



# Vermont Knights in Action



**Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism**  
**Vermont State Council** **December 2021 Edition**

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## From the Vermont State Deputy



My Brother Knights:

As I write this message, today marks the beginning of the new Church Year with the First Sunday of Advent. As you have heard, year after year, *“Prepare ye the way of the Lord”*; *does this not cause us to stop and reflect on what we can do differently this year than last to “prepare” ourselves for God becoming man, coming down from Heaven and dwelling with us?* For the next four weeks, we will continue to prepare for the Birth of Jesus Christ culminating on Christmas Day. As you prepare this season please take some time to be *with* and *present* to your family and loved ones and more especially to remember the reason for the season.

### ULTRASOUND UPDATE:

A few weeks ago, Deb Couture from Aspire Now (formerly Aspire Together) contacted me to let me know that a Knight of Columbus had made an anonymous donation for the Mobile Ultrasound Van in the amount of \$20,000.00!!!! This Knight had asked that the donation be credited to the Vermont State Council and for this we will be forever grateful. This donation will go a long way in saving the lives of countless babies. The van is currently in Denver, Colorado for the fit-up and if all goes well, we should have the van back in Vermont in March or April of 2022.

Plans are still underway to have the Bishop, along with many priests of the Diocese bless the van and have a ribbon cutting ceremony. More details will follow in the months to come. On behalf of the Vermont State Council, I cannot thank you enough for your generosity in making this become a reality.

### **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS:**

By now your banners for keeping Christ in Christmas should be erected in front of as many Churches as possible throughout the jurisdiction. What a testament to our faith for others to see. A small banner such as these reaches more people than we probably could know. *Mark 16:15* “He said to them, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

We are creeping along with our membership, however, Supreme has set a goal for the State of enrolling 45 new members for the first half of the fraternal year. Currently we are standing at 36, so we still have a bit to go to meet our goal. Now that we are back in Church and seeing others, what better opportunity to ask a Catholic man to join our ranks. I would ask that you share your personal story with this individual and let him know why and how you joined this fraternal organization. We also need to keep spreading the word about “online” membership as Supreme has told us that this is the way of the future.

### **SUPREME PER CAPITA:**

As of January 1, 2022, Supreme will be re-enacting the per capita tax on all members of the Knights of Columbus. They have waived this fee for the past two years due to Covid-19. Your Financial Secretary will be receiving a bill from Supreme after the first of the year. I wanted to make everyone aware of this.

### **MID YEAR STATE DEPUTY MEETING:**

Back in November, I attended the midyear State Deputy meeting in Nashville, TN and met up with a large contingency of other State Deputies from around the country. We had Mass everyday and on Saturday, we attended meetings and work shops for the second half of the fraternal year. One item that was highlighted is the new “affiliate” program which we will be seeing in Vermont sometime around April of 2022. This will in essence take some pressure off your retention committee and the financial secretary of each Council. If you have a member of your Council that you cannot contact, either through email or regular mail for an extended period of time, you can fill out the proper paperwork with your Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and Trustees and submit to your District Deputy who will in turn submit it to Supreme. This member will now be the responsibility of Supreme and not the individual Council. Please bear in mind that this will have an affect on your per capita from Supreme and from the State Council. There will be webinars and training for this in the upcoming months. Please stay tuned.

May you all have a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

*“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

*Romans 15:13*

And Happy New Years as well !

Steve Shover

# STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

December 2021



Dear Brother Knights!

I'm sure we are all looking forward to Advent and the Christmas Season!! Many of our councils have started their Keep Christ in Christmas Campaigns and I am always excited and proud to see our KCIC signs around our towns and state.

A few updates that we should all be proud of are 1. Our Intellectual Disability Campaign has thus far raised \$9850 for council distributions to charities around the state and 2. Over \$6187 so far for Camp O'Hagan. Our Intellectual Disability Campaign unofficially ended at the end of October so please send Moe Noel your council's summary and funds so we may wrap up the campaign for this fraternal year.

