#### Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism Vermont State Council September 2022 Edition

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#### From the Vermont State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights!

'A Knight is a leader who stands in the breach. We protect the faith. We defend the family. And when a need arises, we rise to meet it — with charity, unity and fraternity.'

 Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly from his 2022 Annual Report of the Supreme Knight

The month of August has been very busy and there are still 9 days to go at the time of this writing! We have a new District Master – Sir Knight David Ely Sr, new DD#9 James Candon and several new Financial Secretaries across the State. Thank you to all of these men for volunteering to fill critical leadership positions within our State!! We have had several issues and challenges this past month, but fortunately, we have excellent DD's and GK's who have aided me greatly in addressing this topics.

Much of my time has been spent in deep dive discussions with DD's and GK's and our membership director – Ed Nuttall, to discuss and review why some councils have been very inactive in terms of growth and activities. Membership Director Ed and I have been focusing on those councils that have had '0' membership growth in past several years and to our dismay, some have not even had council meetings since COVID reared up a few years ago. There are reasons for this and we are working on identifying these common issues/challenges and will present additional actions to assist in mitigating the

low growth and inactivity. These are not 'bad' councils, they just have challenges that are harder for them to mitigate than more vibrate councils in the State. We are all in this together to build up a strong VT Jurisdiction.

Our State was recently honored at the Supreme Convention in early August, for achieving the Order's *Circle of Honor*. Now, can we do this again? Yes! This will require all of our participation. Every council needs to contribute in terms of membership growth, fraternal benefit nights, round tables, charitable giving and events and everything else we do as Knights!

I also like to provide a shout out to our Brother Knights who have continued to educate the Catholic and surrounding communities on the truth behind Article 5/Proposal 22. My wife and I recently attended a midnight adoration at St. Anthony's church in Burlington on 8/20 as part of the 40 Hour Adoration to pray for the defeat of this horrid proposal. Only in Vermont would such a proposal have the backing it does... Let's make sure it stops in Vermont. We will continue to step into the breach and do all we can to defeat this measure. May Blessed Michael McGivney bless our efforts!

Regarding membership drives, the Order encourages most if not any KofC council event from pancake breakfast, adoration hours, coats for kids events, etc., to also serve as a membership drive... remember, a membership drive is not just a Delta Drive where we present information at Mass and hand out literature... Any event where we are able to discuss our Order, show our fraternal and charitable events, hand out literature or online membership cards will count as a membership drive. We need to continue to grow our State in order to remain vital and carry on for the future. We need to be the rock that stands in the way of declining Catholic Mass attendance! Please, please and please invite a Catholic man to join our order. I understand the challenges! My son is not a member yet as he is not sure he believes everything in the Faith. I constantly pray for him and for all Vermont Catholics – young and old!!

I believe part of the State Deputy's article is to provide a few requests over the next 30 days... Of course membership growth is critical. Please also consider having a council communications chair who provides weekly or biweekly or monthly update on your council's events, charitable successes and any important council news you want to share with the Parish! Let's improve communication and showcase the GREAT work we do for the Catholic Church and surrounding communities!!

Anyone interesting in helping me with a few initiatives?

- 1. Vietnamese outreach
- 2. Quarterly 'take your Priest to lunch' (Nelson LaChappelle)
- 3. Update/enhance our visibility thru parish bulletins and KofC Council brochures with info on online membership, etc.
- 4. Join our State's Membership 'Conveyor' Team (The Ed Nuttall Membership Team)

Here is a tentative calendar of events for me over the next month or so... Please invite me to any membership or council event and I will do my best to attend.

9/1 VT KofC Playbook meeting (Virtual) with our RGDs

9/1 UVM Catholic Center BBQ – Council 279 to support

9/11 Meeting (dinner) in Waterbury with GK Longchamp and DD Kelly

9/16 – 9/18 Retreat with Fr. James Blount (NY)

9/19 Ultrasound van blessing with State Chaplain Fr. Naples at SJV

9/22 State Officer meeting (in person) at SJV KofC room

10/3 - 10/6 RGD B. Brown to visit VT for council 'town halls' and training

10/3 – 4 Premier of Mother Teresa: No Greater Love movie (2 locations in Albany, NY)

125<sup>th</sup> State Convention Committee kick-off meeting TBD Fraternal Benefit Night TBD Anchor Award Dinner – Rutland TBD Day of Prayer for Clergy – TBD - Patrick LeDuc

Communication Update:

State Directory Chair - Paul Niekrewicz

State Facebook Page - Valdemar Garibay

State Web Site Chair – PSD Thomas Herbst Jr.

PSD Tom Herbst Jr., is trying to reinvigorate our State Web Site. This is important (as is the facebook page) since most of our new members are joining online and are probably searching for and reviewing our online presence.... Having a healthy and active facebook and web site are key. Please inform both Tom and Valdemar of any new news and events from your council so they may update web site and facebook, respectfully.

