Vermont Knights Magazine

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

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300 Club

Only 17 more days before our first drawing. How are those tickets sales doing. To the Council that have mailed in their tickets "Thank You" . For those sending in case you don't have it, my mailing address is 89 Horseshoe Lane, Lyndonville Vt. 05851.

From the Vermont State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights!

'We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.'
- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Advent and Christmas Seasons are almost here!! My favorite time of the year!! I reviewed the past few of my monthly State Deputy newsletters and noticed they were more of the 'fire and brimstone' type as we worked hard to educate each other and our fellow Catholics on the Sin of abortion. As we continue to pray for the Lord's Will, let us now re-focus on what we are about... Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Charity in that many of our councils have been wrapping up their Intellectual Disability Campaigns with funds being raised for Camp O'Hagan (Adults with Intellectual Disabilities) as well as other wonderful charities such as Special Olympics, Vocation Appeals, etc. ***Unity*** comes from many of our Brother Knights, Priests and Councils who have worked very hard to provide both short term and long-term education and awareness to the Sin of abortion. ***Fraternity*** from the many Harvest Dinners around the State, Patriot Degree (which is next weekend at the time of this writing), Day of Prayer for Clergy and KCIC Campaigns to name only a few.

I like to provide a THANK YOU shout out to the following Brother Knights:
1. Patrick LeDuc from the 7525 SJV Council for once again chairing the Day of Prayer for Clergy!
2. Our State Warden-DD3-Program Dir Bill LaCroix for agreeing to track and help focus our State's ASAP program activities - Aid and Support After Pregnancy.
3. Our IPSD Steve Shover for agreeing to work with our Field Agent Dave Giuliani and myself to encourage and track our Fraternal Benefit Nights. As a State Jurisdiction, we need to have a min. of 18 Councils participate (with min. of 7 Knights/Prospective Knights) in a FBN. We only have 2 so far, this Fraternal Year. Please reach out to FA Dave Giuliani to schedule an 'in person' or virtual FBN AND send him a list of participants. I'm sure we had more than 2 councils participate in the Supreme sponsored FBN but only those 2 councils turned in the FBN form to Dave.
4. As previously mentioned, I like to thank our WSS Chris Poirier for chairing our State's 125th Convention.

I'm sure I don't travel as much as our previous wonderful State Deputy, but I do try to visit when and where I may... especially on weekends. In November, I was able to visit 9146 Norwich University's council meeting, 2946 Essex Junction's Chicken Pie Dinner, 7669 Swanton's Harvest Dinner and 279 Burlington's council meeting. I use the GK / Recorder Emails, State Newsletter and personal invites to set up my calendar... so don't be shy in inviting me!

Sadly, I ask that you join me in praying for the souls of GK Steve Ketcham who passed away on 11/8/22 and Betty Patnode (Mother of DD Mike Patnode) who passed away on 11/20/22.

The next Supreme Affiliate Member Initiative program is in January. This is a great opportunity to lower your State and Supreme Per Diem by placing inactive members in the Affiliate program. Don't sleep on this one... sign up for the training now. Here is a cut and paste that Grand Knights and District Deputies should have received from the Supreme Fraternal Communication email:

Your window of opportunity to participate in this initiative will run from January 1-31. During this window, you may recommend qualified members to be designated as Affiliates. When processed, these members will no longer appear on your roster. This will not be treated as a negative in your eligibility for council awards.

There will be a training session on Wednesday, December 7, at 8:00 PM EST. Everything you need to know will be covered and the necessary resources will be distributed. If you are unable to attend, you may watch it on demand later. You may invite other officers from your council to attend by sending this registration link to them:

Lastly, our Membership Growth started the FY well, but the past 1.5 months we stalled... To all Knights, please work within your councils to grow members... 1. talk with your pastor and receive his opinion on prospective Knights, 2. Sponsor a coffee hour after a Mass (If money is an issue, then reach out to me!) 3. Communicate your activities in your church bulletin so all may see the good that we do! 4. Don't give up! We all know the challenges of Membership Growth and 5. Seek help! Our WMD Ed Nuttall has offered to have a 'round robin' which is a brainstorming session to seek ideas from the council. I'm very hesitant to call out any Districts or Councils in our State Newsletter, but our Membership analysis shows multiple Districts and Councils with 0 as in ZERO new members in 2 yrs or more. Rather than accept, please ask for help... we truly do have outstanding KofC Leaders in the State that specialize in Membership Growth!

Calendar of meetings/events:

12/3 4th Degree Exemplification at SJV in S. BTV

12/6 125th Council Anniversary Dinner of DeGoesbriand Council 279 Burlington

1/28/23 DD Mid Year Meeting (9am – 1:30pm) at SJV

2/4/23 Anchor Award Banquet at the Elk's Club in Rutland

4/28 to 4/30/23 125th State Convention at Stowe Flake Mtn. Resort

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Jim Michael (State Deputy)

From your State Chaplain

State Chaplain's Video Series on the Holy Eucharist

Promoting the Theme of the National Eucharistic Revival

Videos #1 and #2 are now posted.
Find Father Naples' YouTube Channel
Youtube.com/@rev.timothynaples9997 or search online.

Video #1: https://youtu.be/48e3e_dM7mE

Video #2: https://youtu.be/0dn1PCoqN8c

Video	Visibility	Restrictions	Date ↓
10:27 Reflections on the Eucharist 2 — Add description	Public	None	Nov 27, 2022 Published
9:22 State Chaplain Eucharistic Reflections 1 — Add description	Public	None	Oct 23, 2022 Published

STATE SECRETARY

December

Brothers,

Happy Advent! I pray that this liturgical season of preparation preceding Christmas will be spiritually fruitful and rewarding for you and your families. As we prepare to commemorate the arrival of the Christ Child, let us think about those in our communities, parishes, and even our own families who are in need or suffering in some way this time of year. The Advent and Christmas seasons are great opportunities to embrace the joy and blessings of our Catholic faith, but so many have lost this spiritual joy or are otherwise "distracted" by their own grief, depression, anxiety, loneliness or material need. As Knights we are on the front line of this spiritual battlefield and are well-trained and equipped to combat these challenges by demonstrating love, mercy and healing through our gifts of **charity and prayer.** May God continue to bless us all in this mission!

Administrative Notes

Please keep up the ongoing effort to register your **Round Table Churches** using Form 2629. Every church in Vermont should either have a council or a Round Table! **Recruitment** continues to be a challenge in Vermont, but if we approach our prospective Catholic brothers with sincerity and friendship, we will draw more good men to our team. The **125th State Convention** is just around the corner on 28-30 April 2023. More information will be coming out very soon. Let's get ready to sell some convention book ads to help defray costs while we tell others in our communities about all the great work we do!

State Secretary Christopher Poirier cpfixit@comcast.net (802) 734-8887

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 Steve Ketcham GK. Middlebury Council 642/Assembly 1743 4th degree member.

Sir Knight Thomas Westropp, age 96, So Burlington Council 7525/Assembly 2106, 4th Degree, 22 yrs. Service.

