



Vermont Knights in Action



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism
Vermont State Council **January 2022 Edition**

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From the Vermont State Deputy



My Brother Knights:

As of this writing, our weather sure has taken a turn for what some may refer to as the 'tundra' of winter. One might venture to say that this is life in Vermont, but then again, others will say, wait five minutes and the weather will change. Either way, I hope that you are all keeping warm and safe. Speaking of safe, the numbers of the "Omicron" variant of COVID 19 appear to have peaked and may be declining, although this variant is more contagious than any other variants.

Again, I ask you all to be safe and to take the necessary precautions needed to avoid spreading this virus further. If you are not comfortable with meeting in person with your Councils, please take advantage of a zoom session or some other means to meet. We need these gatherings so we may continue to do the work and charity of the Knights of Columbus and have the fellowship that is vital to our order.

HOUSEKEEPING:

By now all your Councils should have submitted the Form 1728A, the Annual Survey for Fraternal Activity. As I stated in my message last month, Supreme places a very high value on this fraternal survey as this is what keeps their and our tax-exempt status with the IRS. This form was due by January 31, 2022; if you have not filled your form out for your Council, PLEASE take a few minutes to do so as it is invaluable and most important.

Your Form 1295, Semiannual Council Audit is due February 15, 2022, so please get together with your Trustees and get this form 1295 filled out and sent to Supreme and to our State Forms Chair, Dennis Smith. It is vital to your Council to have this audit done every six months. Thank you in advance for getting this done in a timely manner.

PROPOSITION 5:

Within this State Newsletter this month, our State Chaplain, Fr. Tim Naples is informing all of us of the importance and seriousness of Prop 5. I will not go into any detail here in my message as Fr. Naples has covered the most important aspects of it. As your State Deputy, I am asking you in the name of the Knights of Columbus to write to your Senator(s) and Representative(s) in Montpelier to voice your opinion regarding Prop 5. As Fr. Ray Doherty, SSE said many times over and over, *“we must respect life, from the womb to the tomb”*. Let us all take these words to heart.

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION:

We are still slated to have our annual state convention from May 13-15, 2022, at the Jay Peak Resort in Jay, Vermont. By now each Council should have received their credentials from our State Secretary, Jim Michael. Please be sure to vote on your delegates to the State Convention in a timely manner and get the information back to SS Jim Michael. The theme of this year's convention is *“THE POWER OF FATHERHOOD”*. As I have stated at many Council visits, the cost of the convention for this year and this year only will be extremely minimal for you as delegates as we have funds from the past two years due to the extreme success of the *“300 Club”* which is run by our Past State Deputy Moe Noel. Your committee for the convention has met several times already and continues to do so ensuring that everyone will have an enjoyable weekend at the Jay Peak Resort. The invitations have already been mailed out to every Council in the jurisdiction of Vermont. Please pay close attention to the amenities that the resort has to offer. It's hard to believe that the convention is a mere two months away and much work must be done before that weekend. I would also ask each Council to seek out businesses in your local area to purchase an ad for the convention booklet which helps to offset the expense of the convention. Ask your pastor, your local funeral home, the places that your Council does business to help support the Knights. Please keep in mind that this is a State Convention and not merely the committee that is doing the bulk of the planning. For further information regarding this, please contact brother George Piette who is handling the convention booklet. Thank you.

ST. JOSEPH ICON:

Supreme has sent two icons of St. Joseph to the State of Vermont to be sent to every Council within the State. Roger Dickinson has volunteered to take on the task of organizing this effort, so each Grand Knight needs to speak with Roger regarding the schedule for having this icon in their Council for a specific prayer program. Please ask your local pastor for his help with this and get it into your parish's bulletin so the entire community will have access to this program. Keep in mind that this icon is taken from St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, PQ and the icons have been blessed by Bishop Lori, the Supreme Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus. Thank you, Brother Roger Dickinson, for taking on this project.

- MEMBERSHIP:

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- Congratulations are due to all of you for reaching the goal set forth by Supreme for the State of Vermont. As of 12/31/21 we took in 49 new members for the first half of the year. We need another 40 new members by June 30, 2022, to accomplish our goal. Everyone reading this must know at least one if not two Catholic gentlemen who would like to become a part of this fraternal organization with a large emphasis on charity. I ask you to please do your part to help our State grow in numbers. Make a prayerful commitment right now to ask one person in the next week to join our ranks.

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- That's about all for this month and if you have any questions, concerns or issues, please feel free to contact me and we will do our best to help you.

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- Vivat Jesus and fraternally,

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- Steve Shover

- State Deputy



From your State Chaplain



A special note from the State Chaplain

Please review and share the materials from the organization ***Vermonters for Good Government***, regarding the dangers of Proposal 5, the so-called “reproductive liberty” amendment. Go to

www.vermontersforgoodgovernment.org



Vermonters say no to Prop 5 (Article 22)!

This proposed State Constitutional Amendment would:

- Guarantee unregulated late-term abortions throughout all nine months of pregnancy up to the day of birth.
- Remove “conscience protection” for healthcare workers, meaning more doctors and nurses would avoid working in Vermont, creating more staffing shortages.
- Eliminate parental rights concerning our children’s sexual and gender related

choices.

· And more... We need to stop this from becoming the law of our land!

