

Knightly News

Celebrating 115 years of service to the City of Concord



*In service to one.
In service to all.*

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Grand Knight's Message

Jesus' compassion for the poor and the hungry is clear throughout the New Testament. This year, given the increasingly uncertain economy, more and more people are struggling to make ends meet; many wonder where they will eat their next meal or how they will heat their homes.

As we enter a very special time of year, a time filled with joy, hope, and thanksgiving, we need to keep in our prayers those that are without. Our Christian teachings compels us to have compassion for the poor and the struggling regardless of the season, but this is the time of year where charity and thanksgiving are on the forefront of the public's awareness.

Undoubtedly, we will be bombarded with calls for action to support this food drive, or that coat drive, etc. The grim reality is that so many are struggling, and resources to help are limited and dwindling – your help is more important this year than in recent memory. Demonstrate your willingness to answer Jesus' call and support legitimate food drives, coat drives or other calls for assistance. For Jesus says: "...as often as you do it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me." [Mat. 25:31-40]

Uncertain of how to make the most of your donation? Two St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantries (St. Peter's and St. John's) operate within our council community. They are excellent choices to help those in need within our area.



Grand Knight Dave Dale

Chaplain's Message

This November 26th will mark our celebration of a national Day of Thanksgiving. Although it is a national, secular holiday, it has a deeply religious origin; that is, it was born of a desire to give thanks to God for the continuing gift of life even in the face of struggle and hardship.

Our Catholic faith finds the pinnacle of its sacramental life in a meal of thanksgiving. Fortunately for us, this meal of thanksgiving is not limited to a once a year occurrence. Every time we attend Mass it is Thanksgiving day. Eucharist means thanksgiving and we have much to give thanks for. We give thanks for Jesus and for the continuing gift of eternal life he offers all of us. In the midst of His own struggle and hardship, Jesus sat down for a final meal with his disciples and gave thanks to His Father and gave us the gift of the Eucharist. Despite the struggles and hardships we might face, the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist reminds us that God is always with us; something to be truly thankful for.

I offer this reading from Sirach as my Thanksgiving prayer for each of you:

And now, bless the God of all,
who has done wondrous things on earth;
Who fosters people's growth from their mother's womb,
and fashions them according to his will!
May he grant you joy of heart
and may peace abide among you;
May his goodness toward us endure in Israel
to deliver us in our days. [Sir 50:22-24]

Father Anthony



*Council Chaplain
Rev. Anthony Kuzia, CM*



Council Updates



Annual Awards Banquet – September 28

Grand Knight Dave Dale presented the following awards:

Knight-of-the-Year: Jim Cailler

Family-of-the-Year: Debbie & Keith Thibeault

Tootsie Roll Drive Star Performer: Frank Vinceguerra

Horizon Award: Bob Nadeau

Jolene Camley, President of the Ladies Group, presented Debbie Thibeault with a plaque of appreciation for her two years of devoted service to the development and leadership of the Ladies Group.

Dick Nadeau, our liaison to the Capital Area Cougars, Special Olympics team, introduced our special guest for the evening, Gold Medal Winner (2009 World Winter Games, 02-13 February 2009, Boise, Idaho) Amanda Coviello, along with her mother and training coach of the team, Sue Coviello. Amanda thanked us for the council's ongoing support of the Cougars, and proudly displayed the THREE Gold Medals she won in the Idaho Games. We were delighted that Amanda and Sue could be with us and Dick provided the council's contribution of \$1,500 for use by the team in upcoming Special Olympics Games.

Red Brochu provided a delicious ham dinner, complete with his homemade raisin sauce.

Monthly Social – Clergy Appreciation Dinner – October 26

Nearly 60 Brother Knights and family members attended this month's social, to express appreciation to all the clergy in our region, including Priests, Deacons and Religious. Our own Council's Chaplain, Reverend Anthony Kuzia, CM, received special recognition for his service to Council #112.

Grand Knight Dave Dale presented the following Awards:

Knight-of-the-Month: Glenn Camley

Family-of-the-Month: Bob and Nancy Nadeau

Jolene Camley, President of the Ladies Group, also recognized Bob and Nancy Nadeau.

Red Brochu provided a delicious chicken cordon bleu dinner.

Special All-Souls Day Mass – November 2

Council Chaplain Father Anthony Kuzia celebrated a special Mass on All-Souls Day at the council hall, to honor the memory of our departed brothers and family members. About 20 men and women joined for this Holy occasion. A very special thank you to Father Anthony for celebrating this Mass with us.

Morning of Reflection – November 21



We extend an invitation to our brother Knights to attend a very special mini-retreat on Saturday morning, November 21, from 8:00 – about Noon, at Sacred Heart Church.

Before long, we will be making all kinds of preparations for Christmas – food, presents, decorations, parties, etc. And in the midst of all this, we often forget the most important preparation – SPIRITUAL. The Church gives us the Advent season as a time to spiritually prepare to celebrate the Birth-day of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She reminds us that all the other forms of preparation would be meaningless if Christ had not come to be born on that first Christmas night.

Our mini-retreat, with a theme of “Remain with us, Lord”, will be led by Father John Sledziona, CM, and will include a Mass, full breakfast, reflection and prayer.

There is no cost for participation in this event. We look forward to this “retreat” as a wonderful kick-off to the Advent and Christmas seasons and we look forward to your participation.

