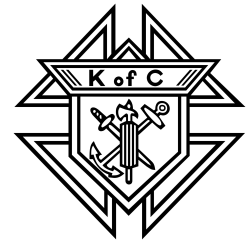


# Pine Cone Council Knights of Columbus NEWSLETTER



## September & October 2023

### Activities

#### September

- 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 \*
- 9th** Harold O. Bouchard Memorial Golf Tournament,  
Hermon Meadows
- 12th** 4th Degree Monthly Meeting, 6:00 PM \*
- 14th** 40 Days for Life Kick Off Event, St. John's Church, 6 PM
- 15th-17th** Campaign for those with Intellectual Disabilities  
(Tootsie Roll Drive), **Dysart's Bangor**
- 17th** Monthly Church Food Drive
- 19th** Pot Luck/Game Night 6:00 PM St Mary's Church
- 23th** 4th Degree Exemplification (Houlton, 10:30 AM)
- 23rd & 24th** Campaign for those with Intellectual Disabilities  
(Tootsie Roll Drive), **Parish Churches**
- 27th-30th** 40 Days for Life
- 28th** Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, 10 AM
- 29th & 30th** Campaign for those with Intellectual Disabilities  
(Tootsie Roll Drive), **Dysart's Hermon**

#### October

- 1st** Campaign for those with Intellectual Disabilities  
(Tootsie Roll Drive), **Dysart's Hermon**
- 1st-Nov. 5th** 40 Days for Life
- 3rd** 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 \*
- 7th** Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity  
following the 4:00 PM Mass at St Joseph's Church
- 11th** 4th Degree Monthly Meeting, 6:30 PM \*
- 15th** Monthly Church Food Drive
- 16th** 40 Days for Life Mid-Point Rally, 6 PM, St. John's Church
- 17th** Pot Luck/Game Night 6:00 PM St Mary's Church
- 21st** Annual Awards Banquet, St. John's, after 4PM Mass
- 26th** Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, 10 AM
- 29th** 5th Sunday Rosary, 8:05 AM St. Mary's Church
- \*= At St. Joseph's Hall

### Grand Knight's Column

By Walter Shannon

Brothers,

Let me start by letting you know how honored I am to be serving as Grand Knight of Pine Cone Council 114.

I would like to recognize our outgoing Grand Knight, Peter Starr, for the wonderful job he has done guiding the council over the last three years; which included through the pandemic. In the 2022-2023 year under Peter's leadership Council 114 has once again earned "Star Council"; well-done Council 114.

To begin our June 6, 2023 monthly meeting we conducted a "Silver Rose Service". Many thanks to Rey Dubois and Spike Brimmer for initiating and putting the service together on short notice. An overview of the purpose of the Silver Rose Service is each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary- centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This years' service was brought together rather quickly and attended by many Knights and several wives of Knights; and we hope to expand on it in 2024 to make it a parish event.

We have held two planning meetings this summer and look to continue to carry out the wonderful work

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# Grand Knight's Column

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Council 114 does for the Parish and those in the Greater Bangor community. A few activities that the Council has been involved in this summer include: the end of the year cookouts for Faith Formation, assistance at the State Special Olympics, July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, cooking and assistance at the Parish Picnic, BBQ at the Levinson Center and our Parish Monthly Food Collection efforts continue.

We will resume the Pot Luck / Game Night in September, come join for the three Fs: fun, fellowship and food. We are continuing our support for Life with the 40 Days for Life work, we will continue to donate blood with our two blood drives. Our efforts to Keep Christ in Christmas, Free Throw competitions, Bowl-a-thon fundraising, Special Olympics assistance, BBQs, Picnics and of course suppers to list a few will continue. Some new activities we are looking into include organizing a Knight's Family Night Out for family fun and entertainment, cribbage tournament, involvement in more parades, faith enrichment and Eucharistic Revival.

If you are looking for an opportunity to meet other faith filled members of the Catholic Church, serve the Lord and your neighbor please join us at our monthly meetings; where we organize our efforts. You will also have an opportunity to share a wonderful meal and meet other men with the same desire for Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

God Bless You!