Robert (Bob) Fiorenza, age 82, Council So Burlington Council 7525, 3rd Degree, 4 yrs. service

Sir Knight Gerry Malavenda, age 65, So Burlington Council 7525 /Assembly 2106, 4th Degree, 10 yrs. Service

Sir Knight Thomas Letourneau, age 97, Sheridan Council 421/Assembly 1152 4th Degree, 28 yrs. Service

Francis T. Dress, age 78, George F Johnson Council #10241 Bethel #. 6 yrs. service.

David Vincent Sr, age 78, St John Paul II Council 10417 Milton 3rd degree. 31 yrs. Service

Sir Knight Roger Rainville, Age 89, St Albans Council 297/ Assembly 1149, 60 yrs. service

Silver Rose

The Silver Rose, honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe and promoting the Sanctity of Life, completed this year's journey through Vermont on August 6, when it was transferred to New York in Albany. There are 8 Silver Roses traveling through the Canada, U.S. and Mexico.

This year's Silver Rose pilgrimage ends on December 12 (Our Lady's feast day) at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

Mark your calendars for 2023! Vermont is scheduled to receive the Silver Rose on July 16. We will have it for 3 weeks until August 5. Please plan to participate this Faith in Action – Life program.

Pilgrim Icon Program

The St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon Program continues! Vermont has two St. Joseph Icons available to Councils and Assemblies who wish to participate in this Faith in Action - Faith program. There is no set schedule or route.

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. Each jurisdiction receives one or several of these icons which travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order.

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 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.

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Vermont State Council

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

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(Please use "KofC Scholarship 2023 – Student Name" as the subject)

November 12, 2022

Dear Worthy Grand Knight and Brother:

The Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council Scholastic Achievement Committee appreciates your past efforts in publicizing our awards program and again seeks your assistance in the 2023 program. Five $1,000.00 scholarships will be given by the Vermont Knights of Columbus to assist recipients with their education at an accredited school or college of their choice.

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

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

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

Thank you for your continued support of our program and Vermont youth.

Fraternally,

Nicholas J. Conti
Scholastic Achievement Committee
Chairman

Knights of Columbus
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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO APPLICANT

To qualify you must be a high school senior qualifying to graduate in June 2023 AND a son or daughter of a Knight of Columbus member (paternal or legally adopted) in good standing in a subordinate Council within the Vermont jurisdiction. Sons or daughters of deceased members are also eligible if their father was in good standing at the time of his death. An applicant may be a member of the Knights of Columbus or a member of a Columbian Squires Circle, in the jurisdiction of Vermont and a high school senior qualifying to graduate in June 2023.

Five $1,000.00 scholarships will be given by the Vermont Knights of Columbus to assist recipients with their education at an accredited school or college of their choice.

Applications must be returned to the Chairman, at the address above, **by March 10, 2023** to qualify for an award.

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

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

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

Scholarships not claimed by February 1, 2024 will be forfeited and the prize will be given to the next alternate on the list.

Sincerely,
Nicholas J. Conti
Nicholas J. Conti
Scholastic Achievement Committee Chair

The requested information can be mailed or emailed to the Scholarship Committee Chair by March 10, 2023, to the above address. Please use "KofC Scholarship 2023 – Student Name" as the subject of all emails.

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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

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

Applicant's full name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____

City or Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

School you now attend _____

School's Address _____

Name of School's Principal _____

Father's Name _____

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

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

Give the name of the Council's Financial Secretary _____

Applicant's Home Parish: _____

How did you learn about this scholarship program? _____

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

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

Please be sure to sign and date the application and mail or email to the Scholarship Committee Chair by March 10, 2023, to the above address. Please use "KofC Scholarship 2023 – Your Name" as the subject of all emails.

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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Part II: Applicant's Personal Record

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

Applicant's Full Name _____

Address _____

City or Town _____

To School Personnel:

The above-named student is applying for a Knights of Columbus State Scholarship. Kindly complete this form and return it to the Knight's Scholarship Committee chair on or before **March 10, 2023.**

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

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

	Average	Above Average	Superior
A. Social Adjustment	_____	_____	_____
B. Maturity	_____	_____	_____
C. Integrity	_____	_____	_____
D. School Citizenship	_____	_____	_____
E. Achievement related to Ability	_____	_____	_____

Highest CEEB Scores CR _____ M _____ W _____

Current cumulative high school average _____ / 100 (example: A+ = 100/100)

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

This form and requested documents can be mailed or emailed to the Scholarship Committee Chair by March 10, 2023, to the above address. Please use "KofC Scholarship 2023 – Student Name" as the subject of all emails.

Knights of Columbus

Vermont State Council

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10/26/22

Worthy State Officer's , DD's & GK's

Worthy DD's & GK's ,

I hope with this letter , you and your family are happy and healthy.

Please get with your Council leaders and plan on a way for you to participate in the new from Supreme , ASAP Program- Aid and Support after Pregnancy.

This great new program is a way to help you to support and donate to local Pregnancy and Maternity centers in your area . In a nutshell , for every $500 you raise and donate to qualifying centers , Supreme will reimburse you $100! The program follows the framework as the RSVP and Food for Family models and is a great way to really add to your donating power.

Please do all you can to have your Council come up with a new, vibrant Program which will go to the very most deserving of all - the unborn , newborn and expecting and new Moms. Now more than ever , we need to support these ladies and youngsters in this very trying time , especiallly in our state with what is going on now in the upcoming vote in November. There are many suggested programs you can do or come up with your own .There is a handbook Form # 11371. Which is available online at KofC.org. Also , there is a grant application Form # 11377. It is easy to fill out . Also attached , you will find the trifold flyer Form# 11373

Last year K of C Councils donated $4.6 Million and 469,000 volunteer hours to Pregancy centers and the like.

" One of the most important tasks God has given us at this moment is to advance the cause of life.
Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

I can't reiterate enough that the initiative is so very important in this challenging world , and even more challenging state that we live in , where Life is clearly not respected.

Lastly , This is a"Featured Program" for reporting purposes on the SP-7 Columbian Award and counts for 2 of your 4 needed progarms under the LIFE category.

Please pray on this and come up with a plan!
Vivat Jesus !

Fraternally

VOCATIONS

A HIGHER PURPOSE

Keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants. As the strong right arm of the church, the Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to future priests and religious at all stages of their formation.
The Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through this program, council and parish families will raise funds to support seminarians in their area. For every $500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly $100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is $400 per individual supported. Though financial support is vitally important, it is not the only aspect of RSVP. Councils are also called to provide their "adopted" seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success.

· Set an annual goal for your RSVP program.
· Identify individuals that the council will sponsor. You can obtain these names by contacting me as your State Vocations Chairman.
· Conduct various events in your parish and community to reach your goal! Potential activities include:

- Conduct a Seminarian Breakfast after Mass on a given Sunday. Invite the seminarians supported by your council if available to attend the event, meet the parish, participate in the celebration, and pray together.
- Promote each event in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts: Bulletin announcements, Pulpit announcements.
- Post on your council and parish website / social media pages

· On the day of each event, wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have
· a fellow Knight or community member photograph the event.

