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Grand Knight's Message

by Paul J. Schleicher

April

Brother Knights,

I could not have been prouder to be the Grand Knight for Council 11690 than I was for this past month. So many successful events transpired. I want to thank Warden Mike Rota for organizing the field trip to the Catholic Men's Conference in Boston. It was a truly inspirational day ending with Archbishop O'Malley (now Cardinal O'Malley) celebrating Mass. At our planning meeting we discussed the idea of a tri-fold spelling out what the Council does for St. Mary's and the community. D.D. Norm Corriveau and Matt Drane burned the midnight oil in order to have it completed in time for our very successful membership drive. I

understand we have brought in four new members with at least one more possibility. That same Sunday, we had a good showing for the Divine Mercy Holy Hour.

Mark Bowditch and Todd Derksen did an outstanding job chairing the St. Patty's day dinner. There was plenty of help, and I sensed a true "working team" attitude throughout the event. A special thank you to Jeffrey Bowditch, Mark's brother, who helped out start to finish! Many Knights made for light and pleasant work. We had a crowd of over 100. Kudos to all who helped!

Bob St. Martin did a great job putting together the annual Family Bowling trip to Ryan's in Taunton. Over 50 people participated in bowling a few strings followed by all the pizza you could eat. All I can say is "thank God for the gutter guard rails!" Two of our new members showed up with their families and got a chance to experience first hand the brotherhood and friendship that is Council 11690.

Special Recognition for February 2006

The following were recognized at the March 8, 2006 business meeting for their outstanding service:

Knight of the Month

Robert St. Martin

Family of the Month

The Tom Castello Family

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There are many events coming up for April. Please check the calendar in this issue for a list of dates and times. I do want to announce that Jack Camara is reserving 50 tickets for our council to attend the annual Pawtucket Red Sox "Fan Fest" on Sunday August 27th. Please mark your calendar and let Jack know if you intend to attend.

Please get the State Raffle Tickets in to Tom Castello as soon as possible. We need to get them in for the drawing in May at the convention. Remember, that 40% of the ticket proceeds goes directly into our Council's coffers, while the remaining 60% goes to the State Council to help to maintain a lower "per capita assessment". Please help out by selling a book or two!

Vivat Jesus

Paul J. Schleicher

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Membership Drive

Thanks to all who helped in recruiting new members at the Masses on the weekend of March 11-12th. We have 5 candidates who signed Prospect Cards and are serious about joining our St. Mary's Council of Knights.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

We had 67 people attending our Divine Mercy Holy Hour before the exposed Blessed Sacrament and with the Massachusetts K of C Traveling Icon of Divine Mercy at 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 12th. We spent an hour with the Lord, reflecting on His message to Saint Faustina. Our thanks to Father Marc for this special hour.



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Catholic Men's Conference

Thanks to Mike Rota for organizing our trip to the Boston Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 4th. It was a very informative and spiritual event, featuring some outstanding speakers like Father Frank Corapi and Scott Hahn. There were over 5200 men in attendance, including priests, deacons, and seminarians. Those from our St. Mary's Council were: GK Paul Schleicher, DD Norm Corriveau, PGK Tom Castello, PGK Paul Grenier, and Warden Mike Rota.

Fourth Degree News

The Cardinal O'Connell Assembly is celebrating its 739th Consecutive Monthly Mass and Communion at the **8:00 a.m. Mass** at the St. Joseph's Chapel of Stonehill College on Sunday, April 2nd. Father John Phalen, CSC, our Faithful Friar, will be the celebrant. Breakfast will take place at the Father Peyton Family Center.



The winners of the March raffle drawings are:

35 Paul McNeil of Quincy

75 Tom Castello of Taunton

April Birthdays

4/1 - Michael Rota	4/13 - Stanley McMorro
4/2 - Kevin Weber	4/15 - Rudolph Lombardi (58 yrs in K of C)
4/3 - William Sylvia	4/15 - Michael Molitor
4/5 - Arthur McKnight	4/16 - Stanley Kubinski
4/8 - Timothy Burke	4/30 - Joseph Houghton



St. Patrick's Day Dinner

By Mark Bowditch



On Saturday, March 18th, over 100 parishioners enjoyed our Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. We had a great turnout and I want to thank the many Knights and their families who stepped up to help make this a great event.

