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Vermont State Council **April 2022 Edition**

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From the Vermont State Deputy



My Brother Knights,

As I am writing this, it is the Fourth Sunday of Lent and believe it or not, we are halfway through the Season of Lent. Have you been preparing yourself during this season of Lent? Have you increased your time with Jesus? Have you stopped by your local Church for a quick visit? Have you prayed with your family? Have you done some sort of fasting? These can be difficult questions to ask ourselves, but rest assured that it's not too late to enter in more deeply, the season of Lent. I would ask that you consider attending Mass on Holy Thursday, the Institution of the Eucharist and the anniversary of the priesthood and to recognize your pastor or any other priests' that you know. I would also ask that you make an attempt to attend Good Friday services and follow the path that Our Lord took to Calvary.

CONVENTION UPDATE:

Our annual convention is slated for May 13 – 15, 2022 at the Jay Peak Resort. From what our State Secretary has told me, the credentials are coming in rather slowly. We need to know who your Council delegates will be sooner than later. This list of delegates will be used to appoint the various committees to help make the convention run smoothly. If you have not done so yet, please take the time to fill out the credentials form and send it to Jim Michael, our State Secretary at roseandjimmichael@gmail.com – again this is very important.

Your slate of officers for the fraternal year of July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023 is as follows:

State Deputy – Jim Michael
State Secretary – Chris Poirier
State Treasurer –
State Advocate – Elijah Lachance
State Warden – Bill LaCroix

As you can see, we are in need of a State Treasurer. If you or you know someone who would like to serve in this capacity, please let me know at your earliest convenience. The State Board would like to have name in place before the end of April.

Dress code for the annual convention:

Friday Mass and Dinner – casual
Saturday Business Meeting – Business attire, shirt, tie, sportcoat
Bishop's Mass – Men – tuxedo or dark business suit, dress baldrich if you are a 4th Degree Member
Saturday Banquet – Formal for the men and the ladies
Sunday Morning Business Meeting – casual for all

REPORTS:

I have personally contacted most of you who need to submit a report before April 15, 2022. Please submit those reports to: Jim Michael, our State Secretary and Chris Poirier, our State Treasurer. Their emails are as follows:

Jim Michael – roseandjimmichael@gmail.com
Chris Poirier – cpfixit@comcast.net

These reports will be distributed to all the delegates prior to the convention and there are some items that will need to be voted upon so I cannot stress enough the importance of getting these reports turned in. Thank you

As of this writing, we still do not have a Supreme Representative appointed to us. However, as soon as I receive word from Supreme, I will let everyone know.

For all you Grand Knights, please do not forget to bring a basket for our raffle and if you would like to donate something else along with your basket, the committee would be very grateful.

ADVERTISING:

Have you asked your pastor to take out an ad in our convention booklet yet? Have you asked any vendors that your Council deals with repeatedly to take out an ad? Remember that this helps to offset the tremendous expense of putting on a convention. Please send your ads to George Piette at georgepiette@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP:

Supreme has informed your State Board that we still need 18 new members before June 30, 2022. Can we make this happen? Can we achieve this goal set forth by Supreme? I have faith in all of you that you will make this State be the proudest in all the Northeast by achieving this goal. You must know someone, somewhere that you can ask to join our fraternal organization. Our State Membership Director, Ed Nuttall is always available for any questions, suggestions or ideas on how to solicit new members; he is a mere phone call away and I am sure he is more than willing to help you out in any way that he can.

RECOGNITION:

Plases join me in congratulating the St. Albans Council on their 125th Anniversary, March 30, 2022. Congratulations Worthy Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay and your entire Council on reaching this milestone!

Fraternally & Vivat Jesus,

Steve Shover
State Deputy





From your State Chaplain

Dear Brothers,

For my message this month I repeat some of the information I sent in a special, March 21st email to our newsletter list. Please continue to spread the word that we want informed voters to cast their votes in the November 8th referendum on the so-called Reproductive Liberty amendment.

