



Knights of Columbus

New Hampshire State Council



This is Your NH Knights Bi-Weekly Newsletter NH State Council – Week of 12/04/2023

State Deputy Message

Worthy Brothers,

Here we are at the end of 2023, nearly six months into the fraternal year. Many councils have not been able to recruit 1 man. Please lay out plans for drives, or for even members to simply speak with men about joining.

I hope all of you have a safe, holy, and family based Christmas Season.

Thank you all for all you do for the needy of your communities and for your wonderful support for our Church!

Tim

Timothy Kingsley, NH State Deputy

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



Barbara Lemay Passing - Daughter of IPSD Ray Lemay

Barbara Karen Lemay, 52, passed away on December 1, 2023, surrounded by her loved ones after a valiant battle with cancer. Born in Hackensack, NJ on August 6, 1971, she was a daughter of Raymond Lemay Sr. and Margaret (Jordan) Lemay. She was the longtime companion of Craig Nowak.

Barbara's younger years were spent living in various places as a daughter in a military family, though she made many fond memories at the Camp LeJeune Marine Corps Base in North Carolina. Eventually her family settled in New Hampshire and she was a 1991 graduate of Manchester West High School. Barbara hated winter and loved to spend time at the beach in the summer, especially at the family beach house in Surry, ME. She loved her dogs beyond measure and her family and friends looked forward to her daily weather updates and dog photos.

Barbara is survived by her loving partner, Craig Nowak of Goffstown; her parents, Raymond Lemay Sr. IPSD and Margaret Lemay of Manchester; her siblings, Diane Caron and her husband Leopaul of Belmont, Deborah Lambert of Hooksett, Raymond Lemay Jr. of Manchester, and John Lemay of Hooksett; her second family, including Sykler Nowak of Vermont, Robin Carlisle of Bedford, and Christian and Whitney Nowak of Hampton Falls; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. She is also survived by her beloved Doberman, Ruger, and was predeceased by her German Shepherd, Khaleesi.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Friday, December 8th from 4PM-7PM at Phaneuf Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 243 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH. Family and friends are invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations in Barbara's memory may be made to the New Hampshire SPCA <https://nhspca.org/>

Roy Dennehy Named New State Life Director

Dear Worthy State Deputy,

Sincere thanks and grateful appreciation for the opportunity to attempt to fill Ron Distasio's role as K of C State Life Director. I have big shoes to fill. With the Holy Spirit's guidance, wisdom, and council I will strive to be the most effective Life Director.

Also, I have spoken with Dick LaPlume, brother Knight in the Derry Council. He will assist me as a Life team member for the future events throughout the state.

Vivat Jesus!

Roy Dennehy State Life Director

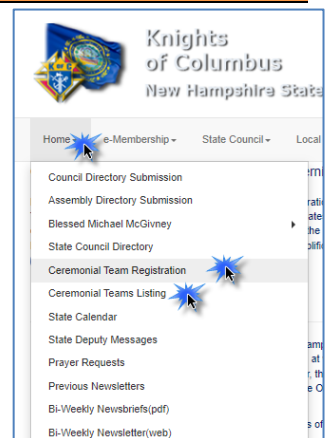
Ceremonial Team Registration and Listing

The NH State Council has designed a portal for councils, which have established in-person Degree Teams, to enter their location and contact information. This is part of our effort to provide a resource where Grand Knights can contact a nearby council for such circumstances as needing a substitute Degree Team member, getting a candidate to an alternate exemplification because he cannot attend his own council's, or teams in formation wishing to observe an in-person ceremony.

To enter your council's information, please visit <https://www.nhknights.org>, click on "Home", then on "Ceremonial Team Registration". To view the current list, visit <https://www.nhknights.org>, click on "Home", then on "Ceremonial Teams Listing".

If you have any questions, please reach out to me and I will be glad to assist. My thanks to PSD and Webmaster Greg Taillon for his work on this new feature.

Ron Barnovsky, NH State Ceremonials Director
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125th Anniversary Shirts - Last call

Well -- It's me again.

