



# The Knight Life

St. John Vianney Council 7525  
March 2021 Newsletter



"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14, 16)

Worthy Officers, Brothers and Sir Knights,

I recently received a small unsolicited book in my mailbox. Perhaps you also received one? The book is *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity* by Matthew Kelly. The book is an easy read, especially for elders like me because the words are simple, and the font is large. Spoiler alert: I am going to tell you what I took away from the book that I feel should resonate with and challenge all of us. Basically, the biggest lie is that we cannot become Holy, and because of that the secular world has become too powerful for us to overcome. This lie has made most Christians, including Catholics, complacent. We do not believe we can make a difference. Well, I know from experience that the Knights of Columbus are making a difference every day in this world by witness and charity in action. Mr. Kelly sees that our Lord

chose people who made themselves available to God—not necessarily the best or most talented, but those willing to cede control to God and let Him provide whatever is necessary to get His work accomplished. When we make ourselves available, we collaborate with God's will and the result Mr. Kelly calls a "Holy Moment". These "Holy Moments" do not have to be spectacular or earth shattering. Every Holy Moment has the power to bring others closer to God, to break down the barriers to evangelization, to give hope, and to help us become our best selves as God created us to be. So, the challenge is to try every day to create as many "Holy Moments" as we can because Holiness does have the power to change the world.

I am pleased to announce that the membership video that Jake Cunavelis has been working so hard on is ready for prime time. Many thanks to Fr Tim, our Worthy Chaplain, and Worthy District Deputy Bill Lacroix and his lovely wife Michelle for their heartfelt participation. This will be the first of a series of short videos and social media edits throughout the year that all Councils in Vermont can distribute. These videos are most effective if widely distributed consistently. You are encouraged to attach the link to your email, and/or to send to prospective members. Here is the link to the video. (If the link does not work, copy, and paste into your browser)

<https://youtu.be/rk5YVuc2dhE>

**Last Meeting:** The last Council meeting was held remotely 11 February 2021 and called to order by Grand Knight Mike Bullock at 7 PM, after a half-hour social time. Chaplin Fr. Tim Naples led us in prayer.

Minutes were read and accepted.

There were no new applications for membership.

Financial Secretary has sent out dues' notices for both the Council and the Assembly.

We have ordered 4 Keep Christ in Christmas Posters for St Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes. Worthy Warden, Jay Benson has offered to mount them for display.



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35<sup>th</sup> Annual COTS Walk will be held virtually again on 2 May. More information at [www.cotsonline.org](http://www.cotsonline.org).

Vermont Catholic Charities sent us a nice thank-you letter and personal testimonial from a family that directly benefited from our \$500 donation with a purchase in fuel and overdue bills paid.

**Meeting Notice** – The next regular council meeting will be held 11 March at 7 PM. It will be held remotely thru Zoom and it will be opened up at 6:30 PM for fraternal discussion and catching up with brothers.

**Meeting Sign In** – The sign-in is the same every month for the Business Meeting as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84647582239?pwd=bHF1Y3lsM0l5eFVlbHhONmR4eTMzUT09>

Meeting ID: 846 4758 2239  
Passcode: 297697

Dial by your location  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)  
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)  
+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)  
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)  
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

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## **April Meetings \*\*CHANGE\*\***

Easter Sunday is April 4, 2021. The Officers will not meet during Holy Week. Meetings in April as follows:

Officer Meeting April 8 @ 1830 (1800 Social)  
Business Meeting April 15 @ 1900 (1830 Social)

**Chaplain's Message** -: Chaplain Fr. Naples reiterated that 2021 is a year of devotion to St. Joseph. (patron saint of the church). Devotions to St. Joseph are available on the SJV website. This year, the Solemnity of St. Joseph (3/19/21) falls on Friday, St Patrick's Day in Lent. Because this is a solemnity, the consumption of meat is allowed.

