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Vermont State Council

May 2024 Edition

Vermont State Council Officers



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From the Vermont State Deputy

“The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The Tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction.”

- Blessed Bishop Fulton Sheen

Worthy Brothers,

This is my 2nd to last news magazine article as VT KofC State Deputy!

Here are my reflections going into May

1. **126th State Convention 4/26 – 4/28** at Stowe Flake Mountain Resort.

Wow, what a wonderful Convention! Thank you to all of our Delegates and visitors who were able to attend part or all of the Convention. I thank our outstanding Convention Committee and Chair Chris Poirier for the excellent organization of events and venue. Our Saturday Mass was at Blessed Sacrament Church in Stowe which was a wonderful change of tradition. Our Supreme Guest Speaker was Director Daniel Duchesne and his wife Sylvie, who hail from Quebec, Canada. We hope to see them again this summer at the 142nd Supreme Convention in Quebec City. Our Ladies Program guest speaker was Mary Beersworth – a Vermont Catholic Treasure for all she does!!

Our Saturday Banquet Guest Speaker was the Director of VT Catholic Charities Mary Beth Pinard... I hope our councils form an excellent relationship with VCC. In fact, I will propose that the VCC have a small article in our monthly news magazine...

Before I highlight our State Officers for FY 24-25, let me start by thanking our outgoing State Treasurer Peter Fitzgerald and our outgoing IPSD Steve Shover for their multiple years of service and leadership to the VT KofC Jurisdiction. I thank you both for your ongoing friendship and support!!

I also congratulate our two State Deputy Merit Award Recipients – DD3 Bill LaCroix and DD8/SMD Ed Nuttall

Our newly elected FY24-25 State Officers:

State Deputy - Christopher Poirier

State Secretary – William LaCroix

State Advocate – Elijah Lachance

State Treasurer – Valdemar Garibay

State Warden – Lawrence Bellew

State Chaplain – Rev Timothy Naples

Immediate Past State Deputy – Jim Michael

Our State Deputy-Elect will confirm / appoint our program chairs and any District Deputy positions that may be open.

A summary/reports of the Convention will be avail from our current State Secretary Chris as he compiles everything together. Several reports were not sent in until the day of the convention so please be patient

2. **4th Degree Exemplification (Patriot Degree)**

I don't want to steal the thunder from my worthy Brother State Master Dave Ely Sr, but the 4th degree held in Rutland on 4/13 was well attended. Welcome to our 13 new Sir Knights. Our total number of Knights in VT is 3443 (and rising!)

3. **Anchor Award**

I announced at the Convention that our FY23-24 Anchor Award recipient is Father Yvon Royer. Father is currently assigned to St. Francis Church in Winooski and was nominated by Councils #3664 Vergennes and #10535 Bristol. Congratulations to Father Royer!

4. **Membership Growth for our Councils and State**

At the time of this writing, VT has 94 new members. This is actually a 10 year high for membership growth at this point (month) in the FY... Can we continue to grow and gain new members? Would you mind the extra help and support at your council meetings? Do you have plenty of confident Knights ready and asking to step up into council leadership positions? Do we have plenty of 'I will' vs 'You should' Knights? All the more reason to ask a Catholic Gentleman to join our organization!

5. **Lastly...**

Okay, this is long overdue, but I just have to give a loud shout out to my home council ... Bishop Degoesbriand Council #279! I was thinking during the Convention as we recognized District Deputies, Officers, Program Chairs, etc. Council #279 has provided an amazing group of leaders to the KofC VT Jurisdiction... Am I bragging?? Yes... but here are the positions that #279 provides with all due respect and in service to our other 35 active councils.

State Deputy

State Master

State Warden

District Deputy

State Marshal

State Program Director

State – Ceremonials & Vocations,

State Chair for National Catholic Committee on Scouts

State Auditor

PSD/FDD/FDM, etc.

Star Council (multiple times)

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Michael

Jim Michael (VT SD)





Dear Brothers, celebrating the Memorial Mass at our 126th convention the following words of St. Augustine came to mind in preparing for the Memorial Mass. My homily introduced this message by the Doctor of Grace, interspersed with my own reflections. Here I would like to offer some of the sermon, and my brief reflections follow.

