



*DeSoto Council #6  
573 Main Street  
Cromwell, CT 06416*

**MEETING TIME:**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our council meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month. Next council meeting will be on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Next Officers meeting will be on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

DeSoto Council 6 would like to recognize Tony Gumkowski for coordinating the Tootsie Roll Drive as well as helping with the Soccer Challenge.

**UPDATES:**

**Tootsie Roll Drive**

Despite some inclement weather, this year we collected over \$2,800 for the Intellectually Challenged during our Tootsie Roll Drive. Thanks to the following Knights:

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| <b>Tom Butler</b>        | <b>Dick Coughlin</b>  |
| <b>John Croasdale</b>    | <b>Ralph DeFelice</b> |
| <b>Frank Emanuel Jr.</b> | <b>Lou Gagnon</b>     |
| <b>Jim Gannuscio</b>     | <b>Tim Griffin</b>    |
| <b>Frank Golden</b>      | <b>Bob Jahn</b>       |
| <b>Bill Knopka</b>       | <b>Marc Kunkel</b>    |
| <b>Fran Monnes</b>       | <b>John Monarca</b>   |
| <b>Keith Miller</b>      | <b>Fred Mueller</b>   |
| <b>Howard Nielsen</b>    | <b>Al Schumann</b>    |
| <b>Paul Sousa</b>        | <b>Rich Scierka</b>   |
| <b>LG Kelsey</b>         | <b>Mark Walsh</b>     |
| <b>Tony Gumkowski</b>    | <b>Mike Parent</b>    |

Thanks also to the following family members and some possible "future knights" who braved the elements and helped hand out Tootsie Rolls:

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| <b>Anthony Massey</b> | <b>Andrew Massey</b>     |
| <b>Alex Gannuscio</b> | <b>Bennett Gannuscio</b> |

And thanks to Frank Emanuel for distributing the left over Tootsie Rolls to Cromwell Children's Home, St. John's and Haven Health.

**State Soccer Challenge**

The State Competition was hosted by our council on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Cromwell Middle School. Thank you to the following Knight for helping with registration, being judges and score keepers:

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| <b>Tony Gumkowski</b> | <b>Tony Scierka</b>  |
| <b>Rich Scierka</b>   | <b>Jim Gannuscio</b> |
| <b>Paul Sousa</b>     |                      |

**And thanks to Stephanie & Nathan Sousa for helping to retrieve the balls.**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To our newest members who received their first degree in November:

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| <b>Jim Drzewiecki</b>     | <b>Mbiya Kapiamba</b> |
| <b>Sebastiano Milardo</b> | <b>Donato Monaco</b>  |
| <b>Paul Neves</b>         | <b>Bill Downes</b>    |

Welcome also to the following members recently transferred to our council

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| <b>Ken Brinker</b> | <b>Anthony DiFusco</b> |
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Steak Night**

The annual Men's Steak Night will be held on Friday, December 7, 2007. If you can help out or if you need tickets, please contact John Monarca at 635-2364. Everyone selling tickets should get the money or un-sold tickets to John on or before December 3<sup>rd</sup>. John will be at the hall at 7:00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**First Degree Exemplification**

We will be holding a First Degree Exemplification immediately preceding our council meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Exemplification will begin at 7:30pm. Members of the first degree team and all candidates are requested to arrive at 7:00pm.

*If anyone knows of a brother knight who is ill, please contact Howard Nielsen at 635-3231 or Jim Gannuscio at 635-4203*

**INSURANCE**

If any member would like to review his insurance needs, please contact Frank Emanuele Jr. at (860) 635-9928.

**NOTES FROM GRAND KNIGHT**

As we approach the end of the calendar year, I would like to thank each of you for your contributions in the many success of our council during 2007.

I wish each of you and your families the very best during this holiday season.

**CALENDAR**

**December 4<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Tree Lighting

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Steak Night

**January** – Man of the Year – Date to be determined.

**February** – Free Throw Competition.



**REMINDER:  
NEXT COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2007**