



# The Cross & Sword



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The Newsletter of the Rev. John A. Fleming Council #2533 of the Knights of Columbus

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### MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Tuesday, 7:30PM: First Degree Ceremony  
 2nd Tuesday, 7:00PM: Council Officer's Meeting  
 2nd Tuesday, 8:00PM: Council Business Meeting  
 4th Tuesday, 7:00PM: Social Dinner

## Past Events

### **Immaculate Conception Shelter**

The Council supplied a ham and potato meal for over 60 members of the shelter and provided over 100 pairs of socks for their use. The remaining pairs will be added to gift bags presented on Three Kings Day.

### **Veteran's Home Bingo**

The members operated a Bingo at the home this month and also presented 140 pairs of socks for all the veterans.

### **Tootsie Roll Campaign**

This year's campaign collected \$1425 for the Intellectually Challenged program. Thanks to all that helped. This money is turned directly over to the State Council and we will request a share for the Special Olympics people in town.

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## Coming Events

### **Pro Life Mass January 20th**

The council will participate in the State Council's Pro Life Mass held at St. Mary Church in New Haven at 10:00 AM. The council participates in the "Baby Shower for Unwed Mothers" at the reception that follows downstairs. A caravan of members will probably leave the council home around 8:30 AM. Please call GK Barone to lend your support.

### **Cribbage Tournament January 22nd**

Following our Social Dinner on the fourth Tuesday, a Cribbage Tournament will be held. The entry fee is \$5. Come on down for a \$3 dinner and have some fun. See Bud Wetmore for the tournament.

### **Next Assembly Meeting January 28th**

Faithful Navigator Dave Benoit announced the next meeting for the Archbishop Whalen Assembly will be Monday, January 28th, 7:30 PM at the council home. The meetings are always the 4th Monday of the month. Subsequent meetings for the first half of the year will be at St. James Church in Rocky Hill.

### **Memorial Mass February 2nd**

A Memorial Mass for our deceased Brothers is being planned for February 2nd at Blessed Sacrament or Our Lady of Peace Church. Contact GK Bill Barone for the final plans. A list of this past year's deceased members is shown at the Members-Only page of the council's web site.

### **Veteran's Bingo February 7th**

Members continue sponsoring a Bingo at the Veterans Home at Rocky Hill on the 1st Thursday of the month. Interested parties can call either Jim Wilson or myself. Time needed runs from approx. 6 PM at our Hall and we return shortly after 8 PM. Contact GK Bill Barone if interested in participating in this event

### **Valentine's Dance February 16th**

A Valentine Dance is planned for February 16th at Naubuc Hall. If interested, please call GK Bill Barone for further information. Contact Jim T. Wilson for more information.

### **K of C Free Throw Tournament**

Plans are being made to hold the K of C Basketball Free Throw Tournament at St. Christopher School in East Hartford by the end of February. This event is open to all boys and girls ages 10 to 14. It consist of shooting multiple free throw shots. Volunteers are needed to make this youth event a success. Contact GK Barone for more information.

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## COUNCIL

Brother Knights,

Another year is coming to a close and we have time to reflect on our accomplishments, lost opportunities and vision for the New Year. Did we see an opportunity during 2007 that could have resulted in an improvement in someone else's life?

2008 is about to begin. Everyone finds the time to at least think about resolutions for improvement. Perhaps we should begin by sitting down to reflect for a few minutes as to what we as Knights can do in support of worthwhile causes. Family, Faith, Fraternity, Community, Youth, Fellowship, Patriotism. All worthy causes.

### Where do you fit in?

May God's light shine down on you and your family during 2008.

