

Knightly News

Celebrating 115 years of service to the City of Concord

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

Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, May the "Blessings of this Christmas Season" be a sacred time of spiritual growth by becoming closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "A New Day is Dawning" for us as Knights to become active in all aspects of the Church and to sanctify human life, just as we would for the infant who was humbly born in a simple manger. Let us go forth with perseverance to project our dedication to the Church's teachings of humility and action to the simplest of people and to the greatest, status has no limits in the eyes of Almighty God.

Though difficult times have confronted us in the past year we as brothers united can overcome all adversity with participation in the council activities. We should as well be active in assisting the "Ladies of the Knights" who through the years have been a cornerstone in the success of many activities of and for this council: God Bless their efforts!! Let us work together in unity for continued success of our efforts with an unconditional pride that will make all things possible with His guidance, as little or as great an effort by our brothers is all contributing to moving forward with satisfaction that it is good!! I as Grand Knight can take pride in the effort of new members into the fold, by those brothers who look to the future for continued new ideas that make the council progress forward with great and positive success.

May Our Lord and Savior bring you and your families and friends Peace and Prosperity this Christmas Season and for the coming a Blessed New Year. I remain always at your service.



Grand Knight Dave Dale

Chaplain's Message

The beautiful face of the baby Jesus on Christmas speaks of the joy, warmth and hope born to us this day. This little baby was born to give himself to us. From the moment of His birth, His was a life of love in the purest meaning of the word.

How much did Jesus love us? The child Jesus came to us as the poorest of the poor. His first bed was an animal's feed box. He lived among the outcasts and marginalized; completely giving Himself to the healing of their physical and spiritual wounds. His ministry was characterized by misunderstanding. No one, not even his mother, would understand what it meant for Jesus to be about His Father's business. For His kindness, he was betrayed, arrested, beaten and crucified.

How do we respond? The answer to the love Jesus shows us on Christmas day is to do as He did and give ourselves away. I would like to share this prayer by Father Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R.:

*Lord Jesus Christ, let me live for you today and give myself to all I meet,
especially those in need.
Whatever they need – a smile, a helping hand, a meal, forgiveness...
Help me to get out of the prison of myself and to follow You,
who came from beyond the stars to give your love away. Amen*

I would like to encourage all of my brother Knights to attend Christmas Mass with their family. Also, please extend an invitation to all others you might meet during this Holy Season to join you for Christmas Mass.



*Council Chaplain
Rev. Anthony Kuzia, CM*



Council Updates



Welcome Our Newest Brother Knights

Dan Stanley and Bob Lloyd both received the honors of membership in the first degree at an exemplification ceremony held in Tilton on November 15.

Congratulations to both and welcome to the world's largest Catholic lay organization. We look forward to your growth within the Order and your assistance throughout the community.

As an aside, each exemplification ceremony is performed honoring a specific individual. We are proud to note that the honoree for this ceremony in Tilton was Matt Poulin, Insurance Agent for Knights of Columbus, and a member of Council 112. Congratulations Matt.



Seated L-R is Bill Fahy and Matt Poulin. Standing L-R are Jim Cailler, Dan Stanley (conferee) Bob Lloyd (conferee) and Bob Nadeau.

Morning of Reflection - November 21

Father John Sledziona, CM of Sacred Heart/St. Peter's Parish, conducted a moving and appreciated mini-retreat for Brother Knights. The retreat consisted of a Mass, a full breakfast and a presentation/discussion on the theme of the retreat: "*Remain with Us, Lord – a Reflection on the Eucharist*". The event was an excellent opportunity to help us prepare for the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

Thanksgiving Social - November 23

Nearly 60 Brother Knights of Concord Council #112 and their families and friends, gathered for our monthly social at our Council Home on Bradley Street. This month's social featured a full turkey dinner with all the fixin's, prepared by the Brother Knight team of Chuck McGee and Red Brochu.

Grand Knight Dave Dale presented the following awards:

Clergy-of-the-Month: Father John Sledziona, C.M.

Knight-of-the-Month: Robert Jursik

Family-of-the-Month: Jim and Pat Preisendorfer

Jolene Camley, President of the Ladies Group, also recognized Jeanne Anderson as Knight Lady-of-the-Month.

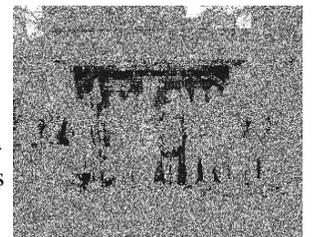
Council 112 Receives Special Recognition

James P. Bouley, Mayor of Concord, presented Knights of Columbus Council #112 with a Proclamation in celebration of our Council's 115th anniversary. The proclamation noted the council's history of service to the greater Concord community. Congratulations to all Knights and Ladies, both past and present, whose dedication and vision has contributed to our years of service excellence.

Concord Council 112 Knights Installs Creche

Two dozen Brother Knights from Concord Council #112 took time out on Friday the 27th of November, the day after Thanksgiving, to install their Creche.

The Creche, which is positioned in front of the New Hampshire State Capital, is the only public display of a Creche, on Government or State Capital property, that is known to the Knights of Columbus Order.



