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Vermont State Council

February 2023 Edition

Vermont State Council Officers



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From the Vermont State Deputy



Dear Brother Knights!

'Why is it that anytime we speak of temptation we always speak of temptation as something that inclines us to do wrong. We have more temptations to become good than we do to become bad.'

- Blessed Bishop Fulton Sheen

This past weekend, our VT Jurisdiction held its Mid Year District Deputy Conference. The meeting was held at St. John Vianney Church from 8am to 2:30pm. In attendance was: RGD Brandon Brown, SD Jim Michael, IPSD Steve Shover, SS Chris Poirier, SA Elijah LaChance, SW Bill LaCroix, DM David Ely Sr, SMD Ed Nuttall, AMD Keith Billado, DD1 Michael Patnode, DD2 George Piette, DD3 Bill LaCroix, DD4 Chris Poirier, DD5 Joe Kelly, DD6 Richard Powell (Virtual), DD7 Bill Scott, DD9 Jim Candon. GK Dan St. Hilliare, GK Gille Thibault, DGK Michael Hennessey, DDM David Ely Jr, FA David Giuliani. Chaplain Fr. Tim Naples stopped by in the beginning and at the end of the conference due to his attendance and Celebration of the March of Life Mass at St. Augustine's church in Montpelier. NOTE: Several of our State Officers have 'double or triple responsibilities' for the State.

Please see the summary of the meeting from your District Deputy or from our WSS Chris Poirier. I strongly encourage every Knight to at least glance thru the summary. The meeting was focused on membership growth (best and worst) practices, what is working and what is not, as well as updates on programs, Resolutions, 125th State Convention, Compliance, etc. Please realize that several of the charts have been compiled after months of reviews and discussions with the GK, DD, Chaplain/Priests and membership chairs from councils with strong membership growth and with councils with poor membership growth. We wanted to 'deep dive' into what support is needed going forward and actions available even for those with little time. I want to note though that most of our councils, even several councils with low membership growth continue to host and sponsor charitable activities, fraternal events and Eucharistic/Faith based programs! Vermont has always done well with our programs, Church and Charity support and fraternal activities

Here are a few key items I like to highlight:

1. Our Assistant RGD Brandon Brown announced his promotion to full RGD of the Southeast jurisdiction. We are going to miss Brandon. He has been a terrific advocate for the VT KofC, provided excellent training over the years and is a personal friend to many of us. We wish him the best of luck!
2. Our RGD Brandon presented our IPSD Steve Shover with the Circle of Honor State Award for FY 21-22. It is the first time in our 125 years that VT has met or exceeded all the objectives required of the COH!! IPSD Steve proudly accepted the award and thanked his fellow State Officers, DD'S, GK'S and every Knight in the State!

It is going to be tight this FY (22-23) to achieve this high honor... most of our metrics are within reach... Membership is going to be tough.. we have 36 new members and need to get to 100.

3. Membership Growth: I can type all day on our discussions on council membership growth.. the good and the not so good... but I'll try to net out the highlights...

The good: Several councils and districts continue to serve our State by strong membership growth plans/results, communication and activities... church bulletins, regular engagement with their parish priest and/or Chaplain, NOT GIVING UP, etc.!

The not so good: Well, we all know VT's demographics... 95K registered Catholics with only 10K ish attending Mass, Not much new industry in VT, especially in the outer regions of the State. The growth is mostly in the higher population areas which is not surprising... Some councils say they are getting too old to reach out or they already talked to 'everybody', no engagement with their Priest, etc. In the conference summary as well as many email communications from both myself and SMD Ed Nuttall, we have highlighted the simplest to the more organized events avail for membership! Your State Officers WANT to help... ask us! We have some limited funds avail to help sponsor a coffee hour for after Mass, etc.

4. Leadership: This is one of my personal focus points. Every Knight in our State needs to realize that we have outstanding, wonderful, faithful Catholic men volunteering their time and energy to assure the Vermont KofC Jurisdiction remains robust, maintains a strong charitable outreach, vocations and student support, Priest and Parish support, etc. However, it is becoming the same story of the same Knights doing the work... As I noted, 3 of our State Officers have double or triple duty.. meaning they are a state officer, DD and/or GK, State Chair, etc. We're all pretty active in our home councils and districts. Several of our DD's are on a 2nd or 3rd rotation in this position. Why?? Because we don't have enough men stepping up and out to take a run thru any of these positions.

This is not just a VT issue btw... our RGD Brandon took us thru a presentation on reasons that council members are not moving up to council officer positions, districts, state chairs/programs and state officers... too busy, too old, too many kids, swamped at job, etc. Ok, I am not going to judge.. we need YOUR help... please work with your GK and DD to see what leadership opportunities you can help with!

5. What are we doing that is 'fun' and family orientated? DD Bill was the first to bring this up (I believe it was in response to my comment about the reason I joined the Knights was to enjoy fraternity with Catholic men and families while we served the church (ok, I updated that bit from what I actually said but close enough)). Anyway, DD Bill's point is that he challenges each of us to sponsor and establish more family based KofC events, even at the State level so strength our bonds council to council, district to district, etc. I fully agree! I'll ask each council to brainstorm some ideas for family events... bowling night? Attend a Lenten prayer service as a family/council, council family dinner? Etc. I'm sure the pandemic kept many of us away from even thinking of participation but we're moving forward, right?

6. Ladies program: I like to thank my wife Rose Michael, Michelle LaCroix, Retha Piette and Marcy Kelly for participating in our Ladies' Program. For the Ladies program, they worked on a 125th Convention project for the Banquet, watched a DVD of Mother Teresa 'No Greater Love' and I think did a rosary or another prayer. BTW, the Ladies Program for the 125th Convention is shaping up to be outstanding (as usual)!

7. Lastly for key highlights from the Mid Year Conference... We discussed several 'tools' that may be used for councils to identify opportunities and actions for membership and overall council health -- round robins/brainstorming and SWOT analysis (Identifies council strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats). See the sample SWOT that our WSS Chris placed in the meeting summary.

In conclusions for my February VT KofC Magazine update, I pray for and thank those that attended the Montpelier Life Events Day. Fr. Tim said it was well attended and overflowing at lunch. This event date was announced after, we secured the date/location and attendance for our Mid Year.

Please help our State and the 125th Convention Committee by selling ads for the convention which will be held at Stowe Flake Resort on Friday 4/28 thru Sunday 4/30.

I hope to see many of you this upcoming weekend, Saturday February 4th at the Rutland Elk's Club to celebrate our 2022 Anchor Award Recipient Jim Candon!! See WSA and WGK Elijah LaChance if you have any questions.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Jim Michael (State Deputy)



125th Annual Vermont Knights of Columbus State Convention

Brother Knights,

It is my pleasure to officially invite you, your delegates, and families to the upcoming 125th Annual Vermont Knights of Columbus State Convention on **Friday, April 28th through Sunday, April 30th 2023** in Stowe, Vermont at "The Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa". The Stoweflake is a luxury resort at 1746 Mountain Road (Route 108), Stowe, Vermont known for its first-class convention accommodations, excellent cuisine and family hospitality for over 59 years. Venue information is available online at: stoweflake.com

Here are some of the proposed highlights of the upcoming convention:

- ✓ "History of the Vermont Knights" 125th year memorabilia display from several of the original Vermont councils
- ✓ Friday night cocktail hour & dinner buffet followed by a revival of the "Knights Got Talent" variety show program where *everyone gets involved* - a big success in 2018
- ✓ A spiritually-uplifting "Ladies Programs" that will be both enriching and entertaining
- ✓ Entertainment events for children travelling with their families to the convention
- ✓ Catholic Mass in a dedicated onsite "chapel" with Confession available
- ✓ A "photo booth" for memorable convention photographs
- ✓ Saturday night Awards Banquet and presentations
- ✓ The ever-popular gift-baskets and 50/50 raffles
- ✓ And much, much more...

