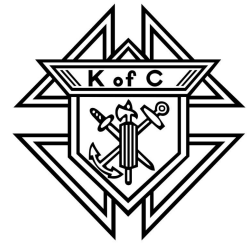


Pine Cone Council Knights of Columbus NEWSLETTER



November & December 2022

Activities

November

- 1st 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 *
- 1st – 6th 40 days for Life Continues, 700 Mt. Hope Avenue
- 7th – 10th Father Larry Richards Mission at St John's church,
6:30-8:30 PM
- 8th 4th Degree Monthly Meeting - **Canceled due to our
support of the Father Larry Richards Mission**
- 15th Pot Luck/Game night 6:00 PM, St Mary's Church
- 19th Monthly Church Food Drive
- 24th **We have the day-off from the Salvation Army Meal.
Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!!**

December

- 3th Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity following
the 4:00 PM Mass at St Joseph's Church
- 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 *
- 10th Pine Cone Council Christmas party, 5:30pm St John's hall
- 13th 4th Degree Monthly Meeting, drill practice at 6:30pm,
meeting 7:00 PM *
- 17th Monthly Church Food Drive
- 20th Pot Luck/Game Night 6:00 PM St Mary's Church
- 22nd Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, 10 AM
- 25th **Merry Christmas!!**

*= At St. Joseph's Hall

4th Degree Assembly 339

By Keith Forbes, Faithful Navigator

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Grand Knight's Column

By Peter Starr

Happy Fall Brothers! As we move forward Covid still rears its ugly head, but thankfully we haven't lost any Brother Knights to it.

I want to thank my worthy Deputy Grand Knight Walter Shannon for taking the reins at our October meeting and Keith Forbes for filling in for John Newcomb taking care of the meal. John still is struggling with health issues and is awaiting a referral to Boston, please continue to pray for him and his wife Lisa.

During the week of November 7th – 10th Father Larry Richards will be having a mission at St John's church from 6:30 – 8:30pm for those who would like to participate, and we will be managing the parking, so we will need volunteers each night.

There will be a Memorial Mass at St John's church at the 10:30 mass November 13th and it would be wonderful to have a large showing of Brother Knights.

There also will be a parish blood drive at St. Mary's church on November 19th, please sign-up online, www.redcrossblood.org.

We held an exemplification on October 6th and added a gentleman to our ranks, Merico Meucci. Our other new Knight is Deacon Luis Sanclemente! Please congratulate both when you see them.

God Bless you all!!!

4th Degree Assembly 339

By Keith Forbes, Faithful Navigator

The Officers of Pine Cone Assembly 339 wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving Holiday. Here in the Assembly we have much to be thankful for, for each of you for starters, supporting where you can and for demonstrating your Patriotism through the 4th Degree. We purchased a new American Flag to fly over our Parish Cemetery, helped with placing American Flags on our Veterans Graves, and hosted a 4th Degree Exemplification.

New Sir Knights, you are invited to become an Honor Guard Member, to help with being the visible portion of the Knights, by providing Pride, Prestige, and Honor to the organization. The Assembly will pick-up half the cost of a new suit, and we'll help with getting a sword for you.

The November 8th 4th Degree Meeting is canceled to allow for maximum participation at the Fr. Larry Richards Presentations from the 7th to the 10th. The following week I'll be at hunting camp and then we are into Thanksgiving week.

At the October Assembly business meeting it was decided to support the Waterville area Knights with a donation of \$500.00 to help off-set the cost of a new Ultrasound Machine, thank you Sir Knights for being so generous.

Hoping to see you all at the December 13th Assembly Business Meeting, we'll have a Honor Guard practice at 6:30 and then we'll march right into the business meeting at 7. Barb and I want to wish you and your family a most joyous Christmas Day and season.

Vivat Jesus!



Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities Concludes

By Brother Bill Bennet, wjbenne@tds.net

The 2022 Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities has concluded. Congratulations and a great big thank you to the 37 brother knights who volunteered 114 hours and 3 family members who added another 5 hours to solicit donations. Thank you to the Hikel family members, Lexie and Catie, involved this year.

We started the campaign this year with 20 cases of Tootsie Rolls. During the campaign we distributed 15 cases of Tootsie Rolls, one case was taken to All Saint's School for Principal Matt Houghton to distribute at his discretion. The remaining boxes were sold at the Council and Assembly meetings. Several brothers made additional donations at the meetings. From my perspective, the good news is there are no boxes remaining; from your perspective, you waited too long to buy a box.

