

September 28, 2018

Arthur J. O'Neil Goffstown Council 5112

Newsletter

Officers Planning Meeting Mon. 10.1.2018 @ Jim Finns' barn, Business Meeting Wed. 10.10.2018 St. Raphael 7 PM both meetings starting time.

Important Meeting on moving our regular business meeting back to the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Please come out and express your opinion on Wednesday 10.10.2018.

Hello Worthy Brother Knights of Council 5112,

I will not be attending the officers planning or the council business meeting in October. I will be assisting my son putting final repairs, painting, etc ... on his new home in Joshua Tree, CA for the next couple of weeks. I hope my senior officers will conduct these important business meetings in my absence. As we always say as K of C, family first! We have much business to accomplish each month as we go forward in our vocation as K of C and to assist in the new evangelization. And I believe that we as K of C in the current events of our day are needed as much if not more than when our founder, the Venerable Servant of God, Michael J. McGivney started our order!

We have an upcoming ARC blood drive on 10.26.2018 at St. Lawrence 1 - 6 PM. Please volunteer with blood donations if you are able and also volunteer assisting the ARC.

We have the ongoing 40 Days for Life started 9.26.2018 - 11.04.2018 at 24 Pennacook St in Manchester 7 AM - 7 PM. Please consider praying for 1 hour to save innocent human life per week. Goto <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/manchester/> for more info.

I have several boxes of Tootsie rolls in my climate controlled basement "dehumidifier" much needed this hot, humid and past rainy summer. I need a chairman or chairmen to set up this activity at our usual places. Sully's, Ace Hardware, St. Lawrence and St. Raphael parishes.

I have just recently been asked to invite brother knights, their family members and friends to have a viewing for the <http://www.gosnellmovie.com>. A Pro Life movie. We must have 500 tickets sold to host this movie in order for a Hooksett movie theatre to host this movie. Kathy Kelly from the Pray for Life Center and the Pennacook Pregnancy Center said that we need these numbers to hold a showing of this important movie. I would like this important Culture of Life or as Supreme now calls it "Life" activity supported by all K of C throughout NH to support this initiative and of course our council.

Brother Knights, you have heard me speak of filling in directorship positions at recent meetings on the new initiative from Supreme on Faith in Action. - <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/index.html> Supreme has change the previously used Surge with Service programs which had 6 directors down to 4 directors. I recently visited a council brother knight who seemed overwhelmed with my requests for these directorship positions and wanted to quit our council and the K of C. He felt inadequate to fill one of these positions and that I or Supreme was asking too much. I related a story of how I arrived just before a business meeting and our then GK, Chris Sweeney handed me a manilla envelope and said you are our Church director. I said O.K., thank you and I was a little overwhelmed. I only held one church activity that year and Tim Hanson volunteered as the finger Rosary chairman and we held a finger rosary handout at both our parishes, St. Lawrence & St. Raphael on the 100 anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima in May

of 2017. I remember Tim texting me during the activity and him stating how nice this activity was handing out these rosaries.

We currently have a Community director - formerly the Youth director, DGK Brian Masi. We have a membership director Thomas Allen. Thank you gentlemen for continuing with these directorship roles. I very much look forward to your dedication to these positions and will assist you in any way that I can.

I would like to ask our members to fill these remaining directorships, Faith, Family and Life. Please contact me or go to <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/index.html> for an overview of the responsibilities for these positions. I ask members to just give it a try if you feel called to take on one of these positions. I also ask all brother knights to pray daily for the success of our council and that we each use the graces our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ gave us to accomplish our endeavors.

2018 / 2019 NH K of C Student Respect Life Essay Contest - Do we want to promote this in our council Catholic schools? This is a great Culture of Life activity and the winners are presented at the NH State Convention in April. Chairmen needed.

Also, I ask all council brother knights to read our Knights of Columbus New Hampshire State Council weekly news briefs at <http://nhknight.org/documents/NHKofCMidWeekNewsbrief.pdf> They are a little out of date but many important state functions are posted here and we must support our state council as well as our local council.

On this website we have the upcoming 57th NH State Scholarship Ball, 10.6.2018 in Rochester. I need to get the raffle tickets to the state ticket chairman before 10.6.2018. We have placed a half page ad in the program book and I would like to see our council represented for the ball.

NH State Quarterly meeting on 10.21.2018 in Exeter, NH. Officers and members requested to attend. These are very informative meetings and we can learn a lot from the state and NH co.s.

The KCIC fundraiser program which we have approved funds to purchase KCIC Christmas cards for sale at our parishes. A chairman is needed for this activity.

A parishioner from St. Lawrence recently informed me that St. Lawrence is seeking our council assistance for fundraising for the replacement of the church windows. Please approach me with any fundraising ideas you may have. I would really like to assist the parish in this effort.

And of course please remember to invite fellow parishioners to join our honored order. New members can join our order via their smartphone at <http://www.kofc.org/en/index.html> Please show a potential new brother knight on their or your own smartphone.

Ongoing Cans for Kidneys fundraiser. Donations at the meeting are welcome to assist needy NH kidney patients.

Also at St. Raphael's at their November Christmas Fair, we are cooking the dinner on Saturday.

Fraternally,

John Flanagan, GK Goffstown Council 5112