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Vermont State Council
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From the Vermont State Deputy



My Brother Knights:

The first item that I would like to talk about is membership. To date for this fraternal year, we have taken in 27 new members of which Norwich University has the largest lead with 12 cadets taking their degree. We have seen an upswing in new members since our State Membership Director and myself have been making on site visits with many Councils throughout the State. I encourage you to take advantage of the many programs that are available from the Supreme website: www.kofc.org and most of these are free.

Once again this month I'd like to ask you to think back when you joined the Knights of Columbus. What prompted me to make the commitment to this organization? Why do I maintain my membership to this day? What keeps me involved and active? Once you have answered these questions, think to yourself what an opportunity to share your personal story with someone who is not a Knight. I'm sure your personal story will capture the attention of the person you are speaking to. Supreme has given the State of Vermont a goal of 45 new members before the end of this year; please take a minute to think of at least one or two Catholic gentlemen you could ask and share your story with them.

MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS:

During the month of November, please have a Mass said for the deceased members of your Council. These individuals gave a tremendous amount of time and talent to their respective Councils and we should remember them especially in the month of November.

COATS FOR KIDS:

As most of you can attest, the weather has changed from summer warmth to that of the fall season and we are all donning a jacket of some sort to keep us warm during the fall and winter. Has your Council ordered their Coats for Kids yet? Please get your orders in soon so you will be able to distribute these coats to those who need them the most.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS:

With COVID somewhat behind us and we are getting back to some normalcy with life and our Councils, I'd like to ask each Council to give some thought to hosting a social for their families. Instead of having another business meeting, set aside a date, time and place for you, your wives and families to get together and simply socialize. What better way to get to know the other members of your Council than by having a social get together. And what better time of year to do this than the upcoming holidays. Please have your Council give this some thought.

ULTRASOUND UPDATE:

Last month, Fr. Naples and I presented a check to Deb Couture for the remaining balance of the van from Charlebois. There is still a computer chip that is needed for one of the doors on the van and yes that chip is sitting on a container ship out in the Pacific Ocean waiting to get into port. The van will be drop shipped to Save the Storks Foundation in Denver, Colorado. We are still hoping to see the van before the end of the year. Once the van is back here in Vermont, our Bishop, State Chaplain and many other priests from around the diocese will be doing a special Blessing of the van and everyone will be invited to this event and to see the van in person. I will keep everyone posted as the news is given to me.

FRATERNAL SURVEY:

It's a bit early, but it is time to start tracking the number of hours that all of you have volunteered for 2021. This is very important not only for our State, but for Supreme as well. Your Grand Knight should have these forms for you to fill out.

THANKSGIVING:

On behalf of the entire State Council, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Blessed and Thankful Thanksgiving. In that spirit, I share the following with you:

2 Corinthians 9: 11-12: He who supplies seed for the sower and bread for the eater will provide in abundance; he will multiply the seed you sow and increase your generous yield. In every way your liberality is enriched; through us it results in THANKS offered to God. The administering of the public benefit not only supplies the needs of the members of the Church, but also overflows in much gratitude to God. Because of your praiseworthy service they are glorifying God for your obedient faith in the Gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with all. They pray for you lovingly because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift."

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus

Steve Shover

State Deputy

STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

November 2021



Dear Brother Knights!

I hope everyone has been enjoying the Fall season, participating in your council's fall activities and now looking forward to our KCIC campaigns in Nov/Dec. Please assure that someone from your council is updating our KOC website so we know where/when those harvest meals and Christmas craft shows are!

We are making good progress on remittance to the 1st half per capita and charity assessment invoices. We have 4 councils remaining with invoices still outstanding: 232, 307, 7389 and 14351. A short call or email to me, just to confirm you received the invoice (email) and/or remittance is forthcoming is appreciated. I believe I am spending way to much time having to keep tracking of which councils have not provided remittance to their 1st half invoices... it has been 3 months.

The State Treasurer and I are now working with Brother Ed Malila on our FY 20-21 tax forms and have also sent out the FY 20-21 Scholastic Achievement Award checks to our student recipients.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus

Jim Michael (State Secretary)

Worthy Brothers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to drop you a quick note and remind you that as your Council's do all of the excellent programs you all typically do , not to forget to submit them to me as you complete them. This will allow you to get all of your info down as you complete it and have it still fresh in your mind. Use the Form # STSP to record info and PLEASE submit a separate write up and pictures to increase your chances of winning an award at the State Convention. We don't do programs to get praise or recognition , but is nice when we are rewarded for the good deeds we do. The cutoff for submissions to me is **March 30 2022** The State judging committee will be meeting in the first week of April to determine the winners in each category.

Please mail to me if possible , e-mail is OK as well , but I only have a black & white laser printer and you won't get as nice a presentation. I will accept ALL submissions for any award submissions in the 4 categories:

-FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY, LIFE

I will also be accepting nominations for Family of the Year and Knight of the Year as well . I think each Council should have no problem having a worthy submission for both of these two awards ! Also, your FS should submit to me the longest continuous serving Brother from your Council so that he can be recognized . This award is for continuous service , not First Degree date.