What is the exact referendum in question? *Voters will be asked to affirm or reject the following amendment (i.e. addition) to the Vermont Constitution, under Chapter I, proposed Article 22: "That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means."*

How will it appear on the ballot? *The Vermont statehouse created this referendum by passing "Proposition 5." It may appear on the ballot at "Proposal 5," or with a different title, such as "Referendum #x," for example. The ballot will indicate that this is intended to become "Article 22" in the first chapter of the Vermont constitution, and it will contain the exact language listed above.*

How do we know what the language proposed in Article 22 means? *Reading the whole text of Proposition 5 provides the context in which Article 22 is being proposed, i.e. reproductive liberty. As many sources have pointed out, legal precedent for interpreting the ideologically charged language is vague and concerning at best. While the claim is to "ensure that government does not create or perpetuate the legal, social, or economic inferiority of any class of people," there is zero consideration that the unborn, at any moments prior to birth, might ever be considered a "class of people" with a right to life. We know many people intend Article 22 to mean a denial of human rights to all unborn persons prior to the very minute of birth.*

Should we wait until the voting day gets closer? *The covid19 pandemic brought about a great increase in the use of mail-in ballots. All voting residents of Vermont may very well receive a mail-in ballot, containing the referendum on Article 22, as early as September. We should take mail-in voting into consideration when educating people about this issue.*

I conclude again with the recommended website of *Vermonters for Good Government*: vermontersforgoodgovernment.org/, and with a bonus video to share: ubipetrusvt.com/2022/01/14/unbornpeople/.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Tim Naples, State Chaplain

My Brother Knights of Columbus in Vermont,

Please see this special appeal for small donations and volunteer-time, and prayer support, for upcoming presentations about Article 22!

Perhaps your council can even organize and host such presentations. Check with your parishes to see if anything is already planned. This email contains all you need to know to get started.

See that I am hosting the event shown in the attachment, April 2nd, at my parish in South Burlington. As you see, this event will have multiple presentations and we hope a good turnout!

- I ask, would Grand Knights consider a discretionary donation (\$50 at most) to St. John Vianney Parish for this event's sponsorship? We are providing beverages and paying for some advertisement.
- Some of our Grand Knights do not have any discretionary budget to tap for such donations. Perhaps in these cases your council can consider hosting or organizing a local presentation at your parish, and inviting Deacon Peter Gummere, or other deacons or priests, or organizational leaders, to speak. See below for a full list of suggestions. In addition to hosting or sponsoring a presentation on any particular day, I repeat the note from my Chaplain's Message in the March K. of C. Newsletter: [my recorded interview with Deacon Gummere about this topic is already available: www.youtube.com/watch?v=IP5_ce2rQ2w](#)

I thank you, sincerely, in Christ,
Vivat Jesus!
Fr. Timothy Naples, State Chaplain



MADNESS IN THE CONSTITUTION?

A Closer Look at Vermont's Proposed Constitutional Amendment, Article 22

April 2nd, 9:30 A.M.—12:30 P.M.

St. John Vianney Parish, in South Burlington, VT, will host an important informational session April 2nd at 9:30am. Learn about Article 22, the “Reproductive Liberty Amendment,” which would enshrine abortion on demand under a proposed “right to personal reproductive autonomy” into Vermont’s constitution. It is crucial for all Vermonters to examine how this amendment, if voted-in this November, would affect families, parents, and conscience rights in our state.

Hear from our knowledgeable panel:

- **Sharon Toborg, Policy Analyst from Vermont Right to Life**
- **Deacon Peter Gummere, Bioethicist for the Diocese of Burlington**
- **Annisa Lamberton, Spokesperson for Vermonters for Good Government**
- **Carol Kauffman, Member of Vermont Family Alliance**



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STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

April 2022

Dear Brother Knights!

I hope all of our VT Knights of Columbus and their families are doing well! Hopefully, you are taking some time to attend 'Stations of the Cross' and supporting your Parish during this Lent and Easter Season.

We are about 1.5 months away from our 124th State Convention which will be held at Jay Peak Resort on Friday 5/13 thru Sunday afternoon. It will be our first 'in person' convention in several years so we're all looking forward to seeing our Brother Knights and families. I know that our Convention committee is working very hard to prepare a great convention for us!

Most of my activity as your State Secretary has been administrative. Here is a summary to some of the more important of these items.

1. 2nd Half Per Capita: We have only 2 councils left to remitt their invoices – Councils 9146 and 13574. I am hoping we can pass a resolution for next Fraternal Year to only have one PER CAPITA for the FY instead of splitting it up into 2 separate invoices.
2. Council Liability Insurance: Good progress here and while these councils are not late in their remittance, they are still open invoices – Councils 3664, 7669, 7810, 10241, 10417.
3. Anchor Award Nominations are complete – Thank you! We have outstanding nominations!!

