



Knights of Columbus New Hampshire State Council



This is Your NH Knights Bi-Weekly Newsletter NH State Council – Week of 11/19/2023

State Deputy Message – Bi-Weekly Briefing - Week of: November 19, 2023

Worthy Brothers,

Happy Thanksgiving to you all. As we enter the Thanksgiving/Christmas season, let us reflect on all the blessings we have received this year. At the same time, we need to pray for the problems in the middle east and for our own country, as we are about to start the process of electing our next president.

Please be safe during this season, have a holy Advent season, enjoy family and pray.

Vivat Jesus,

Tim

Timothy Kingsley, NH State Deputy

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

Rev. Cecil Donohue passing

Our Lord has gained another angel today.

A long time friend and beloved person passed away this morning around 4:00am.

Rev. Fr. Cecil Donohue, O.S.B. from St. Anselm College was known by many of us as our Assistant Chaplain for the NH State Council.

Rest in Peace Father Cecil. May the angels greet you at the door of the throne room of Almighty God.

Arrangements for Fr. Cecil:

Reception will be on Tuesday from 12 noon to 9:00 pm in the lower church at St. A's in Manchester. The Funeral Mass. will be on Wednesday the 29th at 11:00 am at St. A's main church.

From Fr. Lawson (St. A's)

It is not our tradition to have a honor guard for monks who are Knights. I have talked to the Prior, who is organizing the funeral, about the possibility of maybe having Knights walk into the Church with the procession. We would possibly open it to both 4th degree and 1-3 degrees. 4th degree could walk in with uniform, minus the sword. I will keep you posted about any decisions that are made.

Glenn P. Camley, PSD District Master

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

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](#)

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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.

St. Joseph Traveling Icon Program

My Brother Knights,

As of those that were at the Fall Quarterly know we be doing the St. Joseph Traveling Icon Program. If your council would like to have the Icon for a week beginning the 2nd week in January please let me know.

There is one problem we are missing one of the St. Joseph Icons from last year. If anyone knows of its location please let me know.

Vivat Jesus. God Bless,

Jim Preisendorfer, PGK, PFN, FDD

NH State Council Faith Director

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.

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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: REJonesir@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



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@nhknights.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.

Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Poster Contest.

Brother Knights,

Welcome to the kick-off for the NH State Council's involvement in the 2023 - 2024 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 22, 2023 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 can 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 tfdpad67@comcast.net 603-759-2464

Upcoming Events

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](#)

Fri Jan 12 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM

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

Sun Jan 21 @ 12:00PM - 04:00PM

[Winter Quarterly 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