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Council Web site:

[www.kofc6617.org](http://www.kofc6617.org)

Business Meetings:  
First Monday of the  
month at 7 PM

Planning Meetings:  
Last Monday of the  
month at 7 PM

Council meetings are held  
at the St. Luke the  
Evangelist Parish Hall  
unless otherwise  
announced.

An online option for  
council meetings is also  
available. To get the Zoom  
information, check the  
“Members Only” section  
of the Web site or ask the  
Grand Knight.

## Grand Knight’s Report

Brothers and council friends,



Welcome to March.

As our Lenten journey has begun, so must our commitment to remain diligent to our responsibilities as Knights.

It is during the period of Lent, where Brothers can renew their commitment to the Knights as we have a

responsibility to our parish, and our priest to be aligned so as to nurture our faith and work to grow the support we need to continue with our duties.

Our journey as Knights to “do good”, includes our stewardship, evangelization and our commitment to our local community as well as our parish.

During Lent, we should be filled with reflection, service and prayer.

Additionally, it is with joy we get to witness so many Catechumens and Candidates partaking in their Catholic journey.

To see more adult men and women initiating their faith formation and participating in the rituals of the Christian Initiation during the Lenten season is quite remarkable.

Is this a sign that men and women are coming back to the church?

Well, one can only hope - and we must pray for them - that they find peace and a place in their hearts for Jesus.

For Jesus has been and always will be the ANSWER.

Vivat Jesus (Jesus Lives)!  
Michael

Got an idea or a  
submission for the  
newsletter? Send it to  
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## Best wishes to all those who are celebrating a birthday this month!

Fran Berube  
Gordon D. Lewis  
Bill Mullin  
Russell Rougier, Jr.  
Brian Scotti  
Jack Widman  
Paul Wilson

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## 2025-2026 St. Jude Council Officers and Directors

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Trustee Two Year—Jeff Lozeau  
Trustee One Year—Ed Wencis  
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Faith Director—Jim Edwards  
Community Director—OPEN  
Family Director—Roland Richardson  
Life Director—Ed Wencis  
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Ed Wencis  
Michael Rosa  
Immediate Past Grand Knight—Peter Richards  
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Peter Richards (term ends 2026)  
Andy Pellerin (term ends 2027)

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## Upcoming Council and Parish Events

### Every Thursday—Rosary

*St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, 12 Amesbury Road, Newton, NH*

Council members meet at the parish church in Newton at 7 PM each Thursday to pray the Rosary. The third Thursday of each month is a Rosary for Life and will feature additional prayers for the protection and sanctity of life.

### Every Sunday—Evening Prayer

*St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, 12 Amesbury Road, Newton, NH*

Evening prayers are sung at 6 PM on each of the Sundays of Lent at the parish church in Newton.

### Friday, March 27—Easter Food Baskets

*Market Basket, 34 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, NH*

We will be gathering at the Plaistow Market Basket at 8:30 AM to purchase ham dinners for the food pantry. This trip to the store should take about 30 minutes to complete, and afterward we'll be delivering the dinners to the food pantry to be distributed.

### Friday, March 27—Stations of the Cross

*St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, 12 Amesbury Road, Newton, NH*

The Council will be leading the Stations on this last Friday before the start of Holy Week, beginning at 6:30 PM. We will also be serving the parish's traditional soup supper following the Stations.

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**Council # 6617**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held March 2, 2026, at Holy Angels Church Basement & over the internet via Zoom  
Worthy Grand Knight, Michael Rosa, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Officers (12), Members (7), Guest/Associates (1), District Deputy Scott Smith (Zoom) present, Field Agent Stephen White not present: 21 total

**1. Call to Order**

*Brothers, we are about to open this council meeting.*

**Officers:**

P - Michael Rosa, Grand Knight (GK)  
V - Vacant, Deputy Grand Knight (DGK)  
P - Jim Edwards supplies Chaplain's message  
E - Fr. Albert, Chaplain  
V - VACANT, Chancellor  
P - Andy Pellerin, Recorder, Columbian Club Trustee (Zoom)  
P - Dan Sullivan, Financial Secretary  
P - Art Nigro, Treasurer, Temporary IT Master  
P - Thomas Cronin, Lecturer  
E - Peter Richards, Advocate/General Secretary, Columbian Club Trustee  
P - Glenn Hughes, Warden  
P - Thomas Dawson, Inside Guard (Zoom)  
P - John Dawson, Outside Guard (Zoom)  
P - Joe Klimaszewski, Trustee, 3-Year (2028)  
P - Jeff Lozeau, Trustee, 2-Year (2027)  
P - Ed Wencis, Trustee, 1-Year (2026)  
A - Jack Widman, Trustee Emeritus