I began the campaign with an expectation of a goal this year being that we were not permitted to solicit donations at Marden's, residual COVID concerns, and current economic conditions. After the first two weekends we were about \$100 ahead of last year's total of \$7,480. After collecting donations at Dysart's and mail in donation, the total was \$7,481.10. The sale of boxes and donations at the two meetings, accounted for an additional \$418.90 to bring the total for the 2022 campaign to \$7,900.

After the expense for the Tootsie Rolls, there is \$7,500 to distribute to organizations supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities. Of that total, 80% or \$6,000 will be distributed locally and \$1,500 will be distributed by the State Council. At the November meeting a motion will be proposed to distribute the local funds as \$2,100 to Penobscot Special Olympics, \$1,500 to Elizabeth Levinson Center, and \$1,200 to Pine Tree Camp, and Camp CaPella.

Thank you and God Bless you to everyone who volunteered time and made donations to this year's Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Announced

The Pine Cone Council is hosting a Blood Drive at St. Marys Church, Ohio St., Bangor, on November 19. It runs from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. We need 50 donors to participate. You can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org. The drive's ID is Knights of Columbus Bangor or KOC Bangor. Council 114 has contributed a total of 349 units of blood in 11 drives! Each unit of blood can save up to 2 lives!

Life Committee

By Brother Rey Dubois, Chairperson

Thank-you, Brothers for the great support you provide to all the lost sheep around you! Remember the shepherd who lost one sheep, and left the 99, in search of the one lost sheep.

Likewise, we Knights of Columbus seek out those who are in need of our help, and, certainly, the preborn, pregnant mothers, and elderly members of our parish are in need! Their lives are sacred, and our prayers and physical presence help them in more ways than we'll ever know.

Please celebrate the June 24, 2022 overturning of Roe V Wade!

Please continue to support the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil, at 700 Mt Hope Avenue, outside the Mabel Wadsworth abortion clinic... for the 40 days from September 28 to November 6, 2022. Sign up at 40daysforlife.com or contact me.

Please support the Nov 19, 2022 Red Cross Blood Drive. Your blood saves lives, and we are looking to beat all previous records!

Please pray at the many Rosary Rallies!

Please continue to give generously to pro-life causes (such as our Council and Assembly having combined to donate \$600 to Waterville Council 13486, in their fundraising to buy an ultrasound machine for Waterville's First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center!)

And, remember, these are just a few of the many opportunities that God gives you to support the lives of those around you! May God bless you as you continue to do his will!

Awards!

Family of the Month: Matt and Vanessa Madore
Both of you put your all into this year's Tourney, and it showed-up Big-Time! Everyone loved it!

Knight of the Month: Bill Bennett
Brother, no matter what the ask is, you show up time and time again. Our Thanks and Congratulations!

Newsletter News

After more than 14 months of effort, Dr. John Barry is handing the role of Newsletter Editor over to Jacob Mages-Haskins. Please send articles or other items for print to jacob.haskins@gmail.com. Thanks!

Liturgical Calendar

Nov. 1 All Saints Day+
Nov. 20 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 27 1st Sunday of Advent
Nov. 30 St. Andrew, Apostle

Dec. 4 2nd Sunday of Advent
Dec. 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop
Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception of Bl. Virgin Mary+
Dec. 11 3rd Sunday of Advent
Dec. 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec. 13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Dec. 18 4th Sunday of Advent
Dec. 25 **Christmas**
Dec. 26 Feast of St. Stephen, the 1st Martyr
Dec. 27 Feast of St. John, Apostle
Dec. 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Dec. 30 Feast of the Holy Family

+ = Holy Day of Obligation

Faith in Action – Community

By Jeff Schaller

Knights are called to serve others. Our first principle is Charity – charity at home with our families as well as charity within our communities. When Knights of Columbus members come together they accomplish great things. So, how can we as Knights show charity within our community? We can put our faith into action and help people who are less fortunate in our community. In the spirit of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, councils lead efforts to assist those most in need. Here in our own Council, we are currently doing the following:

- **Monthly Food Pantry Collections** - This monthly collection has provided over 4 tons of donated food and nearly \$2000 in monetary donations which have gone directly to our four (4) local food pantries which have directly benefited members of our community who are in need. St Mary's Community Garden - This is another program where the proceeds of the garden directly benefited the needs of the community. It is my plan to expand our involvement next year with this needed and worthy program. Right now, the folks running the garden could clearly use any and all discarded leaves and other organic material to be used for mulch and compost for next year's growing season.
- **Free Throw Championship** – This program has provided an athletic outlet and has encouraged the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition to many boys and girls in our community.