Your Grand Knight,

Bill Barone

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

DAY	MEMBER	YEARS
1st	John J. Dondero	77
22nd	Everett C. Dougherty	45
29th	Louis J. Tavano	43
1st	George R. Mailloux	39
1st	M. Edward Obernesser	37
1st	Donald R. Yellon	31
1st	Charles C. Greenwald	29
1st	Richard M. Quinlan, PGK	20
1st	Peter Appah	16
1st	Richard A. Morrison	16
1st	Thomas W. Otto	15
1st	William E. Pecor	15
1st	Richard J. Beaulieu	14
1st	Rev. John P. Gwozdz	13
1st	Joseph T. Parafioriti	13
1st	Gary T. Rodegher	13
1st	Robert J. Falkevitz, PGK2	13
23rd	Nunzio G. Calderone	12
21st	Michael A. Filippone	5
22nd	Joseph F. Vazzano	4
2nd	Michael T. Fitzpatrick	4
16th	Thomas P. Murray	3
2nd	Raymond C. Tanski	1

## Past Events (cont'd)

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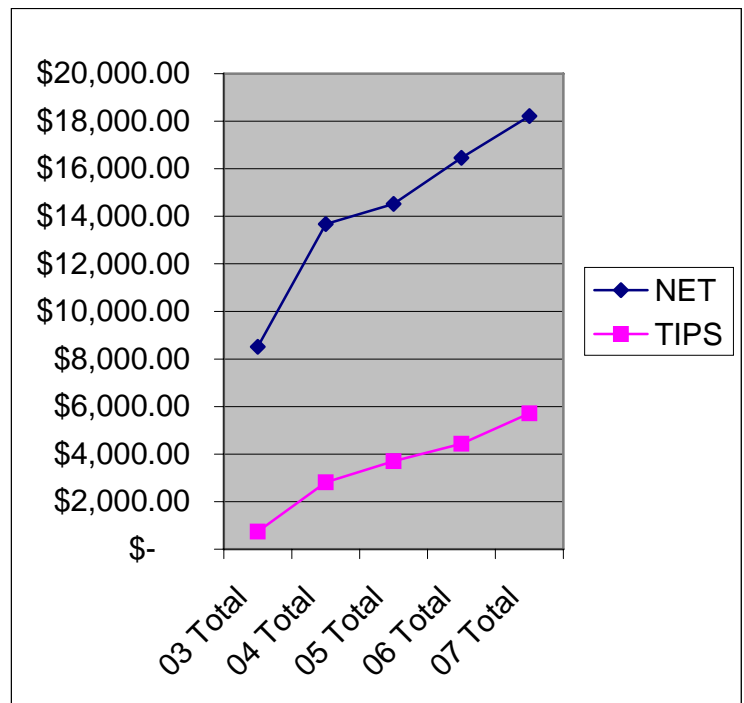
### Project Moses



The council is participating in this important project to have each Parish raise monies to have a stone monument of the Ten Commandments placed on the church grounds. On the other side is The Beatitudes on the other side. The K of C Parish Round Tables are working with the parish Priests to see which parishes will be receptive to sponsoring this campaign. The council has purchase the small replica of the monument and can be seen at the council home.

### 2007 Rentschler Field Results

The revenue earned from this event was the best ever as show below.



Our council's share of the proceeds was about \$10,200 after paying other councils and assemblies that worked along with insurance expenses. Further details of this event is shown on our web site in the Members-Only section. The Net figures includes the Tips figures. More revenues can be kept in the council if more members and their families participate in this worthy cause. Let's help make 2008 a better year!



## INSURANCE NEWS

This month's column is for all you baby boomers out there. Do you know what that is sneaking up on you?

Retirement!

Ouch. I know. It's hard to believe isn't it? Seems like just yesterday...

But it's coming and coming fast. And that's actually the good news.

Let me share with you some tidbits that may be of interest:

"The trend by companies to freeze or end their employee pension plans may have a big impact on baby boomers now on the cusp of retirement.

Boomers with pension plans have counted on monthly retirement checks at the end of their career, but more employers are ending their plans or halting future benefit accruals. Those at greatest risk include boomers in their late 40s and early 50s who are still at least a decade from retirement but too old to save enough to make up the difference in their pension benefits.

