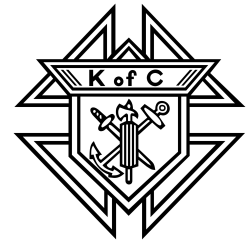


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May & June 2023

Activities

May

- 2nd 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 *
- 9th 4th Degree Monthly Meeting, drill practice 6:30, meeting
7:00 PM *
- 12th Mother Teresa movie, St. Mary's church, 6 PM
- 13th Mother Teresa movie, St. Gabriel's church, 6 PM
- 14th State Operation Wheelchair, @Togus VA Home
- 16th Pot Luck/Game Night 6:00 PM St Mary's Church
- 20th Monthly Church Food Drive
- 20th Placement of flags at Mount Pleasant Cemetery
- 25th Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, 10 AM

June

- 3rd Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity
following the 4:00 PM Mass at St Joseph's Church
- 3rd Maine State Candlepin Bowling Tournament, Augusta
- 6th 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 *
- 9th-11th **SPECIAL OLYMPICS!!**
- 13th 4th Degree Monthly Meeting, drill practice at 6:30pm,
meeting 7:00 PM *
- 16th Monthly Church Food Drive
- 18th Pot Luck/Game Night 6:00 PM St Mary's Church
- 22th Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, 10 AM

*= At St. Joseph's Hall

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He Is Risen!

Alleluia!

Grand Knight's Column

By Peter Starr

Happy Spring, Brothers! Once again, the temperatures are warming up and all the wonderful colors awoken from the Winter nap. I hope you all did well.

At our May meeting we will be having steak! Please come enjoy a good meal, and fraternity with your Brothers! Some of you we haven't seen in a long time and have been missed.

Our Faithful Navigator, Keith Forbes will be off to Alaska until June 30 th to help his son build a home. Please pray for his safe travels. He is one of our biggest background workers as you all know so his absence will be felt but he has earned some time away with his family. May the Lord bring you many blessings on your journey, Sir Knight!

The annual State Convention is being held April 21, 22 & 23, and I will pass on all the information I get from it. Fortunately, it is being held locally so I can enjoy the comfort of my own bed!

God Bless you all!!!

4th Degree Assembly 339

By Keith Forbes, Faithful Navigator

Hello Spring, and welcome Sir Knight Vincent (Jim) Fazzino the former GK of St. Joseph Council 16255, Vacaville, California. In with the new and out with the old, well not so old, Romeo El Chaer came to us two years ago from Beirut, Lebanon, and he and his family have left their mark on our Council, Assembly and our Parish. We shall miss each one of them as they all have pleasant personalities and live by Christ's loving touch. All the very best in Houston, Texas, to all of you. On June 25th I head to Harvester Island in Alaska to help our son build a summer home. Sir Knight Tim Acorn has accepted the responsibility to fill in for me during my absence. We have some things lined up to be Patriotic in nature about, please help out and enjoy these opportunities as they will surely be rewarding experiences.

The first opportunity is the Memorial Day Observance, again this year we have volunteered to place American Flags on our deceased veterans resting place in Mount Hope Cemetery on May 20th, a Saturday, at 9AM. Our Honor Guard has been invited to raise the flag on this day in tribute to our fallen brothers and sisters for their service to this great country, our home. In addition we have volunteered to purchase some water, hot coffee and donuts for the occasion.

Secondly, providing Honor Guard marchers for the Summer Special Olympic Games here at Orono University on June 9th for 5pm. Please arrive at the assembly parking lot across the street from the Collins Performing Arts Building on campus. This is always a very special time, walking down the middle of the street with fans packed along the parade route, many rendering the hand salute when the American Flag passes them by. The crowd loves to see the Knights and their Flags waving freely.

Third, the 4th of July Independence Day Parade and the KofC Float. Please spread the word and an invitation to anyone who might want to help sing patriotic songs along with us. We had such great fun last year, the mood was just right and our Music leader Michael Cowallis was happy and proud to be helping spread patriotism throughout the Parade Route. Please consider joining us this year, reach out to Rey Dubois at 207-249-8038 to volunteer.

