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Parishioners,

My name is Chris Sweeney, and I wanted to take a moment for a formal introduction. In the 10 years I have attended Saint Lawrence with my Wife Andrea and daughters Julia and Catherine, I have had the opportunity to meet quite a few of you in many different capacities. This is the first time I will be introducing myself as the Grand Knight of your Knights of Columbus Council #5112.

As you have seen over the past two or three years, your council has been growing and getting involved in more and more parish activities, by reaching out in as many ways as we can. With a change in leadership comes a normal organizational and operational change. James Finn has done an outstanding job leading the Knights for the past 3 years. He has also done an exceptional job preparing me to take over leadership by mentoring and putting a capable, vibrant team in place to pick up where he has left off. I urge you to keep an eye out as your council will be adding many charitable, social and service programs into place over the next few weeks and months.

The Knights of Columbus have always been seen as a "secret" men's society. I can tell you firsthand, it is not. While our ceremonials and business meetings are only open to Catholic Men who have made their first degree in our order, our activities and programs are open to each and every one of you as well as our community.

In order to better facilitate a more open council, we will be adding an additional meeting to our schedule each month. This planning meeting will be the time for anyone who wants to learn more about our order or activities to attend. This will also be a time to bring any charitable work requests up with the Knights to seek our assistance. It is important to remember that the Knights of Columbus are here to do more than just fundraise and recruit; we are here to serve in whatever capacity is required of us. Remember, this is YOUR council. We exist to serve our Pastor, our Parish and our Community. In order to be successful, we need the input and involvement of all who we aim to serve.

I urge you to stop into one of our planning meetings. Dates are being discussed and will be placed in the bulletin as soon as they are determined. We are setting up to have a banner year. Please consider being a part of it! If there is anything that I or any of your Knights can assist you with, please to not hesitate to contact me, my phone number is always on the front of the bulletin. Or if you prefer, you can reach us via email at [goffstown.kofc@gmail.com](mailto:goffstown.kofc@gmail.com) or through our website [www.goffstown-kofc.com](http://www.goffstown-kofc.com).

We are looking forward to working with all of you!

Vivat Jesus!!

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