Please contact me for information on a seminarian or seminarians to support or men and women who are novices or postulants in religious orders or religious communities.
You can E-mail me at gfbean44@yahoo.com Or call at 862-8581. Also if you have given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023) and have not sent me a copy, please send me a copy of form 2863 (RSVP form) .

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

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

Vivat Jesus
Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM
State Vocations Director

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

SEMINARIAN DIRECTORY

2022-2023

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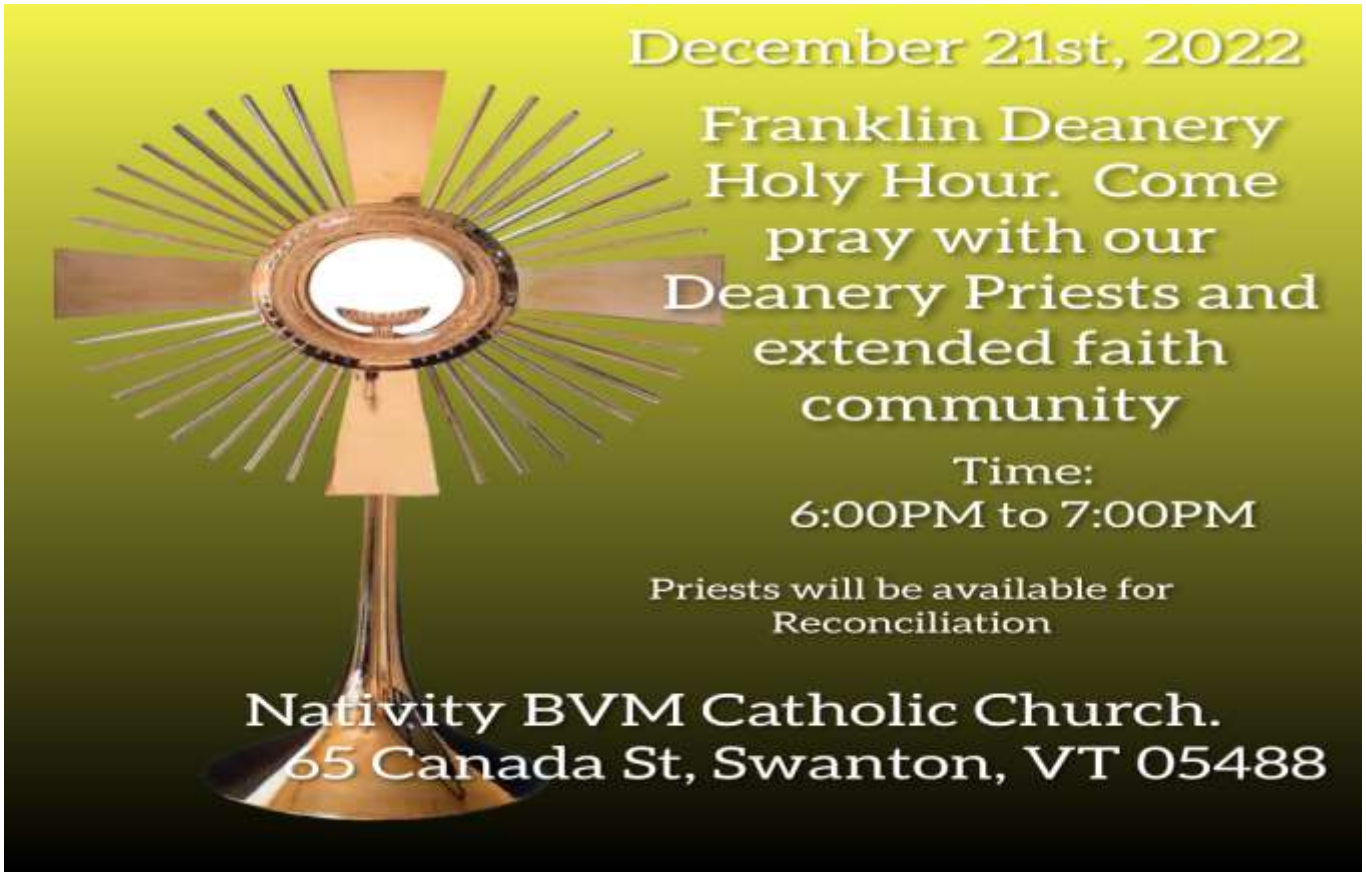
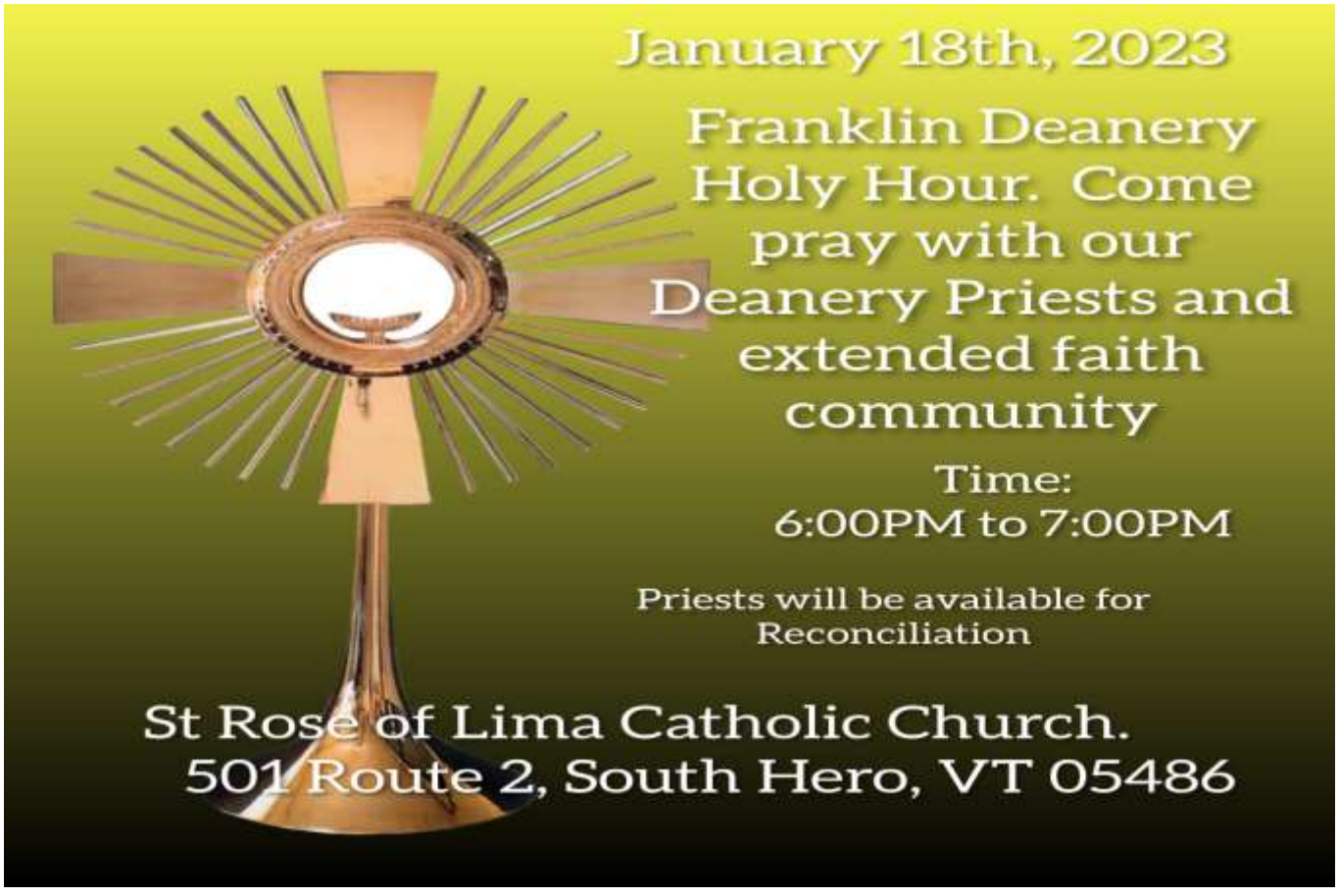
Norwich University Council #9146

