



# Vermont Knights in Action



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

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## From the Vermont State Deputy



My Brother Knights,

As I am sitting here writing my message for March, we are in the midst of yet another snow storm. Life in the Green Mountain State of Vermont. Am sure you have noticed by now that our daylight has been getting longer and longer each day. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on March 13<sup>th</sup> this year. The longer days of daylight are extremely welcome after our long winter!

PROGRAMS: I know that our State Program Director has been requesting you send your programs to him for our annual voting process for the various awards given out at the annual State Convention, and I am asking each of you Grand Knight's to please take a few minutes to fill out an SP 7 and send it to: [blacroix1@comcast.net](mailto:blacroix1@comcast.net)

All of you in your various Councils are doing phenomenal acts of charity and should be recognized for what you are doing and continue to do. As of yesterday, Bill had only received two, yes, just two SP 7's from one Council. When I visited your Council, I told you that we need to "let our light shine" and not put that light under a bushel basket. I am asking you again to let YOUR light shine as a Council and fill out the SP 7's and send them to Bill LaCroix.

. I had also asked each Council to submit a “Knight of the Year” and “Family of the Year” from within your ranks. You must know someone within your Council that has gone above and beyond as a Knight or Family. So, please take a minute or two and recognize not only your Council, but a Knight and a Family. Thank you!

FORMS: By now, most of you have completed your Annual Survey (Form #1728) which was due to Supreme by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Also, form #1295, Semi-Annual Audit was due by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The last Star Tracker that I received from Supreme was rather full of red which means the forms have not been received at Supreme. I am holding each Grand Knight accountable for getting these forms in to Supreme and a copy sent to our State Forms Chair, Dennis Smith at: [movillesmiths@comcast.net](mailto:movillesmiths@comcast.net) I am also asking all District Deputies to assist you in any way that you may need some assistance. These forms are very important for Supreme, so please make sure you get them done and submitted. Thank you !

CONVENTION: Your convention committee has been meeting every two weeks in planning our 124<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention. Unfortunately for our Memorial Mass on Friday evening, we will be including over 256 members from our

jurisdiction that have died since April of 2019. If you have not sent in the names of your deceased members, please send those names to our State Secretary, Jim Michael at: [roseandjimmichael@gmail.com](mailto:roseandjimmichael@gmail.com) as we do NOT want to leave any names off the list. The cut-off is April 20<sup>th</sup> as we want to print all these names in our Convention Booklet. Speaking of our booklet, again, we need your help in securing ads for the booklet to offset the expense of our Convention. I remind you that this is your convention and not just the convention committee's. Please ask your Pastor to take out an ad or any local businesses that would like to as well. If you need an ad contract, please contact George Piette, at: [georgepiette@gmail.com](mailto:georgepiette@gmail.com)

CREDENTIALS: Last month, our worthy State Secretary included the credentials in the newsletter. If you have voted for your delegates, please email Jim Michael with the credentials form filled out and signed by your recorder. If you are a delegate to the convention, please remember your travelling card.

DRESS CODE FOR CONVENTION: I have been receiving many questions from Grand Knights regarding the dress code for our annual convention. Please note the following: Friday Memorial Mass, shirt, tie, sports coat; Friday evening meal – casual; Saturday business meeting, shirt, tie, sports coat; Bishop's Mass, shirt, tie and sports coat; Saturday evening banquet, tuxedo suit, dress baldrich (if you are 4<sup>th</sup> Degree); Sunday morning business meeting, casual; if you have a polo shirt with the K of C logo, please wear that. Thank you.

MOBILE ULTRASOUND VAN: Unfortunately, the van will not be back in Vermont until some time late June or early July. I know we wanted to have it for the convention, but that is not going to be possible. We are still planning on having Bishop Coyne and many diocesan priests' do a special Blessing of the van at St. John Vianney parking lot after the van has arrived. Stay tuned for more information about this.

MARCH FOR LIFE: I want to thank all of you Knights who trekked to Montpelier at the end of January for the annual March for Life and a big thank you to those who attended the luncheon afterwards. We must respect life from the womb to the tomb! Again, thank you for attending.

**MEMBERSHIP:** This area seems at times like a roller coaster ride where we will have twelve members join one Council (Norwich) and then we hit a dip where we only have one or two. Remember that one is better than none. According to Supreme, we only need thirty more members before June 30, 2022 to meet our goal established by Supreme. Will you please ask a Catholic gentleman to join our ranks?

**LENT:** March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 marks the beginning of Lent in our Church calendar. Please be sure to have an hour of adoration at your local Church, sponsored by your Council. Fr. Naples is having a 40 hours of devotion, commencing on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 8:30am Mass. If you live in the Chittenden County area and would like to sign up for an hour, please do so by visiting the St. John Vianney website.

There are many councils that will be doing Fish Frys on the Fridays of Lent and last week, I sent each of you a flyer on how to combine the fish fry into a membership drive. Even though some Councils are still doing a drive through, what better time to ask a man to join the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus and Fraternally,

Steve Shover  
State Deputy



I wanted to share some information about the **National Christopher Columbus Essay Contest** with you. You may have heard of it, or may not have! It has been running since at least 1996 through the National Christopher Columbus Association and supported by the National Italian-American Foundation.

Essays are submitted from around the country and the top winner gets an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC to read their winning essay at the National Christopher Columbus Celebration on Columbus Day in front of the Columbus Statue at Union Station, just a few blocks away from the Capitol Building.

**This year essays are due by March 15th at 11:59 pm ET.** (I know the deadline is soon, next year we'll get the word out earlier.)

Attached is the fact sheet with all the information and social media images from NIAF. Please feel free to share this information with your jurisdictions.

