



# Vermont Knights Magazine



**Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism**  
**Vermont State Council** **February 2024 Edition**

## Vermont State Council Officers



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## From the Vermont State Deputy



“What Our Lord did say on the cross was to forgive. Forgive your Pilates, who are too weak to defend your justice; forgive your Herods, who are too sensual to perceive your spirituality; forgive your Judases, who think worth is to be measured in terms of silver.”

- Blessed Bishop Fulton Sheen

Worthy Brothers,

Here are my reflections going into January

### 1. Vitality of our councils:

I can use the word vitality in many ways... vitality usually refers to health, strength, growth, positive improvements, etc. etc. All of these word choices apply to our councils. Think about the next 4 to 5 months of this remaining fraternal year... what are YOU and your councils doing to support and benefit your Brother Knights and Families, your Church, Community and Charities? Have you had a simple brainstorming session for ideas and suggestions?

Are Knights in our councils empowered and encouraged to DO things or is everyone condition to provide 'you should' ideas to the GK? I used to get a little frustrated at times as Grand Knight or even District Deputy when I felt my brother Knights were expecting me to do all the organization, planning and the bulk of the work...Please make sure as a Knight of Columbus, you help out in anyway you can... 'many hands make for lighter work'. How about membership growth in your council? I have had a few Brothers tell me that they already asked every eligible Catholic Man to join... ok, great... ask them again! I had to be asked at least 3 times before I finally got over my automatic 'too busy' response and actually joined my council. How many of our councils put in regular (weekly? Biweekly? Monthly?) comments in their church bulletin? Have you added the online QR code to your bulletin? When was the last time the council hosted a coffee hour and/or took your Priest out to lunch, etc. etc.? We need to do these things to assure the vitality of our councils. I had an interesting conversation with a young man a few weeks ago... After Mass, I asked him if was interested in joining the Knights of Columbus. I told him I've been a member for years and love the Fraternal Order. After a minute of me explaining some of the local activities... he said that the KofC sounds great and well needed in the Catholic Church but he already had a deep Catholic faith and was not searching for a Fraternal organization to help him express his Faith. I asked what he wanted and he said, he would love to join a Catholic Organization that provides events and activities that he can sponsor and do with his family (He has 3 children under the age of 14) as well as scholarship opportunities for his kids... After I few more minutes of my excitement in telling him that is also part of the KofC, he was convinced to join. My lesson learned was... we offer so much as a Catholic Fraternal Order but let's not forget that as we try to attract younger men... families are very important to them so council family events are great to advertise! This also includes round table events where families can help out in a project around the church, etc.

2. 126<sup>th</sup> State Convention 4/26 – 4/28 at StoweFlake Mountain Resort. This date has been communicated for at least 11 months... so I appreciate councils avoiding this weekend for your events, if possible. This assures delegates and other attendees may focus on the Convention. As we all know, the costs of food, lodging, etc. have been increasing since at least COVID so it has been a shock to many how much the Convention may cost the State Officers and Delegates... The State Council has been reviewing how to lower the costs without impacting the tradition and benefits of this once a year Convention for our Jurisdiction, spouses and families. Part of the cost is to help supplement the 4 or 5 conferences rooms and equipment we require all weekend, food/lodging for our Guests including our Diocese representatives (e.g Bishop, Ladies Program Speaker(s), etc.) and other related costs. There are many many hours that go into the planning and organizing of a Convention and it is a great opportunity to come together as a State Catholic Organization and proudly celebrate who we are with our families.

3. LEADERSHIP Opportunities. (Repeat Message since December)

We have many opportunities for volunteer leaders and I greatly encourage and pray for more Men to step up. If there is interest, just let myself or our State Secretary know... or if at the council level, let your council GK or Advocate know of where your interest lies.

Council Officers

District Deputies

District Wardens (assistant to DD)

State Officers

State Program Chairs

Assistant State Program Chairs

#### 4. Council Forms:

Each council is required to submit their Form 1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. I completed mine for the State Jurisdiction last week. It may be done on line and submitted directly to Supreme.

#### 5. Key Dates:

Council 399's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass and Reception at St. Monica's Church 10:45am Mass on 2/4/24

State Free Throw Contest – Bristol 3/23/24

4<sup>th</sup> Degree Ceremony – Rutland 4/13/24

126<sup>th</sup> State Convention – StoweFlake Resort 4/26-4/28/24

I'm excited to see how many more members we may obtain over the next few months, Convention planning including the Ladies's program, Lent and other events, etc. Please take it to heart that your Council and Brother Knights need you. Catholic apathy is always there to threaten our efforts so please pray for the health of our Jurisdiction and Councils!

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Michael (VT SD)





Dear brothers,

The second-to-last video in my series “Eucharistic Reflections on the Acts of the Apostles” is up.

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLPhaJuyvd13dXlzhI9ryz4xVq17nfvyVI&si=go8SMXYfecBtxzbF>

These videos are just small additions to the many valuable available resources that could be used in a monthly men’s faith-&-fraternity Cor meeting. Other honorable mentions are the Into The Breach series, videos from Word on Fire, or Wild Goose TV. At my own parish, Mike Bullock our Cor director for the state, is using the last resource on that list to watch a monthly study and discussion of the mysteries of the Rosary.

In closing, here is one additional pastoral note. There is no Valentine’s Day dispensation from the Ash Wednesday fast and abstinence. So all those who plan a Valentine’s Day celebration with their “better half” could opt to have a juicy Mardi Gras steak as their pre-Valentine’s Day vigil meal, or go in for a very prayerful fish or shrimp dinner on Ash Wednesday itself, maybe even reading the book of Tobit as a Matrimonial-combined reflection on Lenten almsgiving and God’s providence.

God bless all,

In Christ with Mary,  
Fr. Timothy Naples



My dear family in Christ,

While we continue to wait upon the appointment of the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Burlington, It is my honor to offer the Knights of Columbus and their families a few thoughts as we enter into our Lenten Journey.

One of the first questions that is asked of us during Lent is, “what are you giving up?” it’s not a bad question. We are encouraged to practice some kind of fasting and sacrifice during the forty days of Lent. Whether we are giving up desserts, TV, social media, harsh words or criticism, the “giving up” hopefully helps us become more united to Our Lord as we prepare to celebrate the vents of Holy Week and Easter.

Another question might be “who are we helping during Lent?” Almsgiving, whether financial or the sacrifice of out time, is another tried and true way for us to have a fruitful Lent and grace-filled Easter.

However, if you were to ask my advice for having a fruitful Lent I would offer the suggestion that we all take more time to pray as individuals, as married couples and as families. If we are not spending time with the Lord during Lent then our fasting is simply dieting and our almsgiving is just a good deed. These actions motivated by a desire to lose weight or gain praise from the community may have some benefits, but unless they are rooted in prayer, in a living relationship with Jesus Christ, they will not lead us closer to salvation.

SO to one and all, if you have to choose one thing to do during this Lent, pray more. Find time to be alone with the Lord. If married, pray together as a couple to be strengthened in your vocation of love. If you have children, pray with them, read the Bible with them, teach them to be young men and women who look to God for their purpose and strength. This doesn’t mean you have to set aside hours a day, but be intentional to give God some quality time each of the forty days and I guarantee your Easter will be transformed.

United in prayer and the love of Jesus Christ,

Rev. Msgr. John J. McDermott  
Diocesan Administrator



# Past State Deputy Message



Brother Knights;

My childhood started with Knights of Columbus when my father was Grand Night of Council #86 in Fall River, MA. When I was in grammar school, I helped the Knights of Columbus go through, review and help distribute the Toys for Tots program. I thought that the Knights of Columbus were pretty nice to help all those kids.

When I went to St. Michael's College at an age of 18, I joined the Knights in 1963. During the years at college, I was fortunate to meet a great number of leaders of the Knights in Vermont as well as the ceremonial teams. Many of them became very good friends and I was able to join them in third degree teams. In 1967 when I was Grand Knight, the Knight of Columbus awarded the convention to St. Michael College, and it was a great success.

In 1967 I was selected to become a delegate to the Supreme Council Convention in Montreal.

After college I went to work for the Supreme Council in New Haven Conn. For a few years and moved to Saratoga, NY. then to Colchester, VT. I then became a district deputy, State Treasurer, State Secretary, State Deputy and Master of the Fourth Degree.

My years of being the State Deputy I was able to do some good programs. Even though I was State Deputy my fellow officers and former state officers help me to accomplish those programs. Anchor Award, Christ in Christmas, Tootsie Roll, Chapel at the Camp Holy Cross ( Mario Fretette & Don Sutton) as well as repairing the cabins at Holy Cross & the State Deputies Association.

My 2 years as Master of the Fourth Degree weren't as successful but we had a great Fourth Degree Ceremonial in Swanton with a dinner and a large orchestra for dancing.

Since we moved to Monument Beach (Bourne, MA) I haven't been very active with the Knights.

I continue to have good memories with the Knights in Vermont.