Pray for Vocations

The 31-Club (a program whereas participating Brother Knights promise to attend Mass for the specific intention of increasing vocations one extra day each month) will be renewed for 2010. In addition, another venue for praying for vocations has also been introduced: Year-Long Rosary for Vocations. Under this program, each Brother Knight agrees to say one extra rosary per day for a specified week within the year. The intention under each of these programs is to ensure that prayers for vocations take place each day within the year. Please visit our website (kofc112.webs.com) for additional information on how you can participate in these programs.



Council Updates



Insurance Agent's Corner

Tempus fugit. Time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially as we prepare to ring in another new year. I hope that 2009 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the new year. If I may, I'd like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. So write your resolutions down. Whether they be to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to stick to them if you write them down.



Field Agent
Matt Poulin

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's – as they say in the credit card commercial – priceless.

I'm at (603) 228-3029 Call me – let's talk.

The Ladies of Council 112 Corner

- **Ladies Host Program Within State Level Event.** On December 5th the Ladies hosted the Ladies from the State Level, helping to make no-sew baby blankets that will be given out to the Birth Right Support Agencies at the Annual State Birth Right Dinner hosted by Concord Council #112. Many of the women brought fleece baby fabric with a patterns and some that were solid to coordinate together.

The Ladies gathered at 10 am and worked until 4pm, putting together over 30 blankets that will be given to the Center Guests who are present at the Birthright Dinner in Concord on January 30. Sandy McCann, wife of State Deputy, Ed McCann and Jolene Camley, President of the Ladies of the Knights, prepared sandwiches and provided refreshments for the women who gathered. The Ladies Group also voted to spend \$100.00 and donate the fleece material for additional blankets.



Left to right, Kori Cusson, Tina Bevilacqua, Jolene Camley, Katie Bevilacqua, Debbie Thibeault, Jeannette Carignan, Sandy McCann and an unidentified wife.

- **Ladies Get in the Christmas Spirit.** Our Ladies of the Knights Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 6th at the home of Lilly St. Hilaire. This yearly event that everyone has always looked forward to, as always, was very well attended and well enjoyed. Many of the Ladies brought a food dish to share with everyone and of course, had a great time with a Yankee Swap.

Birthright Dinner – January 30

All are invited to attend the Annual Respect Life Dinner held at Sacred Heart Church on Pleasant Street in Concord on Saturday, January 30th. The 3rd Annual Event is being hosted by Knights of Columbus, Concord Council #112 and the Ladies of the Knights of Columbus #112. A delicious dinner of baked ham with homemade garnishes, cole slaw and a full board of desserts will be served.

Guests are welcome to arrive at the Church at 6:00pm for social time, with the dinner kicking off at 7:00pm and program and presentations at 7:45pm. The dinner is \$10.00 per person and reservations can be made by e-mailing State Pro-life Director, Ron Distasio (rddistasio@comcast.net). Please plan ahead as space is filling up rather quickly and you won't want to miss out.

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Our Council Home is available for rentals. For more information, call 228-8927.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

December

12/25 Merry Christmas

12/31 New Year's Eve - Pot Luck Social Dinner, 6:00pm social, 7:00pm dinner, Council Hall; *Join us for a simple early evening, self-catered dinner and social. Bring your favorite dish to share with others. This event should end at or before 9:00, plenty of time to resume your New Year's Celebration afterwards.*

January

1/1 New Years Day, Feast of Mary, Mother of God - a Holy Day of Obligation

1/4 KofC 112 Officer's Meeting, 7:00pm, Council Hall

1/11 KofC 112 Monthly Membership Meeting, 7:00pm, Council Hall; *Open to Brother Knights in good standing*

1/20 4th Degree Meeting, 7:00pm, Suncook; *Open to 4th Degree Sir Knights in good standing*

1/25 Monthly Social Dinner, 6:00pm social, 7:00pm dinner, Council Hall; *Fellow Brother Knights, family members and invited guests are welcome*

1/26 KofC 112 Roundtable at St. John's, 7:00pm, IHM Room, St. John's; *St. John Male parishioners are encouraged to participate*

1/30 NH KofC State Birthright Dinner, 6:00pm social, 7:00pm dinner, 7:45 program and presentation, Sacred Heart Church; *Reservations recommended*

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

An Actual Piece of Valuable Wisdom Circulating the Internet

A group of graduates, well established in their careers, were talking at a reunion and decided to go visit their old university professor, now retired. During their visit, the conversation turned to complaints about stress in their work and lives. Offering his guests hot chocolate, the professor went into the kitchen and returned with a large pot of hot chocolate and an assortment of cups - porcelain, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to the hot chocolate.

When they all had a cup of hot chocolate in hand, the professor said: "Notice that all the nice looking, expensive cups were taken, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. The cup that you're drinking from adds nothing to the quality of the hot chocolate. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was hot chocolate, not the cup; but you consciously went for the best cups... And then you began eyeing each other's cups.

Now consider this: Life is the hot chocolate; your job, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life. The cup you have does not define, nor change the quality of life you have. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the hot chocolate God has provided us. God makes the hot chocolate, man chooses the cups. The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything that they have.

A Reflective Christmas Prayer

Father God, When your precious Son became a tiny baby in a stable in Bethlehem in poverty and simplicity, you changed our world. As we imagine those surroundings, we join with the shepherds and the wise men in wonder and praise. We thank you for our material lives, praise you for our spiritual lives, and trust in you for our eternal life.

Amen.