'Conscience, Christ, and the gift of faith make evil men uneasy in their sin. They feel that if they could drive Christ from the earth, they would be free from 'moral inhibitions.' They forget that it is their own nature and conscience which makes them feel that way. Being unable to drive God from the heavens, they would drive his ambassadors from the earth. In a lesser sphere, that is why many men sneer at virtue – because it makes vice uncomfortable.'

- Archbishop Fulton Sheen – From the Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Jim Michael (State Deputy)



#### **REDRUITERS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY - 30 JUNE 2021-22**

#### 20 RECRUITERS 15 COUNCILS 30 NEW MEMERS

RECRUITER	COUNCIL	RECRUITED	NOTES
THOMAS A HERBST JR	9146	8	TOP RECRUITER
DAVID A ELY	279	2	
MICHAEL J LANNON	232	2	
CHRISTOPHER J POIRIER	4684	2	
THOMAS H RONNING	753	2	
ELIJAH T LACHANCE	232	1	
CLARENCE J SMITH	2025	1	
RICHARD S BEMIS	642	1	
JAMES L BENSON JR	7525	1	
GILLES R BERARD	7763	1	
MR RICHARD C CASSANO	4684	1	
DAVID M GIULIANI	279	1	
ERIC D HEIMAN	2284	1	
MATHEW KOPIJ	753	1	
REV STEPHEN J NICHOLS	421	1	
ROBERT D SHAW	810	1	
MR STEPHEN A SWEENEY	279	1	
GERARD TETRAULT	10535	1	
KENNETH R VIDAL	2610	1	
WILLIAM J YAKUBIK	4684	1	



#### FROM YOUR STATE CHAPLAIN

Dear Brothers in Christ, The Mobile Ultrasound Van which we sponsored <u>has arrived</u> in Vermont! Pictures are attached.

Thank you to all who have supported Aspire Together, now doing business as Aspire Now. They own and operate the van that we, and the Supreme Council, made it possible for them to obtain. Please continue to support them in their pro-life mission.









#### **Events and notes:**

#### 1. Come to the Bishop's blessing of the new Mobile Ultrasound Van

On <u>September 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at St. John Vianney Parish</u>, South Burlington, Bishop Coyne will bless <u>the mobile ultrasound van for *Aspire Now*</u>. As you may know, the purchasing of a <u>Save The</u> <u>Storks Mobile</u> Ultrasound Van was only possible with the Knights' fundraising over the past four years. All are welcome to join us for the blessing ceremony.

#### 2. The Knights of Columbus Catholic Ministries Donor Advised Fund: video review with Bishop Coyne

We recall, the K. of C. Vermont State Council used to give the bishop an annual gift of \$3,000 for pastoral or charitable works. Now we have already gone above and beyond this precedent. A new fund has been made in the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation to make a greater and lasting contribution. As an exceedingly generous start, the South Burlington K. of C. Council made a \$100,000 pledge, leading the way for this K. of C. V.C.C.F. fund to surpass \$150,000 its startup year! The Bishop has asked all K. of C. councils to consider a generous gift from their endowments for this state-wide, unified effort. The Bishop explains this unifying goal in the following video: <a href="https://vimeo.com/727128994/d087e36697">https://vimeo.com/727128994/d087e36697</a>. Email me for the link if you have problems accessing it: Fr.Naples@gmail.com.

#### 3. New Pro-Life Program from K. of C. Supreme: *Aid and Support After Pregnancy*

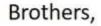
Related to all the above, the Supreme K. of C. has started to bolster financial support for Pro-Life Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs). As we know, these centers consistently offer support and aid to mothers and families with newborn children, or pre-school aged children. With the new *Aid and Support After Pregnancy* program (A.S.A.P.), the Supreme K. of C. Council will add 20% additional to each \$500 that a local K. of C. has donated to a Pro-Life Pregnancy Resource Center. The fine print is available at KofC.org; I also have hard copies of the program details available for our councils and local PRCs.

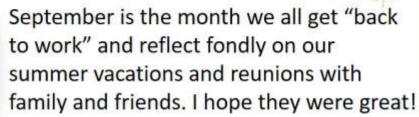
#### 4. The Knights are pushing involvement in the National Eucharistic Revival

Not all Eucharistic traditions are self-explanatory! We hope that the videos and resources on the Supreme website are an effective aid for Eucharistic devotion. I have several glossy-printed copies of the following handbook for organizing a Eucharistic Procession. Brothers, be ready to make the procession happen if you local pastor will schedule it! <a href="https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/eucharist.html">https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/eucharist.html</a>

God bless you all! Vivat Jesus! Fr. Timothy Naples, State Chaplain







We should now focus on re-energizing our routines involving parish work and our councils' ongoing mission of charitable outreach, fund-raising, recruitment and member development. Our work as Knights is very important to the ones we serve and we should endeavor to continually grow individually and as councils.

#### Important Items

Per Capita Payment Due – Your "per capita" bills have been slightly delayed, so our deadline will now be extended until October 31, 2022.
 Keep an eye out for email bills to GK's and Financial Secretaries.