Also remember that the Star Council requirements have been changed for this Fraternal year, they are:

Columbian Award – for the Programs you all do ,reported on Form# SP-7 by June 30. Categories listed above and complete **4** programs in each category , 16 total required , Featured programs and Leave No Neighbor behind = 2 points each

McGivney Award – for Membership . 5% increase over last years member number on your roster.

Founders Award – for Insurance . No quota this year , Council must participate in at least 2 Online or in person approved Insurance benefit informational meetings **New- Council must submit form # 11077**

Safe Environment training - Required for specified leadership positions: Grand Knight , Community , Program and Family Directors

Also , Form #365 Service Program Personnel report and Form #1728 Annual Survey for Fraternal Activity must be submitted and all assessments paid to Supreme and State Councils.

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State Council Program Awards

Entry Form

THIS REPORTING FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH COUNCIL AND FORWARDED TO THE STATE COUNCIL.

(A separate reporting form should be completed for each program category.)

CATEGORY (MARK ONE): Faith Family Community Life



COUNCIL INFORMATION:

1 Council Number: _____ Total Council Members: _____
Grand Knight: _____ E-Mail: _____

PROGRAM INFORMATION (complete all sections):

2 Program Title: _____ Program Date: _____
Participation: $\frac{\text{Members}}{\text{Members}} + \frac{\text{Non Members}}{\text{Non Members}} = \frac{\text{Total Participants}}{\text{Total Participants}}$ $\frac{\text{Total Participants}}{\text{Total Participants}} \times \frac{\text{Hours}}{\text{Hours}} = \frac{\text{Total Volunteer Hours}}{\text{Total Volunteer Hours}}$
Program Planning: $\frac{\text{Costs}}{\text{Costs}}$ & $\frac{\text{Time}}{\text{Time}}$ Members Recruited: _____ Donations: $\frac{\text{Local Currency}}{\text{Local Currency}}$

3 Describe program in detail. Use additional paper if necessary. Supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. Accompanying materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit tapes, videocassettes, DVD's, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.

3a) In the space provided below, briefly describe the purpose and goals of this program. This section must be completed.

DO NOT SUBMIT THIS REPORT FORM TO SUPREME COUNCIL

**ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATE COUNCIL
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMPETITION**

MAIL ORIGINAL TO: State Deputy or State Program Director

COPY TO: Council File

Available in electronic format at www.kofc.org



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3b) Whom does this program benefit?

3c) What problem or need did this program resolve?

3d) Why did the council select this program?

3e) Describe the success of the program:

Attest: _____ Signed: _____ Date _____
State Deputy Grand Knight

2022 "300 CLUB"

Brother Knights

The 2022 300 Club tickets have all been mailed to your Grand Knights or Chairman. You have been very successful in selling all of the tickets and I greatly appreciate it. With cancellation of the last two (2) state conventions, we have accumulated a very nice account (\$17,616.35) for your convention per deum. After this year's sale, we will have an amount to make your convention experience very inexpensive.

POLICY # 30. RAISING FUNDS FOR STATE CONVENTION

The cost of attending the State Convention has risen to the point where the per diem is not a significant help in paying for the total cost without a significant rise in the State Per Capita rate and subordinate councils may not be otherwise able to pay for their delegates to attend. The Vermont State Council shall authorize a State Program, such as the 300 Club Drawing, be used to raise funds to be divided equally, after operating expenses, among the State Chaplain, current State Officers, Past State Deputies, current District Deputies, State Program Director, State Membership Director, State Chairmen, District Master, and Delegates from councils that participate in the sales of 300 Club tickets and that attend the Convention. Participation shall be defined so that Past State Deputies, current State Officers, District Deputies, State Program Chairman and State Program Directors purchase a minimum of one (1) ticket; Council participation would require the selling of a minimum of three (3) tickets.

IF YOU HAVE TICKETS THAT YOU KNOW YOU WILL NOT SELL. PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS I HAVE COUNCILS LOOKING FOR MORE TICKETS.



CONVENTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Planning for our 124th annual Convention, May 13-15, 2022, at Jay Peak Resort is underway and the committee wants Councils to consider a few things. The last two Conventions were not held in person due to the CoVid situation, which meant no ad booklets were needed. We contacted all donors, and nearly all said to keep their ad booklet donations for the next Convention. We're presuming our 2022 Convention will be held in person. When it's time to solicit for the ad booklet, the committee is asking two things.

1 – Council reps should stop by and visit the businesses they solicited for the 2020 Convention and thank them for their generous donations. Since they've already purchased an ad for the booklet, the committee doesn't think they should be asked for more money.

2 – Request an updated ad copy. We want to be sure each donor is represented with current information.

To make it easier, the committee will send business contact info to the Councils that solicited for the ad booklet.

An updated ad contract letter and other important Convention information will be distributed in January 2022.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY COUNCIL 7525



Council 7525 of South Burlington presented a check today for \$1,294 to Kelsey Conway of Special Olympics Vermont. This money was collected at St Judes, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St John Vianney and St Catherine's on September 18th and 19th. This was our annual drive to support "people with special needs" in Vermont. In the picture from left to right are Ted Barrett 7525, Cullen Bullard St Catherine's, Mike Bullock Grand Knight 7525, Father Zuccaro from St Judes, Father Dwight Baker from St Catherine's, Kelsey Conway, Director of Communications of Special Olympics Vermont, and Jay Benson from 7525. Picture taken by Dave Martin.

