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Mother of Good Counsel

Andover, MA Council # 1078

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Knight News

September 2007

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Greetings Brother Knights,

Thank you for selecting me to be your Grand Knight for the coming year. We have an excellent slate of officers who have already started the Council year with successful events. Pat Curley conducted a very successful drive to raise money and goods for the military members in Iraq. DGK Ed Medeiros arranged for the Council to participate in the Andover Days by selling hot dogs and raising funds for the Big Red raffle. Paul Cronin handled the Big Red raffle which was very successful. These members voluntarily handled these successful events which would not have happened without them.

The Council was also successful in obtaining a \$48,300 grant for the Professional Center for Handicapped Children. The Professional Center is located in the former Council 1078 building on Osgood Street in Andover, MA. The Professional Center handles young children between birth and 7, who have mild to severe handicaps. The Council, in the past, has raised funds for wheel chairs, van conversions, specialized equipment and standers for children with severe problems, for the Professional Center for over 30 years. The Massachusetts State Council voted to approve the grant that was requested by the Council. PGK Chuck Lane was untiring and very successful in contacting the State Officers and requesting their support for this project.

The money for the grant for the Professional Center came from the Tootsie Roll drive which we have participated in for many years. If you want to see where the money goes in our area, I would suggest that you stop by the Professional Center and see the children who are benefiting from this wonderful work. As many of you are aware we are having our Tootsie Roll drive from September 27 to September 30. I am asking that everyone who is able to volunteer their time for this worthwhile cause. If you are unable to volunteer, please make a donation. Almost 100% of the money that is raised goes to fund handicapped children.

When I took over as the Grand Knight I conducted a review of the finances for the Council. I determined that we have not been conducting enough fund raisers to properly fund our activities. In order to raise funds, I have started planning for a Texas Hold Em tournament which is scheduled for November 16th. I ask that you help out where possible in helping to raise money. We need people to participate in the tournament.

I look forward to working with you this coming fraternal year. If you have any ideas or recommendations please contact me and I will be glad to discuss it with you.

Fraternally Yours

Grand Knight Jack DeCourcy

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Augustine Church on Saturday September 8, 2007 will be a Knight's Mass followed by the Installation of Officers from Council 1078 and Assembly 393. A reception with buffet dinner will follow at the Council home. All are invited to attend.

ANDOVER DAYS

On September 15, 2007 the Council will be selling Hot Dogs and Sodas during the Town's Andover Days celebration. We will be set up in the Municipal Parking Lot from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ed Medeiros is chairing this event. We need people to help set up, cook, collect cash and break down. We had a lot of fun at the event in June, come join us! If you can help please contact Ed via e-mail at Emmretired@aol.com.

COUNCIL 1078'S SUPPORT OUR TROOPS PROGRAM A SUCCESS

During the month of June 2007 Council 1078 held it's Support Our Troops Program. Funds were collected to purchase pre-paid phone cards and supplies were collected to send to 5 units currently serving our country in Iraq.

Chairman Pat Curley reports that the membership of Council 1078 and the parishioners of St. Augustine Parish were extremely generous. We collected over \$2400.00 in funds for phone cards and an estimated \$1000.00 worth of supplies that were sent in early July.

Thank you to all who participated. Below is a thank you note from 1st Lt. Schuyler Williamson.

Thank you so much for the packages!! The platoon and I will definitely put everything to use. Even if it is to help keep our figure. Haha. Things here are going well. I-5 Cav is really taking the fight to Al Queda and other Sunnis terrorist groups. Pass on our thanks to all those involved. It really makes the "sacrifices" easier to handle fighting for good people such as yourselves. Please stay in touch, and God Bless.

**Very Respectfully,
1Lt. Schuyler Williamson
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BUILDING AMENITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Be sure that you take advantage of all that our Council home has to offer. We have a wide range of amenities and activities for members and their families.

There are basketball games just about every weeknight in our gym. **Friday night basketball games will resume after Labor Day. All are welcome to participate.** The 2 bowling alleys are great fun for the kids and dads alike. The exercise room offers an array of equipment to help you keep in shape and the new 52" HDTV in the members room is great for watching a game while relaxing with some friends.

From blood drives to card games and the occasional get together to watch the home team (hopefully) win, the Council strives to offer something for everyone.



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Fr. Joseph Narog, O.S.A.

Brothers,

Having celebrated the Feast of St. Augustine (August 28th), we are reminded that summer is drawing to a close and autumn is fast approaching, with a full slate of activities from the Tootsie Roll Drive to the Altar Server Awards Mass to the Wizard of Oz Night. I look forward to continuing to minister, work, and spend time with you and your families as we continue on our journey. We wish Father Bill the best and welcome Father Art Johnson, OSA, the interim administrator of St. Augustine parish, who will be transferring to our Council.

May these words of St. Augustine spur us on. "Let your present state always leave you dissatisfied if you want to become what you are not yet. For whenever you find yourself satisfied, you stop making progress. If you say: 'That's enough!', you are lost. You must always add something more, keep moving forward, make progress. Do not halt along the way, do not turn back." And let's remember all those who have gone before us, especially our Brother John Fox, as they help show us the way.

God Bless us in our service to others,

Fr. Joe

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE 2007

This is one of the Council's key charitable events of the year which supports kids with physical and intellectual disabilities and we ask that all Brothers participate by volunteering 2 hours of their time. Contact Chairman Andrew Szendey for more information.