Before leaving campus for a much-needed Thanksgiving Break with our families and friends, Norwich Knights raised over $600 in order to prepare and serve a Thanksgiving Dinner for the veterans of The Veterans' Place in Northfield on the 17th of November.

The Veterans' Place, Inc.
Transitional Housing and Programs for Veterans in Vermont


December 21st, 2022
Franklin Deanery Holy Hour. Come pray with our Deanery Priests and extended faith community
Time:
6:00PM to 7:00PM
Priests will be available for Reconciliation
Nativity BVM Catholic Church.
65 Canada St, Swanton, VT 05488


January 18th, 2023
Franklin Deanery Holy Hour. Come pray with our Deanery Priests and extended faith community
Time:
6:00PM to 7:00PM
Priests will be available for Reconciliation
St Rose of Lima Catholic Church.
501 Route 2, South Hero, VT 05486

Our First Deanery Holy Hour went well with 55 in attendance.
The schedule was discussed for future Holy Hours. It is as follows:

November 16 - Holy Angels, St. Albans
December 21 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Swanton
January 18 - St. Rose of Lima, South Hero
February 15 - St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls
March 15 - St. Patrick, Fairfield
April 19 - St. Anne, Milton (to be confirmed with Fr. Feltz)
May 17 - St. Luke or Ascension, Fairfax & Georgia (to be confirmed with Fr. Hahr)

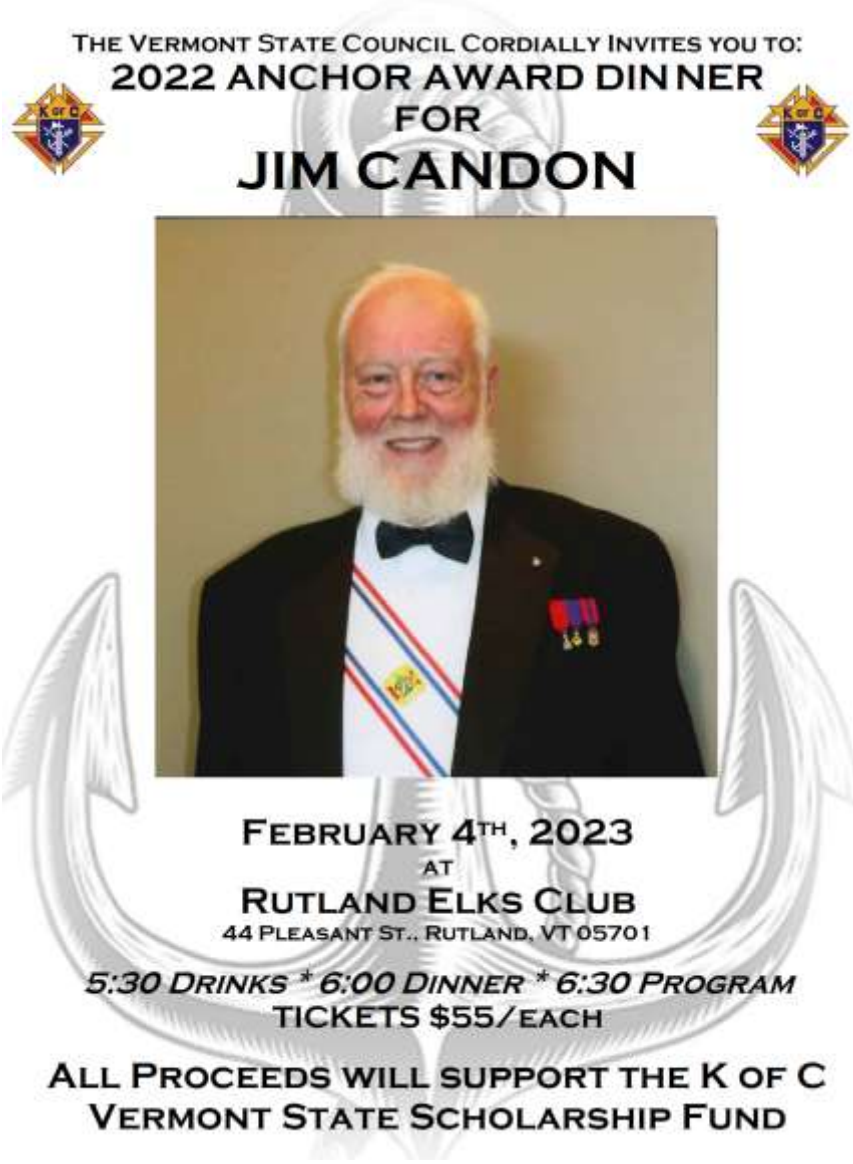
Knights of Columbus Anchor Award

Please mark your calendars and dust off your tuxes - the Anchor Award dinner for Jim Candon will be held on 2/4 at the Rutland Elks Club!

Tickets are $55/each, and all profits will go to the K of C Vermont State Scholarship Fund. Please make your checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council #232 and send them to 66 South Main St., Rutland, VT, 05701 (please put "K of C" on the envelope - we share an address with Christ the King Church).

Further information can be found in the poster attached. Please forward this to your Councils (and Moe, please put this in the state newsletter, and Valdemar, please advertise this on the state Facebook page), and please make a special effort to get this information to any Knights whose children may have received state scholarships in the last 30 years - the approximate length of time Jim served on the State Scholarship Committee, most of that time as Chair.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and Happy Thanksgiving!
Vivat Jesus!
Elijah



RSVP BY JANUARY 22ND

BUFFET MENU:

MEAT- ROAST BEEF WITH GRAVY

STUFFED HADDOCK OR SOLE

FETTUCCINE ALFREDO W/ BROCCOLI

MASHED POTATO AND RICE PILAF

VEGETABLE MEDLEY

GREEN SALAD WITH ASSORTED DRESSINGS

DESSERT: PIES AND CHEESECAKE

COFFEE AND TEA

DRESS: MEN: BLACK TIE PREFERRED, DARK SUIT IF NECESSARY;
WOMEN: FORMAL

SEND RSVP TO: KOFCRUTLAND@GMAIL.COM

SEND CHECKS TO:
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #232
66 SOUTH MAIN ST.
RUTLAND, VT -05701-

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #232

ALL PROCEEDS, INCLUDING ANY ADDITIONAL DONATIONS, WILL SUPPORT THE K OF C STATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Saint Stephen's Council 2284

Saint Stephen's Council 2284's Volunteer Brother Greg Clairmont presents 4 boxes of amazingly beautiful "KC Coats For Kids" to Winooski School District's Wellness Director Patrice Lamumba! This wonderful initiative will be perfect for God's Children that are in need of warmth for the winter season, that's approaching ever so quickly! May peace and love be at the heart of all that we do in the Vineyard of Our Lord Jesus, Alleluia!