Keep current on Council news by visiting our blog, Knight Light, at www.blogsnh.com



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Culture of Life – Stand up for Life!

Precious Life: Our faith tells us that all human life is sacred. We are God’s most precious creation. Modern science tells us that our life is an ongoing process of development from conception to natural death. If we are to build a truly just and humane society, we have only one choice to make – to fully embrace this precious gift of life. Pope Benedict XVI makes this clear when he states, “The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself.”

Human Rights: Many do not view all human life as sacred. Actively or passively, they condone abortion, euthanasia, human cloning and the destruction of human embryos for research. Perhaps they do not see the image of God in each person; or know the clear scientific evidence about when life begins; or realize that the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that “everyone has the right to life, liberty and the security of person”.

Building a Culture of Life: Watch a 3D sonogram of a child moving in the womb. Hold a newborn baby in your arms. Feel the first stirrings of life and you will know that no one has the right to declare another human being unworthy. Yet millions of lives have been lost to abortion and other destructive methods. In the face of this fact, we must continue to be people of life and for life, following the highest aspirations of the human heart and laying the groundwork for a truly just society.

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to do something to reverse the trend toward a culture of death. All of us have a duty to defend life at all stages and build a culture of life—and we have.

By advocating a consistent pro-life message, by supporting pregnancy centers and alternatives to abortion, and by educating our fellow citizens on the necessity of protecting vulnerable human life, our impact is being felt throughout the world. It has been said that “women deserve better than abortion.” We strongly agree. In fact, as leaders in the pro-life movement for the past three decades, Knights of Columbus have led with the utmost care and compassion. We seek to support women who are driven to abortion as much as we seek to defend the defenseless in our society. We are pro-life and pro-women.

Prayer is ultimately the greatest power that supports all of our pro-life activities. Join us as we pray for the end to abortion and respect for life in all its stages. Invoke the intercession of our Mother, and **PRAY THE ROSARY TO END ABORTION.**

Reason for the Season



With all of the distractions of the season, it's the simple reminders that cause us to pause and reflect on our Savior's birth. As Knights and fellow Christians, we have developed a way to keep the focus of the Christmas Season on the true meaning of Christmas... **Christ!**

Make a public statement about the foundation of your Christian faith and display a reminder on your vehicle. Magnets are available for \$4 each and will be on sale at area Church fairs and at all Knight social events. While you're at it, we also have beautiful Christmas cards available at varying prices.



“In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.”

Forming Consensus for Faithful Citizenship, no 13

Our state and our nation face political challenges that demand urgent moral choices. The need for public awareness and participation in the political process has never been higher. The Diocese of Manchester has created an avenue for NH Catholics to remain informed of pending legislation that could have dramatic impacts on human life and family values.

Visit catholicnh.org/public-issues for more information and to subscribe to *Faithful Citizenship News, the Diocese of Manchester Newsletter on Public Issues.*

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

November

- 11/18 4th Degree Meeting, 7:00pm, St. John's Concord (IHM Room); *Open to 4th Degree Sir Knights in good standing*
- 11/21 Morning of Reflection, 8:00am to Noon, Sacred Heart Church; *Brother Knights are encouraged to participate*
- 11/21-11/22 Holiday Fair, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Concord; *Good time to go Christmas shopping*
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Social, 6:00pm social, 7:00pm dinner, Council Hall; A full turkey dinner will be served, with all the fixin's, prepared by a dedicated group of Brother Knights. *Fellow Brother Knights, family members and invited guests are welcome.*
- 11/24 St. John's Roundtable, 7:00pm, IHM Room, St. John's; *St. John Male parishioners are encouraged to participate*
- 11/26 Happy Thanksgiving Day – **Remember to give thanks to God for His many blessings!**
- 11/27 Creche Installation, 9:00am, NH State House; *Got a minute?...stop in and give us a hand.*
- 11/27 Creche Blessing and Lighting Ceremony, 4:00pm, NH State House; Come and celebrate with us as the blessing and lighting ceremony is part of a larger, family-oriented afternoon of activity including, among others, a petting zoo, hay rides, music, lighting of the Christmas Tree, and even fireworks. Events begin at 4:00. *All in your family are encouraged to attend.*

December

- 12/5 Pilgrimage to LaSalette Shrine in Enfield: Rosary, concert with Father Pat, and Mass. Starts at 4:00pm; *All invited!*
- 12/7 KofC 112 Officer's Meeting, 7:00pm, Council Hall.
- 12/8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception – a Holy Day of Obligation
- 12/14 KofC 112 Monthly Membership Meeting, 7:00pm, Council Hall; *Open to Brother Knights in good standing*
- 12/16 4th Degree Meeting, 7:00pm, Northwood; *Open to 4th Degree Sir Knights in good standing*
- 12/25 Merry Christmas
- 12/29 St. John's Roundtable, 7:00pm, IHM Room, St. John's; *St. John Male parishioners are encouraged to participate*
- 12/31 New Year's Gala, *Details TBD*

Please visit our website <http://kofc112.webs.com>
for more information on these events.



Thanksgiving Prayer

*Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day, we bow our hearts to You and pray.
We give You thanks for all You've done, especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.*

*For beauty in nature, Your glory we see, for joy and health, friends and family,
For daily provision, Your mercy and care, these are the blessings You graciously share.*

So today we offer this response of praise, with a promise to follow You all of our days.

--Mary Fairchild