Our Convention Chairman, State Secretary Christopher Poirier, will be emailing more information about room registration, meal selection and other details in the near future. If you have any immediate questions or want to provide suggestions to make this convention the best it can be, please contact Chris at cpfixit@comcast.net or call/text him at (802) 734-8887. He is always eager to receive your input.

May God bless you and your families during this Advent and Christmas Season and I look forward to seeing many of you at our very special 125th State Convention in April!

Most sincerely,

Jim

James Michael
Vermont State Deputy
Knights of Columbus



Dear Brothers in Christ,
The next video in my series of *Reflections on the Holy Eucharist* is posted online. All the videos are available on my YouTube Channel, or [this playlist link](#).

Now, for a question: How often have you spent an hour in the Church, not for Mass, but just to pray in the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist?

This tradition of a “Holy Hour” is very common when a parish offers Eucharistic Adoration. But a Holy Hour may be made in any open church, even when Eucharistic Adoration is not taking place. A group may do a holy hour together, even if the parish priest is not leading the prayers or doing exposition.

I have now compiled a "booklet" for the purposes of holy hours organized by Knights of Columbus in our churches.

While the booklet came about because of the strong encouragement of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council - that men in local councils would schedule, advertise, and lead *group holy hours* in their parish churches - all the contents in this booklet are entirely appropriate for private prayer too.

You may find the booklet in the new post of my blog, UbiPetrusVT.com. If hyperlinks are working, [this link will download the simple text](#). Print it in various formats, like [this 2-sided booklet format](#), for your personal use at home or in church, or your communal use for a Holy Hour in your local church.

Vivat Jesus!
Fr. Tim Naples

The attached Holy Hour Book was inspired by the Eucharistic Revival. I tested it with Council 7525 when some members did their monthly hour-shift at my parish 1st-Friday day of adoration. They liked the Rosary.

In a month or so I will see if there is a good opportunity to make professionally printed booklets for distribution.

[C:\Users\noelm\Downloads\KofC Holy Hour Blogpost.pdf](#)

STATE SECRETARY

February



Brothers,

We are fast approaching a very busy time of year with many Knights activities and fund raising events.



The Anchor Award will be presented to Jim Candon on Saturday, 2/4 in Rutland. Congratulations to Jim for many years of service to the Knights and the Church! The planning for the 125th State Convention is well underway and I hope councils will vote on their delegates and alternates this month. Please do all you can to help with the convention by having your councils and parishes purchase an ad in the Convention Book to help keep the costs of our convention down. If you can sell ads to businesses in your community, that would be a great help too! Please let me know if you need more information about this fund-raising and advertising program.

Administrative Reminders

Liability Insurance – All your GK's and FS's have received an email about optional liability insurance through the State Council. Please contact State Advocate Elijah LaChance about this ASAP elijahTlachance@gmail.com.

Annual Survey – Your council should have submitted a Form 1728 by January 31st. If you forgot, please do this as soon as possible. This estimate of service hours is essential to our charitable fraternity in so many ways!

Membership – Since so many of our councils have lost older members and others this past couple of years, recruitment is CRITICAL for our survival and service. Please reach-out to eligible men so they can join our team!



Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

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

November 12, 2022

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

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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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E-mail: WNMG@aol.com

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

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Part II: Applicant's Personal Record

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

Applicant's Full Name _____

Address _____

City or Town _____

To School Personnel:

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



District Master Report

Greetings Faithful Navigators, and Faithful Comptrollers,

I hope that your Fraternal year is going well. I hope by now you have submitted your form 1728C, Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities. Don't forget to submit your IRS form 990-N. The next form due is Form 186 Officers Chosen, which is due by the end of June. How is your Assembly doing? Are you active? Are you recruiting? Are you on the road to earning the Star Assembly Award? If no, why not? If there has been any changes to your Officers list, let me and Supreme know. Mark your calendars, there will be an Exemplification of the 4th Degree on August 19, 2023 in Rutland. Complete information coming soon. Have a safe Winter,

David Ely, DM

An Incredible Opportunity

A matter of great importance is the need for Knights of Columbus field agents in Vermont. There is a goal for 2-3 new representatives to serve the membership and finally achieve full coverage. We at the DiCalogero Agency have been working diligently in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont for the past 10 years. This is a full time career position and is open to all members.

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

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

David Giuliani
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**CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS
FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHT
WHO PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH**

Entrusted to the care of Mary, the Mother of God, we carry the Rosary as the sign of our dedication to her and to her Son. Confident in her motherly love for us all, we entrust the soul of our brother Knights to her, that she may present him to her Son.

To all Brother Knights that have passed away last month.



Message from State Program Director

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to drop you a quick note and remind you that as your Council's do all of the excellent programs you all typically do , not to forget to submit them to me as you complete them. This will allow you to get all of your info down as you complete it and have it still fresh in your mind. Use the Form # STSP (attached) to record info and PLEASE submit a separate write up and pictures to increase your chances of winning an award at the State Convention. We don't do programs to get praise or recognition , but is nice when we are rewarded for the good deeds we do. The cutoff for submissions to me is March 31 2023 .The State judging committee will be meeting in the first week of April to determine the winners in each category.

Please mail to me if possible , e-mail is OK as well , but I only have a black & white laser printer and you won't get as nice a presentation. I will accept ALL submissions for any award submissions in the 4 categories at ANY TIME :

-FAITH –FAMILY –COMMUNITY -LIFE

New - ASAP (Aid & Support after Pregnancy) program -2 credits as featured program - under LIFE

I will also be accepting nominations for Family of the Year and Knight of the Year as well . I think each Council should have no problem having a worthy submission for both of these two awards !

NEW this year - Chaplain of the year . A new and vey overdue award category . It goes without saying that each Council should have a very worthy submission in this category , I have attached a simple form to this e-mail , but please feel free to send in additional info to make your submission that much stronger.

Also, your FS should submit to me the longest continuous serving Brother from your Council so that he can be recognized . This award is for continuous service , not First Degree date.

Please remember that the Star Council requirements have not been changed for this Fraternal year, they are:

Columbian Award – Fill out form #SP-7 4 programs in each 4 categories . Featured Programs = 2 points each

McGivney Award – for Membership . 6% increase over last years member number on your roster.

Founders Award – for Insurance . Council must participate in at least 2 Online or in person Insurance benefit informational meetings with 7 attendees Council must submit form # 11077

Safe Environment training - Required for specified leadership positions: Grand Knight , Community , Program and Family Directors

Also , Form #365 Service Program Personnel report and Form #1728 Annual Survey for Fraternal Activity must be submitted and all assessments paid to Supreme and State Councils.

Please note: Anchor award submissions are separate from these above award submissions. Anchor award submissions are to be submitted directly to the State Secretary - Chris Poirier by end of February on the 28th

Again, let me reiterate , I will accept any and all submissions as your Council completes them.

Reach out to me if you have ANY questions on the awards

I look forward to seeing the award submissions flow in and hope to have so many great submissions that it takes the committee hours to judge them!

Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

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State Council Program Awards

Entry Form

THIS REPORTING FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH COUNCIL AND FORWARDED TO THE STATE COUNCIL.
(A separate reporting form should be completed for each program category.)

