



# Vermont Knights Magazine



**Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism**  
**Vermont State Council** **March 2023 Edition**

## Vermont State Council Officers



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## From the Vermont State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights!

'In almost nine cases out of ten, those who have once had the Faith but now reject it, or claim that it does not make sense, are driven not by reasoning but by the way they are living'

- Blessed Bishop Fulton Sheen

As a Brother Knight of Columbus living in Vermont, why should you focus or care about our membership growth?? Is that why you or I joined the Order... to increase membership and to feel that 'pressure' of increasing membership? Your answer is probably 'no'.

You joined the Knights to engage fraternally with Catholic men, to contribute to your council's charitable outreach, to support your Parish and Priest, to help spread the Faith and communicate Catholic beliefs to the community. Moreover, you may have joined the Knights of Columbus to participate in enjoyable events – family outings, meals/celebrations, golf/sporting events, etc. etc. We are able to do these events (and in fact, VT is usually near the top of our Region in terms of programs and events) because some council, some district, some Knight takes a leadership role and helps organize his Brother Knights in common cause.

Our VT KofC Jurisdiction has the challenge this fraternal year (7/1/22-6/30/23) to contribute over \$338000 dollars to charities (e.g. VCCCF, Camp O'Hagan, Special Olympics, Camp TaKumTa, Catholic Charities, Catholic Schools, Parishes, Kurin Hattin Homes for Children, Scholarships, Pregnancy Centers, etc.), AND contribute over 92000 hours of charitable time! We are well on our way to accomplish this! One more item I'll add... our membership growth this FY is around 42 Knights vs a target of 100 new Knights. However, due to death, transfers, Knights leaving the Order/Church we have lost in the order of 100 Knights or more... so even with new Knights joining our councils, we are still losing a net number of Knights each FY, sadly.

Back to my first question..... why should we focus or care about our membership growth? Simple, to assure we continue as a healthy, viable Catholic Fraternal organization that has leaders, doers, participants and planners, in order to assure our mission to the Catholic Church. Take the time, to appreciate and enjoy the success we have within our councils and order...

it is always amazing to see and hear the great things we contribute to our communities, state and world but ask yourself if you care enough about these things to take a minute or two once in a while to reach out to a friend, a parishioner, a family member and ask them to join your Order!

I have a few other comments to share...

I do want to thank you, my Brother Knights for all the great 'works' you have done this FY so far!! I typically receive several council and district newsletters each week and read thru every one of them. It is so impressive what you do! I was in a meeting with his Excellency Bishop Christopher Coyne and State Chaplain Fr. Tim Naples a few weeks ago. Our Bishop humbly brought up a great point... we were discussing many of the charities and events the Knights of Columbus sponsor in VT. Our Bishop is very appreciative of our efforts. He emphasized to me that many if not most of our Catholic Charities are ONLY supported by the Catholic Church and/or the Knights of Columbus. That's it.. there are no additional sources of funding that many of our other wonderful charities in the state have at their disposal. Catholic Schools, VT Catholic Charities, St. Joseph's Nursing and Retirement Home are a few examples of charities that are for a large part wholly dependent on the Church or Knights of Columbus for charitable funds. This is one reason why I am asking councils to consider your continued (or first time) giving to our Knights of Columbus VCCCF. Please see the letter that State Chaplain Fr. Tim has recently sent out to GK's and DD's. I will be arranging a meeting within the next several weeks between myself, Chaplain Fr. Tim, Diocese rep – Ellen Kane and DD's 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 to discuss where this FY's VCCCF disbursement should go i.e. which charity(charities).

As a reminder, we agreed that each FY's meeting will alternate between even and odd numbered DD's to assure coverage and representation across the State.

Councils, please submit your fraternal activity form 1728 if you have not already done so... we have about a dozen councils out of 36 left, who still need to submit.

Also, last but not least, once again, please join me in congratulation our FY21-22 Anchor Award recipient – James Candon! His award ceremony was Feb 4<sup>th</sup> in Rutland. Great job by Council 232 and District 9.

Hope all my Brother Knights are getting excited for our 125<sup>th</sup> State Convention. We do NOT yet know who our Supreme Rep will be.

Who have you asked to join the Knights recently?? : )

God Bless and Vivat Jesus,

Jim Michael (State Deputy)





## 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Vermont Knights of Columbus State Convention

Brother Knights,

It is my pleasure to officially invite you, your delegates, and families to the upcoming 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Vermont Knights of Columbus State Convention on **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://stoweflake.com)

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

- ✓ "History of the Vermont Knights" 125<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 125<sup>th</sup> State Convention in April!

Most sincerely,

*Jim*

James Michael  
Vermont State Deputy  
Knights of Columbus



Dear Brothers:

Your State Chaplain has been at work posting resources online. Please take note of the three items this month.

1. My next video of [Reflections on the Eucharist](#) is posted. (Exact link: <https://youtu.be/-0kmEdB7VkQ>)
2. I have reiterated the appeal to all councils' memberships to consider a generous commitment to [the Knights of Columbus Catholic Ministries Donor Advised Fund](#). Note that District Deputies will soon help us decide which Catholic Ministries should be supported this year. (Materials at [ubipetrusvt.com/kofcfund](http://ubipetrusvt.com/kofcfund))
3. Updated posters have been made showing the Pro-Life Pregnancy Care Centers and Clinics (PRCs), under the theme Knights for Life. There have been several "rebranding" PRC names. But the good work they do is still the same. (Check it out at <https://ubipetrusvt.com/knights4life/prcsvt/> as shown)

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Tim Naples

"Knights for Life" supporting our pregnancy centers and clinics *who support the cause of life.*



# Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers, Clinics

**Aspire Now**  
(802) 658-2184

**Burlington**

**Birthingright**  
(802) 865-0056

**Williston\***

**Lyndonville\***

**Futures Pregnancy Care**  
(802) 427-4199

**Middlebury\***

**The Women's Center**  
(802) 388-7272

**Barre\***

**Central Vermont Pregnancy Services**  
(802) 479-9215

**Rutland\***

**First Step Pregnancy Clinic**  
(802) 775-5611

**West Lebanon, NH\***

**Pregnancy Center of the Upper Valley**  
(603) 298-6123

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON  
This poster is for display in Catholic Churches in the Diocese of Burlington and at Knights of Columbus Functions  
\*K. of C. helped obtain ultrasound machine

Go online for websites for these Centers and Clinics, and for Vermont Catholic Charities.

