

Knights of Columbus

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Goffstown, New Hampshire

Serving St. Lawrence & St. Raphael Parishes

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Our next business meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8th at the historic Grasmere Town Hall on Center Street in the Grasmere Village, Goffstown at 7:00 PM. All Council business meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month starting at 7:00 PM. The meetings rotate between the Grasmere Town Hall, St. Lawrence Parish Hall and St. Raphael Parish Hall. Your attendance at the monthly business meetings is important. Your Council is an active Council and there are numerous activities for you to get involved in.

Spring Membership Drive: The recent membership drives at both St. Lawrence and St. Raphael parishes netted six new members, five at St. Lawrence (including one transfer from a Manchester Council) and one new member from St. Raphael's. A big thank you goes out to chairman Dennis Caton and his crew of volunteers who greeted prospective members and provided coffee & doughnuts. Have you been doing your part? Have you asked a relative, a friend or co-worker, a fellow parishioner or a neighbor to join the Knights of Columbus? We can only continue to grow with your help.

Fundraiser for St. Lawrence Parish Operating Budget / Paul Bordeleau Concert: This Concert on Saturday evening, May 16th by Paul Bordeleau featuring "The Reunion Trio" from Bedford Community Television and "The Church Ladies" promises to be the event of the year. This is Mr. Bordeleau's third concert here at St. Lawrence. By the time you receive this newsletter tickets will already have gone on sale at the Easter Sunday Masses at St. Lawrence.

Tickets are modestly priced at \$25.00 for a pasta extravaganza meal following the 4 o' clock Mass in the downstairs hall plus the concert in the upstairs church starting at 7 pm. Family pricing is \$25.00 per person, \$100.00 max. No charge for children/students under 13.

Tickets for the concert only starting at 7 pm are only \$10.00 with a family max. of \$30.00.

There will be two 50/50 drawings and a drawing for a time share donated by one of our members and the pasta extravaganza will be BYOB.

Volunteers are needed to sell tickets, especially after the three weekend Masses every week until concert time as well as persons to work in the kitchen and as servers. This is a sizable undertaking for our council so **we need "all hands on deck" for it to be a success.** Committee meetings are every Wednesday evening at 7 pm at Jim Finn's home, 11 West Union Street, Goffstown.

See the flyer enclosed with this newsletter

This is a fundraiser benefitting your Parish – get involved !

Knights of Columbus Field Agent: For all your insurance needs, questions or want more information you can reach Rafael Peschiera by phone at 703-6780 or e-mail him at Rafael.peschiera@kofc.org.

Degrees of the Order: There are First Degrees coming up on Friday April 10th in Hudson and April 20th in Bedford for our five new brothers to formally join our order. Brothers are urged to join them at the Degree Ceremony to show them our support and welcome them into our ranks. Dress code is jacket & tie. See Jim Finn for carpooling arrangements.

On Saturday, June 13th there is a Fourth Degree Exemplification in Littleton, New Hampshire. We have two members entering the 4th Degree now, more are wanted. If you are interested in joining the 4th Degree make your intentions known at the April 8th meeting at the Grasmere Town Hall. Applications must be voted on & approved at the next meeting of Manchester Assembly 626 to move your application forward. See Jim Finn, Lionel Coulon or John Flanagan for applications and information. Applicants must be 3rd degree members in good standing.

New Hampshire State Convention: The 116th annual State Convention of the New Hampshire Knights of Columbus is being held again this year at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua. The convention begins on Friday, May 1st with registration and Mass at 6:30 celebrated by Bishop Peter Libasci. There is a Saturday morning "Commemorative Service Mass" at 11: 00 am. The Saturday evening banquet is the social event of the convention. Additional brothers are urged to attend this event. Dress code is white dinner jacket, 4th Degree tuxedo or suit & tie. Men are required to attend the business sessions and there is a ladies program for the ladies while the men are in session. The convention closes Sunday morning with Mass at 8:00 am. Speak to Jim Finn, Lionel Coulon or John Flanagan at this month's meeting.

Annual Election of Council Officers: Nominations for office will take place at the May 13th monthly meeting at St. Lawrence with elections following at the June 10th meeting at St. Raphael. The offices of the Council are: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard and three trustees with a three year trustee being elected each year. Convention delegates and alternates are also elected at this time also. There are only two requirements to hold an elected office: **1.** you must have a personal commitment to serve your Council and **2.** You must be a third degree member in good standing with the Order. Any 3rd degree member in good standing, no matter his length of time in the Council, is eligible for office. There is a pamphlet enclosed with this newsletter briefly describing the duties of various offices. It is expected that there will be openings available this upcoming Council year. Please give this serious consideration.

Knights of Columbus Apparel, Jewelry, etc. We have catalogs available where members can purchase jackets, shirts, hats, golf accessories, car magnets, decals, tote bags, wallets, books, rosaries, various gift items, you name it. The catalogues will be on hand at the April meeting.

Are you active in your Parish ? Although our Council covers St. Lawrence & St. Raphael parishes, our members belong to parishes from St. Patrick parish in Milford to St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester to St. Theresa parish in Hillsborough. All of our parishes are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Persons to deliver Communion to the sick and homebound, etc., you name it – they need us. Consider volunteering your time by joining the activities at your home parish. As a Knight, that's what we do.

Your monthly newsletter has undergone some minor changes in order to bring it to you electronically and efficiently and have it show up in your e-mail inbox as news from your Council. Give us your feedback by responding to our new website at www.goffstown-KofC.com.

Ann & I wish all our brother Knights and their families a holy and blessed Easter.

Jim Finn, G.K.

