



Vermont Knights Magazine



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Vermont State Council

March 2024 Edition

Vermont State Council Officers



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From the Vermont State Deputy

“God will love you, of course, even though you do not love him, but remember if you give him only half your heart, he can make you only fifty percent happy.”

- Blessed Bishop Fulton Sheen

Worthy Brothers,

I hope your Lenten season is going fine!
 Here are my reflections going into March

1. Anchor Award:

This is the memo I sent our GK's a few weeks ago:

Please send your nominations to our State Secretary Chris Poirier (cpfixit@comcast.net) by March 20.

Typically, the nominations are a typed page or two on the candidates accomplishments (could be over several years, this is not just a fraternal year only accomplishment) and on why you/council are nominating the candidate.

Also, a few letters of testimony/recommendation are great, and any other 'media' such as news clippings, bulletins, etc that demonstrate some of the wonderful things your nominee has done. This is our top award at the State Jurisdiction level and we're very proud to award it!

The nominee may be male or female, Knight of Columbus or NON Knight of Columbus. They need to be a resident of Vermont.

Our Anchor Award Policy is #20 which states:

ANCHOR AWARD

The Vermont State Council, Knights of Columbus annually sponsors the Anchor Award to honor someone whom it deems worthy. The recipient shall not be limited to the clergy or to gender, but shall be someone who has truly given of himself or herself for the betterment of mankind, which is for the glory of God, and our Holy Mother Church.

Nominations for this Award shall be submitted from the membership at large through their Councils. These nominations shall be submitted to the State Secretary together with a summary outlining the qualifications and background of the individual no later than March 20th.

2. **126th State Convention 4/26 – 4/28** at StoweFlake Mountain Resort.

Councils should be identifying (voting) on their delegates (2) and alternates (2). The convention is a great opportunity to meet your fellow Knights from across the state and enjoy a few days of Catholic Fraternity. Our [Ladies Program](#) this year will feature Mary Beerworth from the VT Right to Life and will take place on Saturday morning during the business meeting morning session (around 9am) and our guest speak for Saturday evening will be Ellen Kane from Vermont Catholic Charities. The State Secretary Chris Poirier and the Convention committee from District 5 are excited to once again sponsor the Convention. Monsignor McDevitt will co-celebrate Mass on Saturday which will be at Blessed Sacrament Church in Stowe. At the time of this writing I do not know who our Supreme guest will be.

3. **KofC 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. Brothers, we really need the help and support for those of us willing to do a little more (or a lot more) and take on these leadership positions now and in the future!

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. Please complete if you have not done so... this is something the Grand Knight needs to complete (or delegate). Also, council Audits are due.

5. Congratulations to **Council 399 St. Monica's Council in Barre on the celebration of their 125th Council Anniversary.** They held a wonderful Mass and Reception at St. Monica's Church on 2/4/24.

6. **Key Dates:**

State Free Throw Contest – Bristol 3/23/24

4th Degree Ceremony – Rutland 4/13/24. Let our State District Master – David Ely Sr know if you have any questions.

126th State Convention – Stowe Flake Resort 4/26-4/28/24



Vivat Jesus!

Jim Michael (VT SD)

Vermont Catholic Men's Conference

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

To be held on March 16, 2024

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.

For more information contact Deacon Armand Auclair at: aaclair@vermontcatholic.org



Brothers,

Here we are in the season of Lent. Let us do something a little difficult, as a fast or form or almsgiving. We challenge ourselves with Lenten practices not for the pride of accomplishing anything personally, but for the final goal of love of God... and love of neighbor. Before we know it, Easter will be here.

In the Easter season the Church reads joyfully from the Acts of the Apostles. Such is our liturgical tradition.

I'm very happy to say that my video series for Eucharistic Reflections on the Acts of the Apostles had been completed! The YouTube playlist contains all the videos, and now also I have posted the list on my blog: <https://ubipetrusvt.com/>

May Jesus and Mary shower is with graces at this time.

In Christ with Mary,

Fr. Timothy Naples





**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.

Worthy Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries,

The 126th State Convention is right-around-the-corner and now is the time to conduct a concerted effort to solicit advertising purchases from our **parishes, friends and local businesses**.

Ad purchases can help defray some of the convention expenses, so the profits help support the delegates who attend.

Please use the attached letter/advertising order form as a guide when soliciting ad sales. The letter will help inform the recipient about our organization, what we do to serve others, and why they should support us by purchasing an ad in our convention booklet. **The ad order form is integrated into the letter so it should be separated from the page so the patron can keep the letter as a receipt.**

Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay of St. Albans Council #297 has graciously volunteered to be our Convention Advertising Manager so all ad sales information and monies should be sent to him at **Council 297, P.O. Box 344, St. Albans, Vermont 05478**. These details are also included in the attached letter/ad order form.

Here are some advertising sales best-practices:

1. **Sell face-to-face** whenever possible. Make your appeal personal & relevant reflecting the values of the K of C.
 2. Use your ad sales process as an opportunity to **showcase** who we are and all the good things we do for others.
 3. **Thoroughly read & complete** the advertising order form. Logos and ad designs may be also be emailed.
 4. **Keep track of the money/checks** so all the dollars add up properly.
- Please feel free to reach-out to me by phone, text or email if you have any questions.

God bless and good selling!

Chris

CHRISTOPHER J. POIRIER

State Secretary - Vermont K of C

126th Convention Committee Chairman

802.734.8887

cpfixit@comcast.net



126th Annual Vermont Knights of Columbus State Convention

Advertising Support

February 27, 2024

Dear Sponsor,

The Knights of Columbus (*K of C*) is a charitable, faith-based, fraternal organization of hard-working men dedicated to the support of those in need in your community and throughout the world. Every year the leaders of local *K of C* councils from around the state get together for a State Convention during which time organizational issues are discussed to improve the way we serve others through our various charitable efforts. This year celebrates our very **126th State Convention** in Stowe, Vermont from April 26-28, 2024.

An important part of making the convention more affordable is to appeal to the generosity of sponsors like you to help defray our costs by purchasing advertising space in our convention booklet. Every attendee receives a copy of this booklet which contains all the information about the convention with advertising interspersed throughout. **Please consider helping us this year by purchasing your choice of advertising space at the rates indicated.** The *Knights* are extremely appreciative of your support. Helping us is always "good business" as we are loyal patrons to those who support our ongoing service to those in need.

Please make your checks payable to "VT KofC State Council" and provide the order form (below), payment (check/cash) and your ad information to your K of C representative or mail these materials directly to our Advertising Manager, **Valdemar Garibay, Council 297, P.O. Box 344, St. Albans, Vermont 05478** to arrive no later than **April 13, 2024**. If you have any questions, contact the Convention Chairman, Christopher Poirier at (802) 734-8887 or cpfixit@comcast.net. Thank you for your support!

