



This is Your NH Knights Weekly Newsletter

NH State Council – Week of 12/11/2022

State Deputy's Message

Worthy Brother Knights,

This past Saturday, the State Council held the District Deputy Mid-Year Organizational Meeting. A lot of information was passed on. Membership Drives are on the calendar. Each District Deputy was required to determine a weekend where one of his councils would conduct a Membership Church Drive. That would give us one church drive every weekend through March 2023. We will also have the opportunity to use the Affiliate Membership Program in January. Be sure to review the guidebook for instructions.

It is very important that your council submits a Form 185 (Report of Officers Chosen) and Form 365 (Service Program Personnel Report) as soon as council elections are completed. This is how Supreme knows who to inform and who your officers and directors are. I have asked each District Deputy to work with their councils to ensure this important task gets completed. Please delegate the filling out and mailing of these forms to your Financial Secretary. Work with him to complete these forms early and get them sent in. Thank You for making this a priority task of your Council!

Vivat Jesus,

Raymond A. Lemay Sr.

State Deputy, New Hampshire State Council



Penny A Knight A Day Program (PKD)

December 11, 2022

Worthy District Deputies: Worthy Grand Knights: Worthy Financial Secretaries:

Vocations to the priesthood and religious life are very important to the Catholic Church and to our Order. We need priests to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and to teach and lead us on the path to Jesus. Education costs are extremely high for the candidates to the priesthood and religious life. The NH State Council wants to assist these men and women with a special calling by providing financial support for their education.

The **Penny-A-Knight-A-Day (PKD)** program was established by the NH State Council at the October 2009 Quarterly Meeting. This program is **voluntary** and provides needed dollars to the NH State Council Vocations fund. This fund is used to support religious vocations to qualified candidates throughout the State of NH.

On an annual basis, the PKD program asks each Brother Knight to add an additional \$3.65 (Penny-A- Knight-A-Day) to their annual council dues. The entire \$3.65 would be deposited into the NH State Council Vocations fund and used for priests and religious.

The process is as follows:

- Council Financial Secretary (FS) sends out the annual dues statements to the members.
 - An additional note is added to the statement (or separate insert - see page 3) asking the member to add PKD - \$3.65 (.01 per day X 365) to their annual dues for the NH State Council Vocations Fund. **NOTE:** Keep in mind this is a **voluntary** program
 - FS collects the additional \$3.65 and maintains separate documentation to track the PKD funds collected
- The FS cuts one voucher for all PKD donations from the Council to the Council Treasurer who in turn will write one check payable to the "NH State Council", annotating in the "Memo" line "Vocations Fund."
- FS mails the check to the State Secretary before the State Convention.
- The State Deputy will present a check representing the combined donations of all NH State Councils to the Bishop of Manchester at the State Convention. A check was not presented this year since the convention was virtual.
 - Over \$4,000 was collected for 2020.

I want to emphasize again that this is a **voluntary** program. However, because of the shortage of priests and religious, it is imperative that we

as Knights of Columbus do all we can to promote religious vocations throughout the world and especially in the State of New Hampshire. Please bring this proposal to the membership at your very next Council Business meeting.

The candidates for the priesthood and religious life will be most grateful to the Order for our donations to assist them in completing their theological studies.

Fraternally, David Wilson

Penny A Knight A Day (PKD), Chairman

NOTE: The below text can also be copied and pasted into the body of the Billing Statement created using the Supreme Member Management System Billing application.

Penny-A-Knight-A-Day (PKD) Program **Voluntary** program to provide funding to support the NH State Council Vocations Fund

100% of the funds collected will go directly to the Vocations Fund for candidates to the priesthood and religious life. Add \$3.65 to your council's annual dues assessment and include in the check sent to your Financial Secretary. The State Deputy will present a check representing the combined donations of all NH State Councils to the Bishop of Manchester at the State Convention.

The joy of giving and the pride of sharing: a Council-to-Council Program

Bishop Peterson Council 4442, at St. Mary and Joseph parish in Salem NH, is offering a financial grant program to encourage other New Hampshire Councils to take on projects that might not be undertaken because of limited financial resources. It is intended that this grant will help other councils to develop programs that will boost their council's image within their community, within their local parishes and create activities that promote the missions of the Knights of Columbus. It is not just for ordinary council expenses.

The Bishop Peterson Council has been blessed with strong economic resources that enable them to share beyond their border and to all Councils across the Granite State. This program was introduced about one year ago. A few councils have taken advantage of this program, but we feel the need may be greater. For more information on how your council can be involved in this sharing program, contact PGK Larry Belair at lbair@comcast.net or call him at (603) 560-7500.

Resolutions for State Convention

It is that time of year again.

If you have any resolution for consideration by the State Council at our annual meeting, please forward them NOW. The cut-off this year is February 15th. After that date they may be accepted from the floor with a 2/3 vote of the body (Members present and voting) and written distribution to all present. I already have received several resolutions. The process is as follows:

- 1) a Member of the State Council submits his Resolution to the State Deputy in the required resolution format.
- 2) the State Deputy forwards them for formatting and to the State Advocate.
- 3) Resolution and Bylaws Committee reviews and suggests modifications but cannot change the intention of the resolution.
- 4) before the Annual Meeting the Resolution Committee recommends to the Body Ought to Pass Ought Not Pass Out to Pass with Amendment(s)
- 5) The Resolutions are "read" at the meeting and voted upon. Reading in this sense does not mean reading, rather publishing.
- 6) resolutions are of four types:
 - a) Salutation (Pope, Bishop, Supreme officers, etc.).
 - b) local (State) actions (modify State Council actions which are good for 5-years)
 - c) by-laws which change the rules of the State Council and need to be approved by Supreme.
 - d) review (5-year review of the existing local resolutions expiring).

NB: if an error in language not effecting the meaning of the resolution (e.g. spelling error) a parliamentary process called Schribner's Error is used to make such modification on review by the nit pickers, er proof readers.

If you have any questions please contact me at jordanulery@comcast.net.

Jordan Ulery
State Advocate

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

Kevin Brown, FICF, LUTCF® (603) 305-0204 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

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

Monthly, we host a forum for Financial Secretaries to openly discuss relevant topics and ask questions. Join us for an open forum to interact with kindred brother Financial Secretaries 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 being 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

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

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



Forum Dates 2022-2023

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.

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.

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). 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 require 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

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, IPSD

603 485-2082 jjkowalik3@gmail.com

State Online Membership Chairman: Ronald Keys, FDD 603 832-9187 ronalddk623@gmail.com



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



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

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 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://kofo.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://kofo.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

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 to your council as you continue to spread the message of the Birth of 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 and Robert Jones: REJonesjr@comcast.net

Contact me if you still need assistance!

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

Dave Wilson

Knights of Columbus NH State Council KCIC Chairman

yeoldknights@comcast.net 603-554-8585

Upcoming Events

Fri Dec 16 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM	On-line Exemplification
Thu Dec 22 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM	Blessed McGivney Rosary
Tue Dec 27 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM	Financial Secretary Forum
Wed Dec 28 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM	Grand Knight Forum
Sun Jan 01	Solemnity of Mary
Sat Jan 07 @ 9:00AM - 12:00PM	E-Board Meeting
Thu Jan 26 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM	Blessed McGivney Rosary
Fri Jan 27 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM	On-line Exemplification
Tue Jan 31 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM	Financial Secretary Forum

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.