

# Pine Cone Council Knights of Columbus NEWSLETTER



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January & February, 2017

## Activities

### January

- 5<sup>th</sup> Monthly Business Meeting; Officers Meet at 5:30 PM;  
Rosary at 6 PM; Dinner at 6:30; Business Mtg. at 7PM.  
Menu: Chicken Noodle Soup by Ed Beaulieu.\*
- 12<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Business Meeting 7 PM. Honor Guard  
practice at 6:30 PM.\*
- 14<sup>th</sup> Foul shooting competition 9 AM All Saints School  
St. John's campus.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Pro-life rally – Hands Around the Capitol in Augusta.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Monthly social- game night at 6 PM.\*
- 20<sup>th</sup> Bangor Veterans Mass, Time 2 PM.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 10 AM. Help needed.
- 27<sup>th</sup> March for Life Washington, D.C.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jazz Brunch 8:30 & 10 AM at St. John's Church.
- 29<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification 6 PM.\*
- Jazz Festival** – date to be announced – watch Parish Bulletin;  
if interested in helping, call Grand Knight 990-9392.

### February

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monthly Business Meeting; Officers Meet at 5:30 PM;  
Rosary at 6 PM; Dinner at 6:30; Business Mtg. at 7PM.  
Menu by Michael Caruso.\*
- 4<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser - Patrick Donovan, St. Mary's campus 5:30 PM  
Spaghetti Dinner.
- 9<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Business Meeting 7 PM. Honor Guard  
practice at 6:30 PM.\*
- 9<sup>th</sup> District Foul Shooting Competition.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser, Bean Supper, St. John's Church.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Bangor Veterans Mass at 2 PM.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 10 AM. Help needed.
- 26<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification 6 PM.\*
- March – Paul Cormier Memorial Blood Drive March 4<sup>th</sup>,  
Mark your calendars please.
- \* = At St. Mary's Church in main hall.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly 339

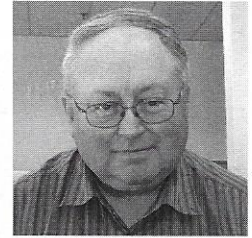
By Walter Kamyk, Faithful Navigator

Hello Brother Knights,  
Another great year has passed us by. We have been very busy this year and I wanted to thank you all for your help and support of our many projects. I am

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## Grand Knight's Column

By John Barry



We're into the new year 2017! This should be an exciting year for religious liberty and Right to Life. The majority in Washington are in support of these two important issues of faith and family. Historically, this is the first time since March 1929 that the GOP is in control of the White House, Senate and Congress. Let's hope and pray that they have better luck than Herbert Hoover did.

Our Pasta for Priests was a smashing success this year. The proceeds on the dinner should yield a Christmas gift of \$100 for each of our nine seminarians. Unlike last year when the meatballs ran out before everyone was through the serving line, everything held out to the grand finale. Many thanks to all the brother knights and their family members that brought this activity to a great conclusion. A special word of thanks to our executive chef Marvin Garrick, and associate executive chef Sir Knight Paul Larrabee.

The 2016 Christmas Pot Luck Dinner and Celebration will be over by the time this newsletter reaches you. Sir Knight E.J. Hikel was the lead knight in this annual festivity with Santa (Saint Nick) assisting. This festivity activity involves the whole family and a great wrap up for the year's activities.

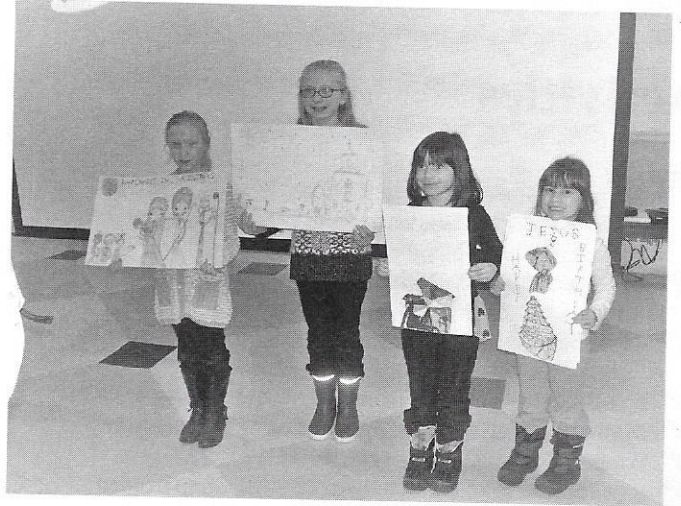
On Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, we held a First Degree Exemplification for five brother knights in Saint Mary's Chapel. It was attended by our new pastor and chaplain, Father Sir Knight Frank Murray.

