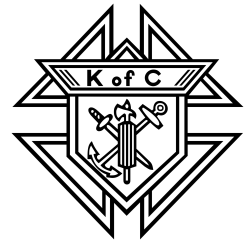




# Pine Cone Council Knights of Columbus NEWSLETTER



*March & April 2023*

## Activities

### March

- 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 \*
- 11th State Foul Shooting, 9:00 am, Old Town High School
- 11th St Patrick's Dinner, after Mass
- 14th 4th Degree Monthly Meeting, drill practice 6:30, meeting  
7:00 PM \*
- 18th Monthly Church Food Drive
- 21st Pot Luck/Game Night 6:00 PM St Mary's Church
- 23rd Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, 10 AM
- 25th Annual Bowl-a-thon, Family Fun Lanes, 12:00 PM

### April

- 1st Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity  
following the 4:00 PM Mass at St Joseph's Church
- 4th 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 \*
- 11th 4th Degree Monthly Meeting, drill practice at 6:30pm,  
meeting 7:00 PM \*
- 15th Monthly Church Food Drive
- 15th Parish Blood Drive, St Mary's Church, 8:00-1:00 PM
- 18th Pot Luck/Game Night 6:00 PM St Mary's Church
- 27th Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, 10 AM

\*= At St. Joseph's Hall



## Grand Knight's Column

By Peter Starr

Hello once again, Brothers! We have added a couple of new Knights to the Council: Leon Binette, and Ryan Young. Please congratulate them when you see them. Let's continue to invite new men to join the Knights.

As we continue to celebrate Lent our Brother Chris Popper is back to doing the fish chowder on Fridays, after mass at St John's church. We're also going have our annual Bowl-a-thon and I hope to see many Brother Knights there participating and having fun. Stay tuned to an upcoming new focus on evangelizing as a council.



We also have several opportunities coming up to participate in virtual presentations about benefits available through the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Registration materials should be available now, more to come.

God Bless you all!!!

# 4th Degree Assembly 339

By Keith Forbes, Faithful Navigator

Hello Sir Knight,

If you haven't been to a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree business meeting in a while, please consider attending on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, meeting to start at 7 pm.

Mar/Apr Drill practice, 6:30 pm, we will be practicing upstairs in the Church these two months before the business meetings. A change in venue may place another level of grandeur and patriotism to the practice.

The **Honor Guard is invited** to attend the Maine State Council Knights of Columbus Annual Convention for **Mass and Banquet** on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Hampton Inn here in Bangor. It would be grand to have a large Honor Guard Contingent to help support our very own State Deputy Jon Harvey and to share in the excitement of our State Convention. The cost of the meal may be about \$35.00 per person. If you wanted to just be part of the honor guard, but not stay for supper, that would be fine as well, just let me know please, we would love to have you.

## **PATRIOTIC EXEMPLIFICATION – May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The W. Robert Batchelder Assembly 0357 will be hosting the Armed Forces Day Exemplification on 20 May at St. Thomas School in Sanford. Mass will follow with a Knighting at Holy Family Church. Honoree is Father Bill Labbe. There will be a social after Mass but no banquet. Fee is \$50 (written to the District Master) with a Form 4 sent to Executive Secretary/PSD Mark Bourgoin. There is an electronic Form 4 to be filled out, just let Keith Forbes know, and he'll email you a registration form. For more information, please call Keith at: 207-735-4131.

In closing, I hope to see you at our next meeting, and look forward to catching up with each of you. Together we can accomplish Patriotic, Faithful things here on Earth.

