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A 4TH DEGREE NEWSLETTER BY DISTRICT MASTER, GLENN P. CAMLEY, IPSD



My Brother Knights,

Welcome to the second edition of **Patriotic Review**, a monthly newsletter with all of the latest information on the Patriotic 4th Degree from throughout the State of New Hampshire.

It's amazing how many people have texted, e-mailed and called me, letting me know how much they appreciated this newsletter. Outside of our Brother Sir Knights, our 2nd and 3rd Degree members are excited and can't wait for the opportunity to progress onward to the Patriotic Degree. Our Candidates are within your Council ranks ... now extend the offer!

Please be sure to share this newsletter with the entire membership in your Councils and Assemblies, as well as with your Parish Priests. This will be a valuable recruiting tool showcasing our Knights of Columbus patriotic pride, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Glenn

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Set this date on your calendar for this years "March for Life" upon the NH State Capital. Find out more on Page 21 of this newsletter.



Brother Knights,

“Change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past and present are certain to miss the future” -John F. Kennedy

While it’s only been a little over a month, so much has been accomplished within the District of New Hampshire, so far.

Our November 4th Degree, being hosted by Msgr. Sliney Assembly #0628, is fast approaching and the organization is coming together on all fronts. Make sure that we all are placing a high priority on finalizing our registrations to the historic event, and offering every 3rd Degree Brother Knight the opportunity to fulfill the aspirations

of Patriotic Degree. Make sure that we are all approaching every eligible Brother Knight with a form 4 and taking the time to speak with them about our responsibilities to God and our Country, as Sir Knights. Every Catholic man deserves the right to join the Knights of Columbus and fulfill each and every Degree, culminating with their experience of the 4th Degree. As a Grand Knight, as well as members of your Council Membership Committee, attain your current roster and go through who is a 3rd Degree Brother Knight, yet hasn’t taken their 4th Degree as of yet. Look at who is a 1st Degree and locate an upcoming 2nd and 3rd Degree, and register them for this experience, to eventually prepare them for their 4th.

An announcement on our Biennial Meeting will be coming out soon, with location and an opportunity to register. As the meetings are not as frequent as Quarterly Meetings or State Conventions, they maintain a greater sense of importance as what is discussed, has greater impact upon our Brother Sir Knights with the impact that our actions and decisions have. In addition to our regular business schedule, there will be a few educational and learning opportunities that you’ll want to notify your Brother Sir Knights that they’ll want to avail themselves of. While each Assembly is only allowed one, two or three Delegates to the Biennial Meeting for voting purposes, any invested 4th Degree Sir Knight has the ability to attend.

I hope that you are enjoying this Newsletter ... a great new tool in sharing information with our Brother Sir Knights, as well as a recruitment tool for candidates to the 4th Degree.

God has a plan!
Vivat Jesus,

GLENN P. CAMLEY
DISTRICT MASTER
BISHOP HEALY PROVINCE

NOTE:

When registering for the upcoming November 16th 4th Degree being held in Meredith, NH and hosted by Msgr. Sliney Assembly 628, please remember to register your wife, date or daughter, for the “Ladies Program”, being hosted by Jolene Camley, wife of DM, Glenn P. Camley.

Participation can be finalized by e-mailing Jolene at jilcc417@aol.com or by phone at 1(603)674-5257

CALLING FOR NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS.

Please add me to your newsletter distribution list at gpcamley@gmail.com so that this Information can be a part of the Patriotic Review. Upcoming events, meeting dates, etc. Send all Information to District Master, Glenn P. Camley, IPSD



LOOKING FOR A 4TH DEGREE QUARTERMASTER



We are looking for a “4th Degree Quartermaster”. The intention of this responsibility at this time, is that the Sir Knight would have a larger amount of space that supplies (formal shoes of all sizes, various amounts of available formalwear, various amounts of swords and baldrics, etc) can be inventoried and stored for use throughout the NH State Council. The hope is that the individual would be centrally located (Concord, Manchester, and Nashua). All individuals should contact

District Master, Glenn P. Camley at gpcamley@gmail.com

ORDER YOUR 4TH DEGREE UNIFORM:

For the up and coming Sir Knights and NEW Candidates, provided is a link to “KofC Uniform”, where you can order a FULL Uniform for participation in your Assembly Color Corps. This is a great time to build upon your Color Corps rank and get your Assembly Sir Knights fitted. Find out more at: [KofC Uniform](#)



PRAYER REQUEST



Please keep the following Sir Knights and Family members in your prayers.

