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Grand Knight's Message

March

by Mike Rota, Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

February was our traditional slow month but I want to thank those of you who attended the Providence Bruins game and helped out with our Breakfast. As always, I appreciate your efforts. March is another fairly slow month. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have our traditional St. Patrick's dinner due to limited availability of the parish center. We're looking into the possibility of a breakfast.

We will also be kicking off a membership drive towards a target group of men. If you are aware of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Knight please let me or Jim McEnaney know so we can be sure to include them in our efforts.

For those of you who may have a son or daughter attending a Catholic College, please be sure to check out the available scholarship from the Knights of Columbus at <http://massachusettsstatekofc.org>. Click on Forms and select scholarship.

Norm Corriveau will be distributing the Annual State Council Raffle tickets shortly. Tickets come in books of 15

tickets at a cost of \$1.00 each. The twelve cash prizes totaling \$20,000 will be drawn at the State Convention on May 14, 2011. This is a very important fundraiser for our council because we get to keep 40% of the sales for our council's activities and donations. Raffle ticket stubs and money can also be returned directly to Norm or brought to the monthly business meeting.

Finally, on behalf of all of you, I'd like to welcome back Norm Corriveau who is now home recuperating from a recent back injury after spending most of February in health care facilities. May we all continue to pray for Norm and any other brother Knights or their family members who may be dealing with health issues.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Rota



Council's Free-Throw Champions

We ran the council's 2011 Free-Throw Championship on Monday, January 17, 2011 at the Parish Center. Fourteen boys and girls participated. Each contestant took 15 free-throw shots. Here are the champions in each division:



<u>Ages</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
10 year old	Brandon Stalters	(no contestant)
11 year old	Andrew Raneri	Abby Juliano
12 year old	Jack Veglas	Sarah Jarbeau
13 year old	(no contestant)	(no contestant)
14 year old	Andrew Veglas	(no contestant)

Our District's Free-Throw Contest

On Friday, January 28th, our District Deputy ran his District Free-Throw Contest at St. Mary's gym in Mansfield. The contestants were the winners from our Council #11690 in Norton and from Council #420 in Mansfield. This time, the contestants each took 25 shots to determine the following winners:

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
10 year old	Brandon Stalters	(no contestant)
11 year old	Andrew Raneri	Abby Juliano
12 year old	Robert Moore	Sarah Jarbeau
13 year old	(no contestant)	Elizabeth Riley
14 year old	Andrew Veglas	(no contestant)

These champions will be advancing to the Southeastern Mass. Regional Championship at the Sacred Heart High School gym in Kingston, 399 Bishops Highway, on Saturday, March 5th. Registrations begin at 9:00 a.m. The winners of this regional contest will then compete in the Mass. State Finals at Holy Cross College in Worcester.

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Pro-Life Homily

At the March of Life Mass on January 22, 2011, Father Patrick Riffle, parochial vicar at St. Peter Church in Olney, Maryland, observed the energy in the crowd: "The Church is young; the Church is alive! Man, I love being Catholic!"

He acknowledged that "what we are dealing with here is something much greater than just the issue of abortion."

The priest continued: "It is a state of mind; a way of thinking that fails to recognize the beauty and dignity of the human person. It is a mentality that says that it is all about me."

"If I am only seeking my good, and you are only seeking what is good for you, then all we are doing then is simply using each other," he stated. "What we are dealing with is, as the soon to be beatified Pope John Paul II rightfully named it, the culture of death."

Father Riffle explained: "This is the mentality that lies behind violence, terrorism, and discrimination. It is what is behind drug and alcohol abuse, pornography and pre-marital sex and contraception."

"If we are going to rid our nation of the tragedy of abortion," he added, "if we are going to be truly pro-life, we are going to have to rid our society and ourselves of this culture of death."

"The Gospel of life is proclaimed first and foremost in the living out of our Catholic faith in daily life," the priest affirmed.

He urged the young people: "If you as a Catholic want to be pro-life, you must be pro-Christ. That means that you must seek to live out your Catholic faith in its entirety."

