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## Grand Knight's Message

by Jim McEnaney

December

Brother Knights,

In reviewing the upcoming calendar of events for this month, I can't help but wonder where the 2006 year has gone. It's hard to believe that when you read this month's newsletter, we will have celebrated Thanksgiving and in just four short weeks will be celebrating the birth of Jesus, known as Christmas.

Over the past month, we have had a very busy schedule of events, and I appreciate each and every Brother Knight's contribution to these events which have made them a great success. I would also like to thank our Deputy Grand Knight James Coulter for running our November meeting while I was away on vacation.

### Turkey Raffle

A special thanks to our District Deputy Norm Corriveau and Brother Knight Rich Allaire for successfully running our Annual Turkey Raffle. This year, with the contribution and help of many Brother Knights, our Council raffled off (15) frozen turkeys and a \$100.00 gift certificate, all of which were donated by Roche Brothers. The success of this raffle raised \$1305.00 for our Council, which will help maintain our financial stability and allow for our Council to continue providing programs and donations throughout our Fraternal year.

### Christmas Fundraiser

Another thank you goes out to Brother Knight Fred Pope and Brother Knight Mike Rota for chairing our Annual Christmas Fundraiser. Again, this year our Council raised \$491.64 from this event. Thanks to all who assisted with the pre-selling and purchase of Christmas wreaths, baskets, trees and other Christmas Décor. All products will be available for pickup at the Parish Center on Saturday December 2, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

### **Special Recognition for October 2006**

The following were recognized at the **November 8th** business meeting for their outstanding service in October 2006:

***Knight of the Month***

Rich Allaire

***Family of the Month***

The Norm Corriveau Family

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### **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Annual Communion Breakfast**

On Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>, Saint Mary's Council held our Annual 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Communion Breakfast. A special thanks to PGK Norvel Cason, Brother Knight Todd Derksen, Brother Knight Frank McLaughlin, ( Welcome Back), Brother Kevin Walsh and all other Brother Knights who assisted with the preparation, cooking and clean-up for this breakfast. Also, a special thanks to all of the Brother Knights and their families as well as parishioners who supported this event.

### **Parish Clean-up**

On Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>, Brother Knights, spouses, children and parishioners, (around 20 or so), gathered at the church, rectory, and Parish Center to complete our Annual Parish Clean-up. We began raking, cutting of grass and cleaning the parking lots around 7:15 a.m., and completed the clean-up around 11:00 a.m. Many thanks to each and everyone who helped out with this clean-up; with the many hands, it made the day a quick and easy clean-up and I appreciate all of your help: the grounds look great!

### **Mike Murray Charity Dinner**

On Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>, our Council held a Charity Dinner for Deacon Mike Murray. This event was held with intent to raise money to assist Deacon Mike, who has been out of work since Spring with cancer treatments and major surgery.

Tickets were sold to anyone wishing to attend after all Masses for three consecutive weekends, and approximately 140 tickets were sold for this event.

Deacon Mike Murray, along with his wife and family arrived for the dinner which consisted of salad, rolls, pasta, meatballs, sausage, chicken, coffee, drinks and dessert. It was a pleasant evening, with Tom Roussel playing the piano

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## **Officers**

### ***Chaplain***

Father Marc Tremblay  
(508-285-4462)

### ***Grand Knight***

James McEnaney (508-285-6856)

### ***Deputy Grand Knight***

James E. Coulter (508-622-0044)

### ***Chancellor***

Todd Derksen (508-226-8998)

### ***Warden***

Michael Rota (508) 226-1937

### ***Advocate***

Robert St. Martin (781-784-9799)

### ***Financial Secretary***

Peter Pino (508-695-6259)  
37 Peters Way  
North Attleboro, MA 02760

### ***Treasurer***

PGK Joseph Travers (508-212-1271)

### ***Recorder***

Paul Brassard (508-285-2004)

### ***Lecturer***

Ed Groden (508-285-7403)

### ***Inside Guard***

Leo Schleicher (508-222-5283)

### ***Outside Guard***

John Meyer (508-880-0781)

