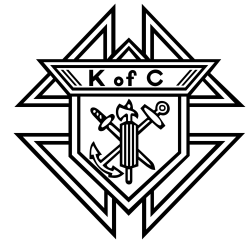




# Pine Cone Council Knights of Columbus NEWSLETTER



## *November & December 2023*

### Activities

#### November

- 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 \*
- 9th** 40 Days for Life, End Celebration, Pilgrim Orthodox  
Church
- 12th-18th** Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
- 14th** 4th Degree Monthly Meeting, 6:30 PM \*
- 18th** Blood Drive, St. Mary's Church
- 19th** Monthly Church Food Drive
- 21st** Potluck/Game Night 6:00 PM St. Mary's Church

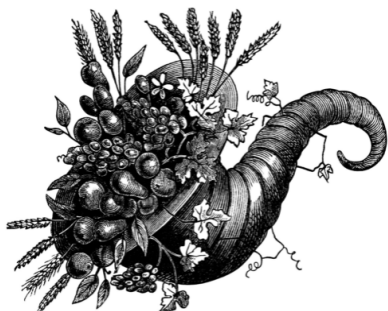
#### December

- 2nd** Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity  
following the 4:00 PM Mass at St Joseph's Church
- 5th** 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 \*
- 12th** 4th Degree Monthly Meeting, 6:30 PM \*
- 17th** Monthly Church Food Drive
- 19th** Potluck/Game Night 6:00 PM St Mary's Church
- 28th** Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, 10 AM
- 31th** 5th Sunday Rosary, 8:05 AM St. Mary's Church

\*= At St. Joseph's Hall

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### Grand Knight's Column

By Walter Shannon

Brothers, we are off to another busy year!

The Harold Bouchard Golf Tournament was again a great event. Thank you to all who assisted with this major activity especially Matt Madore and his wife Vanessa. The Campaign for those with Intellectual Disabilities "Tootsie Roll Drive" was once again very successful, thank you to all who assisted especially the organizer Bill Bennett. Forty Days for Life is well underway and we would appreciate your participation on Wednesdays as that is the day slotted for Council 114 to pray at 700 Mount Hope Ave in an effort to change minds to "choose life instead of abortion."

The Potluck Game night was well attended and we even had some young children there which added to the evening. If you have children we'd love to have you attend this once a month activity as it is great to see all ages come together to share a meal and some time.

We were at the Blue Mass, Youth Ministry BBQ, the Diocesan Fellowship Day for Priests, Soccer Challenge, Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Pancake Breakfast for Sacramental Preparation Program, Parish Food Collections, St Joseph Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service, Awards Banquet. Keep up the great work!

Come join us at the membership meeting the first Tuesday of every month. Please review the list of scheduled activities for the next couple of months. We'd love to have you and your family join with other members in the Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism of Council 114. God Bless You!

## 4th Degree Assembly 339

By Keith Forbes, Faithful Navigator

Brother Sir Knights, please join me in welcoming our newest Sir Knight (SK) Paul Levesque; he received his degree on September 23rd, in Houlton. In addition, we have a new transfer in from Calais, please welcome Sir Knight Tom MacDonald; he hit the ground running, as he helped perform Honors at the Blue Mass in September. Tom is a previous Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator and District Deputy as well as a wonderful organizer.

On November 11th, let's remember our Veterans and give thanks to them for the freedoms we share and possess. A special Thank You for all of our Assembly Members who have served their country in a military capacity in the past or present. Much Thanks gentlemen!

Our next business meeting is at 7 pm on November 14th at St. Joseph's Church Hall. At this meeting I have invited a guest speaker, one of our own Brothers, a veteran, to share with us his experiences while serving in combat as well as in peacetime. His name is SK Frank Jordan. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending, please.

The Knights of Columbus of Maine have been invited to help Escort Wreaths Across America again this year. The event will take place at Cheverus High School in Portland on December 3rd, 2023. All our Honor Guard Members are encouraged to participate in this worthy event. We shall carpool from St. Mary's parking lot for this event. More details to follow as they become known. Let me know, please.