"The best way that you as young person can really be a living witness to the Gospel of life is through living lives that are chaste and pure," Father Riffle said.

He continued, "Keeping sex within the context of marriage, not viewing pornographic materials, keeping your Facebook page free from inappropriate materials all reaffirm your belief in that the dignity that belongs to each and every person."

"Men, you need to take the charge in this," the priest asserted. "So often the media and advocates for abortion would like to portray life issues as a woman's issues, but it is an issue for both women and men alike."



2011 Annual State Raffle

The 2011 Mass. State Council Raffle is offering 12 cash prizes totaling \$20,000, the Grand Prize being \$10,000. These will be drawn at the State Convention in Hyannis on May 14th. The State Council runs this raffle to help keep our State Per Capita Assessment from increasing.



Norm Corriveau is chairing this raffle for our council. Each book contains 15 raffle tickets at \$1.00 each. Our St. Mary's Council gets to keep 40% of the ticket sales, \$6.00 per book; this is a fundraiser for our council's activities and charitable donations. And, your friends and co-workers might be interested in winning worthy cash prizes for just \$1.00 per ticket.

Please help out by selling your book of tickets, and return the stubs and money **before April 25, 2011, to:**

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Make checks payable to: **St. Mary's K. of C.**

March Birthdays

3/1 — Arthur Gleason (58 yrs in K of C)	3/17 — James Mitchell, Jr (46 yrs in K of C)
3/8 — David Switzer	3/17 — Todd Derksen
3/14 — PGK Frank Anderson (30 yrs in K of C)	3/24 — Mike Peters
3/14 — Joe Travers, F.D.D.(28 yrs in K of C)	3/27 — Abel Rodriques
3/14 — Gary McCarthy	3/28 — PGK Norvel Cason
	3/29 — PGK Tom Castello



January 2011

Family of the Month

The Jean P. Boucher Family

Jay and Rita Boucher are very active parishioners of St. Mary's Church in Norton. Both have made significant contributions to St. Mary's Choir; Rita is responsible for increasing its membership. On Tuesday, December 21st, 2010, they both organized with elaborate decorations a Christmas Party for the choir, introducing a special and personal rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas".

Jay, having served 2 years as Recorder for the council, is currently serving as Inside Guard. On Monday, December 20th, 2010, Jay volunteered to chair The Giving Tree and the Christmas meal for the Homeless at Samaritan House in Taunton.

Jay and Rita are both great leaders and enjoy volunteering for many events at church, in the community, and in our council. They enjoy spending time with their two sons' families and grandchildren.

It is with great honor and pleasure to nominate the Jean P. Boucher family as the Family of the Month for January 2011.

December 2010

Knight of the Month

Norm Corriveau

The December 2010 Knight of the Month is Norm Corriveau. To say Norm has been an active Knight since joining our council in 1998, would be an understatement. Currently serving as Financial Secretary, Norm has probably held every council position during his tenure as a Knight. Norm is without a doubt the backbone of our council and perhaps our greatest asset. Name an activity, Norm is involved and likely leading the way. Name a form or deadline and Norm has it completed and timely. Recently Norm rallied the troops to our most productive Tootsie Roll Drive to date gathering some special recognition from the State for his efforts which are always on our council's behalf. All of this was done while being quite busy with his own volunteer schedule at LaSalette Shrine, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Religious Ed program, St. Mary's Choir, and the Cardinal O'Connell 4th Degree Assembly..

Norm always gives his council 100% when asked and is one of our council's most dependable members, a cornerstone in our council's foundation. Therefore, it is my great pleasure to present Norm Corriveau as the December 2010 Knight of the Month.



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CALENDAR

Mar 9 — Ash Wednesday
Business meeting after Mass

Mar 27 — K. of C. Baby Shower
at all the Masses

Apr 6 — Planning meeting, 7:30 pm

Apr 13 — Business meeting, 7:30 pm

Apr 24 — Easter Sunday

Apr 25 — Deadline for returning
State Raffle stubs and money.

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March 9, 2011

April 13, 2011

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