<p>HALF PAGE 5.5" wide X 4.25" tall</p> <p>\$75.00</p>	<p>FULL PAGE 5.5" wide X 8.5" tall</p> <p>\$125.00</p>
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Name: _____ Ad Size: _____ Cost \$ _____ Check # _____

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You may email a digital copy of your ad to cpfixit@comcast.net or attached a copy to this order form when you mail your check to: **Valdemar Garibay, Council 297, P.O. Box 344, St. Albans, Vermont 05478.**

Special Instructions:

K of C Representative (if known): _____ Council # (if known): _____

TO: State Deputies, State Secretaries, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers in the United States

FROM: Knights of Columbus Legal Department

DATE: February 2024

RE: 2023 Tax Information for KofC Councils, Assemblies, & Chapters

This notice is to remind councils, assemblies, and chapters in the United States of their legal obligation to file an IRS Form 990 (informational tax return) for the 2023 tax year, and to provide detailed instructions on how to comply with this obligation.

The Knights of Columbus, including all subordinate councils, assemblies, and chapters (collectively referred to as councils), is a tax-exempt organization, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a fraternal benefit society under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. This tax-exempt status requires each council to file an annual Form 990 with the IRS.

Councils reporting gross receipts of \$50,000 or less with less than \$200,000 in assets may comply with their obligation by filing the Form 990-N electronic postcard (also known as the e-Postcard). Councils reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000 with total assets of less than \$500,000 must file the Form 990-EZ. Councils with gross receipts of \$200,000 or more and total assets of \$500,000 or more must file the Form 990.

REMINDER

The IRS requires electronic filing for **all** tax-exempt organizations, regardless of which form they use. The online filing system, also known as “E-Services”, requires **all new users** to register or sign in with [LOGIN.GOV](https://www.login.gov) or ID.me, the current IRS credential service providers.

There are two ways to access the Form 990-N Electronic Filing system: (1) Sign in with your active IRS username; or (2) Sign in/create an account with [LOGIN.GOV](https://www.login.gov) or [ID.me](https://www.id.me). Form 990-N filers who have an existing IRS username and register for a new Login.gov or ID.me account must use the email address associated with their IRS account. Refer to User Guide for the IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System. Instructions are available on the IRS website, links to which are in the *Where to File* section, below.

Deadline to file annual return (all forms)

Each council must file its own tax return; there is no group or consolidated Form 990 filing. The returns must be filed by the fifteenth day of the fifth month following the end of the council’s annual accounting period. For example, if a council’s accounting period ends December 31, it must file a tax return by May 15 of the following year; if a council’s accounting period ends June 30, it must file a tax return by November 15. **Please note that the IRS assigns the accounting period to each council based on its Employer Identification Number (EIN).** The IRS **will not** notify the council of the accounting period. To determine the accounting period assigned to your council’s EIN, sign into the IRS system with your user ID and password. For most councils, the assigned accounting period corresponds to the calendar year.

Need more time to file a Form 990?

Although the IRS does not grant extensions for filing the Form 990-N (e-Postcard), the IRS will accept late filings if the tax return is received within three years of the due date. While the IRS will accept late filings of Form 990-N (e-Postcard), please note that filing late, even within a three-year period, is still considered a missed filing by the IRS and may trigger a revocation of a council's tax-exempt status if for three consecutive years the council files late or fails to file a return. The IRS does grant extensions to organizations filing Forms 990-EZ and 990. If a council needs more time to file the Form 990-EZ or 990, it must request an extension by the due date of the return for which it is requesting an extension. Federal law imposes a penalty for late or incomplete filings. If an organization fails to file a required return by the due date (including any extension of time), it must pay a penalty of \$20 a day for each day the return is late. In general, the maximum penalty for any late return is the lesser of \$11,000 or five percent of the organization's gross receipts for the year. In order to request an extension, councils must submit Form 8868, which is available on the IRS website: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8868.pdf>. For councils reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000, we recommend using a qualified tax professional to file Form 8868.

Where to file

•Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

The Form 990-N (e-Postcard) must be filed online.

The User Guide for the IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System is available here: [USER GUIDE Form 990-N \(e-Postcard\)](#)

The Form 990 e-Postcard Electronic Filing System is available here: [CLICK HERE TO FILE Form 990-N \(e-Postcard\)](#)

The Knights of Columbus Form 990-N e-Postcard filing instructions are located on Officers Online (go to Officers' Desk Reference, Tax Issues, #6 Federal Tax Returns). For your convenience, here is a [pdf version](#) of the instructions.

If you use the above link to file the Form 990N (e-Postcard) there is no filing fee, as it connects directly to IRS.gov.

•Forms 990-EZ and 990

Forms 990-EZ and 990 must be filed online. The IRS website provides instructions for electronic filing of Forms 990-EZ and 990: <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/current-form-990-series-forms-and-instructions>

Any council reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000 is strongly urged to consider using a qualified tax professional to prepare and file its tax return.

PRACTICE TIPS:

- When filing, bear in mind that text fields cannot exceed 35 characters and must contain only numeric, alpha or hyphen characters. Periods, slashes and so on will cause filing errors.
- At the top of the Form 990-EZ and Form 990, enter the Knights of Columbus group number (0188), tax exempt status (Section 501(c)(8)), and form of organization (Association). You may find e-filing instructions for the Form 990-N e-Postcard here: <https://www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits>

If the IRS website will not allow you to file a Form 990-N

The electronic filing system for the Form 990-N (e-Postcard) may reject a council's return if: (1) the council's EIN has been revoked for failing to file for three consecutive years; (2) the council's EIN has recently been reinstated; (3) it is a new council; or (4) the council is not on the Supreme Council's Group Exemption List (updated continually by the Knights of Columbus Legal Department). If you are unable to e-file, please contact the Legal Department by email at tax.ein@kofc.org. You can also contact the IRS customer service at **1-877-829-5500**.

Information Available on IRS Website

We suggest you visit the IRS home page for tax-exempt organizations. It is an excellent resource for council officers who have questions or need information regarding their federal tax obligations: <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits>

We also suggest you visit the IRS web page explaining the annual electronic filing requirement for small exempt organizations:

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>

More information is available on the Knights of Columbus website. Sign in under "Officers" and click on the "Forms" tab. By clicking on the icon next to "Form 990 Information" you will find a detailed memorandum on tax compliance, along with attachments.

Compliance Guide for Tax Exempt Organizations

In addition to the annual filing requirement, each council is responsible for conducting its affairs in a manner that is consistent with what is expected of tax-exempt organizations. Failure to do so may result in a council losing its tax-exempt status. In this regard, councils may wish to consult an IRS publication entitled *Compliance Guide for Tax Exempt Organizations*, which provides helpful guidance:

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4221nc.pdf>

Conclusion

If you have questions relating to your council's tax reporting obligations, please contact the Knights of Columbus Legal Department by email at tax.ein@kofc.org

Additional materials relating to United States federal tax compliance as well as many other topics affecting your council or assembly can be found on the Officers' Desk Reference (ODR). For a username and password to the ODR, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-380-9995.



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 30.2024
Registration beginning at:

11:30 AM (9-10-11-yr. olds)
12:15 PM (12-13-14-yr. olds)

Registration Times:

11:30AM - 12:00PM 9 & 10 & 11 year old Boys and Girls
12:15PM - 12:45PM 12 & 13 & 14 year old Boys and Girls

Contest Times:

12:00PM Announcements, prayer, National Anthem
12:15PM 9-10-11 year old Boys and Girls shoot
12:45PM 9-10-11 year old AWARDS for Boys and Girls
1:00PM 12-13-14 year old Boys and Girls shoot
1:30PM 12-13-14 year old AWARDS for Boys and Girls
1:45PM Elijah LaChance closing remarks, prayer, etc.