We have made excellent progress with our 1<sup>st</sup> Half Per Capita and Charity Assessment Invoices. Only one remaining council (Council 14351) with an outstanding invoice. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of Fraternal Year Per Capita will be administered in Jan 2022.

As a reminder our mid year District Deputy meeting will be Saturday 12/4 at St. John Vianney. Please see agenda from our State Deputy for more details.

Lastly, please be aware of the recent memo being sent to our State Officers and Council Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries from Supreme. This will be a direct invoice to Councils from Supreme:

**Given the gradual return to normalcy in council operations, the Board of Directors voted to reinstate the assessment process beginning January 1, 2022, which had until now been waived during the COVID-19 pandemic. The standard assessments are as follows:**

- **Per Capita assessment in the amount of \$1.75 will be levied on the membership of record as of January 1, 2022 (excluding honorary and exempt members).**
- **Catholic Advertising assessment in the amount of \$0.50 will be levied on the membership of record as of January 1, 2022 (excluding honorary and exempt members).**
- **Culture of Life assessment in the amount of \$1.00 will be levied on the membership of record in the United States and Canada as of January 1, 2022 (excluding honorary, honorary life, exempt and inactive insurance members).**

God Bless and Vivat Jesus  
Jim Michael (State Secretary)

# FROM YOUR STATE CHAPLAIN



Dear Brother Knights,

The blessings of Christ our Lord be with you this Advent. I wish to share three items.

First: We are concluding the Year of Saint Joseph proclaimed by Pope Francis on December 8, 2020. I have found some wonderful St. Joseph resources and prayers this year, but for the present I will just recommend the webpage made by Supreme: [kofc.org/saintjoseph](http://kofc.org/saintjoseph).

Second: Thank you to all Councils for your ongoing culture of life work. This year I will make new KofC posters for the pro-life clinics, the only continuing project of Vermont Knights for Life. As for the mobile ultrasound van (project complete!), the van is not yet "on the road," but we were happy to hear that when all the pledges were paid this fall, the final \$20,000 of fulfilled pledges was credited to the Vermont Knights by an anonymous donor!

Third: I am grateful for the support of the Knights while I made a brief sabbatical in Rome this October and November. You can see some videos on my parish website, including a longer video with one of the best stories I brought back with me, that of the chains of Saint Peter and Bishop DeGoesbriand from Vermont: [stjohnvianneyvt.org/news-and-updates](http://stjohnvianneyvt.org/news-and-updates).

God bless you.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Tim Naples, SC

# Vermont Right to Life Committee

November 29 at 1:32 PM ·

**SAVE THE DATE! THE ANNUAL RALLY FOR LIFE WILL BE HELD IN MONTPELIER ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022**

Sponsored by the Vermont Right to Life Educational Trust Fund

Commemorating the 49th Anniversary of the Roe vs Wade US Supreme Court Decision legalizing abortion in all 50 states, leading to the deaths of 63 million unborn babies.

This year there will be three opportunities to participate as pro-life individuals and families ~ all are welcome to join in one or more of the day's events that are taking place in Montpelier, VT.

Part One: Morning prayer services

9:30am ~ Prayer Services Begin

Lighthouse Christian Church, 3 St Paul Street, Montpelier

St. Augustine's Catholic Church, Respect Life Mass, 16 Barre Street Montpelier

Part Two:

10:45am ~ March to the State House steps for photo

Participants are to gather outside and behind City Hall at 10:45am for the March to the Capitol. Pro-life signs will be provided by Vermont Right to Life.

11:30am - Photo of participants on State House steps and short opening remarks.

Part Three:

Noon - Join us for a hot buffet luncheon at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in the Governor's Ballroom ~ \$20 per person. The hotel is located across the street from the State House. After lunch, a presentation will be given by Vermont Right to Life staffers focusing on all of the dangerous aspects of Proposal 5 ~ including how YOU can impact YOUR community.