An August, 2005 survey by Price Waterhouse Coopers showed that nearly half of companies that expect to change their pension plans in the next year are considering freezing benefits for all employees. More than a third that offered pensions have already pared back these benefits over the last three years.

"This will definitely be a problem for baby boomers," says Karen Friedman at the Pension Rights Center. "You've been at a company under the plan and worked for years with that expectation, and then it's taken away."

Call me – let's talk.



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## State Council Events

DATE	EVENT
01//01-31	Councils schedule Free Throw Championships
01/15	December Family of the Month Report Deadline
01/20	Pro Life Mass & Baskets for Babies @ St. Mary Church, New Haven
01/31	Survey of Fraternal Activity Report due @ Supreme
02/01-22	Councils schedule Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contests
02/04-15	District Free Throw Competition
02/06	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
02/15	Semiannual Council Audit Report due @Supreme
02/15	January Family of the Month deadline
02/16	Regional Basketball Free Throw Competition
02/23	Councils submit Substance Abuse winning Posters to District Deputies
03/01	Deadline for submitting State Convention Resolutions
03/01-15	Councils schedule Vocations Poster Contest
03/01-31	Councils complete judging for Catholic Essay Contest
03/01-31	Regional Spelling Bees
03/08	District Deputies submit District Substance Abuse Awareness to the state council
03/15	February Family of the Month deadline
03/15	Deadline for submitting completed application for State Council Scholarships
03/15	Deadline for councils to submit winning Vocations Posters to the State Council
03/16	State Basketball Free Throw Championships
03/16	State Council 10-Pin Bowling Tournament at Wallingford
03/21	<b>Good Friday</b>
03/21	Deadline for State Convention Ad Book
03/23	<b>Easter</b>
03/26	State Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Winners announced
04/13	McGivney Award Banquet at Aqua Turf, Southington
05/02-04	State Council Convention @ Farmington

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## State Scholarships Applications Due by March 15th

The State Council Scholarships are available to any high school graduate that is going to any college (not just Catholic colleges as in the Supreme scholarships) and enrolls in a Bachelor's degree program. This scholarship is open to any member's child or a child of a deceased member who was in good standing. Applications can be obtained from District Deputy and Chairman Jim Ciaglo and must be returned to him.

## Fourth Degree Exemplification April 20th

Those Third Degree members who wish to complete the Patriotism Degree, and have been a First Degree member for at least six months, will be able to participate in the exemplification. It will be held at Mary Our Queen Church in Plantsville beginning at Noon. A dinner will follow at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville. For further information, please contact FN Dave Benoit.

## State Raffle Drawing May 2nd

The council officers and the Parish Round Table Coordinators have tickets available for this year's raffle. The prize list is the following:

- First Prize:** \$5,000 Travel Gift Certificate
- Second Prize:** \$3,500 Travel Gift Certificate
- Third Prize:** \$2,000 Travel Gift Certificate
- Fourth Prize:** \$1,500 Travel Gift Certificate
- Fifth Prize:** \$1,000 Gift Certificate to Home Depot
- Sixth Prize:** \$1,000 Gift Certificate to Lowe's
- Seventh Prize:** \$750 Gift Certificate to Sears

- Eighth Prize:** \$250 Gift Certificate to Stop & Shop
- Ninth Prize:** \$150 Gift Certificate to Outback Steakhouse
- Tenth Prize:** \$100 Gift Certificate to Olive Garden Restaurant

Tickets are \$10 each. The drawing will be at The Farmington/Hartford Marriott Friday, May 2nd at 11:00 PM. Winners need not be present. The council shares in the profits 50 - 50 with the State Council. Contact GK Bill Barone if you can distribute tickets.

## Form #100 Belongs in All of These Places

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



**SIGN UP A  
NEW MEMBER  
TODAY!**



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