Refreshments provided!

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

Elijah LaChance

VT State Youth Director

(802) 734-2701

BISHOP JAMES A. HEALY PROVINCE – MARCH 2024

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Michael McCusker

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Very Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie

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Executive Secretary to the Vice Supreme Master

Mark Bourgojn, PSD
(Lois)

Civic Award Application

To Be a Patriot Award Form



TO BE A PATRIOT AWARD

REMINDER: That Assemblies must submit this award application to their District Master no later than 30 April.

Flying the flag, singing the national anthem, taking an active interest in the history and destiny of one's country. These are some of the ways we show love and respect for our country.

Since the turn of the century, members of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, "the patriotic degree," have combined their Catholic heritage with their love of country and sponsored & participated in a variety of interesting patriotic programs and activities. TO BE A PATRIOT has been established to recognize these programs.

Competition is based on the "Assembly's single best patriotic activity" during the fraternal year, held on both the District and Provincial levels.

Basis for Judging:

- Does the program truly exemplify the virtue of patriotism?
- How many members participated in the program? What is the percentage of the membership?
- What were the benefits of the program? How did the results affect the community at large?
- How original was the program?
- How was the program publicized and how effective was the publicity?

Masters' must submit the top activity in their District to VSM Belanger by 15 May.

The VSM must submit his top entry from the Province to the Supreme Master by 31 May.

DISTRICT MASTER - MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT



Kevin Donovan

Master – District of Connecticut

I was born in Bridgeport, CT on March 24, 1955. I am the 2nd of eight; 4 boys and 4 girls, yes good Irish Catholic parents. I attended both Catholic grammar school & high school. After high school, I spent 1 year with the Conventual Franciscans at St. Joseph Cupertino Novitiate. After leaving the novitiate I went to work at several occupations ending with getting my Realtor's license, which I did for over 20 years.

My wife Laura and I have been married 38 years. We have 2 sons Thomas (TJ) & Michael.

I have been a brother Knight for 27 years & 4th Degree Sir Knight for 26 years. I have served as Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator and District Deputy. I have been on the State Membership Team in several positions including co-director. I also was on the State Program Team serving as the Faith Director.

I have served the District as a Diocesan Liaison and Chief of Staff.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY





The Lenten season is well underway, with Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter less than the end of the month. I am looking for an Honor Guard for Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington. The Mass starts at 11:00 AM. Sir Knights should arrive by 10:30 A.M. Archbishop Coyne will be celebrating the Mass. Please let me know if you can make it by the March 29th.

you on who will be attending so I may plan accordingly. The So Burlington assembly will be providing Coffee and donuts for delegates' arrival, and lunch at noon with a soup and sandwich meat platter. The price is \$10.00 a person. Because this is an official 4th Degree function, it is requested the Assemblies support the cost for their Navigator and Delegate. The uniform for the day is the new official uniform or tuxedo with social baldric. Reminder, we will be submitting 3 applications for District Master for the next 2 years.

Confirmations and first communion will be starting up. Please check with your Pastor on your regional date. Now is the time to start getting your regional Honor Guards ready. That's just a great way to show off the 4th degree uniform. Buy explosion in the 4th degree this will be a great opportunity to get new members into the order.

The 4th Degree Exemplification will be on April 13, 2024, at Christ the King Parish, Rutland, VT. need your completed Form 4 by April 1st. Have you submitted your Assembly Ad? The 126th State Convention will take place April 26-28 at the Stowe Flake Mountain Resort in Stowe. I am requesting assistance as Color Guard and Honor Guard for the opening and closing ceremonies and the Mass.

Faithful Navigators to get to know your Grand Knights or their Grand Knights you know get to know what their activities are how to share information you know whether it's a phone call in person meeting just a quick e-mail saying hey you know we're here we're available I know you have an account an activity coming up can we be there for you guys you know just share that information and as we all hear communicate that's the best ways that we can assist them is through communication and it makes sure that you convey to them what the 4th degree as far as an honor guard or color course would be ideal for Iran had indicated you know eucharistic processions helping with the animals at the council members funerals whatnot so make sure you're providing that availability to them as ideas that that that we can become more visible to the community exclaim.

Faithful Navigators to assign a sure knight at each feeder council. They're members there it should be an easy no-brainer and then that person should be your recruiter full-time recruiter at that council. Asking those third-degree members to join but don't stop there tell them why you joined the 4th degree and about all the great patriotic programs that the assembly does tell them

about color core maybe they would be interested in that you winna try to find a niche that they'd be interested in and then they'd go oh yeah I'd like to join that you know and beyond that take them to some of these programs show them what we do and try to you know really convince them to join us so not out of the remote possibility visits defeater councils by the master by the Admiral who's usually our recruiting a guy in the assembly. faithful navigators and their sternite reps and the councils these people with the process right through to the exemplification and then getting them active in the assemblies those are big important things to me and I think the best way for us to be even more successful than we've been is try to employ a face-to-face kind of tactics in your recruiting.

Please join me in congratulating Supreme Master Michael McCusker in his upcoming full-time role as Supreme Master. Effective March 4, SM Michael will be moving to New Haven to begin his full-time position as Supreme Master having recently retired from his position as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Tennessee.

Effective on July 1, I no longer be required to hand out a social baldric at each exemplification. This means that if I may charge to make the exemplification fee you up to \$90 I can and no longer have to cover the cost of issuing a social baldric. The baldric is not being eliminated; you are simply not being mandated to cover the cost out of the exemplification fee you collect in order to help make it more profitable for the district master to hold an exemplification. This is the only motivation behind this change. Along with the changes to the Laws and Rules of the Fourth Degree removing the social baldric which will be published soon, you will see language codifying the authorization of a name badge on the right breast of the uniform ONLY in social settings. There will no longer be a newsletter requirement for Star Assembly.

The script is complete for the revised exemplification; a 2nd test of the new exemplification is scheduled for March 2nd. Stay tuned for updates to come thereafter. The Supreme Assembly is scheduled for Sep 6,7,8 in New Haven, so therefore expect a Provincial Meeting sometime in October of this year.

125th Anniversary Mass and exemplification is scheduled at St Patrick's Cathedral in New York City with Cardinal Dolan on February 22, 2025. This is an event you might want to be a part of and I provide you with this advance notification so you might place it on your calendars.

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

Vivat Jesus,

Sir Knight David A. Ely Sr. District Master

I'm hosting an Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree on April 13th, 2024 at Christ the King Parish, 66 S Main St, Rutland, VT 05701

Candidates who have achieved their Knighthood Degree and whose application has been approved by the Assembly are invited to be elevated to the Patriotic Degree. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend the Mass and banquet. Mass will be held following the edification.

Registration 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Exemplification Ceremony 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Photo Opportunity 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

ASSEMBLE FOR MASS 3:45 pm

Mass 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

RECEPTION/SOCIAL HOUR 5:15 PM

BANQUET 6:00 PM

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES 7:00 PM

HOST FN – On Honoree REMARKS: 8:00

DM VICE SUPREME MASTER

STATE DEPUTY 8:15 PM

CLOSING PRAYER 8:30 PM

CLOSING SONG - 8:45 PM

A women's perspective ** Banquet attire expectation is formal dress.

