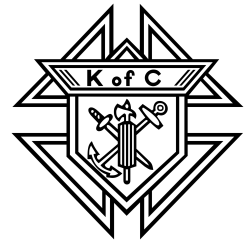


# Pine Cone Council Knights of Columbus NEWSLETTER



*January & February 2023*

## Activities

### January

- 3rd Monthly Membership Meeting; Rosary in church 5:00 PM  
Officers Meeting at 5:30 PM; Dinner 6:00 PM and  
Meeting to start immediately after meal \*
- 10th 4th Degree Monthly Meeting, drill practice 6:30, meeting  
7:00 PM \*
- 17th Pot Luck/Game night 6:00 PM, St Mary's Church
- 21st Monthly Church Food Drive
- 21st Spaghetti Supper 5:00 PM after 4:00 Mass at St John's  
church hall
- 21st Foul shooting contest, 9:00 AM All-Saints campus
- 26th Salvation Army Soup Kitchen
- 29th 5th Sunday Rosary at St Mary's church 8:05am

### February

- 4th Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity  
following the 4:00 PM Mass at St Joseph's Church
- 7th Monthly Membership Meeting; Rosary in church 5:00 PM  
Officers Meeting at 5:30 PM; Dinner 6:00 PM and  
Meeting to start immediately after meal \*
- 8th District Foul Shooting 9:00 AM, YMCA, Old Town
- 14th 4th Degree Monthly Meeting, drill practice at 6:30pm,  
meeting 7:00 PM \*
- 18th Monthly Church Food Drive
- 18th 4th Degree Bean Supper 5:00 PM after 4:00 Mass at St  
John's church hall
- 21st Pot Luck/Game Night 6:00 PM St Mary's Church
- 23rd Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, 10 AM

\*= At St. Joseph's Hall

## Grand Knight's Column

By Peter Starr

Happy New Year Brothers! We continue to get back into our normal operation and I look forward to another year of good works. We have fundraising dinners scheduled and the Foul Shooting contest has returned!

I'm excited to see what the new year brings with the new energy toward evangelizing as a council and working on getting more members added to our ranks. I know that this council has a vibrant group of men that are deeply dedicated to our Catholic Faith.

On a personal note, I want to thank you all for your prayers for my brother Gene. We attended his memorial service in New Jersey on December 10th and were blessed to have many family members there for support and comfort dealing with losing him. I was happy to know he had found his way back to Jesus! Sadly at the end of his life. I continue to pray for his soul.

God Bless you all!!!

## A Special Thank You

To all my fellow Knights,

My wife and I would like to say thank you for all that has been given us during this time. We are blessed to be part of such an amazing group.

– John and Lisa Newcomb



# 4th Degree Assembly 339

By Keith Forbes, Faithful Navigator

A Salute to our Fourth Degree Membership! You all were so very good in 2022, especially with giving support to the 4th Degree Exemplification and the Honor Guard's request with Honors. Also, a special **thank you** to all the Pine Cone Assembly Officers for their energy and commitment to both lead and be involved. Additionally, a big thank you goes out to Sir Knight Wayne McDonald, who every business meeting prepared and shared topics to provide a boost **within** each of us. Thanks Wayne!

For 2023, welcome back Faithful Friar Frank Murray, coming to us in mid-January. We have missed your presence, but have been inspired by your ever-giving faith and grace in coming out of retirement to aid a Faith Community. While you were away, a Sir knight, Philip Bergin became an American Citizen; and, Romeo El Chaers' son, Karl, joined the Maine Air National Guard (The Maineiacs) under the delayed enlistment program.

In December we had three of our Sir Knights decide to become Honor Guard members and have purchased their New Suits and Regalia. They are Kenneth Albert, Romeo El Chaers and Jacob (Jake) Marquis. We could not be more **proud** and **excited** to have you join us to spread the light of Patriotism and Faith to our Parish community.