Quick Reference Code [ubipetrusvt.com/knights4life/prcsvt](http://ubipetrusvt.com/knights4life/prcsvt)

**Bennington**

**Alpha Pregnancy Care Center**  
(802) 442-2002

**Brattleboro**

**Branches Pregnancy Resource Center**  
(802) 254-6734



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



## APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

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

Applicant's full name \_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

School you now attend \_\_\_\_\_

School's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School's Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings also attending a post-high school program \_\_\_\_\_

Knights of Columbus Council # \_\_\_\_\_, Located in (town) \_\_\_\_\_ VT.

Give the name of the Council's Financial Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Home Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about this scholarship program? \_\_\_\_\_

Essay:

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

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

**Please be sure to sign and date the application and mail or email to the Scholarship Committee Chair by March 10, 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](mailto: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.**

# STATE SECRETARY

March



Brothers,

I pray that you all had an inspiring beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. As a time of “prayer, fasting



and almsgiving,” the Season of Lent underscores the values and actions that we stand for as Knights. I hope that Lent may draw you all closer in your relationship with Christ and motivate you to do even more to serve those in need of prayers, friendship and charity. The 125<sup>th</sup> State Convention is only **two months** away and I will be sending out an email to all GKs and FSs with the information the delegates need to reserve & pay for a room at the Stoweflake Resort and select their meal preferences. **As a special incentive for those reading this newsletter**, here is the room reservation link (<http://links.stoweflake.com/32V0SL>) so you can have the greatest selection of room types while the selection lasts. They’re all great!

## Administrative Reminder

**State Awards** – Please take the time to submit your council, individual Knights, and/or families for a State Award! This is easy to do and is a very important tool we use to recognize the wonderful and selfless achievements of our brothers. It’s not that we “need” recognition, but it is right for leaders to exemplify those who set the highest example of our core values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Our State Program Director, State Warden Bill LaCroix, just sent out an email about our state awards program. Let’s rise to the challenge and take a little time to demonstrate our love and commitment to those who do so much for others!



**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.**

**Brother Thomas O'Brien, age 79, 32 year member  
Fr. Pierre E, Boivin Council 5041 Morrissville**

**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](http://www.kofc.org)



(continued on reverse)

3b) Whom does this program benefit?

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

3d) Why did the council select this program?

3e) Describe the success of the program:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State Deputy Grand Knight



# 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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**Knight *of the* Year**

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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*

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](mailto: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**  
Fraternal Mission Department  
1 Columbus Plaza  
New Haven, CT 06510-3326  
[fraternalmission@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org)

# VOCATIONS

Through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) the Knights of Columbus has cultivated this spiritual soil for more than 40 years. While the order has a number of vocations programs, RSVP is the primary program through which councils, assemblies and circles provide financial and moral support to men and women preparing for the priesthood or religious life, and every council, assembly and circle is encouraged to participate.

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

The intent of RSVP is to demonstrate support for individual seminarians. RSVP support is not solely financial aid, and councils are asked not to base their support on the financial needs of the seminarian. All seminarians are worthy of support through RSVP by virtue of the fact that they are discerning a religious vocation, not because of their financial situation.

**Please remember that with RSVP, Knights provide more than financial support; members write letters to the seminarians or postulants, sponsor dinners for them, invite them to join the council and, most importantly, pray for vocations.**

Please support our seminarians through our RSVP program which is both moral and financial support. Under this program, councils and assemblies make an annual minimum donation of \$500 or more to an individual seminarian or postulant to help with expenses. The sum must go to a single qualified person; it may not be divided or apportioned to more than one recipient. Councils and assemblies can sponsor more than one seminarian or postulant if their resources permit. For every \$500 donated, the council or assembly is eligible for a refund of \$100.

Our (RSVP) Scholarship money is used by seminarians and those in religious formation for books, car insurance and maintenance, travel during vacations, clerical clothing, emergency expenditures and other living expenses.

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

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 [gbean44@yahoo.com](mailto:gbean44@yahoo.com) Or call at 862-8581. Also if you have given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 22 - June 30, 23) and have not sent me a copy, please send me a copy of form 2863 (RSVP form) .

**”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

### SEMINARY ADDRESS

### YEAR OF STUDY

### HOME ADDRESS

**Mr. Luan Van Tran**  
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Second Theology

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First Theology

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# MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS

22 February 2023

Prepared by Ed Nuttall, SMD

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

*\*421 AND 13574 Consolidated*

*\*2025 and 11457 Moving to Consolidate*

DISTRICT	MEMBER SHIP GOAL	GAINS	NET	COUNCILS ever seen	COUNCILS NOT RECRUITING	COUNCILS NOT RECRUITING 2-5 YRS	Under 50 Years old	NOTES
#1	22	8	14	5	1	0	2 7669/10417	
#2	20	0	20	4	4	1*		421
#3	13	5	8	3	0	0	3 7525/2084	
#4	14	1	13	4	3	2		2496/7389
#5	19	1	18	4	3	2		1568/2085
#6	18	13	5	5	3	2*	13 9146/10535	2025/10241
#7	11	2	9	3	1	1	2 642/3665	
#8	18	1	17	5	5	3		917/2832 6816
#9	18	11	7	4	2	2	4 232/307	307/2628
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	

**Membership #'s Reported on Officers Online 42**

**# Degrees Reported but Not Picked Up From FS Input 6**

- 3 from 307 Bennington Alex Dee, Nick Ratzler, Evan Yadeski
- 1 from 3664 Vergennes (Kuchar, Issac)
- 1 from 642 Middlebury (Nolon Mike)
- 1 from 232 Rutland

