

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – SCITUATE COUNCIL - NO. 3716**

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Monthly Newsletter October

**Meeting December 12th – Dinner @ 7PM: Meeting @ 8 PM**www.kofc3716.org**2013- 2014 Officers****Grand Knight**

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Today I sit down to write the newsletter and reflect on all that is happening now. The world is saying good bye to Nelson Mandela, and we reflect on what he has meant to the millions of people in a nation halfway around the world. As I was listening to some of the speakers, it gave me cause to stop and consider many of the things we have done over the past 12 months. In some cases they may seem to be small, but in total they are huge.

The weather has changed, November has passed and we move into the season of Advent -a joyous time of rebirth for the Church and a time for renewed commitment and reflection for all of us. Every year things change and we have to make adjustments to our goals and objectives. This is a great time for reflection of all our personal, professional, religious, and spiritual accomplishments. We as an organization need to set, review, and evaluate our goals. One goal I am putting forth to the membership is to make the Grand Prize a huge success, because this is what allows our charity fund to make so many great decisions. I would love to see a "sell out" of the grand prize this year. That is all 500 tickets so you will continue to hear this over the coming months. Please consider this charity as you position your annual charitable giving for the year. Start to think of those that would help and maybe reach out to position your future requests. As a participant of the charity committee, let me say you should be proud of the decisions that are being made on your behalf.

We are also entering the season of celebration and gatherings of family and friends. Take this opportunity to disconnect from the media and enjoy everyone's company. Consider reaching out to people in need. I look forward to seeing all of you over the Christmas holiday. God bless, Damian

Tootsie Roll Campaign

Due to the magnificent effort from Past Grand Knight Mark Sullivan, aka "Stuart Little", we have produced our second best ever results from our Tootsie Roll campaign. The request was made and many took to the street and offered up another weekend to help those with intellectual needs. Mark will give a report at the meeting, but many thanks to all that got involved.

Annual Clean Up

I was looking at my comments about the hall clean up (and it was impressive!) but I want you all to know that we blew this participation away in the annual Fred Majestro household clean up event. George Kelly, Tom Gorman, Reggie Babineau, Scott Charlton, Jeff Treanor, AJ Ford, Mike Burke, Bill Limbacher, Mark Sullivan, Donnie Quinn, Doug Whyte, Mark Brady, Tom DeCoste, Joe Auciello, Keith Beagan, Jim McLean, Stephen Petraske, Michael Petraske, Jim Grozier, Matt Grozier and myself made this a day the best of what our organization is. We had the yard looking awesome in 2 hours. Having the right number of people all working for the same objective with the correct equipment was awesome. Thanks to the roof/gutter brigade - you don't know the untold amount of damage you averted. There are some names on this list that are great at carnival time but they came out for the work needed at Fred's house. Great job!

An Evening for Teddy Bowes

The River Club is having a fundraiser to help Teddy. As many of you know Teddy has always given everything he can to the Council and the people around him and now it's time to give back. You will not only enjoy Teddy's company, you will get to see the Scituate Elvis himself, Jimo Claflin, as he and his band perform. You can get tickets from Donnie or Sandy Duffey. More info at the meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEW MEMBERS

If you know any Catholic gentleman that would like to become a brother Knight, please invite him to come to the next 1st and 2nd degree! .

1st & 2nd Degrees are at:

Middleboro/Lakeville Council

Last Tuesday of each month:
Nov. 26th

Whitman Council:

First Tuesday of each month
Dec. 5th

3rd Degrees:

Possible 3rd Degree at
Foxboro
January 26, 2014
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Please check State Website

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS....

Brothers please remember in your prayers these people:

- 1) Al Monaco wife
- 2) Fred Majestro
- 3) Dave Kein's Father
- 4) Tom Cuddihy's niece, Molly, who has health issues
- 5) Fr. Cannon – recovering from surgery
- 6) Finabar Collin's mother
- 7) Stuart Walker – Ill
- 8) Eddie Duffey's cousin.
- 9) Michael DuBry
- 10) Our Service Men & Women

Community Christmas

As many of you have noticed, Community Christmas has taken over the hall. I think this is an important organization that we have supported and will continue to support for years to come. If you are not sure of how many people or the level of support offered by this group then you should volunteer a few nights and see the impact they have.

Wreaths across America

Saturday December 14th the fourth degree will be laying wreaths at all deceased military members in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. This is a special time to remember those that have passed before us and show your respect for their sacrifice. We have been asked to put a request out to our members as the more volunteers, the easier the task. Consider spending a few hours helping out.

The Food Pantry

Last month I put a note in the newsletter that the Food Pantry needs contributions as the need has grown due to the changes to the food assistance programs in the state. They have undertaken a few different ventures to raise money but with a limited army, some of the ventures have been trying on the members. One fund raiser that they have undertaken is a calendar that is for sale around town with photos of historic Scituate. The pantry was not in a financial position to undertake such a fund-raiser, but they are now working hard to meet their commitment. The second was manning the bottle redemption at the dump but it was quickly determined that you have to have great hands on management to make this successful and therefore they have reduced their commitment to the first half of December. I did reach out to the Knights and based on the short notice can tell you that your organizations stepped up and manned the dump for a complete day over the weekend. Sat morning 8:30-1 and Sunday from 11 Am to 3:30. Thanks to all that participated.

Superbowl Party

We are gearing up for another spectacular run to the superbowl and it seems a certain team for this area is on track to be in the game. Even was we are watching the players be carried off the field, this team just finds ways to win. We need a similar commitment to make the Superbowl party a success. You can never start too early. Please contact Steve Petraske for what he may need or if you want to take on more responsibility I am sure he will give you guidance.

Membership

The life-blood of a strong Council is it new members. I want to thank Mike Burke for volunteering to chair the membership committee. Mike has a couple new members he will introduce. If you know anyone that would like to be a member, please connect with Mike 781-470-9724. He will follow up and get the individual to a Degree.

LADIES OF THE KNIGHTS – NEXT MEETING December 11th

The next Ladies meeting will be on the second Tuesday of the month - Wednesday 11th at Mary Sullivan's at 7PM. They are gearing up for another fabulous Chocolate party in February. They will also be sending Christmas cards to the widows of past Knights, as they were a large part of the building of our council. If you know any woman from the council that would be interested, please let them know that they are always welcome to join in these monthly meetings. Any questions, please ask them to contact Amy Grozier at agrozier@comcast.net

Chef of the Month – **China WOK** Come for some great Chinese food.

Meeting Agenda:

Dinner 7:00 pm & Business 8:00pm