

Knights of Columbus

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Our next Business meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11th at St. Raphael Parish Hall. Please use the Ferry Street entrance. All Council business meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month starting at 7 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 2015 Membership Drive. This past weekend at our coffee & doughnuts reception we netted five men seeking to join our Council. Four of these men will be new members of the Knights of Columbus while the other gentleman is transferring his membership from another Council. Thank you to all our brother Knights who were on hand after each Mass to assist Chairman Dennis Caton in greeting the men interested in joining Council 5112.

On Sunday, March 15th we are repeating our coffee & doughnuts membership drive after the Sunday Masses at St. Raphael Parish in Manchester. As you are aware, Council 5112 serves both St. Lawrence and St. Raphael Parishes. Please contact Dennis Caton at 384-2049 or dennicaton182@gmail.com to volunteer to work with him on the membership drive at St. Raphael's. Because most of our members belong to St. Lawrence we presently lack St. Raphael parishioners to work the reception at St. Raphael.

Fundraiser for St. Lawrence Parish Operating Budget. The spring concert featuring Paul Bordeleau and his cast of performers is scheduled for Friday, May 8 in St. Lawrence Parish Hall. A committee has been informally working on this and will be having a full meeting with all brothers who wish to work on this committee on Wednesday, March 18th at Jim Finn's home (11 West Union Street, Goffstown) starting at 7 PM. There are many decisions to be made and details to be attended to. A banquet type event is planned. Although this is expected to be a grand social affair, it is first and foremost a fundraising event. All brothers are urged to participate in this activity, especially our many newest members. Call or e-mail Jim Finn at 497-3773 or jamesrfinn@aol.com to volunteer so we can have ample chairs around the planning table. Last fall's successful Thanksgiving Dinner was practice for this newest Council endeavor. Everyone is urged to attend the organizational meeting on the 18th.

The Fundraiser at Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse was modestly successful – our first attempt with fundraising in this manner. Chris Sweeney will give a full report at our regular monthly meeting on the 18th.

The Annual State Convention being held on the weekend of May first, second & third in Nashua is coming up very soon. Brothers and their wives wishing to attend the banquet should make their intentions known soon to GK Jim Finn at 497-3773 or see me at the monthly meeting. Last year's banquet was truly enjoyable as well as the convention being very successful. As you remember, last year Council 5112 was presented with the "Comeback Council" award in recognizing our successful efforts in growing our Council.

Our Field Agent, Raphael Peschiera, brother member of our Council 5112 has been promoted to Assistant General Agent now covering New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont in recognition for his untiring efforts in promoting Knights of Columbus insurance and providing exceptional service to his clients. We especially thank him for his assistance in our current membership drives. His presentation at both Sunday Masses last weekend at St. Lawrence Church surely encouraged our five new members to

join our Council. Thanks and congratulations Raphael. For all your insurance needs, questions or desire more information contact him at (603) 703-6780 or Rafael.peschiera@kofc.org.

Recommended Reading from Fr. Campbell. There are many excellent books, articles, devotional pamphlets that a person can read for Lent. Of course the easiest and least expensive is the parish missals. The book I would recommend not just for lent but at any time of the year is "The Joy of the Gospel" by Pope Francis. "Pope Francis wants us to understand that the Gospel brings us joy. His exhortation tells us this. His homilies remind us of this. . . There is something in Pope Francis' words and deeds that seems to communicate, as he says, the joy of the Gospel". James Martin, S.J.

40 Days for Life continues in Manchester. Check out their website at 40daysforlifemanchester@gmail.com and prayforlifecenter@gmail.com for updated information. Every Thursday between 20 and 30 babies are aborted here in Manchester at Planned Parenthood's "clinic" on Penacook Street. Consider joining the many who prayerfully march each Thursday at PPNE's abortion mill here in your back yard.

The Annual Pro-Life Seminar sponsored by the State Council of the New Hampshire Knights of Columbus at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Manchester is on Sunday, March 22nd from noon to 4 PM. Guest speaker is Darlene Pawlik, chair of both the New Hampshire Right to Life Educational Trust and their Political Action Committee. This is a free event well worth attending. For more information contact Jim Finn at (603) 497-3773 or check out the State K of C website at nhknights.org. A luncheon is provided by the Daughters of Isabella (a free will offering will be accepted).

Holy Week / Easter Sunday. Christians throughout the world commemorate the passion and death of our redeemer and our redemption with His death on the cross. Easter fulfills His promise to us. As Knights of Columbus we are committed to spreading His message. There are many Holy Week services at our respective parishes for us to attend. Don't let this holy season pass you by.

Catholic Day at the State House. On Wednesday, March 18th "a time to learn and be heard as Catholics" will be held in Concord at the Holiday Inn with opening prayer by Bishop Libasci. It is tentatively limited to 200 attendees and there is no cost. The program runs from 8 AM to 2 PM. See the State web site for full information or Catholic Citizenship News on the Diocesan web site.

Communications Committee Update. Chairman Chris Sweeney will update us on the committee's progress at the March monthly meeting on the 11th.

St. Raphael's Pastor's Class. Join us for a series of presentations and discussions on following the Lord Jesus in religious life during this special Year of Consecrated life in the Church. The final two sessions are at 7 PM in the Pastor's Classroom. We will discuss the biblical roots of religious life, the Church's teaching from Vatican II on religious life, Perfection of Charity, the various contributions of religious people to life of the Church and society, as well as what members receive. Please join us.

Saint Patrick's Day. The feast day of the patron saint of Ireland is, as we all know, March 17th. Those of us who share Irish heritage have much to be proud of. Be careful as Irish Catholic Knights of Columbus not to get caught up in the stereotyping of the Irish as drunkards and all that goes with degrading our Irish Catholic heritage. Proudly celebrate the feast day of such a great saint as it is, the feast day of a great saint. Send only greeting cards that depict the Irish in a positive manner.

Your monthly newsletter has undergone a few minor changes this month. It is being sent directly from our new website to you, thus you can more easily recognize it in your incoming mail box.

Jim Finn, grand knight, Council 5112

