



Vermont Knights in Action



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism
Vermont State Council September 2021
Edition

Vermont State Council Officers



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Forms Chairman	Dennis Smith

From the Vermont State Deputy



Brother Knights

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of August and our weather has been quite the roller coaster over the past few weeks. Let's take advantage of it while we can because we all know that our winters here in Vermont tend to be a bit long and once the cold sets in, it's here to stay for the long haul!

HOUSEKEEPING:

Here it is September already and have you sent in your semi-annual audit yet? Remember that it was due by August 15, 2021. This is form # 1295 .

Our IPSD Tom Herbst is still looking for information on quite a few Councils. Even if you have the same officers as last year, Tom still needs that information for the State Directory so it is up to date. If you have not sent the information to Tom, please send it to him at your earliest convenience.

According to Supreme records, we still have some Councils that have not submitted their from 185, Officers chosen for the new fraternal year that began on July 1, 2021; please fill this form out and send to Supreme and to Dennis Smith, our forms chairman – his email is:

movillesmiths@gmail.com

Speaking of forms, have you sent in your form 265 – Service Program Personnel Report? This was due to Supreme on July 1, 2021. I do not like having to remind everyone about these forms, but Supreme tends to make the request from me as to where are these forms, so, again, please take a few minutes and get the forms in. Thank you.

ULTRASOUND UPDATE:

We received news from Supreme a few weeks ago that Supreme accepted and voted on our last request for the ultrasound machine for the van. A check was sent from New Haven to Aspire Together in the amount of \$26,000.00 which covered the entire cost of the ultrasound unit. We are that much closer to getting the mobile ultrasound van become a reality. Many thanks are due to those Councils who have donated to this cause for life! On behalf of the State Council, thank you for helping to save the lives of the unborn! We are hoping to have the van on the road by November of 2021. Bishop Coyne along with Fr. Tim Naples, our State Chaplain will be blessing the new van at St. John Vianney Church when the project is complete. More details to follow in the coming months.

MEMBERSHIP:

When was the last time you asked a Catholic man if he would like to join the Knights of Columbus. I ask you to think back when a brother Knight asked you to join and when you ask someone to join us, share your experience with that particular prospect. Personal experience can go a long way when speaking to someone about your time and talents shared with the Knights of Columbus. Something to ponder and think about !

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us

Vivat Jesus

Steve Shover
State Deputy



STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

September 2021

Dear Brother Knights!

We are making good progress towards our FY 21 – 22 1st Half Per Capita and Council Charity Assessment Invoice payments! After the first month (August), we only have 14 councils remaining who still need to provide remittance. I am hoping we have this closed (Receive 100% all Councils' remittance) by end of September.

I like to give a big shout out of congratulations to Council 279 Knight Michael Maher and his wife Meineke! They are the very proud parents of U.S. Olympian Ilona Maher. Ilona who is from Burlington, Vermont and had previously attended St. Joseph's Catholic school in her youth, has been a key player on the U.S. Women Rugby Sevens team. They came in 6th place in the world during this summer's Olympics.

I would also like to say good luck to those sons and daughters who will be attending college or trade school this Fall... This is the time of year when many parents have to say goodbye to our young ones' who have 'suddenly' grown up and are off to school.

I look forward to see many of my Brother Knights at the Sept 3rd Anchor Award Dinner.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Jim Michael (State Secretary)



Holy Hours

Worthy Officers, Grand Knights and Brothers,

One of the Featured Faith Programs is the “Holy Hour”. To receive two points for the fraternal year you must conduct at least four Holy Hours (quarterly). Note that the 1st QTR in this fraternal year ends on SEP 30th.

You may structure the Holy Hour with your Parish Priest, but keep in mind this is not a Mass, but a program in conjunction with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. See this link for more info:

www.kofc.org/holyhour.