STATE MEMBERSHIP TOOL BAG

- **Map it!**
 - Get a map from the Town Office.
 - Pin all addresses from the membership on to the map.
 - Look for bunching/groupings.
 - Appoint a point of contact (POC) for bunches/groups of 5 or more members.
 - Work up a list of POCs to receive or generate communications.
- **Work up a buddy phone tree.**
 - Take a piece of paper and divide it into halves.
 - List active members on one side and inactive members on the other side.
 - Draw lines connecting 5 inactive members to each active member.
 - This becomes known as “Leave no member behind”.
- **Advertise the State Recruiting Awards Program described below:**
 - Top Recruiter 1 July – 31 December \$100
 - Top Recruiter 1 January – 30 June \$100
 - 1st five members to recruit 3 or more new members each half of the FY \$50
 - 1st five members to recruit 5 or more new members each half of the FY \$80
 - Recognition of “Shining Armor Award” recipients \$50
- **Delta Church Drive**
 - Coordinate with Pastor
 - Select a date for both the drive and degree exemplification
 - Advertise in church bulletin two weeks out
 - Order brochure “Why Join”
 - Have a personal recruiting message to be delivered from podium
 - Have Knights standing at exits passing out brochures “Why Join” and answering questions
 - Collect name/email from prospects
 - Submit names/emails using USA (English) Online Prospect Form: <https://info.kofc.org/us.html>
 - Receive notice prospect joined Knights of Columbus
 - Arrange for a degree exemplification

COUNCILS VISITED IN OCTOBER

1. VERGENNES via zoom
2. COLCHESTER on-site
3. MANCHESTER via telephone and zoom

UPCOMIG VISITS

1. MIDDLEBURY 25 October via zoom
2. WATERBURY 26 October via zoom
3. RANDOLPH 27 October via zoom
4. BURLINGTON 2 November on-site
5. TROY 4 November on-site



Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284's Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont presents to Winooski School District's Wellness Coordinator Jaycie Puttlitz four large boxes of brand new winter coats for the Winooski School Children on Thursday Morning! Go Spartans Go!!!

FIELD AGENTS MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

As field agent for the jurisdiction of Vermont, it is my duty to continue Father McGiveny's legacy by ensuring the financial protection of Catholic families within our Order. Before you make up your mind that you have no need for insurance or that you can't afford the coverage you think you need, please consider a few things.

First, that I am a brother Knight serving brother Knights. This is something not offered by commercial companies and a model most wouldn't follow in this time of anonymous online quotes and naming your own price. It is, however, what we thrive on: knowing and serving our members to the best of our ability by conducting a thorough analysis and applying our knowledge of this complex field.

Second, along with life insurance, members can benefit from annuities, disability insurance, and long term care insurance. What's right for you can only be determined through an analysis of your families' needs. There are more uses for our products than just taking care of final expenses or replacing income. We find that most members are not fully aware of the implications death or nursing homes may have nor the means by which to solve those issues while they can.

Lastly, our service goes beyond just the insurance program. We are here to help our members with the myriad of other associated concerns: healthcare, social security, estate planning, etc. Again, we can only advise if we know what is important to our members.

Please consider scheduling an appointment for a confidential consultation. I look forward to working with every one of you for many years to come. Take care and God bless,

Dave Giuliani

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Please promote this event being hosted by Supreme within your council, your parish, and your community. It's open to all and will certainly be beneficial/entertaining. Thank you and God bless,

Van Mueller presents



Faith, Family and Financial Security

Join us for an informative online presentation by Van Mueller, one of the top speakers in the insurance and financial industry.

Van Mueller is an author and dynamic speaker known for helping clients plan successful insurance and retirement strategies. He is a global speaker that has presented in all 50 states and every province in Canada, inspiring his audience to take control over their financial future.

Van will ask a series of tough questions to help you think about how ready you are for whatever may come next, such as:

- What is the easiest and safest way to make retirement money last longer?
- What if you suddenly died – Wouldn't you rather leave a loved one with your hard-earned money rather than the Internal Revenue Service?

Join us as Van helps us think through our answers to these questions, and many more!

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Date: November 3, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM EST

Registration link: Registration link: Registration link: <https://vanmueller.com/kofc-registration-11-3/>



CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHT WHO PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH

Sir Knight Duane Powers 75 years of age, joined the Island Pond Council on 3-09-1969 and was reinstated into the Order with Gibbons Council 2285 on 12-29-1997. SK Duane joined the 4th Degree of James Cardinal Assembly 1157 on 6-25-2000.

Brother Knight Conrad Coulombe 77 years of age, served 39 years a member of Fr. Meany-Fr. St. Onge Council 7943 of Troy.

Brother Sir Knight Normand Tarte 92 years of age, 64 years, a member of the Knights St. Albans Council 297, and 54 years as a Sir Knight St. Albans Assembly 1149

Entrusted to the care of Mary, the Mother of God, we carry the Rosary as the sign of our dedication to her and to her Son. Confident in her motherly love for us all, we entrust the soul of our brother Knights to her, that she may present him to her Son.