•<https://christophercolumbus.org/programs/>

•<https://www.niaf.org/programs/niaf-ncca-christopher-columbus-essay-contest/>

•<https://www.niaf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-NIAF-NCCA-Columbus-Essay-Contest-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

Thank you for your consideration!

Cheers,  
Chris

**Chris Pierno, FDD, PGK**  
*State Deputy, [District of Columbia](#)*  
*Knights of Columbus*  
**Cell:** 646.645.8112 | [LinkedIn](#)





## NIAF NCCA Christopher Columbus Essay Contest

Since 1996, NIAF has joined with the National Christopher Columbus Association to sponsor an annual national essay contest on Christopher Columbus. The contest is open to students in grades 9 through 12 in public, private, or parochial schools, or to those who are home schooled. This contest is conducted without regard to race, religion, gender, or national origin.

For information about the National Columbus Day celebration in Washington, D.C., please visit the National Christopher Columbus Association's website, [www.ChristopherColumbus.org](http://www.ChristopherColumbus.org).

**2021-2022 Topic:** Christopher Columbus's expeditions served as the catalyst for cultural exchange on a global scale. How did Columbus's voyages shape western civilization during his time? What examples of Columbus' contributions and the impact that it had on our society can we still see today?

### **Essay Criteria**

Essays must have a word count between 800-1,200 words and will be judged for historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of materials, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and neatness. In addition to the required length, students must include the following elements in their essay:

- A title page with an original title, name, mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, school, grade, and word count
- MLA formatted citations and bibliography
- 3 number of print/non-internet sources

### **Important dates:**

*All submissions must be sent as PDF or Word Document format via e-mail to [education@niaf.org](mailto:education@niaf.org) by the deadline below for consideration.*

**Deadline:** 11:59 PM EST March 15, 2022

**Notification:** June 15, 2022 by 5:00 pm

### **Recognition:**

First, second and third-place national winners are selected after judging on a national level. To qualify for first place, the winner must be able to go to Washington, D.C. to read his or her winning essay at the Christopher Columbus Celebration on October 10, 2022. The first-place national winner will receive a \$1,200 prize in addition to paid lodging and transportation to Washington, D.C. in October for the winner and one parent or guardian to attend the NCCA's annual Columbus Day Celebration and read their essay. The second-place national winner receives \$500, and the third-place winner receives \$300.



# win a trip to DC

SUBMIT AN ESSAY TO WIN



CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS  
HIGH SCHOOL

## Essay Contest

Visit [NIAE.org](http://NIAE.org)  
for more details



## From your State Chaplain

My Brother Knights,

We now know for certain that there will be a statewide vote on November 8th about whether abortion should be included in the state constitution, under the guise of so-called "rights to personal reproductive autonomy." This has been accomplished by Proposition 5, also known as Article 22, through our statehouse. PLEASE check out my discussion with Deacon Peter Gummere to get more informed on this issue. It was just posted on my personal YouTube Channel (search in YouTube for "Rev. Timothy Naples") and it is also on my personal

blog: [WWW.UBIPETRUSVT.COM/NOARTICLE22](http://WWW.UBIPETRUSVT.COM/NOARTICLE22). I am now also updating all the pages under the Knights for Life section of my blog.

As I did in last month's Chaplain's message, I again want to suggest the organization Vermonters for Good Government. Their materials and their work are crucial for the information the public needs to cut through the doublespeak constantly being promoted. That doublespeak shouts priorities of "autonomy" and "choice," while the evil of killing unborn children is claimed as a highlight of all personal freedoms, and the obligation to family and future generations is scorned and rejected. Let us pray fervently, and be active in charity to articulate the truth.

In Christ, with Mary,

Fr. Tim Naples



Worthy Sir Knights,

A few things I would like to cover for this newsletter. The first regarding the Official Uniform of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. There have been many, many discussions about this since its inception. One of the biggest discussions is/has been how it is to be worn. Well, we will discuss that now. The only uniform that is to be worn is the official Uniform. This can be purchased at [www.kofcuniform.com](http://www.kofcuniform.com) this will take you to The Supply Room who are the only vendors for the Uniform. There you can purchase just about the whole thing. I have listed out the items that are needed.

- 1: Blazer with the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Crest on the left breast pocket. (Name badges are not worn when wearing the Uniform)
- 2: Gray slacks/dress pants (These come unfinished so they will need to be hemmed up)
- 3: The Official 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Tie. (No other Knights of Columbus tie is to be worn when in the Uniform)
- 4: White Button down Dress Shirt. (Must have a full lay down collar. No tuxedo shirts are allowed and no other color is permitted. Many other Assemblies and Districts have noticed Sir Knights wearing other colored shirts with the Uniform and again this is not permitted.)
- 5: Black dress shoes and black dress socks. (Tuxedo shoes are not recommended)
- 6: Mini Jewels (Mini Jewels are encouraged if you are entitled to wear them)
- 7: Beret w/ 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Crest\*\* (Color patches for behind the crest are available if you are entitled to wear one. White for Past and Current Faithful Navigators. Purple for Color Corp Commanders, Green for District Marshall's, Gold for Past and Current District Masters, Light Blue for Past and Current Vice Supreme Masters, and Dark Blue for Past and Current Supreme Master.) \*\*The beret is only worn when in a Color Corp or Honor Guard Function\*\*
- 8: Service Baldric with Sword. (The Social Baldric is not worn with the Uniform. However, the Social Baldric can be worn while wearing a business suit or tuxedo)

I hope this clarifies any and all issues regarding the Uniform of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Next item is some upcoming dates that Honor Guards and Color Guards will be needed. Please let me know if you will be able to assist on any of the dates.