4. Necrology List for the Friday 5/13 Memorial Mass at the Convention. Sadly, this list is at 270 deceased Brother Knights since April 2019. I have sent this list to each council's Grand Knights, FS and most DGKs whose emails I have... asking for a review to assure we have all our Brother Knights who passed away since April 2019.

5. Credentials – Many councils have NOT sent me their delegates/alternate yet! Please use the credential form that has been in the past 2 State Newsletters as well as the various emails I have sent to Gks. At this time, here are the councils that I have NOT received credentials from (Just letting you know...): 232, 307, 421, 642, 753, 917, 1568, 2946, 3664, 4684, 7389, 9146, 10241, 10535 and 10830. My apologies if you emailed or US mailed and I did not receive yet.

6. FY 2022-2023 State Operating Budget Proposal has been submitted to the State Officers during the March State Officer Meeting. It is being reviewed/discussed and will be ready for the voting at the Convention.

7. Speaking of next Fraternal Year (22-23), the District Deputy Organizational Workshop will be held at St. John Vianney Church on 6/25 from 8am to 2pm. Our Regional Growth Director – Brendon Brown will be in attendance. He is an awesome Knight and person so we look forward to spending time with him again!

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Jim Michael (State Secretary)



124th Annual Vermont Knights of Columbus State Convention

Gift Basket Raffle

Dear Worthy Grand Knights,

The State Deputy has requested your council's support for the upcoming 124th Annual Vermont Knights of Columbus State Convention on Friday, May 13th through Sunday, May 15th 2022. In an effort to make the convention affordable for all attendees, we will again be conducting the popular "Gift Basket Raffle" which will be drawn on Saturday, May 14th. The proceeds from the raffle are used to defray the expenses associated with holding the State Convention while providing attendees a great chance to take home some wonderful prizes.

Your council is invited to support the Basket Raffle in **one of two ways**:

1. Assemble and donate a customized gift basket which could be a collection of locally popular food or beverage items or a theme-based-basket which would include items associated with a certain theme (ex. "home movie night" –DVDs, pizza gift card, popcorn, soda, candy, etc.) Other great gift baskets ideas might include those associated with themes like *Gardening, Wine & Cheese Party, Junk Food Galore, Do-it-Yourself Handyman, Chocolate Factory, Tastes of Italy and Green Mountain Specialties* just to name a few. The value of all items including the basket should be around \$50.00. Baskets may be delivered by council delegates to the registration area at *The Jay Peak Resort* if they can be there no later than 2:00 pm, Friday, May 13th.

Other arrangements can be made to drop-off the basket prior to the convention by contacting Sharon Noel at sfnoel16@gmail.com or by phone at (802)274-6933. It is important that we have your council's basket on display at the beginning of the convention registration so that attendees can select which baskets they want to take a chance on.

2. Donate \$50.00 so that a gift basket can be assembled on your council's behalf. Please make checks payable to, "VT KofC Convention Committee" and mailed to **Sharon Noel** 89 Horseshoe Lane, Lyndonville, VT 05851 to arrive by **Saturday, April 30, 2022.**

Please let me know which of the above options your council will pursue this year as soon as you can. I may be contacted by email at sfnoel16@gmail.com or by phone (802) 274-6933.

On behalf of our Vermont State Deputy, Steve Shover, thank you so much for your support of this very popular and fun raffle fundraiser.

God Bless.

Sharon Noel

Gift Basket Raffle Coordinator
Sheridan Council 421- St. Johnsbury



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.

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 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.



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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.

Mark Allen Bruce (younger brother of SK/GK Richard Bruce, Gibbons Council 2285) on February 18, 2022. Mark served honorably in the U.S. Navy for 6 years on board USS Shenandoah AD-44 and USS Safeguard ARS-50. Burial, with Military Honors, followed the funeral service. Please add the Bruce Family in your prayers

Good News

I am happy to remind all of you about the good news of the Gospel. The Kingdom of Heaven is an eternal wedding feast. Who is getting married you may ask? You are! Who are you getting married to? The Lord of the Harvest. When did He propose? He proposed from the Cross. When did I accept? At Baptism. All you need is a wedding garment. How do I get one of those? More good news: The Confessional is where your "Tailor" takes your measurements. Once all the alterations are made you are ready for your garment. And where do I put on my "garment"? At the Table of the Lamb when you receive the Eucharist-a sacrificial gift made to order for you. I urge you all to go frequently to Confession and receive the Eucharist. DO not neglect your prayer life-that is the diet that will keep the alterations to a minimum. Frequent Holy Hours will allow you to remain focused on your ideal weight. God Bless.