Also keep in our prayers:

Sir Knight Kevin Hastings, former General Agent for the Knights of Columbus New Hampshire State Council who is in the hospital due to COVID and is in need of our prayers. Reports are that the hospital has placed him in an induced coma. Brother Kevin was our Field Agent for a long time.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS



Rev. Mr. Gregory Cahoon
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Mr. Louis Tran
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Mr. Guang Ye
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St. Michael, VT



Mr. Cole Bombardieri
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Our Lady of Providence Seminary
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Mr. Khos Nguyen
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Saint John Seminary
Roxbury, VT



Mr. An Hong Dinh
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Saint John Seminary
Roxbury, VT



Mr. Lin Van Vu
English Language Studies
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YOUR LIFE
TO THE MYSTERY
OF THE LORD'S
CROSS.**

— *The Roman Pontifical*

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2021-2022

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SAINT STEPHEN'S COUNCIL 2284



Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council 2284's Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont presenting a \$500 FOCUS Missionary Check to Saint Francis Xavier's Director of Faith Formation Andrew Coulter! Andrew's Son Liam, a recent graduate from UVM, is serving the Students at Columbia University with FOCUS, the first of his two year apostolic communion there in NYC! Andrew and Liam will both be joining Our Saint Stephen's Council soon, Alleluia!!!



Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council 2284's Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont enjoys a heart warming coffee with Sister Patricia McKittrick, Sisters of Providence, at McDonald's Cafe! Wonderful Gift presented to Sister Pat as well for her glorious ministerial work in the Lord's Vineyard of Life!



Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284's Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont presents to Our Beloved Monsignor Richard G. Lavalley, The Most Awesome, a magnificent breaking of bread Windjammer Gift Certificate during the 150th Anniversary Celebration at Saint Francis Xavier Church! "Travel With The Angels"!!!



Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284's Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont presents a \$500 Gift to Brother Knight, Deacon Timothy Gibbo, at the Saint Mark's Church's Adoration Room on Sunday! These funds will be utilized by Our Worthy Brother during his annual Thanksgiving Dinner Meal Preparation for the All the deserving families in Chittenden County and beyond! God Bless Deacon Tim and his beautiful wife Tina for their many hours of devotion and love to Our Brothers and Sisters in need!



Great Coverage of the Life Symposium by Vermont Daily Chronicle [Watch part of the 2021 Life Symposium Recording](#)

Conscience protection for health care providers unwilling to participate in abortion will face a more hostile work and legal climate if the Vermont constitutional amendment Proposal 5 passes next year, keynote speaker Helen Alvare told 200 attendees at the Life Symposium Saturday, Oct. 2 in South Burlington.

Alvare is a Professor of Law at the Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, where she teaches Family Law, Law and Religion, and Property Law. Proposal 5 goes to the Vermont Legislature and voters next year. If approved, it would create Article 22 of the state constitution, titled “Personal Reproductive Liberty.” The text declares “that an individual’s right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one’s own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.”

At about the 51:14 point in this [ReBirth The Media You Tube video](#), medical ethicist Pete Gummere of St. Johnsbury asked Alvare to explain what ‘reproductive freedom’ means in a legal sense.

“It’s ironic that it’s called reproductive,” Alvare said. “Because the point is *not* to reproduce.” Prop 5 “means absolutely no limits whatsoever” on abortion, going far beyond what’s supported by Vermonters in general and the U.S. Supreme Court.

“At the very least it would be extraordinarily difficult to have the slightest child protection, women protection intervention. To say that you are leaving the woman alone is not hyperbole,” Alvare said.

And Prop 5 would make health care provider conscience protection far more difficult: “‘We in Vermont,’ the constitutional amendment would say, ‘feel so strongly about abortion that we put it in the Constitution.’ That’s rough going for principled conscience and people conducting it,” Alvare said.

That’s not to say all would be lost. Even a state constitution may be challenged in federal court. And federal courts have – until recently – consistently upheld religious conscience as protected right. “Sadly these days, it might depend on the predilection of the judge as to whether your conscience is protected.” Alvare said.

Other points made by Alvare –

The U.S. government has a **‘shocking lack of curiosity’ about abortion-related health impacts**. Other legal-abortion countries at least require reporting. Europeans know more women die of suicide after an abortion than after a live birth. The U.S. simply lacks the data.

“Why don’t we do what other democracies do and look into this?,” Alvare asks rhetorically.

It appears that pro-choice state governments don’t know and they don’t *want* to know. Only 27 states – virtually all of them historically pro-life – require reporting of abortion related health impacts. Elsewhere, such legislation is ignored.

And because the states don’t collect the information, the federal government is in the dark. Not that it’s very curious. Alvare reports that after making a formal request for information, she was told by a federal health care public information office, “we regret that we do not have any material available.”

“This is a shocking lack of curiosity,” Alvare said.

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The federal government's abortion data are "Not of high quality, incomplete and perhaps most damning, highly incurious. Which is very curious."

Information the government does collect – the annual number of abortions – **disprove pro-choice claims** linking abortion to economic freedom.

Abortions peaked in the late 1980s, at about 1.67 million abortions per year. Since 1990, abortions have declined by 45%. Yet the number of women working has soared, as have college education, earnings, business ownership, and appointments to the federal bench.

