



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 February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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

**“The Year of the Family”**

<b>Faithful Friar</b>
Reverend John Feeney
<b>Faithful Navigator</b>
Ronald M McClay
<b>Faithful Captain</b>
John A. Moreshead
<b>Faithful Pilot</b>
Christopher M. Brown
<b>Faithful Admiral</b>
John M Brown
<b>Faithful Comptroller</b>
Andrew E Litcher
<b>Faithful Purser</b>
Robert J Rainville
<b>Faithful Scribe</b>
Stanley F Frank, Sr.
<b>Faithful Trustee (3yr.)</b>
Richard L Goulet
<b>Faithful Trustee (2yr.)</b>
Robert L Laliberte
<b>Faithful Trustee (1yr.)</b>
James J Walsh
<b>Faithful Inner Sentinel</b>
John Garity
<b>Faithful Outer Sentinel</b>
Richard J Rand
<b>Color Corps Commander</b>
John Brown

Brother Sir Knights,

Looks like we are going to miss the snowstorm of the century this weekend but let us pray for all those who are in the path of this storm that they remain safe and warm!

The Preble St. Resource Center and Soup Kitchen takes care of and feeds 350 to 400 people 3 meals and shelter every day! It is staffed by a few full timers but relies on volunteers to set up, cook, dishes, clean up and preparation for the next meal. I think we should volunteer to help one meal a month, all 3 meals need help but breakfast and lunch seem to have the most need of volunteers.

Please include in your works of Mercy, St Vincent DePaul soup kitchen, located at the Cathedral Guild Hall on Congress St. Portland. They serve lunch five day a week [150 -180 per day] and are solely supported by private individual donations. I would like to explore our options at the next meeting, remember this is the year of Mercy! In addition, I would like to see the Assembly move forward with the Catholic Charities partnership in a fundraiser in the coming months. I still think we should have a “Clergy Appreciation” BBQ this spring and will pursue this through the Diocese. Please consider which of the above projects you would like to volunteer for before the next meeting on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>!

Congratulations to Faithful Captain John Moreshead for accepting this very important role in our assembly, thank you John!

Fr. Feeney is doing much better and his niece is going to get him to Holy Cross church once a month to con-celebrate Mass! Fr. Knox is at St. Joe’s and not doing as well! Cards and prayers to both always appreciated!

As we all face life’s issues and problems, which at times seem over whelming we can take comfort in our faith and the bond of our Brother Knight’s prayers and camaraderie. My daughter gave me this little paperweight I keep on my desk that says. “When life gets to hard to Stand...Kneel” God Bless you and your families and friends in 2016!

Fraternally yours in Christ:

Faithful Navigator

Ron McClay

**ABBA Baby Shower** Sunday Jan 17 was a big success, thanks to Chairman Bob Laliberte. Bob put on a good spread of goodies [some donated] and the woman attending went overboard with the purchase of new baby cloths. Bob gave a good presentation, followed by the director of ABBA Jenney Pratt. ABBA a Pro- Life “Woman’s Resource Center “ located at 1250 Forest Ave Portland the corner of Forest and Warren Ave. offers many Free options for young mothers, counseling, STD testing, pregnancy testing and verification with ultrasound [purchased by K of C] and adoption advice.

They offer many viable options to abortions for a young mother who doesn't know where to turn. Bob Thanks for your good job- much appreciated.



**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 contact : John Brown - Honor Guard Commander 773 6073 [jbrown09@maine.rr.com](mailto:jbrown09@maine.rr.com)

**Ordination in May,** Deacon Matthew Gregory: Official Date to be announced.

Please offer “A Special Prayer” for all our “Service Men and Woman” who are away from home this Lenten Season and for their safe return to the Good Old USA. Let us remember our Brother Robert MacDonald who passed away January 17.

Your Faithful Navigator:  
Sir Knight Ron McClay