I would like to especially thank Todd Derksen who headed up the kitchen crew. It is great to see a new member getting so involved and he did a great job. I heard many compliments on how good all the food was. In fact, it might have been too good as we sold out of the corned beef and couldn't fill all the requests for 2nd & 3rd helpings. But I'm sure all went home happy with a full belly.

I found out a long time ago, you can't go into an event like this thinking it is a fund-raiser. It is too much work for everyone for the return you get. We did alright however and netted \$341.00 for the Council's treasury.

So thanks again for all those who helped and attended.



Family of the Third Quarter

The Massachusetts State Council of Knights has chosen the Mark Bowditch family as the "**Family of the Third Quarter**" of this fraternal year for the Fall River Diocese. District Deputy Norm Corriveau presented this Knights of Columbus Award to the Bowditch Family at our St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

Mary and Mark Bowditch are both Eucharistic Ministers of St. Mary's Parish. Mary works as cashier manager at Norton's Roche Bros. and is mother of four children (Nathan, Erik, Heather, and Jacob), who are faithful Altar Servers at our Masses.

PGK Mark is on St. Mary's Parish Council, teaches a class of students preparing for Confirmation in May, coaches Norton youth in sports throughout the year, has chaired the kitchen crew of Knights for the Christmas Bazaar and the St.

Patrick's Day Dinner, served on the St. Mary's Golf Committee, and volunteers as a security member at Steubenville East Youth Conferences every July.



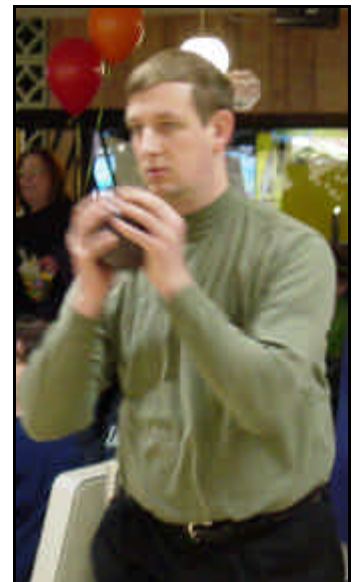
Family Bowling

Sunday,
March 26, 2006



Family Bowling

Thanks again to Bob St.Martin for organizing this fun-filled family outing on Sunday, March 26, 2006, at the Ryan Family Amusement Center on Route 44 in Raynham. We had 50 people participating in one hour of bowling, followed by a pizza party.





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CALENDAR

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| Apr 1 — Parish Clean-up, church/rectory, 7:00 AM | May 3 — Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM |
| Apr 2 — Council 11690 Corporate Mass, 8:00 AM
Communion-Breakfast, Parish Center | May 6 — Pro-Life Rosary & Mass, 2:00 PM
Our Lady of LaSalette Shrine |
| Apr 5 — Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM | May 10 — Business Meeting, 7:30 PM |
| Apr 12 — Business Meeting, 7:30 PM | May 13 — Plant Sale, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Luncheon for Norton Seniors |
| Apr 16 — Easter Egg-Hunt after all Masses | May 17 — Confirmation
St, Mary's, Mansfield |
| Apr 17 — Lantern Award
Newton Marriott, Newton
Hon. Raymond L. Flynn | May 20-21 — State Convention
Burlington Marriott |
| Apr 25 — 1 st & 2 nd Degrees, 7:15 PM
Middleboro Council Hall | May 21 — Confirmation Party, 1-4 PM
Parish Center |
| Apr 27 — Blood Drive, 2:00 – 7:00 PM
St. Mary's Parish Center | |

NEXT MEETINGS

April 12, 2006

May 10, 2006

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your fellow Knights
who receive their
newsletter by email**

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