



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 January 11th, 2016

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

“The Year of the Family”

Faithful Friar
Reverend John Feeney
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.)
Richard L Goulet
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 Brown

Sir Knights:

Hard to believe it's the beginning of a new year! Nancy and I hope each of you had a glorious Christmas season! F. Captain Steve Bussone must step down from his elected position, because of his new work position and the conflict of his hours. If you are interested in filling the F. Captains position, Please let me know ASAP. Thank you Steve for all your hard work and good luck in your new endeavor

I want to thank Sir Knight Steve Costello for filling in as F. Navigator at the December meeting, I had to host our annual staff Christmas party with our owners and I couldn't be in both places. Great job Steven

We will work out the details of the upcoming Abba Baby Shower at Monday's meeting. Thank you Sir Knight Bob Laliberte for all of your hard work on this important project! I hope that you and your family's had a Very Merry Christmas & as we work into the New Year it, [2016] will be as eventful and prosperous as last year.

Coming up: Sunday January 17 2016 we have a scheduled a “Baby Shower” at St Pius Church hall from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Sponsoring; this type of event ‘Baby Shower’ is a bit unusual for many of us but after much discussion to the needs and the benefit, our membership voted to see what support we can give to this need. Sir Knight Robert Laliberte was given the charge to secure a hall, obtain a speaker and provide refreshments. This has been done; a speaker from ABBA – pro - life organization [located in Portland] refreshments donated from Subway, platters from Hannaford along with coffee and juice.

NOW all we have to do is come together and support this well needed “Pro Life Activity”

Following is a “needed item list”; this list, was provided to all at the last meeting for your consideration. Baby bath towels & wash cloths- Outfits [newborn through 24 months] – Baby hangers –Sleepers [PJ,s] –Diapers all sizes –Baby wipes –socks –Receiving blankets – Bibs – Small stuffed animals – Small baby toys [rattles tethers] –Bathing items – If possible: A little something “personal’ to give Mom’s to take with them, such as: toiletries items, lotions, hair accessories, nail polish, etc. Well: I am sure that you probably don’t have many of these items on your shelves but if you enlist a bit of help you can come up with a few of the mentioned item. This Pro Life project was suggested by the assembly’s membership and we ALL should be supporting it to the best of our ability. Look forward to see you there.

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 11 meeting. Let us make it a fun and informative event.

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Faithful Captain – Stephen J Bussone
Faithful Admiral – John M. Brown – 207-773-6073

May 21 2016 **Exemplification of the Fourth Degree:** will be held in Biddeford, Me. **Please, Start Asking all potential third degree knights to join our ranks.** Given the degrees location 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. There will be 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. If the Candidate is an active service member, a member of a Fire or Police dept. he can elect to make his degree in his Class A’ uniform. **Live out our Mission .Recruit a new member today**

New Honor Guard members; I 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 207-773-6073 or jbrown09@maine.rr.com

Honor Guards: Now that the Christmas and New Year Holy Days are past, we will be looking toward the Lenten and Easter Season and then on to spring. Please give your regalia a review, press your cape, extra shine on the shoes and review your tux for a good fit, after the filling Christmas dinners. **Ordination in May**, Deacon Matthew Gregory – A Holy Cross boy, and we all want to look sharp for Matt.

Fr. Feeney is home at 75 State and doing better! Fr. Knox was in MMC for congestive heart failure and is now back at St. Joe's recuperating again, please continue to pray for both of these wonderful priests and Knights [cards accepted] and a prayer for Pope Francis for his continued good health.

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.

Your Faithful Navigator:
Sir Knight Ron McClay