Vivat Jesus

William Stafford PSD (1982-1984)



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"HE LOVED GOD, COUNTRY AND TRUTH"

BORN AT STOCKBRIDGE, VERMONT

SEPTEMBER 16, 1808

DIED AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

APRIL 17, 1878

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF VERMONT







**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.**

**SK William F. "Bill" Ladd, Age 86. Member of Council 7525 for 38 years. Member of assembly 2106 for 36 years.**



## VERMONT STATE COUNCIL



# STATE FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

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

**WHEN:.** Saturday, MARCH 23, 2024  
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.

PLUS... a fun 3-point contest for all ages!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE VERMONT DISTRICT**  
**Bishop James A. Healy PROVINCE**  
***"Patriotically Promoting Our Faith,  
Walking Humbly with God"***

**Date:** January 16, 2024

**To:** District Friar  
State Deputies  
Former Masters  
District Staff  
Faithful Navigators  
Faithful Comptrollers

**From:** SK David A. Ely SR  
Master of the Fourth Degree  
District Bishop James A. Healy

**Subject:** **District Assembly of the Diocese of Burlington**  
**Notice of Biennial Meeting**

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## **SUBJECT:**

Notice is hereby given to the scheduling of the Biennial Meeting of the Diocese of Burlington Vermont, The District Assembly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024. The venue for this meeting will be the St. John Vianney SOUTH BURLINGTON, VERMONT. Doors for Registration will open at 9:00 AM. We will then convene the Biennial Meeting in the Church Hall at 9:30 AM.

The purpose of the meeting is to select three (3) recommendations for the position of Master of the Fourth Degree for the Vermont District, elect the Master's Audit Committee, and consider matters consonant with the good of the Fourth Degree.

The District Assembly shall be composed of the Master (1), the Faithful Navigator of each Assembly in the District (21), and one (1) delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof within the Assembly. Assemblies may elect alternates for the Faithful Navigator and delegates.

**At this time, the following shall constitute the delegation to the Biennial Meeting:**

<b>1147 Rutland, (Msgr. John M. Brown Assembly) 2, Delegates, 2 Alternates</b>	<b>1229 White River Junction, (Michaud Assembly) 1 Delegate, 1 Alternate</b>
<b>1148 Burlington, (DeGoesbriand Assembly) 1 Delegate, 1 Alternate</b>	<b>1743 - Middlebury - Fr. Daley Assembly 2 Delegates, 2 Alternates</b>
<b>1149 St. Albans - St. Albans Assembly, 2 Delegate, 2 Alternate</b>	<b>1793 Essex Junction - Bishop Rice Assembly 2 Delegates, 2 Alternates</b>
<b>1150 Bennington, (Bennington Assembly) 1 Delegate, 1 Alternate</b>	<b>2106 South Burlington, (Louis J. Trono Assembly) 2 Delegates, 2 Alternates</b>
<b>1151 Barre, (Charles W. Jasman Assembly) 2 Delegate, 2 Alternate</b>	<b>2179 Richford, (All Saints Assembly) 1 Delegate, 1 Alternate</b>
<b>1152 St. Johnsbury, (Sheridan Assembly) 1 Delegate, 1 Alternate</b>	<b>2207 Swanton, (St. Edmund of Canterbury Assembly) 1 Delegate, 1 Alternate</b>
<b>1153 Bellows Falls, (St. Charles Assembly) 1 Delegate, 1 Alternate</b>	<b>2312 Morrisville - Fr. Boivin Assembly 1 Delegate, 1 Alternate</b>
<b>1154 Brattleboro, (Leo Assembly) 1 Delegate, 1 Alternate</b>	<b>2539 Fair Haven, (Fair Haven Assembly) 1 Delegate, 1 Alternate</b>
<b>1155 Hardwick, (Brownson Assembly) 1 Delegate, 1 Alternate</b>	<b>2550 Waterbury, (Fr. Galligan Assembly) 1 Delegate, 1 Alternate</b>
<b>1157 Newport - Cardinal James Gibbons Assembly 2 Delegates, 2 Alternates</b>	<b>2609 Milton, (Bishop Robert F. Joyce Assembly) 2 Delegates, 2 Alternates</b>
<b>1159 Springfield, (Sullivan Assembly) 1 Delegate, 1 Alternate</b>	

The Delegates to the Biennial Meeting are to be elected at the February meeting of the Assembly. The Faithful Comptroller shall forward to the Master, the Secretary to the Master, and the Credential Committee Chairman the names of such delegates not later than February 28, 2018. It should be noted that the following Sir Knights will act as officers for the Biennial Meeting:

**Secretary  
Pilot  
Sentinel**

Excepting the Master, who is automatically entitled to voice and vote, there are no restrictions on the election of officers of the District Assembly or the Master's Staff to the position of delegates or alternates.

**The following shall be the appointments to the committees of the Biennial Meeting:**

**Credential Committee**

1. SK, Chairman
2. SK,
3. SK,
4. SK.

Need Volunteers to set up

The purpose of this committee is to properly identify the delegates, alternates and Sir Knights as members in good standing with current membership cards in the Third and Fourth Degrees. Credential forms for the Biennial Meeting are enclosed, herewith, for completion once elections by the Assemblies in the District are held. The Seal of the Assembly must be affixed on the Credential forms under the Faithful Comptroller's name in order to be seated and participate in the Biennial Meeting. The deadline for credentials to be filed with the Chairman of the Credentials Committee; the Master of the Fourth Degree, and the Secretary to the Master is on or before February 28, 2024.

**Resolutions Committee**

5. SK, Chairman
6. SK,
7. SK,
8. SK.

Need Volunteers to set up

Additionally, Joseph E. Murtha, FM, FDD, PGK, PFN, will be an Ad Hoc Resolutions Committee member/advisor to help ensure that only proper resolutions are approved and sent forward.

The purpose of this committee is to review all resolutions, see that the resolutions are in proper form, and have been properly attested. Resolutions consonant with the good of the Fourth Degree may be adopted at any time by the membership of your Assembly. Resolutions shall be forwarded not later than February 28, 2024, to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, the Master of the Fourth Degree, the Secretary to the Master, and to each Assembly in the District. Resolutions forwarded to the Resolution Committee and any other groups must be certified as being passed by the Assembly. Certification means attested by the Faithful Navigator and the names of the Assembly's Resolutions Committee. A sample format is enclosed.

**Memorial Committee**

9. SK, Chairman
10. SK,
11. SK,
12. SK.

Need Volunteers to set up

The purpose of this committee is to collect, collate, and report data of all deceased officers since the last Biennial Meeting (2016). Forms for any deceased officers since the last Biennial Meeting are enclosed. The survey forms must be attested by the Assembly's Faithful Navigator and Faithful Comptroller and forwarded to the Chairman of the Memorial Committee. A copy of the survey must also be forwarded to the Secretary to the Master not later than March 3, 2024. Please complete all blanks on the form for each deceased officer.

## Voice and Vote

Only the Master, Faithful Navigators, delegates and seated alternates (for delegates not in attendance or tardy) have voice and vote on matters before the District Assembly. Voice may be granted to unseated alternates with the general consent of the delegates to the Biennial Meeting.

**At 10:30 AM sharp, the door to the meeting chamber will be closed. A member of the Credential Committee will be posted to guard the door. The Credential Committee Chairman, Committee, and Secretary to the Master will identify seated Delegates, and seat Alternates as needed, to complete the Official Credential Roll for a report to the District Assembly. The door will then be opened to allow tardy Delegates, Alternates, or other Sir Knights to enter the Meeting Chamber as observers.**

**This will be the Order of The Day. This Rule will stand from the opening of the Meeting, throughout the entire meeting, until the close of the Meeting.**

Tardy delegates will not be seated once the alternate has been seated in their place. Alternates seated will be seated in order of their name placement on the credential report submitted to the Credentials Committee by the Faithful Navigator through the Faithful Comptroller.

At this time the Chair is planning to entertain a motion to limit nomination speeches for Master of the Fourth Degree to five (5) minutes per candidate. Nominations for Auditors are generally limited to name only.

Article V, Section 15 of the laws and rules governing the Fourth Degree directs, "**Assemblies shall pay the expenses of their representatives and delegates to the District Assembly meetings**". Assemblies may, therefore, pay the expense of mileage, meals, and incidental expenses incurred by the delegates to the Biennial Meeting. Assemblies may not, however, pay a per diem or stipend for such attendance.

For planning purposes, we fully anticipate that the District Assembly meeting will meet for a period of approximately three (3) hours. It should be noted that Sir Knights attending the District Assembly meeting must be in possession of the current membership cards of both the Third and Fourth Degrees in the Order to be admitted to the chamber.

## Balloting

Balloting for the selection of Master of the Fourth Degree shall be as adopted at the 1970 Biennial Meeting of the District Assembly as follows:

**Should there be three (3) or less candidate names selected, these names will be forwarded to the Supreme Master for consideration without ballot. Should the seated Master request a 2<sup>nd</sup> term and has received a unanimous decision to be returned by the District, balloting will not be done and a recommendation to the Vice Supreme Master will be forwarded stating the District's pleasure. Balloting shall only take place in the event that more than 3 candidate names are submitted for the position of Master of the Fourth Degree. If four (4) or more names are nominated for the Master's position, the District Assembly will proceed to ballot and each person possessed of the right to vote shall have three (3) votes for Master. A Delegate must vote for three different Sir Knights in nomination. On any ballot if the *name* of any candidate appears more than once, that ballot will be disqualified.**

**Balloting for the Master's Audit Committee shall be conducted only if there are more than three (3) nominations. The appointment of tellers and judges for balloting shall be conducted at the meeting of the District Assembly.**



***KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE  
VERMONT DISTRICT Bishop James A. Healy PROVINCE***

**March 9, 2024 – Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Appointment of Pilot, Sentinel, and Secretary of the Meeting
3. Certification of Current 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Membership Cards
4. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
5. Appointment of Committee on Credentials
6. Appointment of Committee on Resolutions
7. Report of Committee on Credentials
8. Reading of 2020 minutes
9. Communications
10. Report of Master
11. Report of Committee on Resolutions
12. Unfinished Business
13. New Business
  - A. Wreaths Across America
  - B. Warriors to Lourdes
14. Selection of three (3) recommendations for Master (If Applicable)
15. Election of Master's Audit Committee
16. Closing Prayer

# CREDENTIALS REPORT FORM

## DELEGATES

<b>Faithful Navigator</b>	
<b>Delegate #1</b>	
<b>Delegate #2</b>	
<b>Delegate #3</b>	
<b>Delegate #4</b>	
<b>Delegate #5</b>	

The Number of Delegates is defined on page 2 of the cover memo. Additional entries will not be counted as Delegates or as Alternates.

