



Knights of Columbus New Hampshire State Council



This is Your NH Knights Weekly Newsletter

NH State Council – Week of 03/05/2023

State Deputy's Message

Worthy Brother Knights,

Here we are starting the month of March and coming closer to the end of the fraternal year with much to be accomplished yet. We are still receiving Fraternal Surveys and audit reports. District Deputies need to be reviewing their reports to see who still owes what. The Granite Awards Banquet has been cancelled due to a lack of council participation. Our next big event is the convention and councils should be preparing for it. Everyone from State Officers, District Deputies, Directors, Chairmen, Grand Knights and delegates should be registering for their meals and rooms at the hotel. Applicable information is available on the state website. Don't forget to join us for the monthly rosary on March 23, 2023. The next Fraternal Benefits Night is on April 26, 2023, presented by Jim Effner and you can register of it at: <https://tinyurl.com/KofCEffnerApr26>. Remember that you need seven people from your council to attend to receive credit.

Vivat Jesus,

Raymond A. Lemay Sr., State Deputy, New Hampshire State Council



Trip to New Haven for Founder's Day

Dear Brother Knights and Friends,
Finally!

I am pleased to announce our trip to New Haven, CT on **Wednesday March 29, 2023**, on the 141st anniversary of the founding of the world's largest lay Catholic organization, THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

The cost is free and you be treated to a pizza reception at the Blessed Michael J. McGivney Pilgrimage Center after Mass. Please refer to the attached flyer for details

Registration is required. The trip is open to all brother knights and their family members.

Priests are welcome to concelebrate the Mass. Please let me know (via email) so I can provide some important information separately.

All registrations, questions, etc. must be done via email. **Please no phone calls.** As we approach our departure date, I will send an email update about our journey to all of those who have registered to take the trip.

As usual, this is an honor guard callout for 4th Degree Knights to assist at Holy Mass. Please see the registration for details.

Our **DEADLINE** to have a minimum of 40 **confirmed** travelers is Thursday March 23, 2023.

Vivat Jesus!

Rich McDermott, PSD, KCHS

Vice Supreme Master

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[Founder's Day 2023 Trip - Registration Form](#)

2 Virtual Fraternal Benefits Nights

Brothers,

We have a upcoming virtual fraternal benefit night planned,

You are invited to join our webinar featuring Jim Effner, who specializes in financial services and has been helping thousands of families with financial planning.

April 26, 2023 7:30 PM

EST <https://tinyurl.com/KofCEffnerApril26>

Please see the attached documents for further information.

Thanks

Kevin Brown, Asset Advisor

<https://info.kofcassetadvisors.org/Meet-Kevin-Brown.html>

[Importance of WL as part of Retirement Plan with Jim Effner.pdf](#)

The Apostolate for Holy Relics

Marian Council 5748 has just scheduled what I am certain will be a deeply spiritual event for the Sunday before Palm Sunday. The Apostolate for Holy Relics will bring the 'Relics of the Passion' to St. Catherine of Sienna's in Manchester, NH on March 26th for a 2pm service. Since the first public tour in 2007, the Relics of the Passion have been venerated in more than 20 diocese in the U.S., Guam and the Philippines.

The request for a Fourth Degree Team is being made, to add a sense of reverence to the event (highlighted below) and as a thanks for their participation will allow Fourth Degree Members to spend a moment with the Relic of the True Cross upon their chest.

There is a possibility of another event in Derry but they are not yet certain. I am genuinely excited about this service and look forward to welcoming many Brother Knights of Columbus from across New Hampshire to our parish!

I've attached a couple items from the relictour.org page. Chip Lukitsch has been appointed contact for this event, for the 4th Degree, District of New Hampshire, and all intentions to participate and support Council #5748 and the District of New Hampshire, should be directed toward him. Please register with Area Marshall, Chip Lukitsch at lukitschmc@comcast.net

Thank you and God bless. Vivat Jesus!

Pete Walsh, Grand Knight Council 5748, 603 785-3176

[Relictour.pdf](#)

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: **blessedmccgivney**

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](#)

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Grand Knight Forum

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

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. 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

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.

