



Knights  
of Columbus  
New Hampshire State Council



## This is Your NH Knights Weekly Newsletter

NH State Council – Week of 11/27/2022

### State Deputy's Message

Worthy Brother Knights,

We are fast approaching the mid-year point in the fraternal year and much work remains to be accomplished. It is now the time to step into the breach and move forward. Supreme has made our lives easier through the initiatives they have created to make things easier. The Affiliate Membership Incentive Program will be opening again in January 2023. Training for this program will be on December 7, 2022, for those who have not used the program this past March. For those of you who used the program, you may use it again following the directions in Appendix 2 of the guidebook. Membership cards no longer need signatures saving Financial Secretaries and Grand Knights many hours. Some reports have been shortened or deleted. Membership however is still one of our priorities. Our membership numbers have dropped, and we must now replenish our ranks in order to accomplish our mission as Knights of Columbus and the vision of our Founder Blessed Michael McGivney.

Vivat Jesus,

Raymond A. Lemay Sr.

State Deputy, New Hampshire State Council



### Canonization Rosary of Blessed Fr. McGivney (WU)

All Knights are invited to join in praying the scriptural rosary for the canonization of Blessed Fr. McGivney on the 4th Thursday of each month (except November). **To register see the bottom of this article.** This is a special scriptural rosary that helps us stay engaged in meditation on the life of Christ and the mystery of the rosary. Blessed Fr. McGivney deserves our prayers and asks The Father to grant our heart-felt petitions.

Fr. McGivney's zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters is an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance. By Apostolic Authority, Pope Francis decreed Fr. Michael McGivney be given the title of Blessed in September 2020 and his Memorial to be celebrated each August 13th.

There are many ways to honor our founding father through mass liturgy, prayer for his canonization, a novena, a litany, devotions, liturgy of the hours, short films and sharing his life and legacy with others. Please use this URL to access

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/events/father-mcgivney-beatification>

To begin to appreciate this faithful servant to Jesus, join us for the monthly rosary and please request other members to join in this prayer.

Vivat Jesus,

Chip Lukitsch

Father McGivney Guild State Chairman

### Blessed Michael McGivney Rosary - online

Thursday, October 27, 2022, 07:00pm - 08:00pm

The NH State Council is hosting an online Blessed Michael McGivney rosary on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm through June 22, 2023 (third Thursday exceptions on November 17, 2022 and April 20, 2023).

The next rosary will be Thursday, October 27th, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Please register below.

[Register for the online Blessed Michael McGivney Rosary webinar](#)

### Knights of Columbus Insurance Recruitment

Lead a life of service to your community and Catholic families in your community. Work for a company that aligns with your Catholic faith.

Learn more about becoming a Knights of Columbus field agent: [kofc.org/careers](https://www.kofc.org/careers)

Kevin Brown, FICF, LUTCF® (603) 305-0204 [Kevin.Brown@kofc.org](mailto:Kevin.Brown@kofc.org)

[Recruitment Flyer](#)

### Pregnancy Center Support And Gift Card Drive



In the past, council support of our pregnancy centers has culminated at the annual "Birthright Dinner."

We support the following agencies: Birthright (3), Our Place (2), Real Options (2), Care Women's Center of Concord, Aspire of Laconia, Haven in Plymouth, Options for Women, Pathways, Lighthouse, Pennacook Pregnancy Center, St. Gianna's Place, Pregnancy Resource Center, Keene; Preg. Ctr. Of the Upper Valley and New Generation.

Councils have 2 ways to achieve this. Direct support to an agency via monetary donation, laundry basket and even a baby bottle drive.

Any council which donates at least \$500.00 or items worth \$500.00 should submit to Supreme an ASAP grant application. Supreme will match each \$500.00 with a donation of \$100.00 to the particular agency. Maximum which can be reimbursed is \$400.00.

**Refer to kofc.org/asap for additional information**

**OR:** Take part in the annual gift card drive. Councils need to get the membership involved in purchasing these gift cards. It shouldn't take a council long to raise at least \$500.00. Feedback from the pregnancy centers has been very positive. Please get organized and bring your bounty to the Winter Quarterly Meeting on 01/22/23 in Belmont.