CATEGORY (MARK ONE): Faith Family Community Life



COUNCIL INFORMATION:

1 Council Number: _____ Total Council Members: _____
Grand Knight: _____ E-Mail: _____

PROGRAM INFORMATION (complete all sections):

2 Program Title: _____ Program Date: _____

Participation: _____ + _____ = _____
Members Non Members Total Participants
_____ X _____ = _____
Total Participants Hours Total Volunteer Hours

Program Planning: _____ & _____ Members Recruited: _____ Donations: _____
Costs Time Local Currency

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

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

DO NOT SUBMIT THIS REPORT FORM TO SUPREME COUNCIL

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

MAIL ORIGINAL TO: State Deputy or State Program Director

COPY TO: Council File

Available in electronic format at www.kofc.org



(continued on reverse)

3b) Whom does this program benefit?

3c) What problem or need did this program resolve?

3d) Why did the council select this program?

3e) Describe the success of the program:

Attest: _____ Signed: _____ Date _____
State Deputy Grand Knight



VERMONT STATE Knight *of the* Year

Entry Form

Instructions: To enter your council member into the state competition for Knight of the Year, complete this form and forward to the State Program Director. Attach additional paper if space allocated is not sufficient. Photographs, news clippings, testimonial letters and other special exhibits are encouraged as these will be strongly considered during the judging by the state council selection committee. If not otherwise instructed by the State Program Director or State Deputy, the date of submittal for this form and all associated materials is one month prior to the Vermont State Convention.

Council Name and Number: _____

Candidate's Name: _____ Years of Service: _____

Describe member's involvement in Knights of Columbus, Parish, or Community activities that merits special recognition. Include all activities, hours worked, people or organizations helped, etc.

Attested: _____ Date: _____

Grand Knight



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Attested: _____ Date: _____

Grand Knight

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Knights of Columbus:

C. Family Involvement

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Church:

Explain the entire family's involvement within the community:

Explain why this family was chosen as the model family in your jurisdiction. Why does this family deserve the distinction of being named Knights of Columbus Family of the Year?

For Jurisdiction Use Only:

This family has been chosen Jurisdiction Family of the Year.

Attest: _____
(State Deputy)

Email a copy of this document to: fraternalmission@kofc.org (Councils should also retain a copy of this completed form for their files)

State Blessed Michael McGivney Award Council Nominee

Email: _____ Date: _____

Submitter's Name: _____ KofC Council Role _____

Council Number: _____ Jurisdiction: _____

In connection with the International Program Awards Contest sponsored by the Supreme Council office, the following Chaplain is the nominee named by my council:

CHAPLAIN INFORMATION:

Council Number: _____

Chaplain to be recognized: _____ How long has he been a priest? _____

Chaplain's Member Number: _____ Years as KofC Chaplain: _____

Other Positions Held? (Write N/A if none) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

AWARD SUBMISSION:

1. In less than 250 words, please answer how your chaplain is:

- a teacher of the faith
- an apostle of Christian family life
- a devoted parish priest
- an exemplar of charity
- a builder of Catholic fraternity
- role model to your Parish



State Blessed Michael McGivney Award Council Nominee

2. Please add or attach other reasons why your chaplain should be considered for this award (if none write n/a)

GRAND KNIGHT ATTESTATION:

Grand Knight Signature: _____

**Each council must complete this report form and be forwarded it to the state council.
Individual award entries must be forwarded to the State Council office by March 31.**

Knights of Columbus
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Vocations RSVP

The Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through this program, council and parish families will raise funds to support seminarians in their area. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 **per** individual supported.

Though financial support is vitally important, it is not the only aspect of RSVP. Councils are also called to provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success.

Providing such support is easy and can be accomplished through a variety of efforts: At the end of each council meeting or event, take a moment to remember the seminarian you support. Send cards to your seminarian or postulate.. Ask the seminarian or postulate how your council can best assist him or her throughout the year.

Conduct various events in your parish and community in order to reach your goal!

As a council, make a resolution to allocate a specific amount collected at various fundraisers for RSVP. This is a central aspect of RSVP and must be fulfilled in order to satisfy the program requirements. Immediately after your program is finished, complete the [RSVP Report Form \(#2863\)](#) and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission and State Vocations Chairman to obtain credit for your program. Remember to retain copies for your council records. **Proudly display your RSVP participation plaque in your parish or council hall and continue to add to it by participating every year!**

If your council is considering supporting a seminarian please contact me for information on a seminarian or seminarians to support. You can E-mail me at gfbean44@yahoo.com. Or call at 862-8581. Also if you have already given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023 please send me a copy of form 2863 (RSVP form) .

“Vocations are Everybody’s Business” Pray for Vocations.

Vivat Jesus

Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM

K of C State Vocations Director

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

SEMINARIAN DIRECTORY

2022-2023

SEMINARY ADDRESS

YEAR OF STUDY

HOME ADDRESS

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Mr. Cale Bombardier
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First Theology

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Mr. An Hong Dinh
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First Philosophy

Mr. An Hong Dinh
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Let's Celebrate!



Saturday, February 18, 2023
at the Barton Memorial Building in Barton, VT
5:30 pm Dinner - 7:30 pm Entertainment

Featuring the return of:



And friends:

Fabulous local talent!

**Singing, dancing,
laughing and a
special *surprise*
guest star!!**

HAM DINNER with all the fixins' at 5:30 pm
including the traditional "King Cake" followed by entertainment at 7:30 pm

There will also be a 50/50 raffle and prizes!

You are not going to want to miss this!!

TICKETS

(Ticket sales begin January 14-15th, 2023!)

Advance sale: adults- \$13, children under 10- \$7. At the door: adults- \$15, children under 10- \$7

To reserve your seat now, call Linda Cook at (802) 525-3137.

**Tickets will also be on sale after Masses at St. Paul's in Barton, St. Theresa's in Orleans
and St. John Vianney in Irasburg**

Proceeds to benefit Most Holy Trinity Parish: Barton, Irasburg and Orleans.

SECOND ANNUAL SHOPPING WITH SANTA

When Council 2285 Grand Knight Richard "Rick" Bruce suffered a serious medical condition on November 1, 2022 and unexpected complications ensued, his cadets from the North Country Union High School Army JROTC program became very concerned and wanted to help. They knew he was excited about the upcoming Shopping with Santa event that he and his brother knights were planning. One of his senior cadets, Aleighah Bonneau, had gone to visit him at Dartmouth and while he was unable to respond to her, his eyes lit up when she told him that she was going to round up the cadets to help his brother knights carry out the event.

Aleighah stuck to her word and within days, set up a meeting for the cadets to meet the council brothers at the National Guard Armory. The cadets had two requests. First, could the event be held at the Armory and secondly, could the event be moved to December 10th with the hopes that Rick could be present and possibly play the part of the Grinch. The brother knights agreed and explained how the event had been run in 2021. Knights spoke of how shopping items were donated by their wives as well as by parish members. Cadets made arrangements for buckets to be available at the Armory and at the high school. A facebook post was made asking for donations from the community at large. When the high school got word of the event, the National Honor Society asked if they could set up a cookie and beverage area and the Rotary Interact Club set off on a mission to help with an arts and crafts area.

Donations were overwhelming. Each day leading up to the event, cadets and knights along with their families spent 30 hours organizing the items and placing them out on categorized tables. There were tables for books, puzzles, jewelry, games, Christmas décor, ties, candles, toys, photo frames and so much more. Event flyers were distributed among the surrounding community. Announcements were in the local newspapers, radio and on facebook.

