



# Arthur J. O'Neil Council 5112

## November 2015 Newsletter



### Grand Knight's Message

The leaves are down, the air is getting cold, the Turkey is almost in the oven. It is hard to believe that after such a beautiful summer, Fall has just about passed us by!

Greetings from Council 5112! As we prepare to wind down the year, and look towards the next year, let us not forget the most Holy Season of Advent that we should all be preparing for. Every year, this seems to come up faster and faster, and this year has been no exception! As Knights of Columbus, we need to remember to lead the charge in Keeping Christ in Christmas and honoring this most Holy Time.

Although the calendar year may be winding down, our Fraternal year is in full swing. We have a lot of new Brother Knights as well as new service opportunities that can involve and benefit each and every one of you. At the Fall Quarterly meeting, I had the honor of accepting a Double Star Council Award on behalf of Council 5112. An enormous congratulation is in order for each and every one of you for your amazing efforts in achieving this award. Goffstown was one of only TWO councils in the state to receive this award! Way to go 5112!

### Welcome New Officers

Please welcome the newest officers to Council 5112. We thank you for stepping up to fill our Officer Roles!

Treasurer	Louis Batres
Warden	Robert Garand
Chancellor	Timothy Hanson

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

In keeping with the spirit of the order as well as the wishes of Supreme, we have decided to take another look at the month to month operation of our council. Supporting two parishes has been and continues to be a challenge, especially for a small (yet growing) council. In an attempt to more fully identify ourselves with our Parishes, the discussion has been started about the viability of continuing to hold meetings at Grasmere Town hall. While the Hall seems to have served the council well over the years, our efforts of late have been focused more on Parish life, and I believe this should continue. At our December meeting, we will be voting on whether or not to include Grasmere Town Hall on our rotation for the next calendar year. Due to the timing, I understand that some of our Brother Knights may be out of the area, and unable to attend this meeting. The council has agreed to allow absentee ballots to be submitted in the event that you are unable to attend the meeting on December 9, 2015. If you wish to submit an Absentee Ballot, please follow the instructions on the attached ballot form and return NO LATER than December 1, 2015.

### Home Heating Fuel Raffle

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Home Heating Fuel raffle is underway. Those interested will have the opportunity to buy a \$10.00 chance to win \$250.00 to help offset their home heating costs this winter. We will run three raffles with only 100 chances sold for each. The next dates we will be selling tickets will be Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at Sully's Supermarket in Goffstown. Please contact PGK Jim Finn to get on the schedule.



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### Friday Adoration

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, there is a Men's group that will be meeting at St. Raphael's Church for Adoration, Confession and a Social Hour. Holy Hour will begin immediately following the 6:00pm mass. All are welcome to attend.

### Saint Lawrence Christmas Fair

The Social Committee at Saint Lawrence has graciously offered the Council a coveted spot at their annual Christmas Shopping Fair. We will be given a 6' table to sell religious articles just as we did at the Pumpkin Regatta last year. John LaCroix from Spiritus Dei Religious Gifts will once again allow us to sell his inventory for a percentage of the sales. Please help support this Parish Fundraiser this Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the St. Lawrence Parish hall.

### Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving has changed slightly this year due to an uncertainty in the overall number of guests expected. This year, Council 5112 will be providing cooked turkey and gravy for up to 75 people. The remainder of the sides and desserts will be brought in a "Pot Luck" style. As always, this event is open to Knights, Families, Parishioners as well as anyone from the public in search of a warm meal, or quality conversation during this holiday. The meal will be served at 12:00pm and run roughly through 3:00pm. Please do not let anyone spend this holiday alone. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please contact GK Chris Sweeney at (603) 320-5073 or the Saint Lawrence Parish Hall at (603) 497-2651. Please let us know how many people you will be bringing and what (if anything) you will be bringing for a dish.

### Crisis Pregnancy Center Collections

Throughout the months of December and January, we will be assisting the NH State Council in an effort to collect much needed items to support the efforts of our NH Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Laundry Baskets will be placed at St. Lawrence Church and St. Raphael's church for donations to be made. A full list of desired items is included with this newsletter.

