



# New Hampshire State Council Knights of Columbus

## State Family Director's Annual Report

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Worthy Brother Knights:

The following is a list of the family events and activities for the Faith In Action Program.

- Consecration to the Holy Family (Required)
- Family Movie Night
- Food for Families (Featured)
- Keep Christ in Christmas
- Family Fully Alive
- Family of the Month / Year
- Family Week
- Family Prayer Night
- Good Friday Family Promotion
- Family Reflection Night (Monthly)

### Family Camporee:

Camp Fatima Workday is a great family function. It will be held this year on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Those who come for Workday can reserve a cabin/campsite at a discount rate for the Camporee. Anyone or any council which does not make the workday and wants to help can donate to Camp Fatima. Please contact Ron Metevier, Chairman

### Family of the Month:

Councils select one parish family or one Knight family that is a good example of Christian family values by their daily lives. Up to twelve families can be selected each year, one of which can be submitted to Supreme to be considered for the international Family of the Year. The Knights of Columbus Family of the Year is also chosen by the State Council and will be recognized at the annual State Convention. Families can be chosen from either Knights families or Parishioners from your church. The following councils are the winning Family of the Month during the fraternal year. I am sure there must be many more families in the state who deserve to be recognized.

- Council 140 Portsmouth – Gilbert A. Tavares – Sept 2021
- Council 1624 Lancaster – Thomas Fohr – Oct - 2021
- Council 140 Portsmouth – Frances R. Sheehan – Nov 2021
- Council 1624 Lancaster – William Nagle – Dec 2021

There is still plenty of time to choose a Family of the Month in your parish. Please contact me for information on how to implement this program in your council.

### Food for Families:

This program helps to serve so many families in your local communities and throughout the state each year. 2021 saw again another large demand due to high unemployment and stay at home restrictions during the recent and ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Councils have helped with Food Drives, 40 Cans for Lent, and other parish and community collections and donations. Many worked, and donated dozens of hours at food pantries and soup kitchens throughout the state. Several councils participated in the Food for Families Refund and Plaque program and some councils earned the maximum annual \$500.00 refund limit from Supreme. Great job by all who participate. We are helping to feed the hungry and those in need.

### Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest:

State certificates and Debit cards (\$50 for first place, \$25 for second place) are awarded to the participants. The winning posters will be sent to Supreme for consideration for National Judging. Thanks so much to the chairperson, Tom Davis, for the promotion, coordination, and collection of the KCIC Posters. Poster judging and communication throughout the process is no easy task. We look to build on this program in the upcoming 2022 Fraternal year.

Family Prayer Night:

The Vocation Crucifix Prayer Program and the Pilgrim Virgin Devotion programs are two excellent options to promote and encourage family home prayer.

Pilgrim Virgin Devotion Program:

The Knights of Columbus have always had a strong devotion to the Blessed Mother. This program will help encourage families to pray the Rosary together at home and build their relationship with our Holy Mother.

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Program:

Vocations are critical to the survival and growth of Mother Church, especially in the NH Diocese of Manchester. We need Priests! Without the Eucharist there is no church, without Priests there is no Eucharis. The Vocation Crucifix Prayer Program is a way to help families to pray together for vocations.

Vivat Jesus, Bob Gonyea

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