Mike Bullock-State Faith Director

Pilgrim Icon Program

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. In February and March, they traveled to Michaud Council #2025 in White River Jct., Fr. Pierre E. Boivin Council #5041 in Morrisville and St. John Paul II Council #10417 in Milton. DeGoesbriand Council #279 in Burlington also arranged for one of the Icons to be at St. Joseph's Cathedral on St. Joseph's Feast Day, Saturday, March 19th. At the moment, the only other Council lined up is St. Stephen's Council #2284 in Winooski for a week in April.

Did you know that there is a second feast day for St. Joseph the Worker on May 1?

I will also have both Icons at the State Convention in May if a Council wishes to arrange to take one afterwards. Let's keep them traveling to more KofC Councils and Assemblies throughout Vermont!



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 so that Councils may participate in this Faith in Action program. There is no set schedule or route. This program will extend throughout 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 me 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.

Important Updates from the Convention Planning Committee

The committee is busy wrapping up the final details of the 124th VSC Convention and want to remind delegates and guests of a few things.

Reserving Rooms and Meals – Rooms and meals are reserved and paid for separately. See your Convention Invitation for details. If you need extra copies let me know. Contact Dan McAvinney dmcavinney@outlook.com with any questions.

Rooms - Call Jay Peak reservations directly 802-988-2600 or 1-800-451-4449 and use group code 967767. 50% of the room cost will be billed to your credit card (CC), with the remainder due upon check in. You'll also need to have a CC on file for incidentals.

Note: our block of rooms will be released to the public on April 13, and room availability cannot be guaranteed after this date.

Late Check Out – Jay Peak will try to accommodate your request. Ask when you check in.

Meals – complete and mail the 'Meal Choices' form you received, with payment to Linda Brasseur. Meals must be reserved and paid for by April 15, 2022.

Note: Convention Meals cannot be purchased at Jay Peak at the event.

Saturday Banquet Seating - if you want to sit with a particular group, note this on the reverse of the Meal Choices' form and we'll try to accommodate you.

Council Chaplain Attendance – Grand Knights please ask your Chaplain to join us for the Friday night dinner and activities.

Delegate Check in and Registration – Grand Knights - be sure to get your credential form to State Secretary ASAP. Delegate and attendee nametag info is taken from this form. Nametags will be available at Friday afternoon and Saturday morning check in.

Knights of Columbus Store – We will have a Knights Gear store with all your favorite K of C items. Books, pamphlets, clothing such as shirts, neckties, jackets, etc. and K of C logo gift items will be available for purchase.

Eucharistic Adoration – participants can note their desired time slot on the reverse of the meal choices form.

Friday Night Entertainment – We're excited to host a 'Charity Bingo' with the proceeds to benefit Aspire Together and the K of C mobile ultrasound van.

Ladies' Programs – We're hosting this year's Saturday Ladies' event with speakers from Vermont Right to Life Committee (Mary Beerworth), Futures Pregnancy Care Center (Carmen Menard) and Aspire Together (Deb Couture). This will be a stellar presentation which will be open to the general public. Ladies can expect a letter from the committee with details regarding the Sunday Morning program by the end of April.

Saturday Photos – Optional Couples/Family photos will be available prior to the Banquet. To streamline this process, guests can sign up at the Friday or Saturday check in/registration. Award recipients will have photos with Bishop Coyne after the banquet.

Dress Code for the weekend:

Casual- everyday wear, clean, neat and appropriate.

Business casual – dress shirt, trousers, shoes. Tie and jacket are optional.

Business attire – Dark suit (or jacket, trousers) dark shoes, dress shirt and necktie.

Formal attire – Tuxedo with white (or black) jacket, white shirt, bow tie, dark shoes and social baldric for Sir Knights.

Ladies' formal – evening dress attire.

Dress code per event:

Friday – Casual attire for all.

Friday evening Mass - for Mass, casual dress. No tee shirts, jeans or shorts.

Saturday Business meeting – Gentlemen business attire

Saturday evening Mass – Gentlemen Formal or business attire.