Milton Council 10417

Brother Knights who participated in our annual Intellectual Disabilities Campaign this past Weekend.

Mike Thompson Life Director, Robert Currier

Gille Thibault GK, Tom Curran PSD

Front row / left to right: Roger Dickinson, John Cushing, Fr. John Feltz, Mike Boivin, Peter Lavallee
Back row: Ed Mallila, Ray Crowley, Lee Smith, Tom Curran, Brock Rouse, Gille Thibault, Deacon Paul Garrow, Tim Downs, Scott Wise, Richard Grupp, Robert Klem, Mike Thompson, Greg Berard

WPGK Peter Lavallee The Father McGivney Award and Membership Director Ed Malila finishing in the top two in the State for Recruitment in 2021 - 2022

The Father McGivney Award
District Deputy Mike Padnode, WPGK Peter Lavallee

James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157 held its Assembly Officers Installation on 11-16-2022 at Eastside Restaurant with District Master David Ely presiding

FAITH DIRECTOR

Brothers,
As we contemplate the Incarnation of Jesus in the Virgin Mary, let us remember that God's motive was the salvation of humanity. Let us not debate the timing of His appearance, but trust that we have a God Whose expression in creation is always perfect.

Council 7525 Worthy Warden Jay Benson made this dedication plaque placed into the St John Vianney Creche on 26 NOV.
(Jay also built custom wheel chocks to keep the creche from rolling away)

Worthy Council 7525 DGK and Assembly 2106 FN Dave Martin was part of the valiant crew that repaired, dedicated and positioned the SJV Creche for Advent.
(Other crew members: Chaplain Fr. Tim Naples and GK Mike Bullock)

Worthy DD3 Bill LaCroix presents the Programs and Insurance Award for the last fraternal year to GK Mike Bullock at Council 7525 Business Meeting on 10 November 22.

Fair Haven Council 810

Last month, Fair Haven Council 810 in partnership with American Legion Post 49 donated coats for the Coats for Kids program. This was to benefit the Fair Haven Concerned, a local charity group.
For many years now, the Knights and Legionnaires have joined funds to benefit local children in need, keeping them warm for the winter.

Picture includes Peter Laramie, Scott Clement,(both in the Knights and Legion), Jeffrey Jackson (director of FH Concerned), and Bill Furman (FH Legion)

Fr. Meany – Fr. St. Onge Council 7943

Fr. Meany - Fr. St. Onge Council 7943, Troy, held their monthly Family Breakfast on 11-20-2022 recognizing 12 local Veterans with a free breakfast.

Vergennes Council 3664

Vergennes Council 3664 are prepped and ready for the November issue second Sunday of the month winter buffet Breakfast fund raiser! Touted as the best Breakfast in Addison County with omelets to order, pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, bacon, sausage gravy on biscuits, cornbread, fruit cup, coffee and juices. Generally serving 100 to 150 hungry patrons during those eight months.

MEMBERSHIP THOUGHTS FOR THE UPCOMING FY 2022-2023

- Membership Recruiting has been slow.
- Events have not been all that successful.
- Council membership meetings have been poorly attended.
- Member participation to recruiting events has been less than desirable.
- Many On-Line KofC Members are joining for insurance benefits only.
- I'm running out of steam.

What can I do to change direction?

1. Change your leadership style. Appoint – delegate – follow-up.
2. Bring the Council to a sustainable momentum of recruiting
3. THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX *to explore ideas that are creative and unusual and that are not limited or controlled by rules or tradition.*

The best way to accomplish this is through multiple Round Robin sessions.

Round-Robin Brainstorming is very straightforward:

- Step 1 – Gather your team together around a table. Give each person index cards so that they can record their ideas on individual pieces of card.
- Step 2 – Acting as facilitator, explain the problem that you want to solve. Be specific about the objectives of the brainstorming session. Answer questions but discourage discussion. The goal in this step is to allow individual people to think creatively without any influence from others.
- Step 3 – Have each team member, in silence, think of one idea and write it down on an index card.
- Step 4 – Once everyone has written down an idea, have each person pass their idea to the person next to them. Everyone should now be holding a new card with their neighbor's idea written down on it.
- Step 5 – Have each person use their neighbor's idea as inspiration to create another idea. Then ask each person to hand in their neighbor's card and pass their new idea to the person next to them to repeat step 4.
- Step 6 – Continue this circular idea swap for as long as is necessary to gather a good amount of ideas. When the time is up, gather up all the ideas. You can now collate them, eliminate any duplicates and discuss them further as required.

What Is a Facilitator?

A facilitator plans, guides and manages a group event to meet its goals.
To facilitate effectively, you must be objective and focus on the "group process." That is, the ways that groups work together to perform tasks, make decisions, and solve problems. Good facilitation involves being impartial and steering the group so that its ideas and solutions flow.

It's difficult to both contribute and facilitate. So, if you have an interest in the outcome, or skills, experience, or authority to add, consider bringing in an external facilitator, i.e., District Deputy. Sate Membership Director, State Training Director.

Since traditional ways of recruiting don't seem to be producing results, the question remains what ways will work?

Given that the average membership goal for a Council is 3-5 new members recruited in a 12-month Fraternal Year, a Council's goal should be to identify a strategy that works for that Council.

Here are some ideas to get started:

- **What' the best recruiting strategy for our Council to follow?**
- **What will motivate a member to be part of that strategy?**
- **What are the best methods of communicating that strategy?**
- **How can we get members excited to attend Council meetings where strategies are formulated, announced, and carried out?**
- **When we plan activities, how best can we incorporate our strategy into that activity?**
- **What are the best KofC brochures and videos on membership recruiting?**
- **What should be the reword for successfully recruiting?**
- **Should our Council have a Membership Committee consisting of a Membership Director and Retention Chairman?**

Here are some examples of thinking outside the box:

1. Use the "Buddy System" to carry out the message of recruiting. Buddies can be defined as 1:1 or 1:5 (active: Inactive member).
2. Invite inactive and non-members top assist with an activity.
3. Have members recognized before a Church Mass by the assembled congregation.
4. Work with the Pastor/Council Chancellor to identify 5 "Practical Catholics" to be recruited.
5. Present a KofC hat embroidered with the name of the recruiter and Council Name/No. or a lite, zippered jacket with the same information for recruiting two new members.

