

NEWSLETTER



Knights of Columbus Council 13181, 131 High Street, Sabattus, ME 04280

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Grand Knight's Corner

Dear Brother Knights,

I am writing this newsletter on the evening of the funeral for our past Deputy Grand Knight, Sir Knight Normand Provencher. It has been a challenging couple of days, but joyful as well as we celebrate the rich, full life that Brother Knight Norm lived. The love and fond stories shared by friends and family at both the visitation yesterday and the funeral today underscore what we already know—Norm was a special, kind and generous man who left a positive mark on this world, and while we grieve for his loss, we can rejoice in knowing that Jesus was ready to welcome him home, where there is no more suffering from his recent affliction. Godspeed Norm.

Looking ahead for our Council, we have a lot of very important events coming up and we will need your help to be successful with all of them. Any assistance you can give to these upcoming events is sincerely appreciated. First up, next Saturday, March 7 is our next Bean and Casserole Supper. I know that we have some Brother Knights who are under the weather, and with the crowds we have been drawing in recent suppers, please considering coming to help out any way you can—we could use it!

The very next morning is our Monthly Coffee & Donuts. Jim and Mary Ingalls will be hosting it, but feel free to join them and help make it an enjoyable social event for everyone. At the same time, we will have a few Knights heading to Togus for Operation Wheelchair, so we will be dividing our numbers a bit on that Sunday.

The following weekend, our Council will be joining forces once again with the other Price of Peace Parish Councils to host a traditional St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner. This event will be held on Saturday, March 14 at Holy Family church. We need Knights to sell tickets after mass this Sunday and next Sunday. The tickets are in our Knights room. On the

day of the event, we will need servers and helpers. We will start serving at 4 PM, but we will be preparing starting in the late morning and through the afternoon. Please join us at Holy Family if you can help.

Another event that we will be joining in on this March is the "Baby Shower" fund raiser. This is something that the Holy Family Council has been doing for years and we are joining forces with them. We will be placing a collection box(s) in the back of the church to collect items like diapers, formula, gently used baby items, etc. and we will be posting Knights at these doors with large "baby bottle banks" to collect cash donations. This will be publicized in the bulletin and I will have more information as the event nears. This will happen on March 15 and 22.

With regards to membership, we need to remain vigilant in our search for new members to our order. As I outlined in our meeting last month, the new admissions Degrees (1—3) have been combined into one single ceremony that is now intended to be a public ceremony where candidates can have friends and family join in the celebration. This new ceremony is also significantly shorter than the previous degrees and it means that we should be able to accommodate new members more easily, and get them up to speed

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in our Councils more quickly. I don't have the upcoming schedule handy, but I can get it from our District Deputy as soon as we have candidates ready. The social events such as the Coffee & Donuts, and our suppers are great opportunities to approach potential candidates and share with them the benefits of becoming a Knight.

Please note that we had our March Business Meeting on Thursday, February 27th as I will be traveling for the next couple of weeks and would not be able to have it on the normal Monday. Please make a note of it and we will get back to our regular monthly schedule in April.

Lastly, let us all renew our faith this Lenten season through service and sacrifice and by refocusing our faith on the fundamentals that Jesus has taught us. There are a variety of ways that we can do this, both through fasting and abstinence as we are familiar with during Lent, but also in increased prayer and reflection. Perhaps consider joining Brother Knight Ivan Boudreau for his weekly Lectio Divina sessions, Thursdays at 6:30 at the chapel in Our Lady of the Rosary. Or commit to saying the Rosary more regularly. I wish you all the best as you work to strengthen your faith this Lent.

Yours in Christ
Robert Michaud—Grand Knight
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Upcoming Activities and Council Needs:

- ◆ ~~Business Meeting—March 2nd—Canceled~~
- ◆ Bean & Casserole Supper—**March 7th**
- ◆ Coffee & Donuts—**March 8th**
- ◆ Operation Wheelchair—**March 8th**
- ◆ St. Patricks Dinner—**March 14**
- ◆ Baby Shower Fundraiser—**March 15 and 22**

Prayer Corner

Lenten Prayer

Almighty and ever living God,
you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.

May this time be one of outward focus;
seeking you in those we often ignore.

Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity,
and encounter.

Give us hearts hungry to serve you
and those who need what we have to give.

Amen

Upcoming Degrees

- ◆ Please contact Robert Michaud for more information on the dates and locations of the degrees under the new format.

Birthdays This Month

Don Champagne

Knights of the Month

Norm Provencher—for living his life in an exemplary way as and for his courageous battle with cancer that he fought with dignity.

Family of the Month

James and Lisa Daigle—for their continued support of council events and for Lisa's commitment to faith formation for the youth of our parish

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In Memory of our Brother Knight, Sir Knight Normand Provencher

March 2020

February 2020							April 2020						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
26	27	28	29	30	31	1	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:30 PM K of C Business Meeting - Heald early - do not show up at this time.	3	4	5	6	7 4:30 PM K of C - Bean & Casserole Supper
8 7:00 AM Operation Wheelchair	9	10	11	12	13	14 4:30 PM St. Patrick's dinner
15 9:30 AM K of C - Casserole & Dinner	16 8:30 AM Baby Shower Drive	17	18	19	20	21
22 8:30 AM Baby Shower Drive	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4 4:30 PM K of C - Bean & Casserole Supper

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