



# Knights of Columbus

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## Council 1847-Franklin, MA-Newsletter January— June 2024



On Wednesday, May 1, the Council honored our State Free throw Champion, Molly Flynn, with a reception celebrating her win. With her mother, Suzanne, in attendance, Jim Lane along with Grand Knight Mike Perkins, presented Molly with her medal, recognizing her accomplishment.

Molly, bested stiff competition to win the Local, District, and State Competition this year

### CONGRATULATIONS Molly!

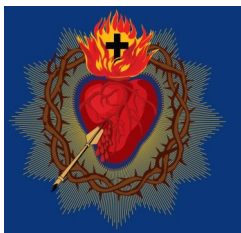


### KofC State Winner “Keep Christ in Christmas”

Congratulations to Leonora Vendetti for her depiction of “Keep Christ in Christmas” which won First Place at the Knights of Columbus State Level. She has now moved on to the international competition.

Leonora’s picture was one of three that won Locally and at district Level. Good Luck, Leonora!

*Mike Swan*



### Successful Men’s Faith Formation Program

The St. Mary’s Men Faith formation Program, called “Cor”, launched in January. We meet on the first Saturday of Each month in the lower level of the Church. The program, developed by the Knights of Columbus, has the strong support of Grand Knight Mike Perkins and Fr. Bob Poitras. The program has been a big success! We typically get 25 men at each session (sometimes more). Men consistently tell us they enjoy the faith discussion and the chance to connect with other men. Join

us next time , Saturday, June 1!

#### What to Expect:

- **Warm Welcome:** Our meetings start with coffee, bagels, and pastries— a great time to chat and connect with friends and new faces.
- **Faith Exploration:** we have an opening prayer, followed by a thought-provoking video that sparks small group table discussion
- No pressure, all welcome: there’s no cost to participate and you don’t have to come every month. All men of the parish are welcome..



## Grand Knight's Corner

Greetings Brother Knights of the Sacred Heart Council,

We started the calendar year on a somber note as Tommy Dacey, James Finley, and Sir Knight Bobby Catalano passed into the hands of our Lord and Savior.

Most notably Bobby Catalano received full military honors as well as our Fourth-Degree Assembly 398 Honor Guard presiding at his wake and funeral..

On a happier note, we had two champions this year: one from Free-Throw contest Molly Flynn and the other from the "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest, Leonora Vendetti.

I started a Knight of the Year program in January and am keeping track of the involvement of our council members and will announce a winner later this year.

We launched a new men's formation program called COR led by our newly appointed Faith Formation Director, Regis Schratz.

During Lent, we hosted the St. Joseph ICON during one weekend and led the Stations of the Cross.

Thanks to John Nash, our program chair and John Quigley's work on an online payment collection for our Palm Sunday Stop & Shop drive to benefit SVDP.

P.G.K. Mike Swan launched a new pancake breakfast fundraiser on St. Paddy's Day featuring green pancakes!

We have teamed up with the Parish Respect Life Commission and worked together with a baby bottle drive to benefit *Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center*. We also worked together to distribute 250 roses to mothers on Mothers' Day weekend after all the Masses.

Our hard work has not gone unrewarded as we have achieved the *Columbia Award* for 2023-2024.

We welcomed six new members but still need four more to fulfill our quota to make Star Council.

Let's finish the year strong!

And lastly, Congratulations to Fr. Jack on his 50th Anniversary of Ordination.

## March Pancake Breakfast a Huge Success!



Some photos from our recent Pancake Breakfasts. We had a great turn out and all had a good time. The next one is coming up on June 2. Mark your calendars



Grand Knight Mike Perkins is shown giving a check from the Advent Card Drive to Frank Nosek (I) and SVdP President Chris Morris

On the right, The Council presented our two seminar-ians, David Pineda (L) and Paolo Carvalho (R). Each received a check for \$2000 to support their formation.



## Upcoming Events

- May 27** Memorial Day Mass 9:00 AM St. Mary's Cemetery
- May 27** Memorial Day Parade 10:00 AM Third Degree and Fourth Degree Marchers
- June 1** COR Men's Faith Formation 8:00 AM Sacred Heart Hall
- June 1-2** Delta Membership Drive at all Masses
- June 2** Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM — 10:00 AM Sacred Heart Hall
- June 5** Business Meeting 7:00 PM Sacred Heart Hall
- June 8** Blood Drive Sacred Heart Hall
- June 20** Social Meeting 6:00 PM at Financial Secretary John LoPresti's home
- July 18** Social Game Night 6:00 PM at Franklin Rod and Gun Club

**Profile of a Saint: *St. Alain de la Roche* ( 1428-1475)**

The month of May has traditionally been associated with a special devotion to Mary, the Blessed Mother. Among these , I am sure that praying the Rosary must be close to the top of the list. But it was not always that way. For that, we must look to a fifteenth century Dominican priest. It is also the month to celebrate our Childrens' First communion.

Many years ago when I was in second grade, that was indeed the case. Under the watchful eye of Sister Arcadius C.S.J., we were carefully prepared for the big day. All was going smoothly until we were given an assignment to give a brief oral report on our patron saint. Now my parish school had many Johns, Patricks, Peters, Daniels, Timothys, and Michaels (or their Italian equivalent) — all of whom were well-known saints or Biblical characters with lots of easily available information. But I was the only Alan I knew. I was sure there was a St. Alan. That was my Baptismal name so there had to be...wasn't that a law or something? Panic ensued. Who ever heard of St. Alan? Seven-year old logic takes many strange turns, so I got an idea. My middle initial was name, Marple, What if I use the M? I could never know. So, I did. I gave my report on of stating that he drove the bad angels into that. Otherwise, if Sister ever knew, she never



M which is the first letter of my mother's maiden use it for Michael...that would work. Sister would Michael the Archangel. Of course, I made the error heaven. Sister quickly but gently corrected me on let on

Getting back to St. Alain de la Roche, he was a Dominican as well as a distinguished teacher of both Philosophy and Theology. Indeed, while we have little of his written work, we know he was named "Master of Theology" in 1573. Considered in his time as both a renowned and popular preacher. While much of what is written of him comes from his companions and fellow Dominicans, and that long after his death. We do know that he developed a special devotion to the Rosary and in 1470 established the Confraternity of the Psalter of the Glorious Virgin Mary. This group became instrumental in encouraging and disseminating the devotion to praying the rosary throughout much of Europe. While little is known about this saint, his work nonetheless echoes to this day and month. I think it a fitting profile of such an obscure saint should be remembered for the great work that he did.



**Members of Sacred Heart Council 1847 honored the memory of Sir Knight Bobby Catalano, February, 2024**