### ***Trustee 1 Year***

PGK Paul Grenier (508-222-4770)

### ***Trustee 2 Years***

PGK Norvel Cason (508-222-9587)

### ***Trustee 3 Years***

PGK Paul Schleicher (508-312-7545)

### ***District Deputy***

PGK Norman Corriveau  
(508-285-3755)



## Directors

### **Program Director**

Todd Derksen (508-226-8998)

### **Church Director**

PGK Norvel Cason (508-222-9587)

### **Community Director**

PGK Tom Jarbeau (508-285-7437)

### **Family Director**

PGK Tom Castello (508-822-7239)

### **Council Director**

Fred Pope (508-285-4567)

### **Youth Director**

PGK Mark Bowditch (508-226-8726)

### **Membership Director**

PGK Norm Corriveau (508) 285-3755

### **Retention Chairman**

PGK Tony Medeiros (508-222-1890)

### **Pro-Life Directors**

Mike & Judy Rota (508-226-1937)

### **Admission Committee**

Leo Schleicher (508-222-5283)

GK James McEnaney

PGK Norm Corriveau

Jack Camara

### **Appropriations Committee**

PGK Paul Grenier (508-222-4770)

PGK Norvel Cason

PGK Paul Schleicher

### **Newsletter Editors**

Matt Drane (508-226-2034)

PGK Norman Corriveau

(508-285-3755)

### **Insurance Agent**

James Aulenti (508-789-4369)

### **4th Degree Faithful Navigator**

Fred Kippenhan (508-238-1580)

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while dinner was served to everyone who attended.

A check was presented to Deacon Mike Murray in the amount of \$1800.00, which were the funds raised by the many who purchased tickets and offered donations to this cause.

I especially would like to thank PGK Joe Travers, Fred Pope and Ed Groden for organizing this event as well as PGK Paul Grenier, PGK Tom Castello, Brother Knights Frank McLaughlin, Rich Walter, Frank Delguidice and Ed Groden for preparing and cooking the great meal. I would also like to thank the many Brother Knights, which are too many to list, who helped out with this event. It was truly a great evening and a great success.

### **Christmas Bazaar**

On Sunday, December 3, 2006, Saint Mary's will be holding its Annual Christmas Bazaar. This year, the Bazaar Chairman is PGK Mark Bowditch. Our Council has been asked to handle the kitchen from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; we will be serving a pancake breakfast and will need help to run this event. Anyone who is interested in helping out please contact GK Jim McEnaney at 508-285-6856. If you are interested in helping out with the Bazaar, please contact PGK Mark Bowditch at 508-226-8726.

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## December Birthdays

12/4 - William Albertini (42 yrs in K of C)	12/13 - Paul Boyden (50 yrs in K of C)
12/10 - Rev. Bob Oliveira	12/18 - Butch Rich
12/11 - Terrence Sloan	12/28 - Robert Salvo
12/12 - John Golden	12/29 - Paul Vital



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### Meal and Gifts for the Homeless Shelter

On Monday December 18, 2006, we will be cooking and serving our Annual Meal to the Homeless Shelter in Taunton, MA. Our Council prepares and cooks a turkey dinner at the Parish Center and shuttles the completed meal over to the Taunton Homeless Shelter along with several donated gifts from the Giving Tree. If anyone is interested and can offer their time to assist with the cooking or to help with the delivery to the Homeless Shelter, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact PGK Tony Medeiros at 508-222-1890 or PGK Tom Castello at 508-822-7239 or GK Jim McEnaney at 508-285-6856

### Basketball Free-Throw Contest

It's that time of the year again. On Sunday January 7, 2007, our Council will be holding the Annual Basketball Free-Throw Contest

at the Saint Mary's Parish Center. We will be forwarding more detailed information shortly. However, please mark your calendars for this event so that your children who are 10-14 years old can attend.

Again, thank you to all who have offered their time and talents to our Council over the past month. I couldn't have done all of this without the unselfish time devoted by the many Brother Knights and their families. You are certainly living the traits that were established by Father Michael J. McGivney when he established the first Knights of Columbus.