April 12, 2022 Chrism Mass at The Cathedral of St. Joseph. Mass begins at 11:00am

April 30, 2022 Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Details will be coming out soon.

May 13-15, 2022 Vermont State Convention for the opening and closing Ceremonies of the Business Session and for the Award's Banquet Saturday evening. Honor Guard will also be needed for The Memorial Mass on Friday and The Bishop's Mass on Saturday.

May 21, 2022 Mass of Ordination at The Cathedral of St. Joseph. Mass begins at 10:00am

TBD – Blessing of the Mobile Ultrasound Van. Details will go out when they become available.

Again please let me know if you will be available to participate in any of the upcoming events.

Fraternally,  
Thomas Herbst, Jr. IPSD  
District Master



## STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

March 2022

Dear Brother Knights!

The next two months – March and April will be very busy for your state officers and program directors as we prepare for the 124<sup>th</sup> State Convention. This will be our first true in person convention in 3 years!

Each council in good standing, meaning councils who have paid their per capita invoices are requested to send the State Secretary your convention delegates and alternates. I enter this information into our convention delegate file which will be used thruout the convention weekend for eligible voting, per diem and mileage reimbursement determination. Please send in this form to me asap. Thus far, I've received about 7 out of 37 councils.

Speaking of 2<sup>nd</sup> half per capital for fraternal year 21 – 22, the following councils still need to provide remittance: 297, 9146, 10535, 13574. I have provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> notice (reminder) last week. Reminders went to the Financial Secretary's.

Reminder – Anchor Award nominations are due by the end of February. Please send your nomination packages to me ([ROSEANDJIMMICHAEL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ROSEANDJIMMICHAEL@GMAIL.COM)). I will extend the Award nominations a few days into March then we will close off all submissions!

If your council would like to have council insurance, please contact IPSD Thomas Herbst II as he is compiling a list of councils that I will need to invoice for the council insurance.

Lastly, similar to what I included in my February report, 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 need continued strong State committees and in several cases, we only have a single Knight during the job that a team of Knights should be doing. If you are interested in joining a state committee or have an idea and not sure it is already part of a committee, just reach out and let me know!!

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!  
Jim Michael (State Secretary)



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.

<b>Delegate #1</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Member #</b>	<input type="text"/>
Wife's Name	<input type="text"/>		
Mailing Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Physical Address (if different from above):	<input type="text"/>		
Email:	<input type="text"/>	Phone:	<input type="text"/>
<b>Delegate #2</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Member #</b>	<input type="text"/>
Wife's Name	<input type="text"/>		
Mailing Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Physical Address (if different from above):	<input type="text"/>		
Email:	<input type="text"/>	Phone:	<input type="text"/>

<b>Alternate #1</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Member #</b>	<input type="text"/>
Wife's Name	<input type="text"/>		
Mailing Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Physical Address (if different from above):	<input type="text"/>		
Email:	<input type="text"/>	Phone:	<input type="text"/>
<b>Alternate #2</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Member #</b>	<input type="text"/>
Wife's Name	<input type="text"/>		
Mailing Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Physical Address (if different from above):	<input type="text"/>		
Email:	<input type="text"/>	Phone:	<input type="text"/>

<b>The above delegates and alternates were duly elected on</b>		Click In Space Below to Select Date
Signature: <input type="text"/>	Printed Name: <input type="text"/>	, 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.

Bill LaCroix  
State Program Director / State Warden  
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Colchester , VT 05446  
802-881-2748  
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# State Council Program Awards

## Entry Form

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

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

CATEGORY (MARK ONE):  Faith  Family  Community  Life



### COUNCIL INFORMATION:

1 Council Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Council Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Knight: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROGRAM INFORMATION (complete all sections):

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

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

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

**DO NOT SUBMIT THIS REPORT FORM TO SUPREME COUNCIL**

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

MAIL ORIGINAL TO: State Deputy or State Program Director

COPY TO: Council File

Available in electronic format at [www.kofc.org](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

# VT State KofC Scholarship Applications Are Due By 3/15/22!

**Only 1 application has been received to date.**

## Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

### SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

Nicholas J. Conti  
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(802)- 839-0116

E-mail: [WNMG@aol.com](mailto:WNMG@aol.com)

(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



# Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

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

December 12, 2021

## 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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(802)- 839-0116

E-mail: [WNMG@aol.com](mailto:WNMG@aol.com)

(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](mailto: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.**



## 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.

**Sir Knight Leonard A. Roberge**, age 107, member of Leo Council 917 and Leo Assembly 1154 (Brattleboro) with over 60 years of service. At the time of his passing, he was Vermont's oldest WWII veteran.

### **Bishop Rice Council 2646**

**William Gabbeitt** Age 82, 14 Years of service 4<sup>th</sup> degree **Knights** Pasted Feb 2, 2022,

**Leo Campagna**, Age 90, 64 Years of service 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight Pasted Feb 3, 2022

Both St. Joseph Icons have continued 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. presently has one of the Icons. St. Stephen's Council #2284 in Winooski and St. John Paul II Council #10417 in Milton have scheduled the Icons for mid-March. DeGoesbriand Council #279 in Burlington will also have an Icon at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph's Feast Day.

**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](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.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blessing of Snowmobiles with a Community Family Breakfast

Sunday, February 20th, Knights of Columbus of Fr. Meany-Fr. St. Onge Council 7943, Troy VT, invited all local snowmobilers and clubs to attend a Catholic Blessing of Snowmobiles with an "all you can eat" Community Family Breakfast at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church parking lot, Troy VT., at 10:30 AM by Rev. Fr. Leopold Bilodeau and Deacon Francis "Ward" Nolan. Breakfast was served from 8:00 – 11:00 AM with the Ladies of Sacred Heart of Jesus conducting a healthy bake sale.