Women's Activities 12:00 P.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Fourth Degree members are encouraged to attend. Sir Knights with the Fourth-Degree uniform are asked to participate in the Honor Guard for the Exemplification and Mass.

Sponsors and Faithful Navigators should accompany their candidates. Do not allow a candidate to attend the degree alone.

Candidates must have a current third-degree membership card in their possession as it will be checked. The celebration of Mass is an essential part of the degree. All candidates and families are encouraged to participate.

Dress for candidates and 4th Degree members: Black or dark (blue or grey) business suit with black socks and black shoes, white dress shirt (no button-down collars or French cuffs), and tie. A black tuxedo is optional but if worn, it must be worn with a white pleated tuxedo shirt with a lay-down collar (no ruffles or French collars) a black bow tie, and cummerbund (no vests).

We are honored to have active-duty Military personnel and encourage them to wear their dress uniform. If you are full-time police and firefighters may wear a Class A or dress uniform. A candidate who is also a priest or deacon may wear clerical attire

REGISTRATION:

Fourth Degree Membership (Form 4)

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

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

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

Candidates who have achieved their Knighthood Degree and whose application has been approved by the Assembly are invited to be elevated to the Patriotic Degree. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend the Mass and banquet. Mass will be held following the exemplification. right now, we're just taking form 4 and adds. All ads go to David A. Ely II at Davidely1986@gmail.com. No PFD files for you because I have to cut and paste them into the program book. The cutoff date for Form 4 is April 5 2024 and how many, Guest for the meals

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

If you have any questions, feel free to contact David at 802-862-5109 or email ElyFamily6@aol.com



Sir Knight of the Year Nominations Guideline and Form

General Instructions: This form should be completed by the Assembly's duly appointed committee, approved by the Faithful Navigator, and submitted to the District Master by no later than March 15. All required information should be typed to ensure legibility. If additional space is needed to fully answer items 2 through 6, use Assembly letterhead and appropriately identify the item being continued.

Eligibility: Any member of any Assembly in the District is eligible, provided that the member is in good standing in his Council and Assembly.

Method of Selection: The method that each Assembly utilizes to select their Sir Knight of the Year is at the discretion of each Assembly. Factors to consider are; accomplishments at Council, Assembly, State, District, or Provincial level. His dedication, character, and contributions to the Order.

Items to be covered are:

1. Nominee's Knights of Columbus history.
2. Positive character of the Nominee.
3. Devotion to and involvement with his family. (Nominee need not be married to be considered. They may be devoted and involved with their mother and father, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, etc.)
4. Active involvement in his Council, Assembly, State Council, District, or Province.
5. Active involvement and commitment to his community.
6. Active involvement in his Parish.

Begin by making a list of the Nominee's contributions in the above areas. When you are satisfied that you have completed the Nominee's contributions, make as readable as possible. Presenting the contributions under each item, using the space provided. If additional space is needed, do so as described above. Use short concise statements. Many times shorter is better. Long-winded complex and rambling sentences tend to confuse your point and the scorer. The reader will score the entry on substance, not the writing skills of the committee.

Assembly: #, Nominates, Sir Knight name, As the Sir Knight of the Year for The Vermont District of the Calvert Province of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

I / We Believe That He Should Be Named Sir Knight of the Year Because

X _____
Faithful Navigator

**Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree
Korean & Vietnam War Census Program**

Objective: The Fourth Degree will conduct a census of the membership to establish a record of service in the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Purpose: Following the World Wars, the Order documented war service by its members. The results of these efforts are recorded in the archives at the Blessed Michael J. McGivney Pilgrimage Center. Similar efforts were not conducted following either the Korean or Vietnam Wars. **Significance:** The Korean War commenced in 1950, making the approximate minimum age of surviving veterans ninety-one. Similarly, the approximate minimum age of surviving Vietnam veterans serving from 1965-1973 is 68-76.

Considerations: Both the Korean and Vietnam Wars marked a significant departure in how troops served and returned from war, as service was no longer for the duration. Gone were the hero's welcome on return. Vietnam veterans in particular returned to a hostile and divided nation, where they were either overlooked or criticized for their service.

Execution: Assemblies working in conjunction with their assigned councils will conduct a census of their membership using the attached form. Where possible, documented service of deceased members will be recorded. Guidelines for the census will be forthcoming.

Qualifications: Inclusion in the census shall be limited to veterans meeting the requirements established by Congress for the Korean and Vietnam Service Medals, to wit 25 June 1950-27 July 1953 for Korea and 3 July 1965-28 March 1973 for Vietnam.

Timeline: The program will culminate with a Mass at the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, April 26, 2025, in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War (April 30, 2025). Following Mass, the Supreme Officers and Board of Directors with an escort of a 4th Degree Honor Guard will lay wreaths at the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials. Certificates recognizing service will be delivered to surviving veterans via their councils.

The Fourth Degree will conduct a census of the membership to establish a record of service in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Ask your brother knight in your council if they service too and ask why they're not a fourth-degree member.

Remember, Honor, Teach Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom. It's the mission of Wreaths Across America. On National Wreaths Across America Day, the goal is to place a wreath at each veteran's gravesite across the country. Earlier this week, a convoy of tractor-trailer trucks transported over 250,000 wreaths from Maine to the Arlington National Cemetery, where the wreaths will be placed on December 16, 2023 of this year. Locations in Vermont include the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph, the Fort Ethan Allen Cemetery in Colchester, and the Vermont Veterans Home Cemetery in Bennington. Below is some information from their website about Wreaths Across America's

What is Wreaths Across America?

A national nonprofit founded in 2007 with a year-round mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach.

- The Worcester family began the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in 1992

Honor those who Serve 4 WAA conducts several programs to honor our veterans, including our popular Thanks-A-Million campaign, which distributes free "I Owe You" cards to people all over the country. The organization participates in veterans' events throughout the year through Veterans Day, Memorial Day, WAA Radio, our monthly newsletters, press coverage, the website, and social media. Through WAA's group sponsorship program, WAA has helped other nonprofits such as the Civil Air Patrol, Scouts, 4-H Clubs, local VFWs, and American Legions raise funds for their own community needs. The WAA Museum and its newly opened History & Hospitality House, both located at the National HQs showcase thousands of items that have been donated to WAA over the decades and spotlight the time periods throughout history when America was at war.

\$5-Back Group • Designed for other nonprofits and civic groups to benefit from.

- For every \$17 wreath sponsorship sold, your registered group will receive \$5 back for your program.
- All sponsorships are sent to WAA HQ in Maine for processing
- At the end of each month WAA sends a payback check.

BE A PATRIOT AWARD PURPOSE: The District of Vermont Fourth Degree "To Be a Patriot Award" will be given annually to the Assembly that conducts the best Patriotic Activities in their community during the Fraternal Year. The "To Be a Patriot" Awards Program aims to stimulate community interest in our great American Heritage, make them aware of our great country's story, and help spread patriotism through various activities. SUPREME COUNCIL AWARDS SUPREME COUNCIL "TO BE A PATRIOT" AWARD PURPOSE: Established in 1985, the "To Be A Patriot" Award annually recognizes the three best patriotic programs conducted nationally by Fourth Degree Assemblies each fraternal year. REQUIREMENT: Each Assembly will submit a report on their single best patriotic activity on form #TBP-1 to District Program Director to be judged as part of the South Carolina District "To Be A Patriot" Award. Award annually recognizes the three best patriotic programs conducted nationally by Fourth Degree Assemblies each fraternal year.