Saturday Banquet – Gentlemen Formal attire - Sir Knights - social baldric. Ladies – formal

Sunday Business meeting – Casual attire – K of C or Council polo shirts if you have them.



Vocations

RSVP

On Saturday May 21, 2022 Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne is to ordain two Brother Knights, transitional deacons, Deacon Gregory Caldwell and Deacon Brandon Schneider, at a special Mass at 10 a.m. at St Joseph Cathedral. Pray for Them.

Deacon Caldwell, a graduate of Essex High School Class of 2008, earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Michigan and worked as a software engineer before entering the seminary. A convert to Catholicism, he was received into the Church at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 2013.

Deacon Schneider, a 1996 graduate of U-32 Middle and High School in Montpelier, was a member of St. Augustine Parish there. He received a bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University in history and Russian in 2000 and a master's degree from Georgetown University in Russian History in 2002. He worked in the Admissions Office at Georgetown University School of Medicine where he was assistant dean for admissions for almost five years before entering the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). After leaving the Dominicans, he worked at Northwestern University before entering formation for the Diocese of Burlington in 2020.

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

Our RSVP program allows councils and assemblies to "adopt" one or more seminarians or postulants and provide them with financial assistance and moral support.

All seminarians are worthy of support through RSVP by virtue of the fact that they are discerning a religious vocation, not because of their financial situation.

. The Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through this program, council 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

I ask that all our councils work with me as your State Vocations Director to ensure the proper and complete implementation of the RSVP program to ensure that every seminarian sponsored by the diocese is included in the RSVP program.

You can E-mail me at gfbean44@yahoo.com or call at 802- 862-8581. Also if you have given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 21 - June 30, 22) and have not sent me a copy, please send me a copy of **RSVP form 2863**.

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

Vivat Jesus

Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM

State Vocations Director

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Updated March 1, 2022

Field Agent message

There's so much risk and so much speculation involved in life these days. With a volatile market and an unsettled economy, there's too much left to chance. Guarantees are hard to come by these days. But not when it comes to the Knights of Columbus.

Here are six guarantees from the Knights of Columbus that you and your family can count on when you do business with the Knights.

We guarantee the cash value in your whole life insurance. The beauty of whole life is that it is truly permanent. It's a way to insure your life for life. That's true not only of the death benefit, but of the cash value, which we guarantee, provided that you continue to pay premiums according to the contract.

We guarantee the rates on your level term insurance. Just like permanent insurance with the Knights of Columbus is predictable, so are our level term policies. Your rates as laid out in your contract will not change. No surprises, just reliable, affordable coverage.

We guarantee a minimum interest rate on your retirement annuity. Your retirement is not something worth leaving up to chance. A Knights of Columbus annuity can help to remove some of the uncertainty. Your contract includes a guaranteed interest rate that you will continue to earn for the life of the contract. The actual rate you earn may be greater than that – and often is – but it will never be lower.

We guarantee high-quality, professional services. We're not just an insurance company. We're an insurance company for brother Knights, run by brother Knights. We pride ourselves first and foremost on the quality of service that we provide to members and families. I, as your field agent, will be there for you and your family whenever you call.

We guarantee not to purchase "junk" bonds or derivatives. We do not take brother Knights' financial futures and our ability to pay what we've promised lightly. We invest carefully, and make business decisions motivated not by profit or greed, but by service and commitment. Our safety, security, and fiscal responsibility are the principle reasons why we have earned A.M. Best's high rating for financial strength for over 40 consecutive years.

We guarantee not to invest in companies that deal in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography. The Knights of Columbus is unapologetically Catholic both professionally and fraternally. Our faith informs our work at every level, including the evaluation of each investment we make. Father McGivney wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

The Knights of Columbus should be different than any other insurance company – and we are. We are looking out for you in a way that no other company can because we're brothers. So join the hundreds of thousands of brother Knights who have chosen to help protect their future with the Knights of Columbus. Let's talk soon to see how the Knights of Columbus can help protect you and your family.

Dave Giuliani
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Please join us for the next virtual Fraternal Benefits Presentations with renowned IRA specialist Ed Slott:

June 3rd, 7:30 PM

EDT: https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1538413&tp_key=1902870bd5

June 15th, 7:30 PM

EDT: https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1538430&tp_key=78e84557c9

St. John Paul II Council #10417

St. John Paul II Council #10417 in Milton held our annual Roast Pork & Bean dinner on Saturday, March 26 at St. Ann's Church Hall. 180 delicious take-out dinners consisting of roast pork loin, homemade baked beans, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, cole slaw, applesauce and cake for dessert were purchased by parishioners and community members. Approx. 20 Knights of Council #10417 and family members prepared and served the dinners.