WHY: Charity defines a Knight and Tootsie drive unites us with a common purpose to help those in need

SIGNUP: Reply back to aszendey@verizon.net for preferred times and location or sign up at the Hall

WHEN: Thursday Sept. 27 through Sunday Sept. 30

TIMES: 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. for 2 hour shifts (6-8, 8-10, 10-12, 12-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-8)

WHERE:

Market Basket
Starbucks
Mobil IRS
Mobil River road

AWAY? If you are unable to participate, we ask you to make a monetary donation.

WANT TO DO MORE?: Staffing hall in evening, counting money, or making calls is a big help.

STEPS:

1. Signup (email, at the hall, or call 978-475-4139)
2. After social meeting of Sept. 19 supplies will be in the kitchen area
 - take 1 apron
 - take at least 2 boxes of Tootsie Rolls
 - take 1-2 cans to hold money
3. If you are the first one going out in the morning, grab a sign; last one bring it back
4. Be polite and offer people a Tootsie Roll with no obligation, but we hope they donate
5. Upon completion of shift, wait for next person to hand over supplies with a pre-arrangement or return to hall.
6. Return supplies in the evening (we will staff hall from 6-8 p.m.) or make other arrangements.
7. No need to unfold or count money, we will do so.
8. Feel good about your contribution in helping children with disabilities.

Thank you, Andrew Szendey - chairman 978-475-4139

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT

On November 16, 2007 we will hold a Texas Hold' Em tournament at the Council home at 7:00 p.m. There will be a \$100 buy in and a limit of 135 players. We will be selling tickets in advance and we hope to sell out before the date of the tournament.

This event has the potential to be a big fund raiser for the Council but we need members to get involved if it is to be a success. We need everyone to sell tickets! We also need volunteers to deal and to help with set up, break down, etc. We need a chairman for this event as well. If you can help in any way or need more information contact the Council via e-mail at info@kofc1078.com.

ALTAR SERVER'S AWARDS MASS

On October 14, 2007 the 9:30 Mass at St. Augustine Church will be a Knight's Mass. The Council sponsored Altar Server of the Season Awards will be presented.

If any Brothers who are members of Ministries (Hospitality, Eucharistic, Lectors, Cantors) would like to participate in the Mass please contact the Council via e-mail at info@kofc1078.com.

A reception will follow at the Council Home. All are welcome.

MOVIE NIGHT :THE WIZARD OF OZ

On October 26, 2007 we will be showing the classic movie The Wizard of Oz on a big screen in the gym at the Council Home.

Give Mom the night off and bring the kids (although Mom is welcome as well!). There will be a costume contest with prizes for the best Wizard of Oz character costumes, so dress the kids up in their best Dorothy, Scarecrow, Lion, Tinman or Wizard costume. All are welcome and admission is free!! We'll have hot dogs, popcorn and soda for sale.

Pat Curley and Fr. Joe Narog are chairing this event. For more information contact Pat via e-mail at patevcurley@comcast.net.

WORLD SERIES PARTY

Join your Brother Knights for a night of Baseball, food, fun during Game 4 of the World Series, currently scheduled for Oct. 28. Come down and enjoy the game (hopefully with the Red Sox playing!) on our new 52" HDTV. Join your Brothers in supporting the Council.

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PROFESSIONAL CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT AWARDED GRANT

We are pleased to announce a \$48,300 grant for children with disabilities has been unanimously approved by the K of C Mass. State Board for the Professional Center for Child Development (PCCD) in Andover. This was made possible through the efforts of the many brothers who stand on corners and collect donations during the annual Tootsie Roll Drive, and our participation in related events like the Charity Ball.

Andover #1078 sponsored PCCD's request for equipment for a new therapeutic recreation area/ playground for the children. Many of these children have severe disabilities, and will benefit from climbing apparatus, and being able to exercise outside in a protected and handicapped friendly environment.

GK Jack DeCourcy, PGK Chuck Lane, and Kate Lane lobbied for the grant in several forums, worked with State Deputy Vincent Rumasuglia, and were able to obtain the favorable assignment of State Secretary Billie Donovan to do the site audit. Jack, Chuck and Billie visited the center with PCCD Executive Director Veryl Anderson. The State Secretary's advice was incorporated in our presentation, and later his recommendations were unanimously passed (as required for grants of this size).

The Professional Center is at the site of the former Council home on Frontage Road and serves 1400 children with developmental issues up to severe multiple handicaps. We are pleased to be able to continue the more than 30 years of 1078's support for Veryl and her award winning team, who help so many children.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

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| October 20, 2007 | State Charity Ball |
| October 23, 2007 | 2nd Degree at Andover Council |
| November 10, 2007 | Blood Drive |
| November 10, 2007 | Memorial Mass |
| November 18, 2007 | 3rd Degree at Andover Council |
| November 25, 2007 | Kid's Christmas Party |
| December 2, 2007 | Keep Christ in Christmas Essay Contest |

For more information on these or any other events check our web site at www.kofc1078.com.

UPCOMING DEGREES

There are several upcoming Degrees. If you have not taken part in your 2nd or 3rd Degree you will have the opportunity to take them right here in Andover. The 2nd degree will be held on October 23 at 7:00 p.m. and the 3rd degree will be held on November 18 at 2:00 p.m. We urge all 1st and 2nd degree members to take advantage of this opportunity and take part in these Degrees since they will be held so close to home.

There are also several 1st degrees being held at the Tewksbury Council.

For more information regarding degrees contact the Council at info@kofc1078.com.