Or you can mail the cards to the State Life Director, Ron Di Stasio 27 1/4 High Pine Ave. Nashua N.H. 03063. Please do this by 01/15/23.

If any council is unable to purchase the gift cards but still wants to take part in the drive, please contact the State Life Director. My wife and I may be able to purchase the gift cards for the council. Suggested businesses where to purchase these cards: Walmart, Target, Kohls, Market Basket, Hannaford, Shaw's, The Children's Place, Carters, BuyBuy Baby, J.C. Penney, Walgreens, CVS; Rite Aid and even a Visa gift card.

**These centers need our assistance even more so in light of the negative reactions to the dobbs supreme court decision.**

**The gift of life endowed by our creator needs to be cherished and protected.**

**Gentlemen: don't wait: start organizing your drives now.**

And those councils which have or will make a donation directly to a pregnancy centers, please send me the details. We need to broadcast our successes!

Peace in Christ,

Ron Di Stasio, State Life Director

### **KCIC Alternative Religious Christmas Cards**

KCIC suggested alternative for religious Christmas Cards.

Worthy Grand Knights (please pass this to your Council's KCIC Chairman) and Worthy District Deputies:

The Keep Christ in Christmas program due to problems with suppliers for 2022 has not been able to provide English Christmas cards this year. As an alternative, one of NH state councils said they had found some nice and reasonably priced cards at Current online store. I have included the link below:

<https://www.currentcatalog.com/holidays-and-events/christmas/christmas-cards/religious-christmas-cards.html>

Please be clear that the KCIC program has no interest or association with Current and is only providing this information as a courtesy to the NH state councils for the 2022 season. We hope to have the normal KCIC cards available for the 2023 season.

Thank you!

Dave Wilson, NH State Council KCIC Chairman

### **Grand Knight Forum (WU)**

#### **Worthy Grand Knights,**

#### ***An interactive opportunity for Grand Knights***

Monthly, we host a forum for Grand Knights to openly discuss relevant topics and ask questions. Join us for an open forum to interact with kindred brother Grand Knights on related issues and interests. Share your successes and discuss your challenges. Forum dates are posted in the NH State Directory Book on Page 18 as well as attached to this memo. The access to the forum is posted below, and in the article linked to the upcoming event calendar dates on the State Council website.

Is there a topic you need assistance with? **Send requests to Joseph Kowalik, State Membership Director** [jjkowalik3@gmail.com](mailto:jjkowalik3@gmail.com)

#### **Grand Knight Forum**

**Please join the Grand Knight Forum from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

<https://meet.goto.com/417858013>

**You can also dial in using your phone.**

United States: +1 (872) 240-3212

**Access Code:** 417-858-013

Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: <https://meet.goto.com/install>



Forum Dates 2022-2023

### **Financial Secretary Forum (WU)**

#### **Worthy Financial Secretaries**

#### ***An interactive opportunity for Financial Secretaries***

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#### **Financial Secretary Forum**

**Please join the FS Forum from your computer, tablet or smartphone with this access link.** <https://meet.goto.com/556736413>

**You can also dial in using your phone.**

United States: +1 (571) 317-3122

**Access Code:** 556-736-413

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### **Requesting Council Service Articles for Bi-Weekly Update**

Brothers,

We would like to request an article or two from your Council! We are looking for short writeups, (approx. 1/4 of a page) that describe your council's efforts to deliver charity to the unfortunate and support for our Church. We will start including these in the bi-Weekly Update in a special section called **Council Service Projects**. You can also include a single photo to be published with your article. Please make sure you include your Grand Knight's name and your Council number.

#### **How to Submit Articles for Weekly Newsbrief**

Articles that are to be included in the Bi-Weekly Updates should be sent to the Weekly Update

Email ([weeklyupdates@nhknight.org](mailto:weeklyupdates@nhknight.org)).

Submissions must be received no later than the day before the Bi-Weekly Update publication date.

The publication dates for the remainder of this year are listed in the previous article.