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Fourth, there is a 4th Degree in person Exemplification in Sanford, Maine on May 20th. If interested in Marching in the Degree and Mass, please let Sir Knight Ken Allen know at 207-469-2781 and to possibly carpool down.

At the May business meeting there will be a quick officers election, I'll be asking Sir Knight Bob Miller to conduct the elections.

Sir Knights best of health to each of you and yours, have a splendid next couple of months.

Liturgical Calendar

May 7 5th Sunday of Easter
May 14 6th Sunday of Easter
May 18 **Ascension of the Lord +**
May 21 7th Sunday of Easter
May 28 **Pentecost Sunday**
Jun. 4 The Most Holy Trinity
Jun. 11 **Corpus Christi**
Jun. 16 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Jun. 17 Immaculate Heart of Mary
Jun. 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Jun. 29 Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
+ = Holy Day of Obligation

Volunteer Work Opportunity

Where? **Shepherd's Godparent Home**

Tuesday, May 9, 2023. 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Monday, May 15, 2023. 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

We will be painting (wall and trim work) at one of their homes for pregnant women (and their families): Kitchen and Living Area.

Let Dave Carmack (DavidBCarmack@me.com or 207-356-0391) know if you are interested, and he will send more details.

Mother Teresa Movie

The KofC-produced movie, *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love*, will be screened on Friday, May 12 at St. Mary's church at 6 PM, and on Saturday, May 13 at St. Gabriel's church also at 6 PM. Please come and enjoy this moving film on the life and impact of a saint many of us remember.

Community Faith in Action Report

By Jeffrey Schaller, Community Committee Chairperson

Greetings, Brother Knights. The cold winter months are hopefully behind us now with warmer weather and more outdoor opportunities coming soon. I would like to bring you up to speed on some community events that are on the horizon for our council.

The first topic is our Monthly Food Drives. Our food drive weekend for May will be the weekend of the 20th /21st . As I reported in our April meeting, we collected **1538 lbs** of food and **\$501** in cash. Since the beginning of this calendar year, the Parish has collected **3,949 ½ lbs** of food and **\$1,512** in cash and Hannaford gift cards. To get a perspective of how these figures equate over a year of collections, last year (which by the way was the first year the Knights played an active role in these collections), the Parish collected **15,645.2 lbs** (nearly 8 tons) and **\$6,131.00** dollars in cash and Hannaford gift cards. Through my involvement with the Bangor Ecumenical Food Cupboard, I have learned that the cash donations are extremely important. For every dollar that is donated to any of the food cupboards, it buys 6 lbs of food from the Food Bank. So the **\$6,131.00 turns into another 36,786 lbs of food** (an additional 18 tons of food) for a **combined total of 52,431.2 lbs of food** to feed those in need.

I can't say how thankful I am for the help everyone has done to make this a success.

I would also like to bring you up to date on some other Community events that are coming up for which we could always use extra volunteer.

Tuesday May 9th – David Carmack is organizing another paint project at one of the Shepherd's Godparent houses. He says that it is not a large project and if we can get 4-5 guys - the more the merrier since we have never turned anyone away at any of our painting projects, it should go pretty quickly. I think that he said it was a kitchen area and involves some walls and trim work. He has also set aside **Monday, May 15th** as a second day to finish up the project if it does not get done on Tuesday. Paint and material will be there, so just show up for a couple hours of great conversation with Brother Knights.

The weekend of June 9th – 11th:

2023 Special Olympics Annual State Summer Games



Special Olympics
Maine

“Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt!”

With the recently lifted Return to Play Protocols following COVID, UMaine in Orono is hosting this weekend long event which includes Friday evening's parade, opening ceremonies, and torch lighting by the Maine State Police and other law enforcement officers. Both Saturday and Sunday have a full slate of track and field events outside as well as indoor wheelchair and walking events and a full Bocce competition.