**Blessing of Snowmobiles**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, be with you all.

All powerful God,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
in the rich depths of your wisdom  
you have empowered us to produce great and beautiful works.  
Grant, we pray, that those who use this snowmobile  
may travel safely, with care for the safety of others.  
When traveling the beautiful meadows and woods of God's creation,  
let them always find Christ to be the companion of their journey,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

May the Lord be the guide on your Journeys,  
so that you may travel in peace and reach eternal life.

And may almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



(L-R) GK-FDM George Piette, FS-PSD Daniel McAvinney, Treasurer-PGK Jacques Couture, Recorder Gerard Raboin  
(Back Row) DGK-PGK Richard Morrisette, Br. Gaston Bathalon, Br. Michael Markush



# Knights of Columbus

## BREAKFAST

Sponsored by Council 7943



**St. Andre Bessette Parish - Troy Church Hall**  
**130 South Pleasant Street**  
**Troy, VT**

**All you can eat for \$9!**  
**(Kids under 5 are free)**

**EVERY 3RD SUNDAY**  
**8AM - 11AM**



**To benefit families in need!**

For more info contact 802.673.7510 or 802.323.2470

### ***Insurance Agent message***

Dear Brother Knights,

There have been many changes and additions to the Knights portfolio of products in the last year. This has occurred because of the input from members, relayed along by your dedicated field force of agents, to Supreme. Many more exciting and effective enhancements are forthcoming.

These developments within the Order are coming at a time when many changes are also happening in the realm of finances and taxes. As was the case before, the Knights are well positioned to serve the members in their needs. It's just a matter of reviewing with each individual member their specific program for retirement planning and protection.

Our mutual insurance company has experienced record growth for many consecutive years, with one of the biggest jumps in 2008-2009 when markets turned. It is important to reassess your risk at times when things are in your favor. Please consider scheduling an appointment for a confidential consultation. I look forward to working with every one of you for many years to come. Take care and God bless,

Dave Giuliani

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

802.272.6009

Good morning Brother Knights,

Hope this finds everyone.

The following are the dates for the State Free Throw Competition.

I'll need 10-12 Brother Knights to assist with this competition. The boys will have a much larger group. We'll be utilizing (4) basketball hoops, need scorer/judge and (2) rebounders for each hoop.

### **State Championship**

➤ Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> at Rice Memorial Catholic High School. I'll need 10-12 volunteers. More on this to follow.

God Bless everyone.

Regards,

**Jeffrey P. Brosseau**

St. Francis CYO Basketball

802-233-5530 (cell)

## PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS



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**Mr. Giang Vu**  
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**Mr. Cale Bombardier**  
**Fourth College**  
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Providence, RI



**Mr. Khoa Nguyen**  
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**Mr. An Hong Dinh**  
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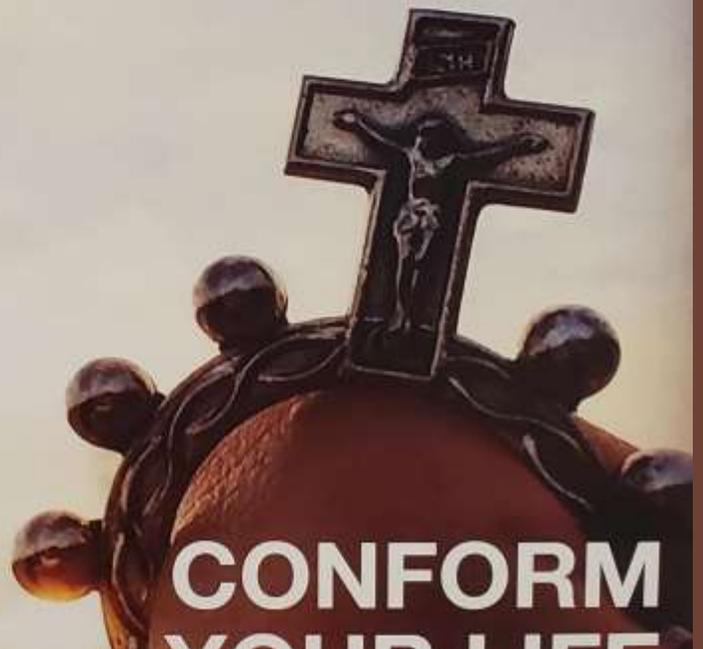
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2021-2022

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## VERMONT STATE COUNCIL

# STATE FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

**TO BE HELD AT:** RICE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
99 Proctor Avenue  
South Burlington, Vermont 05403

**WHEN:** Sunday, MARCH 13, 2022  
Registration beginning at 11:30 AM

**CONCESSION:** Not available at this time

### **Registration Times:**

11:30AM - 12:00PM	9 & 10 year old Boys and Girls
12:00PM - 12:30PM	11 year old Boys and Girls
12:00PM - 1:00PM	12 year old Boys and Girls
12:00PM - 1:30PM	13 year old Boys and Girls
12:00PM - 1:45PM	14 year old Boys and Girls

### **Contest Times:**

12:00PM	Announcements, prayer, National Anthem
12:15PM	9 year old Boys and Girls shoot
12:45PM	10 year old Boys and Girls shoot
1:15PM	11 year old Boys and Girls shoot
1:45PM	12 year old Boys and Girls shoot
2:15PM	13 year old Boys and Girls shoot
2:45PM	14 year old Boys and Girls shoot

# Saint Stephen's Council #2284

Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284's Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont presents a most worthy gift to Rice Memorial High School's Director of Advancement Nancy Viner on Monday!



## **DeGosbriand Council # 279 March 20th Breakfast**

Join us on Sunday, March 20th for an old-fashioned all you care to eat pancake breakfast.

