

NEWSLETTER



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

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Grand Knight's Corner

Dear Brother Knights,

May is nearly upon us, and sadly, we are still coping with the Covid-19 pandemic. This means that for the foreseeable future (at least through the middle of May, based on the governor's latest directive) we will still be forced to self-quarantine. However, as Knights of Columbus, we are called to service regardless of the environment around us. We can—and must—continue to look out for one another in any way we can, especially during this difficult time. The directive from Supreme is to “Leave No Neighbor Behind”. This means we must be vigilant in caring for our fellow Brother Knights, their families and widows. Next, we must look after our neighbors—especially those who are the most vulnerable. Finally, we might find ways to continue to serve our church and community. We can do these things and still follow state and federal guidelines. Pick up the phone and call Brother Knights that you haven't heard from in a while or their widow. Make sure they are doing OK and if they need help, let's work together to find ways to get them the help they need. If that means picking up supplies for them or performing chores like going to the dump for them, these are all things we can handle, and if you need help, don't be afraid to call out for help. We are, quite literally, all in this together, and in the spirit of charity and fraternity, we can get through this together.

I wanted to take this moment to inform you that the Maine State Council hosted its annual meeting online this past Saturday. Both myself and DGK Ron Tolini were on the call as delegates for our Council. There is far too much to cover in this newsletter, but documents have been posted for your review on the Maine State Council web site here: <https://maineknights.net/virtual-125th-annual-state-convention/> We wish to congratulate all of the newly elected State Officers, but most importantly, however, I want to offer our congratulations and heartfelt best wishes for the election of our District Deputy, Norm Bisson, as

our new State Warden! This is a most exciting development as Norm will now be active at the State level and we are extremely proud of his election to this office. Congratulations Norm!

I want to also inform all of you that we have three new 3rd Degree Knights in our Council—David Gilbert, Alex Michaud and Xavier Michaud! All three took advantage of the new online degree program that is currently underway as Supreme finds new ways to address membership and advancement during this pandemic. Even more good news—there are more upcoming online degrees, so if you are a 1st degree and want to advance to 3rd, or if you know of a candidate that we should consider for the Knights, now is a great time to become a Knight or advance. Please call or e-mail me I will get you the information you need to move forward.

Just as we did in April, our May business meeting will be via conference call. The April meeting worked very well, I thought, and I appreciate your participation. The instructions, phone number and access code are the same as last month. They are: Dial the phone number below and then enter the access code followed by the # when done. You will then be entered into the conference:

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Subject: K of C - Council #13181 May Business Meeting

Date and Time: 05/04/2020 6:30 PM US/Eastern

Description: Regularly scheduled business meeting for our Council

Dial-in number (US): (978) 990-5392

Access code: 418751#

For those who can / want to join online:

Online meeting ID: gk385

Join the online meeting: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/gk385>

The May meeting is particularly important as we nominate Knights for officer positions for the 2020—2021 season. You can see our current slate of officers on the address page of this newsletter and to my knowledge, everyone with the exception of the Recorder is willing to be nominated for their same position again next year. If this is NOT the case, please join us on the call on Monday to state that. Also, please note that we have several vacancies due to deaths in our Council, in addition to the recorder position to fill, that we need to fill. Please review the Officers block on the address page and consider running for an office if you are not currently engaged.

Keep up the good fight—we will get through this together and I hope to see you all in person again soon.

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

- ♦ **All meetings and group activities are canceled until further notice**

Prayer Corner

Prayer for Guidance and Help

Dear Lord, I am calling upon you today for your divine guidance and help. I am in crisis and need a supporting hand to keep me on the right and just path. My heart is troubled but I will strive to keep it set on you, as your infinite wisdom will show me the right way to a just and right resolution.

Thank you for hearing my prayer and for staying by my side.

Amen!

For Unfailing Strength

Do not look forward to what may happen

tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace, then. Put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: "The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me, and I in Him." - Amen

Upcoming Degrees

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

Birthdays This Month

Justin Castonguay
Robert Desbiens
Fern Langlois
Anthony Leone
Alex Michaud
Don Morin

Knights of the Month

Ron Tolini—For his work as our DGK and as a delegate to the annual State Council Meeting.

Family of the Month

Robert & Stephanie Michaud—for welcoming two sons as new 3rd degree members of our Council.

Calendar:

Since all in-person events are canceled, I am omitting the calendar for this month. Hopefully we will be able to publish it again next month. You can always check our calendar online at: <http://sabattuskofc.org/html/calendar.html>

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