So, how can Brother Knights at Pine Cone Council get involved in this event? First, in the past the Honor Guard has participated in the parade, so it would be great if we could assemble as many 4th degree members as possible so that we can represent the entire State. During the actual sporting events on Saturday and Sunday, volunteers are needed in a number of capacities from handing out water and other needs to cheering on the athletes and being 'Huggers'. Since these games were canceled in 2020 & 2021 and was a greatly condensed to one day last year, it is expected that this year is going to be huge. In our May meeting I will discuss more on this event as well as recruit volunteers.

Exemplification Team Update

By Spike Brimmer

THE EXEMPLIFICATION OF CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY

PART ONE – WE SAY GOOD-BYE We welcome new knights into our council through the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, a 30-minute ceremonial during which candidates become 3rd degree members of the Knights of Columbus. Sponsors, family members, brother knights and members of the community are welcome to attend these events. Pine Cone Council has an exemplification team that is second to none. Brother Michael Caruso, Sr. has been a presenter and a valued team member since this exemplification was introduced, but he has decided that he is no longer able to continue this role. To express our thanks for his degree team involvement, we named him the honoree for our exemplification on April 1, 2023. Past honorees have included the pope, saints and blessed; Mike is in good company! His presence on the team will be sorely missed. Here is the announcement that I made at the ceremony:

Mike is a highly valued member of our council who goes above and beyond in many ways. Most notable is how Mike lives our order's lessons of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism in his daily life. Mike has served as our team's Presenter on Fraternity since the inception of this ceremony, and his presentations have always been nothing short of exceptional. Speaking as the team captain, Mike, I will miss you tremendously. Your shoes will be hard to fill. I speak for the entire team, the leaders and members of the Pine Cone Council 114, District Deputy Jamie Berube and State Deputy Jon Harvey in offering you our sincere gratitude for your service on this team. We love you, Mike.

PART TWO – WE SAY HELLO We are looking for a few brothers to provide backup and flexibility for our excellent degree team. The primary requirement for our presenters is that they possess good reading skills and the ability to engage with the audience. Presenters work from a podium with a full script, which is not difficult. The scripts do not need to be memorized, but the presentations are more effective as the presenters become more familiar with the material. The ceremonial provides an excellent introduction to the principles of the Knights of Columbus and what it means to be a member of the order. A Supreme Council video of the ceremonial can be viewed online or downloaded from <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/exemplification-video.html>. The ceremonial script and instructions may be downloaded from the same page (click on "download"). We hold our council ceremonials a few times a year, generally in August, October, December, February, April and June. Would serving on our team be a ministry that you might feel called to take on? Please get in touch with me to ask any questions or to sign up. My cell number is 207-478-9620. My email is spike@brimmer.info.

Team Positions:

Chaplain (Generally our council chaplain); *Presiding Officer* (Master of ceremonies. Links all the parts together.); *Presenter on Charity*; *Presenter on Unity*; *Presenter on Fraternity*; *Investing Officer* (Generally the council's grand knight. Brief speaking part.); *Warden* (Leads candidates and demonstrates unity. Not a speaking part.); *Financial Secretary* (Generally the council's financial secretary. Not a speaking part); *Reception Coordinator* (Fully responsible for organizing and running the reception following the event. He works independently of the rest of the team. He arranges for assistants as needed.)

Our exemplifications are held immediately following Mass in the sanctuary of one of our parish churches. We encourage you and your families to attend, in support of incoming members and to show solidarity with the council.

May is the Month of Mary; June is the Sacred Heart of Jesus

By EJ Hikel, Family Committee Chairperson

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori, is challenging us during the month of Mary, to draw closer to Our Lady by offering one decade of the rosary each day for her motherly aid and help. He also wants us to reflect on the questions: Do you really think of Mary as your mother? How can you better seek out her help in all your needs and problems?