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

Just so you know this is how we stand in Jurisdiction #6 of the **CIRCLE OF HONOR**

PROGRAM.

The Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor Award recognizes those jurisdictions who have led the Order through excellence in membership growth. This year state deputies who achieved 95% percent or more of their annual membership goals are being recognized as Circle of Honor Award winners

Daily Circle of Honor Goal Report

Jurisdictions Intake Gain

Friday, March 25, 2022

Membership as of

Div	Jurisdiction	Goal	23-Mar	24-Mar	Diff	Need	Percent
1	6 Mexico Northeast	238	363	363	0	*	152.52%
2	7 Visayas	4,513	5,199	5,266	67	*	116.69%
3	4 Nevada	302	338	339	1	*	112.25%
4	3 Washington	558	575	586	11	*	105.02%
5	7 Luzon South	4,375	4,592	4,594	2	*	105.01%
6	6 Alaska	72	74	74	0	*	102.78%
7	3 South Carolina	369	358	358	0	11	97.02%
8	5 Poland	520	487	487	0	33	93.65%
9	2 Alberta	649	574	574	0	75	88.44%
10	3 Arizona	751	639	641	2	110	85.35%
11	4 North Dakota	301	250	256	6	45	85.05%
12	6 Mexico Central	203	171	171	0	32	84.24%
13	3 British Columbia	464	390	390	0	74	84.05%
14	3 North Carolina	731	600	604	4	127	82.63%
15	2 Massachusetts	901	733	738	5	163	81.91%
16	3 Colorado	718	579	583	4	135	81.20%
17	5 Delaware	146	118	118	0	28	80.82%
18	6 Wyoming	76	59	61	2	15	80.26%
19	5 Mexico West	231	183	183	0	48	79.22%
20	6 Vermont	86	68	68	0	18	79.07%
21	3 Connecticut	668	519	524	5	144	78.44%
22	7 Mindanao	5,594	4,086	4,315	229	1,279	77.14%
23	1 Texas	3,975	3,030	3,039	9	936	76.45%
24	7 Luzon North	5,049	3,772	3,799	27	1,250	75.24%
25	2 Minnesota	873	642	643	1	230	73.65%
26	5 West Virginia	165	120	121	1	44	73.33%

**SEE LINE 20/75 above at 79.07% Standing. That's Vermont!
WE'RE MAKING HISTORICAL PROGRESS!**

Rank	Jurisdiction	Div	INTAKE					
			Quota	Prior Day	Today	Diff	Need	Percent
1	Mexico Northeast	6	238	363	363	0	*	152.52%
2	Alaska	6	72	74	74	0	*	102.78%
3	Mexico Central	6	203	171	171	0	32	84.24%
4	Wyoming	6	76	59	61	2	15	80.26%
5	Vermont	6	86	68	68	0	18	79.07%
6	Prince Edward Island	6	56	21	21	0	35	37.50%
7	Mexico Northwest	6	222	82	82	0	140	36.94%
8	Guam	6	46	16	16	0	30	34.78%
9	Ukraine	6	260	73	73	0	187	28.08%
10	Dominican Republic	6	65	0	0	0	65	0.00%
TOTALS			1,324	927	929	2	522	70.17%

SEE LINE 5/10 ABOVE SHOWING STANDING SECTION #6

1	Distict	Councils	Members	YTD	GOAL	PCT of Goal	Councils Recruiting	Members/ Recruiting Council	Councils @ "0"	Positive Performing Councils (2+)	Under Performing Councils	Intake of Pos. Perform. Councils	Reporting Officer
2	1	5	529	8	18	44.4%	3	2.67	2	2	3	7	SW
3	2	5	451	2	16	12.5%	2	1.00	3	0	5	0	SD
4	3	3	403	13	13	100.0%	3	4.33	0	3	0	13	SD
5	4	4	269	2	9	22.2%	1	2.00	3	1	3	2	SS
6	5	4	440	5	14	35.7%	2	2.50	2	2	2	5	SS
7	6	5	288	19	13	146.2%	2	9.50	3	2	3	19	SA
8	7	3	201	1	8	12.5%	1	1.00	2	0	3	0	SA
9	8	5	285	6	12	50.0%	2	3.00	3	2	3	6	ST
10	9	4	504	4	18	22.2%	2	2.00	2	1	3	3	ST
11													
12		38	3370	60	121	49.6%	18	3.33	20	13	25	55	
13	Unassig.	8	126	1	1	100.0%	1		0	0	0	0	
14		46	3496	61			19		20	13	25	55	
15													
16	98044		32				47.4%		52.6%	34.2%		91.7%	
17			3528										
18													
19			COH Goals		86	70.9%	32	59.4%			3/24/2022		
20			COH Intake		68	79.1%							