Cadets acted as elves to help the children shop. They also took photos of children with Santa and each child received a 5 x 7 photo to take home. In addition, they greeted shoppers and handed out bags to the estimated 600 people in attendance. Knight's wives provided free gift wrapping. Word on the street were that Santa and the Grinch were both Brother Knights. Santa gave each child \$1.00 to shop with and a stuffed toy. Carols were sung by a brother knight accompanied by a dear friend of the council. Many happy memories were made at this community event!

Gibbons Council Grand Knight Rick Bruce (left) was released from the hospital in time to make an appearance at Shopping with Santa. He wasn't able to be the Grinch but he still looked festive. With him are his daughter, Vicky and son-in-law, Rob. In front of them is one of the several tables that had Christmas décor items to shop for





Santa and his elves, the North Country Union High School Army JROTC cadets pause for a quick selfie before the start of Shopping with Santa held in Newport on December 10, 2022.



Brother Knight, Ron Bergeron, entertained the Shopping with Santa attendees with Christmas carols. Council friend, Carol Case, provided harmony while the Grinch tried his best to throw them off key. Can you believe the Grinch is a member of the Knights of Columbus???



National Honor Society students of North Country Union High School provided beverages & cookies while the NCUHS Rotary Interact Club members helped with arts & crafts.



Some of the 600 shoppers we had. It was heartwarming to see grandparents with their grandchildren. We were thankful God blessed the day with good weather for everyone.



(Above) Knights wives helped the little ones to wrap their gifts.
(Below) A beautiful little girl poses for a picture with Santa.



Would you believe that Santa made more children cry than the Grinch?



**Gibbons Council 2285 Knights of Columbus
24 Day Christmas Charity Raffle 2022 Winners
Much Gratitude to All Donors and Supporters!!**

- Dec.1-** \$50 VT Designer Wreath donated by **Carmen Comeau** – Rachel Ducharme
Large & Small Thermos Community National Bank – Lois from Family Furniture
Two \$25 GC donated by **Jed's Maple** – Jack Anderson and Gisele Pion
Two Large 3 Topping Pizzas donated by **Dominos** – Theresa Forbes and Patrick Heaney
- Dec.2-** \$50 GC to **The Great Outdoors** – Rosemarie Hartley
\$50 GC **Newport Farm & Garden** – Deb Hamilton
Two \$50 gift cards to **VT Pie & Pasta** – Claude Chicoine and Pidgeon Donald Roy
- Dec.3-** Two \$20 GC to **Americas Taco Shop** – Mike Girard and Lois from Family Furniture
Two \$50 GC to **Hillmers On Main** – Annette Royer and James Turner
Eight \$50 GC to **Roasters Café and Deli** – Diane Bartlett/Gail Thompson, Terry Grenier, Analesa Muir,
Robert Pare, Tess Round, Nathan St. George, Freya Thompson, Gerry Trevis
- Dec.4-** \$100 donated by **Family Furniture** – Nancy Cook
- Dec.5-** \$100 donated by **Memphremagog Rentals** – Caleb Kahstrom
\$25 gift certificate to **Newport Jewelers** - Donna and Keith Mandart
- Dec.6-** \$100 donated by **Newport Optical** –Mike Gaudreau
- Dec.7-** \$50 donated by **Family Furniture** – Johnna Uhlendorff
Two \$50 Gas Certificates to **Jimmy Kwik** – Keith & Donna Mandart, Alice Gonyaw Piette
Four \$25 Wendy's Gift Cards – Marjorie Brown, Nancy Cook, Sherry Girard, Nathan St. George
- Dec.8-** \$100 donated by **Brighton Garage** – Lillian Kelley
\$100 donated by **Goulet's Seasonal Rentals** – Lilia Piette
Two \$50 GC to **Essex House** – Rosa Hathaway and Ellen Stanley
- Dec.9-** Six \$25 GC to **West Side Deli** –Alice Chicoine, Kelley Collins, Mya Daigle, Tammy Lamoureux,
Charlotte Quirion and Robert Raboin
Two \$20 GC to **Subway** – Oliva Lallier and Deborah Richards
Two \$25 GC to **Buzzy's Beverage** – Julie Gunn and Rita Lefebvre
Two \$40 GC to **The Warehouse** – Michael Coutu and Darlene Ratte
- Dec.10-** \$100 donated by **Gene's Electric** – Therese Perron
- Dec.11-** Two \$50 GC to **Millers Pub at NCC** – K of C 2025 of White River Junction and Howard Emery
- Dec.12-** \$100 donated by **Heritage Memorials** – Dana Bathalon
- Dec.13-** \$100 donated by **Gene's Electric** – Monique Blais
- Dec.14-** Eight \$50 gift cards to the **Pick & Shovel** – Mandi Berube, Marjorie Brown, M.S. Clark, Alexis Czekaj,
Elizabeth Lemieux, Ellen Stanley, Nancy Tanguay and Jason Warren
- Dec.15-** \$100 donated by **Newport Optical** – Ward Nolan
- Dec.16-** \$100 donated by **Built by Newport** –Linda Laplume
- Dec.17-** \$50 donated by **Family Furniture** –Paula Perron
Two \$50 gift certificates to **Hoagies** – Lori Dwyer and Delores Lapierre
- Dec.18-** \$100 donated by **Donald Dahlin, DDS** – James Turner
\$100 donated by **Taylor Moore Agency**- Colleen Cole
\$50 Happy Birthday Grand Knight **Rick Bruce** – Dennis Fournier
- Dec.19-** \$100 donated by **Gene's Electric** – Pauline Pooler
- Dec.20-** \$50 Happy Birthday **Anita Gervais** by **Melinda & Family** – Sharon Fortin
- Dec.21-** (3) \$100 donated by **Nadeau's P & H** – Francis Campbell, Martha Fournier, Michelle Lapierre
- Dec.22-** \$100 donated by **Affordable Self Storage** – Rachel Wright
- Dec.23-** \$100 donated by **Worth's Seamless Gutters** – Mary Nolin
- Christmas Eve-** \$50 donated by **Memphremagog Press** – Joyce McAllister
\$100 donated by **Family Furniture** Kristina O'Brien
\$100 donated by **Oil Supply Corporation** – Denise Robert
\$100 donated by **Tanguay Homes** – Claudette Limoges
- (2) Grand Prizes of \$1000 by an Anonymous K of C Supporter** – Mike Gaudreau and Rick Gosselin



Dan St. Hilaire, Grand Knight and his Council of Burlington -Degoesebriand Council #279 , receiving the Star Council award plaque from DD#3 Bill LaCroix.

Jeffrey Brosseau Grand Knight of Winooski St Stevens Council #2284 , receiving the Star Council award plaque from DD#3 Bill LaCroix

As you are aware , Star Council is given to those Councils that achieve their Membership , Program and Insurance goals for the Year and also are Safe Environment training compliant . Star Council achievement also gets the Council a rebate of one half of their Supreme per Capita.