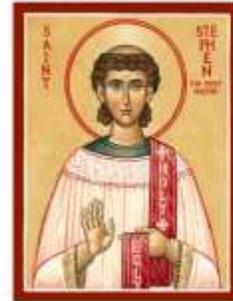
The breakfast feast will feature all of your favorites. Bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, breakfast potatoes, French toast, and more. Coffee, juice, butter, and real Vermont maple syrup are included.

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 A.M. in the parish center of St. Joseph's located at 29 Allen Street in the heart of the Old North End. Take-out containers are available. Hope to see you there!

Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284

Is Honored To Present The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Monsignor Thomas J. Ball Jesus Open



**Date:** Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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!!!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Hole Challenge: A Hole-In-One Wins A \$10,000 New Kitchen!**

**6<sup>th</sup> Hole Challenge: A Hole-In-One Wins A \$10,000 Cash Award!**

**14<sup>th</sup> Hole Challenge: A Hole-In-One Wins A 2022 Mercedes Benz C-300!**

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**

# Gibbons Council 2285

## GET SAUCY FOR VALENTINES DAY

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Gibbons Council 2285 hosted a spaghetti dinner with sauce contest to raise funds for Newport's Gardner Park Playground Project and the Mater Dei Parish Building Maintenance Fund. St. Edward's Hall in Derby Line was transformed into Sweetheart Restaurant. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal complete with choice of three different heart shaped cakes made by Bobbie Bruce, wife of Grand Knight Rick Bruce. Each guest signed up for the door prize of a beautiful floral bouquet, had their picture taken in the photo booth and voted on the ten different sauces that were entered. The sauce voting was a tight race. Sauce #7 made by Brendan Perry came in 1st winning \$100. Sauce #9 made by Anita Gervais came in 2nd winning \$50 and Sauce #10, made by Patience Cobb came in 3rd winning \$25. Honorable Mention went to Kathy Nolan. Congratulations! Michael Peden won the door prize of a beautiful floral arrangement. Children got to take the heart balloons home. We were pleased to have Fr. Leo Bilodeau join us so we could celebrate his 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. Plans are underway for council 2285 to host this festive event again next year.



The yummy sauces for guests to taste and vote on. Cash prizes were awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**Top Left:**

Bobbie Bruce, wife of GK Rick Bruce made three delicious heart shaped cakes for the event as well as decorated the hall

**Top Right:**

Fr. Leo Bilodeau with his special valentines Maurice Brasseur, Normand Raymond and Keith Mandart

**Bottom Right:**

Brother Cedar Bolton's daughter poses for a picture in the Valentine's photo booth. Props were available for guests to use in their photos.



Plans are underway for council 2285 to host this festive event again next year.





Top: Guests enjoying the delicious food and ambiance set by the candles, balloons & flowers.

Below: A beautiful arrangement that was given as a door prize to a lucky guest in attendance





# *Knights of Columbus* *Roast Pork & Beans Dinner*

*Saturday, March 27, 2021*

*5:30 PM—6:30 PM*

*St. Ann Parish, 41 Main Street, Milton, VT*

**DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, THIS YEAR'S  
DINNER WILL BE TAKE-OUT ONLY!**

*Roasted Pork Loin,  
Homemade Baked Beans,  
Potatoes, Gravy, Coleslaw, Dessert*

*Adults: \$15 ea. • Students: \$10 ea.*

*Seniors: \$13 ea. Kids under 6: Free*

*Immediate Family Maximum: \$45*

*For advanced tickets - call St. Ann rectory @ 893-2487  
during business hours M-F 9:30AM – 3:00PM*

Attached is article that appeared in Feb 10th White River Valley Herald about Fr. Gratton Chaplain for the following Councils Bethel Randolph and Norwich University

## **Shepherding His Battalion Father Gratton Shares Stories of Army Chaplaincy**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2022 BY DYLAN KELLEY**

Last summer, as the United States was evacuating the last of its military personnel from Afghanistan after the fall of Kabul, Army Chaplain Father Scott Gratton was on deployment to the Middle East.

Though only one platoon of Fr. Gratton's unit was sent to that country to assist with the evacuation, Gratton found his hands full with caring for the religious and spiritual needs of the soldiers around him who could only watch and listen as the country in which many of them had previously served fell to the Taliban.

"There were so many emotions going on during that time and trying to juggle them all, trying to reach soldiers wherever they were," recalled Gratton, "it was pretty intense, for sure."

### **Hearing the Call**

Gratton's journey as a chaplain in the U.S. Army began as an unlikely one, even for him.

Initially reluctant to become a Catholic priest, Gratton first attended the seminary as a way to talk himself out of the priesthood, he said. After a few years of serving as a diocesan priest around Vermont, the thought of becoming a military chaplain came to him.

Again reluctant and uncertain, Gratton passed the decision to the local bishop, who after six months of prayer and consideration, agreed that Gratton should sign up for a military chaplaincy.

"I'm actually pretty new to the Army," he said this week. "I came in in May of 2019—I'm coming up on my three-year anniversary of being in."

After weighing the pros and cons of joining the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force, Gratton eventually opted to serve in the Army, preferring its in-the-mud-with-the-soldiers approach to military pastoral work to the more office-based approach of the other branches.

"If you're only sitting in the chapel waiting for people to come to you, you're not doing your job," he said. "Your soldiers are out there in the trenches, they're out there doing exercises. You should be with them. That's what inspired me the most about it," added Gratton.

Though he could only perform Catholic services, Gratton explained that the job of an Army chaplain was to provide for the religious needs or spiritual support to any of the soldiers serving alongside them, a process that often-witnessed Gratton enduring the same grueling conditions as the infantry soldiers in his unit.

