

NEWSLETTER



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Grand Knight's Corner

Dear Brother Knights,

First off, I want to thank everyone for your participation and support of the events we hosted this past month, including the Bean Supper, Operation Wheelchair and the Cabin Fever Cribbage Tournament. Everyone I spoke with who attended one or both of these events was very happy with how they went. You are doing an amazing job sharing the peace of Christ through your works of community service and fellowship, and I thank you!

I want to also take the opportunity to congratulate all three of our scholarship recipients – Curtis Wheeler, Jordan Castonguay, and Ryan Bussiere. All are doing exceptionally well in their studies and I was honored to present them with their scholarship checks over Christmas break. See the photo on the next page.

Also, please join me in congratulating Brother Knight Xavier Michaud who became engaged to his now fiancée, Bridget Collins.

Looking ahead, we will be entering into Lent in February, and I hope you are able to use this Lenten season to strengthen your faith through a renewed focus on Christ's message as we journey together toward Easter. Ash Wednesday is on February 18th this year.

Between now and then, we have some other activities to prepare for. As I write this on Saturday, January 24th, I am preparing to welcome Brother Andy Maier and Father Peter Onwe into our Council as newly minted 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, following the Degree Exemplification at the Basilica tomorrow. Please join me in welcoming them!

On Monday, February 2nd, we have our monthly Council meeting at Holy Trinity. We will begin planning for the upcoming St. Patrick's Dinner, among other things, and I would love to have your input. Please join us if you are able.

Our monthly Rosary will be at the Basilica (in the downstairs chapel) at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, February 4th. Please consider joining us — and bring a friend. Let's pray together!

I recently attended the Knights of Columbus State Council's Winter Meeting for District Deputies in Bangor and have a great deal of information to share with everyone in our District. To facilitate this, I will be hosting our Winter District Meeting at Holy Trinity on Friday, February 6th, at 6:30 PM. All are welcome, but I particularly encourage officers to attend so they can bring this information back to their respective Councils.

On Saturday, February 7th, at 5:00 PM, we will be hosting our monthly Baked Bean and Casserole Supper at Holy Trinity. As always, I will be looking for volunteers, along with donated casseroles and desserts. The emphasis will be on casseroles this month, as we have quite a few cookies left over from the Cabin Fever event and will be serving those for dessert. Please call or email me if you can help.

On Sunday, February 15th, after the 10:30 Mass at the Basilica, there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification. If you are a 3rd Degree Knight, I urge you to consider joining the Patriotic Degree. There is a new ceremony (which I have not yet seen, but I intend to!), and it is rare that the 4th Degree is offered so close to home.

If you are interested, please reach out to me so I can add you to the list and provide more information about the event. Please note: unlike in the past, you do not need to purchase a tuxedo or uniform in advance. The tuxedo is no longer part of the standard uniform, and only those who choose to join the Honor Guard need to obtain the uniform — which can be done at any time after becoming a 4th Degree Sir Knight.

Lots of great things going on! Have a blessed month.

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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:

- ◊ **Feb 2 —Council Meeting—HT—6:30 PM**
- ◊ **Feb 4 - Monthly Rosary—BAS—6 PM**
- ◊ **Feb 6 – District 10 Meeting – HT – 6:30 PM**
- ◊ **Feb 7 – Bean Supper—HT—5 PM**
- ◊ **Feb 15 – 4th Degree – BAS Noon**

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

- ◊ 1st - 3rd Degree January 25, Basilica after 10:30 Mass
- ◊ 4th Degree February 15, Basilica after 10:30 Mass

Birthdays This Month

Ronald Leboundais

Knights of the Month

Rick Jensen – for his tireless efforts to support the Church and Council at all activities. In particular, in his selfless service to those in need bringing food to St. Martin de Porres, and in leading our Life Committee and representing our Council at the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Family of the Month

David & Debra Devoe – for their ongoing support of the Council and the parish.

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Well Done Scholars: Curtis Wheeler, Jordan Castonguay, and Ryan Bussiere



Congratulations to the newly engaged Brother Knight – Xavier Michaud and his fiancée, Bridget Collins

A great turnout and lots of fun at our first "Cabin Fever" cribbage tournament



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