

Winter Meeting 2026

Opening remarks - Michael Giroux:

- Goal - 15 Star Councils this year. Only 2 last year.

Gary Boynton - State Advocate:

- Safe Environment - Check status reports regularly. Don't forget and don't miss background check button.
- Keep records/logs of those who are Safe Environment and Background Checked that are attending events.
- Call Gary if you have any questions: (207) 922-7310

Supreme Rep - Regional Growth Director - Raymond Sands:

- Be fishers of men
- Lean on your faith
- "God Help Me"
- Create a Council Promotional Video for membership drives
- It takes YOU
- Focus on Star Council award to make sure Council is healthy

State Membership Director - Cameron Arcidi

- Currently at 40% of membership goal
- Use QR code in promotional materials
- Continue to ask

COR Presentation - Jon Harvey

- COR is not difficult and very flexible. A gathering of Catholic Men
- COR ad cor loquitor (heart speaks to heart)
- Goal for COR meeting - to encounter Christ
 - Prayer
 - Formation - becoming more like Christ
 - Fraternity - sharing time with each other
- Start small and grow from there
- Lots of free resources available on Supreme website
- When filling out the FIA form - select the COR program report option at the bottom (if it is a Faith program)

4th Degree Presentation - Jon Harvey

- Webinar - Monday evening on how the new Patriotic Degree fits in programs 1/12/26
- 1/24/26 - Maine Womens' Hockey vs Merimack - 4th Degree requested - Looking for 6
- Feb 15 - 4th Degree at Basilica - after 10:30 mass. After brunch (around 1 PM)
- Mar 29 - 1 PM, St. Joseph's Brewer - Bi-annual meeting 1 PM. Only 2 delegates per assembly can vote.

Past State Deputy - Jon Harvey

- Congratulate SD and staff for mid-year meeting
- Pray for continued success

NO FEBRUARY AUDIT THIS YEAR AND GOING FORWARD

General Agent Rep - Bill Weiss

- John Shively - other field agent - Lewiston, Downeast
- January 20 - web site will be down for upgrades
- Have Agents run the recruiting events at mass. They have Rosaries for women, and pamphlet for men. Make sure to get pamphlets from John Shively
- Star Council Req - GK and DGK for council must meet with Agent
- At least 1 Fraternal Benefit Event - Estate Planning Seminar - Schedule early! 10 Potential Members present. Post in Parish bulletin for at least 3 weeks.
- Fill out form 19077!!!

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- Streamline meetings - keep it flowing
- Follow new script
- Skip bills and communications
- Hold separate Officers meetings to deal with mundane stuff.
- Follow Exemplification script - anyone can serve in any Roll for exemplifications
- Read the parts - hold practices.
- Hold regular Degrees. At least 1 per district per quarter. Inform State officers
- Invite Parish community to attend
- Put Degrees on State Calendar

Norm Gray - Special Olympics

- Fill out form 10784 even if Council didn't do anything
- Polar Dippers earned nearly \$200K this year!
- K of C Dippers won the recognition for most money raised
- Cross country skiing and snow shoeing events to be held in Waterville (winter special olympics). Skating at Colby College
- Feb 26 - Alpine skiing at Lost Valley
- March 14 - Second polar dip (ice out challenge in Winthrop - Lake Maranacook)

Faith in Action - Faith Programs - Bob Dumond

- two new Faith programs - see Supreme website
- Imitating St. Juan Diego
- Pilgrim Icon program - available for any Council / District
- RSVP Program - donate to Seminarians - every \$500 donated results in a \$100 refund from Supreme. Provide moral support, Christmas Card, birthday cards, etc.
- Bob to work with Dan Lalonde to list seminarians and their statu

- There are two new seminarians - look at them perhaps
- Spiritual Reflections
- Bob Reviewed - Men's retreat from last year. Next one will be the last weekend of September back in Winthrop at Camp Metchuana
- Rosary Program - Schedule regular Rosary programs

Lee & Bobbie Malvin - Family

- Consecration of the Holy Family
- 44 posters - Keep Christ in Christmas submitted
- Food for families

Michael Giroux (on behalf of Anthony Alfiero) - Faith In Action

- Fill out forms
- Don't leave money on the table - reimbursement for programs

Faith in Action - Life - Charlie and Courtney Bougie

- Silver Rose program
- Baby Bottle Drive
- St. Joseph's College Life Presentation
- Hands at the Capital coming up. Wednesday March 4th 1 - 4 PM

Faith in Action - Community - Robert Michaud

- Some additional Coats for Kids available - interested Councils should contact me
- All Councils should participate in Essay, Free Throw, Soccer and Hockey challenges.
- Engage with your community, engage with men / fathers
- Think outside the box - like Larry's Survive and Thrive program

Tech - Dan Lalonde

- Use DD email
- Use FIA summary report to get sum of service hours by category

Date for District 10 meeting: Friday, February 6 at 6:30 PM at Holy Trinity in Lisbon

Supreme Rep - Raymond Sands

- Safe Environment is critical
 - need to vet / background check new applicants
- Use Safe Environment Member Status reports
- Have members that complete Praisidium training send you an electronic copy of their certificate
- Past Supreme Knight Karl Anderson - "We have a moral obligation to ask every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus"
- New membership form 11881 - Membership Enrollment Form
- Make banners - local or from Supreme. Put QR code on everything!
- Put banners outside, not the back of the church



- Shining armor award - 2 for 1.
- Make sure your Councils are submitting their forms for Star Council and SP-7
- Complete the SP-7 as soon as the work is done - don't wait until deadline.

Father Nathan Comments:

- The opposite of Museum is Mission
- Get to know your neighbor. Turn neighbors into friends, friends into Brother Knights, and Knights into Saints

State Executive Secretary:

- Submit expense reports
- Keep track of Star Tracker
- Submit items to State Calendar and copy Ray
- Submit 185 and 365 to Ray, but also fill out additional Directory information form that he will send us.

State Officers final comments:

- Jon Harvey - thanks for the support
- Mike Foster - will create PowerPoint presentation from meeting minutes
- Gary Boynton - 1) Ask Councils for Resolutions for State Convention by Feb 15, 2) Look at State Directory - verify that information for GK and DGK is accurate. 3) Gary's District meeting will be webcast if anyone wants to see it.
- Gil Ouellette - Call for help if needed
- Gil Berube - Get deceased member report to Gil - note if the deceased is a Sir Knight. Can report online.
- Michael Giroux - Nominate Priest, Family of the Year, and Charity Fund (online) for State Convention