



Knights of Columbus  
**FOURTH**  
**DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

Father Sebastian Rasle General Assembly 0337

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**OUR NEXT BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON**

**Monday December 14<sup>h</sup>, 2015**

**7:00 PM – Msgr. P.J. Flanagan Parish Center annex at St. Pius X Church Portland, Maine**

**“The Year of the Family”**

**Faithful Navigator**

Ronald M McClay

**Faithful Captain**

Stephen J Bussone

**Faithful Pilot**

Christopher M. Brown

**Faithful Admiral**

John M Brown

**Faithful Comptroller**

Andrew E Litcher

**Faithful Purser**

Robert J Rainville

**Faithful Scribe**

Stanley F Frank, Sr.

**Faithful Trustee (3yr.)**

**Faithful Trustee (2yr.)**

Robert L Laliberte

**Faithful Trustee (1yr.)**

James J Walsh

**Faithful Inner Sentinel**

John Garity

**Faithful Outer Sentinel**

Richard J Rand

**Color Corps Commander**

John M Brown

My Brother Sir Knights,

We are waiting on a date from Holy Cross School for the kids party, should have one at the meeting. Plan to attend always a fun time!

Do not forget this week the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> our councils ring the bells for the Salvation Army at the mall, check with your G.K. This is a great cause and a way to show our support locally!

We have a new plan for our Jack & Jill shower thanks to Bob Laliberte. The event will be Sunday Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4pm in the St. Pius hall.

This event is for the benefit of ABBA and the Director of ABBA will be our guest speaker. Bob will have more info at the Jan 14 meeting. Let us make it a fun and informative event.

I would like to thank all of you that were at Cheverus, High School for Wreaths Across America Memorial event last weekend. There was Twenty Eight Honor Guard members from throughout the Maine State Council in attendance. Great job!!!

Please give thought too attending this special remembrance next year, you and yours presence is very much appreciated.

Fr. Feeney is back home at 75 State after a long re-hab at St. Josephs’.

**A bit more info about WAA,**

**December 6: Wreaths Across America:** You might have heard of it; Wreath [260,000+ ] are assembled in Maine and placed on all US military graves in Arlington Cemetery / Gettysburg and all US Military Cemetery’s in the US and overseas.

The mission of “*Wreaths Across America*” is to honor the fallen from all branches of our nation’s armed forces in cemetery’s across the nation. Thousands of volunteers will participate in that mission by laying the convoy’s wreaths on graves thought the country and at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday December 12, 2015 Least we should forget them, God Bless!

On its journey to Arlington, the convoy is escorted by the Patriot Guard Riders, a motorcycle and motor group of over 65,000 strong, and by state and municipal law enforcement. Rallies are held along the route at schools, veteran’s homes and civic locations with the participation of many groups, volunteers, and organizations including:

The American Gold Star others, Civic Air Patrol, Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, The American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Please plan on attending and offering your support next year; the Honor Guard members from our Assembly and from throughout the State will be posting & retrieving the colors, please keep this honored event in mind.

**Exemplification of the Fourth Degree:** will be held in Biddeford, Me. on May 21 2016, **please Start Asking all potential third degree knights to join our ranks.** Given the degrees close proximity to the Portland area, we should be able to recruit a good number of candidates from our [7] Portland area council, which we have membership in.

We will have recruitment forms and Form #4 available for distribution at our next meeting. It is the responsibility of all Sir Knights to promote recruitment, into the Highest Order of the Knights of Columbus. Be proud of who you are: Especially encouraging a family member to step forward and to join our ranks. You "Knighting a Son" is a great reward. **Live out our Mission .Recruit a new member today!**

**New Honor Guard members;** we would like to train [2] new members this coming year. If you have an interest and would like to be a member of the "Visible Arm" of the Knights of Columbus please contact: John Brown - Honor Guard Commander 773-6073 [jbrown09@maine.rr.com](mailto:jbrown09@maine.rr.com)

**PLEASE PRAY for,** Father Feeney, Father Knox, Sir Knights Jim Banks, Stanley Frank and all brother knights and family members that are under the weather.

Please offer "A Special Prayer" for all our "Service Men and Woman" who are away from home this Christmas Season and for their safe return to the Good Old USA.

A special thank you to Pope Francis for his continued good health and his visit to our country.

Faithful Navigator

Sir Knight Ron McClay