State Directory – Thank you to those who sent Paul Niekrewicz your Form 185's to get this State Directory started. We still have a lot of information to update and need your <a href="help">help</a> as soon as possible. If you haven't already done so, please send Paul Niekrewicz the name, spouse's name (if applicable), mailing address, email address and phone number (s) of your Grand Knight, Financial Secretary <a href="mailto:and-chaplain">and-chaplain</a>. This is a <a href="mailto:critical">critical</a> document for K of C communication in Vermont! Paul's contact information is: <a href="mailto:paul.in.vt@gmail.com">paul.in.vt@gmail.com</a> and (802) 878-5538 (H)

3. Register Round Table Coordinator — Don't forget to file Form 2629. This Report of Round Table Coordinator must be filed annually to indicate who has been appointed to be the Round Table Coordinator(s) for each of your satellite, round-table churches.

## Good Government Action

#### **5 REASONS TO OPPOSE PROP 5/ARTICLE 22**



1. UNSTOPPABLE LATE—TERM, ANYTHING
GOES ABORTIONS Abortions that terminate
fully-developed babies able to live outside
the womb will be constitutionally protected.
Babies could be aborted days before their
birthdays, for any reason, or no reason at all.

#### 2. CONSCIENCE PROTECTIONS PROHIBITED

Article 22 will not only mean no restriction whatsoever of late-term abortions, it would force doctors and nurses to assist in procedures like late-term abortions and sterilizations of minor children -- even against their medical judgment -- or be fired, without recourse.



#### 3. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT LIMITED

Parents would be prevented from being notified about their child's "reproductive" choices of sterilization or abortion, regardless of age or circumstance.

4. TAXPAYER FUNDING

right" comes government funding. Taxpayers
will be required to pay for procedures related
to "reproductive choice" -- such as late-term
abortion, abortions as birth control, and even
sterilization -- regardless of fiscal circumstances
or what the public wants.



#### 5. UNFORESEEN CONSEQUENCES

Proposal 5 never mentions "women," "abortion," "pregnancy," or "choice." During a public hearing, supporters of Article 22 were asked: "What would happen if a man asserted a right to reproductive autonomy under Proposal 5 and tried to stop an abortion?" They said, "when rights are in conflict, we go to court." The lawsuits will be endless, and no one can pretend to know how future courts will rule on such vague language.

Learn more at VermontersForGoodgovernment.org, or scan the code here:

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#### **5 MYTHS ABOUT PROPOSAL 5/ARTICLE 22**



#### 1. WE NEED TO PASS ARTICLE 22 TO KEEP ABORTION LEGAL.

FALSE. If Article 22 does NOT pass in November, abortion will still be legal in Vermont -- Vermont's laws will not change. But passing Article 22 means the people, hospitals, and the legislature cannot set common sense policies limiting lateterm abortion.

#### 2. I'M PRO-CHOICE SO I SHOULD SUPPORT ARTICLE 22. FALSE. A

majority of people who consider themselves pro-choice still believe that abortion should be regulated and limited in the latter stages of pregnancy — especially after the unborn child is developed enough to be *viable* outside the womb. Article 22's proposition that abortion at any stage of pregnancy cannot and should not be legally limited at all is radically outside the mainstream of most Vermonters' values.





#### 3. ARTICLE 22 JUST CODIFIES ROE V. WADE, FALSE.

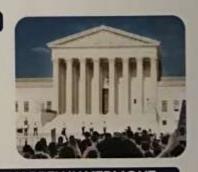
Roe v. Wade

of pregnancy, guaranteeing a woman's unlimited right to choose an abortion only in the first trimester, but allowing common sense regulation of late term abortions, such as prohibitions on

partial-birth abortions. But Article 22 goes far beyond Roe by eliminating and preventing any limitations of late-term abortion whatsoever. It goes too far.

#### 4. ARTICLE 22 PROTECTS US FROM A FEDERAL ABORTION BAN.

FALSE. The "Supremacy Clause" in the US Constitution means Article 22 would not prevent any future federal laws affecting abortion nationwide from overriding Article 22. But Article 22 would prevent Vermont voters and our legislators from regulating or limiting late-term abortion at the state level as we see fit by enshrining unlimited late-term abortion right up to birth in the Vermont Constitution.





#### 5. LATE-TERM ABORTIONS DON'T HAPPEN IN VERMONT.

FALSE. Right now, many hospitals in Vermont have corporate policies that are highly restrictive regarding late-term abortions. However, if Article 22 passes, there will be NO LAWS or policies, and none allowable, limiting or regulating abortion at any time during pregnancy up to birth. Laws designed to protect women's health, regulate who can

perform abortions and under what conditions, or to protect unborn children who are viable outside the womb from late-term abortion would all be unconstitutional.



#### 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 John "Jack" Beatty**, age 95, died on August 9, 2022. 76 years of service, Council 7525 and Assembly 2106.