For Council 7525 we are saying the K of C Scriptural Rosary during First Friday Eucharistic Adoration at Saint John Vianney Church. The first one is on SEP 3 from 3-4 PM.

You can order a booklet to follow the Scriptural Rosary by calling Michelle at Supreme at (203) 752-4574.

Mike Bullock
State Faith Director
(802) 598-8179

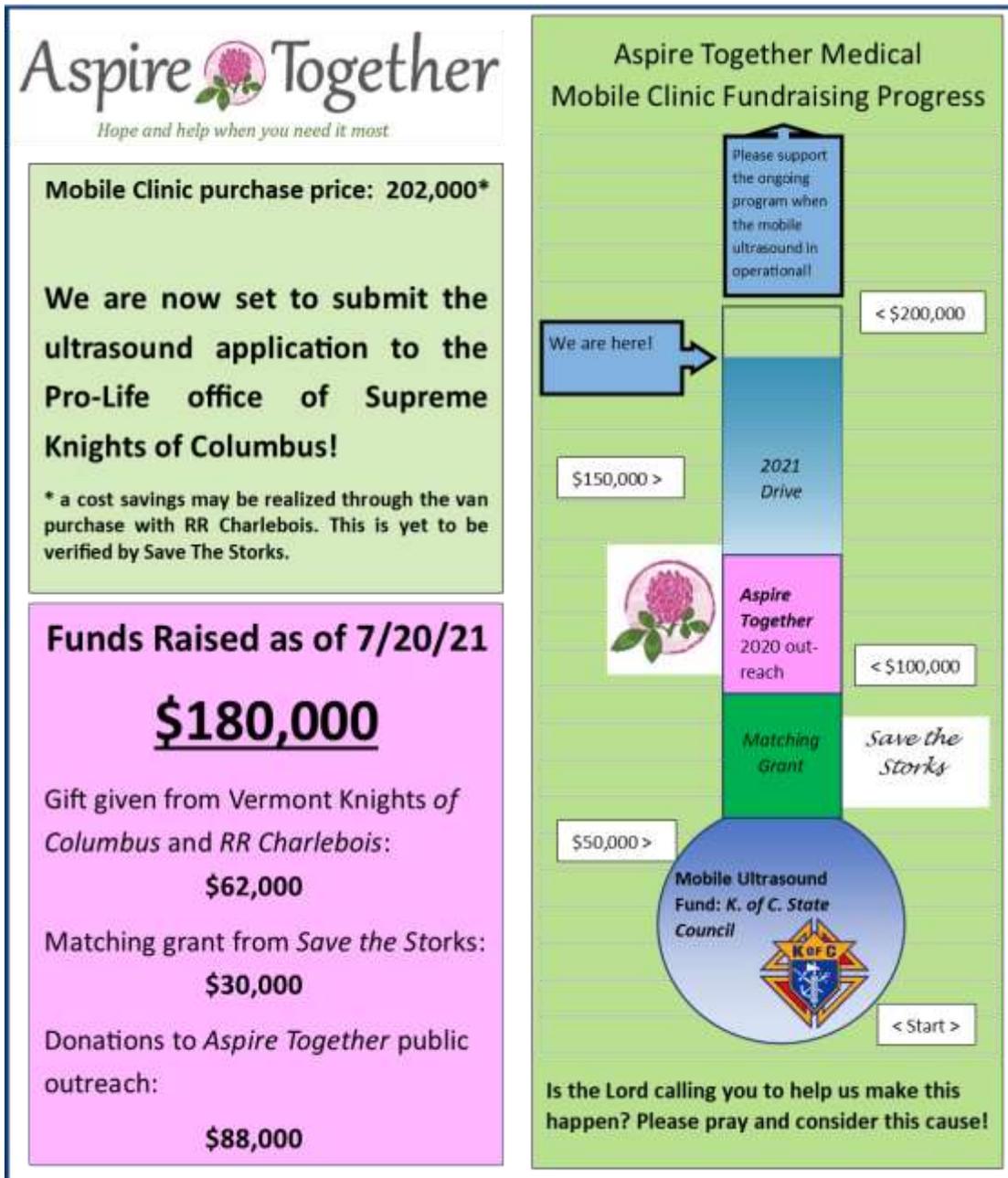


Brothers,
 I am supremely delighted to announce for our Mobile Ultrasound Initiative that Aspire Together and the State Council have reached a total of \$180,000! Blessings to all of the generous donors! We continue to work with Aspire Together for fundraising for their program goals. We are submitting the paperwork for Supreme to fund, in



full, the purchase of an "Esaote MyLabSigma Ultrasound Machine," to equip the mobile unit. Standard quoted price for medical mobile unit is \$200,000. A cost savings may be realized when RR Charlebois can deliver the vehicle to Save the Storks. Stay tuned for updates.

Blessings in Christ,
 Fr. Timothy Naples, State Chaplain



A VERY SPECIAL PICNIC

Gibbons Council 2285 hosted the 7th Annual Mater Dei Parish Picnic on Sunday August 15th at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in honor of Fr. Roger Charbonneau's 50th Ordination Anniversary. Fr. Roger celebrated the 11:00AM Mass along with several of his brother priests. The 4th Degree provided honor guard. Parishioners from his former parishes and his Sacred Heart High School classmates joined Mater Dei parishioners to celebrate. Knights cooked hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and corn on the cob. Ladies prepared salads and desserts. Children enjoyed a bounce house, dunk tank and water fights with the priests. Over 300 attended this special event. A wonderful day for all, especially Fr. Roger!



Members of Gibbons Council 2285 pose with Fr. Roger Charbonneau, Fr. Rijo Johnson, SDV, Fr. Benny Chittilappilly, SDV and Fr. Tom LaRussa, SDV on the front porch of St. Mary's Rectory. Fr. Roger gave out special blessings to those in attendance. The weather was beautiful and all are looking forward to the 8th annual picnic on Sunday August 14th, 2022.





Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities

Brother Knights