## ALTERNATES

<b>Alternate #1</b>	
<b>Alternate #2</b>	
<b>Alternate #3</b>	
<b>Alternate #4</b>	
<b>Alternate #5</b>	
<b>Alternate #6</b>	

The Number of Alternates is defined on page 2 of the cover memo. Additional entries will not be counted as Delegates or as Alternates.

Assembly: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name
Number

Attested By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Faithful Comptroller
Date

**SEAL**

Return 1 copy on or before February 28, 2024, to each of the following:



**Resolution No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS:** .....

, and

**WHEREAS:**

, and

**WHEREAS:**

, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that

, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that

Approved By the Assembly on: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ATTESTED TO ON THIS DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Faithful Navigator

**SEAL**

**AND RESOLUTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Return 1 copy on or before February 28, 2024, to each of the following:

# MEMORIAL COMMITTEE SURVEY REPORT FORM

## DECEASED OFFICERS SINCE MARCH 2024

NAME	OFFICE HELD	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH

Assembly: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Number

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Faithful Navigator Date

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Faithful Comptroller Date

Return 1 copy on or before March 3, 2024, to each of the following:



Supreme Master  
Michael McCusker  
suprememaster@kofc.org

# The Catholic Patriot

Supporting our Country, Community, and Church  
With  
Respect and Honor  
*Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree*



In the 2004 film The Passion of the Christ, the director borrows from Revelation 21:5, in a powerful scene where Christ meets our Blessed Mother on the way to His crucifixion. Mary, filled with pain and confusion, tries to make sense of what is happening to her child. At the climax of this powerful encounter, Christ touches her face and declares, "Behold, I make all things new!"

As I write this message in the dark, early morning hours of New Year's Eve, I find myself contemplating Christ's words as written in Revelation 21:5. As dawn brings the last day of 2023, and a new year is given to us with opportunities to love and serve our Lord's Church on earth, how blest are we to receive this gift of a new year? And how in the year ahead will Christ continue to make all things new in our lives, our Order, and our beloved Fourth Degree?

Newness can be a challenge. We have all dealt with change in both our personal lives and in our committed lives as Knights, and we have often resisted change that is necessary to our continued growth and success. In a sense, we become complacent with the status quo because to change would require us to step outside our comfort zone. There is a remarkable scene in the 1992 film Far and Away where an adventurous husband, advanced in years, tells his change-resistant wife, "Pretend we're starting out in life...instead of ending up."

As 2024 begins, how can we as Sir Knights trust in God's promise that His divine son continues to make all things new? As the Fourth Degree's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary approaches in 2025, how can we seize this moment by starting out again in our journey as patriotic Knights; instead of simply ending up where we have always been because of the great unknown of change?

On the last Saturday of 2023, I sat in a church and watched our friends' daughter walk down the aisle to marry her love. Weddings are always testaments to our sense of hope, and our willingness to change our individual needs to form a perfect union with another. Yes, there will be challenges ahead for this couple, but hopefully, those challenges will be far outweighed by much joy and blessings from God. Their wedding seems perfectly placed at the end of one year and the beginning of another. The ultimate ringing out of the old as we ring in the new.

Inspired by this young couple's faith in an unknown future, let us draw strength and embrace courage. Let us recommit ourselves in this new year to reengaging our councils in the life of their assemblies as we begin planning to celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As we do, let us not focus so much on where we have been or the past accomplishments of the Fourth Degree, but instead, use this moment to lay the groundwork for our next one-hundred-and-twenty-five years of patriotic service to our Church and our collective nations by trusting in Christ's plan for salvation and knowing that He makes all things new again. Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

### Let's Talk Training

The next quarterly District Master training will take place virtually on January 22, 2024 at 8:00 PM CDT

The Training will focus on the District Master's upcoming Biennial Meeting for 2024.

The link to the meeting will be sent out by Darryl Barrios in January to all Vice Supreme Masters, and District Masters.

Any questions can be directed to me:

Michael J Porter, 4th Degree Director of Training  
at: [mjpknight9282@aol.com](mailto:mjpknight9282@aol.com)

### Dates to Remember

#### January

If you have not done so you must select location and date of Bi-Annual Meeting & send out invitations to assemblies. Remember Assembly Delegate Elections must occur in February. Be sure to communicate selection process and how to submit resolutions to be considered during meeting.

#### January 22, 2024 Quarterly Training

"Preparing for Biennial Meeting 2024"  
Planning and Implementation

### Assembly Training Challenge

Monthly challenge: Ask your Faithful Navigators to set up monthly training from the Drill Manual and the Manual of the Sword. This can be short 10-15 sessions that help prepare the members for call outs of all kinds.

#### *This month's suggestion:*

#### 4th -Degree Training Module Manual of the Sword Carry Sword

1. With the sword drawn, the position of attention is identical to that described in the previous paragraph except for the right hand.
2. The right hand is used to hold and control the sword as described herein for the position of Carry Sword. (See Figures)



**A sword used  
properly is a sword  
used with Respect  
and Honor**

# Spotlight on a Catholic Patriot

## Retired Colonel Roland J. Tiso, Jr.



Colonel Tiso and his wife Judie have been members of St Stephen Parish in Riverview, Florida, since 1994. They moved to Florida following his graduation from the Army War College. He was assigned to U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base and spent the next 10 years either assigned to the Headquarters or in assignments in the Middle-East.

When he retired from the Army in 2004, he continued to work as a defense contractor again bouncing between Central Command Headquarters and assignments in the Middle East. Throughout it all, Roland and Judie remained parishioners at St Stephen. Their two daughters received their sacraments and religious instruction at St Stephen and Judie taught music at the St Stephen School for four years. She ran the children's choir for several years and sang in the adult choir. Sometime after he was retired from the Army,

Roland joined the Knights of Columbus Council 14084. He is an active member of the Council and serve on several ministries including the Hospitality Ministry and others in support of various fund raising events.

Colonel Tiso published a book called *IN STRANGE COMPANY*, an America Soldier with Multinational Forces In the Middle East and Iraq. Colonel Tiso's account of this time offers unique insights into the challenges of planning the Iraqi campaign and the intricacies and challenges of multinational service through the lens of his assignments as a war planner at U.S. Central Command, Senior Military Adviser of the Arab Peninsula Shield Force and the Polish-led Multinational Division (Central-South), and Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (C-3) of the Coalition Military Assistance Training Team tasked to develop the New Iraqi Army. His observations cast significant light on the missions these units undertook and the challenges they confronted.

His firsthand account of operational planning for war in Iraq captures the concerns of the military planners and senior commanders to liberate and stabilize the country, enabling the reader to better understand the challenges of operational war planning, coalition warfare, the difficulty of stabilizing Iraq after the fall of Baghdad, the development of the New Iraqi Army, and ultimately a deeper understanding of America's "long war" in Iraq.

[Amazon.com: In Strange Company: An American Soldier with Multinational Forces in the Middle East and Iraq eBook : Tiso, Roland J., Zinni, Anthony C.: Kindle Store](#)



# BISHOP JAMES A. HEALY PROVINCE – FEBRUARY 2024

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Michael McCusker

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Very Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie

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(Nancy)

## Executive Secretary to the Vice Supreme Master

Mark Bourgojn, PSD  
(Lois)

Civic Award Application

To Be a Patriot Award Form

## ASSEMBLY FRATERNAL SURVEYS

REMINDER: That all Assemblies were to have filed their Fraternal Survey by 31 January. If they have not submitted this report, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible so that their hours of service and monetary donations can be calculated.

## BIENNIAL MEETINGS

Reminder to schedule your District biennial meeting for March or April. Please advise VSM Belanger of your scheduled meeting dates.

## UPCOMING EXEMPLIFICATIONS

### New Hampshire

Saturday, 10 February 2024  
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## PRESIDENT'S DAY

President's Day or Washington's Birthday as it is still legally known, was originally designated to celebrate George Washington's birthdate. In 1880, Congress voted to make this first national holiday which honored an individual.

In 1968, Congress enacted the Uniform Monday Bill, to give workers as many long weekends as possible. This moved as many holidays to a standard Monday each year. Many states were already honoring Abraham Lincoln's birthday, 12 February, and this celebration was combined with George Washington's birthday, for one federal holiday. It is observed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in February each year.



## MEDAL OF HONOR

The Medal of Honor was created during the American Civil War and is the highest military decoration presented by the United States government to a member of the armed forces. The recipient must have distinguished themselves at the risk of their own life above and beyond the call of duty in action against an enemy of the US.

The President, in the name of the US Congress, has awarded more than 3,520 Medals of Honor including 19 second awards to the nation's soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coast guardsmen since its creation in 1861.



The first Medal of Honor recipient was Bernard John Dowling Irwin during the Apache Wars due to his actions on 13 February 1861.

The Apache Wars were a series of armed conflicts between the US Army and various Apache tribal confederations that fought in the southwest between 1849 & 1886.