# Liturgical Calendar

Mar. 5 St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin  
Mar. 5 2nd Sunday of Lent  
Mar. 12 3rd Sunday of Lent  
Mar. 17 St. Patrick, Bishop  
Mar. 19 4th Sunday of Lent  
Mar. 20 St. Joseph, Spouse of Bl. Virgin Mary  
Mar. 25 The Annunciation  
Mar. 26 5th Sunday of Lent

Apr. 2 **Palm Sunday**  
Apr. 6 **Holy Thursday**  
Apr. 7 **Good Friday**  
Apr. 8 **Holy Saturday**  
Apr. 9 **Easter Sunday**  
Apr. 16 2nd Sunday of Easter  
Apr. 23 3rd Sunday of Easter  
Apr. 25 St. Mark, Evangelist  
Apr. 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Doc. of the Church  
Apr. 30 4th Sunday of Easter

## Free Throw Competition

Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Champions! The competition was held 1/28/23, at St John's campus of All Saints School.



**Our 5 Council 114 CHAMPIONS: Patrick Marquis, April Langley, Catie Hikel, Lexi Hikel, and Gabe Hikel**

# Life Committee Report

By Rey Dubois, Chairperson

Thank you, Brothers, for all that you do for the people around you, especially the pre-born babies, newly born babies, young parents, and the elderly! You are right... We don't usually know, for sure, what the results of our efforts are, but GOD KNOWS... and, that's good enough for me!

Please continue to thank God for the June 24, 2022 overturning of Roe V Wade! Thank-you, God, for all the Knights who helped make the Jan 20, 2023, 50th Annual National March for Life the most successful march ever!

Do you remember that our Assembly and Council donated \$600 to Waterville Council 13486, to assist in their fundraising to purchase a new ultrasound unit for Waterville's First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, approximately 4 months ago. I looked at our Supreme website and found this program quote that supports our donation: "Through **ASAP** (Aid and Support After Pregnancy), for every \$500 a council or assembly donates to a qualifying non-profit pregnancy resource center or maternity home, the Supreme Council will issue a \$100 grant to the same qualifying organization." Our Supreme Council clearly prioritizes the Culture of Life!

In 2021, Knights donated \$4.6 million and 469,000 volunteer hours to support pregnancy centers and the women and children they serve through cash donations and community service activities such as baby and maternity item drives. **Hey**, is it time for us to start another fundraiser to support our Bangor First Step Pregnancy Resource Center? I will investigate the **ASAP** program a bit more, and see how we can raise community awareness about support for life, and support for First Step! Search [kofc.org/ASAP](http://kofc.org/ASAP)

Please place these important items on your calendar:

1. Augusta 40 Days for Life, Spring Campaign, February 22 to April 2, 2023. Search [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com).
2. Hands At the Capital, April 4, 2023, Augusta, ME. I'm uncertain of the time and specific events. Search [mainerighttolife.com](http://mainerighttolife.com).
3. 13th Annual Paul Cormier Blood Drive, April, 15, 2023, 8:00 to 2:00, at St Mary's Church hall. Search [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).
4. Bangor, 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign, September 27 to November 5, 2023.

I, also, very much encourage you to examine our St Paul the Apostle Parish website to see the wealth of info and opportunities that God provides. Search [stpaulbangor.me](http://stpaulbangor.me). Hit the tab for Parish Life and Events, and scroll down to Knights of Columbus and Respect Life and Pregnancy Support. Step up to the challenge to help those in need! Love your brothers as yourself! May God bless you as you do his will!

## Mark Your Calendars to Give the Gift of Life

Our next council blood drive is April 15th at St. Mary's Church. Last Fall's blood drive broke records for us. Please help us continue this good work and consider contacting the Bangor American Red Cross to schedule your time to donate.





## **Patriotic Exemplification**

**Hosted by Assembly No. 0357**

Saturday May 20, 2023

Armed Forces Day

**Candidate fee: \$50.00**

**Honoring:**

**Fr. Bill Labbe**

## **Schedule of Events**

### **St. Thomas School**

( 69 North Ave., Sanford, Maine )

11:00 EST: Candidate Check-in

13:00 EST: Exemplification

### **Holy Family Church**

( 66 North Ave., Sanford, Maine )

16:00 EST: Mass

Social immediately following Mass



#### **Dress Code: Candidates as described below:**

Dark Suit, white dress shirt with lay down collar (no collar buttons); tie; dark socks; and dress shoes.

