



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 April 11<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,

I hope; that you are all surviving the recent revival of Winter in Spring!

It is that time of year once again that we need to put together a new slate of officers for the upcoming Fraternal Year. If you would like to be or would like to nominate someone; our next meeting [ April 11] will be the time to consider doing it. Yes being an officer involves more work and commitment but is also very rewarding. To those of you who have never taken an officers seat I encourage you to take this challenge and step up and make a difference in the Assembly one Sir Knight at a time!

I am presently working on trying to get the head of “One Warrior Won” to speak at a dinner / dance to help fund companion dog training and purchase, for Vets with PSD.,I will keep you posted and discuss this at our next meeting.

As many of you know, my work and family life have been in turmoil for a while and has required almost all my time. As a result, Nancy and I have had to make some decisions for our future a little sooner than later. I want to thank all my Brothers for the opportunity of being a part of this Assembly! Let us pray for the future success of new officers and leadership.

Yours in Christ,  
 Ron

My Brothers: As we progress toward the end of the fraternal year [June 30] the assembly has a few bridges to cross. I was on my high horse at our March meeting discussing my view of the assembly’s status. The size of our assembly has changed considerably over the past few years. Our membership is over [100], we have an active honor guard, good membership at all meetings [weather permitting] and we pay our bills. -SO where are we headed from here?

We have new member prospects on line for the May 21 Fourth Degree, a dinner function to include members and wife’s and activities to represent our Patriot degree. If you attended the March meeting you heard my views on our assembly’s status, BUT my question to you is what are your views?

If you regularly attend meetings, you know that we have officers that put their all into everything that they are responsible for and then some. We are very fortunate to have had the help of those members that have provided direction and support on many projects; they are still here and they are looking for others to step into their footsteps.

New views are needed to keep this assembly viable and move us forward into a new year. I hope that all will take my few words to heart , give thought to taking on a challenge to become an officer of this assembly and to help lead the way into the new Fraternal year. JB

March 13 Nominations for State Master: A meeting was held in Biddeford Me. attended by delegates from assemblies from throughout the state There was three names submitted to the Supreme Master for consideration; Philip Lizott – David Roy and one more from up state. We will hear of the Supreme Masters appointment by September.

The Honor Guard listings –March, 22 Chrism Mass @ Cathedral – March 28 Togus Memorial Service - Maine State Convention April 22, 23, 24 - May 15 Transfer of the Silver Rose to New Hampshire –May 21 4th Degree Biddeford –May 28 Ordination of deacon Matthew Gregory Cathedral -  
June 3 Old Town Special Olympic Parade - July 4 Parade Hallowell and Bangor just a few of our requests to represent all knights and their family's

**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---**JB

Prayers; Please include in your prayers Past State Deputy Roger Melancon – Roger has been going through extensive operations and could use your prayers. We pray for Rogers speedy recovery. God Bless

*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 Knights prayers and camaraderie. My daughter gave me a little paperweight I keep on my desk that says.*

**“When life gets too hard to Stand - Kneel”**

God Bless you and your families and friends in 2016!

Fraternally yours in Christ:

Ron McClay Faithful Navigator