Prayer cards to St. Joseph are available at the church and cards will be sent to other parishes (St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

Fr. Naples has authorized us to meet in-person again subject to social distancing and wearing masks. The Officers will meet in person on 8 April. We will entertain motions to conduct the business meeting in person on 15 April as well. We plan to continue to pursue a Zoom option.

**Treasurers Report**: As of 11 February 2021, balance in the treasury was \$33,417.63. Our investment account (Morgan Stanley) balance was \$467,942.32.

**Warnings** – The members must vote on whether to begin meeting in person again in April. In addition, must approve a slate of officers to attend the next State Convention.

**State K of C Convention** – This year's convention will again be held remotely 1 May. Delegates to be voted on 11 March:

Nominees are Dave Martin and Tom Gravelin. Alternates are Ray Michaud and Charles Brown. (GK work conflict)

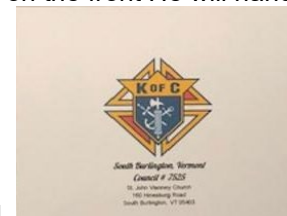
**Super Bingo** – Tom Gravelin and his team are making great progress in securing items for the Silent Auction for Camp Ta-Kum-Ta. We received a great response from the Craft Guild. The Super Auction will run from 4-13 June 2021.

Each State District will be asked to donate a theme-based package, i.e. gardening, fishing, hunting, etc.

**Bylaws Update** – Our council bylaws have not been updated since ~1980. Committee has been formed to rewrite and update. DGK Dave Martin to chair, GK Mike Bullock, WR Ray Michaud and Chancellor Dick Stevens to serve as well.

**New Supreme Knight** – Our order has a new Supreme Knight. Patrick Kelley, the prior Supreme Deputy was voted in and started his term on March 1<sup>st</sup>. He replaced Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson who reached mandatory retirement age of 70 years. His inspirational messages and accomplishments can be seen in the Columbia Magazine.

**Birthday Cards** – Brother Bernie Prendergast is working on sending birthday cards to members who we have not heard from in some time. He created and purchased blank cards with the K of C Logo on the front He will hand-write birthday



wishes on each card.



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**Golf:**

The 11th Annual Monsignor Thomas J. Ball Memorial Open  
Till take place 15 May at the West Bolton Country Club.  
Please contact Brother Brad Chenette if interested.

**Knight of the Month** – It is a tie! Brothers Rick Gravelin and  
Charlie Brown share the honor of Knight of the Month. They  
have worked many cooperative hours together getting the  
Councils books in order.

**Prayer Requests:** Please remember the following people,  
who are ill or in distress, in your prayers.

Tom Westropp, Andrew Bolognani, PSD/PGK Don Sutton,  
PGK Ray Miller, Fr. Hamilton, Deacon Joe Lane, Harold  
Ponto, Wally Rooney, Ben and Yvonne Gravelin, David  
Bullock, PGK Bob Audette, Bob Wilkens, Gerry Malavenda,  
Dan Smith, Ray and Bev Newman, and Mike Fath. We pray  
for the victims and families of Covid 19 and the frontline  
workers who treat those afflicted by the pandemic. Please  
also pray for our clergy and religious and for new members  
to join our order.

**Good of the Order**. Our Worthy Lecturer, Bernie  
Prendergast will be back with inspirational content at the next  
meeting. He will speak to us about St Patrick and sing  
another inspirational song.

**Into the Breach:** Please continue to experience this video  
series on your own. The next video is "Life" and can be found  
at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-xTaNl68gL8>.

**March Birthday Wishes to**. Bill Ladd, Mike Bullock, Keith  
Marston, Thang Nguyen, Jake Cunavelis, Jeff Lindemann,  
Ray Michaud, Steve Savoy, Rev. Daniel White, Ray Rogers,  
Dick Stevens, and Glenn Daigle.

**Last Rites:** Please remember our members gone to their  
final reward, and their families. May they rest in peace.  
This month we add Yvonne Cross, wife of our late Brother  
Armand Cross. Armand and Yvonne served this council for  
many years. Also please remember our departed Sir Knight  
(Assembly 2106) Robert Gendron.

**Vivat Jesus!**