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COUNCILS NO RECUITNG SUCCESS IN 2-5 YEARS

COUNCILS	Years w/o Recruiting	DISTRICT
421	3	2
7943	3	2
2946	3	4
7389	3	4
7810	3	4
1568	3	5
2085	3	5
2025	2	6
10241	3	6
11457	2	6
917	2	8
2832	5	8
6816	2	8
307	3	9
2628	5	9

RECRUITING RESULTS FY 2022-2023

COUNCIL	DISTRICT	MEMBERSHIP	POP 2020	POP 2010	RECRUIT
297	1	143	6834	6919	0
2610	1	69	1639	1361	1
7669	1	97	2387	2343	2
10417	1	141	10685	10352	0
10830	1	72	5140	4381	1
421*	2	112	5865	6579	0
2285	2	198	4487	4589	0
7763	2	72	782	814	0
7943*	2	62	58	277	0
279	3	97	43185	42436	1
2284	3	117	7459	7262	3
7525	3	127	19887	17952	1
2496*	4	91	10771	9321	0
4684	4	59	4167	4081	0
7389*	4	59	17612	17067	0
7810*	4	62	3138	3050	0
399	5	221	8457	9050	0
1568*	5	68	1012	1408	0
2085*	5	58	1857	2289	0
5041	5	78	685	704	0
2025*	6	43	2498	2414	0
9146	6	85	6219	6207	11
10241*	6	24	891	426	0
11457*	6	22	6219	6207	0
14351	6	24	2044	1747	1
642*	7	94	7304	6588	1
3664	7	68	2559	2639	0
10535	7	34	3752	3894	0
753*	8	93	2814	3114	0
917*	8	65	12184	12046	0
2832*	8	41	2153	3553	0
6816*	8	59	774	731	0
7324	8	27	805	783	0
	9	171	15844	16428	7

307*	9	148	35338	37078	
810	9	78	2736	2269	1
2628*	9	43	4189	3979	

9 Districts

37 Councils

16 home base towns with populations in the decline

4 active DDs (1, 3, 6, 9)

5 DDs need to be more proactive

*2-5-year no new recruited members (17 Councils)

COUNCILS NOT RECRUITING FY 2021-2022

COUNCIL	DISTRICT
307	9
917	8
421	2
642	7
1568	5
2085	5
2610	1
2628	9
2832	8
2946	4
6816	8
7389	4
7669	1
7810	4
7943	2
10241	6
11457	6

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

<50	>50<75	>75<100	>100
2025 (43) *	917 (65) *	279 (91)	297 (143)
2832 (41) *	2610 (69)	642 (94)	232 (171)
2628 (43) *	1568 (68) *	810 (78)	307 (148) *
10241 (24) *	2085 (58) *	2496 (91) *	399 (211)
10535 (34)	3664 (68)	5041 (78)	421 (112) *
11457 (24) *	6816 (59) *	7669 (97)	2285 (198)
14351 (22) *	7389 (59) *	7753 (93)	2284 (117)
	7763 (72)	9146 (85)	7525 (127)
	7943 (62) *		10417 (141)
	7810 (62) *		
	10830 (72)		

**Lack of recruiting success last 2-5 years*

- *6 of 7 Councils with memberships <50 do not recruit*
- *7 of 11 Councils with memberships >50<75 do not recruit*
- *Councils 2832, 2628, 10241, 11457 & 14351 are recommended for consolidation*

Note on consolidation. The procedure is thus:

1. Notify the entire membership of the upcoming proposed action showing the rationale and coordination with receiving. Notify members of date calling for a vote.
2. Set aside a date or a briefing on the matter and voter approval/disapproval
3. Once the receiving and closing council receive approval from respective membership to consolidate, charter and other appropriate items are turned over to Supreme.
4. Consolidation rests in the hands of the DD and GK to articulate presentation of procedures.

COUNCILS THAT RECRUIT

COUNCIL	DISTRICT
232*	9
279	3
297*	1
307*	9
399	5
642	7
753	8
810*	9
2025*	6
2284	3
2285	2
4684	4
5041*	5
7324	8
7763	2
7525	3
9146	6
10535	7
10417	1
10830*	1
14351	6

*RETENTION LOSSES GENERALLY HAD A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON RECRUITED GAINS

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH 2021-2022

COUNCIL	DISTRICT	MEMBERSHIP 2022/2021
297	1	143/155
2610	1	69/68
7669	1	97/96
10417	1	141/136
10830	1	72/73
421*	2	112/83
2285	2	181/180
7763	2	72/71
7943*	2	62/72
13574	2	0/45
279	3	97/109
2284	3	117/123
7525	3	127/171
2496*	4	91/95
4684	4	59/61
7389*	4	59/61
7810*	4	62/50
399	5	221/230
1568*	5	68/69
2085*	5	58/61
5041	5	78/79
2025*	6	43/61
9146	6	85/143
10241*	6	24/29
11457*	6	22/22
14351	6	24/32
642*	7	94/97
3664	7	68/68
10535	7	34/35
753*	8	93/93
917*	8	65/65

2832*	8	41/41
6816*	8	59/59
7324	8	27/27
232	9	171/230
307*	9	148/153
810	9	78/80
2628*	9	43/44

COATS FOR KIDS
Gibbons Council #2285

Gibbons Council 2285 recently purchased 48 coats through the Coats for Kids program and disbursed them to four local elementary schools with students in need. The picture below was taken at the Eastside Restaurant in Newport during a function of Assembly 1157. Pictured are Brothers and Sir Knights Michael Coutu, Keith Mandart, Normand Raymond and Maurice Brasseur presenting some of the coats to Kim and Corine of Newport City Elementary School. Other schools who received coats were Newport Town Elementary, Derby Elementary and North Country Union Junior High School. Plans are being made to expand the number of coats next year to help meet more needs.

K of C 2285 together with
NCUHS JROTC & National Honor Society
invite all children and their families to

Shopping with Santa!

Saturday December 10th

1:00-3:00 pm

National Guard Armory, Union St., Newport

Come shop at the mall of stores
to find gifts for those you love
(most items $0.25, $0.50 or $1.00)

Free gift wrapping while supplies last

Take a photo with Santa
Enjoy Cookies & Fun Surprises

NOTE: Shopping for children only

District Deputy 1 Newsletter

2022-2023 Fraternal Year **Dec 2022**

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District Deputy Message

Brother Knights,

We are already have begun the Advent Season. Help promote the true spirit of Christmas within your community through acts of faith and variety of activities. You can choose several this season, such as, Journey to the Inn, Spread the Light of Christ, Advent Wreath Blessing, Christmas Poster Contest. These programs are all examples of the Holy Family and the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus. The new Keep Christ in Christmas Programs brings all the activities together under the same canopy. Encourage others to shift from a preoccupation with materials, to the Light of Christ and by the Spirit of Giving. Your church also has "Pick a Prayer Partner", that is where you pray for your partner for a month, in a month they reveal everyone's prayer partner.
The Knights of Columbus Councils helps evangelizes their community through so many faithful acts of celebration.