"Women's progress has proceeded independently to their access to abortion," Alvare concludes.

Alvare also drilled down on the status of the medical ethics question, "is the fetus a human life deserving of protection under the law?"

"No-one says this is not of the human species and this is not alive," Alvare said. Instead, another idea has gained acceptance: "because it is small and because it is vulnerable and because it is family, I can kill it."

"The real choice," Alvare concluded, "is what vision of human life do you choose to adopt?"

Alvare finds it curious that the devaluation of the unborn is so strong at a time when the historically dispossed – blacks, immigrants – are receiving unprecedented support.

"Just because we have cut some people out the equation, **don't fall for the fallacy of the present.** We are stuck in this situation of excluding one community. Let's hope it won't last much longer."

**Vermont Right to Life would like to thank
everyone who attended our
2021 Life Symposium!**

Milton St. John Paul II Council #10417
&
Bishop Robert F. Joyce Assembly #2609



On Sunday, October 3rd, Milton St. John Paul II Council #10417 and Bishop Robert F. Joyce Assembly #2609 sponsored a Respect Life Mass at St. Ann Church in Milton. Pictured are Sir Knights who provided an Honor Guard for the Mass. From left to right are Ed Malila, Robert Kelm, Greg Berard, GK Peter Lavallee, Mike Thompson and FN Roger Dickinson.

COUNCIL 297 October 2021 NEWS

KOFC 297 OFFICER INTRODUCTIONS

On October 2, 2021(Saturday) after the 4PM mass, Fr. and Chaplain Christopher Micale announced the Council 297 officers to the parishioners at Holy Angels in Saint Albans, Vermont. Before the introduction he mentioned about the various things that the Knights do for the community and for the Church. There were many people in attendance, and we had 10 brother Knights (officers) attend the officer introduction.



Caption: **Front Row (L to R):** Warden Gordon McRae, Treasurer Mike Morse, Deputy Grand Knight Bill Greenwood, Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay, and Trustee 2nd Year David Lavallee. **Back Row (L to R):** Trustee 1st Year Peter Allard, Chaplain and Fr. Micale, Advocate Jim Shepard, and Trustee 3rd Year Bill Bressette. **Missing in the photo,** but attended the Introduction at mass: Chancellor and Lecturer Teddy Yandow, and Inside Guard Moise Viau.



Caption: **From (L to R):** Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay, Warden Gordon McRae, Treasurer Mike Morse, Trustee 2nd Year David Lavallee, Inside Guard Moise Viau, Deputy Grand Knight Bill Greenwood, Chaplain and Fr. Micale, Chancellor and Lecturer Teddy Yandow, Trustee 3rd Year Bill Bressette, Advocate Jim Shepard, and Trustee 1st Year Peter Allard. Fr. and Chaplain Christopher Micale introduces the Council Officers to the parish.

District Deputy Keith Billado

We had a wonderful and productive meeting on October 12, 2021. Thank you District Deputy Keith Billado for your presence at our meeting.



Front Row (Left to Right): Outside Guard Jonathon Quick, Inside Guard Moise Viau, Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay, District Deputy (DD) Keith Billado. Behind DD's left is Recorder Jim McMillan, and Financial Secretary Ray Tardif Sr.
Back Row (Left to Right): Gilbert Benoit, Trustee 1st year Peter Allard, Warden Gordon McRae, Treasurer Mike Morse, Floyd Kilburn, and Trustee 2nd year David Lavallee. **Not in the photo but attended:** Chancellor and Lecturer Teddy Yandow. **Photo taken by:** Trustee 3rd year Bill Bressette

Columbian & Founder's Award 2020-2021

October 12, 2021, District Deputy Keith Billado honored us with a visit at our fourth council meeting of this fraternal year to present to us the 2020-2021 Columbian & Founder's Award recognition plaque. The Columbian Award covers four programs of Charity: Faith, Life, Community, and Family. The Founder's Award covers insurance and other educational talks such as, social security, finance, debt management, succession planning, new member briefing, etc. **I would like to take a moment to thank Council 297 for all of their hard work and efforts, and to continue the passion of helping our Church and community.**



Caption: (L to R) Council 297 Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay receiving the Columbian & Founder's Award Plaque from District Deputy Keith Billado on 10/12/21.

Knight of the Month (July 2021 – Current)

Thank you, Warden Gordon McRae for helping to create community through your actions by connecting with Brother Knights, supporting at events / functions, and continuing to help the council with ideas.



Caption: July 2021 – Current Knight of the Month Warden Gordon McRae.

New Brother Knight

Please help me in welcoming Christopher Danyow into Council 297.

New Council Officer

Please help me in welcoming Jonathon Quick as our new Outside Guard.

Catholic Daughters Rummage Sale

We are happy to continue our partnership with the Catholic Daughters of America at St. Marys. The CDA Fall Rummage sale was a success for them. We had a small team to help move furniture, set-up tables, and bring down items for selling later. We also helped with the clean-up afterwards of putting tables back..



Caption: From L to R – Chancellor and Lecturer Teddy Yandow, Trustee 2nd Year David Lavallee, Deputy Grand Knight Bill Greenwood, (Behind) Warden Gordon McRae, and Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay. We are helping set-up for the 2021 CDA rummage sale.