Reservations for the luncheon and workshop are a MUST as seating is limited to 200 participants. Reduced prices are available for young adults and students by calling 802-229-4885.

Reserve your seat now for a hot buffet lunch and a presentation on Proposal 5 by sending a check for your \$20.00 (per person) registration fee made out to Vermont Right to Life Committee, or by calling VRLC at 802-229-4885.

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: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Members Non Members Total Participants Total Participants Hours Total Volunteer Hours  
Program Planning: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ Members Recruited: \_\_\_\_\_ Donations: \_\_\_\_\_  
Costs Time 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](http://www.kofc.org)



(continued on reverse)

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.**



# MESSAGE FROM YOUR INSURANCE AGENT

Dear Brother Knights,

For over 8 years I have been serving the members of this jurisdiction and I genuinely feel blessed to do so. I'd be glad to share my experiences with any brother Knight who may be considering a career change or is just interested in knowing more about the field agent opportunity. Thank you for your prayers and support. May God bless all of you and your families this Christmas.

Please join St. Albans council #297 for a virtual fraternal benefits presentation on Thu 12/9/21.

Dave Giuliani

[david.giuliani@kofc.org](mailto:david.giuliani@kofc.org)

802.272.6009

Topic: Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits

Time: Dec 9, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85761746298?pwd=L0tkWEhxbXpaaFVuQ0RYTnFpRFNHZz09>

Meeting ID: 857 6174 6298

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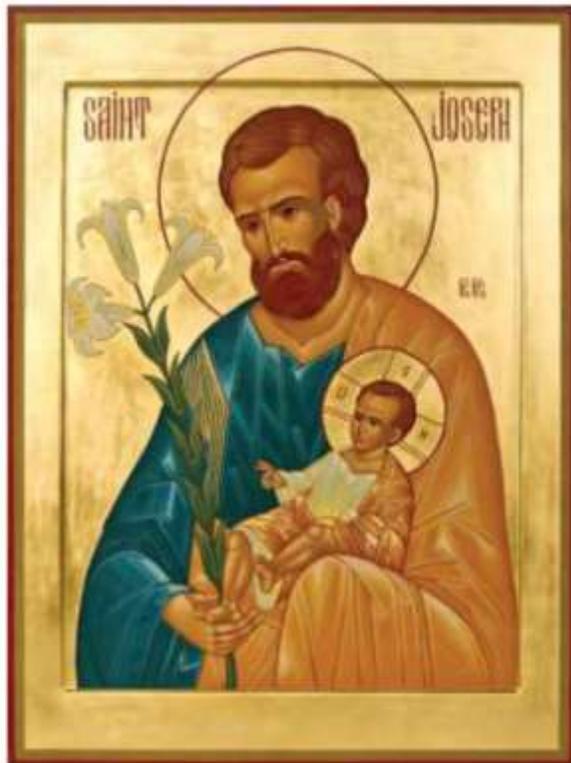
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# Pilgrim Icon Program

Flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, comes our new Pilgrim Icon Program in honor of St. Joseph. St. Joseph carried out his mission of raising, guarding and preparing Christ quietly, courageously and faithfully. For that faithful work, St. Joseph was rewarded — not with seeing the fruits of his labor in this life, but with the incomparable prize of glory in heaven.

This beautiful icon is housed at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montréal, Canada's preeminent Shrine to St. Joseph, founded by St. André Bessette. In the image, St. Joseph stands with his eyes cast humbly down, but with a determined strength in his face. In his covered arm he bears the Child Jesus, whose own hand is raised, blessing the world. In his right arm, St. Joseph holds a flowering staff, a sign that he was chosen by God. The white lilies of the staff signify his purity and chastity. Taken together, the icon provides a window into the life and mission of this courageous father, a man who was one of us and yet called to a mission of incomparable significance. Our world desperately needs men and women of courage. But in a particular way, it needs courageous fathers — men willing to stand up and to carry out their own mission of protecting, defending and raising future generations. It needs men willing to risk it all, in order to offer the world Jesus. In short, our world needs men in the model of St. Joseph.