Consider making a personal donation.

(Vermonters for Good Government is a 501(c)(4) organization under IRS code, contributions are not deductible for income tax purposes.)

Dear Brothers in Christ

I wish to summarize here a message I have already given to my parishioners and the State Officers regarding Proposal 5, a constitutional article that pro-abortion legislators are trying to put forward in a referendum to add to our Vermont Constitution. They seek to insert a so-called “right to personal reproductive autonomy.”

On the one hand we know that the legal jargon of this so-called right is more or less synonymous with “abortion on demand” during any month of pregnancy. On the other hand an important consideration should be made, precisely on the notion of autonomy as it is proposed. This word is being used in a manner which is nearly the exact opposite of the Catholic understanding of the Common Good.

I call your attention to the definition of this term in the Catechism, as described here in quotes from CCC 1906-1909 (emphasis added by me).

“By common good is to be understood ‘the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily.’ The common good concerns the life of all. It calls for prudence from each, and even more from those who exercise the office of authority.”

There are three essential notes about the Common Good in the Catechism, highlighted by the following paragraphs.

“In the name of the common good, public authorities are bound to respect the fundamental and inalienable rights of the human person.”

“It is the proper function of authority to arbitrate, in the name of the common good, between various particular interests; but it should make accessible to each what is needed to lead a truly human life: food, clothing, health, work, education and culture, suitable information, the right to establish a family, and so on.”

And “finally, the common good requires peace, that is, the stability and security of a just order. It presupposes that authority should ensure by morally acceptable means the security of society and its members.”

In contrast to this well-developed Catholic moral tradition, a right to “autonomy” is asserted more and more in our times as a claim to throw off all moral restraints or obligations. It becomes a kind of moral relativism. Proposal 5 denies moral responsibility in this way, and seeks to glorify every individual’s “reproductive choices” at the very expense of the Common Good, possibly also at the expense of unborn children's lives.

I pray that this consideration is beneficial and encouraging for you all as we work to defend the lives of the unborn in our state, and so, with many other efforts, support the Common Good of all.

Vivat Jesus! In Christ,
Fr. Tim Naples, State Chaplain



STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

February 2022

Dear Brother Knights!

January has been a very busy month for our jurisdiction as we start submitting our programs to the state program director (Bill), Anchor Award nominations, Family/Knight of the Year Nominations and continued work for the 124th State Convention.

Our 2nd Half of the FY 2021 – 2022 Per Capita Invoices have been sent to each Council Grand Knight and Financial Secretary via email. Please let me know asap if you did not receive the email (GK/FS). We have already had a third of our councils provide remittance so thank you! Financial Secretary's please remit your invoice asap. This does NOT require council voting and part of the FS responsibility.

By now and thru February, each council (in good standing... meaning you sent in your per capita and completed the required forms that Supreme has requested) should be selecting their Delegates (2) and Alternates (2) to the 124th State Convention. I included the Credential format below and will also send to each GK and FS. Please type or print very clearly so there is no confusion on where to send the per diem/mileage checks.

Reminder – Anchor Award nominations are due by the end of February. Please send your nomination packages to me (ROSEANDJIMMICHAE@GMAIL.COM). Typically, the nominations are a typed page or two on the candidates accomplishments (could be over several years, this is not just a fraternal year only accomplishment) and on why you/council are nominating the candidate. Also, a few letters of testimony/recommendation are great, and any other 'media' such as news clippings, bulletins, etc that demonstrate some of the wonderful things your nominee has done. Our State Deputy is hoping each council has one nomination. This is our top award at the State Jurisdiction level and we're very proud to award it and enjoy the banquet to honor the recipient!! The nominee may be male or female, Knight of Columbus or NON Knight of Columbus. They need to be a resident of Vermont.

Lastly, as your state secretary, I am reaching out to every Knight in our State to see if you are interested in getting involved at the KOC State level! We are blessed to have each council in our VT State Jurisdiction and therefore, need continued strong State committees. In some cases, we only have a single Knight during the job that a team of Knights should be doing. I'm a fan of the quote 'Many hands make light work...' so I'm inviting you to join a committee... Please consider!!



Vermont State Convention Delegate Selection Form



This certifies that:

Name of Council and Council # []

Has elected the following delegates and alternates to attend the annual State Convention of the Knights of Columbus to be held at Jay Peak Resort, Jay, Vermont for 2022.

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|---------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Delegate #1 | [] | Member # | [] |
| Wife's Name | [] | | |
| Mailing Address: | [] | | |
| Physical Address (if different from above): | [] | | |
| Email: | [] | Phone: | [] |
| Delegate #2 | [] | Member # | [] |
| Wife's Name | [] | | |
| Mailing Address: | [] | | |
| Physical Address (if different from above): | [] | | |
| Email: | [] | Phone: | [] |

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|---------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Alternate #1 | [] | Member # | [] |
| Wife's Name | [] | | |
| Mailing Address: | [] | | |
| Physical Address (if different from above): | [] | | |
| Email: | [] | Phone: | [] |
| Alternate #2 | [] | Member # | [] |
| Wife's Name | [] | | |
| Mailing Address: | [] | | |
| Physical Address (if different from above): | [] | | |
| Email: | [] | Phone: | [] |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| The above delegates and alternates were duly elected on | | Click In Space Below to Select Date |
| Signature: [] | Printed Name: [] | , Recorder. |

Submit Form

Save Form

Print Form

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



(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

Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

Nicholas J. Conti
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(Please use "KofC Scholarship 2022 – Student Name" as the subject)

December 12, 2021

Dear Worthy Grand Knight and Brother:

The Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council Scholastic Achievement Committee appreciates your past efforts in publicizing our awards program and again seeks your assistance in the 2022 program.