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Patnode
District Deputy

Please Check Forms

Form 1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity
Don't Forget to make sure all the required Directors positions are filled and they take the Safe Environment Course from Supreme

Pope Prayer Intentions

The Pope intenetitons for December, "We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation."

GK's Corner

- Plan Membership Drives
- Have a Round Robin with Officers
- Promote Knights Events
- Continue praying for our Future

Knights of Columbus

Into the Breach Videos ran all throughout the Dinner

Council 7669 Harvest Dinner

Everyone enjoyed the Harvest Dinner!

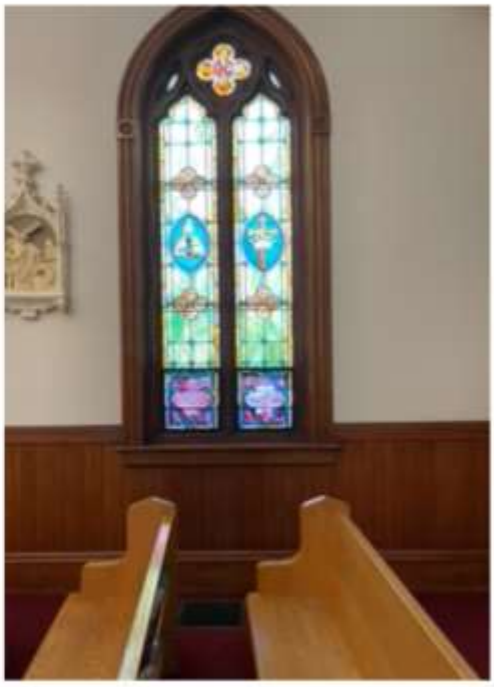
Council 7669 Harvest, served a lot of people this year from all the surronding towns in District 1, incororated "Why Join the Knights and Into the Breach Videos played all throughout the Dinner🙏

Proceeds from the Dinner helped the Nativity with their Stain Glass Windows

St John the Baptist Church in Enosburg,

The beginning of this Advent Season, let us take time and reflect in God our Savior and thank him for the many wonderful gifts he has given us.

So stop by one of the churches for Mass in District 1. Visit St John the Baptist Church in Enosburgh, just one of the many beautiful Catholic Churches in your area. So make it your journey to visit them all!



Bingo Hosted by Richford Council 2610

Knights of Columbus

Brothers,

December is a month that is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. The first 24 days in December is known as Advent and are represented by liturgical color purple, a symbol for penance and the sorrow for contrite heart. The remaining days make the beginning of Christmas Season. The liturgial colors changes from white or gold, which is a symbol of joy, innocence and purity.

Let us pray for the Holy Father's Intentions all through the month of December. We pray for our relationship with Jesus be nourished by our Lord and our continued prayer.

Focus on the liturgy all throughout December. This month is filled with many expectations. So with all the hustle in our daily lives, let us not forget how to prepare for Christmas as Christians. Let us prepare a peaceful place in our Hearts for Jesus. Turn to Mary this Advent Season.

In closing I want to personally wish everyone a Merry and Joyous Christmas Season to you and your families.

Fraternally,

Mike
PSD, District Deputy for District 1

Knights of Columbus COUNCIL 297 November 2022 NEWS

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

Join the Knights of Columbus defend and support life through the American Red Cross blood drives. **Please consider donating as every unit of blood saves three people.** Let Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay (Blood Program Leader) know if you are interested in donating, and he can schedule you for an appointment at an upcoming KofC 297 hosted blood drive.

#	Date	Time	Location
1	12/1/2022	9 AM to 230 PM	St. Marys Parish Hall
2	12/17/2022	11 AM to 4 PM	St. Albans City Hall
3	12/30/2022	9 AM to 230 PM	St. Albans City Hall
4	1/14/2023	9 AM to 230 PM	St. Albans City Hall
5	1/27/2023	10 AM to 330 PM	St. Marys Parish Hall
6	2/14/2022	1130 AM to 4 PM	St. Albans City Hall
7	2/25/2023	9 AM to 2 PM	St. Albans City Hall
8	3/9/2023	11 AM to 4 PM	St. Albans City Hall
9	3/22/2023	10 AM to 3 PM	St. Albans City Hall
10	4/6/2023	10 AM to 3 PM	St. Albans City Hall
11	4/22/2023	10 AM to 3 PM	St. Albans City Hall

ADORATION – HOLY HOUR

Every Wednesday from 7PM to 8PM we will be hosting adoration at Holy Angels. All are welcome to join us. Rosary, and various other prayers, plus silent adoration are stated in the first half hour. **Holy Angels Rectory informs us when adoration is canceled.**

Social Time at the Vermont Voltage Clubhouse

11/3/22
Our council is very helpful and active with Church and community activities.
Once a month we have decided to enjoy camaraderie and socialize. It is good to relax, talk, and have fun too. The Vermont Voltage clubhouse in Downtown St. Albans is a great place to have gatherings. Shoot pool, play a little Foosball, or ping pong, or just gather around eat and talk. They also recently purchased a new basketball game to add to their existing fun activities at their clubhouse.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Board Contest

11/1/22 (All Saints' Day)
This morning, Grand Knight (GK) Valdemar Garibay spoke in front of the kids at the Catholic Schoolhouse to inform them about the Keep Christ in Christmas poster board contest. Great group of kids! GK Garibay also presented to student E. Quizon his certificate for winning state. Congratulations E. Quizon and thank you for participating last year. We are looking forward to another awesome year for this family activity.

Family of the Month

11/6/22

Congratulations: Today after the 10 AM Mass at St. Mary's – St. Albans Council 297 congratulated the Gallagher Family as our November 2022 Family of the Month.
The Gallagher Family is a great example of faith and community service. Thank you for everything that you do at Church and for the community.

From Left to Right: Council 297 Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay, Larry Dugan, Tom Gallagher, Brianna Gallagher, Children, Warden Gordon McRae, District Deputy 1 Mike Patnode, Swanton's Grand Knight Paul DeLaBruere, and Swanton's Larry King.

Statewide Prayer for Clergy

Thank you all who participated in our prayer hour for the clergy that began at 8 AM on 11/12/22 at Holy Angels. We will be hosting another prayer hour next year around this time.

Deputy Grand Knight Slot Vacant

If you know any brother Knight who would be a good fit or would like to try the DGK role, please let Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay know.

Prayer for the Deceased – Jane Torbert Zurn

Thank you to all who attended Jane Torbert Zurn's wake and funeral. Her husband, Karl R. Zurn is a Sir Knight for Council 297 for 40 years - St. Albans. On behalf of the family, we would like to thank the brother Knights who functioned as Honor Guard for Jane's funeral. Also, we are appreciative of the Catholic Daughters of the America's Court 468 of Saint Albans, Vermont for attending. Thank you very much for your prayers and support.

In this photo, the following brother Knights were Honor Guard.
Left to Right: Maurice Bonnette, District Deputy 1 Mike Patnode, Faithful Navigator Jim McMillan, Ray Tardif, Gordon McRae, Floyd Kilburn, and Teddy Yandow.