Through this Pilgrim Icon Program, we can all turn in prayer to St. Joseph and give thanks to God for the gift of his fatherly example. We ask St. Joseph to be a father to us and along the way, may we also grow in our own imitation of St. Joseph's quiet strength, integrity and fidelity.

**Our Vermont State Council has received two St. Joseph Icons. We would like to send them around the state, one in northern Vermont and the other in southern Vermont, so that Councils may participate in this Faith in Action program. There is no set schedule or route. This program can extend well into 2022.**

**To arrange for a St. Joseph Icon and prayer service at your Council, call Silver Rose Chairman Roger Dickinson at (802) 373-7135 or email him at [dcknsn95@comcast.net](mailto:dcknsn95@comcast.net). Additional resources for this program may also be viewed at <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/pilgrim-icon.html>.**



Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program has held more than 174,800 local council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants. Featured images have included Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Our Lady of Pochoiv, Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of Charity, Our Lady of Persecuted Christians and the Holy Family.

## St. John Paul II Council #10417, Milton

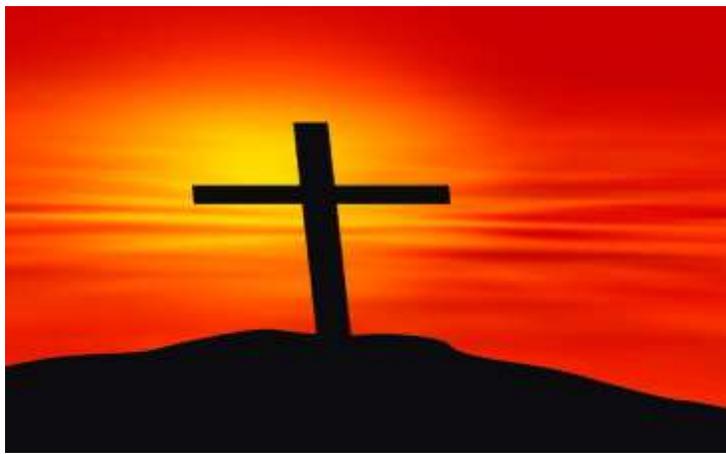
Master woodworker and Brother Knight Scott Wise of Council #10417 hand-crafted a new credenza table for the front entrance lobby of St. Ann Church. The table top has an inlaid Marian Cross, which is explained in a framed description on the table.



l to r: Mike Thompson, Ed Malila & Scott Wise



To help in our recruiting efforts and to promote our Council and its activities, Council #10417 also purchased the customized table throw and recruiting banner which were recently offered through Knights Gear. They are shown here displayed in St. Ann's Church Hall for everyone to see!



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

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.

**Raymond Fortin**, 81 years of age, Newport Council # 2285. served 14 years.

Richard Bedor, 80 Years of age, Sheridan Council #421, Honorary Life member, 47 yrs. Of service.

# **VOCATIONS**

## **A Higher Purpose**

Keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants. As the strong right arm of the church, the Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to future priests and religious at all stages of their formation.

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.

- Set an annual goal for your RSVP program.
- Identify individuals that the council will sponsor. You can obtain these names by contacting me as your State Vocations Chairman.
- Conduct various events in your parish and community in order to reach your goal! Potential activities include:
  - Conduct a Seminarian Breakfast after Mass on a given Sunday. Invite the seminarians supported by your council if available to attend the event, meet the parish, participate in the celebration, and pray together.
  - Promote each event in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts: Bulletin announcements, Pulpit announcements.
  - Post on your council and parish website / social media pages
- On the day of each event, wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have
- a fellow Knight or community member photograph the event.