Would you kindly read the attached announcement at your December, January, and February Council meetings and include the information in your monthly newsletters. This information has been mailed to all parishes, Vermont high schools, and newspapers. Feel free to publish the announcement with any local media that you may have a working relationship.

The Scholastic Committee is also interested to hearing from any past winners how receiving an award in the past helped them in furthering their education. We are interested in what each winner has done as a result of receiving a post high school education.

Included in this packet is a copy of the application, feel free to reproduce it and distribute as you find necessary. Copies may also be found at local high schools, from any committee member, Vermont State Knights of Columbus officer or committee chair, or you may contact me directly at the phone number, e-mail, or address above.

Thanks a million for your continued support of the program and Vermont Catholic youth.

Fraternally,

Nicholas J. Conti
Scholastic Achievement Committee
Chairman



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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO APPLICANT

To qualify you must be a high school senior qualifying to graduate in June 2022 AND a son or daughter of a Knight of Columbus member (paternal or legally adopted) in good standing in a subordinate Council within the Vermont jurisdiction. Sons or daughters of deceased members are also eligible if their father was in good standing at the time of his death. An applicant may be a member of the Knights of Columbus or a member of a Columbian Squires Circle, in the jurisdiction of Vermont and a high school senior qualifying to graduate in June 2022.

This scholarship is given by the Vermont Knights of Columbus to assist in your education at an accredited school or college of your choice.

Applications must be returned to the Chairman, at the address above, **by March 10, 2022** to qualify for an award.

The application is in two parts with the major portion of Part II being completed by your school personnel. Therefore, we strongly suggest Part II be given to them immediately to allow the maximum time to prepare their part of the application.

The filing date should be brought to the attention of the guidance personnel of your school, since **delinquent applications may disqualify an applicant from consideration for an award.**

Failure to submit your essay may also result in the application being invalidated.

Scholarships not claimed by February 1, 2023 will be forfeited and the prize will be given to the next alternate on the list.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Conti

Nicholas J. Conti

Scholastic Achievement Committee Chair

This requested information can be mailed or emailed to the Scholarship Committee Chair by March 10, 2022, to the above address. Please use "KofC Scholarship 2022 – Student Name" as the subject of all emails.

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(Please use "KofC Scholarship 2022– Student Name" as the subject)



APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

PART I: To be filled out by the student. Please print or type.

Applicant's full name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____

City or Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Date of Birth _____ E-mail Address _____

School you now attend _____

School's Address _____

Name of School's Principal _____

Father's Name _____

Number of siblings also attending a post-high school program _____

Knights of Columbus Council # _____, Located in (town) _____ VT.

Give the name of the Council's Financial Secretary _____

Applicant's Home Parish _____

How did you learn about this scholarship program? _____

Essay:

In your own words, please summarize your chief interests in school, your participation in church, school and community activities, your chief out-of-school interests and hobbies, your summer or part-time employment, and your plans for the future. Please include any other information that you feel is important to your application. Also include a list of colleges or schools to which you have applied for admission and the names of any that have accepted you.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to include letters of recommendation from your pastor and non-relatives who can address your particular qualifications and financial need.

Please be sure to sign and date the application and mail or email to the Scholarship Committee Chair by March 10, 2022, to the above address. Please use "KofC Scholarship 2022 – Your Name" as the subject of all emails.

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E-mail: WNMG@aol.com

(Please use "KofC Scholarship 2022 – Student Name" as the subject)



APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Part II: Applicant's Personal Record

Please fill in your name and address and give the form to your principal or Guidance Director. Request the rest of the application be filled out promptly and mailed to the Scholarship Committee chair. Your application will not be considered complete until all parts of the application and **your essay** are received by the committee.

Applicant's Full Name _____

Address _____

City or Town _____

To School Personnel:

The above-named student is applying for a Knights of Columbus State Scholarship. Kindly complete this form and return it to the Knight's Scholarship Committee chair on or before **March 10, 2022**.

The Committee desires to receive all information leading to a better understanding of the applicant and his or her participation in church, school and community activities as well as any life situation. The information furnished will be treated in a strictly confidential manner by the Committee.

Thank you in advance for your time and effort on the behalf of the student and the Knights of Columbus.

Check (X) to indicate personal characteristics of the applicant:

| | Average | Above Average | Superior |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|---------------|----------|
| A. Social Adjustment | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| B. Maturity | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| C. Integrity | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| D. School Citizenship | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| E. Achievement related to Ability | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Highest CEEB Scores CR _____ M _____ W _____ | | | |

Please attach a copy of the applicant's Secondary School Record including test records, Principal's or designee's estimate of applicant's success, and recommendation.

This form and requested documents can be mailed or emailed to the Scholarship Committee Chair by March 10, 2022, to the above address. Please use "KofC Scholarship 2022 – Student Name" as the subject of all emails.