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# Pine Cone Council's Christmas Party



Saint Nicholas heard many requests from youngsters attending Pine Cone Council's annual Christmas Party.



Sophia Soucy, Elise Soucy, Alexandra Hikel, and Catherine Hikel of All Saints School were among the winners of Pine Cone Council's "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest.



Servers shown as they assisted party goers at the sumptuous buffet (including a dessert table) at the Council's annual Christmas Party.



A large crowd attended the Council's annual Christmas Party at St. John's Church.

## Tootsie Roll Drive Is Very Successful

By Bill Bennett, Drive Chairman

A very sincere thank you to each of the 37 brothers who helped make this year's Tootsie Roll Drive a huge success. The Lord also contributed by providing us with very mild weather. Some mornings we had some cool starts, and a little rain during the Marden's Sunday, but overall we were blessed with very nice weather.

Each of the collection business sites were very successful over the course of the three weekends. At Dysart's our total was a little more than \$1,990, at Marden's we collected \$950, while at Sam's the total was \$2,556.

As for the collections after each of the Masses, I don't know if it was the nice weather, the announcement by the priests that we were collecting, or the announcement that St. Paul the Apostle Parish had reached its goal for the Catholic Charities Fund Drive, but every church was very generous. St. Mary's far exceeded expectations by collecting over \$550. I didn't hear exactly what or how they did it, but congratulations to Mike Caruso, Joe Pickering, Rey Dubois, and Larry Willey for their efforts at St. Mary's. The total for all the churches of St. Paul the Apostle Parish was over \$1,410.

The total for our 2016 Tootsie Roll Drive was just over \$6,908. **Then at our November meeting additional contributions were made bringing the total to \$7,010.51.** The money we collected will be distributed among the Special Olympics, the Levinson Center, Camp Capella, and Pine Tree Camp.

Thanks again to the 37 brothers who donated their time for a job well done!

## Culture of Life Column

By Gerald Thibodeau, Editor

### Hands Around the Capitol

Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>

Augusta, Maine

Mark your calendars to join **Bishop Robert Deeley** and **Governor Paul LePage** at Hands Around the Capitol in Augusta. This event marks the 44<sup>th</sup> memorial anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the U.S Supreme Court decision that legalized the killing of unborn children.

Sponsored by the Maine Right to Life Committee, this event is where citizens publicly recognize and mourn the Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade, which has legalized the killing of over 50 million unborn babies. The event also provides an impact on those who witness the solemn march.

The Schedule of Events is as follows:

10 AM Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church,  
41 Western Avenue, Augusta

OR

Prayer Service at Penney Memorial  
Baptist Church 393 Water St., Augusta

11 AM Gather at St. Michael's School Gym –  
network with other pro-life people –  
refreshments

11:15 AM Rally with Bishop Robert Deeley,  
Gov. LePage and other pro-life leaders

12:15 March begins - we leave for the Capitol

12:30 We assemble around the Capitol.

*(Note – Many constitutional scholars including some current Supreme Court justices believe that Roe v. Wade is unconstitutional and that the U.S. Supreme Court in 1973 erred in its decision. President Trump has promised to appoint conservative judges in the future who would reverse this decision and return the issue of abortion to the individual states for legislation as was the case before Roe v. Wade.)*

## Financial Secretary's Report

By Thomas Chaloult

As reported in the last newsletter, we had a tremendously successful Tootsie Roll campaign this year. The best part occurred at Sam's Club despite the presence of the Children's Miracle Network also collecting donations for their worthwhile program.

In December, the Council was able to give scholarships to all eight of the seminarians now studying for the priesthood. This was accomplished in part by a generous donation of \$1,500 from an anonymous member. Thanks to a charitable individual.