Please contact me for information on a seminarian or seminarians to support or men and women who are novices or postulants in religious orders or religious communities.

You can E-mail me at [gfbean44@yahoo.com](mailto:gfbean44@yahoo.com) Or call at 862-8581. Also if you have given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022) and have not sent me a copy, please send me a copy of form 2863 (RSVP form) .

May God Bless You and your families and especially this CHRISTMAS The Birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

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

**Vivat Jesus**

**Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM  
State Vocations Director**

## PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS



**Rev. Mr. Gregory Caldwell**  
**Fourth Theology**  
Saint Meinrad Seminary  
St. Meinrad, IN



**Mr. Brandon Schneider**  
**Pastoral Year**  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Middlebury, VT



**Mr. Eli Yandow**  
**Second Theology**  
Saint Meinrad Seminary  
St. Meinrad, IN



**Mr. Luan Tran**  
**First Theology**  
Saint Meinrad Seminary  
St. Meinrad, IN



**Mr. Giang Vu**  
**First Theology**  
Saint Meinrad Seminary  
St. Meinrad, IN



**Mr. Cale Bombardier**  
**Fourth College**  
Our Lady of Providence Seminary  
Providence, RI



**Mr. Khoa Nguyen**  
**English Language Studies**  
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Brighton, MA



**Mr. An Hong Dinh**  
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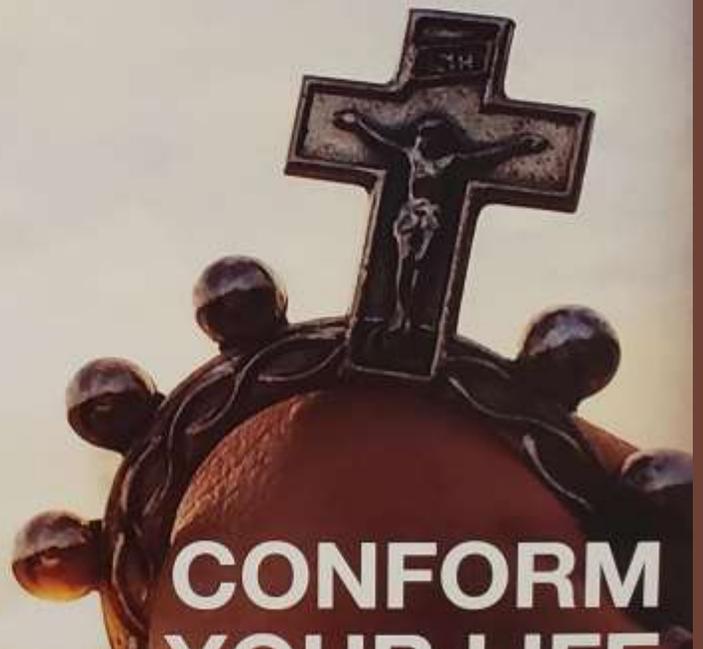
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**The Most Reverend**  
**Christopher J. Coyne**



**Rev. James C. Dodson**  
Director of Vocations



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# FR. BOIVIN COUNCIL #5041

## Knights Help Fr. Paul Raise Funds

Members of Fr. Boivin Council #5041 and other members of Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Morrisville and Blessed Sacrament of Stowe spent three days working hard and having fun helping Fr. Sahaya Paul, the Assistant Chaplain of the Council, with a fund-raising project.

When Father Paul was first assigned to this area in Barton, he became acquainted with Aulani Morris and her family. Aulani has chosen to enter the religious life and has been accepted to the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of the Apostles, in Gower, Missouri. An existing student debt must be paid off before she can enter. Fr. Paul, who is from India, thought that a Chicken Curry dinner might raise funds and, due to rising Covid numbers, felt it needed to be takeout only.

