

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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Dear Brother Knights,

Our next business meeting will be Wednesday, February 11th at St. Lawrence Parish Hall - downstairs in the Church - rear entrance. All Council business meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month starting at **7pm**. The meetings rotate between the Grasmere Town Hall, St. Lawrence Parish Hall and St. Raphael Parish Hall. There is a lot going on in our Council and your attendance at the monthly meetings is important.

State Quarterly Meeting. Your Council was well represented at the State Quarterly Meeting held in Exeter on January 25th. The day was very informative & beneficial for all who attended.

Council 5112 Membership Drive - Four new members: Jonathan Bill, Ed Hager, Brian Masi and Mike Smith received both their second and third degrees this past month. A hearty congratulations and welcome to our newest brothers.

Our Spring Membership Drive is well underway with promotions scheduled at both St. Lawrence and St. Raphael parishes. Chairman Dennis Caton asks that members to be on hand after all Masses on the weekend of February 28th & March 1st at St. Lawrence with coffee & donuts being served after the Sunday morning Masses. Our presentation and "meet & greet" will be repeated at St. Raphael Parish on the weekend of March 14 & 15 with coffee & doughnuts again being served after the Sunday Masses. As many members as possible are asked to attend both these events to meet with parishioners of both parishes to present the Knights of Columbus to them. More at the February 11th meeting.

Knights in Shining Armor - Being honored as a Knight in Shining Armor is the highest honor a new member who meets special criteria during his first year of membership. Chris Sweeney will be receiving his certificate of recognition and lapel pin shortly, time & place to be announced.

Council Fundraiser. Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse in Bedford is donating 15% of all bills for persons dining there on Tuesday, February 17th who mention the Knights of Columbus to their server. People dining there on Tuesday, February 17th do not have to be members of the Knights of Columbus, just mention the K. of C. to their server for your Council to receive the 15%. So encourage your friends, relatives and neighbors to patronize Shorty's on the 17th. Your Council can realize a significant amount of funds if we all promote this event. See the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Another Fundraiser - this one directly for St. Lawrence Parish. Paul Bordeleau, Jan Bordeleau's father has volunteered to present a program here at St. Lawrence where the proceeds benefit the parish operating budget. More on this at the February 11th monthly meeting. Here's another opportunity to get involved.

New Hampshire State Convention. The State Annual Convention is scheduled for the weekend of May first, second and third in Nashua. Last year our Council had a table of ten at the banquet and we should be able to do even better this year, it's a great event. Our delegates and alternates are expected to attend all business sessions of the Convention. Brothers and their wives wishing to attend should contact Jim Finn, GK at 497-3773.

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. You can also email him at rafael.peschiera@kofc.org.



New Hampshire Knights of Columbus Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services Committee has asked all Councils to assist in providing assistance to our veterans in nursing homes, hospitals and the homeless. There are 800 veterans in various facilities and 140 homeless veterans, many with no families, who are in need of compassionate care. More on this will be presented at the February 11th meeting.

4th Degree, Bishop Bradley Assembly #626:



The February 8th VA Bingo has been cancelled due to concerns of spreading the flu.

- Business meeting, Monday, February 26.
- March 7 - 4th Degree Annual Appreciation Dinner. Social Hour: 5:30pm, Dinner: 6:30pm with Awards presented at 7:30pm

If any brother knight wishes to become an active 4th Degree member, please contact Lionel Coulon, Council F.S. and Assembly Faithful Captain at 603-668-1039.

Note from Financial Secretary: Bills for 2015 dues were sent out in December. If you have not paid your dues as yet, please send it in as soon as possible. **Please do not let your membership lapse.**

If there are any questions concerning your bill, please call or write to F.S. Lionel Coulon (668-1039), 54 Orchard St., Manchester, NH 03102.

Council 5112 Sick List - Please pray for Hank Boyle, Rick Plichta, Ray LaCasse, and Lionel Coulon. Your prayers are especially requested for Tom Martin whose condition is very serious as this newsletter goes to press.

Let us also pray

- for our seminarian Thomas Moses and for all priests and religious that God will bless their ministry and increase their numbers.
- for all who are sick that they will feel God's healing touch.
- that God will watch over our servicemen and women and keep them out of harms way.