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. 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.



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.

Brother John J. Nolan, 82 years of age, 25 yrs of service, 3rd Degree Knight

Sir Knight Merle D. Wheeler, 85 years of age, 30yrs of service, 4th Degree Knight.



James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157, Newport conducts the 4th Degree Chalice Ceremony at Memorial Service of SK Merle Wheeler on 01-06-2022

(L-R) SK George Piette, SK Richard Bruce, SK Gerard Raboin, SK Carroll Gorham, SK Gilles Berard, SK Maurice Brasseur, FN Andre Ricard, SK Normand Raymond

Insurance Agent message

An Incredible Opportunity

A matter of great importance is the need for Knights of Columbus field agents in Vermont. There is a goal for 2-3 new representatives to serve the membership and finally achieve full coverage. We at the DiCalogero Agency have been working diligently in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont for the past 8 years. This is a full time career position and is open to all members.

On a personal note, I can honestly say this job is amazing. I get to spend my days helping serve Catholic families and even on a bad day I'm visiting with folks who share my values. A truly one of a kind situation here in Vermont. There is no required experience or education, it's technically open to anyone – however it is not for everyone. The first step is to see if it's a good fit for you and your family.

PLEASE CONTACT ME if you are interested in hearing more or you can offer some referrals of practicing Catholic men that may need a career change. There is more to say about this position than can fit in this bulletin. I truly look forward to sharing that with you when we speak. Thank you and God bless,

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Milton Council hosted an Exemplification on Jan 18th at St Ann.

Knights in the front row: Brock Rouse (New Milton Knight), Thomas Greci (New Richmond Knight), Geoff Conway (New Richmond Knight), Ed Malila (Presiding Officer), Chris Poirier (State Treasurer)

back row: Mike Boivin (Warden), Mike Thompson (Presenter of Charity & Rosary), Bill Rensch (GK Richmond), Rich Cassano (Richmond Knight), Peter Lavallee (Presenter of Unity & GK Milton) Gille Thibault (DGK Milton) Roger Dickinson (Presenter of Fraternity) missed the photo



Join With Other Concerned

Vermonters

Thursday, February 3

12:00 Noon

State House, Montpelier

Vermont Right to Life has requested the State House grounds for a solemn gathering as the Vermont House takes up Proposal 5 for a final vote. Pro-lifers will be joined by supporters of [Vermonters for Good Government](#) and [Vermont Family Alliance](#), and others who recognize that Proposal 5 will have dangerous repercussions for children, families, health care workers, and others.

By attending you will show your support for those courageous legislators who are fighting against Proposal 5 on your behalf. Please share with like-minded family and friends. Mark your calendars now. More details to come in the next few days, so stay tuned

~Final Opportunity~

Contact Your Representative(s)

Urge Them to Vote NO on Prop 5

The vote will be on Thursday, February 3. Contact your Representative(s) now and urge the to vote NO on Prop 5. You can call them at home, or click [here](#) to find your legislator's contact information at the State House.

Knights of Columbus #279 DeGoesbriand Council held a live Exemplification for Charity, Unity and Fraternity, the new degree format, on Tuesday, January 18th. We welcomed three candidates into Knighthood. Two candidates from DeGoesbriand Council 279 and one from St. John Vianney Council 7525. In conjunction with this live Exemplification Council #279 had a candidate attend the Supreme on-demand Exemplification. After the live event we hosted a light reception with the 25-30 present to welcome our new brothers.



Pictured:
Backrow: Msgr.
Peter Routhier,
Front Row: New
Knights, Cullen
Bullard, Jim
Ready, and Bruno
Trahan. Not
Pictured:
Matthew Sulva



Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284

Is Honored To Present The 12th Annual

Monsignor Thomas J. Ball Jesus Open



Date: Saturday, May 14th, 2022

Location: West Bolton Golf Club

Time: Sunrise Mass: 7:00 AM / Registration: 7:45 AM / Shotgun Start: 8:15 AM

Format: 4 Person Team Scramble

Price: \$400 Per Team

Fee Includes: Greens Fees With Cart, Delicious Breakfast, Awesome On-Course Luncheon, Ice Cold Soft Drinks, Closest-To-The-Pin Contests, Longest Drive Competition, Putting Contest, Rev. Joseph F. McCarthy \$100,000 Shootout, Rev. Msgr. Richard G. Lavalley \$1,000,000 Shootout, Silent Auction Plus A Spectacular Hors D'Ouervres Reception Following Tournament Play. All Participants Will Receive A Commemorative Gift From The Knights Of Columbus St. Stephen's Council #2284 As Well!!!

3rd Hole Challenge: A Hole-In-One Wins A \$10,000 New Kitchen!

6th Hole Challenge: A Hole-In-One Wins A \$10,000 Cash Award!

14th Hole Challenge: A Hole-In-One Wins A 2022 Mercedes Benz C-300!

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| Player | Telephone | Email |

For Tournament Registration: Mail This Form And Entry Fee To:

Mr. Greg Clairmont

604 Creek Farm Road, Colchester, Vermont 05446

(802) 343-8446

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.

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.. Ask the seminarian or postulate how your council can best assist him or her throughout the year.