"You have a different connection with your soldiers because you're with them all the time, they see you standing outside in the rain all day when they're standing outside in the rain, you're in the blistering heat [with them]," he said. "When you suffer alongside someone, you can't help but form some bonds."

Serving as a first lieutenant before being promoted to captain during his 2021 deployment, Gratton explained that much of his job had little to do with pastoral work and everything to do with "learning how to speak Army," including attending regular commander update briefs (or CUBs), where each of the major coordinators of his unit would brief the battalion commander and one another.

“We’d have all the heavy hitters: the battalion commander, the sergeant major, the major, the executive officer, all the operations officers, the supply officers, all the company commanders— everyone under the sun!” he said. “You’re expected to give an update on religious needs, different holidays that are coming up that might affect different soldiers at different times.” Gratton also explained that one of his duties was to act as a “moral compass” within the Army. “It’s my duty that if my battalion commander is doing something immoral— if there’s unethical things going on, whether it comes with the nature of war or even within the battalion,” he explained. “It is my duty to speak to him or her that ‘you are being unethical right now and you need to change this.’”

### **Listening Closely**

But the most valued and important role of an Army chaplain is that of the safest confidant in the military, Gratton said, noting that private conversations between him and the soldiers he served with remain “100% confidential,” regardless of circumstance.

“Soldiers have a really bad tendency to put on a tough exterior and no one can see them struggling—so to have a space where you can tell someone, who you know isn’t going to go tell the rest of the battalion” can be helpful, he said. “We become the first line of defense when soldiers finally speak up about things— whether it’s, God forbid, a sexual assault or harassment, or something like that. Sometimes, speaking it out loud is the hardest thing.”

During the 11-month deployment that he returned from in December, Gratton explained that, with the fall of Afghanistan, the soldiers around him needed even more support as they watched the debacle unfold.

“There were soldiers who had been deployed multiple times there, so the question of ‘was any of it worth it?’ Those doubts of ‘I’ve lost friends for this and this is the way it’s unfolding,’ it was hard on them,” he said, noting that he wasn’t prepared for the kind of survivor’s guilt that he began observing in his soldiers in that moment.

“They were angry at themselves because they had friends or family members who were in Afghanistan and they weren’t right now,” Gratton said. “They would much rather [have it] that their life was on the line than have their friend or brother do it for them—there was this real, heavy guilt.”

Gratton also pointed out that his role as chaplain extended well out of the ranks of rookies and other enlisted personnel—rising all the way up to the battalion commander who, having “no one to complain to” also sought support and guidance from Gratton.

“I’m his chaplain too, so it was great to know that I could walk into his office at any time,” he said. “It doesn’t happen often, but at least they have that safety valve if they need it. You are their confidant as well.”

Though he was deployed across the Middle East—including to Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan—and received a promotion along the way, Gratton made a point this week to acknowledge the work of his assistant, Sergeant Nicole Brant, who was responsible for coordinating the logistics of Gratton’s travels, keeping an ear out of soldiers that might be struggling, and generally keeping an eye on the chaplain’s safety.

“You’re not allowed to go out on your own and that’s basically because we’re idiots!” joked Gratton. “From an Army standpoint, we’re not that great. Is it a minefield, is it not? I don’t know, I’m just going to go help souls and walk through minefields to do it—and [she’s] like ‘uh, you should probably avoid the minefield.’”

Brant was even responsible for providing personal security for Gratton, he said, noting that the Geneva Convention prohibits chaplains from carrying weapons.

## Back in Black

With his return to the White River Valley, Gratton said he keeps in frequent contact with many of the soldiers he was deployed with, offering additional prayers and occasionally meeting up for lunch.

Being stateside has its perks though, he said as he watched his tuxedo cat saunter across the room and past the camouflage pattern of his Army uniform.

“For me, I enjoyed it,” said Gratton, “but by the end of it you miss those simple freedoms of staying in your own space...or being able to drive anywhere you want.”

Now that he’s home, Gratton has resumed the pastoral duties he left behind nearly a year ago—driving up and down the valley to preach at Catholic churches in Randolph, Bethel, and Rochester.

### TWO’S DAY GUESSING CONTEST

At the recent Get Saucy event, a couple of number loving Knights of Columbus wives, put together a guessing contest with winners to be announced on Two’s Day 2.22.22. One was to guess how many M & M’s were in the jar. There were 822. Retha Piette came closest guessing 875 and wins a \$25 gift card to Lines and Designs Greenhouse in West Charleston donated by Crystal Grenier! Congratulations Retha and thank you Crystal! The other was to guess how many Skittles and Starburst packages were in the container. There were 106 and there were two winners that each came closest guessing 100. Congratulations to MacKennah Magee and to Teddy Thompson. They each received 106 Starburst/Skittles packages along with gift cards to Wendy’s! Thank you to everyone who guessed! Happy Two’s Day everyone!