NOTE** - Completing the form #TBP-1 and submitting it also makes the Assembly eligible to be submitted for the Supreme "To Be A Patriot Award," so only one TBP-1 form needs to be completed to be entered in the District and Supreme "To Be A Patriot Award" running.

1. The award is based upon a single patriotic project or activity conducted by an Assembly during the fraternal year.

Winners will be announced yearly in October. Once a program has been recognized as a winner at the international level, it cannot be entered into future competitions.

REQUIREMENTS: Each Assembly is to select the single best patriotic project or activity the Assembly has conducted during the year. Each Assembly must submit documentation describing the activity, attesting to the program conducted, and addressing the judging criteria.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations must be submitted on Supreme Council's To Be A Patriot Form (form #TBP-1). The nomination shall be written to justify the activity for this award and signed by the Faithful Navigator. Programs, newspaper articles, pictures, and other documentation regarding patriotic community activities should be included as part of the nomination.

JUDGING: The Master will judge the correctly submitted #TBP-1 forms and select a "To Be A Patriot" Award nominee, which shall be forwarded to the Vice Supreme Master of the Vermont Province. The Vice Supreme Master will select the best activity in the province and submit the entry form to the Supreme Master. These entries will then be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Supreme Knight and Supreme Master.

1. The award is based upon a single patriotic project or activity conducted by an Assembly during the fraternal year.

2. BASIS FOR JUDGING

- a. Does the program truly exemplify the virtue of patriotism?
- b. How many members participated in the program? What percentage of the entire membership participated?
- c. What were the benefits of the program? How did the results affect the community at large?
- d. How original was the program?
- e. How was the program publicized, and how effective was the publicity?

DUE: March 31, 2024 All #TBP-1 forms received by March 31, 2024, will be judged as part of the VT District "To Be A Patriot" Award. Noting that the Supreme Council website shows a May 31st deadline, any #TBP-1 forms received by the Master between March 31 and April 30, 2019, will be considered for the Vermont District nomination for the Supreme Council "To Be A Patriot" Award.

DISTRICT AWARD: PLAQUE – Awarded at the 2024 Vermont State Convention.

SUPREME COUNCIL CIVIC AWARD PURPOSE: The Civic Award is presented annually as a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified in the patriotic activities conducted by Fourth Degree Assemblies. Assemblies conducting a minimum of four different patriotic programs during the fraternal year are eligible for

the Supreme Council Civic Award. REQUIREMENT: To be eligible, Assemblies must complete and submit the Civic Award application to the Supreme Council office.

JUDGING: No judging. Just submit the Civic Award application. DUE: June 30th. Note: This will only be accepted by Supreme if on time. All Assemblies are encouraged to achieve Civic Award status every fraternal year. THE STAR ASSEMBLY AWARD PURPOSE:

The STAR Assembly Award recognizes outstanding achievements in membership, programs, and overall excellence. REQUIREMENTS and DUE DATES: Membership Growth Reach growth quota:

5% Net Membership Growth Programs Civic Award Conduct and report at least four varied patriotic programs
Submit the Civic Award Application (#2321) – Due 6/30 To Be A Patriot Award To Be A Patriot Award
Application (#TBP-2) – Due 5/31 Complete the form to enter the competition Overall Assembly Excellence

- Publish a monthly Assembly Newsletter or Bulletin
- Submit Report of Assembly Officers Chosen for the Term (#186) – Due 7/1
- Submit Annual Assembly Audit Report (#1315) – Due 8/1
- Submit Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) – Due 1/31 Copies of all FORMS, as well as monthly newsletters (or bi-monthly newsletters) or other forms of communication (i.e., meeting highlights, upcoming activities, etc.), must be submitted to the District Forms email group SCDistrict.Forms@kofcsc.org.

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



CANDOR – COURAGE – COMMITMENT – COMPETENCE

NUTTALLES@GMAIL.COM

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WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO WIN?

- **Ingenuity**
- **Perseverance**
- **Thinking Outside the box**
- **Game plan**
- **Communications**
- **Believe in yourself**
- **Cooperation**

INGENUITY – Novel ideas bring about results. Think of a fishing trip where the fish haven't been biting. Changing the bait/lure might work. Example: Have a conversation with a prospect with a smart phone, tablet or laptop in hand. Walk the prospect through kofc.org/joinus and answer his questions. Ask if now he feels comfortable joining the Knight of Columbus.

PERSEVERANCE – Sometimes it takes a few sessions to explain what the Knights do before your prospect joins. Remember the prospect is most likely evaluating you as to your knowledge and sincerity. Asking for his help on one of the Council projects could convince him of your sincerity.

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX – Women have a strong influence over men. Invite one or two to attend one of your meetings. Ask for input on where the Knights should apply their resources. Invite them back to provide feedback on their

thoughts. This would also be a good time to ask the husband to join and make a difference in the Knight's endeavors.

COMMUNICATIONS – It's fourth down and your favorite football team is down by 1 with 30 seconds left play. What's your game plan? Your team doesn't believe they can pull off the win, but you do! Compare this to your lackluster recruiting efforts. You need only one recruit to get our team into the spirit of winning. You could pull your best recruiters together and go for the win. Make sure the team operates together with no one player left alone.

COMMUNICATIONS – Getting the word out to everyone is where success lies. There's the church bulletin, the State Newsletter, the Council Webpage, the Council newsletter. Whatever your message, you must use eye catching words/phrases, pictures, color, and symbols. In other words, get the attention of the reader.

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF - We all have special talents that need to be recognized. For some it's speaking, for others it's writing, counseling, coordinating, drawing, etc. Once you discover the talents you have in your council you can develop momentum. One example is the two-man recruiting team. Composing the team with one who is outgoing and the other shy, but caring can make a difference in the pitch and reception of one's potential to benefit the council's goals.

COOPERATION – No man is an island! Sharing oneself with others, delegation of authority, volunteering, participating, and leading, with all focusing on goals demands cooperation.

So, the question remains – do you want to win! Does the council sense the urgency of bringing on board one new member before the State Conference?

