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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

September 2023

Dear Brothers,

We had a successful and busy August! We brought in six new members, approved new Council By-Laws & Rules, awarded two \$1,000 scholarships, and approved \$1,500 in charitable donations! Thank you for your efforts, keep up the great work!

This month we have much ahead of us. Please consider finding some time to assist the Council in a way that works for you. As I have mentioned elsewhere, we especially need brothers to step in and assist with volunteering for events especially the Tootsie Roll Drive, Coats for Kids, and the Christmas Children's Party. If each member could give a few hours, it would make a huge difference for the Council and in the lives of those we are able to help. Even spending a couple hours handing out Tootsie rolls (alone or with your family) really makes a big difference! Please let me know when you are available to assist.

Behind the scenes, our Financial Secretary, Peter Kenney (PGK) has been working on our roster cleanup efforts. So far, he and I have reached out to nearly 200 inactive members. If we do not receive a response, they will be removed from our Council on 10/15. If they want to come back after 10/15, they will need to go through the reentry process.

I am also reaching out to our local parishes to find a good time to run recruitment drives, more information to come!

Please always feel free to reach out and discuss anything with me! I am here to listen and help where I am able.

Vivat Iesu & May God Bless Council 109

Grand Knight Nicholas Gallo

Upcoming Council Events & Activities

September 10 th	Fall Festival (Parish Picnic) at St. Camillus
September 17 th	Fall Festival (Parish Picnic) at St. Eulalia
September 19 th	Knights of Columbus Meeting
September 23 rd	Arlington Town Day
October 4 th	Coffee with a Cop
October 6 th , 7 th , & 8 th	Tootsie Roll Drive
October 17 th	MA State KofC Open House
October 24 th	Knights of Columbus Meeting

To keep informed of Council activities, visit our website: www.KofC109.com

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OUR LOCAL PARISHES:

St. Agnes & St. Camillus

www.cparl.org

St. Eulalia

www.sainteulalia.org

St. Peter

www.saintpetercambridge.org**SEPTEMBER MOTIONS**

The following motions have been submitted for our regular business meeting:

- Approval of August 15th Regular Business Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of moving October Regular Business Meeting to accommodate KofC MA State Town Hall (from 10/17 to 10/24).
- Approval of two \$500 allocations to support two seminarians. GK is working with clergy to identify specific recipients. SUPREME refunds \$100 for each \$500 sponsorship through their RSVP program.
- Approval of \$1,598 allocation for purchasing Coats For Kids. This allocation allows us to purchase over 70 coats. The Council will be fundraising to recoup as much as possible to the charity account.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus biggest fundraiser is the “Tootsie Roll Drive” which will be conducted throughout Arlington on Columbus Day Weekend October 6th - 8th, in an effort to help individuals with disabilities. Please volunteer for an hour or two to help a worthy cause. **This is a great opportunity to include your children & grandchildren in charitable activities!**

BULLETIN UPDATE

Please consider placing an Ad in our bulletin. An Ad only costs \$150 for the entire fraternal year! This is a business expense and goes directly towards our charitable endeavors! A special thank you to the brothers who have already signed up for their Ads and their support for the new/updated bulletin format!

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

The following Brothers or family members have been reported ill. Your prayers are requested for their well-being and for the continued good health of all our Brothers and their families. A card or a visit would be appreciated.

-none-

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of all our deceased Brothers and their family members, may their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The below are individuals who have completed an application for membership to our Council. **Action will be taken on their application at our next Business Meeting:**

Adam Elyonssi Joseph McMahon

ASPIRANTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The below are individuals who have been accepted by a vote of the Council but have not yet completed a degree. **Please encourage these Aspirants to complete their degree training** so they may fulfill their membership requirements:

Michael Brady	Dara Conneely	Thomas Farren Jr
Joseph Bastardi	Michael Alogna	Arthur Gillis
Jason Vlacich	Kenneth Wallace	Michael Tremblay
James Donovan	Brendan Gentile	

ON-DEMAND EXEMPLIFICATION

Have you reached the 3rd degree? All individuals without a degree or with only the 1st & 2nd degrees are encouraged to complete their 3rd degree. Our first three degrees are an introduction to our order's focuses on Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. **This on-demand training only takes about 30 minutes to complete.** A link to the ceremony may be found here: www.kofc109.com/exemplification

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have set a goal of 30 new members this fraternal year (July 2023 - June 2024). Below is our progress towards that goal:

Goal	Sep +	FYTD +	%
30	1	13	44%

If all 11 aspirants completed their training and became brothers, we would be at 80% goal already! Make sure to both recruit new members and assist them through the degree process!

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***"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who
tire of asking for forgiveness."
- His Holiness Pope Francis***

***"Prayer is not withdrawing from the rest of
humanity. It is more like a wedding feast to
which we welcome all who cross our path. A
strange thing takes place in prayer. There is a
mysterious coupling of our own life with the
lives of others -- an embrace that includes the
whole of humanity. At first prayer stems from
a sense of personal neediness. Prayer
progressively becomes less a self-centered
plea for personal deliverance than a universal
cry for help and for the coming of God's
kingdom."
- His Excellency Cardinal O'Malley***

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INSURANCE AGENT FINANCIAL TIDBIT

By Brother Chandler Kuehne:

Everybody should have both a Life Insurance Policy and an Annuity in their portfolio, they should be part of your financial foundation. They can provide you with lifelong certainty and guarantees, which is extremely rare in the volatile financial market. Use the guarantees of the Knights to protect yourself and your family. People are living longer than ever before, and they are also running out of money. The only person that WILL BE responsible for taking care of you when you're old, is your younger self.

******* INSURANCE AGENT TRIVIA *******

Respond to: chandler.kuehne@kofc.org or (508) 542-0814 with the correct answer by Fri. 09/29/23 and be entered into a raffle for a chance to **win a \$10 gift card**. Must be a KofC member to win.

Question = *What is considered as the collateral when a loan is taken out on a life insurance policy?*

STATE COUNCIL TOWN HALL AT #109

We will be holding a town hall for the State Council on Tuesday, October 17th at 7PM. All council officers, directors, field agents and members are encouraged to attend.

These meetings are interactive and likely discussion topics will include:

- What challenges are you having recruiting new members?
- What challenges do you face running programs?
- What are your biggest challenges?
- How can we improve Safe Environment Compliance?
- What else do you need either from the State Council or Supreme Council?

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

A Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Sunday, November 12, 2023, at St. Mary's Church, 57 South Street, Ware, MA.

If you have interest in this exemplification, please reach out to GrandKnight@Kofc109.com and I can share more information.