



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SACRED HEART COUNCIL #1847
Franklin MA 02038

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Dear Gentlemen:

I hope this note finds you well and a very Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

As most of you know, we have been meeting at the Rome Restaurant in Downtown Franklin. Well we found a new place to meet. At least for the month of December (that is the 2nd and 16th). We are going to meet at the Alumni Restaurant at 391 E. Central St., Franklin. The Alumni is in the strip mall across the street from Keigan Chevrolet and next door to the Town Hall. It is the second store at the far end of the mall. The room we will be meeting in is brand new and it is at ground level. Getting in and out and carrying food or drinks will be much easier.

I am very thankful to the Rome Restaurant for their wonderful hospitality and I am also very thankful that I will not have to be going up and down those stairs any longer.

I am thankful for our newest member Steve Joanis. Steve took it upon himself to host our website for the large expense of \$0. On the new site are a calendar and a "Member Forum." The login information is on this email. Please take the time to set up an account.

Now let's get down to the business of the Knights of Columbus.

I have heard stories from many of you this year that may make this a difficult holiday season. Well, there is something you can be thankful for. That is your ability to help. One of our brothers is in need of all of our help and support. **It is time we step up. Everyone has a talent of some sort that can be used here.**

Past Grand Knight, Greg Fontana's step-son Alex, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. The prognosis is not good. As you know Greg has been a Knight for about 12 years, is a fourth degree member and his father Frank is our Treasurer.

I met Alex 18 months ago as I chaired the 4th of July committee. Alex spent about 8 hours in our booth and he worked the whole time he was there. He is now only 13 years old and I remember being impressed with what a great, well mannered young man he was. Obviously, he must take after his mother, Meredith. (Just kidding Greg.)

Greg came to us at our last meeting and he asked for our help. Greg would like to be able to give Alex some of the things he always wanted that maybe Greg and Meredith may not have been able to provide. Frankly, I am sure Greg and Meredith must need help as well.



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Our Worthy Warden, Jim Campbell, is running with the idea of an event at the Pinz Bowling Alley in Milford. (Actually, I must give credit to Sharon Campbell who got the ball rolling. No pun intended.) We would need to sell tickets and more importantly find sponsors. By finding sponsors we can defray the cost of the event so the ticket sales then go to the Fontanas.

This doesn't have to be the only thing that we do. John Hollosy spent a lot of time researching a Texas Holdem event. John, if you are reading this, please run with your idea. You will have our full support.

I am sure we can all sell tickets. However, sponsorship is the key to being very successful. If you work in a large company or know of someone in a company that may be charitable and would like publicity, please ask if they can help.

Again, this is what we are here for. Let's show everyone what we can do!

Happy Thanksgiving,

Jim D'Aprile, G.K.