**# OnLine Notifications received for council transfer and assignment 16**

- 2—232 Rutland
- 1—297 St Albans
- 1—642 Middlebury
- 1---917 Brattleboro
- 1—2084 Winooski
- 4—2285 Newport
- 1—2946 Essex Junction
- 1—3664 Vergennes
- 1—6816 Manchester
- 1—7389 Colchester
- 1---7669 Swanton
- 1—10535 Bristol

<b>DISTRICT #1 *19/492 (-31)</b>					
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>QUOT A</b>	<b>G/L</b>	<b>INS</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
297	8	0/0	1/0	108 (-36)	ST ALBANS
2610	3	1/0	1/0	68 (0)	RICHFORD
7669	5	3/0	0/0	99 (3)	SWANTON
10417	6	3/0	1/0	143 (-2)	MILTON <sup>^</sup>
10830	4	1/0	1/0	74	FAIRFAX
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8/0</b>	<b>4/0</b>	<b>492 (-31)</b>	
<b>DISTRICT #2 17/425 (-9)</b>					
421	4	0/0	0/0	101 (-11)	ST. JOHNSBURY <sup>^</sup>
2285	9	0/0	0/2	195 (-3)	NEWPORT
7763	3	0/0	0/0	71 (-1)	ORLEANS
7943	4	0/0		57 (+15)	TROY
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0/2</b>	<b>425 (-19)</b>	
<b>DISTRICT #3 23/330 (-8)</b>					
279	5	1/0	0/0	95	BURLINGTON
2284	6	3/0	0/0	115 (+1)	WINOOSKI
7525	8	1/0	0/1	120 (-9)	S. BURLINGTON <sup>^</sup>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>330 (-8)</b>	

**FY 2022-2023**  
DISTRICTS 1,2,3

**DISTRICT #4 17/258 (-4)**

COUNCIL	QUOTA	G/L	INSUR	MEMBERSHIP	NOTES
2496	9	0/0	0/0	91 (-2)	ESSEX JCT
4684	3	0/0	0/0	61 (+1)	RICHMOND <sup>^</sup>
7389	3	0/0	0/0	59 (0)	COLCHESTER
7810	3	1/0	0/0	48 (-3)	UNDERHILL
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1/0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>258 (-4)</b>	

**DISTRICT #5 14/413 (-15)**

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	0/1	77 (-2)	MORRISVILLE
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1/0</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>413 (-15)</b>	

**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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13/0</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>205 (+8)</b>	

**DISTRICT #7 8/184 (-13)**

COUNCIL	QUOTA	G/L	INSUR	MEMBERSHIP	NOTES
642	5	1/0	1/1	91 (-4)	MIDDLEBURY
3664	3	0/0	0/0	62 (-6)	VERGENNES <sup>^</sup>
10535	3	1/0	0/0	31 (-3)	BRISTOL
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2/0</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>184 (-13)</b>	

**DISTRICT #8 12/273 (-9)**

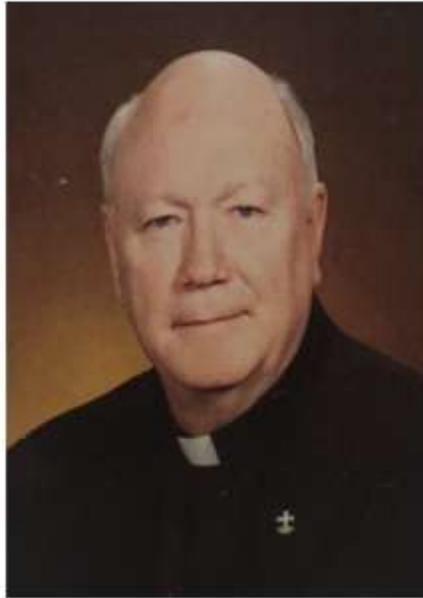
753	5	0/0	0/0	91 (-1)	BELLOWS FALLS
917	3	0/0	2/0	60 (-3)	BRATTLEBORO
2832	3	0/0	0/0	40	WINDSOR
6816	3	1/0	0/1	54 (-3)	MANCHESTER
7324	3	0/0	0/0	28 (-2)	LUDLOW
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1/0</b>	<b>2/1</b>	<b>273 (-9)</b>	

**DISTRICT #9 19/409 (-31)**

232	11	10/0	0/0	179 (+7)	RUTLAND <sup>^</sup>
307	7	0/0	0/0	121 (-27)	BENNINGTON
810	4	1/0	0/-1	66 (-110)	FAIR HAVEN
2628	3	0/0	0/0	43	SPRINGFIELD
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11/0</b>	<b>0/-1</b>	<b>409 (-31)</b>	

FY 2022-2023  
DISTRICTS 4,5,6

FY 2022-2023  
DISTRICTS 7,8,9



### **Fr. Leo's 50<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary Celebration**

Gibbons Council 2285 hosted a celebration in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination for its very beloved former St. Mary Star of the Sea pastor, Fr. Leo Bilodeau. The formal event was held at St. Edward the Confessor Parish Hall in Derby Line on Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>. The event space was beautifully decorated with gold, green black and white accents for this special occasion. Seating was assigned based on advanced reservations. Canadian and American family members joined Fr. Leo at the table of honor. The other 14 tables were filled with Fr. Leo's biggest fans. A slab of hemlock served as the guest book which soon filled up with signatures and special messages. As guests located their table assignments, they listened to songs sung by Brother Ron Bergeron.

Fr. Leo led the Our Father in English and the Hail Mary in French as grace. The 130 in attendance then enjoyed a complete spaghetti dinner with homemade meatballs prepared and served by head chef Brother Keith Mandart and his assistants. Following the delicious meal, guests were able to have their photos taken with Fr. Leo at the photo booth by photographer, Grand Knight Richard Bruce. Following the photos, Fr. Leo cut the largest of the 5 cakes lovingly made by Bobbie Bruce. The 6 inch cake was sent home with Fr. Leo while the remaining 8 inch, 10 inch, 12 inch and 14 inch vanilla with raspberry filling cakes were served.