Pray the Rosary to end Abortion

Respect Life News:

Annual Right to Life March in Concord - was very successful and well attended. Our Bishop Peter Libasci celebrated Mass at St. John Church and marched with us, passing the Feminist "Health" Center on Main Street. The Right to Life is a major focus of the Knights of Columbus and we should all get involved in this issue.

40 Days for Life - runs from February 18th through March 29th in Manchester. Kicking off with a rally on Monday, February 16th at St. Marie's Parish Hall, 478 Notre Dame Ave., Manchester from 7 to 8:30pm. To register for this event and/or volunteer to participate call (978)226-3240 or email 40daysforlifemanchester@gmail.com

Pray for Life Center, Manchester, NH The Pray for Life Center is Located at 27 Penacook Street #1, - across from Planned Parenthood's abortion mill. It is open all day Thursdays, the day in which 20 to 30 lives are lost by surgical abortion each week at Planned Parenthood's "clinic".

Contact Cathy Kelley at 483-5177 or e-mail at prayforlifecenter@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer to prayerfully march on Thursdays.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, with Holy Week beginning - Palm Sunday, March 29. Easter Sunday is on April 5th. This is a time when we all should prepare our souls with penance, prayer and thoughtful reflection on our lives.

Where to Be: St. Lawrence Parish is holding a Valentine's dance on Saturday, February 14th including a catered meal & DJ. Contact the parish office at 497-2651, tickets sell out quickly.

St. Raphael Parish is holding a St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 7th. For more information & tickets contact Joan Bissonette at 603-494-3941. (Note: tickets will not be sold at door)

World Day of the Sick Saint Raphael Parish will have a Mass for healing for the sick on Wednesday, Feb. 11, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, at 6pm in the chapel. Parishioners and friends of the parish who desire to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and who are able to attend this Mass are invited to call the office in advance so that materials may be prepared. Call Kerri Stanley at 603.623.2604.

For the K of C...

Fr. Jerome Joseph Day, O.S.B., pastor of Saint Raphael Parish, suggests that K of C members might find two recent books worthwhile. For an inspiring and exciting non-fiction account from World War II, Laura Hillenbrand's *Unbroken* tells the story of Louis Zamperini, a juvenile delinquent turned athlete turned airman. His struggle against disaster in the air, the vastness of the Pacific and the dangers of Japanese prison camps provides a riveting account of physical endurance, moral courage and determined will. This book, published in 2010 by Random House, is the real thing - and now a major Hollywood film. See the movie? Sure, if you can. But read the book? Absolutely!

For a more spiritual work, I never miss an opportunity to recommend *The Lord*, a series of essays on the identity and mission of Jesus Christ. With Lent beginning Feb. 18, this classic work by Msgr. Romano Guardini, a 20th century German priest who confronted Nazi ideology and survived, offers the reader a rich array of insights into the life and times of the man from Nazareth. *The Lord* takes account of the best in biblical scholarship, the Fathers of the Church, various traditions of spirituality in the Church over the centuries and the insights of modern psychology - but remains rooted in the gospels. *The Lord*, and Guardini generally, contributed to the thinking of three popes, John Paul II, now a saint, Benedict XVI and Francis. *The Lord* opens up a treasury of insights into who Christ is and what he means in our lives in an accessible and engaging fashion. Reissued by Gateway Editions in 1996.

Fraternally yours,

James Finn

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Ash Wednesday - the beginning of Lent, a time of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. The keeping of Lent remains a Christian community's best hope of staying in touch with its roots and its visions.

- * During Lent PRAY (privately and publicly).
- * Make your *sacrifices* a positive affirmation. Less a doing without than a doing for.
- *GIVE your time and energy...unsparingly.
- *GIVE of your material blessings. If you give money, don't call it tithing and expect something back.
- *Be actively concerned about the entire world.
- *Keep a joyful sense of humor. "A cheerful countenance bespeaks a serene heart," and a serene heart says that all is well, all is very well, Lent (Taken from Seven Ways to Keep Lent)



Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy,
health of the sick, refuge of sinners,
comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants,
my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes,
you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary,
whence you dispense your favors; and already many
sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities,
both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with complete confidence
to implore your maternal intercession.
Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests.
Through gratitude for your favors,
I will endeavor to imitate your virtues,
that I may one day share your glory. Amen