### From Our Field Agent Rafael Peschiera

Whatever your financial needs there could be a program through the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program that could help you now and in the future. Please do not hesitate to call on me if you have questions or want more information. You can reach me by phone at 703-6780. You can also email me at [rafael.peschiera@kofc.org](mailto:rafael.peschiera@kofc.org). Thanks for your time and I look forward to hearing from you

### First Degree Team

As you are aware, every council is required by Supreme to have a First Degree Team in place. Under the leadership and guidance of Brother John Flannagan, it has been decided that Council 5112 will form a full team using all of the speaking roles. These Degrees are preferred over the DVD option recently provided by Supreme. Our first practice will be Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm in the St. Lawrence Parish Library. While we do have a full team, we will need to identify a few alternates so that we can accommodate schedules. If you would like to attend, please contact First Degree Team Captain John Flannagan at (603) 203-0135 and let him know.



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### 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

Council 5112 had been placed on the schedule to host a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please keep this date open, as we are hoping for a large turnout from our council! Brother John Flannagan has stepped up to chair this event. This will take a considerable amount of planning and should be very well attended from all around the state. Please consider offering your time and talents to assist in the planning and execution of these degrees!

### Membership Drive

NH State Council has reminded us that Parish Membership Drives should be held regularly throughout the year. As this newsletter is prepared, Council 5112 is at 40% of our new member quote for this fraternal year. While this is a great start, we need to make sure we are promoting our council at every opportunity that presents itself. Recruitment starts with a conversation with a prospective Knight. Membership drives are much more successful if your audience is already familiar with the great works that we are involved with. PGK Jim Finn has offered to put a membership drive together at St. Lawrence and St. Raphael churches during the month of November. Please reach out to him at (603) 497-3773 if you will be able to help out.

### Meeting Notice

Our next monthly business meeting will be held at Saint Raphael's Parish on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm.

### Prayer Intentions

Please keep our Brothers in need in your continued prayers:

Louis and Carlos Batres, Fr. Robert Smolly

### Important Upcoming Dates

Mon Nov 16 @ 6:30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Degree - Bedford

Wed Nov 18 @ 7:30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Degree - Tilton

Sat Nov 21 @ 7:30am  
4<sup>th</sup> Degree - Hudson

Sat Nov 28 @ 10:00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Degree - Derry

Sat Dec 12 @ 9:00am  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree - Nashua

Mon Dec 21 @ 6:30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Degree - Bedford

### Contact Information

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### Laundry Basket Drive, Items for Pregnancy Centers

The following is the list of items for the Laundry Basket Drive. Laundry Baskets are preferred because they can be donated as well, but we'll take the items however they come!!

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| Diapers            | 8 oz. Playtex Bottles and Liners |
| Receiving Blankets | Desitin                          |
| Blankets           | Feeding Spoons                   |
| Shampoo            | Q-Tips                           |
| Burp Cloths        | Infant Socks and Hats            |
| Sweater Sets       | Diaper Bags                      |
| Bibs               | Maternity Clothes                |
| Stretch Outfits    | Baby Thermometers                |
| Sleepers           | Maternity PJ's                   |
| Wipes              | Baby Formula                     |
| Onesies            | Regular Undershirts              |
| Baby Powder        | Tipper Cups                      |
| Crib Sheets        | Towel Sets                       |
| Lotion             |                                  |

### The list of Pregnancy centers that the State Culture-of-life Director is targeting.

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Options for Women             | Birthright of Manchester        |
| Our Place                     | New Generation                  |
| Care Net of Laconia           | Care Net of the White Mountains |
| P.R.C of the Monadnock Region | Pathways (Littleton)            |
| Care Net of Nashua            | Derry Birthright                |
| Care Net of Manchester        | Penacook Pregnancy Center       |
| Care Net of Concord           | Care Net of the Upper Valley    |
| Portsmouth Birthright         | Lighthouse Pregnancy Center     |



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If you are unable to attend the Monthly Business Meeting on December 9, 2015, please complete and return the following absentee ballot No Later than December 1, 2015. Submissions received after that date may not be able to be counted in time for the vote being held on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2105. If you are planning on attending the meeting, no action is required prior to the vote. Please complete the absentee ballot and send to:

GK Chris Sweeney  
26 Winterberry Lane  
Weare, NH 03062

### Absentee Ballot

#### Voting Date December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

A motion will be made to eliminate Grasmere Town Hall from the normal rotation for Arthur J. O'Neil Council 5112 Monthly Business Meeting Locations. Meeting locations to alternate between Saint Lawrence Parish Hall in Goffstown, NH and Saint Raphael's Hall in Manchester NH. This change is to take effect for the regular monthly business meetings starting January, 2016.

I Accept the motion as written to remove Grasmere from Council 5112's meeting Rotation

I DO NOT Accept the motion as written to remove Grasmere from Council 5112's meeting Rotation

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Print your Name

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Signature

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Date