Dues payments continue to come in. Thanks to all who have responded so far. Second notices will be mailed by January 15.

## Faithful Navigator's Report

By Walter Kamyk

especially proud of your support of our parish priests, nuns and seminarians. The work you do to help them is noticed by many. Another example of your work is "Pasta for Priests" which we just finished up with great success. It is these things that we do that glad-dings the heart.

We have a bean supper that supports the 4<sup>th</sup>/Patriot Degree for the year on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February at St. John's, and we will be looking for help putting this on.

Ash Wednesday this year is on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

For those of you who wish to advance from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree to the 4<sup>th</sup>/Patriotic Degree, this degree will take place in Waterville this year in May. Please consider this and let us know of your interest. I am optimistic that we can make a difference through our prayers and our support this coming year.

## Grand Knight's Column

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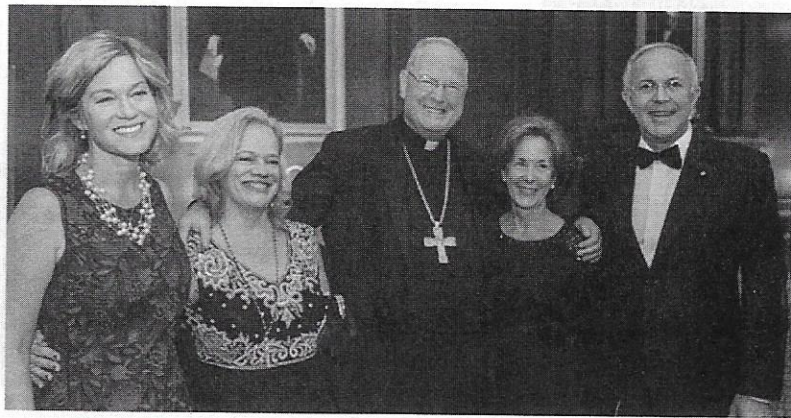
Many thanks, Father, for your enthusiastic support of Pine Cone Council 114. Our next two First Degree Exemplifications will be on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>, and February 26<sup>th</sup> in Saint Mary's Chapel.

We will hold our annual Jazz Brunch at a date to be determined with the traditional two sittings at 8:30 and 10:30 AM in Saint John's Church Hall. This enjoyable event raises money to support our youth ministry program. It was established five or six years ago by Father Seamus who masterfully plays the double bass fiddle. The kitchen will be under the direction of our executive chef, Sir Knight Marvin. It will be a great way to break up the dreary winter season.

As we conclude 2016, may I wish our brother knights and their families a blessed and joyous Christmas season and a wonderful and prosperous New Year in 2017. May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

## Supreme Knight Receives Award

Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson recently received the Great Defender of Life Award from *Human Life Review*, a journal devoted to issues related to the right to life.



Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and his wife, Dorian, join (from left) Jeanne Mancini, president of the March for Life; Maria McFadden Maffucci, editor of the *Human Life Review* and Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, archbishop of New York, at the award banquet Oct. 29.

# **Fundraising Event**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**All Saints School, St. Mary's Campus**  
By Keith Forbes

For the last six years Pat Donovan's health declined so that even simple activities left him gasping for breath and coughing relentlessly – he was dying. Pat had Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, a disease with no known cause, no cure and no treatment other than a double lung transplant.

He had to let go of so much. First outdoor activities with his wife Kim and two young adult daughters; then helping with home care; eventually his ability to walk to church or to continue working; and finally the ability to get his own meals or care for himself without help.

One thing he never let go was his deep faith and his patient spirit. As he weakened, they seemed to strengthen. Pat was planning his funeral when after only 30 days on the transplant list he received THE CALL and underwent a double lung transplant on July 31, 2016. His new life began!

Pat is healing well and slowly regaining strength, but returning to work is a long time off. His wife Kim, who works for social service, is now the sole earner and has already depleted her paid time off caring for Pat. The uninsured transplant expenses are daunting: travel, lodging, and food for trips twice a month to the Boston transplant clinic; co-pays and deductibles for therapies and the daily medications Pat will need for the rest of his life; and the cost of radical dietary and lifestyle changes that are necessary to stave off infection and organ rejection.