We would also like to thank the Clergy who helped celebrate Jane's funeral:
Celebrant Knights Of Columbus Council 297 Chaplin and Fr. Micale, Monsignor McDermott, Fr. Joseph Ikegbunam, Fr. Roy, Fr. Mercure, Fr. Cummings, KofC State Chaplain and Fr. Tim Naples, and Deacon Phil Lawson

St. Albans Vermont Festival of Trees from 11/26/22 – 12/4/22

KofC 297 helped sponsor the festival of trees a second year in a row. This year, on 11/28/22 we have also participated during the children's winter games and horse drawn wagon rides at Taylor Park from 330 PM to 630 PM passing out hot chocolate and candy canes.

St. Albans Northwest Family Foods Food Shelf

Continual partnership with the Rotary Club of St. Albans to help stock shelves and organize the food shelf stockroom on 11/15/22. Great teamwork! We will help again on 12/6/22 (Tuesday) at 4 PM – 6 PM.

Northwest Family Foods Turkey Drop Off

From Left to Right: L. McRae, Warden Gordon McRae, and Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay dropped off 12 turkeys on 11/19/22 to partner with various other organizations to help with the turkey shortage community need.

Final Mass at St. Marys in St. Albans Vermont

11/20/2022 (Sunday) St. Albans Vermont St. Mary's Catholic Church Closing Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Honor Guard. Historical Note: Photo taken at Holy Angels Catholic Church in St. Albans Vermont after the St. Mary's mass and closing. After the mass at St. Marys, prayers were done in front of the Church, and then a large procession walked from St. Mary's into Holy Angels to participate in Benediction.

Front Row Left to Right: District Master David Ely, District Marshall David Ely Jr., Bishop Christopher Coyne, Past Faithful Navigator David Lavallee, Gordon McRae, and Bill Bressette (Cross Bearer).

Back Row: Larry King (Swanton's Assembly), Valdemar Garibay, Faithful Navigator Jim McMillan, and Color Corp Commander Mike Morse.
Not in the Photo but participated at St. Mary's: Teddy Yandow

Photo taken after benediction by CDA Bridget Garibay.

Photo below taken by Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay showing the Catholic Daughters of the America's Court 468 of St. Albans, Vermont. Bottom row: Sue Bressette, Regent Pat Wilder, Bishop Christopher Coyne, Pam King, Barb Colby, and Kaye Beaudry. Top row: Jessica Whalen, Bridget Garibay, Laurette Laroche, Katrina Sharp, and Rachel Smith

A short article was placed in the Vermont Catholic.

https://www.vermontcatholic.org/vermont/final-mass-at-immaculate-conception-church-2/

Blood / Food Drive

11/23/22 at St. Albans City Hall – The Knights of Columbus Council 297 conducted there 42nd blood drive since August 2020. A food drive was also held to help with the food shortage in the community. Along with box / can food, blood donors also handed us a total of $75.00 in cash donations for us to buy food to add to the existing food donations. Thank you Brother Sir Knight Jon Quick for helping participate in bringing in food at our blood drive.

Operation Happiness Toy Drive

11/12/22 - KofC 297 is partnering with the team of Operation Happiness to bring smiles to children this Christmas / Holiday season. Our council this year voted to buy Christmas gifts for 10 children, and we received family stockings. This is our second year in a row sponsoring or participating in this Toy Drive.

St. Albans / Fairfield Coat Drive

11/8/22 - This is our third year partnering with the Rotary Club of St. Albans (serves Franklin County). Every year we give our coats to Northwest Family Foods, and this year we will also serve families in Fairfield. This year we have brand new coats through our KofC Coats for Kids program – 48 total new coats ranging from ages four (4) to teen large. We would like to thank the CDA Court 468 for helping add to our existing coats. These coats will serve a great need this winter as the weather gets colder.

Business Award

On 11/10/22 (Thursday), Med Associates, received a Business Award from Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation (FCIDC) for recognition of the various community service acts in the community. Some examples of community service include, Various Playground builds in St. Albans, Fairfield, and East Fairfield, Participation in GreenUp, Helping the environment and smoking cessation during the cigarette butt litter cleanup campaign in July and August, Operation Happiness Toy Drive, Helped build the 18 hole Disc Golf course at Hard'ack, and the list continues. The award was received by: Knights of Columbus 297 Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay and two of his team members of Med Associates. FCIDC Executive Director and Mayor of St. Albans Tim Smith handed the Med Team the award.

Our Condolences

11/26/22

We offer our prayers and our condolences to the family of Roger Rainville.
Brother and Sir Knight Roger Rainville was a member of the Knights of Columbus council 297 (St. Albans) for 60 years. An Honor Guard will attend the funeral in support and to pay our respects to him and his family.
https://www.gossfs.com/obituaries/roger-rainville

Prayer Requests

Brother Sir Knight Maurice Bonnette's wife Laurea is not doing well, and we are requesting prayers. Please keep her in your prayers. Thank you for your help.

2022 KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Rules:
- Approximately 11" x 17" in size
- Ages 5-14 (3 Divisions: 5-7, 8-10, & 11-14)
- Poster must reflect the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas"
- All entries become the property of K of C Supreme Council

All Council-level winning submissions (all Divisions) are to be submitted to the State Youth Director by February 15, 2023. Multiple submissions will be accepted.

Entry Form available at:
https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5025-kcic-entry-score-sheet-fillable.pdf

Merry Christmas to All!

Announcement from the Office of the State Advocate

Worthy Brothers,

Per the Vermont State Bylaws, all Resolutions for the State Convention MUST be submitted to the Resolutions Committee by JANUARY 15th so that the State Advocate can provide proper notice of the Resolutions to the Councils.

While we have not operated under this rule in the past (most recently due to COVID-19 uncertainty), we will abide by it this year so as to obey our Bylaws. As such, resolutions will NOT be accepted from the floor of the State Convention.

The resolution submitted to the Resolutions Committee need not be in official format; the Resolutions Committee will assist you with formatting, but you MUST get notice to the Resolutions Committee of your intention to submit a resolution on a particular topic by JANUARY 15th.

As a reminder, Resolutions are accepted on areas of importance to the State Council, the State of Vermont, the United States of America, or the world, but they must reflect the values of the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus and must not propose a change in Church doctrine. All resolutions will be screened by the Resolutions Committee.

In order to contact the Resolutions Committee regarding your intention to submit a resolution, or to volunteer to serve on the Resolutions Committee, please contact me at: elijahtlachance@gmail.com. I will also be sending a reminder to all DD's, GK's, and FS's.

A brief sample resolution is below for your reference:

Resolution 1
WHEREAS, Pope Francis is the Vicar of Christ on earth, and
WHEREAS, He is an inspiration to us as the Leader of the Catholic Church,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Councils of Vermont offer him our sincere thanks and prayers for his Spiritual Leadership.

Vivat Jesus!

Elijah T. LaChance

Elijah T. LaChance
State Advocate

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

I will be traveling the last week of the years so

NEXT ISSUE WILL BE JANUARY 4, 2023.

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