**FROM THE DESK OF THE**  
**VERMONT STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**



**CANDOR – COURAGE – COMMITMENT – COMPETENCE**

**[Nuttalled5@gmail.com](mailto:Nuttalled5@gmail.com)**

**(802) 849-2753**

**Notes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half FY 2023-2024**

# MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS

## 25 JANUARY 2024

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STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

### CIRCLE OF HONOR STATUS 71

Rank	Jurisdiction	Div	INTAKE					
			Quota	Prior Day	Today	Diff	Need	Percent
1	Ukraine	6	247	423	423	0	*	171.26%
2	Alaska	6	82	69	70	1	12	85.37%
3	Vermont	6	122	69	71	2	51	58.20%
4	Wyoming	6	85	48	48	0	37	56.47%
5	Guam	6	50	24	24	0	26	48.00%
6	Mexico Northwest	6	216	92	97	5	119	44.91%
7	Prince Edward Island	6	64	26	26	0	38	40.63%
8	Mexico Central	6	220	74	74	0	146	33.64%
9	Mexico Northeast	6	342	75	75	0	267	21.93%
10	Dominican Republic	6	65	6	6	0	59	9.23%
TOTALS			1,493	906	914	8	755	61.22%



# GOAL 120 STATUS 71

Awards Progress								District Membership		
	Month to Date				Year to Date				Total Membership 1/19/2024	YTD Change in Membership
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%		
MBR	21	1	0	➔ 3	0	3	14	484	-10	
INS	0	1	0	1	1	2	-1			

Awards Progress								District Membership		
	Month to Date				Year to Date				Total Membership 1/19/2024	YTD Change in Membership
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%		
MBR	18	0	0	➔ 12	0	12	87	211	10	
INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Awards Progress								District Membership		
	Month to Date				Year to Date				Total Membership 1/19/2024	YTD Change in Membership
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%		
MBR	19	4	0	➔ 18	0	18	95	436	13	
INS	0	1	0	1	1	2	-1			

Awards Progress								District Membership		
	Month to Date				Year to Date				Total Membership 1/19/2024	YTD Change in Membership
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%		
MBR	11	0	0	➔ 0	0	0	0	178	-8	
INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Awards Progress								District Membership		
	Month to Date				Year to Date				Total Membership 1/19/2024	YTD Change in Membership
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%		
MBR	13	1	0	➔ 13	0	13	100	336	6	
INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Awards Progress								District Membership		
	Month to Date				Year to Date				Total Membership 1/19/2024	YTD Change in Membership
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%		
MBR	18	2	0	➔ 3	0	3	17	254	-3	
INS	0	0	0	0	2	0	2			

Awards Progress								District Membership		
	Month to Date				Year to Date				Total Membership 1/19/2024	YTD Change in Membership
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%		
MBR	14	1	0	➔ 5	0	5	36	258	0	
INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Awards Progress								District Membership		
	Month to Date				Year to Date				Total Membership 1/19/2024	YTD Change in Membership
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%		
MBR	19	7	0	➔ 14	0	14	74	422	5	
INS	0	0	0	0	1	0	1			

Awards Progress								District Membership		
	Month to Date				Year to Date				Total Membership 1/19/2024	YTD Change in Membership
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%		
MBR	18	0	0	➔ 1	0	1	6	396	-10	
INS	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1			

## WHO'S PUSHING MEMBERSHIP

DISTRICT	WHO'S PUSHING	WHO'S NOT PUSHING
1	2610 -2//10417-1	297//7669//10830
2	421-6//2285-10//7943	7763
3	279-6//2284-5//7525-2	
4	2946-2//4684-1//7810-2	7398
5	399-1	1568//2085//5041
6	2025-3//9146-8//14351-1	10241//11457
7		642//3664//10535
8	753-1//2628-3	917//2832//7423
9	232-13//810	307//6816

**COUNCILS NOT CREDITED WITH SPONSORS BECAUSE OF APPLICATION PROCESS FY 2023**

DISTRICT	RECRUITED	SPONSOR INDICATED
1	2-2610	
2	6-421, 6-2285, 2-7943	1-421, 1-7943
3	5-279, 5-2284, 2-7525	2-279, 1-7525
4	2-2946, 1-4684, 2-7810	1-2946, 2-7810
5	1-399	1-399
6	3-2025, 8-9146, 1-14351	3-2025, 7-9146, 1-14351
7	1-642	1-642
8	1-753, 3-2628	
9	13-232, 1-810)	8-232, 1-10

# ON-LINE SPONSORS

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## SPONSORS NOT BEING CREDITED ON LINE

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- **66** NEW MEMBERS RECRUITED FIRST HALF FY 2023 (1 July – 31 December)
- **24** RECRUITED HAD SPONSORS INDICATED
- **42** RECRUITED HAD NO SPONSOR INDICATED

## **THAT'S A PROBLEM! WHY?**

Lannon 232 (3)	Kopu 753	Coutre 7943	LaChance 232	Poirier 4684 (3)
Boutin 2946	Pudvah 399	Flanagan 421	Giuliani 642	Piette 7943
Herbst Jr. 9146	Sweeney 279 (3)	Pavlikowski 421	Sanville 2208	Naples 7525

## SPONSORS CREDITED WITH RECRUITING

# SPONSORS CREDITED BY MONTH

MONTH	RECRUITER	RECRUITED
July	Lanon, 232	1
	Kopji, 753	1
	Couture, 228	1
August	Lanon, 232	1
	Pudvah, 399	1
	Flanagan, 421	1
	Giuliani, 642	1
	Poirier, 649	1
	Piette, 7943	1
September	Lachance, 232	2
	Poicier, 4684	2
	Boutin, 2946	1
October	Lanon, 232	1
	Herpst, Jr.	1
November	Sweneny, 232	3
	Pavlikowski, 421	1
	Sanville, 2285	1
	Naples, 7525	1

## VERMONT STATE RECRUITING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

### DD WITH THE MOST RECRUITED NEW MEMBERS

- 1<sup>st</sup> half of the Fraternal Year (1 July-31 December)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Fraternal Year (1 January-30 June)

### Best all around DD judged in the categories

- Membership
- Activity
- Administration

### Individual Recruiting Awards

- 1<sup>st</sup> five members to recruit 3 or more new members each half of the FY
- 1<sup>st</sup> five members to recruit 5 or more new members each half of the FY
- Individual recruiters recognized throughout the year with a KofC hat

### Recognition of "Shining Armor Award" recipients

# RETENTION TOOLS

- Form 1842- fraternal interests survey
- "Into the Breach" video
- Fraternal Nights
- Round Robin – "which retention tools work"
- Buddy System 1:5 rule
- "Shining Armor Award" – Member & Sponsor
- Very Important Proposers Club
- Use brochures "These Men Called Knights" and "Why Join" to run an article on their contents in the church bulletin. Run a paragraph or two each week
- Reach out to those not attending meetings or activities. Schedule visits
- Have Council Newsletter

## • NOTE:

### INTO THE BREACH EPISODES

Masculinity .....
Brotherhood .....
Leadership .....
Fatherhood .....
Family .....
Life .....
Prayer .....
Suffering .....
Sacramental Life .....
Spiritual Warfare .....
Evangelization .....
The Cornerstone .....



To qualify for the Shining Armor Award, during the fraternal year, brother Knights must:

- Be involved in at least 3 council Faith in Action programs.
- Attend at least 3 council meetings.
- Attend an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.
- Meet with your council's insurance representative or attend a fraternal benefits night.
- Sponsor at least one man who becomes a member of the Order.



# HOW TO MOVE FORWARD

## Set a goal – 3 new members by Mid-January

### Strategy

- One-on-one coaching of Grand Knight by DD
- Get GK to lay out his strategy with short term options
- Draw in the Membership Committee
- Review with Priest and/or deacon the need for projection of support
- Identify prospects
- Assign 2 men to each prospect
- Each sponsor bringing in a new member gets a hat (I have 30 hats)
- Review progress at council meetings

### Challenges

- DD/GK must buy-in to the challenge. When I visited Hartford last month, I challenged the GK and Priest to come up with one new member before 1 Jan 16. I presented the challenge by presenting each with a hat. That hat told them if they couldn't meet the challenge, I wanted the hat back!
- Because this is a time sensitive challenge, the DD must consider GK to have a timeline.
- This is not a question of what the DD needs to give the district, rather what the DD will do to engage players.

### Leadership

- Before engaging GK have prepared talking notes
- Stay focused on the goal
- Encourage thinking outside the box
- Weekly contact is imperative

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# WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE



**Continue to Promote On-Line Recruiting**



**Sign Up A New Member Using Your PC/Smart Phone.**

Specify Council #  
Credit Yourself As Sponsor By Filling In Your Membership #



**Immediately Sign-Up New Member for Shining Armor Award**



**Get on the Phone and Ask Questions**

Have You Met with Your Membership and Retention Committee?  
Have You Identified a Prospect and Met with Him?  
Have You Contacted Wife for Support?  
(Wives have influence over Their Husbands)

## **THINK PERSONAL CONTACT AND SHINING ARMOR AWARD!**

### **RECRUITING NOTES**

Reach out to your Grand Knights and remind them they still have time to make Star Council they just need to push membership and complete their programs. At the Grand Knight meetings, talk about the many ways of growing membership.

1,) The most important one is to just ask someone. Do the handshake exercise and let them know everyone is just waiting to be asked to join. Let them know that our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly has stated we have to get back to the basics and ask someone to join.

2.) Make sure they have their Delta Membership Church Drives scheduled for February and March. If the Priest will not allow a membership drive during the Lenten season have them schedule the drives the first two weekends in April. Make sure they have ordered their Delta Membership Drive kits. Make sure to invite your Field Agents to help with the drive.

3.) Have your Council put the QR codes in the Church bulletin with information about the Council such as upcoming events, previous events and to just join us. Make sure they update and change the information on a regular basis so people will keep reading the information.

4.) When holding an event make sure they have someone talking to people about the Knights with handouts to give them.