VERMONT

Awards Progress									Jurisdiction Membership	
	Month to Date				Year to Date					
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%	Total Membership 2/23/2024	YTD Change in Membership
MBR		5	0	5	76	0	76		3438	5
INS		1	0	1	6	6	0			

DISTRICT #1

2610-2, 10417-1, 7669-0, 10830-0

Awards Progress									District Membership	
	Month to Date				Year to Date					
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%	Total Membership 2/23/2024	YTD Change in Membership
MBR	21	0	0	0	3	0	3	14	483	-11
INS	0	0	0	0	1	2	-1			

DSTRICT #2

421-6, 2285-11, 7943-2, 7763-0*

Awards Progress									District Membership	
	Month to Date				Year to Date					
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%	Total Membership 2/23/2024	YTD Change in Membership
MBR	19	0	0	0	19	0	19	100	436	13
INS	0	0	0	0	1	2	-1			

DISTRICT #3

279-6, 2284-5, 7525-2

Awards Progress									District Membership	
	Month to Date				Year to Date					
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%	Total Membership 2/23/2024	YTD Change in Membership
MBR	13	0	0	0	13	0	13	100	333	3
INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

DITRICT #4

2946-2, 4684-1, 7810-3, 7389-0*

Awards Progress									District Membership	
	Quota	Month to Date			Year to Date			%	Total Membership 2/23/2024	YTD Change in Membership
		Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net			
MBR	14	1	0	1	6	0	6	43	260	2
INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

DSTRICT #5

399-1, 1568-0*, 2085-0*, 5041-0

Awards Progress									District Membership	
	Quota	Month to Date			Year to Date			%	Total Membership 2/23/2024	YTD Change in Membership
		Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net			
MBR	18	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	392	-14
INS	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1			

DISTRRICT #6

2025-3, 9146-8, 14351-1, 10241-0

Awards Progress									District Membership	
	Quota	Month to Date			Year to Date			%	Total Membership 2/23/2024	YTD Change in Membership
		Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net			
MBR	18	0	0	0	12	0	12	67	210	9
INS	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1			


DISTRRICT #7

3664-2, 10535-1, 642-0

Awards Progress									District Membership	
	Quota	Month to Date			Year to Date			%	Total Membership 2/23/2024	YTD Change in Membership
		Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net			
MBR	11	3	0	3	3	0	3	27	181	-5
INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			


DISTRRICT #8

753-1, 2628-3, 917-0*, 2832-0*, 7342-0*

Awards Progress									District Membership	
	Month to Date				Year to Date					
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%	Total Membership 2/23/2024	YTD Change in Membership
MBR	18	0		0	4	0	4	22	255	-2
INS	0	0	0	0	2	0	2			

DISTRICT #9

232-13, 6810-1, 6816-1, 307-0

Awards Progress									District Membership	
	Month to Date				Year to Date					
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%	Total Membership 2/23/2024	YTD Change in Membership
MBR	19	1		1	15	0	15	79	423	6
INS	0	1	0	1	2	0	2			

UnASSIGNED

Awards Progress									District Membership	
	Month to Date				Year to Date					
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%	Total Membership 2/23/2024	YTD Change in Membership
MBR	32	0	0	0	0	0	0		465	4
INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

98044-5

Awards Progress									Council Membership	
	Month to Date				Year to Date					
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%	Total Membership 2/23/2024	YTD Change in Membership
MBR	5	0	0	0	0	0	0		47	1
INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

97044-320

Awards Progress									Council Membership	
	Month to Date				Year to Date					
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%	Total Membership 2/23/2024	YTD Change in Membership
MBR	15	0	0	0	0	0	0		320	6
INS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

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



(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
Fraternal Mission Department
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New Haven, CT 06510-3326
fraternalmission@kofc.org



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

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)

RSVP Vocations

On Saturday June 1, 2024 Seminarian Luan Van Tran is scheduled to be ordained as a Transitional Deacon. Please pray for him. In other news Seminarians Giang Vu and An Hong Dinh have transferred to another Diocese they are no longer seminarians for the Burlington Diocese. They are still Seminarians.

Keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants. As the strong right arm of the church, the Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. The Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through this program, council and parish families will raise funds to support seminarians in their area. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported.

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

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

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

Please contact me for information on a seminarian or seminarians to support or men and women who are novices or postulants in religious orders or religious communities. You can E-mail me at gfbean44@yahoo.com Or call at 862-8581. Also if you have given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024) and have not sent me a copy, please send me a copy of form 2863 (RSVP form) .

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

Vivat Jesus

Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM

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>
Mr. Luan Van Tran Saint Meinrad Seminary 200 Hill Drive St. Meinrad, IN 47577 ltran@vermontcatholic.org	Third Theology	Mr. Luan Van Tran Holy Family Parish 4 Prospect Street Essex Junction, VT05452 DOB 6/5/1987
Mr. Cale Bombardier Mount St. Mary's Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road Emmitsburg, MD 21727 cbombardier@vermontcatholic.org	Second Theology	Mr. Cale Bombardier 935 Old Creamery Road Williston, VT 05495 DOB 2/15/2000
Mr. Loc Van Vo Mount St. Mary's Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road Emmitsburg, MD 21727 lvo@vermontcatholic.org	Pre-Theology	Mr. Loc Van Vo c/o Diocese of Burlington 55 Joy Drive South Burlington, VT 05403 DOB 08/10/1994
Mr. Anthony L. Maurice Saint Meinrad Seminary 200 Hill Drive St. Meinrad, IN 47577 amaurice@vermontcatholic.org	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 ccacciatore@vermontcatholic.org	Propaedeutic Year	Mr. Charles Cacciatore 1330 Pencil Mill Road Castleton, VT 05735 DOB 5/25/1998
Mr. Samuel McCoy Mount St. Mary's Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road Emmitsburg, MD 21727 1/29/2001 smccoy@vermontcatholic.org	Propaedeutic Year	Mr. Samuel McCoy 170 Marigold Drive O'Fallon, IL 62269 DOB 1/29/2001



St. John Paul II Council 10417

Please welcome our new Brother Knight Nick Martell , his wife Nicole , two boys Manson and Maddox and their daughter Maya.

I would like to thank our Exemplification Team led by Ed Malila for their dedication throughout the year.

Gille Thibault , State Membership Director Ed Nuttall , Peter Smith , Nick Martell , Mike Thompson , Tim Downs, Ed Malila , Roger Dickinson , Bob Klem , Mike Boivin

Insurance Agent message

Dear Brother Knights,

There have been many changes and additions to the Knights portfolio of products in the last year. This has occurred because of the input from members, relayed along by your dedicated field force of agents, to Supreme. Many more exciting and effective enhancements are forthcoming.

These developments within the Order are coming at a time when many changes are also happening in the realm of finances and taxes. As was the case before, the Knights are well positioned to serve the members in their needs. It's just a matter of reviewing with each individual member their specific program for retirement planning and protection.

Our mutual insurance company has experienced record growth for many consecutive years, with one of the biggest jumps in 2008-2009 when markets turned. It is important to reassess your risk at times when things are in your favor. Please consider scheduling an appointment for a confidential consultation. I look forward to working with every one of you for many years to come. Take care and God bless,

Dave Giuliani

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Ed Slott, CPA

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You are invited to join our free virtual webinar featuring Ed Slott. Ed specializes in the latest retirement strategies and opportunities for 2024.

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The Catholic Patriot

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



My Brother Sir Knights, Happy 124th Anniversary! Or, in other words, it's time to begin preparing on all levels of the Order to celebrate our 125th Anniversary on Saturday, February 22, 2025. In early summer, you will receive more information on how the Order plans to mark this historic occasion. In the meantime, begin in your own way on state, district, and local levels to discuss your plan of action for not only celebrating but increasing the number of knights in the ranks of the patriotic degree.

In last month's message, I focused on the words from Revelation "Behold, I make all things new!" Only a few weeks after I penned those words, I found myself at the Vigil Mass for the National March for Life at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., where, amazingly, Revelation 21:1-5a, was the first reading. No sooner were these powerful words of renewal read, when Psalm 117 followed, using the refrain **"You will be my witnesses to all the world."**

Does this not more than adequately describe the Fourth Degree as the visible arm of the Order? More importantly, as we begin this 125th year of patriotic service, how can we be God's witnesses to all the world? In this call to witness, I am reminded of St. Francis of Assisi's powerful admonition to "preach the gospel at all times and if necessary, use words."

