

Knightly News

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In service to all.*

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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, may the New Year bring Blessings and Health for you and your Loved Ones. We are challenged, each and everyone to do our part in making a success in the proposals submitted for action. Yes, it may seem a few put in countless hours to make it happen, but continued effort for involvement in council projects is essential for us moving forward.

I am asking each and every Knight who is capable and willing to step out in faith, spending even a few moments assisting those in need from the food bank and local pantries to the needs of the parish and the council activities - be involved. From the Epistle of James: *If any of you is without wisdom, let him ask it from God who gives generously and ungrudgingly to all, and it will be given him. Brothers, what good is it to profess faith without practicing it? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear or food to eat and you say to them good bye and good luck! keep warm and well fed, but do nothing to meet the needs of the unfortunate, what good is that? So it is with unconditional faith and charity we act. Show me your faith without works, and I'll show you the faith that underlies my works! There you see proof that faith was both assisting his works and implemented by his works. Be assured, then, that faith without works is as dead as a body without breath.*

So brothers, without hesitation, your ideas and actions are all great in God's Eyes from the greatest efforts to the minimal - it is all good!!

Always, your Brother in Christ!!



Grand Knight Dave Dale

Chaplain's Message

Abortion is a grave moral evil and we should take whatever opportunity we can to show our opposition to public policy that denies the right to life. During the month of January, thousands will do just that when they gather in our nation's capital and in capital cities around our country, to march in support of the right to life for the pre-born. They hope to send a clear and consistent message that life is sacred.

Earlier this year, encouraged by our Bishops, parishes across the country engaged in a write-in campaign to oppose the Freedom of Choice Act. The fear was that, if introduced again during the 111th Session of Congress, this act would further erode the ability of individual states to regulate abortions. Again, we sent a clear message of opposition to a bill that directly conflicts with our teachings on morality.

While it is good to protest against specific laws which are in conflict with our teachings, we need to also expend the same energy towards supporting laws that offer positive measures to reduce the number of abortions. One such bill is presently before the 111th Congress. The Pregnant Women Support Act [House Bill - HR 2305; Senate Bill - S 1032] has been endorsed by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. This act would provide programs that reduce the need for abortions while helping women to bear healthy children by offering support for new parents. This bill has been introduced at every Congressional Session since the 108th and has always died in committee for lack of support.

We must also look to factors outside of the law that contribute to an increase in abortions. Poverty is and remains the number one killer in the world. Poverty is often the companion of hunger, disease, family stress, domestic violence, drug addiction and hopelessness. Recent statistics gathered by the Center for Disease Control and the Alan



*Council Chaplain
Rev. Anthony Kuzia, CM*

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Gutmacher Institute show that the abortion rate for women living below the poverty level [an annual income of \$10,030 for a single person] is four times higher than for those whose incomes are three times greater. Poverty then, is a direct cause of death for a majority of the unborn victims of abortion.

The Church calls on all people of good will to make moral choices to reject the climate of profound and growing disrespect for human life. But the Church also calls on us to take a pro-active role toward eliminating discrimination and poverty, and to oppose war, abortion, euthanasia, the arms race and the death penalty. We are to make a choice to follow the biblical injunction to choose life not death. This imperative calls for us to take positive action.

Father Anthony

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 30. 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.

Family Day Mass

The presence of the Concord Council #112 of the Knights of Columbus will be visible at a very special Family Day Mass, held at St. John the Evangelist Church, 8:30 on Sunday, February 14 (Valentine's Day).

Knights will lead all positions within the Celebration, complete with 4th Degree Color Corps. This will be similar to the Founder's Day Mass held last Spring, which turned out to be a moving and enjoyable experience for all who attended.

Following the Mass, St. John's will host a full breakfast, for a nominal fee, in the Parish Activity Center. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this special occasion.

Recent Exemplifications

Congratulations to Brother Dave Cooley who received the honors of membership in the Second Degree at an exemplification ceremony held on January 10 in Laconia.

Degree ceremonies take place throughout the year at numerous locations. All Brothers are encouraged to elevate their membership to at least the Third Degree, to fully participate in Council activities. If you wish to join the Knights or to pursue higher degree levels, contact our Advocate, Jim Cailler at jacai@comcast.net or 224-6919.

Pray for Vocations

The 31-Club (a program wherein participating Brother Knights promise to attend Mass for the specific intention of increasing vocations one extra day each month) has been 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.

