State Deputy’s Message

My Brothers,

Ask yourselves, *What have I done for the good of the Order – today, this week or this month?*

The Knights of Columbus has such a wide range of opportunities for each one of us to participate. What do you like to do? What can you do? The important issue is *what* will you do?

Councils need recruiters to get the Shining Knight program off the ground. Vocations – a fundraiser for the RSVP program. Have you attended your council’s annual Memorial Mass?

It is one thing to join the Knights of Columbus, but it is what you do with your membership that is really important. You cannot just sit back and wait for something to happen. Sometimes, you have to take the initiative. Look around, find a need – Church, Council, Community, Youth, Family – then go to the Grand Knight and ask him to form a committee to take care of that need.

As State Deputy, many people talk to me about why programs are not going the way they should. What I do not hear about is why programs are working. Why aren’t more brothers coming forward on a council level to make council programs successful?

The success of any organization begins with *you*. Can you make a difference? The answer is *YES*. *Will* you make a difference? Only *YOU* can answer that question.

On behalf of the State Board of Officers and my family, we wish you a *most happy and blessed New Year*. Vivat Jesus.

God Bless all of you.

Tom
Tom Ledbetter
State Deputy

State Chaplain’s Message

*A New Year's Resolution:*
So stop waiting until you finish school, until you go back to school, until you lose ten pounds, until you gain ten pounds, until you start work, until you retire, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new car or home, until your car or home is paid off, until spring, until summer, until fall, until winter, until the first or fifteenth, until your song comes on, until you die, until you are born again to decide that there is no better time than right now to be happy.

Wishing you all a blessed New Year. May the Lord bless you and your loved ones.

Father Joseph Baggetta
The Master of the Fourth Degree, P.S.D. Jim Sawyer, has announced that the next exemplification of the Fourth Degree will take place on Saturday, June 15th. The exemplification will be held at the Worcester Crown Plaza and the honoree will be Former Master James Curran.

Congratulations to the sixty-one (61) donors from Massachusetts who have donated $12,880.00 to the Heroes Fund. Already $600,00.00 has been received in donations from across the order, with over $1,200,00.00 having been delivered in $3,000.00 increments to families of deceased heroes of the September 11th tragedy.

Vivat Jesus,
Ken Ryan

Many great accomplishments have been made in the area of computer technology, at State Headquarters, over the past few months. An expanded website @massachusettsstatekofc.org has added to the communication abilities of State Headquarters. We have new computers and computer systems, upgraded from the archaic system that was in place, at a very minimal cost to the order.

The compilation of e-mail addresses from members of various status throughout the jurisdiction has created an instant notice system to inform the members of time sensitive information such as death notices, notice of ill members and the distribution of this newsletter. The system has now been implemented and is fully operational at state headquarters which will become the focus for all our communications. We apologize for the recent duplicate e-mail messages. This problem was caused by some bad addresses and as you know an e-mail system is only as good as the addresses on file. Please notify State Headquarters at mastatekofc@aol.com of any changes or additions to our e-mail list.

Smart mail (a postal computer system) has been fully implemented and is being utilized to reduce the cost of our bulk mailing from .34 cents to between .12 and .15 cents per piece. In addition we can send more inserts per mailing. Addresses will be bar-coded directly onto the envelopes and that will eliminate the tedious task of attaching labels.

In closing, I want to give special thanks to FDD Joe Mongrello and FDD Dave Curreri who gave many hours to design and implement these changes for the good of the order.

State Secretary Dick Guerriero

Jim Denneen has decided that for personal reasons he would resign after a short period as Executive Secretary and the Board wishes him well in his future endeavors. The Board is pleased to announce that the new Executive Secretary is going to be F.D.D. Bob Shone. Bob will be taking an early retirement from his role as an assistant magistrate in the Superior Court and effective February 1st he will be on board at State HQ.