Father had no idea how many would purchase dinners, he was hoping for 50 from each parish, so asked for reservations to get an idea of what to buy for supplies. Much to his surprise, orders began pouring in. At weekend Masses he announced he had about 60 orders from Blessed Sacrament in Stowe, where he resides, and about 65 from Morrisville. Father asked for help in his Mass announcements and a call went out on Council #5041's email list for help.

To fill out the menu, Father knew Americans love potato with their meals and a rice dish was also suggested. A recipe was found for parotta, a flat bread, and the menu was complete. On Tuesday crews started assembling and preparing the food. Father estimates ten or more people were there to help each day. The Morris family came from Barton each day to work. And the orders continued to come in. Eighty-five pounds of chicken were prepared along with 40 pounds of onions and 28 pounds of tomatoes.

The final count of dinners served was 100 from Stowe and 128 from Morrisville, more than double what Father Paul had hoped for. More than \$6000 dollars was raised for Aulani.

A GoFundMe page has been set up for Aulani: <https://gofund.me/05fab53d>



Brothers Richard Brodeur, GK Mike Noonan, Don Sawyer, Jeff Limoge, Fr. Paul, and Ladies of MHNJP



Ready to Takeout



Aulani Morris

## First Exemplification for Council #5041

On Wednesday, Nov 17, Council #5041 of Morrisville presented its first Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity at Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Two current First Degree members and two new members advanced to Third Degree in the ceremony witnessed by approximately 25 Brother Knights and family and friends.



## WINOOSKI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPPORT SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**Winooski, VT** Recently the Knights of Columbus St. Stephen's Council #2284 provided a festive, outdoor party to help Saint Francis Xavier Parish in Winooski celebrate the 150th anniversary of the building of their church.

Saint Francis Xavier Church was dedicated in 1870, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, the "official" celebration of the 150th anniversary was postponed from 2020 to 2021. The St. Stephen's Council Knights stepped forward to sponsor a cookout for parishioners following the September 25 Saturday Mass, providing plenty of burgers, hot dogs, chips, treats, and beverages. Council member Joseph Perron, who is also an active member of the Winooski Historical Society, created a display of pictures and memorabilia from the long history of Saint Francis Xavier Parish for attendees to admire. To add to the festivities, the Saint Francis Xavier Choir, which made its debut appearance at the church in 1972, also performed a variety of music-- including some fun tributes to the parish priests -- as diners enjoyed the cookout.

As part of the commemoration of the building of the church, Saint Francis Xavier parishioner Jake Cunavelis created a video which featured both the vibrant SFX parish community as a whole and the impact Monsignor Richard Lavalley has had in his 30 years as pastor of the parish.

This video was shown after all Masses on the weekend of the celebration and can be seen here:

[📺 St Francis Xavier Documentary](#)

Monsignor Richard Lavalley reflected on his 30 years at Saint Francis and he also spoke about the origins of his parish. "This church was built with the nickels, dimes, and fifty cent pieces of those early millworkers. They had few material resources, but they had tremendous faith. Fr. Audet (the parish's founding priest) built this church high on a hill so those workers could look up from the mills during their breaks and see their church."

St. Stephen's Council Grand Knight Greg Clairmont said his Knights, and the Rice students who volunteered for the event, were happy to serve their community with the anniversary commemoration. "Saint Francis Xavier is a very special parish," said Clairmont, "and the Knights are proud to be part of this anniversary celebration of the building of this beautiful church that means so much to so many."





## SAINT STEPHEN'S COUNCIL #2284

The Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284 recently assisted former FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) Missionary Mary Ellen Langley with a \$2,000 financial aid scholarship!

"Everyone deserves to know who Jesus is and that they are loved. The idea that we were created to love and be loved became a reality for me at UVM," commented Langley. Mary Ellen worked as a campus minister at UVM for two additional years following her FOCUS assignment.