St. John Paul II Council 10417



Exemplification Night Left to right:

Gille Thibault GK, Tim Downs, Knight Chef, Peter Lavallee PGK, Deacon Paul Vocations Chairman,

Brain Sumner New Knight, Fr. Feltz Chaplain, Mike Boivin Warden, Mike Thompson Advocate, Roger Dickinson Recorder, Bob Kelm PGK, Mike Patnode DD, Scott Wise Chancellor, Ed Malia Membership Director

Next our first Sunday sit down breakfast money raised is for one of our School Scholarships





Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

To Benefit the College Scholarship Fund

**Saturday, February 25, 2023
after the 4:30PM Mass**

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

**Spaghetti, Homemade Meatballs,
Garlic Bread, Green Salad, Rolls,
Dessert, Coffee & Cold Drinks**



**Cost: \$12.00 per person~
& kids 12 & under eat FREE!**

**THIS DINNER WILL BE LIMITED TO
110 TICKETS FOR IN-HALL DINING ~AND~
40 TICKETS FOR TAKE-OUT**

Rosary Council #4684

Richmond

Rosary Council 4684 is pleased to announce that the recipient of our **2022 Fr. Gerard P. LeClerc Memorial Scholarship** is Katie Niekrewciz, the daughter of Paul and Mary Niekrewciz of Williston VT. The \$1000 college scholarship award was recently presented to Katie following the 10:30 AM Sunday mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Williston by the council's Grand Knight Bill Rensch. In an effort to promote and encourage the practice of our faith among young adults, Rosary Council sponsors a college scholarship each year to the members of IHM and Holy Rosary parishes. Our congratulations go out to Katie and we pray that she is successful in her academic pursuits.



Dear Worthy Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries,

The South Burlington Knights of Columbus are once again hosting a Super Bingo to benefit Camp Ta Kum Ta. As you probably already know, Camp Ta Kum Ta is a week long summer camp for children either with cancer or have had cancer. The South Burlington Knights have been involved with Camp since its inception by Ted Kessler, many years ago. Our goal this year is to raise \$50,000.00 to give to Camp Ta Kum Ta. In order for us to achieve this goal, we are looking for sponsors, or sponsorships for the various games that will be played that day. So, we are looking to you to sponsor either a \$500.00 or \$1,000.00 game that day. We will have your name or company name listed for all five hundred people who hopefully will be in attendance that day, which by the way is Sunday, April 23, 2023.

If you would like to help us out with being a sponsor, please make your check payable to: S. Burlington K of C/Camp Ta Kum Ta and mail it to my attention at 106 Marions Way, Williston, VT 05495

Thank you in advance for your continued support of this great cause.

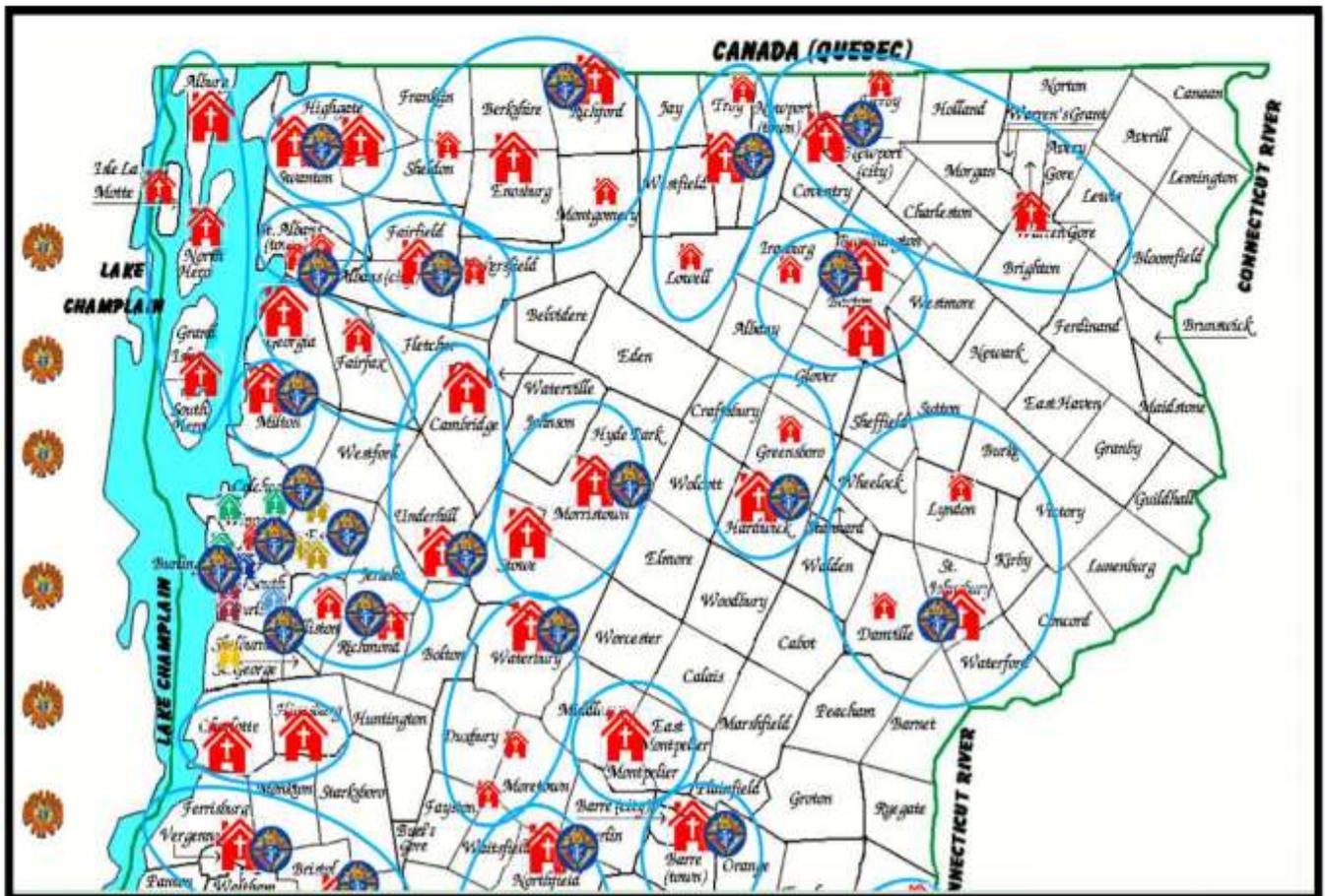
Sincerely,
Steve Shover
Immediate Past State Deputy
South Burlington Knights of Columbus

