

NEWSLETTER



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Grand Knight's Corner

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope you all enjoyed a blessed Christmas with loved ones and family. As I reflect back on this past year, I find that we are truly blessed as a Council to have such faithful and dedicated Knights. Your efforts to support the church, the parish, our Council and our fellow Knights has not gone unnoticed by myself, our priests, and even our parishioners. I receive compliments regularly on your great work and I wanted you to know that you are very much appreciated! Also, a special **"Thank You"** for all who helped hand out the Consecration of the Holy Family Prayer Cards this past weekend!

As I write this, we are on the threshold of a new calendar year. Last year had some significant challenges, but we stepped up and kept moving forward, and I like the momentum we are bringing into the new year. Right off the bat, we have our first **Bean Supper** of the new year, this **Saturday, January 3rd at 5 PM at Holy Trinity**. As *always, I am looking for volunteers and donated casseroles and desserts*. Please call or e-mail me so I can make sure we have enough of all.

Our first **Council Meeting** of the new year will be on **Monday, January 5th at 6:30 PM at Holy Trinity**. In addition, our will be hosting the first **Rosary** of the year at **Holy Trinity on Wednesday, January 7 at 6 PM**.

The weekend of January 9-11, I will be away for the annual State Winter Meeting in Bangor and I look forward to bringing back news that we can use from that event. That same weekend, on **Sunday, January 11**, our Council is scheduled for their annual **Operation Wheelchair at Togus**. We will coordinate this further at our upcoming meeting, so please attend or e-mail me if you are interested in helping.

This year's **Baby Bottle Drive** will be officially on the weekend of **January 17-18**, but we can place our collection box out the previous weekend and leave it out until the following weekend. Our collection box is looking a little rough. If anyone has an old play-pen (or other better

collection box) that we can use for this please let me know.

In the Grand Knight's meeting with Father Dan this month, he is scheduling a **"Cabin Fever Friday"** event on Friday, **January 16th from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Holy Family**. This is an event open to all parishioners to have some fun together and will feature a cribbage tournament and other games for those who don't play cribbage. He has asked the Knights to help coordinate the tournament, provide some small gifts (K of C branded perhaps – small things that would fit in a basket to give away) and to serve beverages. Participants will be asked to bring a snack to share. If you are available and can help with this event, please contact me.

Looking ahead, into February, Father Dan would like to hold a special recognition for Consecrated men and women in our Parish – Sisters, Brothers, etc. on February 1st. He will be asking for Honor Guard support at the 10:30 mass, and after there will be special recognition at the brunch downstairs in the hall. He is asking that the Knight of all three Councils pitch in to provide a small gift / token of appreciation for these men and women. We will discuss this further as well at our upcoming meeting.

On **Sunday, January 25**, there will be a **Formation Degree Exemplification (1st through 3rd Degree) at the Basilica**. Candidates are encouraged to attend the 10:30 mass, and while the brunch is going on after mass, the Degree Team will be setting up. As soon as it is ready, we will hold the Degree. 3rd Degree Knights who would like to participate in the Degree Team, please contact me. This

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will be open to all three Councils and should be well attended.

There are also several other events taking place throughout the district. Please be sure to keep an eye on our District calendar here:

<https://kofc13181.org/district-10-news>

Yours in Christ,
Robert Michaud — Grand Knight
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Upcoming Activities and Council Needs:

- ◇ Jan 3 —Bean Supper—HT—5 PM
- ◇ Jan 5 - Council Meeting—HT—6:30 PM
- ◇ Jan 7 - Monthly Rosary—HT—6 PM
- ◇ Jan 11 – Operation Wheelchair – Togus
- ◇ Jan 16 – Cabin Fever Friday – HF 6:30 PM

A January Prayer of Dedication

Lord God,
At the beginning of this new year,
I place my life once more in Your hands.
Guide my thoughts, my words, and my works,
that all I do may give glory to Your Holy Name.

Grant me wisdom for each decision,
patience in every trial,
and charity toward all whom I meet.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Upcoming Degrees

- ◇ January 25, Basilica after 10:30 Mass

Birthdays This Month

James Daigle
Austin Knight
Nicolas Michaud
Kamal Negm
Joseph Noel
Roger Plante
Roger Roy
Terry Tardiff

Knights of the Month

Jim Daigle – for his tireless efforts to support the Church and Council at all activities.

Family of the Month

Bob & Jen Bussiere – for their dedicated support of the church and all its needs.

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