



Knights of Columbus

New Hampshire State Council



This is Your NH Knights Bi-Weekly Newsletter NH State Council – Week of 11/09/2023

State Deputy Message – Bi-Weekly Briefing - Week of: November 09, 2023

Worthy Brothers,

Any one of us who knew Brother Ron DiStasio is dealing with a great loss. I first met Ron when he was the GK at my 1st degree back in October 2005. He had been the life director for a number of years at that point. Always passionate about his work, about the protection of the unborn, and about his faith. I considered Ron a close friend and enjoyed his company greatly!

Another announcement will be forthcoming with the arrangements, please respect the privacy of his family at this difficult time. Please take the time to pray for Ron and his family.

Fraternally,

Tim

Timothy Kingsley, NH State Deputy

We invite for the church. The more we invite the stronger the church will be.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ARTICLES THAT DISPLAY ON THE HOME PAGE OF THE STATE WEBSITE WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER. DUE TO THIS CHANGE GENERAL ARTICLES WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE BI-WEEKLY SECTION OF THE WEBSITE. THIS WILL REDUCE REDUNDANCY AND EXTRA WORK FOR OUR STATE WEBMASTERS. THANK YOU!

Passing of Life Director Ron DiStasio



We received word yesterday of the passing of State Life Director, Ron DiStasio.

Ron was and will remain an icon and an ever-driving force in the hearts and minds of not only his Brother Knights of Columbus, but in the lives of all of those who fought for the right to life within the state of New Hampshire, alongside him. With the lore of his successes and leadership, whose message reached our Nation's Capital, at times, he was truly a man whose impact will be remembered for years to come and whose loss will be felt for a lifetime.

Ron not only served as State Life Director, however in his time within the Knights of Columbus, served in multiple Council, Assembly, District and statewide level appointments, that showcased his leadership and management abilities, led by his heart of gold.

He will truly be missed.

Further announcements will soon be made. His wife Mary Ann has expressed her profound gratitude for the love and support they've received from his brother Knights during this difficult time.

Further information on the need for a 4th Degree presence at Calling Hours and funeral will be forthcoming.

Glenn P. Camley, PSD District Master

2023 Fall Quarterly Meeting Minutes

New Hampshire State Council
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2023 Fall Quarterly Meeting Minutes -10/22/23

Call to order & Welcome 1:05 pm

The 2023 Fall Quarterly Meeting was hosted by Belmont council 10943, at St Joseph Church hall. Lunch was provided by the host council. Meat & veggie lasagna, tossed salad, rolls and homemade apple crisp were served to approx. 52 brother Knights and their wives.

Worthy SD Tim Kingsley opened the session at 1:05 pm. 52 members were in attendance. RGD, Bill Chasse was in attendance for this meeting. The Ladies program was held and they made 16 no sew blankets, which were donated to the St Francis House, in Belmont.

Opening Prayer; 1:05pm led by SD Greg Taillon, PSD

Pledge of Allegiance 1:06 pm: led by DM Glenn Camley, PSD

Roll call completed by the usual attendance sheets handed out by the State Warden, Allen Ouellette. This was completed by district and collected.

1:08pm SD, Tim Kingsley gave a brief opening statement and handed out a few left over awards from the Summer Quarterly, In Nashua. Then Greg Taillon explained the breakout sessions and organized Brothers in to 5 groups throughout the meeting area. Presenters came to each group in a rotation to minimize movement and maximize the training time with each group. The Breakout training sessions were presented by State Officers, and Directors. The topics included;

- Membership
- Programming
- Ceremonials
- Forms & Reports

Program Initiative & Monthly Rosary Programs

At the conclusion of the training sessions RGD, Bill Chasse spoke to the membership. His presentation ran for about 40 minutes. The details have been loaded and can be viewed on the State Website, in it's entirety. The State Warden facilitated the 50/50 raffle drawing and the Ladies gift basket drawing.

Closing Prayer –Closing prayer was led by Greg Taillon, PSD 4:20pm. The meeting was closed by SD Tim Kingsley

State Raffle Ticket Funds Request Form

A new PDF form has been added to the State Council Forms Page to allow Grand Knights to request 50% of the money collected from State Raffle Ticket sales.

Go to the **Home Tab** and select **Forms Directory**. Click on the **State Raffle Ticket Funds Request Form** and download it to your desktop. You can also use the link in this article to download the form. Once filled out email it to our State Secretary Mark Messier at messiermw@hotmail.com

You can request up to five different Charities that your funds can be distributed to. You can request the funds be distributed among your charities by Percentage or exact Dollar amount.