In February we will be welcoming the Seminarian from Old Town to our Parish for about four months - welcome aboard! Have you heard, Brother Doug Guerrette of Hampden was one of eleven men in the Diocese who recently celebrated the Rite of Candidacy to the permanent diaconate in Maine where they publicly expressed their intention to offer themselves in sacrifice to God by receiving ordination as a permanent deacon after their continued formation. Deacons are called to serve at the altar; to proclaim the Word of God, and to commit themselves to lives of charity. Charity is the cornerstone of the Knights of Columbus. How fitting it is for all of us to witness one of our own committing themselves in such an expression of love and joy to the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank You and Congratulations Brother Doug and Family.

Please keep in your prayers: Larry Willey – back surgery; John Newcomb – heart surgery, as well as other health concerns; and, Jimmy Landers – a medical issue.

Sir Knights, as we welcome in 2023, please know that our Faith does not go unnoticed. Thank You!



**Grand Knight Pete Star and Faithful Navigator Keith Forbes present a check for \$2200.00, the proceeds from October's Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser, to the All Saints Catholic School's Robotics Program. Also pictured are four very enthusiastic members of the 2022-2023 teams. Good luck All Saints!**



**Romeo El Chaers' son, Karl, joins the Maine Air National Guard.**

# Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Sets Record!

By Rey Dubois

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Paul Cormier Memorial Blood Drive, held at St Mary's Church Hall, and sponsored by Knights of Columbus Pine Cone Council 114, collected a new blood drive record, **46 units of blood!** Our cumulative total is 395 units of blood donated! This has potential to save up to 790 lives! Thank-you, so much to the 48 donors, parish office staff, and the many volunteers! Our apologies to those who were not able to donate, for scheduling reasons, but, you can already start signing up for the April 15, 2023 Blood Drive! **THANK YOU FOR RESPECTING AND SUPPORTING ALL HUMAN LIVES, FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH.**

The Pine Cone Council and Assembly provided 9 Brother Knights to secure donor sign-ups at all the masses the prior week as well as 9 Brother Knights to staff the drive. I was able to recruit a new Knights of Columbus candidate (Tom Lambert) and he has already completed his Form 100 and has been vetted by Monsignor Dubois!

Germaine Cormier, wife of the late Brother Knight Paul Cormier, for whom our memorial blood drive has been named, dropped by to deliver a thank-you card and some superior cookies!

Ben, the American Red Cross blood drive "lead", said that St. Paul the Apostle Parish has a reputation for high productivity blood drives. We have a "very rare" Deferred Donor score of ZERO. We also had an inspirational New Donor percentage of 20%!

All in all, I'd say we had a very successful, very blessed Saturday! Thank-you for demonstrating your love for your neighbor! God bless you, all!

## March for Life

In a recent email, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly wrote:

"I encourage all Knights across the United States to support and participate in pro-life events at the local state/province, regional or national level ... join me at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Friday, Jan. 20, 2023."

Learn more about the March for Life at <https://marchforlife.org/>.

Maine's Right to Life committee is planning a new *Hands at the Capitol* event in Augusta on April 4th to coincide with the start of the new legislative session in 2023 and to "... lovingly turn the tide on a culture of death here in Maine." Please save the date for the new April 4th event!

## Liturgical Calendar

- Jan. 1 Holy Mary, Mother of God +
- Jan. 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Jan. 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Jan. 8 Epiphany of the Lord +
- Jan. 9 Baptism of the Lord
- Jan. 23 **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**
- Jan. 25 Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Jan. 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Dr. of the Church
  
- Feb. 2 Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)
- Feb. 6 St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
- Feb. 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin
- Feb. 14 Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Monk & Bishop
- Feb. 22 **Ash Wednesday**
- Feb. 26 First Sunday of Lent

+ = Holy Day of Obligation



# Annual Christmas Party a Fun, Festive Time Together

By Brother EJ Hikel

On Dec 10th, we had a fun night with our Knights of Columbus Brothers and our families.

We were graced by so many volunteers on Friday to help prepare for the party as well as on Saturday both before and throughout the party. The food was outstanding thanks to Brother Paul Larrabee and his secret elves. The room was beautiful with the crèche scene and the center pieces courtesy of Brother David and Rachel Ferguson. Terry Larrabee meticulously arranged the tree branches, lights and ornaments. The band was led by Brother Michael Dean who delivered wonderful music and singalongs along with his band mates. Guests brought side and dessert items to share with all. Finally, Santa (aka Brother Mike Cowallis) arrived to hand out a few presents, candy canes and get the crowd to name all his reindeers! Thanks to everyone who helped to prepare and serve the food and drinks, decorating and running the 50/50.