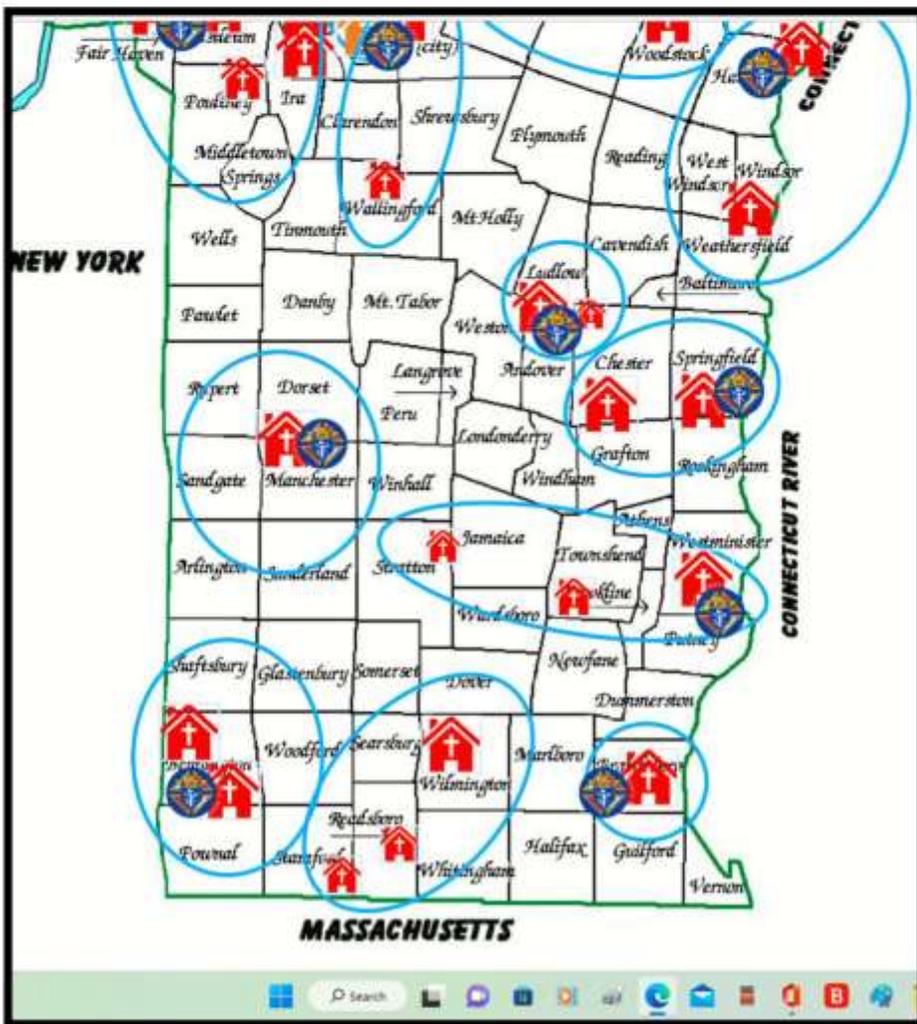
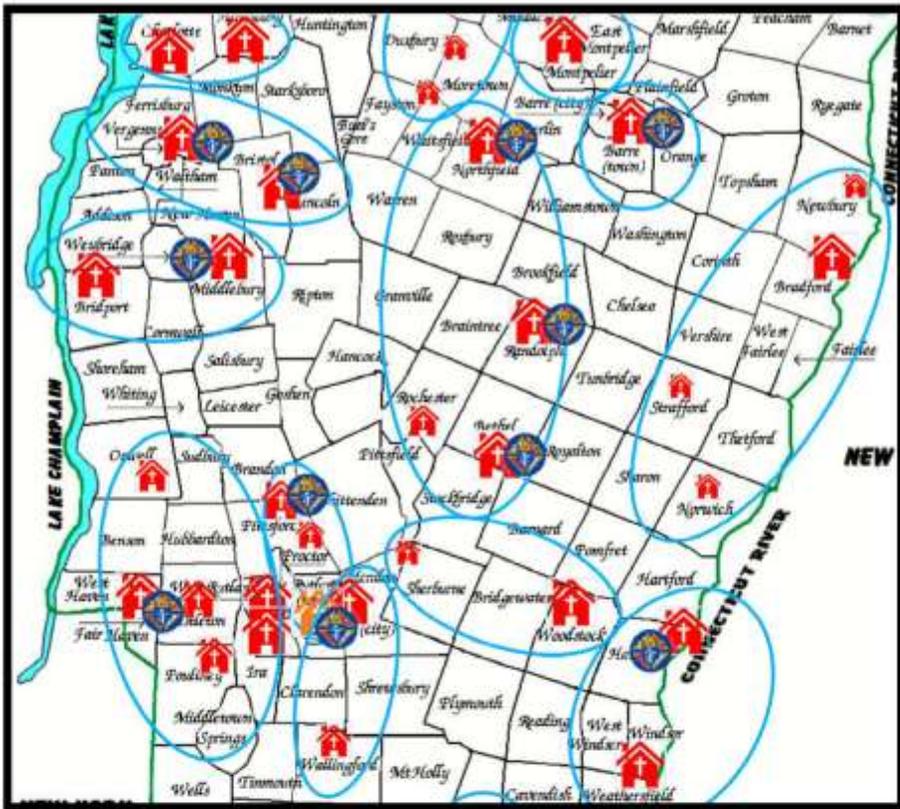
THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

Brother Knights

In your recruiting quests for new members to help your councils grow are you seeing the same faces and getting the same responses? Well, time out! You need a change in your approach. It's called "Satellite Parish" or in some cases "Roundtable", the difference being a formalized "Roundtable Coordinator", there being only a few recognized. Look at Fr. Naples' Map of Vermont below. You see all those "blue circles". They're called "goose eggs" and they represent "spheres of Influence" for certain parishes. If you draw lines of communication between the Parish Knights of Columbus Council (*with a KofC Logo*) and all other parishes within the "goose egg", you have the groundwork for recruiting outside your parish/council. This is called "thinking outside the box".

Now that your "goose egg" is defined, contact your Parish/Council Priest and request his support in setting up dates for Delta Drives for all parishes within your sphere of influence. Once you do this you will by design see new faces.





DISTRICT 1,2,3 MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY FROM 1 JULY 2022 TO 26 JANUARY 2023

MEMBERSHIP QUOTAS with DISTRICT TOTALS

COUNCIL	MBR	GAIN/ LOSS	INSUR SEMINAR	TOTAL +/-	LOCATION
DISTRICT #1 *19/491 (-32)					
297	8	0/0	1/0	110 (-34)	ST ALBANS
2610	3	1/0	1/0	68 (0)	RICHFORD
7669	5	2/0	0/0	98 (2)	SWANTON
10417	6	1/0	1/0	141 (-2)	MILTON [^]
10830	4	1/0	1/0	74	FAIRFAX
TOTALS	26	5/0	4/0	491 (-32)	
DISTRICT #2 17/430 (-14)					
421	4	0/0	0/0	101 (-11)	ST. JOHNSBURY [^]
2285	9	0/0	0/2	196 (-2)	NEWPORT
7763	3	0/0	0/0	71 (-1)	ORLEANS
7943	4	0/0		62	TROY
TOTALS	23	0/0	0/2	430 (-14)	
DISTRICT #3 23/331 (-7)					
279	5	1/0	0/0	95	BURLINGTON
2284	6	3/0	0/0	115 (+1)	WIINOOSKI
7525	8	1/0	0/0	121 (-8)	S. BURLINGTON [^]
TOTALS	19	5/0	0/0	3321(-7)	

DISTRICT 4,5,6 MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY FROM 1 JULY 2022 TO 26 JANUARY 2023

DISTRICT #4 17/259 (-3)					
2496	9	0/0	0/0	91 (-1)	ESSEX JCT
4684	3	0/0	0/0	61 (+1)	RICHMOND [^]
7389	3	0/0	0/0	61 (-1)	COLCHESTER
7810	3	1/0	0/0	44 4449 (-2)	UNDERHILL
TOTALS	18	1/0	0/0	259 (-3)	
DISTRICT #5 14/414 (-14)					
399	10	1/0	1/1	215 (-8)	E. MONTPELIER
1568	3	0/0	0/0	67 -1	HARDWICK
2085	3	0/0	0/0	55 (-3)	WATERBURY
5041	4	0/0	0/0	77 (-2)	MORRISVILLE
TOTALS	20	1/0	1/1	415 (-13)	
DISTRICT #6 13/205 (+8)					
2025	3	0/0	0/0	41 (-2)	WHITE RIVER JCT
9146	7	11/0	0/0	94 (+10)	NORTHFIELD
10241	3	0/0	0/0	24 (-1)	BETHEL
11457	3	0/0	0/0	22	NORTHFIELD
14351	3	2/0	0/0	24 (+1)	RANDOLPH
TOTALS	19	13/0	0/0	205 (+8)	

DISTRICT 7,8,9 MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY FROM 1 JULY 2022 TO 26 JANUARY 2023