“We read in the Proverbs of Solomon: *If you sit down to eat at the table of a ruler, observe carefully what is set before you; then stretch out your hand, knowing that you must provide the same kind of meal yourself.* What is this ruler’s table if not the one at which we receive the body and blood of him who laid down his life for us? What does it mean to sit at this table if not to approach it with humility? What does it mean to observe carefully what is set before you if not to meditate devoutly on so great a gift? What does it mean to stretch out one’s hand, knowing that one must provide the same kind of meal oneself, if not what I have just said: as Christ laid down his life for us, so we in our turn ought to lay down our lives for our brothers? This is what the apostle Paul said: *Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we might follow in his footsteps.* This is what is meant by providing “the same kind of meal.” This is what the blessed martyrs did with such burning love. If we are to give true meaning to our celebration of their memorials, to our approaching the Lord’s table in the very banquet at which they were fed, we must, like them, provide “the same kind of meal. At this table of the Lord we do not commemorate the martyrs in the same way as we commemorate others who rest in peace. We do not pray for the martyrs as we pray for those others, rather, they pray for us, that we may follow in his footsteps. They practiced the perfect love of which the Lord said there could be none greater. They provided “the same kind of meal” as they had themselves received at the Lord’s table.”

These beautiful words set two images side by side as mirror images. The King of Kings laid out a banquet of food before us. He also laid down his life for us. We eat of this banquet. We consume the example of his love. Where St. Augustine speaks of the martyrs “who pray for us,” we now have all the canonized saints, who ate of the Lord’s banquet, who imitated the example of his love, and who pray for us that we can all do the same.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Tim Naples, SC



STATE SECRETARY & State Convention Chairman



Brothers,

I am pleased to say that the 126th State Convention was a success. It was a great weekend of fraternity, faith and fun and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We had twenty-three councils represented by forty-one council delegates and about eighty-eight attendees. Our State Deputy did a great job facilitating an efficient and productive business meeting throughout the weekend. A lot of work was accomplished, but there was always room for some good-spirited humor and fellowship that further demonstrated our camaraderie as Brother Knights. The Supreme Guest was Supreme Director Daniel Duchesne and his wife Sylvie from Quebec, Canada. Brother Daniel had many inspiring words for all of us and genuinely enjoyed his time with his “neighbors” in Vermont. He talked about the close heritage that many of us share with Canada as many of our grandparents and great-grandparents may have immigrated to Vermont between 1860-1920.

June 30th completes the second term of service for State Deputy Jim Michael. During the past two years, Jim has worked tirelessly to ensure that we grew and improved as an organization. He has certainly encountered a few challenges, but has always managed us with a positive and compassionate attitude – putting people first and motivating us throughout the process. Let’s make the next two months of the fraternal year a tribute to his vision for the Knights of Columbus by establishing a connection with Catholic men in our parishes and bringing them into our councils as Knights!