**Additional Members Present:**

Nino LoConte (Zoom)  
Roland Richardson  
Stephen Fournier  
Rudy Ferrandi  
Charlie Bourouphael  
Bob Nadeau (Zoom)  
John Tucker

**Guests Present:**

Sandy Nadeau (Zoom)

**2. Opening Prayer**

*Brothers & guests, let us invoke the Divine blessing as our Chaplain leads us in the Lord's Prayer.*

**3. Pledge of Allegiance (USA) or Patriotic Display of Loyalty**

*Brothers and guests, please join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

#### **4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting**

- No changes were required.
- Motion to Accept made by Mike Rosa.
- Motion Seconded by Joe Klimaszewski.
- Motion Approved.

#### **5. Chaplain's Message**

*Worthy Chaplain, please enlighten us with your message. God bless the Knights of Columbus!*

Jim Edwards did a Rosary Check: \$1 if member present did not have his rosary beads. Money collected in 2026 is \$106. This year's money will be going to "Mealey's Meals".

Jim read from "The Word Among Us" referencing the Gospel of Luke 6:36-38 on 2 March 2026 Meditations. Stop Condemning and you will not be Condemned. When we Condemn another person, we are putting ourselves in God's place – the Only One who can judge the heart. May the Lord open our eyes and teach us to see through his eyes of Mercy. "Jesus, teach us to be merciful as you are merciful".

#### **6. Grand Knight's Report**

*Editor's note: The text of this report has been moved to page 1.*

#### **7. Financial Report**

*Worthy Treasurer, please report the council's financial status.*

Council Financial Report was given by Art Nigro.  
Columbian (Canadian) Club Financial Report was given by Art Nigro.

#### **8. Membership Report – Admissions and Retentions**

*Worthy Membership Director, please give us your report and present applications for new members and transfers.*

- We may have a candidate to join us this year.
- Thanks to Nino for sending another possible candidate over to Dan Sullivan to discuss joining.
- Dan will also try to reach out to the large group of OCI candidates.
- We may have some additional Associate Members joining.

#### **9. Other Reports**

*Worthy Program Directors, please report on upcoming events!*

##### **Programs: Faith, Community, Family and Life**

**Faith** – Chair of this Program – Jim Edwards

**Community** – Chair of this Program – VACANT

**Family** – Chair of this Program – Roland Richardson

**Life** - Chair of this Program – Ed Wencis

#### **Committees & Projects Reports**

- **People Helping People**
  - Managed by Ed Wencis – Nothing to report.

- **Food Pantry deliveries**
  - Trucks are unloaded at an Exeter Church once a month, usually the first Thursday, and then unloaded into the Food Pantry. Lewis Builders supplies a driver and a truck. Maybe this can be added to the Parish Bulletin calendar and to the KofC section.
- **Thursdays, every week – Rosary**
  - Managed by Jim Edwards - 7:00 PM at Mary Mother in Newton continues. Please do not schedule meetings for Thursday evenings to disrupt the Rosary.
- **Friday, March 13, 2026 - Council's Blood Drive**
  - Managed by John Tucker - Held at Atkinson Community Center from noon to 5:00 PM. So far few have signed up, and the Red Cross has been cancelling often lately.
- **Saturday, March 14, 2026 – Irish Meal 5PM to 7PM**
  - Ed Wencis leading. Meetings to review are ongoing.
- **Stations of the Cross – March 27 @ 6:30 @ MMOC**
  - Dan Sullivan is Leading.
  - Looking for making soup and helpers.
- **Easter Food Baskets – March 27 @ 8:30 AM at Market Basket in Plaistow.**
  - Jeff Lozeau manages.
  - Contact Jeff if you can help.
- **Scholarships – Still looking for a Lead** In the past, the Council has provided the following:
  - Lisa Richardson Scholarship - \$1000 - given to a Timberlane HS student. Faculty decided on the candidate. Peter Richards has a handle on this one. (almost all the funds are in place). **Funds will be used up with this last award.**
  - St Jude Council - Two \$500.00 awards. Annual event given at BBQ - to a member related to a Brother Knight. Usually a boy & girl. Last year there were 2 girls.
  - St. Luke Parish - One \$500 award - presented at 10am Mass in June to a graduating student of the parish. This will be Year 3.
  - Timberlane HS & Sanborn HS:
  - One \$500 award for each school.
  - This would be year 3. Year 1, we had a decent # of candidates. Year 2, we had a few applicants from Sanborn, and a couple from Timberlane.
  - Both schools have reached out to see if we'll be offering scholarships again.
  - Jack Brotz chaired the first year, and Mike Rosa did the second year.
  - I've discussed this with Dan & Pete. We are of the opinion that this program needs a chairperson that can engage with the schools, Fr Albert, etc. to ensure we are timely with the applicants, the reviews and picking the awardees and then the follow up and presentations.
  - Funds (\$2500) to support the SJ-Council, two schools and SJ-Evangelist would come from the Columbian Club.
  - Ideally, we'd want to hold events/fundraisers to raise the funds to support these scholarships, but since we are lean on activities, the monies will come from the CC.
  - Originally, the goal and expectation were to get some exposure for the Knights...by offering \$\$ to graduating students.
  - But to date, nothing has materialized from the parish or schools, other than - "Oh, how nice". "How nice" doesn't put more people in the pews or men to look at the Knights as a way to give back.
  - Mike Rosa has got quite a bit on his plate and is willing to participate in this, however, we will need someone to oversee these processes. Mike will also reach out to Associates to see if any interest in leading.
  - **Thoughts on this please.** I would appreciate your feedback this week so we can let the high schools know if we'll be offering scholarships for 2026.