Please send the information to be posted in the raw text format (Word, Google Doc or plain text) so that the information can be easily copy and pasted into an article. Please do not send us a PDF as the conversion to text requires extensive editing and formatting. We will normally set the publication duration of the article for at least 30 days and sometimes 45 days for major projects. Looking forward to your submissions!

Your brother in Christ,

*Greg*

Greg Taillon PSD, Bi-Weekly Update Editor

### **Prayer Requests**

Registered users can create a Prayer Request article by using the [Prayer Request Submission](#). Please note that the prayer request will not be published immediately. We will receive an email of the submission; we will then update the article and progress the article to "Published" status.

### **Free Online Membership Promo Code Updated**

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council updated the free "Online 1st Year Membership" through June 30, 2023. Effective July 01, 2022, the new promo code is: **blessedmcgivney**

The two attached membership flyers are updated with the current free promo. The "QR" enhanced downloadable posters are excellent for local church bulletins, vestibule flyers, council newsletters, and handouts for brother knights to distribute locally.

Flyers provide an array of opportunities to reach out to potential members to join the Knights of Columbus. One of the most effective, is the online membership process.

Great to hand out as a follow up after your Delta Church Drives as well.

Contact: State Membership Director: Joseph J. Kowalik III, IPSP

603 485-2082 [jjkowalik3@gmail.com](mailto:jjkowalik3@gmail.com)

State Online Membership Chairman: Ronald Keys, FDD 603 832-9187 [ronalddk623@gmail.com](mailto:ronalddk623@gmail.com)



[Council Flyer 7-1-22.docx](#)



[Council Flyer 7-1-22.pdf](#)

### **DD Resignation and Appointment**

**From:** Raymond Lemay Sr <[raylemay@comcast.net](mailto:raylemay@comcast.net)>

**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2022 5:05 PM

**To:** Raymond Lemay <[raylemay@comcast.net](mailto:raylemay@comcast.net)>

**Subject:** DD Resignation and Appointment

I have regrettably accepted the resignation of DD 14 Roland "Lefty" Theberge due to health conditions and have accepted GK Joseph Brasil as the new DD #14.

DD Brasil is from Council 506, Berlin. All pertinent can be found on page 21 of the directory.

Fraternally,

Ray Lemay Sr, NHSD

### How to Submit Articles for Weekly Newsbrief

Articles that are to be included in the Bi-Weekly Updates and Weekly Newsbriefs are to be sent to the Weekly Update Email (weeklyupdates@nhknight.org). Submissions must be received no later than the 3:00 pm on Sunday in order to be considered for each Monday's issue. Please send the information to posted in the raw text format so that the information can be easily copy and pasted into an article. Also, please let us know how long you would like to have article published.

### Reminder KofC Novena, Fast, Rosary and Benediction

Hello Again Everyone,

ONCE AGAIN (26th YEAR), REQUESTING YOUR SUPPORT -- PRETTY SIMPLE.

As you may remember from previous years, I'm the chairman of the subject event, working for Ron Distasio, and together with our councils, have been co-sponsoring the subject **Novena & Day of Fasting, Rosary, and Benediction** (this is our **26th year**) for the sins of our nation against the Culture of Life. See attachments.

Request your support --pretty simple: --all materials are in the attachments -- I hope we will continue to work together on this, by advertising in your Church Bulletins, and advocating at your monthly meetings, publishing in newsletters, and of course, attending (e.g., select hour of adoration, and at Benediction) hosted by St. Mark's, Londonderry, on Jan 19,20, 2023 -- Thursday night 7pm adoration start thru Friday 7pm Benediction start. Folks pray the novena on their own starting Jan 12.

Ron Distasio and various GKs have led a decade of the rosary at the Benediction in the past, and hope to do so again this year.

I took the latest emails/contacts from the state directory, but if any errors, please forward to the correct folks.....and cc me for my records.