Now that the Covid-19 regulations have come to a possible end, we need to start planning your Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities campaign.

**I have a good amount pf tootsie rolls available to be delivered for when you need them. All you need to do is JUST let me know
When you are planning your event.**

As I mentioned in the letters sent out and put in the previous newsletters, You have until the end of October to host this event. There should be no excuse for your Council not having a Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities. All it takes is just ONE day or more if you need.

I ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER HAVING THIS EVENT.

**YOU MAY REACH ME AT:
Noelmaurice22gmail.com
Or
802-274-5904**

LET'S MAKE THIS HAPPEN



CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHT

Sir Knight Philip H. Noel : Age 79 of Rosary Council 4684, Richmond. Brother of PSD Maurice F. Noel. He was a 55 years 3rd Degree member. He was a Sir Knight of Assembly 1793 for 27 years.

WHO PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH

Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me and you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

Dave Giuliani
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david.giuliani@kofc.org

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ST. THERESA-ST. JOHN COUNCIL 7763

ORLEANS

The Orleans Council of Knights of Columbus held a golf tournament on 7/24 at Barton Country Club to benefit K of C charities. The field was made up of 47 golfers of all ages. It was a beautifully sunny day and perfect for the event, a four person scramble. The overall winners were the Jack & Olivia King, Molly Fortin, & Parker Perron with a net score of 59. Runners up were Eric Carrier, James Fournier, Doug Oliver, & Roger Shetra. Peter Poginy hit the longest drive for men and Kim King did the same for women. Terry Brennan was closet to the pin, and Ray Decelles won the putting contest, sinking the put.

Eighteen area businesses and a few individuals supported the event by sponsoring holes. Individuals donated prizes. The K of C would like to thank all sponsors who made financial donations as well as individuals who donated prizes. A special thanks to the Barton Golf Club for supporting this event.