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. This is a central aspect of RSVP and must be fulfilled in order to satisfy the program requirements. Immediately after your program is finished, complete the [RSVP Report Form \(#2863\)](#) and 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 gfbbean44@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)

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

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS



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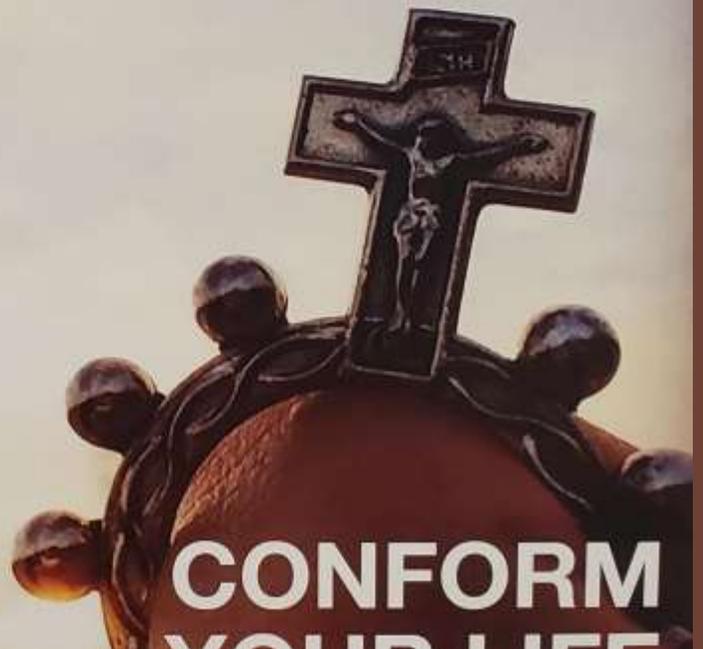
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Rev. James C. Dodson
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2021-2022

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Knights of Columbus *Lasagna Dinner*

To Benefit the High School Scholarship Fund

Saturday, February 26, 2022
at 5:30 PM

St. Ann Parish, 41 Main Street
Milton, VT

**Meat Sauce Lasagna,
Garlic Bread, Garden Salad,
& Dessert**



Adults: \$15 ea. • Students: \$10 ea.
Seniors: \$14 ea. • Kids under 6: Free
Immediate Family Maximum: \$50

THIS DINNER WILL BE TAKEOUT ONLY!

**MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP
IN THE PARISH HALL**

Both St. Joseph Icons have begun their travels. In January they traveled to St. Albans Council #297 and St. John Vianney Council #7525 in South Burlington. Michaud Council 2025 in White River Jct. has scheduled one of the Icons for late February. St. Stephen's Council #2284 in Winooski and St. John Paul II Council #10417 in Milton have scheduled the Icons for mid-March. **Let's keep them on the road to more KofC Councils and Assemblies throughout Vermont!**

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. 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.

DeGosbriand Council # 279 Feb 20th Breakfast

Join us on Sunday February 20th for an old fashioned all you care to eat pancake breakfast. The breakfast feast will feature all of your favorites. Bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, blue berry pancakes, breakfast potatoes, French toast and more. Coffee, juice, butter and real Vermont maple syrup are included.

Admission is by donation with a suggested gift of \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and children. Breakfast will be served from 9:30 AM – 11:30 M in the parish center of St. Joseph's located at 29 Allen Street in the heart of the Old North End. Hope to see you there!

ALL YOU CARE TO EAT
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST



SUNDAY FEB 20th
CATHEDRAL OF
ST. JOSEPH

PARISH CENTER

SERVING 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

SUGGESTED DONATION

ADULTS \$8

SENIORS & CHILDREN \$6

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www.kofc279.org

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



On Sunday, January 23rd, St. John Paul II Council #10417 and Bishop Robert F. Joyce Assembly #2609 jointly sponsored their annual **Mass for the Unborn** at St. Ann's Church in Milton. Sir Knights from Assembly #2609 provided an Honor Guard. Pictured from left to right are Sir Knights Michael Thompson, GK Peter Lavallee, PSM Tom Curran, Dick Pepin, FN Roger Dickinson, Greg Berard and Color Corps Commander Ed Malila.

Fair Haven Council 810



Fair Haven Council 810 holds it's 1st Charity, Unity Fraternity Degree. Council 810's prospect was going to be out of town for the next 4 or 5 months, instead of waiting until he returned, we set up a Charity, Unity Fraternity Degree in the Council Chambers. Members of the Degree Team were Father Chalifoux, Bob Shaw, Peter Laramie, Scott Clement, Dennis Perry and our new 3rd Degree member is Charles Cacciatore.

Forms Chairman message

Reports Now Due or Past Due

Two very important reports are due this time of year. On January 31, Form #1728, Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities, was due. As of January 28, I have received reports from four councils. Three assemblies have submitted a Form 1728C. Yes, each entity needs to submit a report to Supreme with a copy to your DD and a copy to me. This report is needed by Supreme to collect dollar amounts and hours of charitable works done by your members. It is a requirement for end-of-year awards. This is one report that we will be monitoring closely to be sure it is submitted by all councils.

The second report due soon, February 15 to be exact, is the Semi-Annual Council Audit. It is needed to keep your council in Good Standing and is a requirement for the bonding of your Financial Secretary. I have only received copies from three councils so far. There are approximately ten councils that have not submitted the audit that was due August 15 and some councils are delinquent more than one year. Assemblies do not audit now, only at the end of the fraternal year, due in August.