## Not Receiving Email Communications?

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# 4th Degree Assembly 339

By Keith Forbes, Faithful Navigator

Hello Sir Knights, please join me at our next business meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Joseph's Church and every second Tuesday of each month. The Honor Guard will be practicing at 6:30 pm upstairs in the chapel at each of these meetings. Please just bring your marching shoes, baldric, gloves, sword and scabbard to practice.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 am, there shall be a Patriotic Exemplification hosted by Assembly 2086 of Houlton, Maine. Check-in time is at 10:30 am at St. Mary's Church at 112 Military Street, Houlton, Maine. All our Honor Guard members are welcome to participate in full regalia on this date at the exemplification.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was a huge success, much appreciation to all those who sang and or helped in some way. Rey, thank you for all the effort it took to make it happen and for the manner in which you made it happen.

Sir Knights, please make as many meetings as you can, hoping to provide a new message each month and to keep ever present in our minds of being Patriotic as a group and as individual Sir Knights.

## Liturgical Calendar

- Sep. 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
  - Sep. 13 St. John Chrysostom, Doctor of the Church
  - Sep. 16 Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs
  - Sep. 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon and Korean Martyrs
  - Sep. 21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
  - Sep. 27 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
  - Sep. 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels
  - Sep. 30 St. Jerome, Doctor of the Church
  - Oct. 2 The Holy Guardian Angels
  - Oct. 4 St. Francis of Assisi, Founder
  - Oct. 7 Our Lady of the Rosary
  - Oct. 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
  - Oct. 18 St. Luke, Evangelist
  - Oct. 28 Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
- + = Holy Day of Obligation



# Independence Day Parade!





# Community Committee Update

By Jeff Schaler

Greetings, Brother Knights. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer, even though the weather has not been so cooperative. We have seen some real extremes, from a rained-out June, to a somewhat sweltering July, and now, August starting out with temperatures more like mid September. I am not sure what is going on. All I can say is that this past Spring I promised my wife that construction would be completed and we would be back into our house by winter, and so far this weather has proved to be a thorn in my side...but I do keep my word so I keep chugging along.

So, what is happening in the community?

The Monthly food collections have been doing very well this year. I do not have the latest tally for the year but I will have it for our next meeting in September. I do know that they are always in need of pasta and peanut butter at all the pantries. Also, we are looking for someone who could take over the food collection at the 4 PM Mass at St. Joseph's. Our dear friend Penny Sutherland has been collecting and dropping off the donations to the Brewer Food Pantry for years. She feels it is time to step down and let someone else carry on her good deeds. If anyone who attends St Joseph's would like to take on this deed, please let me know. Donations are collected after Mass and dropped off at the Brewer Food Pantry on Mondays or Wednesdays from 10 am – 1 pm. Typical weight of these donated goods is usually less than 100 lbs.

Also, the Council was contacted by the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. They are in urgent need for a volunteer with a full-size pick up (or van) to pick up donated food from the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Hampden every 2 nd Wednesday of the month at 10 am. If anyone is interested, please let me know, or contact Gretchen Fenelly, Volunteer Coordinator & Donation Manager directly at (207) 922 1074 or [gretchenf@bangorareashelter.org](mailto:gretchenf@bangorareashelter.org).

As far as work details, there have been very few projects so far this summer. I am not sure if there are any needs at either of the schools to get classrooms ready for the new school year but I will let you all know if/when I hear anything. I do know that there will be some projects in the near future at the Shepherd Godparents that Brother Dave Carmack is working on putting together. Also, the First Step Pregnancy Center has an office expansion in the near future and they will be looking for volunteers with various building skills to see that project through fruition. Brother Rey Dubois is working on all of the logistics for this potential project and will keep us abreast on its status. Thanks!



***Knights Grilling at 2023 St. Paul the Apostle Annual Parish Picnic***

# Annual Campaign for People with Special Needs

By William J. Bennet, Chairperson

Scheduling for our 2023 Campaign for People with Special Needs, commonly known as “The Tootsie Roll Drive” is beginning. Reminder, this campaign benefits Penobscot Area Special Olympics, Elizabeth Levinson Center, Camp CaPella, and Pine Tree Camp.