A lunch barbecue followed the tournament was put on by the Knights and friends, that included hot dogs, hamburgers, homemade potato salad and pasta salads, and desserts.

This was the first golf tournament put on by the local Knights of Columbus. It may well become an annual event.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic organization of men building a bridge back to faith. There is good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights strive to do every day. The K of C was founded to help immigrants, refugees and families suffering from death of a breadwinner. It started as a small service organization and has grown into a worldwide financial and service organization. Charity is at the heart of our work- and it always has been. For Knights of Columbus it means supporting a virtually boundless variety of projects. One of those projects in Vermont is the Coats for Kids Program that provides winter coats to children whose circumstances lead to them not being provided winter coats. Our commitment to charitable service is one of the many ways we express our faith. With 1.9 million members from around the world, we have been investing our time, effort, and resources into our values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism since 1882.

Submitted by Knights of Columbus, Orleans Council 7763

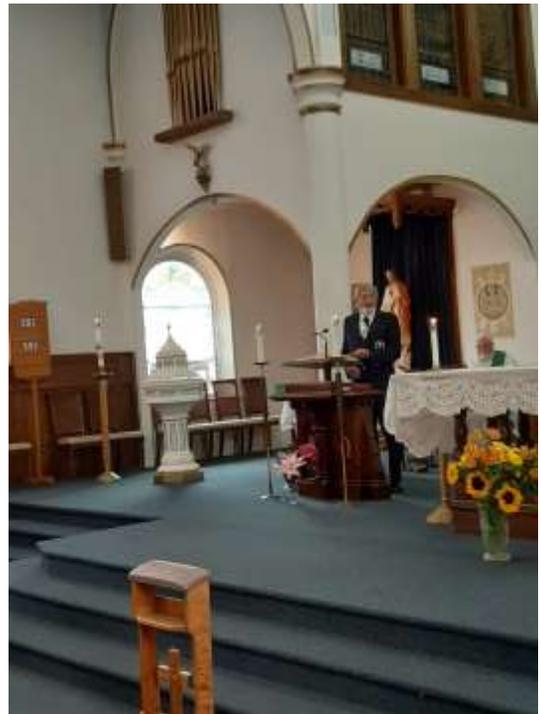




ST. THERESA-ST. JOHN COUNCIL 7763 ORLEANS

Our Parish Council #7763 donated \$500 to Miss Aulani Morris who need to pay off her college loans before entering the religious life.

I presented her the check after last Sunday's Mass.



VOCATIONS (RSVP)

The Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through this program, council and parish families will raise funds to support seminarians in their area. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported.

Though financial support is vitally important, it is not the only aspect of RSVP. Councils are also called to provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success.

Councils are required to provide financial support of at least \$500 for a minimum of one seminarian. Councils are also required to provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success.

If your council is considering supporting a seminarian, please contact me for information on a seminarian or seminarians to support. You can E-mail me at gfbear44@yahoo.com. Or call at 862-8581. Also, if you have already given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022, please send me a copy of form 2863 (RSVP form) .

Conduct various events in your parish and community in order to reach your goal!

As a council, make a resolution to allocate a specific amount collected at various fundraisers for RSVP. In addition to financial support, councils are called to aid their “adopted” seminarian or postulant with moral and emotional support, and prayers for their vocation and vocations throughout the church. This is a central aspect of RSVP and must be fulfilled in order to satisfy the program requirements. Providing such support is easy and can be accomplished through a variety of efforts: At the end of each council meeting or event, take a moment to remember the seminarian you support. Send cards to your seminarian or postulate on major holidays (i.e., Easter, Christmas), etc.

Ask the seminarian or postulate how your council can best assist him or her throughout the year. Immediately after your program is finished, complete the [RSVP Report Form \(#2863\)](#) and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission and State Vocations Chairman to obtain credit for your program. Remember to retain copies for your council records. Proudly display your RSVP participation plaque in your parish or council hall and continue to add to it by participating every year!