In total for the evening, we had 31 volunteers and 80 in attendance. We had some ham, turkey and mashed potatoes left-over; so, we provided meals to a few brothers and their families that couldn't attend due to family illness - including our dear Sr. Edith and Sr. Barbara who also usually attend our Christmas party. The remainder of the food went to Bangor Homeless Shelter. The Homeless Shelter was so thankful and shared that they were able to serve over 27,000 people in 2021 with a \$0 budget for food, due only to generous donations. They were so very appreciative.



## Feedback:

**If you attended the Christmas Party do you have any suggestions?**

**If you were not able to attend the Christmas Party, what suggestions do you have to help encourage more participation?**

*Please provide your feedback to EJ Hikel at [hikelfamily@gmail.com](mailto:hikelfamily@gmail.com) or call or text 207-852-7071.*

# Awards for Outstanding Knights and Families!

October 2022



**Reynold and AnnMarie Dubois - Family of the Month:** Recognized for their great work with 40 Days for Life, but also for the recent blood drive. Rey also helps with the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and free throw contest.f



**Jacob Mages-Haskins - Knight of the Month:** Recognized for volunteering to be the Faith Director, and also for volunteering to lead the newsletter.

November 2022



**Doug and Louise Guerrette - Family of the Month:** Doug and Louise led the planning team of the parish mission. They worked for over six months to plan the four day mission with international speaker Fr. Larry Richards.



**Tim Achorn - Knight of the Month:** Tim is leading the *That Man is You* program for the second year, and he also was one of many Knights to help coordinate parking after sunset for the four nights of the retreat.

# Building the Domestic Church

By EJ Hikel

## *What is the Domestic Church?*

The phrase “domestic church” has been used to describe families since the beginning of Christianity. In his *Letter to Families*, Pope St. John Paul II explained, “The Fathers of the Church, in the Christian tradition, have spoken of the family as a ‘domestic church,’ a ‘little church.’”



The domestic church is believing that how you live your faith in your families, parishes, councils, and community has a ripple effect that changes the world.

It is the council, the family and the parish that knows that everything they do must be based in **surrendering prayer**.

The domestic church deliberately chooses to live contrary to what seems like a Godless world and says, “In our home, council and parish, we **choose to live our faith**.”

It is the family and council who prays together, goes to Mass weekly, frequents the Sacrament of Confession and (because they realize they are powerless without God), deliberately avoids that which pollutes their minds and hearts.

Although imperfect, the domestic church is rooted in being humble and joy-filled and rarely preaches the faith because they are too busy living it.

– What is the Domestic Church? | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org)

*If you are interested in leading or participating in a family event that helps enhance the domestic family, please reach out to EJ Hikel at [hikelfamily@gmail.com](mailto:hikelfamily@gmail.com) or call or text 207-852-7071.*

# Movie Review, *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love*

By Jacob Mages-Haskins

It is a rare event when a documentary movie, produced by an insurance company, and released to a limited set of movie theaters for only two nights during the work week grosses over \$1 million, but that is precisely what has happened for *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love*.

Released to public moviegoers on October 3 & 4, 2022, the documentary film tells the life story of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta intercut with stories about the impact of the ongoing work of the religious order which she founded, the Missionaries of Charity.



I saw the movie at the Movie Rocket theater on Odlin Road in Bangor with my eldest son. It was the first film that I saw in-person at a theater since before the Covid-19 pandemic began.

Growing up, I would occasionally

see stories about Mother Teresa in the news and had heard some of the controversies about her rise to sainthood. But, I did not know her whole life story. She, and her order of nuns, seemed incredibly humble and brave while on their quest to follow Christ by serving the very poorest of the poor - no matter where that might be around the world.

The film’s story pacing and videography are done very well and combine to create a moving cinematographic experience.

The film is produced by the Knights of Columbus and is available for viewing / purchase on Amazon Prime and <https://www.motherteresamovie.com/>.



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