Please enter percentages on the form them as a decimal.

For example 10% would be enter as .1 20% as .2 75% as .75
If you are evenly splitting your funds between three charities you would enter

Charity One .33 33%

Charity Two .33 33%

Charity Three .34 34%

This will allow it to add up to 100%

 [State Raffle Ticket Funds Request Form](#)

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 16, 2023 and March 21, 2024). **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

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, 2024 (third Thursday exceptions on November 16, 2023 and March 21, 2024). 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

Knights of Columbus Insurance Recruitment

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

Kevin.Brown@kofc.org

 [Recruitment Flyer](#)

Special Olympics Bowling



Volunteers Needed!

SONH State Bowling Tournament:
Saturday, November 4th or Saturday, November 11th
Join us for a great day at the lanes!

[Click Here to Volunteer](#)

Saturday, November 4th

Yankee Lanes
216 Maple Street, Manchester
11:30-4:00 pm

Saturday, November 11th

Leda Lanes 340 Amherst Street, Nashua 8:00-12:00 pm	North Country Bowling Ctr 283 Main Street, Berlin 9:00-12:00 pm or 11:30-4:00 pm
Funspot 579 Endicott Street, Laconia 9:00-1:30 pm	Exeter Bowling Lanes 6 Columbus Ave, Exeter 11:15-2:30 pm
Lakeside Lanes 216 Maple Street, Manchester 11:15-3:45 pm	Yankee Lanes 477 Park Avenue, Keene 11:30-3:45 pm

In Support of Our Pregnancy Centers

Even with the favorable Dobbs decision at the U.S. Supreme Court in 06/22, we must remain strong and dedicated. The New Hampshire Knights of Columbus always has stood and will continue to stand up for the sanctity of life at all stages. We will not waver in our battle to protect the unborn. We know that life is a gift from God and must be cherished.

At this time, evil is rearing its ugly head and will stop at nothing to deny women in crisis the ability to choose life. So called Catholic politicians are asking people to pray for the upholding of the Roe V. Wade decision. Imagine, asking God to allow women to murder their own children. Our prayers for life must be stronger. We must pray in Unity and Charity!

The New Hampshire State Council and our local councils are dedicated to giving moral and tangible support to our pregnancy care centers. If you need help at this critical time, please reach out to the local council or councils in your service area. We will be there for you!

We know we can continue to work together to change hearts and minds and to continue to build a culture of life!

Peace in Christ,
Ron Di Stasio, State Life Director

Pregnancy Care Center Support

Worthy Councils:

Our support of our pregnancy centers must continue to grow. Last fraternal year, we had 26 applications to the A.S.A.P. (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program. I would like to see that number double. Not all centers received help via this program.

Before the fall Quarterly, I will be sending out a list of suggested centers each Council could support. Border area councils can also look to Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont.

Grand Knights- you have three options this fraternal year:

1. Support a center via the ASAP Program with a minimum of donation of \$500.00. This yields a \$100.00 donation from Supreme directly to the pregnancy center. Details about the program can be found on the Supreme Council web site under Faith in Action/ Life Programming.
2. Or you may join another council in raising the \$500.00 (or more). This could lighten your burden. Of course, only 1 G.K. can submit the paperwork but I would let Supreme know what councils were involved. If you feel your council cannot participate in ASAP, you can purchase gift cards. If the donation is sent to a specific center(s), send the specific information to the State Life Director.
3. Or as in the past, you may filter the cards through me. Deadline would be before the Winter Quarterly on 01/24.

Please make preparations and if you can, participate in ASAP.

As our State Deputy, Tim Kingsley said at the Summer Quarterly: IT IS FREE MONEY!!

PEACE IN CHRIST, RON DI STASIO STATE LIFE DIRECTOR
KEY POINTS/CHANGES/CHALLENGES

1. Focus on your relationship with and support of our pregnancy centers. ASAP donations can be made throughout the entire fraternal year.
2. Participation in the ultra-sound initiative can be done not only in New Hampshire. There may be needs in Vermont and Massachusetts.
3. Continue to concentrate on prayer with Pro-life Rosaries and Novenas for Life.
4. Refer to Supreme's Faith in Action on how to support refugees in the Holy Land.
5. Promote March for Life in Concord in Mid-January

Important: the birthright dinner has been moved to April. Still awaiting an exact date from council 3023, Derry. We need to make this the major pro-life event of the year. This event will replace the prolife seminar.