ADORATION – HOLY HOUR

Everyone is welcome to attend our Holy Hour of Adoration (exposed Sacrament) slot every Wednesday from 7 PM to 8 PM at Holy Angels Church. We plan to do a short prayer for prolife support. Noted: Adoration slots start at 830 AM and end at 830 PM every Wednesday. Benediction for the last half hour. Thank you, CDA Jessica Whelan for helping lead the Divine Chaplet on 10/13/21.

VOCATION NIGHT

Please spread the word!!

Directed to students in 6th -12th grade with at least one parent present. **Location:** St. Mary's Parish in St. Albans, Vermont. **When:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 5 PM to 730 PM. **RSVP:** By October 31st (Sunday) 2021 to DRE and Catholic Daughter Pam King (802) 393-3438 or pking@vermontcatholic.org. Dinner will be provided.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

Please spread the word!!

We are collecting nonperishable food (can or box food) that will go to the St. Albans Food Shelf.

10/9/21 (Saturday): St. Albans City Hall Blood Drive. This drive went well as the American Red Cross collected 34 blood donations, and had one new blood donor.



Caption: Thank you Outside Guard Jon Quick for bringing in food at our food / blood drive on 10/9/21.

Next Blood Drive: 10/28/21 (Thursday): 10AM to 3PM at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Blood / Food drive: 11/24/21(Wednesday): 9AM to 2 PM

Please consider dropping off non perishables at the 11/24/21 blood drive.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Board Contest

The Knights of Columbus, Council # 297 are inviting ALL children from Kindergarten through Eighth grade to participate in our 3rd annual Poster Board Contest:

* Categories:

Ages 5 to 7 (Kindergarten to 2nd Grade)

Ages 8 to 10 (3rd Grade to 5th Grade)

Ages 11 to 14 (6th Grade to 8 Grade)

* Logistics:

Start Date: 10/12/21 (Tuesday)

End Date: week of 12/6/21 or extension of week of 12/13/21

Submissions can be turned in sooner.

Please contact Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay at valdemargaribay10@gmail.com, or by phone: (802) 393-1768 for additional questions.

Presentation of Winners and Participants: TBD

* Prizes:

Each category winner will receive a gift card from Walmart or Walgreens for \$50.00, and a winner certificate. Each participant will receive a certificate of participation and will receive a gift certificate of \$5.00 from the Eloquent Page in St. Albans, Vermont.

* Rules:

The student participant draws on 11 x 17 poster board of what does Christ mean for Christmas.

The student participant will submit an entry form. Noted: Hard copies and poster board will be available upon request.

Here is the link to print out the entry form if you would like to print the form out yourself: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5025-kcic-entry-score-sheet-fillable.pdf>

Family of the Month

We would like to congratulate the **Sharp Family** for receiving a nomination as the family of the month for September 2021. They are parishioners of St. Mary's in St. Albans, Vermont, and also represent the Catholic Daughters of American at St. Marys. They are a great family who does wonderful work for the Church and the community. Please keep them and everyone in your prayers.

Tootsie Roll Drive

We ended our Tootsie Roll Drive campaign for the benefit of children with special needs on 10/6/21 and collected a total of \$4,100.00. We will be doing a check presentation with Camp Rainbow at NCSS in St. Albans, Vermont in early December 2021. We want to thank everyone who helped our tootsie roll campaign for the children and families for the week long summer camp. This year, the summer camp (Camp Rainbow) was in early August 2021, and the camp was a success with 30 children.

<https://www.ncssinc.org/children-youth-family-services/camp-rainbow>

Coat Drive

Council 297 is collecting coats for the winter. If you have any used coats that you no longer use please keep us in mind. The coats will benefit children and adults in Franklin County. All winter clothing items will go to the St. Albans Food Shelf for distribution.

Age Well – Volunteers Needed

Grand Knight Garibay (Council 297) was asked to spread the word with respect to volunteers needed for Age Well (Meals on Wheels) for the Burlington and St. Albans area. 7 volunteers needed for St. Albans, and 10 volunteers needed for Burlington.

Have you considered volunteering with Age Well?

There are many ways people can donate their time serving older Vermonters including delivering Meals, minor home repairs, transportation assistance, friendly visiting, grocery shopping, running errands and more. Age Well is in critical need for Meals on Wheels volunteers in Addison County, Chittenden and Franklin County, especially in these towns: Burlington, and St. Albans.

For information about volunteer opportunities, please contact the Age Well Volunteer Team by calling 802-662-5249 or via email: volunteer@agewellvt.org

Age Well has served older Vermonters throughout Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, and Grand Isle counties since 1974 as a member of Vermont's Area Agencies on Aging. The agency provides services to allow older Vermonters to stay independent, and remain healthy at home, where they want to be.

Age Well's mission is to provide the support and guidance that inspires the community to embrace aging with confidence. Since 1974, Age Well has delivered over 10 million meals, provided nutrition and care coordination services to more than 50,000 people and responded to 250,000 calls through the **Statewide Helpline 1-800-642-5119**.

Currently more than 20,000 Vermonters face the threat of hunger and more than 40,000 older Vermonters live alone in or near isolation. We are currently facing a volunteer shortage and dedicated volunteers are crucial to the well-being of older adults across Vermont.

