



Arthur J. O'Neil Council 5112

October 2016 Newsletter



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, It is hard to believe that the heat is on already, and we will be dealing with yet another New England winter before we know it! Please pay close attention to the information contained in this newsletter, and it contains many important and exciting topics. As promised at the August meeting; the lull inactivity from the summer is being replaced with a fury of activity for our council to take advantage of! Fundraising opportunities, service opportunities, recruitment opportunities.... If you're having trouble choosing where to start, just try all of them!

Thanksgiving

Planning for the third annual Community Thanksgiving meal is well underway. Notices have been sent out to local churches and community centers, and 52 requests for donations have been sent to local businesses. To date, we have had 6 RSVPs (typical at this point), and we have begun to hear the normal community chatter. Let's pull together to make sure this year is our best yet! Believe it or not, Thanksgiving is only a little over 3 weeks away, so keep an eye out for volunteer requests, and please let me know ASAP if you plan on attending this event!

Pasta Supper

I was approached by the Boys U11 team parent coordinator for the TriTown United Travel Soccer Club and asked if the council could pull together a Spaghetti supper for the team families as the season drew to a close. Short notice was actually 4 days. On Saturday, October 22nd, Brian Masi, Michael Smith, John Dillon and I pulled together everything needed to put on a meal for a total of 32 people at Saint Lawrence Parish hall.

The out of pocket expenses worked out to be around \$3.25 per person, and a free will offering was accepted as payment. At the end of the night, the council walked away with \$150 in cash (after expenses) and another notch in our belts as a community driven council. Thank you to all who were able to change plans so quickly to pull this off. The funds will be used to defray the cost of the Community Thanksgiving dinner.

Home Heating Fuel Raffle

Tim Hanson has agreed to step up to the plate to get this raffle moving, and he has us off to an outstanding start! Tickets were sold after all three Masses this past weekend at Saint Lawrence Church, and a total of 20 Tickets were sold. We will be present at all three Masses again this weekend (October 29 & 30) to continue this important fundraising opportunity.

Membership Drive

Last month, we held a membership drive at Saint Raphael Parish, and we had some promising prospects. We are still waiting for them to pan out, but it was definitely a start. Thank you to Membership Co-Chairman Armand Carignan for taking the lead on this.

October 29 and 30, we will be conducting a second Membership Drive at Saint Lawrence Church. Membership Co-Chair Jim Finn has taken the lead on this one. Please make it a point to join us after Mass to meet any new potential Knights. We have a lot to offer a new Knight right now, and we do not want to miss any opportunity to expand our membership.



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NASCAR Success

The racing season has come to a close, but thanks to John Flannigan, we were able to benefit greatly from a volunteer opportunity offered by NH Motor Speedway. The monies raised from this enjoyable event will go a long way in helping the council reach and exceed its goals. Thank you to all who made this possible. If you did not get the chance to attend one of these races, please consider making one of them next year. This has the potential to be one of the largest grossing fundraisers the council can run each year. And from the feedback received, both races were very enjoyable to attend.

The Face of Mercy

Roger LeBlanc was able to do some additional research to clarify timing of an upcoming television show. This will be aired on Saturday, November 5th at 1:35am on Channel 5 (WCVB). If you are like me, you will set your DVR to record this so you don't miss it! You can learn more about it at www.faceofmercyfilm.com

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. Thanks for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

KCIC Poster Contest

FS Michael Smith and Armand Carignan have taken the lead on the KCIC Poster Contest this

year. We were a little late getting started on this last year, and we were not able to pull it off in time. Last week, 2 kits and roughly 200 entrance forms were delivered to Saint Benedict Academy and the Religious Program at Saint Raphael Parish. I can't wait to see the creative entries we get from the students!

Meeting Conduct

The past few business meetings have had more than a few interruptions. The guidelines laid out for all council meetings exist so that each and every member has the ability to participate and be heard throughout the entire meeting. **Outbursts will not be tolerated in our business meetings.** Please take a minute to read over the general meeting guidelines as a refresher:

When a member wishes to speak, he does so by rising from his seat, addressing the chair by saying "Worthy Grand Knight" and saluting at the same time. The presiding officer will return the salute and acknowledge the member.

All questions or comments must be directed to the chair (the presiding officer), for example: "Worthy Grand Knight may I ask the previous speaker to explain. . . ."

These guidelines are written and flowed down from Supreme. It is imperative that the council meetings are conducted per these guidelines.

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is proud to announce the third annual



Community Thanksgiving Meal

Come one, come all! Whether you are spending the holiday alone or just wanted to share the day with some of your local Goffstown Community, all are welcome. This meal is provided free of charge to all who attend. Seating is limited so please RSVP if you are able to the Saint Lawrence Church Parish Office at (603) 497-2651 or email your reservation to admin@goffstown-kofc.com.

Date: Thursday, November 24th
Time: 11:00am – 4:00pm
Location: Saint Lawrence Parish Hall
1 East Union Street
Goffstown, NH
Cost: FREE! FREE! FREE!

Please do not spend this holiday alone!

This year's menu will include Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, squash, peas, corn and buttered rolls. Coffee, juices and water will be available as well.

Please call in or email your reservation as soon as possible
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