”Vocations are Everybody's Business” Pray for Vocations.

Vivat Jesus
Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM
K of C State Vocations Director

Mass for Blessed Fr. McGivney

“There will be an outdoor Mass for Blessed Fr. McGivney on **Saturday 16th October, 2021** at **Souls Rest** in Newport, VT. Start time is **11:00**”

Start time: **1100**

Below is our suggested plan and would like your assistance and input to make it memorable:

- a) Invite all in Deanery (priests and parishioners)
 - Can someone from Mater Dei send the invite
 - Add to church bulletin
- b) Invite all KofC councils in our area
 - Dave, can you send an all member email
- c) Extend an invitation to State and Supreme councils
 - Who can send the invite
- d) Get one or more banners of Blessed Fr. McGivney
 - David can you order from KofC Supplies
- e) Lunch after the Mass.
 - Is Gibbons council 2285 willing to organize
- f) Invite youth groups in the area such as CCD, and Young Apostles
- g) Music ministry
- h) Lectors
- i) Altar Servers
- j) Grounds keeping
 - Normand will organize mowing and preparing the site

Will need a reply for each item by 24th September 2021 in order to check and adjust.

Please use include this email for all questions and comments

Best Regards May God Bless You.

Normand

POPE JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL #10417

Pope John Paul II Council #10417 in Milton had their annual St Ann's Day chicken BBQ on Saturday, July 31. It was a take-out only event which was a sell out with at least 250 tickets sold. The menu consisted of half a barbecue chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, a roll and a piece of cake for dessert. Many brother knights gathered together during the month to plan the event, and prepare food. Then additional knights were available for the actual cooking and packaging of the meals. All reports are that it was a very delicious meal with many happy and hungry customers.



FR. STEPHEN MEANY–FR. GEORGE ST. ONGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7943, TROY,

St. Andre Bessette Parish, Troy, wishes to congratulate the newly installed Officers of Fr. Stephen Meany-Fr. George St. Onge Knights of Columbus Council 7943, Troy, for the Fraternal year 2021-2022.

The Oath of Office was conducted by Past State Deputy and Former District Deputy Maurice Noel, Lyndonville, on Thursday, August 5th at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Troy. A reception followed at The Junction Restaurant, Troy.

The role of our respective nations in shaping the character of its citizens is used to illustrate the importance of faith and charitable love in our development. “The true test of civilization,” declared American essayist Ralph Waldo Emerson in 1870, “is not its census, nor its cities, nor its crops – no, but the kind of man the country turns out.” Likewise, a true test for our fraternal Knights of Columbus Order, is the faithfulness and charitable action that our members incorporate into their daily lives. Thus, “The Installation of Council Officers” stands as an annual reminder to council officers of their duty to shape and build the character of their members in the love of neighbor and the love of God by offering and conducting charitable programs, which strengthens our parishes and builds up the Domestic Church. The life, health and strength of the council is dependent upon the actions of Catholic fraternal leaders taking action and working together.

PSD/FDD Noel stated in closing, “as you now stand, you form a living cross to remind you that; first and foremost, you are a Catholic man, and as a Knights of Columbus member you are expected to live by the tenets of your faith; and then put them into action through your fraternal leadership skills.”

Grand Knight: George Piette

Deputy Grand Knight: Richard Morrissette

Financial Secretary: Daniel McAvinney

Treasurer: Jacques Couture

Recording Secretary: Gerald Raboin

Warden: Normand Piette

Missing

Council Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Leopald Bilodeau

Outside Guard: Stephen Markush

Trustees: Allen Bathalon and Bruce Pion





MARGARET SANGER

- Spoke at a KKK rally about sterilization of "inferior" people
- Wrote that sterilization was the means to "exterminate the negro population."
- Well known eugenics advocate
- Believed inferior races could be controlled through abortions and sterilizations.