WDDs and WGKs----- As lent gets closer, I wanted to hopefully give a helpful idea. I know during lent it's hard in most cases to hold many church drives.

Another way of a recruitment opportunity is at your fish fry's. Ask your councils to have someone go around and ask how dinner was. This will help break the ice to a 30 second conversation. After they tell you dinner was great then ask, are you a Knight. If the answer is no, then explain to them in 30 seconds how we help Fr. With whatever needs he may have, and we help many others in the community.

Make sure you ask them; do they have one hour a year to help us with one of many charities like put a coat on a child during the cold months or just help in the kitchen for an hr. or anything for just an hour sometime during the year. That's all they need to do. If they don't have the time, then as long as they pay their 30.00 a year dues portions of that will help with our charities.

Don't forget to tell them about the first year's membership is free. That's when you sign them up on your phone and make sure they confirm on their phone before you say thanks and congratulations on becoming a Knight.

If we get our councils to do this, it will help a lot during the Lenten season.

Worthy Brothers,

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 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 2024, 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:

- FAITH
- FAMILY
- COMMUNITY
- LIFE

There are forms attached for Blessed Michael McGivney-Chaplain of the year award and I will also be accepting nominations for Family of the Year and Knight of the Year as well , these forms are attached as well.. I think each Council should have no problem having a nomination for all 3 of those categories, as all of your Councils certainly have a Worthy Chaplain , Brother Knight and Family , which easily meet those criteria. The forms are simple and pictures and testimonials certainly help.

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 for this Fraternal year, they are:

Columbian Award – for the Programs you all do ,reported on Form# SP-7 by June 30. Categories listed above and complete 4 programs in each category , 16 total required , Featured programs = 2 points each

McGivney Award – for Membership . 5% increase over last years member number on your roster.

Founders Award – for Insurance . No quota this year , Council must participate in at least 2 Online or in person approved Insurance benefit informational meetings . Must have 7 members in attendance. **New- Council must submit form # 11077 .**

Safe Environment training - Required for specified leadership positions: Grand Knight , Community , Program and Family Directors. **This applies to Columbian and State Awards , please make sure you are compliant to be considered.**

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 submit your awards for consideration , it is not too early , Good Luck and Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally ,

Bill LaCroix

State Program Director / State Warden / DD#3

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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)



Continue your program description in the space below.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Knight

# 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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# 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*

# Family of the Year

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## Entry Form

Council/Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### INSTRUCTIONS

**Local Councils:** To enter your Family of the Year into jurisdiction competition, complete this form and forward it to the state deputy. Additional paper may be used if space allocated is not sufficient. Photographs, news clippings, letters of commendation or other special exhibits may be included. **Note: Individual jurisdictions set their own deadlines for state/provincial competitions, so watch for deadline dates or contact the state deputy, state program director, or state family director.**

### A. PERSONAL DATA

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Membership Number) \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children/Ages:	Children/Ages:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

### B. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DATA

Family nominated by Council \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number) (Location)

For how many years has husband/father been a member of the Knights of Columbus? \_\_\_\_\_

Positions (offices/program directorships/chairmanships/committee assignments) held:

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)

*If this entry is selected as the Jurisdiction Family of the Year, please submit this winning entry form with the state deputy's signature or e-signature and all collateral material to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission along with your SPAW/STSP packet of International Award Winners. It is preferred that these be submitted electronically to fraternalmission@kofc.org. Jurisdiction Family of the Year submissions are due by April 30 for consideration in the International Family of the Year competition.*

*(Councils should retain a copy of this completed form for their files)*

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON  
SEMINARIAN DIRECTORY

2023-2024

Updated Dec 22, 2023

<u>SEMINARY ADDRESS</u>	<u>YEAR OF STUDY</u>	<u>HOME ADDRESS</u>
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Mr. Giang Vu Saint Meinrad Seminary 200 Hill Drive St. Meinrad, IN 47577 <a href="mailto:gvu@vermontcatholic.org">gvu@vermontcatholic.org</a>	Third Theology	Mr. Giang Vu Christ the King Parish 305 Flynn Avenue Burlington, VT 05401 DOB 12/25/1993
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Mr. Anthony L. Maurice Saint Meinrad Seminary 200 Hill Drive St. Meinrad, IN 47577 <a href="mailto:amaurice@vermontcatholic.org">amaurice@vermontcatholic.org</a>	Pre-Theology	Mr. Anthony L. Maurice 165 Osborne Road Barre, VT 05641 DOB 4/13/2000
Mr. Charles Cacciatore  Mount St. Mary's Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road Emmitsburg, MD 21727 <a href="mailto:ccacciatore@vermontcatholic.org">ccacciatore@vermontcatholic.org</a>	Propaedeutic Year	Mr. Charles Cacciatore  1330 Pencil Mill Road Castleton, VT 05735 DOB 5/25/1998
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## Bishop Degoesebriand Council #279 & Assembly #1148



Community is not just the town or city we live in it is more than the it is the state we live in. Sir Knights are dedicated to serving their Church, Country, and our Order; standing on the shoulders of those before us, Sir Knights stand in the Breach to serve, protect, and defend our country.

This is the second year helping out with the Family Readiness Program out of Camp Johnson. It assists Guard Families throughout Vermont, both Army and Air Guards. Merry Christmas to two Guard Families in the state of Vermont. We get \$500.00 for the guards that's \$250.00 a piece for the two families. This year we sold Lottery Tickets for \$10.00 it gets you 1 chance to win \$200 worth of Lottery Tickets!

The proceeds (hopefully) will cover the cost of the lottery tickets and go to sponsor 1 Vermont National Guard single-parent families for Christmas. We sold 35 tickets bringing \$350.00 and we gave \$150.00 to the guard family for Christmas a mom and 4 boys. The family has a loved one overseas.

A thank you certificate of appreciation came in the mail for the assembly for donation to the Family Readiness Program.





## *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  
802-272-6009  
david.giuliani@kofc.org



### **4th Annual Blessing of Snowmobiles with a Family Breakfast**

Knights of Columbus of Fr. Meany-Fr. St. Onge Council 7943, Troy VT, invites snowmobilers and clubs to attend a Catholic Blessing of Snowmobiles with an "all you can eat" Community Family Breakfast on Sunday, February 18, 2024, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 130 South Pleasant St. Troy VT., at 10:30 AM with Rev. Fr. Benny Chittilappilly, SDV, and Deacon Francis "Ward" Nolan. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 – 11:00 AM

**BREAKFAST**  
*All You Can Eat*  
**Every 3rd Sunday**  
**8 a.m. - 11 a.m.**  
Adults \$10 Children 6-12 \$5  
(Under 5 are Free)  
130 South Pleasant Street, Troy, VT



FR. MEANY / FR. ST. ONGE  
COUNCIL #7943

For more info contact:  
802.673.7510  
OR  
802.323.2470





## Gibbons Council 2285 Knights of Columbus

### 2023 Christmas Charity Raffle Winners

Much Gratitude to All Donors and Supporters!!



**Dec.1:** \$50 VT Designer Wreath donated by Carmen Comeau – Pat Thomas

\$50 donated by Jim Campbell Real Estate – Dana LeFaivre

**Dec.2:** (2) \$50 GC The Great Outdoors – Raymond & Diane Laramie, Norm & Sue Piette

(2) \$50 GC Newport Farm & Garden – Dana Bathalon, Maria Crossman

**Dec.3:** (8) \$50 GC to Roasters Café – Marcel Choquette, Michelle Cote, Deb Lucas, Julie Moulton, Pauline Raboin, Anne Marie Randall, Don Vanasse, Elizabeth Weber

**Dec.4:** \$50 donated by Derby Family Furniture – Kerry Keement

\$50 GC Troy Country Store – Timothy Provoncha

\$50 GC Jay Country Store – Debbie Vacca

**Dec.5:** \$100 donated by Memphremagog Rentals – Rob Dupree

**Dec.6:** \$100 donated by Newport Optical – Debra Joslin

**Dec.7:** (6) \$25 GC to West Side Deli -Joseph & Marie Elena Barbier, Polly Duquette, Paul Farina, Anita Gervais, Mike Pettengill, Greg Ste. Marie