If you are interested in obtaining a Knight of Columbus 4th Degree Suit and regalia, Christmas is coming just around the corner, just saying.....

Barb and I would like to wish you and your family a most Blessed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. May the Good Lord's Light shine upon you, through you and to others. God's Peace Sir Knights!



## Not Receiving Email Communications?

Signing up for Pine Cone Council / Knights of Columbus email communications is easy! Brother Knights, if you are not receiving the email communications, please sign up at this web site: <http://eepurl.com/dnKRg5>. This will not affect your ability to receive newsletters...the newsletter will continue to be mailed every two months.

## Eucharist Adoration

If you are looking for an opportunity to grow closer to Our Lord, Jesus Christ? Then consider Adoration. The parish has opportunities available in the Adoration Chapel at St. Mary's church. Please reach out to Brother Spike Brimmer for more details.

## Liturgical Calendar

- Nov. 1 All Saints Day+
- Nov. 2 All Souls' Day
- Nov. 4 St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
- Nov. 9 Lateran Basilica Dedication
- Nov. 10 St. Leo the Great, Pope
- Nov. 11 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
- Nov. 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
- Nov. 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
- Nov. 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin
- Nov. 22 St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- Nov. 24 St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest
- Nov. 26 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Nov. 30 St. Andrew, Apostle
- Dec. 3 First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop
- Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception+
- Dec. 10 Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec. 13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- Dec. 14 St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church
- Dec. 17 Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 25 **Christmas+**
- Dec. 26 St. Stephen, First Martyr
- Dec. 27 St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
- Dec. 28 Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Dec. 31 Holy Family

+ = Holy Day of Obligation

# Campaign for People with Special Needs Concludes

By Brother Bill Bennet

Campaign for People with Special Needs, wjbenne@tds.net

The 2023 Campaign for People with Special Needs has concluded. Congratulations and a great big thank you to the 37 brother knights and 12 family members who volunteered their time. A special thank you to Lexi, Catie and Gabe Hikel, Teddy and Patrick Crocker, Leigh Anne Florey, and Joe Bergin.

Anticipating being at Sam's Club and returning to Mardens, I ordered 20 cases of Tootsie Rolls. When notified that we would no longer be able to solicit at those locations, panic began to consume me!

How would we ever be able to collect enough to make our customary contributions to Penobscot Area Special Olympics, Levinson Center, Camp CaPella, and Pine Tree Camp?

Inquiries to Broadway Hannaford's and Main Street Shaw's, met with no success. Hannaford's did donate a \$25 gift card. Last year I had asked Robin at Dysart's if she did the scheduling at the Broadway location, and she did. My prayers were being answered, we now had the churches along with the Cold Brook and Broadway Dysart's locations. During the campaign we distributed 13 cases of Tootsie Rolls. One case was taken to All Saints School for Principal Johanna Lake to distribute at her discretion. Boxes were sold at the Council and Assembly meetings and a couple of brothers found inventive ways to distribute Tootsie Rolls and solicit donations. At this point I only have about 3 cases remaining – they'll be stored until next year unless there are requests for a box or more.

Weather is always a concern and for the most part we were blessed with very dry and comfortable days. The one exception, Hurricane Lee, forced us to cancel our Saturday at Broadway Dysart's on September 16th.

This has been the year of creative fund-raising initiatives. As mentioned, we had a \$25 Hannaford gift card and we needed a way to maximize that \$25: how about having a raffle at the September meeting? The brothers bought \$100 worth of tickets and Fr. Murray drew the winning ticket which happened to be his own. John Newcomb asked for some boxes to solicit bowlers during league play during the week. He also went to businesses who donated items for the Godparent's Home Bowl-a-thon. He got a \$50 check from Chases' Family Restaurant, earrings from Central Maine Harley (\$60 value), a gift card from Angelo's Pizzeria (\$30 value), and a car wash from Hermon EZ Mart (\$18). Another raffle for the earrings, gift card, and car wash was held at the October Council meeting and raised \$125. Fr. Murray drew the tickets: car wash to Jeff Schaller, pizza to Paul Lavesque, and earrings to Jim Pickard. Including the raffle, John's efforts contributed \$716 to the campaign. Joe Pickering must also be recognized for selling boxes to his friends and neighbors. He has raised \$215 and still has some pending transactions. Thank you to John and Joe!

