



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**ARTHUR J. O'NEIL COUNCIL #5112**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**JULY 2015**



**Greetings From Council 5112**

Independence day is here, and I hope that you all are enjoying a fun, relaxing and safe holiday weekend. Please take a moment to remember the men and women that put their lives on the line every single day to ensure that this holiday retains it's true meaning.

As your new Grand Knight, I can tell you that this Fraternal Year is setting up to be like no other. Project and activity planning are already underway. There will be many opportunities for service as well as social events within our council and communities. Our council has become very strong over the past few years, and I will be doing everything in my power to maintain and grow this council in membership and service to our churches and communities. None of this can be done without the help and support of each and every one of you. Please make the effort to attend our monthly meetings. This is where our service begins.

As your Grand Knight, I am here to help you, my Brother Knights, to succeed in all that we aim to do. Your feedback and ideas are welcomed and encouraged. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any reason at any time.

*Fraternally Yours, Chris Sweeney, Grand Knight*

**Council 5112 BBQ**

Our 5th annual council BBQ will be held Sunday, August 23rd following the 10:30 Mass at Saint Lawrence Church. This family social event has become a place to enjoy the day with our brother Knights and their entire families. Members are encouraged to invite men whom they know might be interested in joining the Knights with their families as well. This has become a very popular event and has traditionally been very well attended. The BBQ doubles as a membership recruitment event. Once again this year, the BBQ will be held at the home of Jim and Ann Finn, 11 West Union Street, Goffstown, just down the street from Saint Lawrence Church.

**Fourth Degree**

Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month, rotating within the Councils of the Assembly starting with the rosary at 7 pm followed by the meeting at 7:30. The location of this month's meeting has yet to be determined.

**Knights of Columbus Insurance**

Our Field Agent, Rafael Peschiera, is available for all your insurance needs. If you have questions or need more information he can be contacted by phone at (603) 703-6780 or by e-mailing him at [Rafael.peschiera@kofc.org](mailto:Rafael.peschiera@kofc.org).

**Upcoming Events**

July 8, 2015	7:00pm	Business Meeting, Grassmere Town Hall
July 19, 2015	12:00pm	NH State Quarterly Meeting, St. Matthews Windham
July 20, 2015	7:00pm	1st Degree, Saint Elizabeth Church, Bedford
July 21, 2015	6:00pm	Planning Meeting, Saint Lawrence Church
July 25, 2015	9:00am	2nd & 3rd Degree, Sacred Heart Church Laconia



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**Council 5112 July Birthdays**

Brian Vailancourt	July 8
Leo Archambault	July 13
Lionel Coulon	July 13
Jim Mailman	July 18
Rick Plichta	July 22
Kevin Tucker	July 30

Happy Birthday to all, here's to many more happy and healthy years!

**Council 5112 Fraternal Anniversaries**

Jean Chouinard	21 Years
Leo Archambault	37 Years
Raymond Cloutier	50 Years

We thank you for your 108 combined years of service to the Knights of Columbus!!

**Upcoming Retreat**

NH State Council Weekend Retreat is scheduled for Friday, September 25th through Sunday, September 27th at Camp Bernadette on Lake Wentworth in Wolfboro, NH. This retreat is a great time to renew your faith while enjoying time with brother Knights from around the state and enjoying as well the cooking of Brother John McClure. Keep Fr. Smolley in your prayers following his recent surgery that he will be fully recovered by the end of September.

**For the Good of The Order**

Please keep Brother Tom Martin & Ray LaCasse in your prayers as they continue to recover. Also remember Assistant State Chaplain Fr. Robert Smolly as he continues his road to recovery.

**Service Opportunity**

Father Gerry has asked if a small group of Knights could volunteer a few hours of time to help him to paint a spare bedroom in the rectory as Saint Lawrence Church. This is a relatively small project that should only take two or three men a few hours of their time. Date and time to be determined based on your responses. If you are interested in lending a hand, please let GK Chris Sweeney know as soon as possible so that I can schedule a time with Father Gerry.

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**Laudato Si**

On June 18th, Pope Francis released his Encyclical Letter entitled "Laudato Si" or "Praise Be to You". His writing reminds us of our use of our environment and a need to seek out sustainable development among the entire world. Are you being a good steward of this gift from God we call earth?

God of All creation,

At the beginning of time  
You placed a single mandate on humankind-  
To be stewards of creation  
To replenish and nurture through all generations  
What you have made.

We kneel today among that same creation-  
A world that is, in many ways, more splendid than ever.  
But in too many ways, scarred beyond recognition.

Turn us from our unmindfulness  
Help our torch be lit  
Help us renew the world that supports us  
So we may once more know creation  
As it was in the beginning.

Amen