Big goal: to at least double our participation in a.s.a.p.!

Building a true culture of life is a daily activity for us all.

How to Submit Articles for Weekly Newsbrief

Articles that are to be included in the Bi-Weekly Updates and Weekly News briefs are to be sent to the Weekly Update Email (weeklyupdates@nhknight.org). Submissions must be received no later than 3:00 pm on Sunday to be considered for each Monday's issue. Please send the information to be 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 the article published.

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.

Liberty House-Opportunities for you to get involved

Brothers:

this morning I received the message below regarding needs of the Liberty House right here in New Hampshire. Councils and Assemblies may wish to consider attending one of the fund raisers or make a contribution to this worthy cause.

Jordan Ulery, State Advocate

Dear Colleagues,

I write to you in my capacity as Chair of the Veteran's Interests Caucus to share a message from our friends at the Liberty House, with opportunities for you to get involved.

As you know, the Liberty House is a place for veterans in need that is located in Manchester, USA but serves our veterans from around the state. If you are interested, the email for the Executive Director, Jeff Nelson is included at the bottom of the message. Feel free to reach out to him directly. He can also advise you of various items they are in need of to help support their clients, such as clothing and food.

As always, thank you on behalf of the Caucus and all of our New Hampshire veterans.

"I hope this message finds you well!"

We understand that budgets are especially challenging today. Which is why we wanted to provide you with opportunities to partner with us in 2024, to help us serve those who have served us. A brief explanation about what we do:

Liberty House serves two groups of Veterans. First, we walk alongside our resident Veterans as they progress through our action-oriented, sober, 4-Step transitional program and transition to independence. Since 2004, we have served over 400 resident Veterans. Unfortunately, the need continues to increase. Second, we serve community Veterans by providing basic necessities, such as:

- Food
- Clothing
- Toiletries
- Bus Passes
- Gas Cards

Information and Referrals

Each month we serve between 90 and 110 individual community Veterans and have over 400 Veterans registered with our pantry. Again, we have seen the need continue to increase.

Our dedicated team hosts several events annually to raise funding in support of our mission.

Below are our 2024 events:

- Roaring 20's, 20th Anniversary April 6th
- Touch-a-Truck May 18th
- Fore The Veterans Golf Tournament June 27th
- Veterans Day Breakfast November 9th
- Annual Christmas Tree Jubilee December 12th & 13th

If one or more of these opportunities excite you, please connect with us and we can provide additional information. Thank you for your consideration!

Best,

Jeff Nelson, Executive Director
jeff@libertyhousenh.org"

Very gratefully yours,

Terry

Hon. Terry W. Roy, Chairman,
Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee
New Hampshire House of Representatives

GK and FS Forum Schedules

Grand Knight Forum

07:00pm - 08:00pm

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/940789621>

You can also dial in using your phone.

Access Code: 940-789-621

United States: +1 (224) 501-3412

Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

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Financial Secretary forum

07:00pm - 08:00pm

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/927464629>

You can also dial in using your phone.

Access Code: 927-464-629

United States: +1 (571) 317-3122

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Grand Knight Forum Schedule

Date	Event	Location
July	Grand Knight Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
August	Grand Knight Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
September	Grand Knight Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Oct 18, 2023	Grand Knight Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Nov 15, 2023	Grand Knight Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Dec 20, 2023	Grand Knight Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Jan 24, 2024	Grand Knight Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Feb 21, 2024	Grand Knight Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Mar 20, 2024	Grand Knight Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Apr 17, 2024	Grand Knight Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, May 22, 2024	Grand Knight Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Jun 19, 2024	Grand Knight Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)

Financial Secretary Forum Schedule

Date	Event	Location
July	Financial Secretary Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
August	Financial Secretary Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Sep 27, 2023	Financial Secretary Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Oct 25, 2023	Financial Secretary Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Nov 29, 2023	Financial Secretary Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Dec 27, 2023	Financial Secretary Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Jan 31, 2024	Financial Secretary Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Feb 28, 2024	Financial Secretary Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Mar 27, 2024	Financial Secretary Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Apr 24, 2024	Financial Secretary Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, May 29, 2024	Financial Secretary Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)
Wed, Jun 26, 2024	Financial Secretary Forum	7:00 PM Goto Meeting (online)

2023 Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Program



Worthy Brother Knights: The 2023 Keep Christ in Christmas documents are now available on the NH State Council Web Site.