For the soul of SK, William McCarthy, FVSM

For the continued good health and recovery of Executive State Secretary, SK, Edward McCann, PSD

For the soul of SK, Fernand “Fern” Gelinas who passed away on his 92nd Birthday, October 15, 2019

4TH DEGREE UNIFORM SUPPLIER * UPDATE *****

The below information was recently released from Knights of Columbus Supreme, as an update to previous notification on a new supplier having entered into an agreement with the Knights of Columbus, to provide the new official Uniform to the Orders membership. Please see below for further information, and stay tuned for yet, further updates.



We are pleased to welcome “The Supply Room” (TSR) as the new distributor of Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree regalia.

TSR is a world-class, leading distributor of military and law enforcement uniforms, located in Oxford, Alabama. In addition to 100+ years of experience and a solid reputation for quality, they will offer customer service representatives dedicated to Knights of Columbus uniform orders.

Our uniforms will remain of the highest quality, while the cost will drop to \$449. Because of the transition, all ordering of uniforms will be suspended Nov. 1 and resume on Dec. 1.

What to know:

- As before, orders may be placed at kofcuniform.com.
- The customer service number remains the same and is available at 1-833-562-4327.
- TSR customer service is able to assist with questions regarding uniforms ordered from the previous fulfillment company.

We remain grateful to our Sir Knights and are proud of the dignity and respect with which you represent the Order in your parishes and communities.

Thank you for letting us serve you.



Bishop James A. Healey Province District of New Hampshire



*Master Glenn P. Camley IPSD, is pleased to announce the
exemplification of the Patriotic Degree, welcoming all candidates
and spectators from the District of New Hampshire, being held on*

Saturday November 16, 2019

Given at St Charles Borromeo Church, 300 NH Rt. 25, Meredith, NH

Hosted by FN Ronald Keyes and the Msgr. Sliney Assembly #628 of Laconia, NH

All of them gave some, and some of them gave all....Our Honoree will be

The Veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States

Event Registration Forms and Form 4 Submittals

DEADLINE is Saturday, November 9, 2019 for Candidates, Spectators, and Guests

- Candidate fee is \$70 (\$35 for priests) includes social baldric, 4th Degree pin, and all meals.
- Lunch & Banquet ticket for spectators and guests is \$35 each. Lunch only \$15
- Faithful Navigators/Comptrollers should send all **completed** Form-4s and checks payable to Glenn P. Camley to: 4th Degree Secretary SK Hector St. Jacques 18 June St Nashua, NH 03060 Questions? Call (603) 888-4590 or hstjgk@comcast.net

Attire for the Ceremonial

Candidates' dress shall be black or dark (blue or grey) business suit with black socks/ shoes, white dress shirt, and tie. Traditional tuxedo with standard collar shirt may be worn. Armed forces, police, and firefighters may wear Class A or dress uniform. Priests and members of religious orders may wear their clerical attire. Sir Knight Spectators will wear the same dress as candidates and will also include the wearing of the social baldric, and the authorized Emblem of the Fourth Degree pin. The Color Guard, Honor Guard and Line Guards will be in full regalia as prescribed by the Supreme Master. No other attire or formal wear is acceptable.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR WIFE WITH Jolene Camley at jlcc417@aol.com or at (603)674-5257

Agenda for Saturday, November 16, 2019

11:00 am: Registration
12:00 am: Lunch
1:00pm: 4th Degree Candidates assemble in ante-chamber for instruction
1:30 pm: Ladies Program
1:30 pm to 3:45 pm:... Exemplification of the Patriotic
Degree 4:00 pm: New Sir Knights' class pictures
4:00 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation available
4:45 pm: New Sir Knights and Sir Knights assemble for Vigil Mass
5:00 pm: Vigil Mass celebrated by Rev. Msgr. Gerald F. Belanger
6:15 pm - 8:15 pm: ... Social and Banquet to honor New Sir Knights