These are difficult days of discord in the world. Let us not add to the angry voices that seem to inundate all sectors of society. Instead, let us be witnesses to all the world by first being witnesses to the love of Christ. Let us not be so quick to judge others for their beliefs, but instead commit ourselves to listening to them, attempting to understand where they are coming from, and then lovingly responding as Christ's witnesses. As patriots, let us never forget that each of the nations comprising the Order were founded by men and women of varying opinions and beliefs who, nevertheless, were able to find common ground for the good of all.

Never forget that the word patriot comes from the word pater or father, meaning that a patriot is the son of the same father. Our one father is God in heaven. As His sons, let us, as brothers, begin this 125th year as His witnesses to the capacity to love and heal our broken world. Then, we will truly be patriots.

Mary and Her Knights

Council and Assemblies team up to bring Mary back home to the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth Convent in Philadelphia.

Not to long ago, the Sisters were recently eating dinner when they witnessed a "disturbed young man" smash the Blessed Mother statue on their lawn.



Sister Michele, the Superior reached out to Rudy Muller, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus St. Christopher Council 17997. Sister Michele was glad to hear Muller say, "We're replacing that statue." "It was very touching to hear that kind of response," she said.

Knights of Columbus Councils St. Christopher 17997 and DeSoto 315 teamed with the Knights of Columbus St. John Neumann Assembly #933 and the League of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Police and Fire Association to raise money for a bigger new statue.



During KofC Council 17997's second annual barbecue for the Sisters, the new Blessed Virgin Mary statue was dedicated and blessed.

People sang Immaculate Mary, and the Rev. Sean English – former parochial vicar at St. Christopher and now pastor at St. Stanislaus in Lansdale – offered prayer and sprinkled the statue with holy water. Sister Mary Annette Gailey, who is celebrating 25 years with the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, placed flowers in front of the statue. There are also lights for the statue.



Thank you to the eighteen dedicated members representing six (6) Assemblies of the Minnesota District Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree who participated in the Mass of the Holy Spirit at the Xcel Energy Center, celebrated by the Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda, Archbishop and the Most Reverend Michael J. Izen, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Special thanks to Former Masters Philip Harter and Robert Mathewson for participating.





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 minute sessions that help prepare the members for call outs of all kinds.

Michael J. Porter, PSD, FVSM, Director of Training

This month's suggestion:

Honor Guard / Without Swords

1. When leading a procession of dignitaries **without swords**. The Honor Guard is led to the rear of the church by the C.C.C. or M.
2. They will proceed in a column of twos by way of the center or main aisle from the rear to the front of the church, at which point the C.C.C. or M. shall **"Halt."** The Honor Guard will **"Halt"** in their places.
3. The C.C.C. or M. shall immediately **"About Face"** which will be the signal for the Honor Guard to **"Face"** toward the center of the main aisle.
4. The C.C.C. or M. will stand at the center of the aisle and begin to render a **"Hand Salute."** In unison with the C.C.C. or M., the Honor Guard will assume the **"Hand Salute"** position. This position is held while the procession at the rear of the church proceeds forward between their files.
5. After the celebrant passes his position, the C.C.C. or M. shall step forward to signal the Honor Guard to **"Return to Attention,"** take one **Pace** forward, **"Face"** towards the altar and **"Fall In"** behind the C.C.C. or M. The columns shall follow the lead of the C.C.C. or M., processing to the front cross aisle. The two files of Sir Knights separate by bowing to the altar and turning at the front cross aisle toward their respective side aisles.
6. The Honor Guard will proceed to the rear of the church. They will enter their designated pews from the side aisle and remain at **"Attention"** until all are in place.
7. Thereafter, they will follow the C.C.C. or M. in sitting, standing and removing the beret and tucking it under the belt, near the right hip over the right trouser pocket.

Dates to Remember

April 2024 Biennial District Meetings

April 22, 2024 Quarterly Training

"Preparing Program Award Submittals"

All assemblies are doing great at programs. It is a shame that we don't hear about all of them in your annual program reports. This training will assist District and Vice Supreme Master in developing tools to help your assemblies create a successful Award Submission. We will also discuss on your role in getting submission to Supreme in timely manner.

Communication is the Key to Success



Ever heard the saying "A Leader is Only as Good as the Message they Communicate"? It is a fact in every business, organization, and yes, even families. Remember back to marriage counseling, your priest said "communication is the key to a long marriage. I might add positive communication to the above statement. Nevertheless, without good communication we really never get started. Think about it, would you ever got that first date without communication? I spent 21 years communicating to Volunteer Firefighters and learned one important thing: communication varies based on who you are working with.

This is true about assembly leaders as well, you have to understand their issues and obstacles before your can effectively communicate and motivate. The best method to understand others is to listen to what they are saying. Yes, good communicators listen before speaking. Actually, good communicators listen 70% of the time. Leaders that listen to those they lead are generally more respected. A leader that is respected can motivate those they lead. When leading volunteers you must be willing to listen if you want to be heard.

Matt Maly PSD, FVSM, Director of Communication

Father McGivney Military Chaplain Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus Father McGivney Military Chaplains scholarship program was established in 2011 to help fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces.

There are around 1.8 million Catholics served by the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), worldwide. The Archdiocese has barely a third of the number of chaplains needed to meet the needs of those Catholic men and women. This is why AMS, created the "Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program" to recruit priestly vocations for the benefit of the armed forces. The military archdiocese contracts with participating dioceses and religious orders to fund 50 percent of the cost of a seminarian's five-year education. The seminarian is committed to three to five years of service as a military chaplain under the auspices of the military archdiocese.

Through this scholarship, the Order hopes to ensure the future development of the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, and increase the number of Catholic chaplains, to serve the Catholic men and women in uniform today. The Archdiocese of Military Services USA continues to recruit military chaplains at a great cost, and our Order-wide fundraising projects help support the program, which is led by Fourth Degree members, the patriotic degree of the Knights.

Supreme Master Michael McCusker would like to see a concentrated effort on this program during the winter & spring months. Our Assemblies need to inform our council members about the need to support the Father McGivney Chaplain Scholarship program, and to see if those councils that have Pennies for Heaven Funds would like to participate in this program. Let's help the Archdiocese of Military Service and our armed service men and women have a Catholic Priest available during their service.

These funds will help produce a new generation of much-needed Catholic chaplains to minister to U.S. military personnel and their families. For inquiries on making donation to the Military Chaplain Program, please see below:

If you need to reach the Office of Charitable Giving you can do so Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am to 4:30pm Eastern:

Phone: 1-800-694-5713

Email: info@kofccharities.org

Ron Boyce, PSD, 4th Degree Director of Programs



This event started with a Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop Weisenburger followed by the march to Holy Hope Catholic Cemetery. Fourteen Sir Knights processed into the church. The route from the Cathedral to the cemetery covered approximately 5-miles.

As a defender of the family, the Knights of Columbus were asked to lead the 51st Annual March for Life in Tucson AZ on January 20th.