The English text cards are back with a new vendor. Orders will be filled until items are out-of-stock. It is expected the current supply of ethnic style cards as well as

"KCIC Christmas Activity" materials and products will be

available to fill all requests. Councils are encouraged to order early. Adjustments needed on any requests will be followed up on as swiftly as possible.

Councils are encouraged to use a wide variety of evangelization materials ~ 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 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 **2023 KCIC** program documents are now available on the NH State Council Web Site. There are ***nine (9) KCIC** documents available to provide you all of the information needed to begin your **2023 KCIC** Program in your council.

1. 2023KCICChristmas Card Program June 5, 2023 - Explains program in detail – PLEASE READ!!!
2. 2023 KCICCouncil Chairman Nomination Form MASTER
3. 2023 KCIC NH State Council EMAIL Order Form MASTER (Word ONLY*, not pdf) Rev 06.05.23
4. 2023 KCICEvangelization Materials Council Price List
5. 2023 KCIC English Cards Assortment Flyer
6. 2023 KCIC English Individual Cards Flyer
7. 2023 KCICRetail Price Brochure in Color
8. 2021/2022 KCIC NH Sales Summary
9. 2021/2022 KCIC NH Cumulative Sales Summary

***NOTE: The 2023 KCIC Email Order form must always be emailed to me in MS Word and not a pdf.**

Click on "State Council"->"Forms"

Click on "Keep Christ in Christmas" (**Registered Users only**)

*** NOTE:** In order to read and download the nine (9) 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 Masters DIRECTLY:

Greg Taillon: G.Taillon@comcast.net and

Bob Jones: REJonesjr@comcast.net

Contact me if you still need assistance!

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

Keep Christ in Christmas Display

Dave Wilson

NH State Council KCIC Chairman

Email: yeoldknight@comcast.net

Phone: 603-554-8585



Volunteer Opportunity

To: Grand Knights

From: State Community Director

EPI Inc., the event security company for UNH, has asked The New Hampshire Knights of Columbus to help with being parking lot attendants and stadium security/Ushering for this season games. Here are the dates/times of the games at UNH Durham campus.

Saturday, October 14th:

- Vs. University of Albany
- 1pm Kickoff

Saturday, November 4th:

- Vs. Villanova
- 1pm Kickoff

Saturday, November 18th:

- Vs. Maine
- 1pm Kickoff

We will staff the parking lots beginning at 7am, with another shift of parking staff coming in around 4-5 hours prior to kickoff (so for the rest of the games, around 8am or 9am). We could also use help on the inside of the stadium during the game. That call time typically starts 3 hours prior to kickoff (so 11am) and would stay through the duration of the game (finish around 4:30p).

Please send me a list of the Brother Knights and /or family members who are interested in volunteering their time, and what area they would like to help. If you have further questions, please contact me (below information.)

Vivat Jesus

Bob Garand, State Community Director

robertgarand23@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Fri Nov 10 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM

[Online Degree \(7:00pm-8:00pm\)](#)

Wed Nov 15 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM

[Grand Knight Forum](#)

Thu Nov 16 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM

[Blessed Michael McGivney Rosary - online](#)

Wed Nov 29 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM

[Financial Secretary Forum](#)

Fri Dec 01 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM

[Online Degree \(7:00pm-8:00pm\)](#)

Fri Dec 08

[The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary](#)

Sat Dec 09 @ 8:00AM - 05:00PM

[District Deputy Mid Year Mtg](#)

Wed Dec 20 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM

[Grand Knight Forum](#)

Wed Dec 27 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM

[Financial Secretary Forum](#)

Thu Dec 28 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM

[Blessed Michael McGivney Rosary - online](#)

Mon Jan 01

[Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God](#)

Sat Jan 06 @ 8:00AM - 12:00PM

[Executive Board Meeting](#)

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.

PSD Norm Lemerise's Mother

PSD Norm Lemerise's mother, who is 97 years old, fell in her bedroom and fractured her hip. She is in the hospital waiting to be operated on.

Please keep her and Norm's family in your prayers and thoughts.

Thank you very much.

PSD Ed McCann

Passing of Ron DiStasio

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news of brother Ron DiStasio's passing this afternoon. He went to his eternal reward peacefully with his family at his side. At this time we are asked to respect the privacy of his family as they figure out his arrangements. An announcement will be made tomorrow afternoon. His wife Mary Ann has expressed her profound gratitude for the love and support they've received from his brother Knights during this difficult time.

Thank you all and may God Bless.

Vivat Jesus!

Rich McDermott