WE STAND FOR THE FLAG and WE KNEEL FOR THE CROSS





Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree
Given at

St Charles Borromeo Church,
300 NH Rt. 25, Meredith, NH
Saturday November 16, 2019



CANDIDATE REGISTRATION ONLY
(Use the separate form for spectators and guests)

Candidate's name: _____ Council Name & No.: _____
E-mail: _____ Phone Number: _____
Assembly Name: _____ Assembly Number: _____
Name of Spouse: _____

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Form-4 completed and endorsed | Yes _____ No _____ |
| 2. Candidate will attend the dinner | Yes _____ No _____ |
| 3. Spouse will attend the dinner | Yes _____ No _____ |

Costs:

Master's Exemplification Fee \$70.00	= \$ _____
Extra Lunch/Dinner Tickets: (spouse and guests) @ \$35.00 each	= \$ _____
Total Payment	= \$ _____

The Master's Exemplification fee includes:

Social Baldric, 4th degree lapel pin, Degree Completion certificate, and 1 banquet ticket

Note: Annual membership dues are payable to the candidate's sponsoring Assembly by the candidate and not the responsibility of the District Master

**PLEASE REGISITER YOUR WIFES ATTENDANCE
FOR THE LADIES PROGRAM WITH
Jolene Camley at jlcc417@aol.com or (603)674-5257**

**Please make checks payable to: Glenn Camley District Master
with CANDIDATE on the memo line**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: November 9, 2019

PLEASE RETURN CANDIDATE'S FORM 4 PLUS THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

**4th Degree Secretary SK Hector St. Jacques
18 June St Nashua, NH 03060**

Questions? Call (603) 888-4590 or hstipgk@comcast.net

Dress Code for the Banquet for 4th Degree Sir Knights, and Guests, will be black or dark (blue or grey) business suit or formal wear with the Ladies wearing Evening or Business Dress suitable for the occasion



Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree
St Charles Borromeo Church, 300 NH Rt. 25, Meredith, NH
Saturday November 16, 2019



BANQUET REGISTRATION for SPECTATORS & GUESTS ONLY

Assembly Name _____ Assembly Number: _____

Spectator/Guest Name	Phone Number	Lunch Only	Lunch & Dinner
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

Meal tickets will be issued at the time of registration

Costs:

Lunch & Dinner Tickets: _____ @ \$35.00 each = \$ _____

Lunch Only Tickets: _____ @ \$15.00 each = \$ _____

Total Payment = \$ _____

Please make all checks payable to: Glenn Camley, District Master

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: November 9, 2019

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR WIVES ATTENDANCE WITH
Jolene Camley at jlcc417@aol.com or (603)674-5257**

**PLEASE RETURN this form and payment to
4th Degree Secretary SK Hector St.
Jacques 18 June St Nashua, NH 03060**

Questions? Call (603) 888-4590 or hstjpgk@comcast.net

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Ladies wearing Evening or Business Dress suitable for the occasion**

SWORD RAFFLE



ENTER TO WIN A NEW COMPLETE 4TH DEGREE SWORD PACKAGE !

- SWORD W/BLACK HANDLE
- SWORD CASE
- SERVICE BALDRIC
- WHITE GLOVES

DRAWING TO BE HELD DURING THE EVENING AT THE BANQUET...ONLY \$10 PER TICKET

Fill out this short form and send in with your registration form. Raffle tickets will be issued at the door.
Provide separate check payable to GLENN CAMLEY with SWORD PKG on the memo line...Thank you!



Name: _____
Assembly# _____ City _____ State _____
Contact email or phone: _____
Number of tickets _____ @ \$10 each = Total Enclosed \$ _____



Name: _____
Assembly# _____ City _____ State _____
Contact email or phone: _____
Number of tickets _____ @ \$10 each = Total Enclosed \$ _____



Name: _____
Assembly# _____ City _____ State _____
Contact email or phone: _____
Number of tickets _____ @ \$10 each = Total Enclosed \$ _____

Exemplification of the Fourth Degree

Saturday November 16, 2019

Ad Book



To All Assemblies, Councils, Circles, and Brother Knights,

Participating in this Ad book will help promote your fraternal support as well as demonstrate your active contribution in the workings of our Order. **The proceeds from this book will help defray the cost of the Exemplification of the Fourth Degree**, which is totally funded by the District Master and includes the proceeds from the candidates and spectators. What is more, the candidate fee schedule is fixed by the Supreme Master so your participation and support as Assemblies, Councils, Circles, and individual members is needed to help keep the costs of our exemplifications as reasonable as possible.