Brother Deacon Ward Nolan read Fr. Leo's biography pointing out that Fr. Leo really didn't retire in 2014 as he serves as Chaplain at the Carmelite Monastery in Lowell, says Mass on Saturdays at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Troy and at Michaud Manor in Derby Line on Sundays. He attends monthly 2285 and 7943 council meetings, events and helps out where he is needed. Others spoke of the impact that Fr. Leo has had on their lives. Twin sisters Rosalie Leblond and Rosemarie Hartley altered the words to the multi verse song that they wrote and performed for Fr. Leo on the occasion of his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Fr. Leo shared some stories from his 50 years to finish out the afternoon. Special thanks to his chauffeur, Pam Tetreault and to Fr. Benny Chittilappilly for covering Saturday afternoon Mass for him so Fr. Leo could stay longer. The love felt in the room and the memories will be everlasting.



Top Photo: (Left to Right) Deacon Ward Nolan, Fr. Leo Bilodeau, Fr. Rijo Johnson, SDV

Bottom Photo: Fr. Leo leads grace in English and in French





One cake for each decade of Fr. Leo's service. Vanilla with raspberry filling lovingly made by Bobbie Bruce, the Grand Knight's wife.



Some of the 350 meatballs made by Brother Keith Mandart and his team.

Grand Knight Rick Bruce took pictures of guests with Fr. Leo. Photos were then printed and sent home with the guests.





Top Photo: All in attendance had assigned seating.  
Bottom Photo: A hemlock slab served as his guest book





## VERMONT STATE COUNCIL



# STATE FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

**TO BE HELD AT:** VERGENNES HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
50 Monkton Road  
Vergennes, Vermont 05491

**WHEN:** Saturday, MARCH 18, 2023  
Registration beginning at:  
10:30 AM (9-10-11-yr. olds)  
11:30 AM (12-13-14-yr. olds)

### **Registration Times:**

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

### **Contest Times:**

11:00AM Announcements, prayer, National Anthem  
11:15AM 9-10-11 year old Boys and Girls shoot  
12:00PM 9-10-11 year old AWARDS for Boys and Girls  
12:15PM 12-13-14 year old Boys and Girls shoot  
1:00PM 12-13-14 year old AWARDS for Boys and Girls  
1:15PM Elijah LaChance closing remarks, prayer, etc...

Worthy DD's, GK's and FS's,

It's that time of year again - time for the Vermont State Free Throw Contest! This year, the contest will be hosted by Bristol's Bishop Robert F. Joyce Council #10535 at Vergennes High School Gymnasium.

Please find the schedule for the 2023 State Free Throw Contest attached below. It contains addresses and the times for registration.

A couple of notes:

This year, the competition will occur in two waves: 9-11 year olds will compete at the same time on 6 nets, and then awards will be given out for that age group. 12-14 year olds will then compete and the awards will be given out for that age group. This is a bit different than past state competitions, but it should be faster, prevent too much stress on the competitors, and make the event more exciting at the end because there will still be lots of people on hand to applaud the age 14 winners!

There will once again be prizes for the winners in addition to their trophies - we are still working out the details, but they should be awesome!

Please make sure your district winners either a) bring their applications/scoresheets with them from their local/district competition, b) get them sent ahead to Gary Russell, our coordinator for the year (cc'd on this email), or c) get them to me as State Youth Director. Please call me at the number on the schedule if you have any questions.

A special word of thanks to Gary and to our host DD, Bill Scott!

I look forward to seeing you and your winners at the State Free Throw Competition this year!

Vivat Jesus!  
Elijah

## **Council #279 Donates to the K of C Fund at VCCF**

Knights of Columbus Council #279 Presented Bishop Coyne a check for \$10,000 that will be added to the Knights of Columbus Catholic Ministries Donor-Advised Fund managed by Vermont Catholic Community Foundation. This fund was created to support evangelization and works of charity in our Diocese in perpetuity. Each year the Knights of Columbus from across the State of Vermont along with the Bishop will evaluate and discuss the worthiest and most pressing financial needs facing the Catholic Church, the poor and the needy within the state. Grants will be made after advisement. This is a small step towards the state goal of raising 1 million dollars This initiative is meant to have a large and noticeable effect for many decades.



District 3 Deputy William LaCroix, Grand Knight #279, Dan St. Hilaire, and Bishop Coyne

## Brother Knights

If you would like to reach out to my Supervisor directly with any questions or comments you may do so by writing to: "Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. c/o IAR Supervisor Group. One Columbus Plaza, 19th Floor. New Haven, CT 06510". Additionally, you may also contact my Supervisor by emailing [kofcfunds@kofcassetadvisors.org](mailto:kofcfunds@kofcassetadvisors.org). Please include the name of your Investment Adviser Representative in your message.

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**You are invited to join our free virtual webinar featuring Ed Slott. Ed specializes in the latest retirement planning strategies and opportunities for 2023. Register today to reserve your spot.**

March 2, 2023

Date

7:30 PM EST

Time/Time Zone

<https://tinyurl.com/KofCSlottMarch2>

RSVP



Scan here

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

## Bishop Rice Council 2946

Bishop Rice Council 2946 will be having a Take out only Spaghetti and Meatball dinner on April 15th.

Location at St. Pius X church in Essex.

Cost of \$13 for adult and \$8 for children 12 and under.

Please contact Ron Rice at 802-879-6989 for reservation or questions. walk ins are welcome.

# Vergennes 3664 & Middlebury 642.

Pictures Exemplification Feb 19th at Vergennes 3664 with Middlebury 642. State Membership Directory Ed Nuttall and Chaplin Father Marchand in attendance. New Vergennes Knight Isaac Kuchar and Mike Nolan new elected Middlebury Grand Knight attaining their 3rd Degree. Luncheon following prepared by Knight Dennis Senesac and wife Jean.



# Norwich University Council #9146



This past February, The Norwich University Knights of Columbus council helped Fr. Gratton remove the old ceiling tiles from St. Andrew's in Bethel Church Hall. It was a ton of work, but we had a great time helping! Additionally, we'd like to thank the Grand Knight from the Randolph Council for bringing his truck to help us haul the old ceiling tiles.





## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE Vermont DISTRICT

Bishop James A. Healy PROVINCE

Sir Knight David A. Ely Sr. District Master,

The Master of the Vermont District, David Ely Sr, is honored to host an Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree on August 19th, 2023 at Christ the King Parish, 66 S Main St, Rutland, VT 05701

Candidates who have achieved their Knighthood Degree and whose application has been approved by the Assembly are invited to be elevated to the Patriotic Degree. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend the Mass and banquet. Mass will be held following the exemplification. right now, we're just taking form 4 and adds. All ads go to David A. Ely II at [Davidely1986@gmail.com](mailto:Davidely1986@gmail.com). No PFD files for you because I have to cut and paste them into the program book. The cutoff date for form 4 is August 11, 2023. so, I can put the candidate's name in the program book. Guest for the meals is \$35.00.

Mail all copies of Form 4 – Fourth Degree Membership Document (properly signed), along with a check (payable to Vermont District Master) for your \$70 Exemplification fee and requests for additional guest meal tickets to:

David Ely SR                      If you have any questions, feel free to  
175 Elmwood Ave              contact David at 802-862-5109 or email  
Burlington VT, 05401        [ElyFamily6@aol.com](mailto:ElyFamily6@aol.com)

REGISTRATION: Fourth Degree Membership (Form 4)

The Registrar must receive a completed Form 4 Fourth Degree Membership Document for each candidate.

1. New member's membership number & signature
  2. Proposer signature & membership number
  3. Certification by the Financial Secretary of the applicant's council
  4. Faithful Navigator & Faithful Comptroller signature of Assembly he is joining.
- The exemplification fee is set at \$70 per candidate by Supreme.

Candidate meal is no charge. Guest meals are \$35.00

We are looking for an Honor Guard for the Chrism Mass is being held Tuesday, April 4, at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Burlington. If you can help out, please email the District Master, and show that we can reserve the number of sets,

Assemblies are missing from the 1315 Annual Audit ) and 186 Officers were Chosen from these Assemblies). Your Assembly can earn the Star Assembly Award by completing the following:

- Earn the Fourth Degree Civic Award
- Enter the "To Be a Patriot" competition
- Meet the assembly new member goal of 7%
- Submit the Report of Officers — # 186 (due July 1)
- Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity — #1728 (due January 31)
- Submit the Annual Assembly Audit Report — #1315 (due August 1)
- Publish a monthly newsletter or bulletin for assembly members Civic Award



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ Vermont District Master Booklet  
Advertising**

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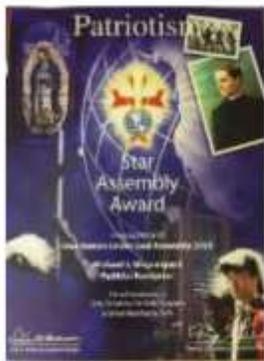
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- \_\_\_\_\_ QTR. PAGE-\$30.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ PAGE \$70.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 HALF PAGE- \$45.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 FULL PAGE- \$. 85.00(5 1/2 in. x 8 1/2 in.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HONORABLE MENTION, SINGLE LINE- \$15.00 each (Print names here.)

(Print names here. Add another sheet if necessary.)

Mail Ad Contract and check made out to: Vermont District Master

Email David Ely II at [Davidely1986@gmail.com](mailto:Davidely1986@gmail.com) for all adds



The Civic Award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified by the assembly's program of activities. In order to qualify, the assembly must conduct and report at least four varied patriotic programs held within the fraternal year. The application for the Civic Award (#2321) must be received by the Supreme Office no later than June 30.

## **Bennington Council 307**

Knights of Columbus Council 307 Bennington held new membership ceremony welcoming 3 new members to the council.. New members receiving their 3rd degree are Nick Raetzer, Alex Dee, and Evan Yadeski. Also attending were members of the parish and family members of the new Knights. Grand Knight David Clark led the program and also attend from the council were Dan Amadon Financial Secretary, Jeff Fortier Treasurer, Warren Roaf Lecturer, Michael Daly Chancellor and Henry Simpatico member. Refreshments were served and all in attendance welcomed the new Knights to the council.





Deacon Paul Garrow , Deacon Phil Lawson, Fr John Fletz  
Deacon Phil visited Saint Ann's Church the weekend of February 18 th his Sermon was "Encounter , Accompany and Mission" ( with joy )



Our first 10:30 coffee pastry get together at Saint Ann's Church.  
Hosted by the Lazzaro Family  
Larry ( Council 10417 Trustee ) Wife Aly and Daughter Angela  
Second photo , Mrs. Kelm , Aly , Angela , Larry Lazzaro and Mrs.  
Miller



*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**



Tim Downs , Peter Lavallee , Mike Thompson , Kevin Stanley , Ed Malila , Steve Shover , Pat Noel , Roger Dickinson



Left to right -Fr John Feltz, Gille Thibault , Guy LaPlume, Roy Parrotte, Ed Malila, Bill McSweeney

# SAVE THE BABIES !

A dinner to benefit  
the born & unborn babies of Aspire Now!

What: Roast Beef Dinner

Where: St. Mary's Parish Church Hall  
24 Fairfield St., St. Albans, VT

When: Saturday, May 13th, 2023

Time: 5:30 PM

Price: \$18.00 per person

Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potato, Vegetables,  
Garden Salad, Coffee and Desert

Tickets: Call 802-524-5115 or 802-879-0929



There will also be a 50/50 raffle and prizes,  
and general donations will be accepted ~

Sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus**

# District Deputy 1 Newsletter



Father Michael McGivney

2022-2023 Fraternal Year

March 2023

SK Michael Patnode, PSD, District Deputy for District 1

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

## District Deputy Message

Brother Knights,

Make sure you don't forget to use the Fraternal Leader, it highlights many current Knights of Columbus initiatives. It is sent out to the State Deputy, Directors, State and Council Family, Faith and Community Directors and many more. It helps you keep current on the Order's Objectives. It is so important to keep up on the Orders Objectives. Also take a look at other ideas, ask your Council Members, get them inspired! Let them run with their ideas! Keep the wheel moving forward. Work with other Councils in your District. Attend another Council Meeting in your District. Hold a Social Event for your Council. A good way for the members to get together. One example is have a Pizza Night followed by bowling! For the past few years COVID has put the LID on many activities, we are now just starting to turn the corner, so keep up the good work!