Bob is a Past Grand Knight of Chelsea Council and a Past Faithful Navigator of Cheverus Assembly. He has served the order as Health Services Chairman, Protocol Chairman, Community Director, Knightline Editor, Membership Director, Program Director and is currently serving as Special Assistant to the State Deputy. He obviously brings a wealth of experience to the task and we are sure he will be responsive to the needs of the membership.
### Degree Schedules

**Jim Saunders, F.D.D., State Ceremonials Chairman**

#### First Degrees
- Oxford Council #4241 has a first Degree scheduled every 3rd Monday
- Fairview Council #4044 has scheduled a first degree for the fourth Monday of January, March and June

#### Second Degrees
- Fairview Council #4044 has a scheduled a second degree for the fourth Tuesday of January, March and June
- DD Jack Rohan
- West Roxbury Council #3049 has scheduled a second degree for January 22nd at 8:00PM DD John Amico
- Fr. Croke Council #4982 Has scheduled a second degree for February 10th at 1:00 PM DD Ken Lydon

#### Third Degrees
- Fr. Croke Council #4982 has scheduled a third degree for February 10th at 3:00PM DD Ken Lydon
- Pepperell Council #317 has scheduled a third degree for April 7th at 2:00PM DD Bob Johnson

### HELP WANTED:

There are times during the fraternal year when extra help is needed by the State Deputy and the staff at our state office in Norwood. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing, when needed, to collate papers, stuff envelopes and perform other typical office jobs. If you would like to be placed on a list of volunteers, please notify Executive Secretary Bob Shone at the state office (781) 551-0628 or e-mail at mastatekofc@aol.com. Days and hours are completely flexible in accordance with your ability to contribute and it would be really appreciated.

### CHARITY, CHARITY, CHARITY

**KINDLY REMEMBER THE “MASSACHUSETTS STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION” WHEN WRITING YOUR WILL. ALL MONIES WILL BE DESIGNATED FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITABLE AND RELIGIOUS CAUSES.**

### The Convocation for Parish Councils

The Convocation for Parish Councils in the Archdiocese of Boston will be Saturday, March 9th from 8:45AM to 3:00PM at the World Trade Center. Once again we have been invited to have an informational booth in the Parish Resources area. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer for this one day event please contact State Membership Director, FDD Peter Healy at (978) 345-4567 or by e-mail margpeterhealy@aol.com. Lunch will be provided for volunteers.

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S WORKSHOP

**FS Advisor Merrill Dussault, FDD has scheduled the next FS Workshop for April 6th at Fr. Croke Council in Wilmington. Registration will be 9:00AM to 10:00 AM and the workshop is schedule for 10:00 AM to 3:00PM. Contact State HQ to reserve a spot.**

### Massachusetts State Council Service Program Awards

**Due by March 15, 2002**

Annually, the Service Program Awards Contest sponsored by the Supreme Council recognizes those councils in each State Jurisdiction that conduct the most outstanding projects in each of the five divisions of the Service Program: Church Activity, Community Activity, Council Activity, Family Activity, and Youth Activity.

Entries are judged first and foremost on the effectiveness of the program. The content of the award application itself, however, is extremely important in conveying to the judges just how effective the program was.

The International programs are chosen from the winning entries determined by the State. These international winners will be announced at the Supreme Convention in Anaheim, Ca in August 2002.

All award applications must be received in the State headquarters by March 15, 2002 in order to be considered for the State award, which will be announced at our convention in April 2002.

Remember, any one of your programs in the five (5) Activity categories can win. Grand Knights can find the entry form #STSP in their Council Report Forms Booklet #1436 on pages 15-16. You can’t win if you don’t enter. If you have any questions please contact State Program Director Dave Curreri.
MASSACHUSETTS STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
2001 - 2002 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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RSVP (REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM) The Supreme Council encourages support of vocations at the local level by paying a $100.00 “refund” to a local council, assembly or circle whenever it donates $500.00 to a seminarian or postulant. Since 1981, more than $22,930,299.00 has been contributed under this program, and 39,760 seminarians, novices and postulants have been helped. State Deputy Tom Ledbetter urges you to establish an RSVP Program this fraternal year.

A Message about the Charity Drive

My Brother Knights,

The year 2002 is a very important and exciting for the state council. It is the Silver Anniversary of the Tootsie Roll Campaign. It has been 25 years since we started this drive to help the physically and mentally disabled.

The campaign will be a year long effort on the part of the council. The local councils can hold one function strictly for the drive, and this would augment the amount collected for this worthwhile project. No matter what profit is made, nothing is too small. If any council has any ideas or suggestions for fundraising, please let me know. If a function is held, please notify me. I can contact the State Deputy and he can assign a representative to attend.

The State Council’s goal this year is $750,000.00. Thanks for your cooperation on this our Silver Jubilee year 2002.

Vivat Jesus
Louis Gregoire, FDD
Charity Fund Publicity Chairman