Bishop Robert Barron YouTube on President Biden's stance on abortion!

https://youtu.be/uQB-O8aJTUc

### HERE'S A MENU TO RECRUIT AND BUILD A MEMBERSHIP STRATEGY

#### The MESSAGE

- WE WANT YOU
- YOU'RE JUST THE PERSON WE'RE LOOKING FOR
  - > <50
  - Family man
  - > Practicing your faith
  - > Pro Life
  - > Caring for the poor and the needy

#### THE TEAM

- GRAND KNIGHT
- DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT
- CHANCELOR
- CHAPLAIN
- · Membership Director
- · Retention Chair

#### RESOURCES

- THE CHAPLAIN
- THE DISTRICT DEPUTY
- THE STATE MEMBERSHIP TEAM
- BROCHURES
  - "Why Join the Knights of Columbus" Brochure # 1053 7-17
  - ➤ "These Men They Call Knights"
  - "I am a Knight" Card # 10918 8-19
- · Men in the ranks

#### **HOW TO GET THE WORD OUT**

- ASSIGN FIVE INACTIVE MEMBERS TO EACH ACTIVE MEMBER
- WHAT DOES THE ACTIVE MEMBER DO?
  - Communicates
  - Asks Questions
  - Motivates
  - > Inquires
  - > Looks for talent

#### **RECRUITING - WHAT WORKS**

- A CHURCH DRIVE FOLLOWED BY A BREAKFAST
  - A Date
  - > Time To Prepare
  - > Priest's Cooperation
  - The 3-minute Podium Message
  - Handouts
  - Conversations at the Exits
  - Suggest On-line Membership or Schedule an Exemplification of The Degree
- ADVERTISEMENT
  - Church bulletin
  - State Newsletter
  - Adjoining Councils
  - Local newspaper
- Bring in State Membership Team

#### THE PHILOSOPHY

- · Lead with Faith
- Serve Others
- Protect Your Family
- Defend Your Values

#### Pilgrim Icon Program

The Vermont State Council has two St. Joseph Icons and they are available to Councils and Assemblies who wish to participate in this Faith in Action - Faith program. There is no set schedule or route. This program will extend throughout 2022. In fact, Council #5041 in Morrisville recently reserved one of the Icons for St. Joseph's Feast Day in March 2023!

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.

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

#### Silver Rose



The Silver Rose completed this year's journey through Vermont on August 6, when it was transferred to New York in Albany.

Many thanks to St. Albans Council #297, Winooski St. Stephen's Council #2284, South Burlington St. John Vianney Council #7525 and Milton St. John Paul II Council #10417 for hosting Silver Rose services to honor the sanctity of life and Our Lady of Guadalupe this year!

#### ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

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#### 2022-2023

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#### Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know where to turn.

Please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, possibly the greatest benefit you have is a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Regardless of what decisions may be made, doing nothing at all or putting it off is a certain risk. I hope to speak with all of you soon about ways to protect your family's future.

Dave Giuliani 802-272-6009 david.giuliani@kofc.org Statewide Day of Prayer for Clergy - While we are in the middle of summer we are also in the early stages of preparing for the statewide day of Prayer for Clergy. We connect this day to Vocations week(Nov 6-12) and are building the program over the summer. As you may know we've held it on the Saturday that ends Vocations week for the past few years and will be doing so again.

Please talk with your council and select an hour that you'd like to sign up for. It will be first-come first serve until all the slots are filled so it would be good to discuss a secondary and tertiary option should your ideal hour be scooped up quickly. The date is Saturday November 12, 2022. We'll start at 8:00am and end with the last hour starting at 7:00pm and concluding at 8:00pm.

In the coming weeks I'll be sending around a link for you to use to sign your council up.

Speaking of Clergy - If it is God's will, seven men will be ordained to the permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Burlington on October 8th. As one of the many steps in this process all seven of the candidates will have the blessing of participating in a Preordination Spiritual Retreat from 5:00pm on August 18th to 1:30pm on August 22nd. As one of these men in formation and discernment I ask, on the behalf of all seven, for your prayers. Your prayers are always welcome but especially so during the Pre-Ordination Retreat. Men to include in your prayers: John Magnier, Josh McDonald (Knight), Chris Nobel, RJ Dourney, Bob Begley, Tom Lovett (Knight), and Patrick Leduc (Knight)

#### COUNCIL 2285 HOSTS MATER DEI PARISH ANNUAL PICNIC

St. Mary Star of the Sea Church lawn was a buzz of activity on Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> as Council 2285 hosted over 300 people for the annual parish family and friends picnic. The good Lord provided a picture perfect summer day for all to enjoy. Guests were treated to hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, corn on the cob, an array of salads, desserts beverages, and even snow cones. New this year were 15 games created by Bobbie Bruce, wife of GK Rick Bruce, face painting and a clown handing out balloons and cotton candy. Children of all ages played the games and won stuffed animals donated by parishioners. Every eating table was provided with decks of playing cards for a casual game of Gin Rummy or maybe even some poker. One of the council chaplains, Fr. Tom LaRussa, showed up with his water guns. Two dozen door prizes were given out and the 30 winners were drawn for the parish 50/50 fundraiser. Top prize was \$4900! Wonderful memories were made and people are saving August 20, 2023 for the next picnic.