Ladies and gentlemen, The founder of
Planned Parenthood

Never forget the original purpose of Planned
Parenthood



Aspire Together cordially invites you

to join us for Banquet 2021
with our featured speaker
Mary Beerworth of VT Right to
Life

Location: Daybreak Community
Church

67 Creek Farm Plaza,
Colchester, VT 05446

Date - Thursday, September 16
Time - Choose one of two times:
Noon

OR

5:30 pm

Registration ONLY by emailing
or calling:

devon.aspiretogether@gmail.com

(802) 658-8046

COUNCILS VISITED IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST BY THE SD/SMD TEAM

3 August Council 10417 Milton



Front Row L – R: Roger Dickinson, Fr. John Feltz, Deacon Paul Garrow, Treas. John Sonnick, SMD Ed Nuttall, Ed Malila
Back Row L -R: DD#1 Keith Billado, DGK Gille Thibault, Larry Lazzaro, FS Ken Lane, GK Peter Lavallee, Peter Smith, Robert Kelm, Michael Thompson, Guy LaPlume

4 August Council 4684 Richmond



Rosary Council 4684 Richmond VT August 2021 Business Meeting

Back Row L to R: Steve Hayes (R), Fr. Murphy, Doug St. Amour, Paul Niekrewicz (DGK), Rich Cassano (A), David Hodge, Bill Rensch (GK), Chris Braves (Ch)
Front Row : Clem Duquette (W), Randy Bernard (OG), Dave Root (T3), Vince Palermo, Ed Nuttall (SMD), Spike Robinson (FS), Ed Izzi, Galtan Mathieu
Photograph by Chris Poirier (DD, STR)

5 August Council 232 Rutland (zoom session)



Front Row L - R: Immediate Past GK Sean Reilly, Advocate/Faithful Navigator, Thomas Barry, Trustee Dr. Martin Carmody, Scott Draper

Back Row L - R: Immediate Past Financial Secretary Tony Merchand, Faithful, Admiral Tom Giffin, Treasurer Tim Collins, Financial Secretary David Perry, Ron Kish, Life Director Phil Kibler

11 August Council 2628 Springfield (zoom session)

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12 August Council 7525 South Burlington

No picture

Presentation highlights:

LANDING PAGE AND DELTA CHURCH DRIVE CHECKLIST

Delta Church Drive Implementation Guide

Objective:

The Grand Knight, Membership Director, Program Director, and the Delta Church Drive Ambassadors will focus on getting the name, email, and phone number from all prospects so they may be enrolled in the "Online Membership" weekly branded touch point email program. The program is designed to help your Council position itself to properly engage and bring potential new members into the Order in a sustainable manner.

Key Results:

Your Council will grow in numbers and active, engaged members.

You will grow the Knights of Columbus Family.

Your Council will be better positioned to implement more "Faith In Action" Programs.

Your Council's relationships with the Parish Priests, Deacons, Staff and the Congregation will be enriched.

Your Council will prove that Delta Church Drives work.

Implementation Action Items and Timeline

___ 1: Grand Knight will schedule meeting with the Council Chaplain or Parish Priest. Please note that the Parish Staff is welcome to attend any planning meeting you schedule with the Priest. The meeting should be to ask the Parish Priest for permission to host a Delta Church Drive. If permission is granted, the items below should be the agenda for the rest of the meeting:

- ___ A: The Date of the Church Drive(s)-A Delta Church Drive covers all weekend Masses
- ___ B: Determine who will be giving Pulpit Announcement
- ___ C: Discuss Ambassador Roster and set Dates for Ambassador Practice Sessions
- ___ D: Submit Pre/Post Delta Church Drive Bulletin Announcements and Print Dates
- ___ E: Set Realistic Goals/Expectations about the results you want to see from this effort
- ___ F: Discuss and get approval for Ambassador follow-up plan
- ___ G: Determine number of items needed and order Delta Church Drive Kit

___ 2: Grand Knight and Membership Director determine who will be the Councils Delta Church Drive Ambassadors.

___ 3: Grand Knight and Membership Director complete the Prospecting Landing Page Request Form at: info.kofc.org/pagerequest.