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# Knights of Columbus Family Program

## Good Friday Family Promotion

By EJ Hikel, Family Committee Chairperson

### OVERVIEW

Despite Good Friday's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. In an effort to change this, Supreme has asked councils to encourage participation in Good Friday services through a promotional campaign. Setting an example for their community, Knights will attend Good Friday services with their families and work with their pastors to encourage increased parishioner involvement at these liturgies. In conjunction with these efforts, councils will also work to educate their parishes about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land.

### A HIGHER PURPOSE

Our goal is to bring families into a more robust practice and better understanding of our Catholic faith and the Triduum. In an effort to increase parish attendance and involvement, Pine Cone Council will conduct a promotional campaign to educate their parishes on the vital importance of Good Friday. We are working with Msgr. Dubois to see how we can help. This may include:

- Fish chowder Fridays in Lent
- Posters encouraging attending Good Fridays
- Brother Knights commitments to attend all Good Friday services

### Calling all Knights

April 7th is Good Friday. Which mass are you going to? Who can you invite to go with you?

Can you volunteer to serve or clean up with any of the Fish Chowder Fridays?

## Partners for Peace Playroom Transformed

By Keith Forbes and Jacob Mages-Haskins

"Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!" said Kelli Pittman of Partners for Peace. Partners for Peace is the domestic violence resource center for Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties.

Kelli had reached out to the Knights to paint a room to be used for a playroom. They were pretty thankful for our involvement. Brothers Jeff Schaller, David Carmack and Jeff Schaller had a background check, completed registration forms and then were granted entry into the confidential location of the Safe House here in Bangor.

Our three Knights transformed a sparse room needing a facelift into a very clean, neat space. Our parish's generous donations enabled Kelli's staff to stock the room with the comforts of home - games, toys, artwork, couches, curtains, and more. Big win for our area Families in Crisis, and a huge thank you to our three Painting Heroes!

## St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner Announced



Save this date: March 11th, 2023

Where: St. John's church hall

When: After 4 PM Mass

Come share some good food and Irish traditions with our parish community!

If you are available to help with ticket sales, or simply want to purchase tickets in advance to this popular annual event, please contact Keith Forbes. [Editor: His contact details are in the back of the newsletter.]

## Bean Supper Success

By Keith Forbes

Thanks to the help of our ladies we pulled off another successful fundraiser. At least three wives helped with serving the meal last evening, several others helped with clean-up, so thankful for the real-big help and support.

Much thanks for the kitchen crew, great job with all the prep work throughout the day, the serving crew, the clean-up and everyone chipping in to pick-up and wiping everything down and putting everything away.

Thanks for the 50/50 crew!!!!

Oh, and thank you to our musicians for their humor, fun, laughter and sweet sounding music. Loved it!!

## Book Review, *Cold-Case Christianity, For Kids*

By Jacob Mages-Haskins

One of my hobbies is reading (when I get a few spare moments!) Christian and Catholic apologetics materials. Apologetics is the study of defending religious beliefs. Many early Christian writers engaged in this kind of writing, and the field of study continues today.

I've volunteered over the years as a Catechist for a wide range of ages, from Pre-Kindergarten through High School. The kids all have great levels of faith. They love Jesus. But, being kids, they have questions and want to know that what they believe is actually true. My interest in apologetics has helped guide them through these kinds of questions.



One of the more interesting books that I've read for these kinds of questions is [Cold-Case Christianity, For Kids](#) by former cold-case homicide detective J. Warner Wallace. The book (though not explicitly Catholic) follows a group of Detective Cadets working on the mystery of the old skateboard as they learn skills like gathering evidence,

spotting the truth, and understanding what a "reasonable doubt" actually is. In each chapter, the cadets apply the new skills to thinking about the Gospel and the story of the Resurrection.

Mr. Wallace also publishes an adult version of the material, but this Young Adult book is a fast read, teaches the same skills, and could be very accessible to the young people in your life as we enter the Lenten and Easter seasons. During this time of the year, our minds naturally think more about Christ's Passion, and this book can help us all think about it more clearly.

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