There are still some boxes to deliver and donations to collect, but after the \$400 expense of paying for the Tootsie Rolls, we have raised \$6,895 to distribute to organizations supporting People with Special Needs. Of the total, 80% or \$5,516 will be distributed locally and \$1,379 will be distributed by the State Council. At the November meeting a motion will be proposed for distribution of the local funds. At this point, the approximate distribution should be \$1,930 to Penobscot Special Olympics, \$1,380 to Elizabeth Levinson Center, and \$1,103 to Pine Tree Camp, and Camp CaPella.

Thank you and God Bless you to everyone who volunteered time and/or made donations to this year's Campaign for People with Special Needs.

# 1st Youth Soccer Challenge

By Jeff Schaler

What better way to spend a beautiful cool fall Saturday morning than on a soccer field with a number of Brother Knights hosting our first Youth Soccer Challenge. THANK YOU to everyone for your time and help. We had ASCS Coachs Dan Forbes and Greg Bennett who got the field and equipment ready for us and were there to give a helping hand during the event. Brother Knights who helped included EJ Hikel (who did all of the behind-the-scenes organizing, awards, etc for this event to be a success). We also had BN Emmanuel Asare, BN John Brooks, BN Gerry Ford, BN Kevin Cronin, BN Ed Beaulieu, BN Ryan Armstrong, BN Ralph Doucette, District Deputy Dan Modrusan, and BN Jeffrey Schaller to pitch in. Our Students came to compete and did an awesome job. We had Matthew Stone, Elliott Bennett, Gabe Hikel, Jacob Stone and Mackenzie Stone. Congratulations on the great sportsmanship from our students!



## Community Committee Report

By Jeff Schaler, Community Committee Chairperson

Greetings, Brother Knights, it is my pleasure to bring you up to date on events that are happening in the community.

Our Monthly food drives have been very successful with another month's load of donated nonperishable food from our parishioners at St. Mary's still sitting in my van waiting to be delivered and weighed at the Bangor Ecumenical Food Pantry. It is always fun to meet up with BN Andre Fecteau every month and compare the weights from St. Mary's and St. John's. OK, truth be told, we have this 'very friendly' competition going on every month of which church brings in more food, but the bottom line always is there is unbelievable generosity from all of our parishioners, and that every ounce of food is desperately needed in this community. Thank you, everyone who has stepped up to help!

Back in September our SD Jon Harvey was offering councils an option with Coats-for-Kids that if the council bought a box of coats, the State Council would throw in a second box – a great BOGOF. As a council we didn't have a working plan in place for a successful distribution network at that time, but a number of generous B Knights jumped on this offer anyway with the idea that I would find the distribution network. I have personally been working with Susan Shaw of St. Mary's who has tirelessly organized the My New Shoes program every year. I reached out to her about our Coats-to-Kids program and she has told me that she would love to help in the distribution network since she already has the contacts in all of the schools in the community. As a little side note, if you get a chance, stop by the Hall at St. Mary's and take a look at the number of tables full of shoes, socks, backpacks, and other goods that will be sent out to the children in our community.

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The community garden is still looking for anyone who wants to get rid of their bags of leaves. They can be dropped off at the back of the parking lot at St. Mary's, or if you can't haul them yourself, please give me a call and I will be glad to load them in my van and drop them off. They are also looking for any 'seasoned' manure. Thanks go out to BN Keith Forbes who graciously volunteered to rototill the garden so that the garden volunteers can get the garlic bulbs in for the winter.