A few of the Council 2285 brothers that helped to host the annual Mater Dei Parish Picnic. L to R Pictured are: Michael Coutu, Robert Pare, Denis Comeau, Nathan St. George, Maurice Brasseur, Marc Nadeau, Raymond Laramie, Jason Warren, Rick Bruce, Brendan Perry, Armand Belisle and Gerard Raboin.



All sorts of yummy, delectable desserts to pick from. The door prize table can be seen to the left. As numbers were drawn, winners could pick out what they wanted to have.



Carol the Clown was a very popular person at the picnic handing out balloons and cotton candy!



Christina Bruce was our cheerful face painter for the afternoon. A few of the games can be seen in the background.



Council Chaplain, Fr. Benny Chittilappilly, chatting with some of the picnic guests Brother Felix Chaput, his wife and daughter won a Home Sweet Home sign as a door prize





Council member, Deacon Ward Nolan, picks one of the Parish 50/50 Fundraiser winners. GK Rick Bruce gets ready to read the lucky name while Fr. Leo Bilodeau and Council Co-Chaplain, Fr. Tom LaRussa are thinking, "Is It Me"? Word on the street is that Fr. Leo did win one of the 30 prizes!

Council member, Brendan Perry donated and cooked several of his chickens. He is barely visible through the smoke screen.





## Knights of Columbus DeGosbriand Council # 279 Vocation Breakfast on September 11th

Join us on Sunday, September 11, for an old-fashioned all-you-care-toeat pancake breakfast. Benefits seminarians or religious aspirants.

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

Admission is \$10.00 and \$25.00 for a family of four. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 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!



#### **Our Adoption Journey**

An invisible red thread connects
Those who are destined to meet,
Regardless of time, place, or circumstance.
The thread may stretch or tangle,
But it will never break.

-An ancient Chinese proverb

We invite you to join us as we share our incredible blessing of adoption!
Travel with us from the day God placed adoption in our hearts—
to the day we held our child for the first time!

Sunday, September 25, 2022
11:30 AM (after Mass)
A light lunch will follow the presentation.
St. Catherine of Siena
Parish Hall
72 Church Street
Shelburne, VT

(Masks are required.)

Hosted by the Parish Respect Life Committee















## MATER DEI PARISH & JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY 1157 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS







#### BLUE MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

**HOLY MASS 11:00 AM** 

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH 191 CLERMONT TERRACE NEWPORT VT

All are welcome to pray for and with our members of the local

Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Medical and Nursing Personnel, and

Emergency Medical Technicians

As we honor the 21-year anniversary of 9-11



Mater Dei Youth & Fourth Degree K of C Benefit Raffle 2022

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



#### BENEFIT RAFFLE

LOON MOUNTAIN VACATION Mater Dei Youth Ministry and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus

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Drawing Held at November Family Formation Day

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- Make checks out to James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157 and mail to George Piette, 21 Gilbert St. Newport VT 05855
- 2) Drawing 11/13/2022
- Mater Dei Parish Newport has already paid for the week
- 4) Dates are locked in

#### AUGUST 19, 2022

It's miraculous Joseph and Megan Hermosillo were able to walk across the Thomaston Opera House stage together Aug. 13.

Along with their six children, ages 2-12, the couple from Frederick, Maryland, was invited to provide testimony for pilgrims following "In the Footsteps of Blessed Michael McGivney," a tour sponsored by the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven

Fifty pilgrims — who included religious, families, like the Hermosillos, and others — visited sites of significance in the life and spiritual formation of Blessed McGivney in Waterbury and Thomaston on his feast day.

The Maryland couple shared a favor they said was granted by the intercession of Blessed McGivney. They spoke from the opera house stage, the same stage graced more than a century ago by the priest to perform theater productions such as the Irish folk play "Handy Andy."

Days before the new year, Joseph had tested positive for Covid-19. Six days later, he began to feel fatigued and discovered his oxygen levels plummeted. He was hospitalized Jan. 8 and placed on a ventilator.

"It was mild at first and then all of sudden, I had lung failure, what they called acute respiratory failure," he told Catholic News Service. "My body was shutting down and my lungs were compromised."

His condition worsened to the point where doctors told Megan that her husband required an echomachine to assist his blood flow.

"I was numb," she said. "It was life-changing news, and two days earlier I thought he would be fine."

In search of a miracle, Megan sought spiritual guidance from Father Timothy Grassi — pastor at St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town, West Virginia — for an intercessor. The family hoped to pray for the help from a blessed. At first, they considered Archbishop Fulton Sheen, Blessed Solanus Casey among others.

But when Father Grassi weighed the options, he suggested Blessed McGivney. Prior to that day, the sainthood candidate had not been on Megan's radar.

"He said, 'Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus to help families in distress, particularly families without a father in the home. You're missing the father in your home. Let's ask him to reunite your family and heal your husband," Megan told Catholic News Service.

Megan and the family trusted Father Grassi's suggestion, sending the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney and an intercessory prayer to friends, parishioners at St. James the Greater, and others they knew. That same day, Joseph was scheduled to be transported to another hospital in Baltimore; however, coincidentally, his oxygen levels doubled. For Megan, it was a sign the prayers were being answered.