As long as we are discussing past due forms, three councils have not submitted a Form #185, Report of Officers Chosen for the Term, which was due July 1 and ten councils have not submitted a Form #365, Service Program Personnel Report, which was due August 1. I will be emailing the Grand Knights of those councils.

There are many other reports which need to be submitted as your council completes certain projects. These include things like Round Tables, RSVP, Food for Families and others. Perhaps this would be a good time to go to the list at KofC.org and see if there are reports you need to submit so your council gets credit for work done.

Vivat Jesus,

Dennis Smith, State Forms Chairman

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Photo by Worthy Warden Jay Benson

Council 7525 South Burlington, VT

Grand Knight Mike Bullock presents a check for \$700 to Mary Beerworth, Executive Director of Vermont Right to Life Educational Trust Fund at the Rally for Life Luncheon 22 January 2022. (49th Anniversary of Roe v Wade)



2nd Annual Blessing of Snowmobiles with a Family Breakfast

Knights of Columbus of Fr. Meany-Fr. St. Onge Council 7943, Troy VT, invites all local snowmobilers and clubs to attend a Catholic Blessing of snowmobiles with an "all you can eat" Community Family Breakfast on Sunday, February 20, 2022, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church parking lot, 130 South Pleasant St. Troy VT., at 10:30 AM by Rev. Fr. Leopold Bilodeau and Deacon Francis "Ward" Nolan. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 – 11:00 AM

RSVP will ensure we have enough food for everyone, call 802-673-7510 or 802-323-2470.

The Blessing is to ask that all enjoy a safe and enjoyable winter sport ride.

K of C Youth Horizons

Worthy Brother Knights,

As COVID continues to complicate our lives and our youth activities, a couple of points of information:

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest:

Please have all submissions to me by February 28th. It is not necessary to have District competitions if you are not able to arrange them. Any Council winners can be forwarded directly to me. Please submit both the judging forms (with releases) and the posters themselves. My address is:

2460 Lottery Rd.
Shrewsbury, VT -05738-

State Free Throw Tournament:

Coordinator Jeff Brousseau will have a date for us all very shortly, and that date will be forwarded to all District Deputies at the earliest possible moment. There has been a venue change. Due to local COVID rules and scheduling, the State Free Throw Tournament will occur at Rice Memorial High School, not Winooski High. Further details will be forthcoming. However, just as with the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, any local Council winners may proceed directly to the State tournament if there is no District tournament. Conversely, if only a regional tournament can be organized, this may be considered the District tournament, and the winners may proceed from this tournament to the State tournament.

Vivat Jesus!



Elijah T. LaChance
State Youth Director

From the State Advocate

Worthy Brothers,

A few notes as we pass the midway point of another year and approach another State Convention.

1) Please make sure your Councils are in compliance with the Safe Environment program.

This program is intended to make sure the Knights are up our role in ensuring the safety of the youth in our and communities. Everyone who completes the training is a mandatory reporter, and more mandatory reporters means more trained men keeping our youth safe. Please also note that Councils not in compliance with this program are not eligible for awards. Two trained Knights must be present at any youth event, and I recommend keeping copies of completion certificates in the Council records. Please contact me with any questions, and please note that DD's have been asked to submit reports on the status of each Council.



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2) Please submit all proposed Resolutions to me for consideration by the Resolutions Committee.

Most of the resolutions of years past are now incorporated into our State Policies. However, please submit all resolution drafts by March 31st in order to give the Resolutions Committee time to consider them and re-format if necessary.

A resolution consists of two parts: perambulatory clauses and operative clauses. The perambulatory clauses come first and explain the reasons for the resolution. Each perambulatory clause begins with "Whereas." Operative clauses follow and state the actions to be taken. The first operative clause begins "Wherefore, be it resolved." Further operative clauses begin "Be it further resolved." If you have questions about the required form of a resolution, please contact me.

My email is elijahtlchance@gmail.com, and my phone number is (802) 734-2701.

Vivat Jesus!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elijah T. LaChance". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Elijah T. LaChance
State Advocate

COUNCIL 297 January 2022 NEWS

ADORATION – HOLY HOUR

Starting every Wednesday on January 5, 2022, Adoration will resume from 830 AM to 830 PM – All are welcome during this time frame at Holy Angels in St. Albans, Vermont. Our KofC 297 slot starts from 7 PM to 8 PM. Please join us for the rosary, prayer for vocations, and other prayers.

Benediction starts around 805 PM – led by Fr. and KofC 297 Chaplain Micale. Expectations for the 7 PM to 8 PM hour include: Rosary prayer, St. Michael the Archangel Prayer, Prayer for Vocations, Fr. McGivney prayer, Divine Chaplet (sometimes), and Pilgrim Icon Program prayers: Patris Corde Prayer, A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life prayer. After the prayers, we are at silent adoration unless other prayers are requested.