New Grand Knight Training Event June 24, 2023

Are you locked on the idea that recruitment alone will make your council grow?

Is your Council caught in a Recruit-Suspend cycle without any long term growth in your membership ranks?

Get ready for a different approach to long term council growth.

Are you burning out your existing members and at the same time losing the interest of new recruits to the activities of your council?

Get ready for a different approach to increasing Activity, Involvement and Membership development.

Are you overwhelmed with all the duties of your newly elected position as your Council's Grand Knight?

Get ready for a different approach to planning for and executing this most important Council Leadership position.

You (and your wife) are personally invited to attend the NH State Council's New Grand Knight Training Event. This program is normally open exclusively to First Year Grand Knights only (**but this year, it is open to ALL Grand Knights who have not previously attended**). It provides a concentrated agenda of critical Leadership Skills, and exclusive knowledge necessary to be successful in your newly elected office and better prepared to Activate and Grow your local Council. Please RSVP by emailing PSD Greg Taillon at G.Taillon@Comcast.net to confirm your registration for this Special Training Event. Please include your Council #, your full name and your wife's 1st name if she will be attending. You may also use the Registration Form below:

New Grand Knight Seminar Registration Card

Location: St. Michael's Church Hall, 11 Linden St., Exeter, NH

Date: Saturday, June 24, 2023 **Time:** 11:30 PM - 7:00PM

Required Dress: Suit and Tie for Men, Ladies summer dress for Mass and social.



Invitation from our State Deputy



GK Personal Invitation and Event Details

Financial Secretary Forum

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

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. 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

Special Olympics Winter Games - 3/5/2023-3/7/2023

Special Olympics Winter Games

Our State Winter Games are right around the corner occurring on Sunday, March 5th to Tuesday, March 7th in Waterville Valley. We have hundreds of athletes training for this and we are requesting the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard to lead the Parade of Athletes into Opening Ceremonies in Town Square. Fourth Degree members should contact Michael Pitaro, State Program Director. Here is the approximate timeline:



Sunday, 3/5

5:30pm-	-Reception hosted by Eversource, our presenting sponsor, at the Wild Coyote Grill
7:00pm	-Staging for athletes, Honor Guard, Cruiser Parade, etc. in Town Square
7:30pm	-Opening Ceremonies begin
8:30pm	-Opening Ceremonies ends

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

40 Days For Life



February 22 to April 2
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES IN MANCHESTER!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers! **With God's help**, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over **20,000 babies** saved from abortion
- Over **200 abortion** workers converted
- Over **100 abortion** centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood
24 Pennacook St, Manchester, NH

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily

Local contact: Norm Thibault, 603-289-0574

40daysforlifemanchester@gmail.com

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/manchester

Canonization Rosary of Blessed Fr. McGivney

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 (3rd Thursday exceptions: 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
For the people joining the Blessed Michael McGivney Rosaries, here are the scripts for each of the mysteries:

 [Joyful Mysteries](#)

 [Luminous Mysteries](#)

 [Sorrowful Mysteries](#)

 [Glorious Mysteries](#)

Granite Award Banquet 2023



The 2023 Granite Award Banquet will be held on March 11, 2023 at Holy Rosary Church, 189 North Main Street, Rochester, NH

Social: 5:30pm ~ 6:30pm

Black Tie Event (Social Baldrick) Or Dark Business Suit

Dinner: Begins at 6:45pm .

Appetizers: Selection of Domestic and Imported Cheeses, Assorted Crackers

Dinner Choices: Roast Pork Loin or Boneless Chicken Breast

Dinner Sides: Vegetable Medley; Dinner Roll with Butter, Side Salad

Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Bottled Soda or Water

Dessert: Chocolate Cake Bowl with ice Cream or Gluten Free Dessert Option

All Reservations

- Made by Wednesday March 8, 2023, Tickets are \$25 per person
- Table of eight reserved when full payment is received.

Please indicate your Choices

___ Roast Pork Loin

___ Boneless Chicken Breast

___ Gluten Free Dessert Option

- Checks payable to: NH State Council
- Don't forget to include your Choices with payment

Mail to: Jason Hamann, GK

177 North Main Street

Rochester, NH 03867

Email: jason.hamann@gmail.com

or Call: 603-833-5082



Granite Award Banquet Flyer

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.