This year's price schedule is:

Full Page	\$70
½ Page	\$40
2-Line Patron Sponsor	\$10

*Corporate Ads, Memorials, and
Patriotic Tributes are welcome!*

Please forward your Ad copy (electronic is preferable) to gpcamley@gmail.com or, mail your contribution and Ad copy to:

District Master, Glenn P Camley
287 Daniel Webster Hwy.
Boscawen, NH 03303

Please make all Checks Payable to: Glenn Camley with AD BOOK on memo line

Deadline is: November 9, 2019

Thank you for your unfailing support of this very important program within our proud Order.

Vivat Jesus!

Glenn P. Camley
District Master



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November 16, 2019

4th Degree Ladies Program



Be an Angel for our Veterans



For all of Ladies in attendance at our November 16th 4th Degree at St. Charles Borromeo Church, here's your opportunity to "Be an Angel for our Veterans". Giving back is what it's all about, and that's what Jolene Camley has planned for your Ladies Program. No supplies are needed, BUT ... **DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER** at 1(603)682-5318 or ilcc417@aol.com

With a SPECIAL PRESENTATION by Mary McCarthy

Merrymaking for Veterans



4th Degree Ladies Program

AN EXCITING PART OF THE DAY FOR THE "LADIES PROGRAM"

REQUEST THAT WIVES AND GUESTS OF THE LADIES PROGRAM,

BRING FUN GAMES THAT WILL BE DONATED TO THE

New Hampshire Veterans Home

WORD SEARCH * **PUZZLES** * **CROSSWORD PUZZLES**

MAGAZINES * **SUDOKU GAMES**

WRITING TABLETS * **ART PAPER** * **ART SUPPLIES**

THE DOLLAR STORE AND DOLLAR GENERAL HAS GREAT PRICES, AS A SUGGESTION, TO PURCHASE ANY OF THESE ITEMS.

Large and small donations will be accepted.

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS CEMETERY EXPANDS:



As of January 1, 2019, there have been a total of 11,200 interments: 8,321 veterans and 2,879 non-veteran spouses. This includes 13 who made the ultimate sacrifice and were killed in action, and 37 who were once held as a prisoner of war. There are at least 205 interred veterans who served in multiple branches of the armed services, and 875 who served in multiple wars or conflicts.

An expansion project currently underway will add another 1,410 pre-placed crypts for future full-casket burials and create 1,862 designated locations for the burial of in-ground cremains. The project will also expand upon the existing road network and prepare an area that will provide for the placement of six additional columbaria at a future date. This expansion project is on

target for completion in July of 2019. As need arises and at dates to be determined by demand, additional expansion in planned phases are prepared for with an overall master plan. With these future phases, the cemetery has enough acreage and design to accommodate veterans and their eligible dependents for many years to come.

Five full-time and two part-time grounds-crew personnel, augmented by volunteers, mow the grass, trim around the headstones, seed, rake, open and close graves, erect headstones, clean the chapel between services, plow snow, handle maintenance on the buildings, and do whatever else needs to be done. To show respect for the veteran being interred, grounds work is scheduled so that the personnel work on the opposite side of the cemetery whenever an interment service is taking place. When taps are sounded, they shut down lawnmowers, leaf blowers, and backhoes and stand with their hands over their hearts until the final note fades away. Two full-time administrators, an interment coordinator, and the cemetery director make up the rest of the staff that keeps the operation functioning smoothly as they routinely schedule four or more services a day, five days a week.