Getting this should be:

**10488 Londonderry (HOST):** Bob Oliver (GK), Dennis Pedley (RTL), Justin Pare (PGK), Jean Desrosiers (PGK), Brian Roche (PGK), Deacon Tom (celebrant this year again), Greg Cappiello (refreshment). (Bob / Dennis...I will handle bulletin )

**6949 Londonderry:** Chip Lukitsch (GK,DD16), Bill Schenkelberg(PGK), Eric Melanson (PGK), (Chip / Bill / Eric, I will handle bulletin, meeting handouts)

**3023 Derry** Angelo Petruzzello (GK); Dick LaPlume (RTL)

**4442 Salem** Rick Veilleux (GK);Peter Klecan (RTL); Ron Bourke(PGK),

**5162 Hudson** Jake Izzo (GK); Ron Distasio (Council & State RTL )

**7572 Windham** Nick Shea (GK); Michael Funk (PGK), Bob Guyre(PGK), Roy Dennehy (DGK,RTL)

**13026 Litchfield** Marc Lacerte (GK), Emile Proulx (PGK), Jason Blais (PGK, PDD), James Slayer (FS)

**Roy Dennehy Life Directors list:**

**6902, Salem,** Bill Brewster

**6725, Merrimack,** Norm Thibault

**DD8, George Fredette** (4442,5162,6902,7572,10488), David Fuccillo

John P Matuszewski

Event Chairman

Council 6949, Londonderry

603-434-4098

cell:603-557-5377



Day of Fasting Jan 2023a flyers GK info.pdf



Roe v Wade Rosary Signup Jan 2023.pdf

### Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest 2022 – 2023

Brother Knights,

Welcome to the kick-off for the NH State Council's involvement in the 2022 - 2023 Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Poster Contest. All Official Rules for the contest, as outlined by our Supreme Council, will apply. However, I would like to clarify the following areas:

Please inform me no later than Friday, November 11, 2022 if your council plans to participate, either by e-mail or phone:

[Tfdpad67@comcast.net](mailto:Tfdpad67@comcast.net) 603-759-2464

Councils are encouraged to seek the participation of their local Catholic schools and parish Religious Education students.

Where a school is directly associated with a parish that has a K of C council sponsoring the event, entries submitted from that school will be part of that council's competition.

- Where a school is not directly associated with such a parish or the local council is not participating, any council in the area can ask that school to participate in its event.
- If more than one council wants to ask such a school, the decision on which council the school should submit its entries to, will rest with the District Deputy where the school is located.
- A student can only submit one poster, per official rules.

Each participating council will submit up to two entries in each age category for voting in the state competition. There will be no district-level judging.

**This year – The State Council will again award a \$50 1st Place and a \$25 2nd Place prize in each age category.**

All winning posters and attached entry forms should be brought to the Winter State Quarterly Meeting in January, for judging.

**Each participating council is asked to have one person attend the Winter Quarterly to help with judging.** The judge does not have to be a Knight or family member.

To order a KCIC Kit, your Grand Knight or Financial Secretary can order the Kit for you on the Supreme website. You can do so through Supreme by calling 203-752-4270 or visiting <http://kofc.org/forms> (order the program kit #CPC-Kit-E [For English]). Kits are also available in Spanish and French.

More information on the program is available at <http://kofc.org/christmas>.

This program is a fun, interesting, and engaging way to involve the youth of our parishes and schools in spreading the word that Christ is – and always will be – the center of Christmas. We strongly encourage all councils to participate.

If you have any further questions about the event, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to assist.

Vivat Jesus!

**Tom Davis, NH State KCIC Poster Contest Chairman**

### NH State Council receives the Margery Foster Award

On October 21, 2022, our State Deputy, Ray Lemay attended a banquet where Options for Women of Rochester awarded the New Hampshire Knights of Columbus the **Margery P. Foster Award for the Advancement of Life in New Hampshire.**



Options is committed to providing women with everything they need to make an informed pregnancy decision, they believe women and men have a right to get accurate information from a resource that will not profit from their choice.

All services are free and confidential. They do not provide or refer for terminations or emergency contraception. Options do not profit from any sexual health or pregnancy decisions.



