

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ARTHUR J. O'NEIL COUNCIL #5112
GOFFSTOWN NEW HAMPSHIRE
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November, 2014

Dear Brother Knights,

Our next business meeting will be Wednesday, November 12, 7pm at St. Lawrence Parish Hall.

Attendance Drawing: The member whose name was drawn at last month's meeting was not present thus the money rolls over to this month's meeting. Although this is not a huge amount of money, and is certainly not the reason to attend our meetings. You might get a little pocket change just for being there. Come to the monthly meetings and enjoy the fraternity of your brother Knights and get involved.

Fundraising: We recently completed two raffles of 100 tickets each priced at \$10 per ticket. The first, a "Cord Wood Raffle" was won by our own Kevin Tucker, who was in front of Ace Hardware selling tickets to the second raffle at the time of the drawing. Fr. Gerry drew the winning ticket at the 25th anniversary his ordination being celebrated at the Puritan Back Room in Manchester. Kevin selected the \$250 cash prize where his home in Goffstown is heated by oil. I'm sure the prize money is going to good use covering his golf fees while wintering in Florida.

The second raffle, a Heating Fuel Raffle" was also sold out quickly with the winning ticket being drawn next Sunday, November 16th.

We also had a table at the Goffstown Pumpkin Festival Weekend. This endeavor was relatively unsuccessful; I'm sure due to the lack of interest in religious articles in a venue of this type.

Full reports will be given at the November 12th meeting at St. Lawrence's. We've raised \$1,500

profit to give St. Lawrence Church as part of the cost of the new missals.

The Knights of Columbus last year raised over 170 million dollars and over one and a half billion dollars in charitable contributions in the past ten years (that's over 1 ½ billion dollars with a big B for billion). Last year our brother Knights donated over 70 million hours of their personal time in volunteer services and had nearly 411 thousand blood donors. These are impressive numbers and Council 5112 is part of it. I'll never be ashamed to ask for a dollar in the name of the Knights of Columbus nor will I hesitate to ask someone to join our ranks as a Brother Knight. Without funds in our pockets to be charitable with, we cannot succeed in our mission given us by our founder, blessed Fr. McGivney.

There are special thanks that must be given to the local businesses that helped in making our recent fundraising efforts successful:

Thank you John Bilideau and **Sully's Market** in Goffstown

Thank you Karen Henderson & Larry Brown and **Goffstown Ace Hardware**

Thank you Mike Sakelarios and **Howe's Pharmacy** on Main Street in Goffstown

Thank you Jim & Sue (Hank Boyle's daughter) and **Country Fare Diner**, 12 Maple Street (in the square) in Contoocook

These local businesses have been very gracious to us. Please patronize them and say thank you from the Knights of Columbus when you do.

Families Feeding Families - Brother Knight Chris Sweeney has planned together with St. Lawrence Parish in Goffstown, a Thanksgiving dinner for anyone in the greater Goffstown area who finds themselves in need of a warm meal, a warm atmosphere or some warm company There will be **No Cost** to our guest.

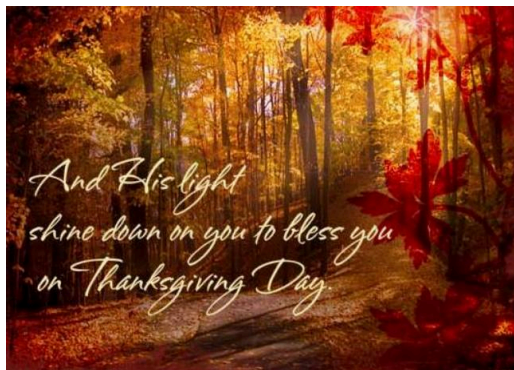
Thanksgiving is 3 weeks from now. Plan on getting involved and helping Chris with this worthy project. We, as a Council, pledged its support to this project months ago. Chris will be reporting at this month's meeting.

Let Us Pray

*Please keep in your prayers Past Grand Knight Ray LaCasse who had complications after surgery. He is in hospital at this writing.

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

Pray the Rosary to end Abortion



THANKSGIVING TABLE PRAYER

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your Son. Amen.

From [Celebrating Faith: Year-round Activities For Catholic Families](#), by Mary Cronk Farrell

Recommended Reading: Fr. Bernie recommends reading "Lead with Humility" by Jeffery Krames and "Catholicism" by Robert Barron. We will publish recommended reading suggestions each month from Fr. Bernie, Fr. Gerry or Fr. Jerome.

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.

WANTED ! Your Council is looking for qualified men to join you and us as Knights of Columbus. Have you been doing your part? Have you asked a relative, a friend, a co-worker, a fellow parishioner or a neighbor to join the Knights? We can only grow with your help.

4th Degree News: Mass for deceased members will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 7PM, in the chapel at St. Raphael Parish. All brother knights, their family and friends are welcomed to attend. Rev. Robert Smolley, Assistant Chaplain for the 4th degree will be the celebrant.

- Business meeting - Monday, November 24
- VA Bingo - Sunday, December 14



Fraternally yours,

James Finn

James Finn, GK - 497-3773



Veteran's Day - Tuesday, November 11th

**Our thanks to you for all you do
Defending our flag the red, white and blue.**

**As Americans, we know what freedom means
The joy, the peace and the right to dream**

**Freedom we love but it is not free
the sacrifice is great and you give willingly**

**Our thoughts and prayers are with you today
As you fight for freedom so far away**

**May God keep you safe in all that you do
And bring you back home to those who love you**