	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>ROUND TABLE</u>	<u>PRIEST SUPORT</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP STRATEGY</u>	<u>COMMUNITY SIZE</u>	<u>"MEMBERSHIP DEAD"*</u>
1	297	Y	Y	N	>6.8	N
1	2610	N	Y	N	>2.3	Y
1	7669	N	Y	N	>6.7	Y
1	10417	Y	Y	Y	>10.7	N
1	10830	Y	Y	Y	>5	N

### MEMBERSHIP QUOTAS with DISTRICT TOTALS

COUNCIL	MBR	GAIN/LOSS	INSUR SEMINAR	TOTAL +/-	LOCATION
<b>DISTRICT #1 *19/530 (+1)</b>					
297	8	1/1/0	1/0/+1	150 (-8)	ST ALBANS
2610	3	0/0/0	0/1/-1	69 (+2)	RICHFORD
7669	5	0/0/0	0/0/0	97	SWANTON
10417	6	4/0/4	0/0/0	140 (+5)	MILTON <sup>^</sup>
10830	4	3/0/3	0//1/-/1	74 (+2)	FAIRFAX
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8/1/7</b>	<b>1/-2/-1</b>	<b>530 (+1)</b>	

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>ROUND TABLE</u>	<u>PRIEST SUPORT</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP STRATEGY</u>	<u>COMMUNITY SIZE</u>	<u>"MEMBERSHIP DEAD"*</u>
2	421	Y	Y	N	>7.3	N
2	2285	N	Y	N	>4.5	N
2	7763	N	Y	N	>1.1	Y
2	7943	N	Y	N	>1.7	Y
2	13574	N	Y	N	>1,4	Y

### DISTRICT #2 17/442 (-9)

421	4	0/0/0	0/0/0	83 (-2)	ST. JOHNSBURY <sup>^</sup>
2285	9	1/0/+1	1/0/+1	180 (+32)	NEWPORT
7763	3	0/0/0	1/0/+1	72 (+1)	ORLEANS
7943	4	0/0/0	0/0/0	62 (-10)	TROY
13574	3	0/0/0	0/0/0	44 (-1)	LYDONVILLE
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1/0/1</b>	<b>2/0/+2</b>	<b>442 (-9)</b>	

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>ROUND TABLE</u>	<u>PRIEST SUPORT</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP STRATEGY</u>	<u>COMMUNITY SIZE</u>	<u>"MEMBERSHIP DEAD"*</u>
3	279	Y	Y	Y	>44.7	N
3	2284	N	Y	Y	>7.9	N
3	7525	Y	Y	Y	>20.2	N

**DISTRICT #3 23/403**

279	5	5/0/+5	1/0/+1	109
2284	6	5/0/+5	0/0/0	125 (+2)
7525	8	13/0/+13	3/-1/+2	169 (-2)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25/0/+23</b>	<b>4/1/+3</b>	<b>403</b>

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<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>ROUND TABLE</u>	<u>PRIEST SUPORT</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP STRATEGY</u>	<u>COMMUNITY SIZE</u>	<u>"MEMBERSHIP DEAD"*</u>
4	2496	N	N	N	>22.9	N
4	4684	Y	Y	Y	>4.1	N
4	7389	N	N	N	>17.5	Y
4	7810	N	Y	N	>3.1	N

**DISTRICT #4 17/263 (-6)**

2496	9	0/0/0	0/0/0	93 (-3)
4684	3	1/0/+1	2/0/+2	59 (+2)
7389	3	0/0/0	0/0/0	60 (-1)
7810	3	0/0/0	0/0/0	51
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1/0/1</b>	<b>2/0/+2</b>	<b>263 (-6)</b>

**ESSEX JCT**  
**RICHMOND**  
**COLCHESTER**  
**UNDERHILL**

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>ROUND TABLE</u>	<u>PRIEST SUPORT</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP STRATEGY</u>	<u>COMMUNITY SIZE</u>	<u>"MEMBERSHIP DEAD"*</u>
5	399	Y	Y	Y	>8/8.5	N
5	1568	N	Y	N	>2.9	N
5	2085	N	N	N	>5.3	Y
5	5041	N	Y	Y	>3.8	N

**DISTRICT #5 14/433 (-7)**

399	10	2/0/+2	0/0/0	223 (-8)
1568	3	0/0/0	0/0/0	69
2085	3	0/0/0	0/0/0	60 (-1)
5041	4	3/0/+3	1/0/+1	81 (+2)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5/0/5</b>	<b>1/0/1</b>	<b>433 (-7)</b>

**E. MONTPELIER**  
**HARDWICK**  
**WATERBURY**  
**MORRISVILLE**

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>ROUND TABLE</u>	<u>PRIEST SUPORT</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP STRATEGY</u>	<u>COMMUNITY SIZE</u>	<u>"MEMBERSHIP DEAD"*</u>
6	2025	Y	Y	Y	>2.2	N
6	9146	N	Y	Y	>3.6	N
6	10241	N	Y	N	>1.9	Y
6	11457	N	N	N	>5.9	Y
6	14351	N	N	N	>4.7	Y

**DISTRICT #6 13/300 (12)**

2025	3	0/0/0	0/0/0	62 (+1)	WHITE RIVER JCT
9146	7	11/0/11	1/0/+1	155 (12)	NORTHFIELD
10241	3	0/0/0	0/0/0	29 (-1)	BETHEL
11457	3	0/0/0	0/0/0	22	NORTHFIELD
14351	3	0/0/0	0/0/0	32	RANDOLPH
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11/0/11</b>	<b>1/0/1</b>	<b>300 (12)</b>	

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>ROUND TABLE</u>	<u>PRIEST SUPORT</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP STRATEGY</u>	<u>COMMUNITY SIZE</u>	<u>"MEMBERSHIP DEAD"*</u>
<b>7</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>&gt;9.1</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>3664</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>&gt;4.5</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>10535</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>&gt;3.7</b>	<b>N</b>

**DISTRICT #7 8/203 (+2)**

642	5	1/0/1	0/0/0	100 (+2)	MIDDLEBURY
3664	3	0/0/0	0/0/0	68	VERGENNES <sup>A</sup>
10535	3	0/0/0	0/0/0	35	BRISTOL
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1/0/+1</b>	<b>0/0/0</b>	<b>203 (2)</b>	

<b>8</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>&gt;2.7</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>&gt;12.1</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>2832</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>&gt;3.5</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>6816</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>&gt;4.4</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>7324</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>&gt;2.1</b>	<b>N</b>

