It was held at Council 69 and the food and service was excellent. FN Dan and GK Delfo attended the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Arch Bishop Williams Assm. **Mail**: Thank you from: Celeste and Dan Roux for the fund raiser Jan. 7. Soldiers' Home in Holyoke and the Jerry Mitchell family for wake service. **Committees**: Spaghetti Supper, Feb. 5 \$450.00 to Special Olympics, \$294.06 to council. Next month Price will increase to \$6.00 and \$5.00 for seniors and kids. **Old Bus.:** tabled motion opened and retabled. **New Bus.:** \$800.00 first reading passed for youth Baseball. **Memorial Service**: Chester Kozik, Jean-Paul Boucher, Roland Cartier and Adolph Orluk.

## K of C Essay Contest Winners

The annual Knights of Columbus Essay Contest was chaired by Charles Walton. The topic this year was "The Responsibility of a Catholic Citizen in a Free Society". Many students from St. Stanislaus and St. Joan of Arc schools participated in the contest. All students pictured were the top three contestants in their respective schools.

The Knights congratulate all the winners!!!



### St. Stanislaus Winners

Joawph Bizon,, GK Delfo Jr. Selena Rodriguez, ,  
Assistant Principle Karen Shea, "Amanda Shlaferman,  
RS delfo Sr.



### St. Joan of Arc Winners

GK Delfo Jr., Finn Murray, Principle Paula Jenkins,  
Alexa Keough, Paula Donais, Brendon Fournier

Two of the top contestants are currently having their essays being judged at the State Competition. They are Alexa Keough who won first place at St. Joan of Arc and at the District level; and Selena Shlaferman who won first place at St. Stanislaus and second at the District level. We wish them luck and hope they are successful at the State Competition.

## Celebrating Birthdays at the Holyoke Soldiers Home



*Every month the  
Holyoke Soldiers Home  
celebrates the birthdays of the  
current residents.*

*The K of C Council 69 and  
Assembly 2631 were honored to  
sponsor the birthdays for  
January and February 2013.  
RS Del Barabani PGK chaired  
this program.  
A BIG Happy Birthday to those  
who served!!*





## K of C Basketball Free Throw Championships



The Knights of Columbus basketball contest was chaired by PGK, Dan O'Reilly and was held at St. Anthony of Padua Social Center on January 30, 2013.  
The District Championship was shot on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the same location.



**Caroline  
Cayo**  
(to the left.)

**Alrza  
Mcneish**  
(to the right.)



**Emily  
Rockway**  
(to the right)



**Michael  
Baran**  
(to the left)

**Cheyenne  
Stickienicz**  
(to the right)



All shooters pictured won in their age group and at the District level. They will be going on to the Regional contest at St. Thomas in West Springfield on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Congratulations to all our contestants!!!*