We took that as our battle call. Our priest was our general, this was a spiritual battle," she said.

A few days later, Joseph's sister, Teresa, took the initiative to make a pilgrimage to Father McGivney's tomb, located in St. Mary Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Concurrently, the Hermosillos called the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center requesting a relic to be venerated as part of the prayer campaign for Joseph's healing.

With assistance from Peter Sonski, the education outreach director at the pilgrimage center, and Brian Caulfield, a vice postulator of Father McGivney's cause for sainthood, a relic was eventually transported to the hospital in Maryland.

Before then, Joseph's memory throughout his struggle with Covid-19 was hazy, ebbing in and out of consciousness. However, he clearly remembers the image of Father Grassi praying over him with the relic on Jan. 20. The moment filled him with not only hope, but trust he would be all right.

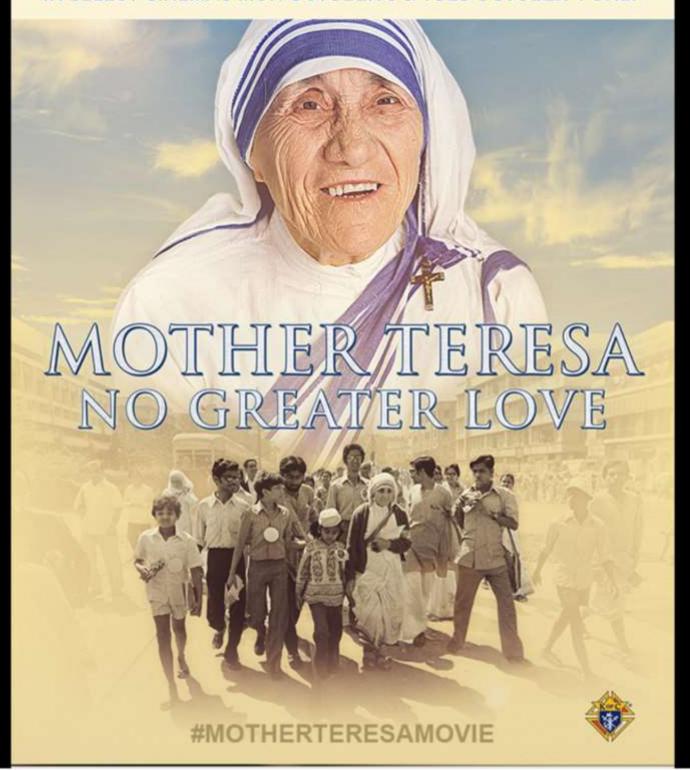
"I remember seeing the picture of Father McGivney," Joseph said. "When you give that trust over, it brings you that calmness." He added, "Out of all the saints, they brought in somebody who has the tools, who has the subject matter and expertise that I needed."

Four days after he was blessed, Joseph was removed from the ventilator, making incremental improvements until he was deemed stable enough to be discharged. In total, he spent 32 days in the hospital. Today, he has made a full recovery.

Since then, the Hermosillos made a pilgrimage to New Haven in June and have shared their story of healing, recognizing the newfound grace they've received. Joseph also joined the Knights of Columbus St. Teresa of Calcutta Council #12036 in Charles Town. The family also learned of others returning to the church and Mass as a result of the campaign, and that faithful across the country, Canada and even Italy were praying for his recovery. In all, the answered favor has been a humbling experience.

"It's surreal to come through that," Joseph reflected. "We realize it wasn't necessarily for us, it wasn't solely for us. So many people have found blessing and connection to our story."

IN SELECT CINEMAS MON OCTOBER 3 & TUES OCTOBER 4 ONLY



#### IN SELECT CINEMAS

#### District Deputy 1 Newsletter



2022-2023 Fraternal Year

Sept 2022

SK Michael Patnode, PSD, District Deputy for District 1 email: mpatnod@comcast.net Phone: 802-370-4960]

#### **District Deputy Message**

Brother Knights,

Each and every Mass that we attend we re-affirm that we "Believe in God". It requires us to be in touch with God each and everyday. As Knights, we believe in the Catholic Church, because it presents the clearest picture of the potrait of Jesus. Let us remember the impact in our communities sometimes is difficult to measure as Fr. would say in his Homily. But let us not forget prayer, it is so powerful! The Lord works in mysterious ways. So if you have an extra moment, go to Holy Hour, go to a couple extra Masses, you will be suprised how it wil make you feel!

Again I want to thank each and every Knight for their hardwork in District 1. You all have done amazing job! Let us continue to make this an outstanding year in our District!

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Patnode District Deputy



#### Upcoming Forms Due

8/15: Form 1295 - Semiannnual Council Audit Remember

Form 1728A - Survey of Fraternal Activity

Please remember to file forms in a timely manner



#### Pope Prayer Intentions

The Pope's intentions for September, "The Abolition of the Death Penalty We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country"

#### GK's "Things to Consider"

Its time to start planning
Delta Church Drives
Take a look around in church,
reach out and ask a devoted
Catholic men to join the
Knights

Order a Council Banner that you can display at events.