DISTRICT 3 & 6 AT 100% OF THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERSHIP GOAL.

Circle of Honor goal is 86 new members. Intake YTD is 68 new members. 20 new members required

before 30 June 2022. How are we going to do that: Each District brings in 2 new members. What do we have as prospects?

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|-------------|---|------------------------|-----------|
| DISTRICT #1 | 1 | DISTRICT #7 | 4 |
| DISTRICT #2 | 1 | DISTRICT #8 | 1 |
| DISTRICT #3 | 4 | DISTRICT #9 | 4 |
| DISTRICT #4 | 1 | TOTAL PROSPECTS | 20 |
| DISTRICT #5 | 1 | | |
| DISTRICT #6 | 3 | | |

OFFICERS ON OINE SHOWS THE REGULAR MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM RESULTS AS DISPLAYED BELOW.

Awards Progress									Jurisdiction Membership	
	Quota	Month to Date			Year to Date			%	Total Membership	YTD Change
		Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net		3/25/2022	in Membership
MBR		8	3	5	61	9	52		3522	-6
INS		1	2	-1	9	9	0			

THAT'S 61 GAINS WITH 9 LOSSES FOR A NET GAIN OF 52 NEW MEMBERS. WHAT'S OUR STRATEGY FOR MAKING GAINS?

1. CONDUCT A DELTA DRIVE
2. SCHEDULE A DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION SOON THEREAFTER
3. HAVE FS MAKE AN ENTRY IN OFFICERS ON-LINE SAME DAY
4. SPONSOR AND NEW MEMBER LINK UP FOR "SHINING ARMOR AWARD"
5. GK AND C LINK UP WITH PRIEST TO ENCOURAGE MEN TO JOIN
6. COUNCIL SHOWS ENTHUSIASM AND EXCITEMENT OVER RECRUITING

PREPARED BY

Ed Nuttall

SMD

DeGosbriand Council # 279 April 10th Breakfast

Join us on Sunday, April 10th 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 9:00 AM – 12:00 P.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!



Speaker Training Workshop ~ May 25th Capitol Plaza, Montpelier

You are among a select group of pro-lifers being invited to join the staff of Vermont Right to Life for a Speaker Training Workshop on Wednesday, May 25th from 8:30am to 11:45am at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier.

The goal of the workshop is to arm each attendee with the tools and materials to be prepared to give a presentation on Proposal 5, with confidence, in their own community, church, social setting or any other opportunity that may present itself!

Attendees will receive a thumb drive/USB with a prepared Power Point presentation laying out the case against Proposal 5, as well as a folder of materials with back up information from constitutional experts from around the country and brochures on a variety of subjects relating to the dangers of Proposal 5.

The event will begin with a buffet breakfast and time for social interaction with like-minded pro-lifers. The workshop itself will begin promptly at 9:15am.

The registration cost of \$25.00 will include your breakfast, parking, and materials.

Space is limited, so reserve your spot now. RSVP by emailing or calling VRLC on or before May 16th.

You can reach us at vrlc@vrlc.net or by calling the office at 802-229-4885.

To register online visit www.vrlc.net and click on DONATE. Select PayPal to register with your PayPal account, or to pay by credit card without a PayPal account. Please note that you are registering for the Speaker Training in the "instructions to seller."

Hope to see you there!

Gibbons K of C Council 2285 invite all to
participate in the second annual

Walk the Way of the Cross

Good Friday

April 15th

12:00 Noon

Glorious Cross Glen Road Newport

(Former Chamberlain Birch Ski Area)

various size cedar crosses are available to carry
ATV's, Side by Side's are welcome
Rain, Snow or Shine



Come be part of this moving faith filled experience

Questions: Contact Maurice Brasseur (802)274-6134

FOUNDER'S DAY



140th ANNIVERSARY MASS

Principal Celebrant
Most Rev. Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford

Homilist
Most Rev. William E. Lori
Archbishop of Baltimore & Supreme Chaplain

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 • Noon
St. Mary's Church
5 Hillhouse Avenue
New Haven, Conn.