Caption: Left to Right: Fr. Micale in the background, DGK Bill Greenwood, and GK Valdemar Garibay, January 5, 2022, Holy Angels in St. Albans, Vermont.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

Below is a table showing our past and future blood drives for 2022. Please let me know if you are interested in donating, or if you know anyone who is interested. **Blood supply continues to be at an all time low, so we are continually looking for donors.**

| Kof C 297 Hosted BLOOD DRIVES | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| # | DATE | TIME | LOCATION | Blood Donations | New Donors |
| 1 | 1/8/2022 | 10 AM to 3 PM | St. Albans City Hall | 38 | 3 |
| 2 | 2/15/2022 | 10 AM to 3 PM | St. Albans City Hall | | |
| 3 | 3/10/2022 | 10 AM to 3 PM | St. Albans City Hall | | |
| 4 | 3/23/2022 | 10 AM to 3 PM | St. Albans City Hall | | |
| 5 | 4/7/2022 | 10 AM to 3 PM | St. Albans City Hall | | |
| 6 | 5/27/2022 | 10 AM to 3 PM | St. Mary's Parish Hall | | |
| 7 | 6/10/2022 | 10 AM to 3 PM | St. Mary's Parish Hall | | |
| 8 | 6/24/2022 | 10 AM to 3 PM | St. Mary's Parish Hall | | |

BIG CHANGE ROUND UP FOR KIDS – UVM

The Knights of Columbus Council 297 is participating in a fundraiser to help the UVM (Burlington, Vermont) Children's Hospital Big Change Round Up.

Our goal is to raise \$1,000.00, but hopefully we will be able to surpass that. This is a yearly campaign that all proceeds are used to support vital programs and services at the Children's Hospital.

The Official kick off date with WOKO morning update will be on 3/28/22 (Monday) .

But - fundraising can start anytime. The Official end date will be 4/29/22 (Friday) from 6 AM to 10 AM

Radiothon for three days leading up to the end date

4/27: 6 AM to 6 PM

4/28: 6 AM to 6 PM

4/29: 6 AM to 10 AM. (Official end)

Check out our official Team fundraising page. Please consider a donation that will go toward this great cause. All donations are tax deductible. You will receive a donation receipt.

Thank you for your help. Any help is great!

<https://give.uvmhealth.org/team/399712>

Special Thank You!: Thank you Brother Mike Manahan for allowing us to place a Big Change Round Up Canister at your convenience store (**Hometown Beverage & Redemption across the street from BFA High School in St. Albans, Vermont**) in order to collect donations toward the Big Change Round Up. **Also**, thank you **Food City in St. Albans, Vermont** for allowing us to ask for donations outside of your store.

COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Pro Life: We are happy to help the St. Albans Catholic Youth Group get closer in reaching their fundraising goal to attend the March For Life at Washington, DC in 2022. We want to thank the pro-life generation for participating in the March for Life by praying, participating, and supporting this cause.



MARCH FOR LIFE 2022

January, 20-22, 2022

Dear *Rep Council #297,*

Thank you so much for your financial support to our St. Albans Catholic Youth Group & friends' pilgrimage to the March for Life 2022. Your donation was appreciated more than you could ever imagine.

We departed on Thursday, January 20th 2022 at 6:00 a.m. We prayed the rosary together on the way to Washington DC for all the intentions to be mentioned below. We arrived to the Basilica in Washington D.C. for the Pro-Life Vigil Mass and Holy Hour of Adoration. Together we prayed for the unborn, the end of abortion, for all pregnant women in distress, for all of those suffering from the effects of abortion. We also prayed for your prayer intentions and needs.

On Friday, January 21st 2022 we attended Holy Mass at the Hotel. The Homeschool Connection Group traveled with their Chaplain Fr. John. They invited us to join them. We kept all of the above prayers as well. Afterwards, we visited the Holocaust Museum. We did so, because we wanted to reassure our students that life is important from the moment of conception until natural death. It so happens that the theme for this year's March for Life is "Equality begins in the Womb", the theme echoed very clearly in visiting this Museum for all of us.

We also attended the March for Life! We listened to all the different speakers, including Fr. Mike Schmitz. The truth is that ALL life matters from the moment of conception until natural death. It was fantastic to see all the different representatives of different groups, K of C, catholic universities, adults, families, and the abundance of youth. To hear the loud voices of our youth calling out things like, "Pro - Life!, When I say Pro, you say Life, Pro-Life!, ..." Our hearts filled with hope in Christ and in walking among a Pro-Life Generation. One can breathe and no longer be afraid of getting old.

On Saturday, January 22nd 2022, we attended Mass at the Hotel with our friends from the Home School Connections. We prayed for all of the intentions mentioned above.

We headed back home and arrived safe and sound in Burlington around 8:00 p.m.

Once again, thank you so much for your financial support. We will continue praying for your prayer intentions and needs for the next 9 days. May The Lord reward you for your generosity in this life and the next one.

Yours in Christ,

St. Albans Catholic Youth Group & friends - The Pro-Life Generation!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

We would like to congratulate the Sharp Family of St. Albans, Vermont and Parishioners of St. Mary's for getting nominated to be our Family of the Month. Thank you for everything that you do at Church, and in the community. Your help with altar serving, lecturing, being Eucharistic Minister is greatly appreciated.



Left to Right: Fr. Micale, A. Sharp, Katrina Sharp, and Jeffrey Sharp – St. Mary's

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER BOARD CONTEST

The past three years our council has participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Board Contest. This year we had 21 participants from St. Mary's Atrium, Catholic Schoolhouse Home school group – St. Mary's, Fairfield CCD, and Georgia CCD. Every child did a great job on their poster board.