Other *Community* related projects that other councils have undertaken are programs such as:

- **Helping Hands** - The Helping Hands program is designed to recognize the important work many councils already do to care for the most disadvantaged members of our communities — the homeless, the addicted, the elderly who may feel isolated and abandoned, and many others. The requirements for this program are very broad in order to allow councils to serve their community in whatever way is most needed.
- **Coats for Kids** - Provide warmth for children in need during cold winter months. The goal of the Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the winter season.
- **Habitat for Humanity** – Knights of Columbus councils work closely with Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit Christian organization, to build homes with families in need at substantially reduced costs.
- **Global Wheelchair Mission** –As community leaders, Knights of Columbus will ensure that their members, families and parish communities are prepared through a campaign that promotes planning and education.
- **Disaster Preparedness**
- **Soccer Challenge and Hockey Challenge** - Athletic events for youth that encourages the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition.

As the Community Director for our council, it is my ambition and desire to identify ways that we as brothers in Christ, can provide the charitable assistance needed within our community. If you have any thoughts or ideas, or would like to help in any way, then please see me at the meetings, or give me a call. I am Jeffrey Schaller and my number is 852-1535.

Family Committee

By Brother EJ Hikel



Mark your calendars for the annual K of C Christmas party:

Dec 10 th – 5:30PM at St. John’s Church Hall

This event will first and foremost, “Keep Christ in Christmas”. It is for our immediate and extended family. Like last year, we will instill our party with the awe and wonder of this amazing season as seen through the eyes of a child. Yes, we plan on having many children at this party as well as a visit from Santa. The magic of Christmas will be very much alive as well as the miracle that is Christ!

We will have a great meal, Christmas music, awesome decorations and great fellowship. We will invite the clergy and others in religious vocation as our guests. Widows of our Knights are also our guests and should have special recognition.

The council will provide the protein (ham/turkey) as well as plates and flatware for a small donation at the door. For the remaining meal, the planning committee will coordinate food items by last name.

Don’t forget to bring a gift for your little ones. Up to \$15 for each gift with the child’s name clearly written on the wrapped present.

Please consider an hour or two to help with the event. We could use your help calling and inviting our brothers, setting up for the event, center pieces or stay a little later and help clean up.

Many hands make light work and most of all we shall “Keep Christ in Christmas” and have fun doing so.



Sign up Sheet – Return to EJ Hikel at 1) Nov 1st K of C meeting 2) e-mail at hikelfamily@gmail.com or 3) call me at 989-3461.

Name

Phone

E-mail

Interested in help in the following areas:

Planning Committee

Cooking

Decorating

Serving

Clean Up

Other

A Tour of Five Catholic Sites

By Jacob Mages-Haskins

As part of a recent family vacation, I visited five Catholic sites on the East Coast and wanted to share those experiences with the Pine Cone Council.

The first stop was the *Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception* in Washington D.C.

It is adjacent to the Catholic University of America and is the largest Catholic church building in North America. It has a main church, a crypt church, 82 Marian chapels, and houses saint relics along with other artifacts.

The Knights of Columbus funded the construction of its tower, which was built in 1959.



The next site was the *National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes* on the grounds of Mount St. Marys Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD.

This site is a replica of the Lourdes Grotto in France and features contemplative gardens, a walking Stations of the Cross, many saint statues, and other memorials. The focal point of the site is a giant yet beautiful statue of Our Lady atop a tower that rises



above the trees on the mountainside, making it

visible from the highway. We passed by the statue last year and vowed to visit when we were in the area again.

After the grotto, but still in Emmitsburg, we visited the *National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*. On a previous trip, we explored the gorgeous basilica church and museum on the grounds of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, which St. Elizabeth Ann Seton founded. This time though, we paid for a tour guide! We learned a lot about Seton's life in the early 1800s. The tour included the stone house that was the saint's first home in Emmitsburg for her, her children (she was a widow), the other sisters, and the girls school that they founded. Fun fact: 1 of the 2 original keys to the house was given to Pope Francis as a gift when he visited the USA in 2015.

During our trip, we went to Sunday Mass at *historic St. Francis Xavier church* in Gettysburg, PA. Originally constructed in 1830, the building survived the Battle of Gettysburg. After the fighting stopped, Masses were suspended so that it could be used as a hospital. Heavily damaged from fighting and use as a hospital, restoration did not begin until over 6 months after the battle. Today, it retains its historic nature while serving a seemingly thriving community.

The last Catholic stop on our trip was *St. John's Seminary* in Boston

where, to the delight of my children, we received a private tour of the facility.



We were able to see a classroom, the dining hall, the courtyard, the chapel, and meet seminarians studying there. First built in 1884, the chapel features spirit-moving artwork by the painter Gonippo Raggi.

Though different, each of these locations inspired renewed awe and wonder with our great religion. I recommend visiting any of them during your next trip.

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