State Wide Prayer for Clergy

Please Join Us!



Knights of Columbus Council 297

When: Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 9 AM to 10 AM

Where: Holy Angels Church

What: State Wide Prayer for all of our Clergy. We are praying various prayers such as the Rosary, Divine Chaplet, Prayer for Vocations, and end with silent adoration with exposed Sacrament.

Everyone is Welcome!

Please Mark Your Calendars!

KOFC Fraternal Benefit online ZOOM Presentation

Attending this seminar counts toward the Council's Founder's Award credit:

Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefit Night with Van Mueller – November 3rd, 2021 at 7 PMEST

Please fill out the form below to RSVP. **Here is the link:**

<https://vanmueller.com/kofc-registration-11-3/>

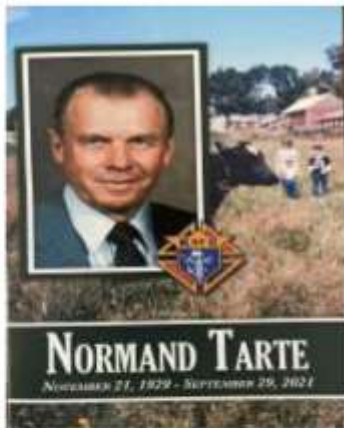
Please join us Wednesday November 3rd, at 7:00pm EST for the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefit Night with Van Mueller. **Van's Topic "Financial Success Under Any Circumstance"**

Van will ask some wonderful compelling questions that will help you clarify how to have financial and retirement success. Here are a few examples.

1. How can you maximize your social security?
2. Do you prefer to build a legacy for your family and business or the Internal Revenue Service?
3. If there was a way to reduce or eliminate the income tax liability on your IRA or 401K, when would you want to know about it. Before or after they charge the tax?
4. Can you build a wonderful retirement income if interest rates remain at zero and the stock market offers zero return for a decade?

Please keep in your Prayers

- Brother Sir Knight Normand Tarte: 64 years, a member of the Knights, and 54 years as a Sir Knight



Right Photo: L to R, Faithful Navigator James McMillan, and SK Valdemar Garibay

Funeral: October 7, 2021 at 11 AM (Holy Angels – St. Albans, Vermont)

Represented by: Knights of Columbus Assembly 1149, and Ladies of St. Anne

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher Micale of St. Albans, Vermont, Fr. Marcel Rainville of Swanton, Vermont

Faithful Navigator and Sir Knight Jim McMillan (read letter of condolences)

Sir Knight Valdemar Garibay, Sir Knight David Lavallee, Sir Knight William Greenwood

Sir Knight Teddy Yandow, Sir Knight Gordon McRae, Sir Knight Maurice Bonnette

Sir Knight William Bressette, Sir Knight Jonathon Quick, Sir Knight Raymond Tardif Sr.

Appearing in the December 2nd edition of the St. Albans Messenger print and digital platforms.

Knights of Columbus donate to NCSS Camp Rainbow



Members of the Knights of Columbus present an \$800 check to Merry Hill, coordinator of Camp Rainbow, an NCSS program.

Courtesy of NCSS

ST. ALBANS — Tootsie Rolls and the Knights distributing them have made a difference for children on the autism spectrum.

The local Knights of Columbus Council 297 recently donated \$800 to Camp Rainbow, a Northwestern Counseling & Support Services summer program for children with autism spectrum disorder and developmental disabilities. Camp Rainbow includes all of the usual “summer camp” activities such as playing outdoors, swimming, crafts, singing and making friends.

This was the second donation the Knights have made to the camp this year. The first was for \$888. The Knights raised the funds by passing out Tootsie Rolls and soliciting donations before and after mass at Catholic Churches in Franklin County, including Holy Angels and St. Mary’s in St. Albans, St. Patrick’s in Fairfield, St. Anthony’s in East Fairfield and Ascension in Georgia.

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District 3 Installation of Officers

Knights of Columbus, Vermont District 3, which includes councils, #279 (Burlington), #7525 (South Burlington), and #2284 (Winooski) held our annual Installation of Council Officers on October 16th after the 4:00 PM Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph's. Knight's, their families, friends, and many of the St. Joseph's Parishioners attended this open to the public event. These are the Knights that help to lead their councils and support their parishes and the communities that they serve.



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Council 10241 raises money for Charity

The Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of the Valley Parish (Council #10241) sold Breakfast Sandwiches, Sausage & Egg with Cheese or Egg & cheese on English Muffins as well as serving Coffee during the Forward Festival Oct 2nd at the Town Common by Bandshell



At the Councils Oct 7th meeting it was approved to donate the proceeds to the Kurn Hatton Homes in Westminster Vt. and the Care Net pregnancy Center in West Lebanon NH. Helping to make this day a success was Dick & Mary Anne Church, GK Doug Parr, Frank Russel, Bill Lynch, Keith Grimes, Steve Day, and our special cooks back in the Church Hall who were helping us out while busy preparing for the CDA Chicken Pie Supper Madeline Chapman and Cathy Day

Holy Hour

All Councils are encouraged to conduct Holy Hours. Council 7525 has a First-Friday Holy Hour from 3-4 PM at Saint John Vianney every month. During the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, members of the Council lead parishioners through the Scripture Rosary for many intentions, including a respect for life from conception to natural death. Saint Albans Council 297 has a Holy Hour every Wednesday at Holy Angels Parish from 7-8 PM with rosary, litany prayer, divine chaplet, and silent adoration. These are open to all parishioners. Please consider starting your own Holy Hour tradition.