The table below shows the children who won in their respective age category per Council 297 judging team.

| Place | Participant | Representative | Age Bracket |
|-------|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1st | A. Quizon | Catholic Schoolhouse - St Mary's | K - 2nd Grade |
| 1st | E. Quizon | Catholic Schoolhouse - St Mary's | 3rd - 5th Grade |
| 1st | G. Remillard | St. Mary's Atrium | 6th - 8th Grade |

We would like to thank every child who participated this year. Each child who participated will receive a certificate and a gift certificate / card.

Next: Father and Chaplain Micale from St. Albans (Holy Angels & St. Marys) helped as the District Judge for this year, 2021. District Judges in the past were: Fr. Jerome Mercure in Fairfield, Vermont (2019), Fr. Henry Furman in Georgia, Vermont (2020). Current year (2022): Fr. Micale judged six posters – three posters from the St. Albans Council, and three posters from the Fairfax Council.

The following posters were chosen to go onto State judging. Congratulations to all who participated this year in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Board Contest. Each winner will receive a certificate and gift card.

| Place | Participant | Representative | Age Bracket |
|-------|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | E. Thouin | Georgia CCD (Ascension CCD) | K - 2nd Grade |
| 1 | E. Quizon | Catholic Schoolhouse - St Mary's | 3rd - 5th Grade |
| 1 | S. Barkyoumb | Fairfax, Vermont (Atrium) | 6th - 8th Grade |



1/23/22: Father Micale (St. Mary's Church) holding the three Keep Christ in Christmas posters that will advance to state judging.

MARCH FOR LIFE – MONTPELIER, VERMONT

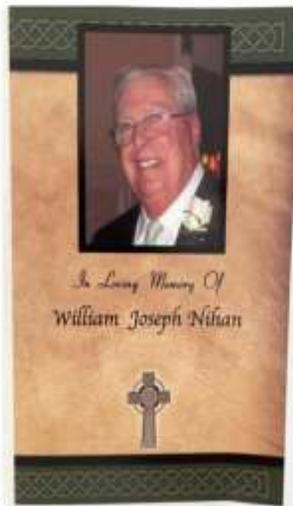
This year our council represented at the March for Life on January 22, 2022. We are happy to support this March as it is Important to show that life is important. The mass was celebrated by Bishop Coyne.



Photo 1: A photo inside of St. Augustine in Montpelier, Vermont (1/22/22). Photo 2: People heading up the steps to the State Capitol in Montpelier, Vermont (1/22/22).

PRAYERS NEEDED

- 1) Please keep Brother William Nihan (Council 297) of St. Albans, Vermont in your prayers – he passed away on January 8, 2022 (Saturday). We have a mass intention set for him on April 3, in



St. Albans, Vermont



From left to right:

Front row: Gordon McRae, DOK Bill Greenwood, and FN Jim McMillan

Back row: GK Valdemar Garbay, Teddy Yandow, Jon Quirk, and Bill Wessette

- 2) Please keep Brother Henry Joseph Magnan (Council 297) of Fairfield, Vermont in your prayers – he passed away on January 23, 2022 (Sunday). He was the oldest member of our council at 95 years old. We have a mass intention set for him on TBD.

RELIGIOUS TRIP

Brother Bill Greenwood (Green Mountain Tours) will be doing a bus trip to the following places in Quebec and Montreal. **Quebec:** The Basilica of Saint Anne de Beaupre, and Our Lady of the Cape. **Montreal:** The Basilica of Notre Dame, and Saint Joseph Oratory of Mont Royal. This will be a two night trip starting July 25 – July 27, 2022. For more information please contact Bill Greenwood at (802) 527-0496.

300 Club winners

| WEEK #1 01/01/2022 | # DRAWN | NAME | Council # |
|-----------------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------|
| \$100.00 | 201 | Mike Patnode/Luc Dupois | 7669 |
| \$75.00 | 51 | Linda Gosselin | 2285 |
| \$50.00 | 132 | Peter & Beth Laramie | 810 |
| | | | |
| WEEK #2 01/08/2022 | # DRAWN | NAME | Council # |
| \$100.00 | 162 | Gregory Bolger | 2284 |
| \$75.00 | 199 | James Jones | 11457 |
| \$50.00 | 138 | David Austin | 3664 |
| | | | |
| WEEK #3 01/15/2022 | # DRAWN | NAME | Council # |
| \$100.00 | 38 | Derek Fregeau | 2284 |
| \$75.00 | 105 | Micheael Hennessey | 279 |
| \$50.00 | 9 | Gille Thibault | 10417 |
| | | | |
| WEEK #4 01/22/2022 | # DRAWN | NAME | Council # |
| \$100.00 | 275 | William E. Lynch | 9146 |
| \$75.00 | 7 | Peter Nero | 917 |
| \$50.00 | 19 | Leo Council #917 | 917 |
| | | | |
| WEEK #5 01/29/2022 | # DRAWN | NAME | Council # |
| \$100.00 | 23 | Linda Gosselin | 2285 |
| \$75.00 | 14 | Helga Nuttall | 10830 |
| \$50.00 | 246 | Roger Bell | 2284 |

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 March 1, 2022.