## Knights of Columbus



Adam Choquette, GK of Richford receives Fraternal Leadership Medalian



#### District Deputy @ Richford Council 2610





Why should they Join the Knights of Columbus

Melping those in need, serving our parishes and growing in our faith in just to name a few.

As a Knight you will have access to our top rated insurance products!



#### **Prayer for Adoration**

"I adore Thee O God, I count myself as nothing before Thy Divine Majesty. Thou alone art Being, Life, Truth, Beauty and Goodness. I glorify Thee,

I praise Thee,

I give Thee thanks and I love Thee, all helpless and unworthy as I am, in union with Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our Brother, in the merciful kindness of His Heart and through His infinite merits. I desire to serve Thee, to please Thee, to obey Thee and to love Thee always, in union with Mary Immaculate,

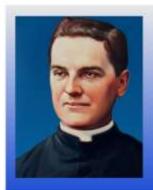
Mother of God and our Mother.



loving also and serving my neighbour for the love of Thee.

Wherefore give me Thy Holy Spirit, to enlighten me, to correct me and to guide me in the way of Thy commandments and in all perfection, the while I look for the happiness of heaven, where we shall glorify Thee for ever and ever."

Amen.



- We need more Roundtables!
- Increases your Membership Chances.
- Remember it's Form 2629

#### Building of a Domestic Church

Begin praying as a Family, reading from Scripture

Pray the Rosary, each family member leads a decade

Have a crucifix in a promiinent place in your home

Make the Sacraments a regular celebration



PGK David Lavallee of St Albans Council 297



The 1st Church of the Navity of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Swanton, VT, around 1800's



St Albans Council members, District Deputy, FS Ray Tardiff, and Valdimar Garibay, GK of St Albans



Keith Billado, GK of Fairfax Council speaks with Council Members

#### Community Events







Milton Brother Knights working on building two wheelchair ramps!



Knights of Columbus Booth at Fourier Auction

Twice each year Swanton Council 7669 helps raise funds for many charitable events. The Food Booth is always here serving others! Help support your farming community! Hope you stop by and say hello to your Brother Knights!



Farm Equipment to be Auctioned off!

If you haven't ever been, you should make it a point to stop by.



## Knights of Columbus



Brothers,

We are already three months into the 1st quarter in 2022-2023 Fraternal Year. Ask yourself how is your council doing with Faith in Action and other council programs? For those councils that need assistance, please call. me and don't forget to work with Fr. to plan events in your parish. Many of you are already doing this!

Don't forget to use your Fraternal Planner for 2022-2023, if you haven't received one, I will give you one. Continue to conduct Faith in Action, Leave no Neighbor Behind and those council programs that meet the prioriteis and needs of your pastor and parish. Communicate your programs to your parishes and community. Don't forget to post in the bullentin the number of hours the Council has put in helping those in need. Be suprised who may join, just seeing what you do. I have learned a lot by traveling around in the District. I am here to help you succeed. We are a team! We will get past the finish line together. Leaving No Brother Knight Behind.

Fraternally,

Mike

PSD, District Deputy for District 1



#### **ORLEANS COUNCIL 7763**

All proceeds of the KofC Orleans Council 7763 Golf Tournament are presented by Grand Knight Gilles Berard to Father Curtis of Most Holy Trinity Parish which has large, expensive, mandatory projects such as new furnaces, new roof, etc.

#### SAINT STEPHEN'S COUNCIL #2284

The Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284 brought 'Tears of Joy to All the Saints and Angels in Heaven' this past Saturday at the amazing homestead of Joel And Robin Danaher, the Sleep

In Heavenly Peace Foundation's eternal hosts of loving grace!

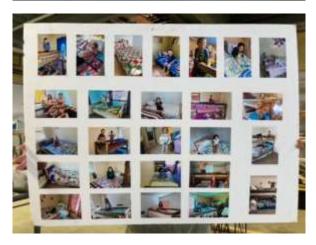
"Over 1,250 SHP beds have been assembled and delivered to God's Children throughout our State thus far, and it's pure joy for our council to be an ongoing benefactor of this most worthy, most holy, humanitarian cause,"

commented volunteer Greg Clairmont.

Special thanks to SHP President Bob Brosseau and his heartwarming staff for coordinating yet another successful bed building day for the Kids!!!



