Mary Ellen entered the Sisters of Life in the Bronx, New York, this past September. Her first year with the Sisters of Life, called "Postulancy", will entail transitioning into community life with the Sisters, learning their way of life and diving deeper in the charism to protect and enhance the sacredness of every human life.

"Congratulations Mary Ellen! We are all so very proud of You and Your Bountiful Love of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May God Bless You Forevermore," echoed Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont.



Knights of Columbus Saint Stephens's Council #2284's Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont presents a \$500 Thanksgiving Gift to Dismas House Director Kim Parsons in Burlington on Monday!



Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council 2284's Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont presents a \$250 Thanksgiving Gift to Joseph's House Director Diana Charboneau in Burlington! Photograph taken by former Joseph's House Director Deacon Dennis Moore! Holy Saint Joseph, please pray for 'All Families' throughout the world, Amen, Alleluia; Alleluia, Amen!!!



Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council 2284's Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont presents a \$500 Thanksgiving Day Gift to Winooski Food Shelf Director Linda Howe on Wednesday! God Bless You Linda and thanks for all the 'amazing evangelical work' You do for the citizens of Winooski!



Worthy Saint Stephen's Council #2284 Brother Deacon J. Timothy Gibbo, His Awesome Wife, Apostle Tina Gibbo and Saint Mark's Beloved Pastor Dallas T. Saint Peter pictured in the Thanksgiving Day Hall on Thanksgiving Day Morning!

# DEGOESBRIAND COUNCIL #279

## Keep Christ in Christmas

Knights of Columbus #279 DeGoesbriand Council carried our honored tradition of placing several Keep Christ in Christmas signs around the Burlington community. This tradition helps remind those out shopping why we celebrate the Christmas Holiday. We have a total of 15 signs on display this year and wanted to share a few photos with our fellow Knights. Weather held out and made our job easy with the help of several Knights and a few members that work and support the Diocese projects. This project is always fun and brings us together as a council.





## St. John Paul II Council #10417

Eleven Brother Knights of St. John Paul II Council #10417 gathered bright and early on the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent to set up the Nativity Creche and our Keep Christ in Christmas banner at St. Ann in Milton. The snow the night before certainly helped to set the scene kicking-off the Christmas season!





Thanksgiving Day 2021 at Saint Mark's Church under the guidance and direction of Brother Deacon J. Timothy Gibbo and His Wife Tina brought "tears of joyful gratitude" to over 600 families throughout Chittenden County and beyond! The Amazing Work by these "Saints of God" has inspired numerous parishioners in Our Diocese and devoted volunteers from all walks of life to become 'beacons of light' to their brothers and sisters in need over the past thirty plus years! This is a prophetic example of exercising God's Providence in the Vineyard of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! God Bless You Brother Deacon Tim And Tina! Your Family Rocks Our World !  
Viva Cristo Rey! Viva Cristo Rey!! Viva Cristo Rey!!!

Thanksgiving Day Photograph By Tina Gibbo, Wife of Brother Deacon J. Timothy Gibbo!  
Pictured left to right: George Bachinski, Jeff Austin, Liam Coulter, Andrew Coulter, Gregory Clairmont, Brother Deacon J. Timothy Gibbo, Rosaire Longe, Gregory Bolger, David Hartnett, Saint Mark's CEO Michael Brodeur and Tom Fraga! Missing Brothers, Stephen Hartnett and Robert Abare! Special thanks to the Burlington Elks Lodge for keeping All Thanksgiving Day Foods refrigerated and under safe keeping for the weekdays days prior to "The Great Harvest in Christ Jesus!" Amen, Alleluia!

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Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284's Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont is honored to announce the welcoming of "Five New Glorious Brothers at Thanksgiving Time"!!! Truly a 'Gift from Almighty God'. Thank You Father, Son & Holy Spirit!  
The Five New Brothers are: Sergeant Andrew Lesage, VFW Commander, Milton Fire Fighter Justin Bergeron, Coach Matthew Durham, Saint Francis Xavier Faith Formation Director Andrew Coulter and Columbia University FOCUS Missionary Liam Coulter! Welcome Awesome Brothers to Our Council! Viva Cristo Rey!