**Dec.8:** \$100 donated by Brighton Garage – Bianca Brenk

\$100 donated by Goulet's Seasonal Rentals – Anna Caron

\$100 donated by Gervais Ace Hardware – Felix Chaput

(2) \$50 GC to Essex House – Chantel Allen, Claire Boucher Curtice

**Dec.9:** \$100 donated by Juddy's Septic Service – Chyrl Coe

**Dec.10:** \$100 donated by Gene's Electric – Emily Austin

**Dec.11:** \$100 donated by Built by Newport – Sherry Girard

**Dec.12:** \$100 donated by Heritage Memorials – DTM Small Engine Repair

\$50 in memory of PGK Roger Dagesse – Mike Fedele

\$50 donated by Derby Family Furniture – Barb Donovan

**Dec.13:** \$100 donated by Gene's Electric – Lucien Poulin

(2) \$50 Gas Certificates to Jimmy Kwik – Kevin Perry, Patrycja Petersen

**Dec.14:** (4) \$100 GC Pick & Shovel – Dan Chizmar, Paige Fortin, Melinda Lamoureux, Debbie Vacca

**Dec.15:** \$100 donated by Donald Dahlin, DDS – Michelle Cote

\$100 donated by Francis Lamoureux/H &R Block – Greg Abbott

**Dec.16:** (2) \$50 GC to Millers Pub at NCC – Marcel Gervais, Goulet's Seasonal Rentals

**Dec.17:** \$50 donated by Derby Family Furniture – Doug Spates

(2) \$50 gift certificates to VT Pie & Pasta – Matt Chaput, James Hartley

**Dec.18:** (4) \$25 GC to Wendy's – Roger Cartee, Sharon Fortin, Debra Joslin, Carole Ricard

**Dec.19:** \$100 donated by Gene's Electric – Kurt Muller

**Dec.20:** \$100 donated by Taylor Moore Agency – Kyle & Patrycja Petersen

**Dec.21:** \$100 donated by Laramie Water Resources – Paul Farina

\$50 donated by Worth's Seamless Gutters – Jeremy DeLaBruere

**Dec.22:** \$100 donated by Tanguay Homes/Up North Storage – Rosalie Leblond

**Dec.23:** \$100 donated by Francis Lamoureux/H &R Block – Ann Snay

**Dec. 24:** \$100 donated by Derby Family Furniture – Alice Gonyaw Piette

\$100 donated by Oil Supply Corporation – Nancy Gleason

\$100 donated by Tanguay Homes/Up North Storage – Chris Joyce

\$500 donated by Nadeau's Plumbing & Heating – Gilles Nadeau

\$500 donated by Steve and Carmen Vincent – Christian Goulet

\$500 donated by an Anonymous K of C Supporter – Brian Giddy

\$1000 donated by an Anonymous K of C Supporter – Don Vanasse

\$1000 donated by an Anonymous K of C Supporter – Susan Rivard

**James Cardinal Gibbons  
Assembly 1157, Newport,**  
would love for you to win a  
week at Loon Mountain  
Resort in Lincoln, NH  
during the week  
of **03/09/2024 –  
03/16/24 (max of 4  
people)** for \$30 a ticket or  
2 tickets for \$50.00. The  
drawing date will be  
Wednesday, February 28,  
2024 during the Assembly  
general meeting. Only 75  
tickets will be sold. This is  
a great opportunity to  
enjoy relaxation by the  
fireplace and a week of  
skiing. Call George Piette  
at 802-323-2470 or  
email [georgepiette@gmail.  
com](mailto:georgepiette@gmail.com) to reserve it/them for  
you.

Thanks  
George



Mater Dei Youth & Fourth Degree K of C  
Benefit Raffle

**2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**#01**



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

Win a 7-day condo vacation at Loon  
Mountain in Lincoln, New Hampshire  
One bedroom from 03/09/2024 – 03/16/24  
(Max Occupancy: 4)



**Drawing Held at  
February Assembly  
Meeting**

**Only 75 Tickets Sold**

**\$30 Per Ticket/\$50 for 2 Tickets**

**#01**



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Bishop Robert F. Joyce**  
**Council 10535**  
*Bristol, Vermont*

## FALL '23 UPDATE

### A Message from Grand Knight Gerry Tetrault

The Knights have been quite active and visible in our parish in the past year. We very much appreciate the support you have given us as we ourselves strive to better the lives of our parishioners and our community. Allow me to list a few of the projects we have been engaged in. To serve people in need, we have supplied coats for kids, wheelchair ramps for the handicapped, and purchased an AED (defibrillator) machine for the church. Related to that, we have sponsored and will continue to schedule CPR training for anyone interested. We have supported programs that build up the spiritual life of our parishioners, such as Totus Tuus for our youth and monthly rosary before Mass. We have another opportunity for spiritual growth in the wings (more

information soon). Community enhancing efforts have included helping with Coffee Hour, the free Palm Sunday pancake breakfast, Mothers' Day roses, and lunch during the Christmas Bazaar. We have held fund-raising events such as the spaghetti suppers and July 4th strawberry shortcake sale to support our funding for the Women's Center, Special Olympics, disaster relief, Little League, and Scouts.

Above all, we provide interested men in our parish with the opportunity to be part of a wholesome group of men who wish to experience friendship, growth as committed Catholic Christians, fathers and family members, and opportunities to be of service. We are not a secret society. Any man who is curious about us is welcome to our meetings and to pitch in to our activities.

### What's Coming Up?

#### November

4th - Rosary before 6:30p Mass  
5th - Council Meeting  
13th - Coffee Hour Sponsor

#### December

3rd - Rosary before 8:30a Mass  
3rd - Council Meeting  
10th - Coffee Hour Sponsor

#### January

6th - Rosary before 6:30p Mass  
7th - Council Meeting  
14th - Coffee Hour Sponsor  
TBD - Spaghetti Dinner

#### February

4th - Rosary before 8:30a Mass  
4th - Council Meeting  
9th - Spaghetti Dinner  
TBD - Free Throw Contest

*Dates subject to change and more stay tuned for more!*



*In August, the Knights from Council 10535 constructed a ramp at a home in New Haven.*

Questions/Comments? Contact Grand Knight Gerry Tetrault at [gctetrault@yahoo.com](mailto:gctetrault@yahoo.com) or 802-453-2719.

**663+**

2022 volunteer hours

**4**

spaghetti dinners

**\$4,907**

2022 donations

**350**

strawberry shortcakes

**Consistent Leadership**

At the annual officer elections on June 4<sup>th</sup>, the council renewed the terms of its existing leadership. The position-holders are as follows:

Grand Knight Gerry Tetrault

Deputy Grand Knight Gary Russell

Recorder Rod Cousino

Financial Secretary Mike Rainville

Treasurer Mark Bouvier

**News & Notes**

The parish recently purchased an AED machine for the church. The Knights covered 50% of the cost.

The Knights collected \$881.70 from the annual Tootsie Roll drive in June which the Council rounded the amount up to \$900. Camp Ta-Kum-Ta recieved 20% and the remainder went to the Special Olympics of Addison County.

The Council hosted this year's state basketball free throw contest.

**Who are the Knights?**

The Knights of Columbus is an international fraternal benefit society. It is the largest lay organization in the Roman Catholic Church.

The core principles of the Knights of Columbus are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, & Patriotism.

The activities of the Knights of Columbus are centered around support for Church, Community, Family, Youth, & Culture of Life.

**How do I join?**

There are three prerequisites to joining the Knights of Columbus:

- 1) male
- 2) at least 18-years-old
- 3) a practical\* Catholic

Upon satisfying all of these requirements, you should contact any of the Knights and express your interest. They can answer (or find the answer) to any questions that you may have and direct you to the proper channels to join. After expressing a willingness to join, candidates will be required to attend a degree ceremony which families are welcome to attend. Degree ceremonies are held on a regular basis throughout the year so there is no specific time of year that you need to join. Whenever you feel the calling works!

*(\*practical meaning practicing/ living out the faith)*

**Don't meet those prerequisites?** Anyone can volunteer to help us at any of our events and functions. We welcome you to join us in lending a hand.



**Above:** The council gathered at Grand Knight Gerry Tetrault's house for the August 27th meeting. Jose Govea hosted the September meeting.

**Left/Right:** Smiles all around at the annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast on April 2nd!



# Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

## SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

Nicholas J. Conti  
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E-mail: [WNMG@aol.com](mailto:WNMG@aol.com)

(Please use "KofC Scholarship 2024 – Student Name" as the subject )

January 2, 2024

Dear Worthy Grand Knight and Brother:

The Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council Scholastic Achievement Committee appreciates your past efforts in publicizing our awards program and again seeks your assistance in the 2024 program. Five \$1,000.00 scholarships will be given by the Vermont Knights of Columbus to assist recipients with their education at an accredited school or college of their choice.

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

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

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

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

Fraternally,

Nicholas J. Conti  
Scholastic Achievement Committee  
Chairman



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## APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP IMPORTANT NOTICE TO APPLICANT

To qualify you must be a high school senior qualifying to graduate in June 2024 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 2024.

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, 2024** 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 15, 2025 will be forfeited and the prize will be given to the next alternate on the list.**

Sincerely,

*Nicholas J. Conti*

Nicholas J. Conti

Scholastic Achievement Committee Chair

**The requested information can be mailed or emailed to the Scholarship Committee Chair by March 10, 2024, to the above address. Please use "KofC Scholarship 2024 – 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, 2024, to the above address. Please use "KofC Scholarship 2024 – Your Name" as the subject of all emails.**



## St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon

**St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar each year. The first is March 19—Joseph, the Husband of Mary. The second is May 1—Joseph, the Worker. Schedule your Council's Pilgrim Icon Program during one (or both) of those months now!**

Flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, comes the Pilgrim Icon Program in honor of St. Joseph. St. Joseph carried out his mission of raising, guarding, and preparing Christ quietly, courageously, and faithfully. For that faithful work, St. Joseph was rewarded — not with seeing the fruits of his labor in this life, but with the incomparable prize of glory in heaven.

The Vermont State Council has two St. Joseph Icons and prayer service booklets available to Councils and Assemblies who wish to participate in this Faith in Action – Faith program. There is no set schedule or route, and the program will continue through 2024. To arrange for a St. Joseph Icon and prayer service at your Parish, contact Silver Rose Chairman Roger Dickinson at (802) 373-7135 or by email at [dcknsn95@comcast.net](mailto:dcknsn95@comcast.net).

Additional resources for this program may also be viewed at <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/pilgrim-icon.html>.



Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Officers, Worthy District Master and Worthy District Deputies,

I am happy to announce that Council 399 will begin its celebration of their 125th Anniversary at Mass on February 4th 2024 at the 1045 Mass at St. Monica Church in Barre. This is the actual date of the founding of both Council 399(Montpelier) and 401(Barre). There will be reception following Mass in the newly renovated parish hall. If possible RSVP Grand Patrick Byrne and/or myself so we have an idea as to how much seating to reserve for Mass.

To our Worthy District Master an Honor Guard would be great. You can coordinate through me.

State Officers and members of the honor guard should arrive around 1015 to organize the procession.