2023 Annual Pro-Life Seminar

Sponsored by the NH Knights of Columbus

Public invited



Guest speaker: Sister Patricia Marie Barnette

Licensed professional counselor and author of:

- God's mercy awaits you:
 - Finding Healing After Abortion
- Over 64 million babies aborted since roe v. Wade, that means millions of women are still in need of hope, forgiveness, and love !!*

Sister Patricia is a member of the Sisters

of Good Shepherd in Danville, PA. She has worked in the post abortion healing ministry for over 30 years.

Date: Sunday 03/26/23

Place: St. Joseph Cathedral Church Hall, Pine St. Manchester NH

Time: 12:00 noon to 3:30 p.m.

To register: Please contact Ron DiStasio via email at rddistasio@comcast.net or phone at 603-595-7837!

Deadline is Wednesday 03/23/23.



2023 ProLife Seminar Flyer.pdf

124th New Hampshire State Convention



**WELCOME – WELCOME
– WELCOME**

124th New Hampshire State Convention

Sheraton Nashua Hotel

11 Tara Blvd, Nashua, NH 03062

April 28, 29 & 30, 2023

**The 2022-2023 Convention Honoree: Past State Deputy
Joseph J. Kowalik III**

Welcome to your New Hampshire State Council Convention. On behalf of our wives, the NH State Officers, District Deputies, Directors, and Chairmen, we have included in this year's planning, suggestions and ideas brought forth by the membership. The State Convention Committee has streamlined our meetings to provide a rewarding weekend to join in unity and interact in brotherly fellowship to invigorate and refresh us to move forward with the new and exciting challenges as we renew our commitments as Brother Knights of Columbus.

Everyone should take pride in the accomplishments of our New Hampshire Jurisdiction. Join us to celebrate our District and Councils, as well as the brother knights, wives and families that represent the good works we all do throughout each fraternal year. Peggy and I extend our sincere invitation for everyone to join us, as NH Council families and friends in a relaxing, engaging weekend in unity.

Delegates and attendees should plan to arrive at the convention on Friday, April 28th in time to register at the Registration Table set up in Ashwood Court. Registration opens at 3:30 pm and closes promptly at 5:30 pm. The Opening Mass at 6:00 pm in the Nashua North room. At 7:30 pm the Ceremonial Opening Business Session of the 124th New Hampshire State Convention acknowledging our Supreme Guest. A gathering of like-minded brothers and wives, families, and friends, in the hospitality Area (Hampton & Hanover rooms) will extend through the evening.

The Convention Packet contains pertinent information for your NH State Council Convention. It is important that you read this information thoroughly, so you, in turn, can present it to your entire membership, so as to encourage interest and participation. It is also important that you recognize your council officers and accomplishments with recognition in the Convention Program Book. Each council is encouraged to seek local organizations and businesses for support by placing their informational advertising. Information for Councils and Commercial Ads in following pages.

Get ready to celebrate, we have planned a wonderful weekend for Delegates, wives and guests. We are looking forward to a successful 124th NH State Convention and hope that you enjoy this Convention weekend. Welcome!!!

Fraternally Yours in Christ,
Raymond Sr. & Peggy Lemay
State Deputy of NH

Upcoming Events

Sat Mar 11	Granite Award Banquet
Sat Mar 18 @ 1PM - 4PM	State Free Throw Championship
Wed Mar 22 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM	Grand Knight Forum
Thu Mar 23 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM	McGivney Rosary - online
Fri Mar 24 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM	On-line Exemplification
Sun Mar 26 @ 12:00PM - 03:30PM	2023 Annual Pro-Life Seminar
Tue Mar 28 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM	Financial Secretary Forum
Wed Mar 29	Founder's Day
Wed Mar 29 @ 8AM - 5:30PM	Trip to New Haven
Sat Apr 01 @ 9:00AM - 12:00PM	E-Board Meeting
Thu Apr 20 @ 7-8PM	McGivney Rosary - online
Fri Apr 21 @ 7-8PM	On-line Exemplification
Fri Apr 28-30	State Convention

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.