___ 4: Grand Knight will lead Delta Church Drive Roll-out Meeting for the Council. Membership Director, Program Director, Ambassadors should be in attendance. Agenda for Meeting should include:

- ___ A: Date of Church Drive that will be Hosted at all weekend Masses.
- ___ B: Assignment of Duties: Prospect Card placement, Ambassador Duties, Pulpit Announcement, Follow-Up with Prospect and Recruits, Onboarding and Mentoring of New Members
- ___ C: Briefing on Prospect Landing Page
- ___ D: Introduce Ambassador Team and provide training session dates and times
- ___ E: Set Realistic Goals/Expectations about the results you want to see from this effort
- ___ F: Build excitement and get buy-in from all involved

___ 5: Ambassador Training Session One

___ 6: Delta Church Drive Announcement in Church Bulletin (Week Prior to Drive) and if possible a Pulpit Announcement at Weekend Masses

___ 7: Ambassador Training Session Two

___ 8: Delta Church Drive is Hosted at all Saturday and Sunday Masses

- ___ A: Grand Knight/Membership Director Input Prospect Data for Council Landing Page
- ___ B: After the last Mass on Sunday Grand Knight should try and brief the team before going home
- ___ C: If needed an Admission Degree can be held following the last Mass on Sunday

___ 9: Ambassador Follow-Up Campaign / Online Membership Email Campaign

___ 10: Thank You/Sorry we missed you Announcements in Church Bulletin

PREPARATION



Use the form below to request a customized landing page for your council.

Please note that turnaround may take a few days — and due to the holidays, requests submitted after December 20th will be fulfilled as soon as possible in the new year. Merry Christmas!

Build a Prospect Landing Page

Info.kofc.org/pagerequest

First Name: *

Last Name: *

Email Address: *

Council Number: *

State: *

Please provide the date the page is needed, how you would like us to refer to your council, and the name and email address of the contact person (if it's not you).

Submit



PREPARATION



Dear Sir,

Thank you for your interest in the Knights of Columbus! We're glad to have met you today, and hope that you'll join us in Council ## in YOUR TOWN.

You can take your first step to becoming part of the world's largest Catholic brotherhood by [joining the Knights online](#).

When you join online, please be sure to enter our council number, ##, so that we can reach you with information about your local brotherhood of Knights.

If you have any questions about Council ## and what we do, feel free to contact us/PERSON at email or phone number.

Build a Prospect
Landing Page

Info.kofc.org/pagerequest

JOIN THE KNIGHTS TODAY

Yours truly,

Council Officer
Council ##



You're Invited

Dear Knights of Columbus Candidate:

We are pleased to invite you to a special, on-demand ceremony of admission and advancement. This Knights of Columbus ceremony advances new and existing members through the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity required of a Third Degree member.

These ceremonies, known as exemplifications, are normally done in person. However, due to current social distancing precautions, we now offer these ceremonies online.

By clicking the "View Now" link below, you will be able to register for and watch the ceremony, which takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. After viewing the ceremony, you will be a Third Degree Knight!

When completing your registration form, you will be asked for your Council Number

[View Now](#)

Instructions:

- Open the registration form by clicking the "View Now" link above.
- Provide the required information, including the council number you are joining.
- Watch the 30 minute ceremony.
- Please note that your family and friends are welcome to observe the ceremony.
- If you are unable to complete the ceremony, clicking the "View Now" link above will bring you back to the registration page where you can enter your email address in the "Already Registered" field and continue watching the ceremony.

We look forward to you becoming a Third Degree Knight of Columbus!