- Mike Bullock, State Faith Director

Annual Vermont Day of Prayer for Clergy

The Vermont Knights of Columbus state-wide day of prayer for clergy is scheduled for November 13, 2021. Councils across Vermont will pray for our clergy throughout the day. Council 7525 will cover 12-1 PM at Saint John Vianney Church. During our hour, we will have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and lead the Scripture Rosary. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is a great way for individuals and families to support our priests and deacons. This year we also expect other states will be participating, as this Vermont initiative inspires others to join"

- For more info contact Patrick Leduc

South Burlington Council 7525



Aspire Together

Hope and help when you need it most

September 22, 2021

Knights of Columbus
Council 7525
PO Box 9214
South Burlington, VT 05407-9214

Dear Knights Council #7525

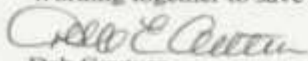
I am writing to thank you for your help with our office move. We had three very special Knights who worked without ceasing until the job was done. Between 8:30-4:00 these men moved many boxes, heavy file cabinets and the ultrasound machine and table. They spent the day putting things into the U-Haul truck and then relocating those items on limited floor space at our new center--we could not have done it without their help.

Thank you to Sir Knight David Martin, DGK, Sir Knight David Bean and Sir Knight Mike Bullock, GK! We appreciate you and your heart for our ministry. The only reason we were able to open our doors for business Monday was because of you. We can't thank you enough!

We will soon be hosting an Open House and we'll be sure to invite you as our honored guests.

May the Lord richly bless you as you serve Him!

Working together to save the unborn,



Deb Couture

Executive Director



Council 7525 Exemplification 14 October 2021. From l-r; Chancellor Dick Stevens, Warden Jay Benson, FS Charles Brown, PM Ted Barrett, (new 3rd Degrees-Ray Bouchard, Dan Smith, Chris Johnson), Bob Wilkens, DGK Dave Martin, GK Mike Bullock, DCN Bill Glinka.

A good respect showing for a Good Man Sir Knight Duane Powers



(L-R) SK Carroll Gorham, SK Gilles Berard, SK FDM George Piette, SK FN Andre Ricard, SK Gerard Raboin, Fr. Thomas LaRussa, SK Normand Raymond, SK Stanley Baranowski, SK FDM/PSD Maurice Noel, SK Normand Piette

FAIR HAVEN COUNCIL 810

Fair Haven Council 810 held their October Church Membership Drive the weekend of Oct 23rd and 24th. Pictured are PGK Dennis Perry and PGK Scott Clement standing ready to and questions and hopefully recruit new members, also pictured is a poster board highlighting some activities of the Council.



Fair Haven Council 810 held its annual Communion Breakfast at Castleton Legion Post 50 on Sunday October 24th. The meal consisted of Bacon, Sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes along with coffee and juices was enjoyed by all who attended. Since Fr. Chalifoux had another Mass, We set up a take out and delivered it to the Rectory. The year we not only had Widow's of deceased knights but also the wife and family of a Knight serving our Country.



MASS TO HONOR BLESSED FR. MICHAEL McGIVNEY

On Saturday October 16th, Gibbons Council 2285 members, their families and friends gathered high on a hill at the Glorious Cross location overlooking Lake Memphremagog to attend Mass to honor Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney. Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Rijo Johnson and Fr. Benny Chittilappily. Following Mass, all enjoyed refreshments.



Fr. Rijo Johnson with Brother Cedar Bolton and his grandmother. Glorious Cross in the background. We thank owner, George Walker, for the opportunity to have this event.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Gibbons Council 2285 held its first ever Trunk or Treat event on the lawn at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Newport on Saturday October 30th. The event was open to the local community. In spite of the rainy weather, over 500 attended. Hotdogs, Mac and Cheese, Assorted desserts and beverages were served. Trunks were decorated and over 2500 treats were handed out. It was a great time and all are looking forward to next year.



Fr. Rijo Johnson made a new friend and Santa served hotdogs.





Grand Knight Rick Bruce was a friendly clown as he greeted all who came.





350 bags of candy wasn't enough. Had to go to the store to replenish. Many happy kids!

CUPOLA INSTALLATION IN ISLAND POND

On October 6, Knights from Gibbons Council 2285 went out to Island Pond to install a cupola on the roof of the Island Pond Historical Society after numerous other organizations had declined to help. The IPHS members were so pleased that they took up a collection for Gibbons Assembly 1157 to be able to purchase additional uniforms. One week later, the Island Pond community, Assembly 1157 and Gibbons Council 2285 were hit hard with the news that their beloved neighbor and member, Duane Powers had passed away. IPHS has raised \$2000 for uniforms which will have a patch on inside the jacket honoring Duane. Shown below is Duane at an IPHS function in 2018. Rest in Peace dear brother. We will miss you terribly.



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

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 DECEMBER 1, 2021.