Joseph Kelly  
Vermont Knights of Columbus  
District Deputy #5  
Health Services Chairman  
Faithful Navigator Assembly 1151

# Knights of Columbus Sullivan Council

During the fall of 2023, members of the Sullivan Council took on the project of painting St. Joseph's Church in Chester, Vermont. Attached are some before and after photographs of the project!







Sir Knights;

If you still have goals you haven't met, it's not too late. Get to work on them, they can still be accomplished. Use the next 5 months wisely and you certainly can get a lot done. It would be quite an accomplishment to announce to all of your members that you have successfully reached the goals you set almost one year ago.

On Monday 22, January I had a District Master Webern with the supreme master and his supreme assembly staff. The Webern or the meeting of the biennial meeting that areas are coming up in March, programs, membership, training, and move. The third-degree Knights once it becomes Sir Knights, just like if the council level the assembly needs to have events and projects for certain rights. To do so they feel fulfilled and want to continue to be certain. It has been proven by active assemblies when you collaborate with your council community, you'll be more enticed to 3rd-degree members.

How can we recruit new 4th degree members and get greater exposure to the Knights of Columbus? The one way we can do it is exposure with Sir Knights and their 4th-degree uniforms. This is why it's so important our Sir Knights show up to events in their 4th-degree uniforms. we need to do events or certain eyes and those third-degree nights coming in feel fulfilled to give us an opportunity to recruit those Catholics and men in our parish and community to become Knights of Columbus, and then Sir Knights one way to get the exposure we need is by utilizing honor guards and or color guard opportunities

We need to Work closely with State Deputies Jim, to have a Fourth Degree Liaison present at each new Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

I'm building Staff to help me succeed in the district. I'm adding a District Marshal of the South to my Staff. your new goal is 6% of your membership, so it's different than what we started with we got a break now.

one way to get the exposure we need is by utilizing honor guards and or color guard opportunities. A fourth-degree honor guard is present at all masses and holy hours during the Silver Rose. how the state District Council and assembly can collaborate to put on these great programs the pilgrimage icon allows assembly to spread devotion to Saint Joseph and pray for the courage to stand up and carry out our mission to protect defend and raised future generations only hours picture of the next position and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and can also include a reflection communal rosary prayers for intercessions by blessing Michael J McGivney or Saint Joseph and other devotions as decided by the

assembly or pastor you Christi processions provide an opportunity to walk with the Blessed Sacrament through the community bringing Jesus to everyone along the route standing guard at eucharistic adoration corporate communities and escorting our bishops and priests program entrenched devotion to Mary the patrons of our order and emphasize the importance of prayer in the community and as a family the research program encourages councils ensembles to schedule regular rosary prayers services on every day of the week on any day.

The Father McGivney scholarship program Through the scholarship the order hopes to ensure the future development of Co-sponsored seminary and program and increase the number of Catholic chaplains to serve Catholic men and women in uniform today supreme master sent to all visor pre-masters and district masters his vision on the 4th degree on the father McGivney military chaplain scholarship program. we would like to see a concentrated effort on this program during the winter and spring months. we need our assemblies to inform our local councils on the need to make sure our armed servicemen and women have Catholic priests available for them during their service.

next slide community programs the assemblies can utilize like the Catholic citizen citizenship essay contest for the 2023-2024 fraternal year assemblies need to collaborate with their parish schools to build awareness on the need for our young students to know what it means to be a Catholic citizen this essay can be expanded by adding a patriotic element to the essay contest too. district masters this would be a great opportunity to collaborate with your state program director and community director to help the assemblies with codes for kids or codes for veterans' programs and utilize the local assemblies with distributions the assemblies can purchase codes for a discounted price at [nightsgear.com](https://nightsgear.com) or [knightsgear.ca](https://knightsgear.ca) in Canada. assemblies' districts and provinces can organize a fundraiser and buy a container of 280 wheelchairs for over \$42,000 US or \$54,000 Canadian assemblies can also donate funds to [amwheelchairs.org](https://amwheelchairs.org) or [CDN wheelchairs.ca](https://CDNwheelchairs.ca) these community programs would be a great opportunity for the district master to work with the state community director to see how the state districts councils and assemblies can collaborate to help our veterans with coats or wheelchairs.

please before the degree we'll be conducting a census of the membership to establish a record of service in the Korean and Vietnam wars. following the world wars to order documented forest services by its members the result of these efforts is recorded in the archives of the blessed Michael J McGivney pilgrimage center similar efforts were not conducted for either the Korean or Vietnam wars assemblies working in conjunction with their assemblies are signed councils will conduct a census of their membership using the attached form.

I should say there you go there's the form where possible documented service of deceased members will be recorded guidelines for the census will be forthcoming the program will culminate with a mass at the National Basilica of Immaculate Conception on Saturday, April 26 2025 in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. following mass, the supreme officers and the board of directors with the escort of the 4th degree honor guard will lay Reese at the Korean and Vietnam War. memorial I think this would be an excellent opportunity to collaborate with state deputies and schedule a large mass at one of our state province or regional basilicas or cathedrals what an incredible exposure it would be to have the state deputy state officers by supreme master's district masters and past state deputies with the escort of the 4th-degree honor guard to lay wreaths at the state province or regional Korean and Vietnam War memorials for all assemblies. who cannot participate at your local basilica cathedral they should be collaborating with their council to have a local mass or masses all scheduled on the Saturday, April 26th, 2025 certificates recognizing service will be delivered to surviving veterans via their council district masters. I would recommend you reach out to all your faithful navigators to collaborate with their local grand Knights to hold a party or dinner for those veterans receiving the certificate there should also be a fourth-degree honor guard present during the certificate presentation let's show our appreciation to these veterans and our council.

We have been asked to provide an Honor Guard for the World Marriage Day Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington. The Mass starts at 10:00 A.M. Sir Knights should arrive by 9:30 A.M. Also, we have been asked to provide an Honor Guard for the Chrism Mass on Monday, March 25, 2024, at the Cathedral. Mass starts at 11:00 A.M. Archbishop Coyne will be celebrating the Mass. Please let me know if you can make either or both of them.

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God Bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

Vivat Jesus,

Sir Knight David A. Ely Sr. District Master

175 Elmwood Ave

Burlington VT, 05401

802-862-5109 [ElyFamily6@aol.com](mailto:ElyFamily6@aol.com)

Middlebury #642 congratulated and thanked Frank Kane, John Barrera, Paul Many, John Fallon, and Mark Mooney for a combined 252 years of service as Knights.



## Vermont State Evangelization and Faith Formation Director

Faith Formation content is limited only by your imagination. Here are some examples of available content from K of C.

### Into the Breach Videos: Two Series:

[Into The Breach/Mission of the Family](#)

#### Into The Breach

Trailer + 12 videos (<14m ea.)

#### Mission of the Family

Trailer + 5 Videos (<14m ea.)

[Into the Breach Study Guides](#); \$1/each

### Men of the Word Bible Study; 12 Sessions

[Men of the Word Study Guide](#); \$19.99/ea. or \$14.99 for 10-500 copies



EFF Directors,  
As you conduct Cor please complete a Monthly Report online at [Cor online](#).



Brothers,

Having trouble getting started with Cor? For help getting started have your EFF call/email Mike Bullock State EFF Director at (802) 598-8179 or [mtn6@gmavt.net](mailto:mtn6@gmavt.net). Note : If I do not answer please leave a callback #.

[www.kofc.org/cor](http://www.kofc.org/cor)

Council 7525 EFF will conduct Cor at St John Vianney on third Saturdays at 10 AM. All are welcome!

# District Deputy 1 Newsletter



Father Michael McGivney

2024-2025 Fraternal Year

Feb 2024

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

## District Deputy Message

Brother Knights,

The Knights of Columbus offers every Catholic Man Faith in Action. It enables us to become a better Catholic by giving so many opportunities. Our motivation should be one of virtue and conducting ourselves as Catholic Gentlemen.

Take part in the Eucharist. I would encourage all Councils can hold regular Holy Hours. We must increase our devotion to the Eucharist by showing others and invite family and friends.

Each of these events is another successful way of inviting Men to join your Council. But you need to give them a good reason, so be prepared

Let us all work together!

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Patnode  
District Deputy



## Please Check Forms

- Form 1295 - Semi-Annual Council Audit
- Form 1728 - Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity



## Pope Prayer Intentions

*"We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment"*

## GK's Corner

- Let us strive to achieve COH
- Membership Drives
- Membership Growth for District 1





# Knightline

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News for Knights of Columbus

*Gian Lorenzo Bernini's iconic baldacchino above the high altar at St. Peter's Basilica is more than a "magnificent piece of art," observed Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. "It points to the reality of God's love for us and his coming down to earth to dwell with us." The Order's pledge to restore the structure is thus a tangible symbol of the Knights' commitment to grow in both faith and charity and to build up the Church.*

## Restored to Glory

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly announced Jan. 11 that the Knights of Columbus will fund a yearlong restoration of Gian Lorenzo Bernini's iconic baldacchino above the high altar of St. Peter's Basilica. Experts with the Fabbrica di San Pietro — the institution responsible for maintaining the basilica — plan to complete work on the 10-story bronze, marble and gilded wood structure in time for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. "In addition to all the service we carry out for the poor, for our parishes and families, we Knights are very grateful for the privilege of serving the Church in this way," said the supreme knight. [READ MORE](#)



Photo by Romano Penland/CC



Pope Francis receives Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori in a private audience at the Vatican on Jan. 12. (Vatican News Photo)

## A Family of Martyrs

The Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., recently welcomed relics of the nine members of the Ulma family, who were killed during World War II for harboring Jews and beatified in September. The relics will be available for veneration at the shrine through at least March 24, the 80th anniversary of the Ulmas' martyrdom, and will be present at Life Fest on Friday, Jan. 19. [READ MORE](#)

Visitors to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington pray before a reliquary of the Ulma family Jan. 12. (Photo by Sarah Davis)



## Christmas Communion

Knights in Ukraine brought widows and orphans together during the holiday season by holding Christmas Prospora, special events centered around prayer and communal meals. The festive occasions, held at parishes in several Ukrainian cities, included traditional food, carol singing and spiritual conversation to unite families touched by grief and offer them solace in faith and community. [WATCH HERE](#) | [READ MORE](#)

Members of Sts. Borys and Hlib Council 17740 serve guests at their Christmas Prospora in Fastiv, Ukraine, on Jan. 5. (Photo by Andrey Gorb)

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# WE CAN DO THIS!



## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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# Catholic Men's CONFERENCE

## BAND OF BROTHERS



**Saturday, March 16 • 9 AM – 2:15 PM**

**Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph**



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

This year's Vermont Catholic Men's Conference theme is "Band of Brothers."

Location will be Our Lady of Angels Church, Randolph, VT

The Keynote speaker will be Deacon R J Dourney.

Registration Fee: Adults over 18: \$30 / College Students: \$15 / Young Adults 18 and under: Free with a paid accompanying adult.

***Register below***

For more information contact Deacon Armand Auclair at: [aaclair@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:aaclair@vermontcatholic.org)



# Knights of Columbus



*Brothers,*

*We are in the last half of the year, so let us take pause for a second to strengthen to ask for Fr. McGivney to help guide District 1 throughout the remainder of this Fraternal Year.*

*I am asking that each Council focus on growing the order. Incorporate into your daily task and Council events a mission to attract other Catholic Men to join. As your District Deputy, I will be there to help assist you. But let me know when the events are. We can do this! Get with your Grand Knight to let him know what is going on. Always keep him in the loop.*

*Lets make these remaining months a year to remember. You have achieved so much. This is a team effort. It will take all of us to get it done.*

*God Bless and Thank You for all you do!*

*Vivat Jesus,,*

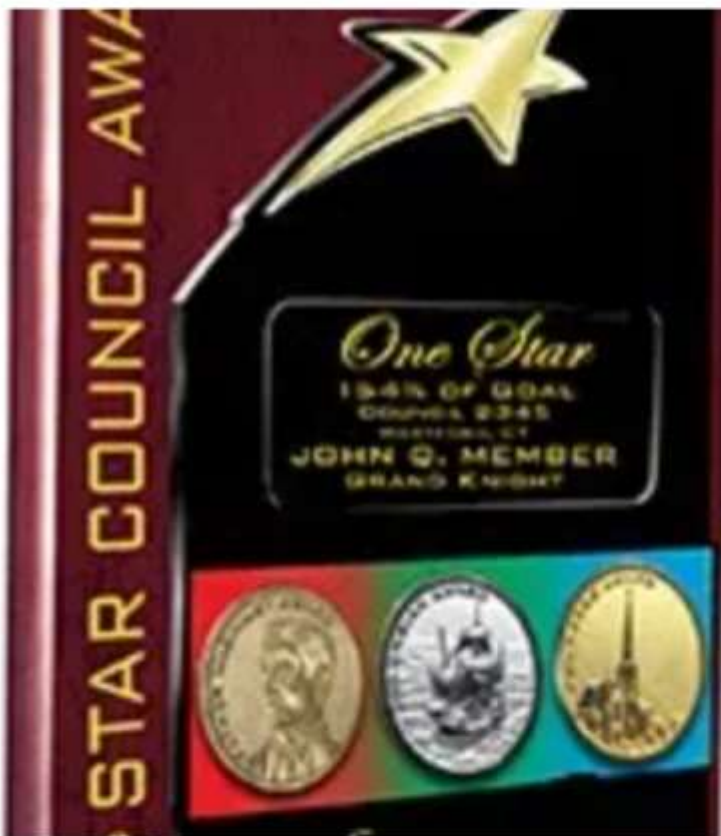
*Mike*

PSD, District Deputy for District 1

# WHAT IT TAKES

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## STAR COUNCIL AWARD



### Why is the Star Council Award so Important

Just striving to earn the Star Council Award helps your Council

- Help more people in the parish and community
- 
- Attracts more members who can benefit from the common goals
- 
- Protects Catholic families financial
- 
- It also encourages more participation in Church activities
- 
- Plus so much more

# Star Council Checklist



## Fraternal Year 2023-2024

- Service Program Personnel Report — *Form #365* — **Due June 30**
- Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity — *Form #1728* — **Due January 31**
- McGivney Award  
Membership Quota of \_\_\_\_\_ — **By June 30**

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
Intake:												

- Founders' Award — *Form #11077* — **Due Within 7 Days of Seminar Host / promote at least two Fraternal Benefit Events — By June 30**  
The required sum total attendance of members, or member eligible men, at these events must equal or exceed:  
  - 10 for councils with 99 or fewer members
  - 14 for councils with 100 or more members

- Columbian Award — *Form #SP7* — **Due June 30**

Faith	Family	Community	Life
1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.	4.

A council must submit a *Columbian Award Application (#SP7)* listing a total of 16 program credits to earn the Columbian Award. Faith in Action Featured Programs count for two credits. All other council programs count for one credit.

- Council In Good Standing  
Including being fully compliant with applicable Safe Environment Program requirements (U.S.A. and Canada only).



**Knights of  
Columbus®**



Come play bingo and join the fun on  
Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>\*  
at the St. John Vianney Parish Center  
on Hinesburg Rd. in So. Burlington.  
Doors open at 4:30. Early Birds start at 6:30.  
Light snacks available.

*A lucky winner could win \$1000.*

Bring one or more non-perishable food items for the Food Shelf  
and receive two free game sheets for the  
Winner-Take-All game



Sponsored by the SJV Knights of Columbus



\*SJV Bingo third Thursdays

## Council 7525 Breakfast at St. Jude Round Table Parish JAN 28, 2024



"The hostess with the mostest." Michelle Bessette, our intrepid organizer.



Hospitality Committee did a great job with decorations and set-up!



Our breakfast crew, l-r: Dave Bean, Ray Bouchard, Dave Martin, Dan Smith, Mike Bullock, Jay Benson, Kathy and Ted Barrett.

Joshua Beaupre receives a Certificate of Appreciation and check from GK Mike Bullock for his contributions as Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer at the Intellectual Disability Christmas parties.



Ruth Elizabeth Bellew (Wife of Former DD Larry Bellew), 79, of 18 Carmichael Street in Essex Junction, Vermont, died on January 27, 2024 at Mansfield Place following a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

She was born on December 16, 1944 in Burlington, VT, the daughter of Alcide and Celina Pepin. She was a graduate of Rice High School, class of 1963. On August 1, 1964, she was married in St. Anthony's Church in Burlington, VT to Lawrence Bellew. Ruth was a homemaker until the youngest of their three boys was in school. She worked at the UVM Bookstore in the book department for 20 years. When she retired from UVM, she went back to school and became a Massage Therapist.

She is fondly remembered by the Nurses, LNA's, and aides that worked at many local nursing homes, as providing them massage was the cornerstone of her business. She loved to dance and sing along with the radio and was very fond of any Trivia game or contest. She was a Jeopardy Whiz in her day and will be well remembered for having a witty comeback for every occasion.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence Bellew and their three sons, Matthew, William (Bill), and Anthony (Tony); her five grandchildren, Adam, Molly, Amanda, and Tyler Bellew and Madison Bellew-Brown; three great-grandchildren, Sebastian, Elsie, and Ender Bellew; her sister, AnnMarie Kaigle; sisters-in-law, Sandra Pepin, Katie Halnon, and Kay Klotz Bellew Gaverth; and a long list of loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, Alcide and Celina Pepin, and her brothers William, John, and Alcide Pepin. Visiting hours will be held on Sunday, February 4th from 2-4 p.m. at the Ready Funeral Home, 261 Shelburne Road, Burlington, VT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, February 5th at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Church, 416 Church Road, Colchester, VT. Inurnment will follow in the Holy Cross Columbarium. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Arrangements are in the care of Ready Funeral & Cremation Services. To send online condolences, please visit [www.readyfuneral.com](http://www.readyfuneral.com).



# 300 Club

This year's WINNERS, Thank you to all who participated.

WEEK #1 12/16/2023	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	219	Gibbons Council 2285	2285
\$75.00	17	Jose Gove	10535
\$50.00	176	Bronson Council #1568	1568
WEEK #2 12/23/2023	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	146	Ted Barrett	7525
\$75.00	97	Andrew Robbins	2832
\$50.00	263	Peter Allard	297
WEEK #3 12/30/2023	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	33	William Harty	2025
\$75.00	143	Lynn Brochu	1568
\$50.00	284	Fr. Steven Marchand	
WEEK #4 01/06/2024	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	275	William E. Lynch	9146
\$75.00	274	Thomas Herbst Jr.	9146
\$50.00	6	Patrick Byrne	399
WEEK #5 01/13/2024	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	295	James Read	2284
\$75.00	241	Joseph Kelly	399
\$50.00	256	Robert Roy	2284
WEEK #6 01/20/2024	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	66	Jim & Rose Michael	279
\$75.00	74	Douglas Parr	10241
\$50.00	65	Bill LaCroix	279
WEEK #7 01/27/2024	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	63	Lt Col Richard L.Shea	279
\$75.00	12	Nick & Cindy Conti	399
\$50.00	2	Chris Bartlett	5041

## 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 March 1, 2024**