Since 2020, COVID-19, presented us with difficulties that we were able to overcome. But this year is presenting us with a different problem. Last year, Marden’s did not allow any solicitations due to continued concerns from COVID. This year their company policy changed to not allow any solicitations at their stores. This year, when requesting dates at Sam’s, I was informed that their new corporate policy is to only allow “a few national programs” to solicit. The Knights of Columbus is not one of them.

The result, at this time, is that our Campaign for People with Special Needs will be conducted at Dysart’s and the parish churches. We will be conducting the campaign at both the Broadway and Coldbrook Dysart locations. We will begin the campaign at the Broadway Dysart’s location from September 15th through 17th . The campaign at the St. Paul the Apostle churches will be September 23rd and 24th, after each mass. The Coldbrook Dysart’s campaign will be from September 29th through October 1st . I will be contacting Bangor Shaw’s on Main St., Bangor Hannaford’s on Broadway and the Brewer Hannaford to ask to be permitted to solicit for the campaign. If permitted, I will only schedule two of those options and will send emails asking for volunteers.

Having two people for each hour is ideal. This can be two brothers, or a brother and spouse and/or children. Having a brother share an hour with you has several benefits: an opportunity to learn more about each other, help pass the time during slow periods, and ensure contacts with more patrons during busy periods. Having a new brother with one who has been a council member for a longer period can help learn about our council.



Be on the lookout for emails requesting volunteers and act early to reserve your preferred one or two hours. Filling all the time slots early will limit the number of emails I need to send pleading to fill open time slots. I can be reached by email at [wjbenne@tds.net](mailto:wjbenne@tds.net) or by phone 207-862-3189 (H) or 207-631-8003 (C) to schedule your hour.

If you cannot volunteer, please consider sending a donation to the campaign. You can send a check made payable to “Pine Cone Council 114” to Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 994, Bangor, ME 04402-0994. Or, new this year, donations can be made using Venmo @Knights-Columbus-8.

***2023 St. Paul the Apostle Pilar Thibodeau Volunteer of the Year Recipient, Brother Edward French***



## July 2023 Knight-of-the-Month



Thanks for all that you do, Dave Carmack!

## Family Committee Report

By EJ Hikel, Chairperson

In October the Family Program will be joining forces with the Community Program to launch the Soccer Challenge. Similar to the Free Throw challenge in the winter, we will work with the schools in the region to promote this fall event. I met with Greg Bennett, ASCS Soccer Coach and he will help us connect with other soccer coaches. Date is to be TBD. If you can help, please reach out to me.

We need some help with new ideas to help create the best Christmas party and to Keep Christ in Christmas. Please let me know if you can be part of this committee or would like to lead. Our first meeting will be in October. Please congratulate David and Linda Robichaud for being awarded Family of the month – June, David Orazio for Knight of the month for June and David Carmack for Knight of the month of July.

Can you sign up to help provide a meal for the Factor family? This provides Catherine his daughter a little break each week. Meals can be simple and flexible to your schedule, although a weekday is 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 help just 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. Thanks!  
<http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/KQHF7342>

## Pray for Armenians

By James Hunt, Assistant Editor

120,000 Christian Armenians are currently trapped, without food or medicine, behind a blockade of the Nagorno-Karabakh region maintained by the Muslim-majority nation of Azerbaijan with backing from Turkey. This situation has been going on for 8 months and has reached a critical point.

Armenia was the first country to adopt Christianity as a state religion in 301 A.D. and over 90% of the population remains faithful 1,700 years later. Armenians have suffered tremendous persecution over the years. Most notably, between 600,000 and 1.2 million were killed during the Armenian genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire during WWI.

Please pray for our Armenian brothers and sisters in Christ during this time of persecution. For more info, please go to <https://philosproject.org/savearmenia>.



*The Silver Rose*

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