## **FAIRFAX COUNCIL 10830 GOES 1,2,3 IN OCTOBER RECRUITING**

I've said it before, and I'll say it again: Round Tables are a hotbed for recruiting! During the 16-17 October 2021 Delta Church Drive at Ascension Church in Georgia, three new members joined the Knights of Columbus. The following week three in-house Degree Exemplifications were set up to accommodate busy schedules. Using the Ascension Round Table Coordinator's Home and streaming and/or the Degree, each new online member viewed the 30-minute Exemplification receiving a rosary and lapel pin. The host provided a social event following the completion of the form 100. The quota for Council 10830 to receive the Fr. McGivney Membership Award is "4" new members.



**From L to R: Skyler Billado, Warden; New Member Allen Vanscoy; Membership Director, Ed Nuttall; Round Table Coordinator, Paul Jansen; GK Keith Billado**



**From L to Right Front Row: Warden, Skyler Billado, Membership Director, Ed Nuttall, New Member, Charles Van Etten**

**From L to Right Back Row: GK, Keith Billado, FS Peter Fitzgerald; New Member, Mark Esposito**

## March For Life Fundraiser - seeking help.

St. Albans Catholic Youth Group  
(6th - 12th grade)

“Rosaries for Life - Fundraiser - feel free to share!

Our talented high school youth have been hard at work creating these beautiful rosaries and pocket decade beads to raise funds for the journey to Washington, DC for the the Rally For Life.

We are in awe of their beautiful and hard work!

These Rosaries are for sale for a suggested donation.

They would make a beautiful Christmas gift! If you would like to make a direct contribution to their fundraising efforts, it would also be very much appreciated.

Recommended donation:

For the Rosaries: \$35-\$50

For the pocket Decade Beads: \$15-\$20

To purchase or donate, post here or contact Bridget Garibay directly: [bridgetz@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetz@gmail.com)

These words are from Zerima, who attending the March for Life in 2019.

“I learned a lot about the pro life movement during the trip. I think it is easy to believe that being pro life is alienating, or that it isn't something a lot of people believe in, but going to the March disproves that. There are so many people there who are ready to fight for the unborn that it is truly impossible to feel alone.”

- Zerima King”

Thank you for all of your help.





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## COUNCIL 297 November 2021 NEWS

### Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Board Contest

We would like to thank the Church community for their support regarding our Keep Christ in Christmas Board contest. So far we have 13 submissions from St. Mary's Atrium and St Mary's Catholic Schoolhouse. Our end date is 12/6 or 12/13; we are expecting a few more entries.

### 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. All are welcome! We have started our **Building the Domestic Church program**, last Wednesday, 11/24/21 we passed out several books of the series. We continue to pray the Rosary, Vocation Prayer, Fr. McGivney prayer, and Divine Chaplet during adoration.

**No Adoration on 12/8/21**

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

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

Blood Collections: 41 units. New Donors: 1

We collected a nice amount of food that will be distributed to the St. Albans Food shelf. We thank everyone who participated in or Blood and or food drive.



Our Next blood Drive is located at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 10 AM to 3 PM on 12/2/21– We are still collecting food.

## **KOFC Fraternal Benefit online ZOOM Presentation**

Topic: Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits

Time: Dec 9, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85761746298?pwd=L0tkWEhxbXpaaFVuQ0RYTnFpRFNHZz09>

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## **KofC Membership online ZOOM Presentation**

Topic: KofC Membership - Ed Nuttall

Time: Dec 13, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86505729978?pwd=VW5iME1DeWZXU3hSNTJZTEFUZzE2Zz09>

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Or  
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### **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](mailto:noelmaurice2@gmail.com)**

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