Finally, we still have the work detail scheduled for Shepherd's Godparent Houses in Bangor. The dates were supposed to be Thursday, Oct 26 from 11-5 and Nov 2 from 11-5. The October date was postponed due to a work conflict and will be rescheduled at a later date. The project consists of yard raking and cleanup of gardens, cleaning gutters and pressure washing the houses, as well as any other winter prep that might be needed. Any helping hands would be greatly appreciated, bring yard tools and gloves if you have them. Lunch will be provided. (Oh, and I know of a place that will gladly take all of the bagged leaves...). God Bless!



## Life Committee Report

By Rey Dubois, Chairperson

Thank-you, Brothers, for your devotion to praying for life at the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. By the time you read this, the vigil will be coming to a close. Please, do continue your vigilance in supporting life, on Wednesdays, or any other day that works for you, for the remainder of the vigil. Your visible praying presence really does make a difference to unborn babies, mothers, fathers, and abortion clinic workers. It also makes a difference to you, knowing that you are doing God's will. On your judgment day, only you and God will know what you have done, and what is in your heart and soul!

Local elections are on Nov 7, 2023. Please make it your business to educate yourself re the voting record and opinions of those running for office. Vote for whom best reflects your views on life. Please DO vote. Consider volunteering to help at polling places. In 2023, we vote for the school board, city council, and bond issues. In 2024, we will vote for the big offices! Make your voice heard at elections!

Thank you for assisting First Step Pregnancy Resource Center and Shepherd Godparents Home, through fundraising and on-site renovations! God bless you and all you do to support human lives, from conception to natural death!

## Family Committee Report

By EJ Hikel, Chairperson

A new K of C video series launches in October, one that seeks to illuminate the truth and beauty of the Church's teachings on marriage and family and inspire Catholics to live them in the modern world. Look for episodes of [Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family](https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html) in upcoming issues of Knightline and at Into The Breach on Sept. 29. (visit: <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>)

Can you sign up to help provide a meal for the Factor family? Good news and big thanks that we are booked with Knight Chefs through December, but 2024 is now open. This provides Catherine his daughter a little break each week. Meals can be simple and flexible to your schedule although weekdays are preferred. Make it your gift to provide them one meal in the new year. Please check out the link below for more detail or contact me with any additional questions. Thank you for your support! [www.TakeThemAMeal.com/KQHF7342](http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/KQHF7342).

# Outstanding Knights!

Please congratulate Ed and Jane French for being awarded Family of the month for August and Leena and Emmanuel Asare for being awarded Family of the month for September.

Also, please congratulate Paul Levesque for being awarded Knight of the month for August and Dylan Lobley for Knight of the month for September.

Thank you all for your outstanding service to our church and community!



**St. Joseph Icon Prayer Service**



**Ed and Jane French with Walter and EJ**



**Paul Levesque with EJ**

[Editor: September award photos are unavailable at this time, but we will print them as soon as we can!]

## Pray for the Holy Land

As of this writing, war and strife engulf Israel and its neighbors. Many people have died in the conflict and many more are facing loss of loved ones, displacement, shortages, and medical crises. This land is home to many sacred locations. Please join with Archbishop Gómez of Los Angeles and pray for those who call it home:

*We ask Jesus to protect the innocent and vulnerable, comfort the suffering, and grant courage and wisdom to leaders in the land where He was born. May the God of peace send His Spirit to strengthen all those who work for peace, justice, and reconciliation.*

*And may Holy Mary, Daughter of Zion and Queen of Peace, keep all our brothers and sisters safe in the mantle of her love.*

## Faith Committee Report

By Jacob Mages-Haskins, Chairperson

Thank you to Blake, Walter, Jeff, Emanuel Asare, and Dylan Lobley for helping with the Youth Ministry kickoff BBQ. Their help was greatly appreciated! Currently, our parish has over 40 young people regularly participating in our church's Youth Ministry.

Also, thank you to those who helped make pancakes for the Sacrament Prep program's Fall retreat.

Thanks to Pete Starr, Tim Achorn, and Phil Bergin for organizing the 5th Sunday Rosary program and expanding it to St. Joseph's church.

Our new Baptism Card program is still in development, but progressing through designs.

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