DISTRICT #7 8/191 (-6)					
642	5	1/0	1/0	93 (-2)	MIDDLEBURY
3664	3	0/0	0/0	66 (-2)	VERGENNES^
10535	3	1/0	0/0	32 (-2)	BRISTOL
TOTALS	11	2/0	1/0	191 (-6)	
DISTRICT #8 12/276 (-6)					
753	5	0/	0/0	91 (-1)	BELLOWS FALLS
917	3	0/0	1/0	62 (-1)	BRATTLEBORO
2832	3	0/0	0/0	40	WINDSOR
6816	3	0/0	0/1	55 (-2)	MANCHESTER
7324	3	0/0	0/0	28 (-2)	LUDLOW
TOTALS	17	1/0	1/1	276 (-6)	
DISTRICT #9 19/417 (-23)					
232	11	7/0	0/0	175 (+3)	RUTLAND^
307	7	0/0	0/0	122 (-26)	BENNINGTON
810	4	1/0	0/-1	77 (0)	FAIR HAVEN
2628	3	0/0	0/0	43	SPRINGFIELD
TOTALS	25	8/0	0/-1	417 (-23)	

TITLE EXPLANATION

- ▶ **DISTRCT #1 19/491(-32)**
- ▶ **#1 of 9 DISTRICTS**
- ▶ **19 – District Deputy Personal Membership Quota**
- ▶ **491- Membership Strength**
- ▶ **-32 – Change in Membership Strength from previous**
- ▶ **^DISTRICT EXEMPLIFICATION TEAM**

MONTHLY STATS

STOP MAKING EXCUSES
AND START BEING
PROACTIVE. CHANGE YOUR
ATTITUDE.

- You must want to succeed!
- Stay Focused
- Face adversity with goals
- Visit every 3 months

DISTRICT	MEMBER SMP REAL	NAME	RET	COUNCILS over 3 yrs	COUNCILS NOT RECRUITING	COUNCILS NOT RECRUITING 3-4 YRS	Under 30 Years old	NOTES
#1	22	5	5	5	1	0	0	
#2	20	0	0	4	4	1		481
#3	13	5	5	3	0	0	0	
#4	14	1	1	4	3	2		2000/2000
#5	19	1	1	4	3	2		1000/2000
#6	18	13	13	5	3	2	18	2000/2000
#7	11	2	2	3	1	1	0	0000
#8	18	0	0	5	5	3		01/2000 0000
#9	18	13	13	4	2	2	0	2012/0000
TOTAL	154	40	40	37	22	13	24	

Members from Council 7525 at Right to Life March 28 JAN 23

L-R: Sir Knight Rick Gravelin, Sir Knight Dave Bean and Alice Benson, wife of Sir Knight Jay Benson



Fr. Boivin Council #5041

Fr. Boivin Council #5041 took part in a Rosary Walk for Life held at Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Morrisville on Saturday, January 21. Eight council members, including Chaplains Fr. Jon Schnobrich and Fr. Paul Sayaha, joined other parish members in silent prayer while circling the church led by a statue the Blessed Virgin with all knights who were able taking turns carrying the palanquin.



Knights of Columbus COUNCIL 297 January 2022 NEWS

GK Garibay and Warden Gordon McRae collecting money at Food City in St. Albans for the UVM Big Change Round Up. So far Council 297 has collected \$306.00.



Football pool to help with the Big Change Round Up.

At Med Associates we are doing a football pool to raise money for the UVM Big Change Round Up for kids. We did this football pool last year. Last year, we also helped raise over 30K to help the children's hospital.

KOFC Council 297 also raised \$3,000.00 last year. This is for a great cause.

Many people have either used the services at UVM or know others who have used the services at UVM. Two of my kids both were born with Spina Bifida Occulta (mild form of Spina Bifida). My wife (Bridget) and I have been supporters of the UVM Children's hospital since 2011.

Super bowl 57 is happening on February 12th in Arizona! MED will once again be selling Super Bowl Squares to raise money for our Big Change Roundup campaign.

Here is how it will work this year:

1. \$10 per square
2. Each square will have 4 chances to win.
 1. \$50 at the end of the 1st Quarter
 2. \$150 at halftime
 3. \$50 at the end of the 3rd Quarter
 4. \$250 Final Score!
3. Buy as many squares as you would like.
4. You do not have to know how to play football to participate.
5. If you win, I will give you your winnings. Even if you are out of state or not in Franklin County.

Every square has the exact same odds (You do not have to know how to play football in order to participate). Once the squares are all sold – or by the afternoon of February 10th in the case of having unsold squares, numbers will be drawn and assigned to each row and column. I'll email out the numbers so you can follow along during the game and see who wins in real time.

If you would like to participate to help us raise funds and buy some squares.

1. **Let me know how much money you would like to donate toward this pool.**
2. **You can also donate and not participate in the pool too.**
3. **If you would like to donate, please use the link below for us to track the donations.**

<https://give.uvmhealth.org/fundraiser/4356106>

Thank you for your help,

Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay

Council 297

State Family of the Month

1/20/23 Update:

Congratulations to the Gallagher Family of St. Albans, Vermont. They were recently chosen by Supreme to be the State Family of the Month for November 2022. They received a little gift in the mail.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

Below you will see a table of the KOFC 297 sponsored blood drives but check out the link to see all the blood drives for 05478. Again, one pint of blood helps three people.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results...>



Caption: 48th blood drive in a row at St. Albans City Hall. GK Garibay and Warden McRae.

#	Date	Time	Location
1	2/14/2022	1130 AM to 4 PM	St. Albans City Hall
2	2/25/2023	9 AM to 2 PM	St. Albans City Hall
3	3/9/2023	11 AM to 4 PM	St. Albans City Hall
4	3/22/2023	10 AM to 3 PM	St. Albans City Hall
5	4/6/2023	10 AM to 3 PM	St. Albans City Hall
6	4/22/2023	10 AM to 3 PM	St. Albans City Hall
7	5/26/2023	10 AM to 3 PM	St. Marys Parish Hall
8	6/1/2023	10 AM to 3 PM	St. Albans City Hall
9	6/23/2022	10 AM to 3 PM	St. Marys Parish Hall

ADORATION – HOLY HOUR

The following dates for adoration will be at Holy Angels on 2/1 (SK Larry King), 2/8 (SK Larry King), 2/15 (Canceled), 2/22 (CDA Delores Demone), and 3/1 (CDA Delores Demone).

Thank you for SK Larry King (Swanton Council) and for CDA Delores Demone for covering these dates from 7 PM to 8 PM.

St. Mary's Parish Hall Blood Drive.

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 297

Reached a milestone of 1,500 + blood donations since August 2020; 49 blood drives.

Very thankful to an awesome community.



From Left to Right: Brad Howart, District Manager of Vermont and New Hampshire, KOFC # 297
Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay, and Elaine Brand, Account Manager for Northwest Vermont.
Locations: St. Mary's Parish Hall in St. Albans, Vermont on 1/27/2023; 49th Blood Drive since August 12, 2020.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Board Contest



All three posters won in District 1 and will go onto State judging. Congrats JP Lawson, O. Routhier, and M. Lawson.

Food Shelf

2023 Goals...

Our last KofC 297 blood drive in mid-December yielded forty (40) blood pints, three new blood donors, donated cash and non perishables food / cans for the community.

Pasta is a good need for the food shelf.

One of our goals for 2023 is to donate 1,000 + lbs of food. Today, our donation weighed 103



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Deputy Grand Knight Slot Vacant

Please welcome **Gilbert Benoit** as our new Deputy Grand Knight for Council 297. Thank you for taking on this role, Gilbert.

125th Anniversary Committee

KofC 297 Brothers - We have a solid committed date of September 23, 2023 (Saturday) from 2 PM to 6 PM at the American Legion in St. Albans, Vermont. More communication to follow soon. Special thank you to those Committee Members taking on the Historian Role.