In late May, preparations for Memorial Day include staff and volunteers tackling the task of placing an American flag at every headstone. Volunteers are instructed how to utilize a unique measuring device that precisely establishes a uniform height and location for each flag. Memorial Day services this year will be organized and hosted by the NH American Legion and will be held on the traditional Memorial Day date of May 30, starting promptly at 11 a.m. Memorial Day is also the kickoff day for the start of “100 Nights of Remembrance,” when a bugler will

sound taps every evening, rain or shine, at 7 p.m., through September 11. After the 100 consecutive nights have ended, taps are then sounded only once a week on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m., rain, shine, or snow, until the opening ceremony again on the following Memorial Day. So that they are never forgotten, 100 Nights of Remembrance is dedicated to honoring and paying respect to those who have served our country in the armed services. The public is welcome to attend these solemn ceremonies.

If you visit the cemetery for the Memorial Day service or to observe any of the 100 Nights of Remembrance sundown taps ceremonies, be sure to take a few moments and wander the cemetery grounds. Observe the alignment of the rows of headstones, and take a few moments to acknowledge the service and sacrifice of the veterans buried beneath them.

Note: The cemetery grounds, vestibule of the administration building, and restrooms are open to the public seven days a week during daylight hours. The vestibule of the administration building has a grave locator, cemetery application forms, and other pertinent information. The administrative offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., except for holidays.



ADMINISTRATION MAKES DECLARATION:



THE BELOW ARTICLE IS BEING SHARED WITH YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFICE OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS.

August 27, 2019 ([Daily Signal](#)) — As a kid, Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie recalls, he visited a VA hospital at Christmastime.

"One of my fondest memories growing up, we used to sing Christmas carols at the VA hospital in Fayetteville, North Carolina," Wilkie told The Daily

Signal, sitting in a 10th-floor office at VA headquarters on Vermont Avenue Northwest, overlooking the White House.

"Something as simple and as decent as that was being stopped," he said. "With the support of the president, we just said enough is enough."

Wilkie grew up at Fort Bragg, the son of an Army artillery commander. He himself served in both the Navy and Air Force reserves, and as a Pentagon official.

Since becoming VA secretary a little more than a year ago, he has returned to North Carolina.

"I was in my hometown. We have a beautiful chapel in the old VA hospital. And I walked in and there were no Bibles," the secretary said. "It had been stripped of the symbols of religion."

The VA revised directives to permit religious literature, symbols, and displays at agency facilities following a string of incidents in recent years in which individual medical centers banned Christmas carols and a Christmas tree, chapels removed Bibles, and chaplains faced restraints on religious expression.

Generally, the VA had inconsistent policies across the country. Officials designed the changes to protect the religious freedom of veterans and their families. The new guidelines, which went into effect last month, referred to the recent Supreme Court ruling allowing a cross-shaped memorial to World War I dead to continue standing on public land in Bladensburg, Maryland.

The high court's decision highlighted the important role that religious symbols play in the lives of Americans and their consistency with constitutional principles.

"The military culture has been part of my being, an important part of what I believe," Wilkie told The Daily Signal. "I've seen the effects of combat, both in uniform and out of uniform."

That military culture in which he grew up, Wilkie said, also prioritizes the "ability of our troops to worship, their right to worship, their right to have access to chaplains, and to be free to celebrate their faith." He added:

Now, moving over to VA, I consider the spiritual well-being of our veterans, their spiritual health, to be just as important as the medical competence and technical competence of our doctors and nurses. They should have that fundamental right available to them to access chaplains, to access their Bibles.

The new guidelines call for "inclusion in appropriate circumstances of religious content in publicly accessible displays at VA facilities," and allow "patients and their guests to request and be provided religious literature, symbols and sacred texts during visits to VA chapels and during their treatment at VA."

The guidelines also allow the VA to accept donations of religious literature, cards, and symbols at its facilities, and to distribute them to VA patrons "under appropriate circumstances."

"Under the old regime, you couldn't have those outward symbols," Wilkie said. "You could not have religious texts in the chapels unless you brought them. The chaplains could not walk the halls seeking people to talk with. There had to be a specific request."

The allowed literature may include the Bible, the Quran, the Talmud, or any other religious text, VA officials noted.

Still, the policy faces opposition.

"The VA's actions undermine our Constitution, which intentionally establishes a secular government in order to preserve religious freedom, a right enjoyed by individuals," Sam Grover, associate counsel for the Freedom From Religion Foundation, wrote in a letter to Wilkie objecting to the standards.

"Were the VA truly concerned about protecting the religious freedom of veterans, it could simply do what the Constitution prescribes and keep its facilities free from government-endorsed religion," Grover wrote.