COUNCIL 297 NEWS

2nd Annual Butt Litter Clean Up –St. Albans, Vermont

Thank you, Teddy Yandow, Bill Bressette, and Bill Greenwood for helping represent council 297 at the cigarette butt litter cleanup at the St. Albans Bay Park, and the St. Albans Industrial Park. In seven (7) cigarette butt litter cleanups throughout Franklin County the community volunteers helped pick up approximately 47,242 cigarette butts.

https://www.compassvermont.com/news/seven-vermont-towns-cleaned-up-cigarette-butts-and-counted-every-one-can-you-guess-how/article_4295263e-05cb-11ec-adfa-f36771a95181.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=user-share&fbclid=IwAR0OkrlbSMglMvupaoyeDqZnPfMy9NdDpirMW0x5_-5Yallpqzb5R2naKs

Thank you!!! - Council 297 (Bill Bressette, Larry Dugan, Valdemar Garibay, Bill Greenwood, Gordon McRae, and Teddy Yandow) helped pick up approximately 3,792 cigarette butts in three pickups.



American Red Cross Blood Drives

We are thankful for the community support to help people in need.

On Friday (8/6/21) we helped at our 25th blood drive for our one year anniversary. In response to Covid-19, Council 297 has hosted, promoted, and volunteered at 25 blood drives since 8/12/2020.

A total of 712 blood donations
89 gallons of blood collected
Helped 2,136 people (approximately)
We were able to bring in 46 new blood donors

Our next blood drive is scheduled at St. Albans City Hall on 10/9/21 from 10 AM to 3 PM.

We look forward to continuing to help.

Thank you - Gordon McRae and Bill Greenwood for all of your help.

Tootsie Roll Drive Update

Thank you, Bill Greenwood, Gordon McRae, Mike Morse, Jason Walent, Dave Lavalley, Larry Dugan, Peter Allard, Bill Bressette, Tom Toof, and Jim Shepard for your help with our tootsie roll campaign.

Grand Total collected so far: \$3,927.50 - a record for our council.

RSVP Update

Council 297 is happy to sponsor a second straight year, Seminarian Eli Yandow who is currently at Saint Meinrad's Seminary and School of Theology in Indiana. Please keep Eli in your prayers.

Festival of Trees

The St. Albans Festival of Trees will be holding their event from November 27 through December 5, 2021. Our council is helping with a sponsorship. Monies will go toward the St. Albans Food Shelf, and St. Albans Martha's Kitchen



 **FESTIVAL OF TREES**
HOLIDAY IN VERMONT
NOVEMBER 27TH - DECEMBER 5TH

14th Annual Festival

What started as the decoration and auction of trees has grown into a week of free community events for the entire family.

Tree Lighting in Taylor Park
Children's Party with Holiday Stories
Community Movie
Santa's Workshop
And an entire weekend of dance & music performances in City Hall!

Festival of Trees Supports
Northwest Family Foods
&
Martha's Kitchen

Share the Gift of Food This Season

Special thanks to our Festival of Trees sponsors, partnering organizations & volunteers whose dedicated community support & generosity exemplifies the true message and meaning of holiday giving.

Festival of Trees, 100 North Main Street, P.O. Box 967, St. Albans, VT 05478
Website: vtfestivaloftrees.com Email: vtfestivaloftrees@gmail.com



MATER DEI PARISH
&
JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY 1157
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



BLUE MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

HOLY MASS 4:00 PM

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH
191 CLERMONT TERRACE NEWPORT VT

All are welcome to pray for and with our members of the local
Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Medical and Nursing Personnel, and
Emergency Medical Technicians

As we honor the 20-year anniversary of 9-11

Brother Knights

I thank you for all of your articles and making this newsletter a success.
I ask that all of the District Deputies and Grand Knights to PLEASE forward
this newsletter to all of your councils and members.

Send all articles to noelmaurice2@gmail.com

NEXT ISSUE WILL BE OCTOBER 1, 2021.