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Patnode  
District Deputy



## Please Check Forms

Form SBMMA – State Blessed Michal McGivney Award

Form 1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

Please make sure that is completed!



## Pope Prayer Intentions

*The Pope intenetitions for March, " For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church, may they find with the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering"*

## GK's Corner

- Plan Events
- Set Goals for membership
- Revisit Star Council
- Support those who need help



# Knights of Columbus

Milton Council 10417 Hosted a Special Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Scholarship Fund.





# Knightline

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## News for Knights of Columbus

*During a recent pilgrimage of the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors to Mexico City, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly renewed the consecration of the Order to Mary under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, affirming, "Our Lady inspires us and guides us in all our efforts." With this inspiration and guidance in mind, the board of directors also elected several international leaders to key positions during its quarterly meeting.*

## Reconsecrated to Our Lady of Guadalupe



*Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly delivers remarks after Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, before the solemn reconsecration of the Knights of Columbus to Our Lady on Feb. 2. (Photo by Tamirina Petelinick)*

Upon his formal installation as the 13th supreme knight in 2001, Carl Anderson consecrated the Knights of Columbus to Mary under her title Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Exactly 22 years later, on Feb. 3, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly renewed that consecration while on pilgrimage to the same basilica with the board of directors. Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori, who celebrated Mass prior to the reconsecration, said in his homily, "Our Lady leads us with a mother's love to the heart of our Order and its principles of charity, unity and fraternity. She reveals us to ourselves." [READ MORE](#)

## International Leadership

The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors elected Knights from Mexico and Poland to senior leadership positions within the Order during its recent quarterly meeting, held Feb. 1-5 in Mexico City. The board also elected a new supreme master to succeed longtime Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard, who retires March 1. [READ MORE](#)

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## Knights Take the Field

As football fans anticipate Super Bowl LVII between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles, we highlight the stories of three NFL Knights who play on God's team first:

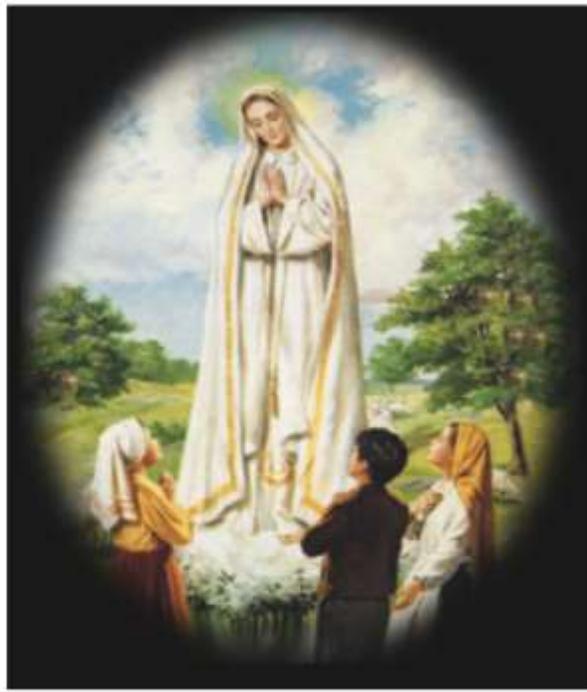
Kansas City Chiefs' kicker Harrison Butker completed a game-winning 45-yard field goal with three seconds left to secure the Chiefs' spot in the upcoming Super Bowl. Butker, who joined the Knights of Columbus while a student-athlete at Georgia Tech, was featured in *Everyday Heroes: Season 2* and later delivered the keynote address at the K of C College Councils Conference in September 2020. [WATCH NOW](#)

Father Richard Rocha, who serves as chaplain for the Chiefs, was recently featured in [KnightCast episode 11](#), discussing the intersection of professional sports and the Catholic faith. He shared his experience as a former football coach, how he discerned a call to the priesthood and the ways he supports athletes' spiritual lives as a "coach on God's team." [WATCH NOW](#) | [READ MORE](#)

Knight of Columbus Jimmy Murray was one of the youngest general managers in NFL history when he became GM of the Philadelphia Eagles in 1974. But Murray is even prouder of his work co-founding Ronald McDonald House, a charity that serves sick children and their families around the world. [WATCH NOW](#)



*Kansas City Chiefs chaplain Father Richard Rocha gives a blessing to Chiefs kicker Harrison Butker outside the team's Arrowhead Stadium in December 2021. (Photo by Spirit Juice Studios)*



**Our Lady of Fatima Program  
Swanton Council 7669**

*Our Lady of Fatima Program Family Prayer Program is traveling throughout the St Louis Parish in Highgate and many families have already signed up for this wonderful spiritual program.*



A special carrying case is being designed and built by the District Deputy for Our Lady of Fatima Travels, more to come in the following months.

## Membership - Recruitment 101

For a past member, address with him the reasons for leaving. Invite him to a meeting/event

Invite the prospect to a small social event with the priest in attendance

Scale your invitation to Join the Knights down to an initial "dues paying" member

Invite the prospect and his family to an information awareness briefing

Ask the pastor to mention the Knights and their activities supported

Send a letter signed by the Grand Knight and Pastor to 5 prospects identified by the Pastor

Never give up on a prospect turning to the Order and the Council

Consider the family to help recruit. Many have joined because they were prompted

Recruiting is a collective effort. Use into the Breach, show the 12 minute videos often

Recognize those who recruit and ask them to share their ideas

Use the best way to recruit strategies endorsed by the Council as being successful

Make every event you have as a promoting your Council and the Good of the Order.