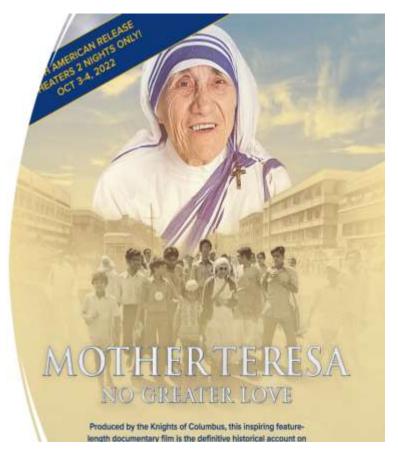




## STATE FAITH DIRECTOR

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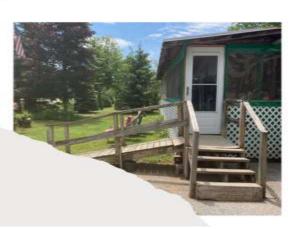
There are many opportunities to pray and reflect in community. There is another 40 Hours for Life at St John Vianney 15-17 SEP. In OCT there will be a special 2 day only showing of the Documentary "Mother Teresa, No Greater Love". The Annual Day of Prayer for Clergy is now accepting sign-ups for the NOV 12 event. Knights of Columbus: 2022 Vermont Knights State-wide day of Prayer for Clergy (signupgenius.com)

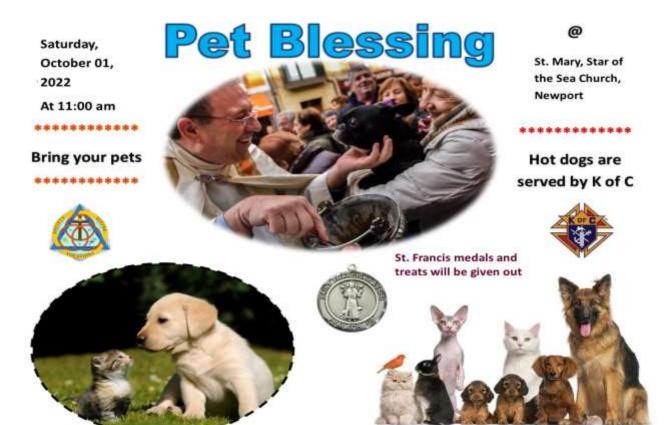


PGK, PFN Worthy Recorder Ray Michaud and Age Well

#### Community Project

On 8/14 - 8/16, 2022 a handicap ramp was constructed at the Dennis residence in Georgia Ctr., VT. This project was coordinated through Age Well for an elderly client requiring a cane or walker and is expected to be confined to a wheelchair in the near future. The residence already had a ramp in place. However the ramp (first photo) was dilapidated and not to construction code for a ramp (too steep). This old ramp was removed and replaced with a new structure (second and third photos) extending approximately 28. This project required 16 hours of work over three days to complete. One of the four Age Well volunteers is a Knight with Council 7525 in South Burlington. Total mileage driven over the two days was 138 miles.







I have always said when Vermonters find out what Article 22 is really about, they will vote NO to enshrining late-term abortion into our state's constitution.

And that is exactly what is happening.

The people of Vermont are starting to wake up to how extreme this amendment really is.

I ask you to read and share this <u>excellent op-ed in the Vermont Daily Chronicle</u> by <u>Pat McDonald</u>. Mrs. McDonald is a former State Legislator and Commissioner of Human Resources for the State of Vermont.

#### She is also pro-choice.

In her opinion piece Mrs. McDonald asks a very pointed question - "When is a fetus a baby?"

Is it not until the moment of birth as proponents of Article 22 suggest, or is the answer somewhere closer to what Mrs. McDonald believes when she writes:

"I don't know the answer, but I would think that at nine months at the very least it can be referred to as an unborn baby.

All systems are a go - heart, lungs, brain, limbs etc. All the unborn baby needs is one breath of air and it's off to the races - a new living, breathing member of the human race."

Every voter should have this question on their mind when they go to vote on Election Day.

#### Can you help us accomplish that goal by forwarding this message today to your pro-choice friends and family?

Our opponents are going to try to hide, confuse, and distract from the real nature of this amendment, but with our hard work, the truth is getting out. The truth is, this amendment is about enshrining late-term abortion up to the moment of birth into our state's constitution.

Like I've said before, we have the right plan and the right people to win, but it is more important than ever to keep running at full speed through Election Day.

#### That's why I need you to do two things today.

We are going to continue having events and we will need volunteers to knock on doors and hand out literature, so please <u>email me to volunteer</u> and get your Vermonters for Good Government campaign gear, like yard signs and bumper stickers, to help spread our message.

Secondly, please take a minute to read the <u>full op-ed written by Pat McDonald</u>, then forward it to all of your pro-choice friends and family.

As we are seeing all across Vermont, when voters hear the truth about Article 22, they will vote NO on enshrining late-term abortion in our state's constitution.

So please <u>email me today to volunteer</u> and forward this <u>opinion piece by former State Representative Pat</u> McDonald to your friends and family with a reminder to vote NO on Article 22.

Let them know it's too extreme, even for pro-choice Vermonters..

#### September Fraternal Leader Webinar

#### What Your Council Should Be Doing Right Now!

Thursday, September 15, 2022 8:00 PM EDT

Please join us for this upcoming webinar entitled: "What your council should be doing right now!" This webinar will be packed with useful information about making this year hugely successful and rewarding for your council. We'll cover some essential basics and then launch into practical suggestions and real life examples of incredible council activities. These fantastic examples of brother Knights living their faith in action will be an inspiration for all.

Join us on Thursday, September 15th at 8:00pm EDT. Register now for the live webinar or to watch it on demand at your convenience.

Click Here to Register

#### **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 October 1, 2022.