I would also like to wish each and every Brother Knight and their families a Blessed Christmas filled with peace and the special grace of God.

*Vivat Jesus*

Jim McEnaney

## 2006 Turkey Raffle Winners

**\$100 Gift Certificate to Roche Bros.**

**Supermarket:**

Bruce Bartlett of Mendon, MA.

**Turkey Winners:**

Joe Daley of Norton

Leslie Manchester of Franklin

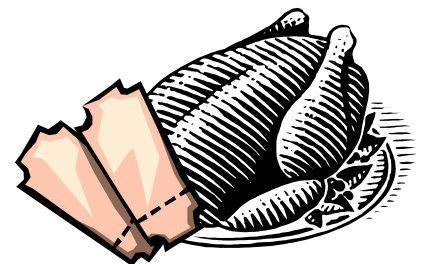
Jim Coulter of Norton

Carol Manton of Norton

Jim McEnaney of Norton

Steve Allaire of Blackstone

Jo Phillips of Norton



Rich Walter of Norton

Rita Gross of Norton

Mike O'Brien of Attleboro

Pauline Griffin of Norton

Johanna Medeiros of Norton

Paul Schleicher of Norton

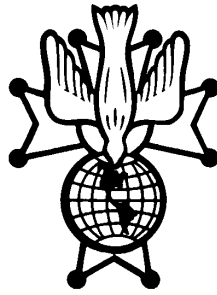
Christopher Allaire of Norton

Amphone Vorachack of Providence



## Fourth Degree News

The Cardinal O'Connell Assembly is celebrating its 747<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Monthly Mass and Communion at the **8:30 a.m. Mass** at St. Ann's Church in West Bridgewater on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Breakfast, following the Mass, will take place at The Country Buffet in the Westgate Mall, Brockton.

The raffle winners of the November 29<sup>th</sup> drawings are:

- # 17 Ralph Nee of Brockton
- # 77 Francis Kennedy of Weymouth

## Congratulations

Our newest Knight in St. Mary's Council of Norton is Michael Higgins, of 12 Danielle St. in Norton. He made his 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees on Tuesday, November 28, 2006 in Middleboro. GK Jim McEnaney, DD Norm Corriveau, and Leo Schleicher accompanied him to his exemplifications.

Michael's wife is Patricia; she teaches CCD and has recently joined St. Mary's St. Vincent DePaul Conference. They have two daughters: one attending Bishop Feehan HS, the other contributing as an Altar Server at weekend Masses.

*Welcome to the Higgins!*

## The Advent Season

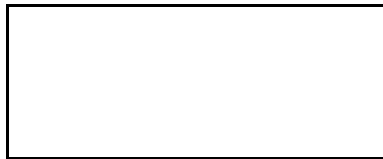
*"There was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7)*

During Advent (the four weeks that prepare for Christmas), we have an opportunity to think over our priorities. Life can be so busy that we no longer have time for our intimate relationship with God.

Preparing for Christmas is more about *"making room"* in our lives for the One who loves us most. Christ came to us, and currently comes to us in so many ways. Will we make room for Him?



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## CALENDAR

**Dec 3** — St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar  
Parish Center, 8:30am – 2:00pm

**Dec 8** — **Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception** (Holy Day)

**Dec 13** — Officers' Meeting, 6:15 pm  
Business Meeting, 7:30 pm

**Dec 18** — Christmas Dinner for  
Homeless, Samaritan House,  
Taunton

**Dec 25** — **Christmas Day**  
(Holy Day)

**Jan 1** — **New Year's Day;**  
**Solemnity of Mary,**  
**Mother of God**  
(Holy Day)

**Jan 7** — Council Free-Throw Championship  
Parish Center, 5:00 pm

**Jan 10** — Officers' Meeting, 6:15 pm  
Business Meeting, 7:30 pm

**Jan 13** — Leadership Conference,  
8:30 am-noon  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Worcester

## NEXT MEETINGS

December 13, 2006

January 10, 2006

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