

Winter Meeting - 2025

Fr. Nathan - Jubilee year - Pope Francis. We are called to assist our churches and pastors. Hope is showing up, day after day and putting one foot in front of the other. St. Paul - hope is forged through endurance. Fraternity is a journey together.

State Deputy - Michael Giroux - Need to ask men to join.

- SWOT: Analyze this with our GKs
- Historical reports to pay attention to: Safe Environment, Star Tracker, webinars, calendar
- Order materials from Supreme EARLY! Order kits for soccer challenge, free throw, etc. Now!
- Coats for Kids - big success
- 1st soccer challenge in 10 years went well – want to build on it for next year
- Consider hosting essay contest or Keep Christ in Christmas

Regional Growth Director - Michael Kish - Can we continue to do what we do in the next 25 - 50 years? No - not without new, young members.

Duane Belanger - Veterans and Operation Wheelchair. See State calendar

- Recognize veterans in the community - schedule banquet, present certificate.
- Wreaths across America
- Become a 4th Degree
- Partner with veterans organization - American Legion, VFW, etc.
- USVA Togus

Jon Harvey - Membership.

- We are at 35% of our goal. Far off the mark
- A little ahead of last year, but lots more to do
- 16 Councils have brought in 87 new members. Other 45 Councils need to step up.
- Need 158 new Knights. Roughly 2 new Knights per month per DD.

Spike Brimer - Faith Formation & Ceremonials

- Conduct ceremonies in person. Recommend not using the videos if at all possible.
- Develop ceremonial teams at each Council. Script is on the State and Supreme web sites

Michael Giroux - speaking on behalf of Mark Bourgoin

- Use State Calendar
- Send event updates and content to Mark Bourgoin for State Newsletter, Columbia Magazine, Harvest Magazine
- Make use of webinars - Forward links to GKs
- Promote state call book ads - \$1500 worth of ads - a couple can attend State Convention for free

Bill Weiss - Insurance

- Kevin Brown - new regional insurance agent
- Cam Arsini - covering Lewiston area. Lives in Etna
- **Schedule estate planning seminars.** Need minimum of 10 Catholic men attending (more than 20 can count as 2 events). Run ad (Bill's team has the standard ad) for 3 weeks prior to the event. Recommended scheduling them shortly after mass on Sundays - best experience for good attendance. Saturdays also a decent option.

Jon Harvey - District Master

- Sunday Feb 2nd - 4 PM U of M. K of C Honor Guard – flag ceremony \$17 / tickets (U Maine Hockey Game). John Deetjen to sing National Anthem
- **Patriotic Degree - Augusta - Feb 8th - \$55 per candidate.**
- Feb 22nd - Patriotic Degree - NYC - \$60 per candidate, dinner \$125. Room cost not included. Do not have to attend the banquet
- **My 17th - Armed Forces Day - Rockland - Patriotic Degree. 1 PM**
- **June 6 - 8 - Special Olympics - Orono**
- Looking to host an international degree in the County
- Masters Fund - for each assembly that donates \$50 to the Masters fund, the assembly will get a chance to win a complete uniform
- Also can use clynk bags - see Jon

DD Round Table Follow-Up

FIA - Deadline for reports - 2/25/25!

Charlie Bougie - Life

- Novena for life
- Ultrasound initiative
- Pro-Life Alliance - we are now part of that group
- 40 Days for Life
- Silver Rose service
- **Baby Bottle Drive**
- ASAP program
- **Special Olympics - 10784 form - every Council needs to fill this out even if they don't donate any money**
- **Send names and e-mail addresses for Council Life Directors to Charlie Bougie**

Lee & Bobbie Malvin - Family

- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
- State Family Event - Sea Dogs game this past summer
- Winter Family Event - Orono - **U Maine Hockey Game Feb 2nd 4 PM. 4th Degree to Honor Guard. Tickets - \$17. See Lee & Bobbie for ticket link**
- Food for Families - Supreme refunds \$100 for each \$500 or 1000 lb donated (fill out form)
- Family of the Month - Recruitment opportunity

Bob Dumond - Faith / Vocations

- See seminarians list

Let Bob Dumond discuss

FIA - Programs - Anthony Alfiero

- Fill out forms
- Star Tracker form

PSD Norm Gray - Special Olympics

- August 23rd - family weekend at Camp Tall Pines
- Summer games - Orono - June 6-8
- FILL OUT FORM 10784!!!

Spike Brimmer - COR

- Evangelization & Faith Formation
- Heart speaks to heart

Michael Kish - Supreme Rep

- Get to know your Councils, find out their goals and help them to achieve them
- Help them to keep them on track
- Fill out forms - submit online
- E-mailed forms to Supreme should be cc'ed to DD and SD
- Make sure Councils are doing good programs and promoting them
- Advertise! Our brand is positive
- Recruit - have the answer for Why someone would want to join the K of C
- Every activity is an opportunity for recruitment. Have a staffed table with info. Hand out prayer cards and thank people for coming. Have someone at every event talking to people and thanking them for coming.
- Be the leader that your Council, District and State needs
- Be positive! Always!

Fr. Nathan - Closing Comments

- The best time to plant a tree is 15 years ago. The next best time is today
- Turn neighbors into friends, friends into Brothers, Brothers into Knights
- Be authentic
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