Wilkie said he doesn't anticipate litigation over the policy because it is based on the recent Supreme Court ruling.

"What Justice [Neil] Gorsuch said in the Maryland cross case was absolutely on target," Wilkie said. "Because you might be offended doesn't give you standing to stop other people from worshiping. For me, this is not only a military issue. It's a religious liberty issue, and one that is vitally important to those we serve."

The high court's ruling should reaffirm the VA's policy, said Emilie Kao, director of the DeVos Center for Religion and Civil Society at The Heritage Foundation.

"On the heels of the Supreme Court's 7-2 decision that reaffirmed the Constitution's protection of the tradition of public displays of religious monuments, symbols, and practices, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs took a much-needed step to clarify that religious symbols as well as spiritual and pastoral care are welcome at VA facilities," Kao told The Daily Signal.

"Millions of soldiers from different religious backgrounds have relied upon their faith and gained encouragement from religious literature, symbols, and displays," Kao continued. "No member of the military should have to hide their faith when they put on a uniform. Nor should our public square be devoid of religious symbols."

In January, the Manchester Veterans Affairs Medical Center in New Hampshire removed a Bible on display at a "Missing Man" table after a secular group, the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, objected.

The Bible had been carried by a prisoner of war from World War II, but the group said some veterans had complained about its display.

After receiving new complaints about its removal, hospital officials restored the Bible the following month. In May, however, a Vietnam veteran sued to have the Bible removed.

"A Bible that was owned by a survivor in the Battle of the Bulge had to be put under lock and key because several people unknown had complained that this was an affront to them," Wilkie said, adding: It's incongruous to me [because] we send our young people to some pretty rough places. The notion that someone who would have been in those situations is so offended by the sight of a Bible that he wants to sue and deprive his comrades of that comfort is just beyond the pale.

In late 2015, a VA clinic in Salem, Virginia, initially blocked a Christmas tree from the premises, stating in a letter to employees that "trees have been deemed to promote the Christian religion and will not be permitted in any public areas this year."

The clinic reversed course in late November after public pushback, and allowed the Christmas tree. In January 2014, then-House Veterans Affairs Chairman Jeff Miller, R-Fla., wrote then-VA Secretary Eric Shinseki, citing a VA medical center in Augusta, Georgia, that banned high school Christmas carolers. Miller also wrote that VA officials in Iowa City, Iowa, had told the American Legion not to hand out gifts if the wrapping paper said "Merry Christmas" and a VA hospital in Dallas had refused a delivery of handwritten Christmas cards from schoolchildren because they included the words "Merry Christmas" and "God Bless You."

Such matters are important beyond individuals' freedom of religion, affecting the health of veterans in the VA's care, Wilkie said.

"The issue of Christmas carols is about simple courtesy, the ability to make people smile at a time in their lives when they are in a hospital for whatever reason, for groups to come in and spread comfort," he said.

"Emotional sustenance is absolutely something that we should be allowing, not standing in the way of."



5 HONORABLE WAYS YOU CAN HELP VETERAN'S



1. PICK UP THE TAB FOR THEIR MEAL:

The next time you see a veteran in a restaurant or standing in line for coffee, pick up the tab. You can do so anonymously if you would prefer, but even a quick "thank you for your service" would mean a lot to the veteran. You don't have to limit yourself to dinner or a latte—you could pay for a tank of gas, a prescription, or a cart of groceries.

2. HELP SPONSOR AN HONOR FLIGHT

Many of the veterans who fought for our freedoms have never seen the national memorials honoring their efforts—and their fallen friends. [Honor Flights](#) helps send veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam to Washington D.C. to see their monuments. You can help [sponsor](#) one of those flights for as little as \$4.

3. WRITE A LETTER

Operation Gratitude is an organization that coordinates care packages, gifts, and letters of thanks to veterans. You can work through them to send your appreciation to a vet, or [volunteer](#) to help assemble care packages. And, if you still have candy kicking around from Halloween, Operation Gratitude also mails [sweets](#) to deployed troops.