# Knights of Columbus



*Brothers,*

*As I sit in my chair and glance outside looking at the snow covered trees. I begin to think about "The Season of Lent". We have to ask ourselves what can we give up this Lenten Season to help others. Let us not forget that in reality poverty hurts, it can effect anyone, there is no self denial.*

*This brings me back to a time when my Mother used to take me to a place not so far away to help others. I used to run around handing out gifts and listening to all those people that just looked forward to that that very special day that we came up. The goal back then was simple, give your day up and give the joy to others. I still recall that day many times over of what my Mother taught me in life. "Give unto oothers, as you want done to you" True act of kindness and love for mankind. Didn't matter who you were everyone was equal.*

*In later years I asked my Mother more about it, and she replied, "We must go beyond in life to help others for I want you to see and remember"*

*I think that it one of the many reasons I became a Knight!*

*Fraternally,*

*Mike*

PSD, District Deputy for District 1

# Lenten Retreats

Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington

Office of Pastoral Ministries

Dear Parish Minister,

3-2-23  
Feast of the Presentation

RE: Diocesan Lenten Retreats

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, our theme for this year's Lenten Retreat will be the Eucharist. Sr. Paul Mary Dreger, FSE who serves at the UVM Catholic Center will be our presenter. It promises to be a rich day of prayer, reflection, and communion, both with each other and the Lord.

We will be offering 2 Lenten retreats this year for our parish staff members and volunteers. The retreats are free but do require pre-registration.

The retreats will include Mass, adoration, the opportunity for confession as well as presentations. You can find the itineraries on the reverse side of this letter.

**Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Immaculate Heart of Mary - Williston**

**Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – St. Anthony – White River Junction**

As Pope Francis frequently points out: "Every encounter with Jesus changes our lives. Every encounter with Jesus fills us with joy." –Pope Francis 5-25-14

I invite you to consider taking this day to allow the Lord to encounter you anew, refresh you and sustain you.

To register or for more information or questions please contact Nicole Hamilton at [nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org) or 802-646-5013

I hope you can join us!

Dcn. Phil Lawson

Executive Director of Pastoral Ministries

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington

Office of Pastoral Ministries

## 2023 Lenten Retreats

**Theme: The Eucharist and Parish Ministry**

**9:30AM-3:00PM**

**March 15<sup>th</sup> -Immaculate Heart of Mary-Williston**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>-St. Anthony-White River Junction**

### In Person

9:30AM	Arrival & Registration
10:00AM	Opening Prayer & Introductions
10:15AM	Presentation #1: <i>Eucharist: The Bread of Life</i>
11:00AM	Discussion Groups
11:15AM	Break
11:30AM	Adoration & Confession
12:30PM	Lunch
1:15PM	Presentation #2: <i>Eucharistic Life: Bread for Others</i>
1:45PM	Discussion Groups
2:00PM	Mass
3:00PM	Departure



**Sister Paul Mary** is a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist. She holds a Masters of Education degree and a Masters of Theology degree. Sister Paul Mary taught for 30 years and is currently a campus minister at the Catholic Center at UVM. She has given many talks and conferences to diverse age groups on a wide variety of topics and enjoys sharing the Catholic faith with others. In her spare time, Sister Paul Mary enjoys baking and cooking, especially for the college students on campus.

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## FAITH DIRECTOR

Brothers,

In this season of Lent when we focus most clearly on Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving I want you to consider that Catholics have the full revelation of God's plan of salvation through Christ. Too much emphasis is placed, I think, on giving up during Lent the food and drink we enjoy most. Do we increase our consumption of the Eucharist? Is there a greater prayer in your quiver than the Holy Rosary? Do you say it often? Daily? Are you fasting from sin and avoiding temptation? Rather, are you giving in to the temptations to do good? Are you getting in spiritual shape to be able to carry your cross by frequent receipt of the Sacraments?; especially Reconciliation? Do you share your Catholic Faith? Your good fortune? Your time and talents? Your prosperity? With help from the Holy Spirit, we can do all these things, and love God and neighbor more perfectly. Vivat Jesus!



ANNUAL VERMONT

# Catholic Men's CONFERENCE

## BAND OF BROTHERS

Keynote Speaker – Fr. Jon Schnobrich

Registration Fee – \$30 per person\*

\*Lunch will be provided and is included in the fee.

**Saturday, March 25 • 9 AM – 2 PM**

**Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph**

Registration link: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/annual-mens-conference/#:~:text=Our%20Lady%20of,conference%2D2023%2Dregistration/>



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## Council 7525 Super Bingo



S B Knights of Columbus  
Super Bingo  
To Benefit  
Camp Ta Kum Ta



APRIL 23, 2023

Doubletree by Hilton 870 Williston Road So. Burlington

Doors open at 10 am Early Birds start at 12:30  
Regular games begin at 1:00

Admission is \$50.00 for 18 on paper cards  
Starter game packets are \$15 per packet

Early Birds, shotguns will cost extra

Regular games pay \$500.00 and (2) games will pay  
\$1,000.00

Prepay in full by April 10th to receive a special game  
for a chance to win \$150.00 & 100 tickets

Pay online by going to  
[www.kofcvt.org](http://www.kofcvt.org) follow the Super Bingo Link

Reservations

Lois Fontaine

[Kidsforcamp2020@gmail.com](mailto:Kidsforcamp2020@gmail.com)

Donation for Auction

Irene Russell

[Kidsfortoday@outlook.com](mailto:Kidsfortoday@outlook.com)

No checks will be accepted. Must register on-line  
or when doors open

Dear Vermont Knights,

Council 7525 needs your help to make the Super Bingo for Kids with Cancer a success. We have already asked your Councils for donations to cover the bingo games and maximize the amount we can donate to Camp Ta Kum Ta. Thank-you! Every dollar helps to send a sick child and their siblings to camp for a wonderful Vermont experience.

We are also in need of manpower. If you can spend a part of your day with us setting up, running the bingo, or helping with the clean-up, we want to hear from you.

We need folks on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to help set up; and in the morning of the event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for finishing touches. We need folks to sell pop-open tickets and verify winners during the games. Finally, we need folks in the evening to help clean-up the hotel conference room.