Options serve Rochester, Dover, Portsmouth, Barnstead, Northwood, Middleton, Wakefield, Alton, Milton, Farmington, Strafford, Pittsfield, Durham, Somersworth, New Durham, Nottingham, Lee, Epping, and Stratham, New Hampshire, and The Berwicks, Lebanon, Eliot, Kittery, and York, Maine. <https://www.optionsnh.org>

## 2022 Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Program Announcement



**Worthy Brother Knights:** The **2022** Keep Christ in Christmas documents are now available on the **registered user** side of the NH State Council web site.



Again this year is there will **not be English KCIC assortment cases or individual English boxes available**. However, the Spanish assortment cases will continue to be available along with the individual boxes.

Councils are encouraged to use a wide variety of products ~ magnets, bumper stickers, yard signs, seals, pins, banners ~ to spread the Christmas message and promote the **Keep Christ in Christmas** evangelization. This will give multiple added options your council as you continue to spread the message of the Birth Jesus Christ. Notice on the public color brochure a larger variety of Car Magnets and the addition of Yard Signs.

**Please, please take the time** to read all of the below listed documents on the NH State Council web site prior to contacting me for questions.

The **2022 KCIC** program documents are now available on the NH State Council Web Site. There are **\*five (5) KCIC** documents available to provide you all of the information needed to begin your **2022 KCIC** Program in your council.

1. 2022 KCIC Christmas Card Program Announcement
2. 2022 KCIC Council Chairman Nomination Form MASTER
3. 2022 KCIC NH State Council EMAIL Order Form MASTER (**Word ONLY**, NOT PDF) Rev. 09.03.22.
4. 2022 KCIC Evangelization Materials COUNCIL Price List
5. 2022 KCIC Retail Price Brochure in Color

**\*NOTE:** The **2022 KCIC Email Order form** must **always** be emailed to me in **MS Word** and **not a pdf**.

**State Council Web Page:** Click on "State Council" tab Click on "Forms" Click on "Keep Christ in Christmas" (Registered Users only)

**\* NOTE:** In order to read and download the five (5) KCIC documents you must create an account **with a password on the NH State Council web site** - <http://www.nhknights.org/index.php/en/>

**If you have difficulty creating an account or logging into the State Web Site, please contact the State Web Master's DIRECTLY:**

**Greg Taillon: [G.Taillon@comcast.net](mailto:G.Taillon@comcast.net) and Robert Jones: [REJonesjr@comcast.net](mailto:REJonesjr@comcast.net)**  
Contact me if you still need assistance!  
**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!**

Dave Wilson  
Knights of Columbus NH State Council KCIC Chairman  
[yeoldknight@comcast.net](mailto:yeoldknight@comcast.net)  
603-554-8585

## Upcoming Events

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| Wed Nov 30 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM | <a href="#">Grand Knight Forum</a>                              |
| Thu Dec 08                    | <a href="#">Immaculate Conception</a>                           |
| Sat Dec 10 @ 8:00AM - 04:00PM | <a href="#">District Deputy Mid-Year Organizational Meeting</a> |
| Fri Dec 16 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM | <a href="#">On-line Exemplification</a>                         |
| Thu Dec 22 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM | <a href="#">Blessed McGivney Rosary</a>                         |
| Tue Dec 27 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM | <a href="#">Financial Secretary Forum</a>                       |
| Wed Dec 28 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM | <a href="#">Grand Knight Forum</a>                              |
| Sun Jan 01                    | <a href="#">Solemnity of Mary</a>                               |
| Sat Jan 07 @ 9:00AM - 12:00PM | <a href="#">E-Board Meeting</a>                                 |
| Thu Jan 26 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM | <a href="#">Blessed McGivney Rosary</a>                         |
| Fri Jan 27 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM | <a href="#">On-line Exemplification</a>                         |

## Prayer Requests

No Current Prayer Requests

## Mission Statement

The **Purpose** of the "New Hampshire State Council Weekly Briefing" is to provide the membership timely information from your State Officers, District Deputies, Director's, Chairman, Councils, and Assemblies of the New Hampshire State Council.

The **Goal** is to provide concise, short term, notices, communications, and newsworthy articles, to complement the New Hampshire State Council Website.

**Spread the word!** Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators, please remember to share these briefings by forwarding them to your email rosters and refer to the information at your business meetings.