As the Fourth Degree Ceremonial Director, I am here to assist the Vice Supreme Masters in any ceremonial area, primarily to help you schedule, plan, and conduct ceremonials. The use of the spread sheet to track Exemplifications is a great tool in getting us all to move forward in this area. If you haven't yet scheduled exemplifications throughout your province, or let me know of them, please work to get that done. So far we have scheduled 219 Exemplifications for this Fraternal Year and brought in 3,402 new sir knights that I am aware of. If you haven't told me the results of your exemplifications, then please do so. The Supreme Master is reviewing my draft of the updated drill manual. Also, I stand by to assist with the rollout of the updated Fourth Degree Ceremonial. In the future, expect a ceremonial for the hand down of the Provincial Sword! I'm here to help with all things ceremonial! Send me your questions, and let me know what you need!

Micheal Thumm
Ceremonials Director

A New Year Offers a New Start in 2024

On January 13, 2024, a Fourth Degree Exemplification was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Sun City West, Arizona. Former District Deputy and current Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight Joseph Shanks, an Air Force Veteran, the Class Honoree congratulated a class of 39 Sir Knights. The impression upon the new Sir Knights again was amazing, as one of them came to me saying, "Thank you, I am all fired up". It was also a welcome relief to have young Sir Knights, age 18 and 28 participate in this Patriotic Exemplification. Along with a priest there was also a Sir Knight who is serving our country in the US Air Force and a yet another from the Chandler Police Department.





Right To Life Mass held Annually at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on Sunday, January 14, 2024. Sir Knights from the First and Second Districts of New York and from the First and Second Districts of New Jersey attended as our continued joint shared support of each other for special events. Knights are pictured with NY Associate State Chaplain Father Brian McWeeney.

Guard was lead by District Master John Brandon (right) Former Vice Supreme Master Walter J. Wych (center) and District Master Mike Tully (left)



New Mexico's Santiago Assembly is fully active serving Color Guards for many events. Many of these involve local schools; serving at boys' and girls' basketball games in both Taos and Questa. This year, for the first time, they served Color Guard for a State Cheer Competition in Questa.

Thank You for all the grant information this month. Keep it coming so we can highlight what your doing.

Keep up the great work!

Your 4th Degree Staff

Please send all newsletter information to
kofc4thnews@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

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(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.

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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

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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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EXTENSION TO 3/22/24

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February 26, 2024

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Due to the late distribution of applications to the high school guidance departments, we will accept applications until 3/22/24.

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



APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

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

Applicant's full name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____

City or Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

School you now attend _____

School's Address _____

Name of School's Principal _____

Father's Name _____

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

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

Give the name of the Council's Financial Secretary _____

Applicant's Home Parish: _____

How did you learn about this scholarship program? _____

Essay:

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

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

Please be sure to sign and date the application and mail or email to the Scholarship Committee Chair by March 10, 2024, to the above address. Please use "KofC Scholarship 2024 – Your Name" as the subject of all emails.

Fr. Meany-Fr. St. Onge Council 7943



Fr. Meany-Fr. St. Onge Council 7943, Troy, held its 4th annual Snowmobile Blessing by Fr. Benny Chittilappilly, S.D.V., Parish Administrator, and Deacon Ward Nolan during its monthly Community Family Breakfast on February 18, 2024. Although the trails were closed for the 2nd year in a row, Ernest Choquette of North Troy brought his Ski Doo machine for a blessing and prayed for more snow to open the trails again before the end of the riding season. Inside the hall 91 attendees enjoyed a warm home-cooked all-you-can-eat breakfast cooked and served by council members and their wives. Gross proceeds of \$892.00 raised will support St. Andre Bessette Parish and local community needs.

Fr. Pierre E. Boivin Council #5041 Morrisville

"On January 26, 2024 Knights of Columbus Council #5041 held its biggest fundraiser of the year, a silent auction and grilled steak dinner at the Crosby Center behind the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Morrisville. The sit-down dinner included: grilled steak, baked potato, mixed vegetables, roll and dessert. The meal was delicious, and the silent auction was a lot of fun!"



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. Burlington Council 279 has reserved one of the Icons for the month of March, and Morrisville Council 5041 has reserved the other for March 15-23. Troy Council 7943 has also reserved one of the Icons for April 30-May 8. Schedule your Council's Pilgrim Icon Program 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.

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>.



*Knights of Columbus
Roast Pork & Beans
Dinner*



Saturday, March 23, 2024- 5:30 PM

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

**Roasted Pork Loin,
Homemade Baked Beans,
Potatoes, Gravy,
Coleslaw, Dessert**



**Adults: \$18 ea. • Students: \$12 ea.
Seniors: \$16 ea. • Kids under 6: Free
Immediate Family Maximum: \$60**

**PROCEEDS FROM THIS DINNER WILL BENEFIT
THE KNIGHTS' WORKS OF CHARITY**

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**ALSO, PLEASE BRING A BAG TO TRANSPORT  
YOUR MEAL HOME IF YOU ARE TAKING OUT!**

# Milton Council 10417

We had a successful 2024 Scholarship Fund breakfast this past February after both 8:30 / 10:30 masses

19 Brother Knights were there along with family members from prepping, cooking and cleanup.

We thank all who helped out and a big thank you for all who came to support the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund.



# 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!

## Council 7525

Lenten Fish Fry

FEB 16, 2024

St John Vianney

Part of our valiant kitchen crew,  
l-r Jay Benson, Ray Michaud and Steve Shover!





**Come play bingo and join the fun on  
MAR 21<sup>st</sup>\*  
at the St. John Vianney Parish Center  
on Hinesburg Rd. in So. Burlington.  
Doors open at 5 PM. 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

# 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      |



| WEEK #8<br>02/03/2024  | # DRAWN | NAME                 | Council # |
|------------------------|---------|----------------------|-----------|
| \$100.00               | 115     | Christopher Braves   | 4684      |
| \$75.00                | 28      | Keith Billado        | 10830     |
| \$50.00                | 107     | Frank Pietryka       | 2946      |
|                        |         |                      |           |
| WEEK #9<br>02/10/2024  | # DRAWN | NAME                 | Council # |
| \$100.00               | 221     | Steve Haupt          | 7810      |
| \$75.00                | 243     | Stanley Baranowski   | 421       |
| \$50.00                | 228     | Rod Cousino          | 10535     |
|                        |         |                      |           |
| WEEK #10<br>02/17/2024 | # DRAWN | NAME                 | Council # |
| \$100.00               | 272     | Armand Auclair       | 2610      |
| \$75.00                | 254     | Maurice F. Noel      | 421       |
| \$50.00                | 60      | David Shepard        | 1568      |
|                        |         |                      |           |
| WEEK #11<br>02/24/2024 | # DRAWN | NAME                 | Council # |
| \$100.00               | 212     | Charles Brown        | 7525      |
| \$75.00                | 30      | Elijah LaChance, Esq | 232       |
| \$50.00                | 7       | Peter Nero           | 917       |

**Brother Knights;**

**HAVE A BLESSED & HAPPY EASTER !!!!**

**I thank you for all of your articles and making this newsletter a success.  
I ask that all of the District Deputies and Grand Knights to PLEASE forward  
this newsletter to all of your councils and members.**

**Send all articles to [noelmaurice2@gmail.com](mailto:noelmaurice2@gmail.com)**

**NEXT ISSUE WILL BE April 1, 2024**