



New Hampshire State Council Knights of Columbus

State Community Director Annual Report

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Worthy Brother Knights:

Below is a summary of events for this directorship:

- Columbian Squires
- Catholic Education Support
- Free Throw State Event
- Granite Award Banquet
- Ball and Scholarship Banquet
- CPWID
- Special Olympics

Columbian Squires:

The Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassatti Circle #5806 in Sunapee continues to grow. Due to very busy schedules of the youth, particularly in their parish and school involvement, they boys are having a formal meeting ever other month, and a major activity between these business meetings. Some activities were camping, attending the Scouting Catholic Retreat, and ice fishing. They continue the Parish service support, camping events, and a few pilgrimages along the year. We will hope to get more Counselors involved, as new dad Knights will be stepping up to continue the Circles growth and evolution. **PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE BOYS!!!**

Catholic Education Support:

We've no projects to report, though our connections remain active and ready to explore opportunities to continue our Statewide support of Catholic Education.

Free Throw State Event:

The Knights of Columbus State Free Throw competition was held on March 18th at the St Elizabeth Seton Activity Center in Bedford, NH. We had 20 participants representing 4 different councils. We crowned winners in all but 2 divisions, 2 competitors made 22 of 25 free throw attempts! Winners include:

Girls

- 9 - Margaret Landies - Council 12988
- 11 - Madison Hartley - Council 12988
- 12 - Julia Bourgeois - Council 112
- 13 - Aaria Ahdi - Council 12988
- 14 - Bello Landies - Council 12988

Boys

- 9 - Ryan Koira - Council 12988
- 10 - Jack Montgomery - Council 12988
- 11 - Ethan Spack - Council 112
- 12 - Jackson Logue - Council 12988
- 14 - Jackson McDonald - Council 2179

Granite State Award Banquet:

Banquet was cancelled due to poor reservation numbers, and no report on awards issued was submitted at the time of this publication.

State Ball and Scholarship Banquet:

State Scholarship Banquet, is held to award scholarships to our Collage freshmen and seminarians and apostolates , we are looking into expanding this program to include high school seniors to attend catholic Collages. please support this program and our youth spiritual growth. The banquet is normally held first Saturday in October.

Realizing the cost for an education these days the KofC NH State Council is once again offering four (4) scholarships at \$750.00 each which will help defray the high cost.

To apply for one of these scholarships go on line to the state website NHKnights.org/scholarships, fill out the application in it's entirety and US Mail it to me by July 1, 2023. (R. Collopy 18 Merrill Ave. Salem, NH 03079.)

CPWID:

In 2022, we saw a decrease in councils participating in raising funds for the CPWID; 11 councils in 2022 as opposed to 16 in 2021. Total raised funds in 2022 was \$41,068.33, a decrease of \$8,564.59 from 2021. \$28,283.03 was sent back to councils for distribution to the charitable organizations of their choice. North Conway council 7575 was the leader in raised funds at \$8,809.00. In second place was Plaistow council 6617 with \$6,102.21 and in 3rd place was Portsmouth council 140 with \$5,540.13.

Special Olympics:

Local New Hampshire Knights of Columbus has long supported Special Olympics of New Hampshire (SONH) in their activities to benefit physically and intellectually challenged individuals of our state. This fraternal year, we were privileged to participate in two events.

On November 12, we participated in SONH Bowling by sending uniformed knights of the fourth degree honor guard to four locations, Exeter, Laconia, Manchester, and Keene. Knights helped present awards to participants. The States Squires Circle in Sunapee attended again this year in Claremont to cheer on the athletes.

On March 5, uniformed Knights stood in review for the Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies at Waterville Valley. Some of the knights participating in this activity have been volunteering for years.