Prayers

Please keep the following brothers, their families, and their friends in your prayers. Sir Knight George Allan Bilodeau and Brother Albert Corey.

Faith Director



The Instruction of the Blessed Eucharist.

Worthy Brothers and Sir Knights, I wish to remind you to continue to pray for the unborn and to participate in the renewal of devotion to the Holy Eucharist. January 28, 2023, saw many of us at the Vermont March for Life in Montpelier, VT. As you know, the overturn of Roe v Wade has not reduced the dangers facing the unborn, especially in Vermont considering Amendment 22. Our Worthy State Chaplain has written a very moving Holy Scripture Rosary focused on the Holy Eucharist. I recommend these prayers as a part of your First Friday devotions.

<http://bit.ly/3G81111>

District Deputy 1 Newsletter



Father Michael McGivney

2022-2023 Fraternal Year

Feb 2023

SK Michael Patnode, PSD, District Deputy for District 1

email: mpatnod@comcast.net Phone: 802-370-4960]

District Deputy Message

Brother Knights,

District 1 has just come off from a really successful Membership Blitz Campaign! How many of us have approached that person, that you know and asked, "Have you considered joining us?" Well for many, you probably heard, "I don't have time, or I am too busy". How would you answer that in a quick second or two. I got the solution! The amount of time is completely up to you! Even one or two Saturdays a year would help. Remember that the Knights have many Family Activities that occur throughout the year. So promote that and use it to the fullest extent. Also promote spirituality of what the Council does. Involve the every age group, because their is something for everyone. So don't be afraid to start the conversation, with a greeting and a smile. But we first must show and convince them this is why you should join!

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Patnode
District Deputy



Please Check Forms

Form 1728 - Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity
Please make sure that is completed!



Pope Prayer Intentions

The Pope intentions for February " For Parishes, We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need."

GK's Corner

- Continue to Plan Ahead
- Set Goals for remainder of year
- Promote Knights Events
- Continue praying for our Future



Knightline

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News for Knights of Columbus

In a post-Roe nation, is there still a need for pro-life activism? Perhaps now more than ever. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and other Supreme Officers, thousands of Knights and their families, and tens of thousands of other Americans showed up in Washington, D.C., on Friday, Jan. 20, for the 50th annual March for Life, the first since the overturning of Roe v. Wade. At the joyful Life Fest celebration Friday morning, attended by more than 4,000 young people, and on the streets of the capital throughout the march, pro-lifers affirmed their commitment to supporting mothers and babies and protecting the inherent dignity of all human life.

Knights Join 50th Annual March for Life

Knights of Columbus and pro-life advocates from across the U.S. joined together at the 50th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. to support and defend the right to life. "We now have a chance to win the fight for life," the supreme knight said. "We can and we must make abortion a thing of the past. Let's move forward together toward a future of life."

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March for Life President Jeanne Mancini walks with Supreme Knight Kelly and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori. (Photo by Matthew Barrick)



'Love is the Answer'



Thousands of pro-life advocates filled the D.C. Entertainment and Sports Arena before the March for Life in Washington on Jan. 20 for Life Fest, an event co-sponsored by the Sisters of Life and the Knights of Columbus. The rally's theme, "Because Love is the Answer," highlighted the importance of seeing the pro-life cause as more than a legal battle.

"In the wake of the recent *Dobbs* decision, we see a profound opportunity to build the culture of life in a new way," Sister Maris Stella of the Sisters of Life explained. "We want to serve the Church in her most urgent need — that of the cause of human life, sharing the good news of God's plan for life and love." [READ MORE](#)

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Consistency and Consensus:

Americans Support Abortion Limits

A new Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll shows that 71% of Americans support legal limits on abortion. The survey, conducted by the Marist Poll and commissioned annually by the Knights of Columbus for more than a decade, found that a majority of Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortion, and 81% of Americans believe laws can protect both the mother and her unborn child.

"When it comes to the direction of government policy, there has been consistency and consensus in American public opinion on the issue of abortion over the decades," explained Dr. Barbara Carvalho, director of the Marist Poll.

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'Overcome by Hope and Faith'

"The darkness of abortion will be overcome by hope and by faith — your hope, your faith," Cardinal John O'Connor told pro-life advocates gathered for the March for Life in 1992. Decades later, tens of thousands participated in this year's March for Life in Washington, D.C., showing hope for a new culture of life and love. [WATCH NOW](#)



Our Lady of Fatima Program Swanton Council 7669

Our Lady of Fatima Program Family Prayer Program has started by Council GK, Paul De La Bruere, each week a Family signs up for the Pilgrimage Statue which also contains prayer, books, video. The Statue was blessed by Fr. Dodson and each week before the end of Mass, he calls the next family up to the altar and blesses them.



**Our Lady of Fatima Program
District Deputy and his wife**

Membership Campaign - District 1

When: Remaining Year 2023

What: Handouts

Where: Post Ad's in Parish Weekly Bulletin's

What is this important?

Membership is so important to the Order, and to the Council and District and State.

The Membership chairman is the team leader of the event. The leads puts the teams together, gets with Father to coordinate everything and keeping the team of volunteers motivated throughout the course of the Blitz!

Why are we holding a Membership Campaign?

A membership campaign or drive is a proven method of recruiting new members and retaining recently inactive members

By gaining new members we start off 2023 with more visibility

New membership recruitment and retention ideas will be created during this event

This is a great way of recruiting new members as a major group effort

When

Action Needed

Remaining Months

Obtain Prospect list
Secure Masses with Fr.
Determine if Fr., will speak at Podium
* Coffee/Donuts/Cookies
* Prizes
Ask volunteers for 3 (prospects)

Knights of Columbus



Brothers,

Now that we have already begun our new year, please make sure your council is on the path to earning the Star Council Award and Star District. We have already kicked off District 1 Membership Blitz Campaign. Which will continue throughout the remainder of the year. I urge every Council to get your Parish

Catholic Men involved in opportunities. Set that bar high, by doing so you show others how proud you are to be a Member of the Knights of Columbus.

Please continue the path of building the Domestic Church while helping strengthening our parishes. Don't forget to read the "Knightline"

Create a plan with your Council Officers on your plan for the remainder of the year. Why do this? Because you can re-establish new initiative's. Planning now for the remaining months. Get your dedicated skills, commitment and dedication from your Membership Team!

Fraternally,

Mike

PSD, District Deputy for District 1

300 Club winners.

WEEK #1 12/17/2022	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	183	Roger Dickinson	10417
\$75.00	259	Most Holy Trinity #7763	7763
\$50.00	239	Charles Trybus	2284
WEEK #2 12/24/2022	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	164	Donald Sutton	7525
\$75.00	255	Larry Gould	2832
\$50.00	200	Bernard LaRocque	7669
WEEK #3 12/31/2022	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	36	Msgr. Richard Lavalley	2284
\$75.00	40	Brian Senecal	2284
\$50.00	278	Dominic DiCicco	2946
WEEK #4 01/07/2023	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	240	Don Brunelle	2284
\$75.00	31	Deborah DeLabruere	2025
\$50.00	271	Louis St. John	2610
WEEK #5 01/14/2023	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	131	John Ludden	2946
\$75.00	150	Michael Rouleau	399
\$50.00	189	Bishop Rice Assembly #1793	2946
WEEK #6 01/21/2023	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	139	Bill & Donna Scott	3664
\$75.00	14	Helga Nuttall	10830
\$50.00	5	Brad Chenette	7525
WEEK #7 01/28/2023	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	66	Jim & Rose Michael	279
\$75.00	120	Richard Dunseith	7324
\$50.00	182	Stan Bagdon	4684

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

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