140TH FOUNDERS DAY ANNIVERSARY



Most Rev William Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore MD and Supreme Chaplain, **Most Rev Leonard Blair**, Archbishop of Hartford CT, **Most Rev Daniel Cronin**, Archbishop Emeritus of Hartford, **Most Rev Juan Miguel Betancourt**, Auxiliary Bishop of Hartford, **Rev Jeffrey Romans**, CT State Chaplain, **Very Rev Steven Boguslawski**, Vicar Gen & Moderator of the Curia, **Rev Msgr James Shanley**, Vicar for Clergy, **Rev Christopher Ford**, Chancellor, **Rev Msgr John McCarthy**, Promoter of Justice, **Rev Msgr Thomas Barry**, Pastor Emeritus, St. Patrick Parish, **Rev Msgr Thomas Ginty**, Pastor, St. Basil the Great Parish, **Rev Ryan Lerner**, Pastor, St. Mary Parish, **Rev Anthony Federico**, Parochial Vicar, St. Mary Parish, **Rev Tyler Kline**, Priest-Secretary to Archbishop Lori, **Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly**, **Former Supreme Knight Carl Anderson** with **40 Fourth Degree Honor Guard Sir Knights of the Bishop James A. Healy Province** celebrated in the **Votive Mass of Blessed Michael McGivney** on **Founder's Day 140th**

COUNCIL 297 February and March 2022 NEWS

I was unable to send the February 2022 newsletter to the state due to being out of town. Please kindly accept this newsletter for Council 297. On 3/24/22, I sent a physical newsletter to our entire council of 150 brothers. The last time I sent a physical newsletter was on 9/28/21 after our Brotherhood Reunion Dinner.

ADORATION – HOLY HOUR

From 7PM to 8PM the Knights of Columbus are hosting their one hour of adoration to pray the rosary, and various other prayers. We would like to see more Brother Knights to attend. Please invite your family and or friends, or other Brother Knights.

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	33	4
3	3/10/2022	10 AM to 3 PM	St. Albans City Hall	34	0
4	3/23/2022	10 AM to 3 PM	St. Albans City Hall	28	0
5	4/7/2022	10 AM to 3 PM	St. Albans City Hall		
6	6/10/2022	10 AM to 3 PM	St. Mary's Parish Hall		
7	6/24/2022	10 AM to 3 PM	St. Mary's Parish Hall		

On 3/23/22, our council surpassed 1,000 blood donations in 34 blood drives. This is a great effort as we continue to help with the low blood supply. Please donate if you get a chance.

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.



Caption: GK Garibay, Warden McRae, and DGK Greenwood attended the Council 297 hosted blood drive on 3/23/22. We were given a certificate of appreciation for our help with the blood drives.

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 campaign that happens every year and 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>

We have raised over \$2,700.00 in donations.

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
WEEK #10 03/05/2022	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	67	David A. Bean	279
\$75.00	149	Gary Brouillette	399
\$50.00	239	Charles Trybus	2284
WEEK #11 03/12/2022	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	45	Andrew Robbins	2832
\$75.00	9	Gille Thibault	10417
\$50.00	106	Frederick Snider	2610
WEEK #12 03/19/2022	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	208	Dominic DiCicco	2946
\$75.00	47	Skyler Billado	10830
\$50.00	216	Joe Palmieri	421
WEEK #13 03/26/2022	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	91	George Flower	2610
\$75.00	124	Jason Walent	297
\$50.00	159	Dennis Pudvah	1568

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

\$50.00 - Per Ticket
 3 Tickets for \$150.00
 30 Total Prizes
 Only 3000 Tickets available

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: matardei@vermontcatholic.org / 802-334-5066

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: _____
 St. E. St. M. St. J.

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

Mater Dei Parish, Newport, maintenance projects have begun, 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

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 A LITTLE LATE AS I WILL BE LEAVING FLORIDA ON APRIL 22 AND NOT GETTING HOME UNTIL MAY 3RD. A LITTLE MORE GOLF IN MYRTLE ON THE WAY HOME !!!