I'm sending out a last notice for anyone that wishes to order a 125th Anniversary Shirt. Right now I will be ordering by the end of this week and all shirts on this order will be available by the Quarterly Meeting in January 2024.

I was hoping to get this order delivered by Christmas but the supply line is flooded this time of the year with demands.

So email me your size and follow-up with your check as soon as possible. Men's and Ladies are the same price. Men's have a pocket on the left side. attached is the embroidery for the shirt. **Send this info to all members of your council please.**

I wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas and a successful New Year

Small = \$31.00	Med = \$31.00	Large = \$31.00
X-Large = \$31.00	2X-Large = \$33.00	3X-Large = \$35.00
4X-Large = \$37.00	5X-Large = \$39.00	6X-Large = \$41.00

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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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[Recruitment Flyer](#)

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

Fasting, Adoration and Benediction

Hello All,

This is a gentle reminder to participate in the subject day of Fasting, Adoration and Benediction, 22, 23 Jan 2024, hosted by St Mark's church in Londonderry.

Please email me with your requested adoration time: starts 7pm Monday 22 Jan 2024, thru start of Benediction 7pm Tuesday 23 Jan 2024. I will confirm the time with you.
Full details in original email below.

Thank You
John

Hello Again Everyone,
Once Again (27th Year), Requesting Your Support - Pretty Simple. As you may remember from previous years, I'm the chairman of the subject event, and together with our councils, have been co-sponsoring the subject Day of Fasting, Rosary, and Benediction (this is our 27th 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 22, 23 Jan, 2024 -- Monday night 7pm adoration start thru Tuesday 7pm Benediction start.

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): Nick Maffattone(GK); Bob Oliver (PGK), Dennis Pedley (RTL), Brian Roche (PGK), Deacon Tom (celebrant this year again), Greg Cappiello (refreshment). (Nick / Dennis...I will handle bulletin)

6949 Londonderry: Fred Heinrich(GK); Chip Lukitsch (PGK, DD18), Bill Schenkelberg(PGK), (Fred / Chip / Bill , I will handle bulletin, meeting handouts)

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

4442 Salem Ken Tarara(GK); Rick Veilleux (PGK); Peter Klecan (RTL)

5162 Hudson John Frechette(GK); Jake Izzo (PGK);

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

13026 Litchfield Laurence Seigny(GK); Marc Lacerte (PGK), Jason Blais (PGK, PDD), James Slayer (FS)
Roy Dennehy Life Directors list:

6902, Pelham, Bill Brewster (GK)

6725, Merrimack, Norm Thibault., David Fuccillo, Other District
Deputies: DD8, George Fredette (4442, 5162, 6902, 7572, 10488)
DD4, Jay Morris (3023, 13026)

State Commo -- Community/Newsletter/Website:

Allen Ouellette, Bob Jones; Tristan Ouellette; Greg Taillon
The attachment gives all the details, provides some flyers (the ones with the rose symbol) that can be posted on bulletin boards, sample bulletin announcement for advertising the activity, and blank adoration sign-up sheets for you to use-- but note I prefer / request to have people call / email me directly as I've said on the sheets.

Please discuss at your councils, advertise as soon as you can -- at meetings, and in the church in Nov/Dec/January, so folks can contact me for an hour of adoration overnight from 7pm Monday, Jan 22 thru Tuesday, 7pm, Jan 23, 2024. The host parish is St. Mark's Church,

Londonderry, Council 10488. I'll email/call in Jan to get names/time slots... but folks should email or call me directly is best...please.

Please look over the info, and I will try to follow up..... and we can discuss any questions... Thanks in advance for spreading the word and participating in the event.

John P Matuszewski, Event Chairman
Council 6949, Londonderry
603-434-4098 cell: 603-557-5377

GK and FS Forum Schedules

Grand Knight Forum 07:00pm - 08:00pm

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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

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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

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Upcoming Events

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
Wed Jan 24 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM
Grand Knight Forum
Thu Jan 25 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM
Blessed Michael McGivney Rosary - online
Wed Jan 31 @ 7:00PM - 08:00PM
Financial Secretary Forum

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