The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori, is challenging us during the month of June, to serve the poor, the sick and the lonely. The reflection question is: Does the plight of others move you? Do you see suffering and go about your business or are you moved to provide real assistance? Do you pray for others who are suffering?

Local Brother Helps Settle Refugees

From Romeo El Chaer

After months of planning and preparation, the newly opened Refugee and Immigration Services (RIS) office in Greater Bangor welcomed two families in late February, and the community rolled out the red carpet. A group of dedicated volunteers helped the staff secure housing, find donated furniture and housewares, pull together moving teams, and even plowed snow to make the move possible.

“Approximately 10 fully loaded vehicles and trucks and more than 15 volunteers helped the newcomers families have warm, cleaned houses, showing the kindness and generosity of the welcoming spirit of this beautiful community,” reported Romeo El Chaer, case management specialist, RIS Greater Bangor. Along with individual volunteers, local organizations pitched into the community work, along with the RIS Greater Bangor office, including:

- Maine Multi-Cultural Center (MMCC)
- Welcome Immigrants Neighbors (WIN) – Bangor
- Kiwanis Orono-Old Town
- Welcome to Housing
- **Knights of Columbus Council 114 – Bangor**

Welcome to Greater Bangor’s New Mainers, and thanks to the volunteers and organizations who helped with their move.

Maine State Bowling Tournament

State Candle Pin Bowling on June 3, 2023, at 1-7-10 Bowling & Entertainment Center, 2246 N Belfast Ave., Augusta, ME. Contact our Grand Knight for Registration Details. Good luck to all competitors!

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Correction: The March-April issue of the Newsletter incorrectly reported that Kelli Pittman worked for Partners for Peace. She in fact works as the coordinator for the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry at St. Paul the Apostle Parish. Sorry for the mix-up!

Bowlathon Fundraiser a HUGE Success!



After packing all the lanes at the bowling alley, co-Knights of the Month Merico Meucci and John Newcomb, along with Grand Knight Pete Starr and Treasurer EJ Hikel, present a \$4000 donation to Barbara Ford of the Shepherd's Godparent House, a home for pregnant women.

March 2023 Family-of-the-Month



Thanks for all that you do, Keith and Barb Forbes!

Family Committee Report

By EJ Hikel, Chairperson

Greetings Brother Knights, I hope you had a beautiful Easter. Thank you for participating in our first Family Good Friday Promotion. Hopefully you saw the KC posters in our churches and sampled some of the Friday Fish Chowders during Lent. Please join me in thanking our Chowder Crew, which included: Gerry Ford, Kevin Cronin, Joe Sardina, Kris Clark, Blake Langley, Tom Dee and of course we could not have done it without Chris Popper who made the amazing chowder each Friday.

Picture this...it is Super Bowl Sunday and before you watch the big game, you and your wife will be heading to mass at St. Theresa's Church in Brewer. The parking lot is full and it is dark out so you pull up to the church to let your wife out and you proceed to park the car. After parking the car, you proceed to cross the street and you are struck by a truck. You survive the accident, but after hitting your head and breaking many bones, you are left blind, and have long term motor challenges. Your retirement dreams are gone and someone must take care of you for the rest of your life. A few years later, your wife dies of cancer and one of your daughters moves in to take care of you. Your daughter also works full time to support *her* family back in Massachusetts. This is a true story. This is what happened to our Brother Don Factor.

How can you help this family?

To assist his daughter, Catherine, to have a little break each week, the Knights provide a meal for them. Meals can be simple and flexible to your schedule although weekdays are preferred. Some of your brother Knights are on a rotation where they provide a meal about every eight weeks but the flexibility is there for people to just help once a year. Are you being called to help?

Please check out the link below for more detail and contact me with any additional questions.

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Our next big event will be to help support the Parish Picnic. Look for more information soon about date and volunteer opportunities. Thanks!

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