Friendly Reminder

Membership dues for 2010 are, well, due. If you haven't done so as of yet, please forward your renewal form along with your payment. And, don't forget to include your volunteer survey form - this information is very important. Thank you.



Council Updates



Insurance Agent's Corner

For this month's column, I thought a little "Life Insurance 101" might be beneficial.

Whole life insurance calls for premiums to be paid for your entire life, or to age 100. You may also consider another permanent life insurance product – one with guaranteed cash values – that offers a limited period of premium payments. The Knights of Columbus offers three permanent life insurance products for which premiums do not have to be paid for all of life.

"Twenty Pay Life" is exactly as the name suggests – a permanent plan with premiums payable for 20 years. After the premiums are paid for the 20 years, the plan is "paid up" and no more premiums are due. Unlike its term counterpart, however, the plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

Another such plan is our "Life Paid Up at 65." You buy this permanent product and you only pay premiums to age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains very much in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance – permanent life insurance – and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

I have detailed information on all of these products. At your convenience, I'll meet with you and your wife to perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, to help determine which of our many life insurance products is right for you and your family.

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



Field Agent
Matt Poulin

The Ladies of Council #112 Corner

Ladies of the Knights of Columbus, Concord Council #112 will be holding their January 18 meeting at Ichiban Japanese Steak House at 118 Manchester Street in Concord. This will be a fun night out for friendship and fellowship and will begin at 6:00pm.

This year, the Ladies will be visiting the Harris Hill Nursing Home in Concord on Saturday, February 13 at 1:00pm. They will be playing bingo with the residents and passing out Valentine's Day goodie bags. Our Chairwoman Debbie Thibeault, has been working hard with Harris Hill to set this project in motion. Any Ladies who are interested in participating please contact Debbie at (603) 753-9493 or at kdkmc@comcast.net

The Ladies Group is always looking for women who are interested in volunteering within the community, as well as friendship and fellowship. If this interests you in joining our Ladies Group, we meet on the 3rd Monday of every month at IHM Educational Center. If you are interested in joining please feel free to check out web site: www.ladies112.webs.com or contact: President, Jolene Camley at (603) 674-5257, or at jlcc417@aol.com.

Msgr. Buckley 4th Degree Assembly 627 Corner (NH's Capital Sir Knights)



The Assembly's own Faithful Friar, Rev. Sir Knight, Father John Loughnane, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pittsfield, was the lucky winner of the plasma television raffle held on December 16. In case you were wondering, the drawing was held fair and square. One has to wonder, however, if perhaps he used his Devine connections to give his ticket a little extra advantage. Father John will donate the television to use in his own parish center. Congratulations Father John and by extension, his parish.

Basketball Free Throw Competition

Plans are in the works for Council #112 to conduct its annual basketball free throw competition for both boys and girls, ages 10 through 14 in late February. Contestants shoot free throws from the foul line and the highest scorers become the winners for their respective age and gender group.

The council winners can then move on to the District tournament (if any), a State tournament, and then potentially an International competition. It's terrific fun for any kid! For more information on participating or assisting, contact **Council Youth Director Matt Poulin** at (603) 228-3029 or by e-mail at matthew.poulin@kofc.org.

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

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January

Please Note: The January Social, formerly scheduled for the 25th has been cancelled; Brothers and guests are encouraged to attend the Birthright Dinner instead.

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

February

- 2/1 KofC #112 Officer's Meeting, 7:00pm, Council Hall
- 2/8 KofC #112 Monthly Membership Meeting, 7:00pm, Council Hall; *Open to Brother Knights in good standing*
- 2/14 Family Day Mass, 8:30am, followed by breakfast, St. John's Church; *Knights will lead all positions, with a full color corps presence. Please plan to attend with your families.*
- 2/17 Ash Wednesday
- 2/17 4th Degree Meeting, 7:00pm, St. John's Concord (IHM Room); *Open to 4th Degree Sir Knights in good standing*
- 2/22 Monthly Social Dinner, 6:00pm social, 7:00pm dinner, Council Hall; *Fellow Brother Knights, family members and invited guests are welcome*
- 2/23 KofC #112 Roundtable at St. John's, 7:00pm, IHM Room, St. John's; *St. John Male parishioners are encouraged to participate*

Potluck Parish



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Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