**Fourth Degree**

*Worthy Fourth Degree Representative, please give us your report. No report.*

**Insurance Agent**

*Worthy Insurance Agent, please give us your report. No report.*

**District Deputy**

*Worthy District Deputy, please give us your report. DD Scott Smith reported on current and upcoming state initiatives.*

**10. Unfinished Business (motions carried over from previous meetings)**

No old business to discuss!

**11. New Business (new motions approved by all Trustees)**

*Worthy Financial Secretary, please present any bills not previously approved for payment. I will now entertain new motions. (Allow expected motions to be made, discussed, then voted upon).*

No new business to discuss!

**12. Good of the Order**

*We will now recognize the outstanding accomplishments of our members:*

- Family of the Month Award – No award this month.
- Knight of the Month Award – No award this month.
- Other Awards – No additional awards this month.

**13. Lecturer's Reflection (by Lecturer)**

*Let us now listen to the Worthy Lecturer's Reflection.*

**Only Two Things to Worry About. See page 8!**

**14. Grand Knight's Summary**

- Tootsie Rolls are ordered
- St. Joseph Council in Salem NH is hosting a showing of the Movie: Passion of Christ.
- State Convention coming up in early May; looking for someone to go with a fully paid visit in Northern NH.
- Bob Nadeau mentioned about flowers for Mother's Day.
- Thank you received from the Food Pantry.
- A Certificate of Appreciation was received from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for our donation.

**15. Closing Prayer (including intentions for sick or distressed members): Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney or Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney**

*Before proceeding to the closing prayer, let me ask: Does any brother know of a member of this council, or brother of the Order, or others who are sick or in distress?*

**Names mentioned were:**

6 US Servicemen who have died in Iran	Chet Chapman
Patricia Goodrich	Susan Andrews
Charlie Bourouphael's family in Lebanon	

6 Hail Marys were said!

**These names will be added to the Prayer Requests section of the uKnight.org website.**

*Worthy Chaplain, please lead us in the Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney (or Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney) as we pray for the distressed and close this meeting.*

## 16. Adjournment

*I declare this meeting adjourned! 8:00 PM*

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## Lecturer's Report

by Tom Cronin

### Only Two Things to Worry About

My grandma said there are only 2 things in life you got to worry about'

Whether you're healthy or whether you're sick

If you get healthy....you got nothing to worry about

But If you're sick...you only got 2 things to worry about

Whether you're going to get better or get worse

If you get better....you got nothing to worry about

But if you get worse...you got 2 things to worry about

Whether you going to live or you're going to die

If you live....you ain't got nothing to worry about

But if you die...you got 2 things

Whether you're going to Heaven, whether you go to Hell

If you go to Heaven....you ain't got nothing to worry about

But if you go to Hell...you got 2 things to worry about

Original or Extra Crispy



Source: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/0xw4-i6v3Y4>



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### Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