To help with the financial burden of Pat's uninsured expenses, our Council is hosting a fundraising event in conjunction with St. Paul the Apostle Parish.

If you would like to be on the planning committee, please contact me soon at 735-4131 or mail me at [keithforbes4@gmail.com](mailto:keithforbes4@gmail.com).

A hearty Spaghetti Dinner with all the fixings and live entertainment.

Date: February 4<sup>th</sup>

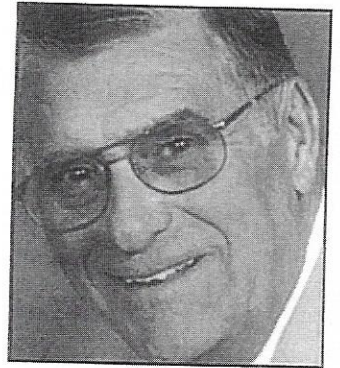
Place: All Saints Catholic School, St. Mary's Campus

Time: 5:30 PM

This event we trust will draw a very large crowd, therefore I ask you to please volunteer your time for helping with this event.

## **George E. Cyr – Bangor State Deputy 1978-1980**

By K of C State Historian Ron Sanbourin



Our 41<sup>st</sup> State Deputy was born in Van Buren, Maine, and was one of 17 children. He was born on September 8, 1926. His education included High School, graduating in 1946 and one year in Bangor School of Commerce. Brother George E. Cyr and his lovely wife Helena are the proud parents of 5 children, 2 boys and 3 girls. They are grandparents of 6 grandchildren and resided in Hermon, Maine.

Brother Cyr joined the Knights of Columbus when he joined his home town Van Buren Council No. 1635 in 1948. Eighteen years later after moving to Bangor he transferred his membership to the Pine Cone Council No. 114 in Bangor. George served the Bangor Knights in many capacities beginning with Chancellor from 1969 to 1970, and Grand Knight from 1970 to 1972. He was appointed State Membership Director in 1971-74 and State Publicity Director in 1972. He became a member of the Fourth Degree in 1971, and was elected Faithful Captain of his Assembly, Pine Cone Assembly No. 0339. He was elected Faithful Navigator in 1974 and served for two years.

Brother Cyr was elected State Warden in 1974-75, State Treasurer 1975-77, State Secretary 1977-78 and State Deputy 1978-80. As State Deputy he instituted the "Tootsie Roll" program to raise money for mentally challenged and handicapped persons. Past State Deputy William Meador was its first chairman. He also instituted the "Tour" program to raise money for the general fund. Upon his retirement as State Deputy he was appointed New Council Development Director in 1980 and served in this capacity for three years.

He is a former Chairman of the Board of Directors of Eastern Transportation. This organization served the needs of senior citizens and the handicapped of Penobscot and Piscataquis counties. He was also Chairman of the Friends of the Levinson Center, Inc. George chaired the project which raised over \$230,000 for the construction and upkeep of a building that covered an outdoor swimming pool at the Levinson Center, a home for profoundly mentally and physically disabled.

Brother Cyr returned to the Pine Cone Assembly No. 0339 and was once again elected as Faithful Navigator in 1981 and 1982. Sir Knight Cyr was appointed to the Office of State Master of the Fourth Degree for the Bishop James A. Healy Province of Maine on September 1, 1982 and again on September 1, 1984 by the then Supreme Master Dan McCormack and served until his elevation to Vice Supreme Master on September 1, 1987.

Sir Knight Cyr was directly involved in the institution of Councils in Milo-Brownville, Hampden-Winterport, Cape Elizabeth, Winslow, Bridgton, Winthrop, St. Agatha, So Portland #8144, Grand Isle and the re-activation of Ellsworth and Castine Councils.

In 1992 he was elected Chairman of Maine's Columbus Quincentennial Gala held in Bangor-Brewer. This was one of the most successful and largest events held in many years. When the gala took place on September 12, 1992, he was in the hospital with a heart attack, with angioplasties. Many of us remember marching across the Bangor-Brewer bridge and giving Sir Knight George Cyr an "eyes right salute" as we marched in the parade.

Past State Deputy George Cyr passed away to his maker on October 23, 2012.

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