4. VOLUNTEER AT VA HOSPITAL

Whatever your talents are, they'll certainly be utilized at a Veterans Hospital. From working directly with patients to helping with recreational programs or even just providing companionship, your [local VA Hospital](#) would be thrilled to have a few hours of your time.

5. GET INVOLVED WITH THE VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

There are no doubt veterans in your community that could use help—but how do you find them? Contact the [Local Veterans Assistance Program](#). They'll be able to put you in touch with local vets who need help doing chores like yard work, housework, grocery shopping, or running errands.

The VA continually hosts [Stand Downs](#), one- to three-day events that give much-needed supplies and services to homeless veterans. Vets can receive everything from food and clothing to health screenings, housing solutions, substance abuse treatment, and mental health counseling. They take place at various places across the nation all year long, so contact the representative in your state about when and how you can volunteer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 7TH **Volunteers Place Flags for Veterans Day** at New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery. All Volunteers are welcome. Please report to the maintenance building at 1:00PM to receive instructions. Placing of flags will continue until all are completed.

NOVEMBER 8TH **Veteran's Wall Dedication** Friday, November 8th at 3:00PM. See flier on page 16 for more information.

NOVEMBER 11TH **Veteran's Day Ceremony 2019** at New Hampshire State Veteran's Cemetery. Event begins at 11:00AM until 12:00PM. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and staff of the State Veterans Cemetery cordially invites you to attend the Veterans Day Ceremony commencing at 11:00AM, Monday November 11th at 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH 03303. Seating is limited so you are encouraged to bring a lawn chair for your comfort. Ceremony normally runs for one hour. **PLEASE plan to arrive about 10:30 to avoid traffic back-up and time to park and walk.**

NOVEMBER 13TH **Remove Flags for Veteran's Day at New Hampshire State Veteran's Cemetery.** Volunteers are welcome to help us remove the flags from the headstones. The event removes flags and then rolls them back up for storage until next Memorial Day.

NOVEMBER 28TH **Thanksgiving Day.** Give thanks.

DECEMBER 25TH **Christmas Day**

JANUARY 11TH **"March for Life"** See flier on page 21 for more details.

FORM DUE DATES:

JULY 1ST **Report of Officers** chosen for the term. PDF available online (Form 186)

AUGUST 1ST **Annual Assembly Audit Report.** PDF available online (Form 1315)

NO DUE DATE **Survey of Fraternal Activity Worksheet.** PDF available online. (1728A)

JANUARY 31ST **Annual Survey Fraternal Activity.** PDF available online. (1728 Assembly)

JUNE 30TH **Civic Award Application.** PDF available online. (2321)

JUNE 30TH **RSVP Refund/Plaque App. for Assemblies.** PDF available online (2863A)

MAY 31ST **"To Be a Patriot" Award** Entry Form PDF available online. (TBP-1)



Catholic Charities New Hampshire



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**** Veterans Wall Dedication – Dover, NH – November 8 ****

The public is invited to a special dedication of the NEW Wall of Honor at St. Ann Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in Dover, on Friday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m.

The Wall of Honor will recognize and pay tribute to the residents and tenants of St. Ann and Bishop Gendron Senior Living Community for their service to our country and our nation's history.

RSVPs are not required. For more information, contact Kate McCracken at (603) 742-2612, ext. 121 or

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March for Life

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

SCHEDULE

- 9:00 a.m.** Memorial service at the Concord Landfill
- 10:00 a.m.** Catholic mass at Christ the King Parish, St. John's Church
- 10:30 a.m.** Prayer service in front of State House with Rev. Don Colageo
- 11:15 a.m.** Rally at the Gold Dome State House steps
- 11:45 a.m.** March for Life from the rally
- 1:00 p.m.** Refreshments & featured speaker at Christ the King Parish

FEATURED SPEAKER: MARIA GIRTATOS

Greater Boston's Rachel's Vineyard Ministry is a vibrant work that facilitates healing retreats in New England, especially for post-abortive people in New Hampshire. Maria Girtatos discerned a call to share Christ's message of hope, healing, and wholeness through this ministry. Her personal spiritual journey, along with her insight, courage, and strength led her to Rachel's Vineyard Ministry 5 years ago. Hers is a story about complete surrender, trusting in Jesus, and overcoming fear through faith, forgiveness, and God's loving mercy.



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