Please contact Brother Brad Chenette at (802) 238-1257 or send him an e-mail at [bradchenette@gmail.com](mailto:bradchenette@gmail.com) and he will get you on the schedule. Thank you and blessings,

The Super Bingo Committee

# Knights of Columbus Council 7525 Cribbage Board Raffle



Here's a chance to win a custom-made Knights of Columbus cribbage board. Made in Vermont USA by PGK PFN PDD Jay Benson using native Cherry wood.

The board is 1" thick x 15" H x 10" W with epoxy inlay coloring in blue, black, white, and orange. The bottom side has a cutout for pegs and a centered keyhole slot if you want to hang it on the wall. The finish is a satin polyurethane with a gloss coat in the center oval.

To purchase a chance to win this board, send your name, address, and phone number with your remittance to Worthy Warden Jay Benson @ 288 Barstow Road, Shelburne, VT 05482. To keep costs down, please include a stamped return envelope. Tickets will be mailed to you upon receipt of payment and are \$5 ea. or 3 for \$10. The drawing will be held at the Super Bingo for Kids with Cancer, 23 April at the Doubletree in Burlington, VT. Tickets may also be purchased at the Super Bingo. The winner need not be present to win. If you have any questions, contact Jay at (802) 859-9615 or email at: [Jaybenson@hotmail.com](mailto:Jaybenson@hotmail.com).

Proceeds will be used by Council #7525 to support Camp Ta Kum Ta.

## COUNCIL 7525 Breakfast at St Jude Parish



Bill and Michelle Bessette decorate the parish hall



Mr Bear's eggs, bacon, and sausage



Our crew: l-r Mike Bullock, Brad Chenette, Ted Barrett, Tom Gravelin, Ray Bouchard, Dave Bean, Dan Smith

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Brad's classic "deer in the headlights"



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
**FOURTH DEGREE**  
BISHOP JAMES A. HEALEY PROVINCE  
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT



Feb. 2023

Dear Sir Knights & Brothers:

I am pleased to announce that the Hon. W. Patrick Donlin Assembly 2459 will be assisting with the next exemplification of the Fourth Degree on Sunday April 23, 2023. The Exemplification will be held at St. Mary Church 5 Hillhouse Ave. New Haven, CT

Our honoree will be Former District Master Allyn Temple

Information on the Exemplification:

**Dress for Candidates and Special Dignitaries of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree:**

Candidates will wear a dark business suit and dark tie. Note that active members of the Armed Forces, Police or Fire Personnel may wear their Class A uniforms. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knights may wear 4<sup>th</sup> Degree uniform, a tuxedo or dark suit with the social baldric.

**Costs:**

Candidate Fee:	\$50.00 (Includes Lunch)
Sir Knight Guests	\$15.00 (Lunch)

**Tentative Schedule:** *(which may be slightly adjusted as the Exemplification nears)*

10:30-12 AM	Registration
10:30 AM	Mass (optional)
12:30 AM	Exemplification
3:00 PM	Lunch

**There will be NO LADIES PROGRAM OR BANQUET for this Exemplification.**

Attached are the required form(s) for registering candidates and guests for the Exemplification. These forms, along with properly completed Form 4's and full payments (**payable to: Kevin Donovan, District Master**) should be submitted to **SK Geno Tilley 100 Northampton La. Apt. 13B Plainville, CT 0606.**

**The deadline for application and reservations is April 17, 2023**

If there are any questions, please contact Geno at 860-351-5173 or gtjr13@outlook.com

Fraternally,

Kevin Donovan  
District Master CT



**The Vermont Senate will vote soon on S. 37, legislation that unfairly targets Vermont's Pregnancy Resource Centers**

**Call Your Senator(s) today and urge them to vote NO on S. 37**

You can find their contact information here. <https://legislature.vermont.gov/people/search/2024>

You can also call the State House in Montpelier at 802-828-2228. Please be prepared to give your name and town and leave a simple message: Vote No on S. 37.

(The phone lines may well be tied up, but please keep trying!)

Our Vermont Pregnancy Centers need our support! Senate bill, [S 37](#) *An act relating to legally protected health care activity and regulation of health care providers*, is a bill that specifically targets Vermont's Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs). S.37 contains provisions that would have a chilling effect on each of Vermont's Pregnancy Resource Centers and their ability to keep the doors open to young girls and women who wish to carry their children to term, and either parent or place their babies for adoption..

The hostility toward the good work of our seven PRCs in Vermont is difficult to understand given the excellent rating their clients give to the services they provide, the fact that all of their funds are donated by concerned local supporters, and the fact that not a single complaint has ever been filed against them.

Ironically, S.37 contains no provisions for oversight of Vermont's abortion clinics.

The bill also contains provisions that undermine parental rights over the medical care of their children and opens the door for adults as well as minors to come here from out-of-state – even those states that require parental involvement such as New Hampshire and Massachusetts to name a few.

As Vermont Right to Life spokespersons warned, passage of Proposal 5/Article 22 is being interpreted as a mandate for Planned Parenthood’s most extreme agenda on anything related to “personal reproductive autonomy.” That agenda includes closing the Pregnancy Resource Centers, getting unfettered access to minors for abortions and “gender affirming care” without parental interference, and much more.

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# 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
WEEK #8 02/04/2023	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	243	Stanley Baranowski	421
\$75.00	180	Marcel Moreau	7669
\$50.00	293	Ron Rice	2946
WEEK #9 02/11/2023	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	35	Michael Daigle	2284
\$75.00	297	Michael Noonan	5041
\$50.00	14	Helga Nuttall	10830
WEEK #10 02/18/2023	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	186	Jay Benson	7525
\$75.00	74	Francis Russell	10241
\$50.00	49	St. Paul's Church	4
WEEK #11 02/25/2023	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	122	Raymond Tardiff	297
\$75.00	271	Louis St. John	2610
\$50.00	217	Ryan Germaine	1568

## 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](mailto:noelmaurice2@gmail.com)

**NEXT ISSUE WILL BE April 1, 2023**