**DISTRICT #8 12/288 (+3)**

753	5	1/0/+1	0/0/0	94 (1)	BELLOWS FALLS
917	3	0/0/0	0/0/0	65	BRATTLEBORO
2832	3	0/0/0	0/0/0	40 (-1)	WINDSOR
6816	3	0/0/0	0/0/0	58 (-1)	MANCHESTER
7324	3	3/0/+3	1/1/0	31 (+2)	LUDLOW
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4/0/4</b>	<b>1/1/0</b>	<b>288 (+3)</b>	

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>ROUND TABLE</u>	<u>PRIEST SUPORT</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP STRATEGY</u>	<u>COMMUNITY SIZE</u>	<u>"MEMBERSHIP DEAD"*</u>
<b>9</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>&gt;15.8</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>&gt;15.3</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>&gt;2.7</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>2628</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>&gt;9.0</b>	<b>Y</b>

**DISTRICT #9 19/499 (-5)**

232	11	0/0/0	0/0/0	225 (-3)
307	7	0/0/0	0/0/0	152 (-2)
810	4	1/0/1	0/1/-1	80 (1)
2628	3	0/0/0	0/0/0	43 (-1)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1/0/1</b>	<b>0/1/-1</b>	<b>499 (-5)</b>

**RUTLAND** ^  
**BENNINGTON**  
**FAIR HAVEN**  
**SPRINGFIELD**

## NOTES

\* "Membership Dead" "F" defined as having no recruiting success in two consecutive years

^ Degree team formed

"Round Table" – Based upon visit to councils and feedback from GK.

"Priest Support" "N" – Based upon visibility of priests at council meetings and feedback from GK

"Membership Strategy" "N" – Based upon lack of use of Council Membership Director-Retention Chairman Committee and unsuccessful new member recruiting. If strategy exists it as not well executed

"Community Size" - in the thousands (figures taken from Wikipedia)

If any GK disputes my evaluation, he is free to discuss this with me, the DD or the State Deputy. Mind you, the SA accompanied me on visits. The DD is required to develop a membership strategy with each of his Councils at the beginning of the Fraternal Year and mid-term. Observations and analysis by the DD showing his involvement in council affairs should be traced back through his monthly reports to the State Deputy along with his 6-month analysis reports to SA and Supreme.



# St John Paul II Council #10417

St John Paul II Council #10417 in Milton held a Lasagna dinner on Saturday, Feb 26, 2022 at St Ann's Church Hall. Approximately 180 meals were served consisting of a generous helping of lasagna, garlic bread, side salad with croutons and dressing, and two cookies for dessert. Head chefs and planners for the dinner were Ed Malila and Tim Downs. They were assisted by about 20 knights and their family members for serving up the dinners and distributing them to hungry parishioners and community members. This was the first of what will likely be an annual event for serving lasagna as people loved the delicious food and generous servings. The event was sold out, but the leftover spaghetti sauce was donated to Martha's Kitchen in St Albans.



# 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
WEEK #6 02/05/2022	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	48	Butch Robbins	2832
\$75.00	100	Richard Brochu	1568
\$50.00	238	Fr. Scott Gratton	9146
WEEK #7 02/12/2022	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	222	Leonard Noel	2946
\$75.00	81	Terry Fox	5041
\$50.00	92	Brochu Citgo Service	1568
WEEK #8 02/19/2022	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	43	Bill Robie	399
\$75.00	39	Thomas E DeVarney	2284
\$50.00	99	William Yakibik	4684
WEEK #9 02/26/2022	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	120	Richard Dunseith	7324
\$75.00	215	Jonathan Lussier	1568
\$50.00	96	Ludlow Council 7324	7324

**Give in proportion to what you own.  
If you have great wealth, give alms out of your abundance;  
If you have but little, do not be afraid to give alms even of that little. - Tobit 4:8**



# 50/50 Fundraiser

Funds raised for Mater Dei Parish: St. Mary's in Newport  
St. Edward's in Derby Line & St. James in Island Pond

**Winning Tickets will be drawn on August 14, 2022  
at 8th Annual Mater Dei Parish Picnic  
to honor "Father Justin Russolillo, SDV"**

Make checks payable to: **Mater Dei Parish**  
191 Clermont Terrace, Newport, VT 05855  
Email: [materdei@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:materdei@vermontcatholic.org) / 802-334-5066

**\$50.00 - Per Ticket**  
3 Tickets for \$100.00  
30 Total Prizes  
Only 3000 Tickets available

10% of All Proceeds	— 1 Winner
5% of All Proceeds	— 2 Winners
3% of All Proceeds	— 4 Winners
2% of All Proceeds	— 3 Winners
1% of All Proceeds	— 4 Winners
0.5 % of All Proceeds	— 16 Winners

**50/50 Fundraiser—2022**  
Donation: \$50.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

STE  St. M  St. J

Mater Dei Parish: St. Benedict Laborer, St. James the Greater, St. Edward the Confessor & St. Mary, Star of the Sea Churches

Mater Dei Parish window reconstruction project has commenced, your financial support is greatly appreciated

## MATER DEI PARISH 50/50 FUNDRAISER

Get Your Mater Dei Parish 50/50 Fundraiser Raffle Tickets!

Only 3000 tickets will be sold... 30 prizes

Top prize is 10% of ticket sales up to \$10,000!

\$50 per ticket or 3 for \$100.

Winning tickets will be drawn at Mater Dei's 2022 annual picnic on August 14, 2022. Raffle to benefit Mater Dei Parish.

Contact George, Grand Knight, 802-323-2470 or  
Email: [georgepiette@gmail.com](mailto:georgepiette@gmail.com)

### 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.

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