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



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

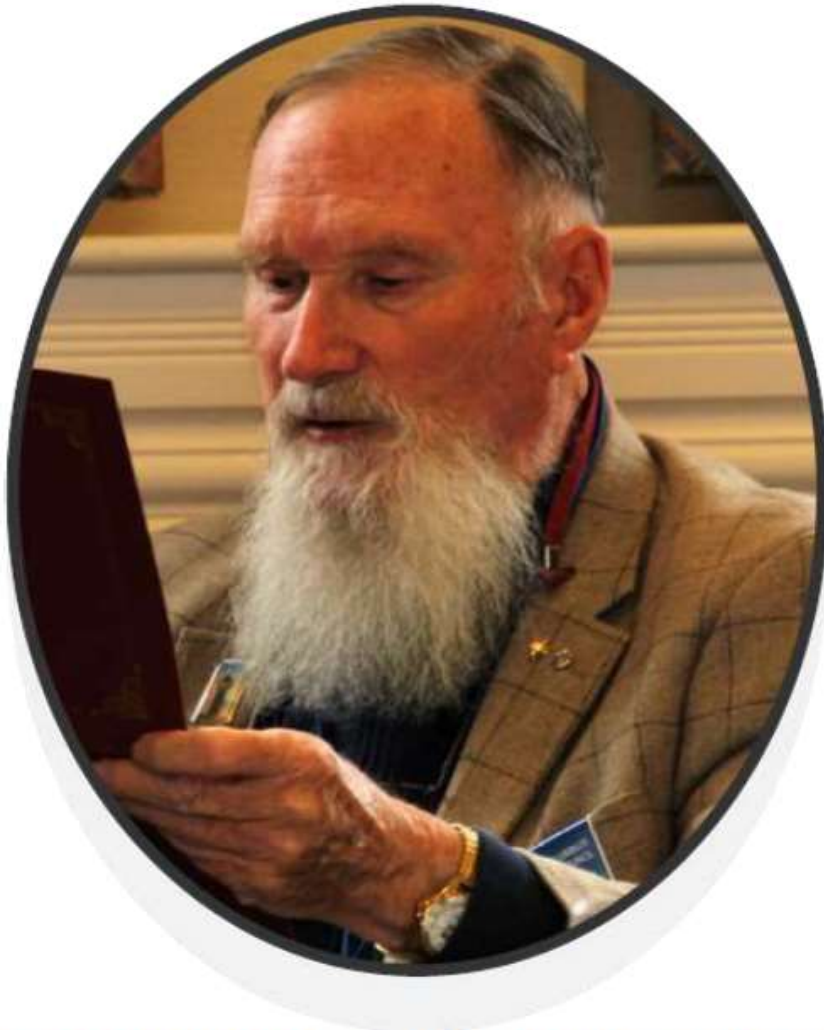
Entrusted to the care of Mary, the Mother of God, we carry the Rosary as the sign of our dedication to her and to her Son. Confident in her motherly love for us all, we entrust the soul of our brother Knights to her, that she may present him to her Son.

Brother Donald Lapierre, Council 2285, age 91, died on March 22, 2024, joined on 06-01-1970, Reactivated on 02-14-2008, Council 2285, 16 years.

Sir Knight Achile Prevost: 91 Years of age. 65 years service Sheridan Council 421, 53 years service Sheridan Assembly 1152.

Brother Gilles Paquette, age 96, 3rd Degree member Fr. Boivin Council #5041, 39 years of service.

FROM THE DESK OF THE
VERMONT STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



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**Notes for the closing of 2nd half FY 2023-2024, months May
and June 2024**

Here are some ideas for reaching membership goals:

1. Develop a list of prospects and assign two men per prospect to recruit them.
2. Order some KofC hats that can be worn at Mass, with Fr.'s permission.
3. Hold an information night to explain fraternal benefits. Invite Field Rep David Giuliani. Hold one in May and one in June.
4. Hold two church drives, one in May and one in June.
5. Use brochure : "Why Join" at church drives.
6. Send a letter signed by you and Fr. inviting prospects to join. Suggest they review Knights of Columbus Web Link [kofc.org/JoinUs](https://www.kofc.org/JoinUs) and further suggest they join your Council.
7. Use the church bulletin to run weekly articles in the bulletin. Use extracts from brochure "Why Join" for a short paragraph weekly to keep the focus on recruiting
8. When recruiting, it's important to: know who you are recruiting, the tools to be used, where recruiting is taking place, and praise those having success.

The State's goal for FY 2023-2024 is 121. We currently have recruited 94 new members. We need 27 new members ($121-94=27$) before 30 June 2024.

I've been informed that our recruiting success of 94 (as of 2 May 2024) has of this date been the highest ever achieved, compared to past performances of the same time frames. WOW! Come 30 June 2024 we could have a winning record (121) achieved only once in the past (FY2021-2022). So, let's get our recruiting teams recruiting!

You need to come up with at least one new member before 30 June! The only thing preventing you from becoming a dynamic Grand Knight is bringing on board new members.

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Convention Message

This year's convention is behind us and there is so much happening with the KofC that should be shared with the councils. In your message to our brothers, be sure to mention the opportunity for a career with the Knights of Columbus. For those of you who missed it, my main point at the convention was the need for another agent here in VT.

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

David Giuliani
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May 22, 2024

Date

7 PM EDT / 6 PM CDT / 4 PM PDT

Time

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/KofCMay22>



RSVP

Vocations RSVP

On Saturday June 1,2024, Seminarian Luan Van Tran is scheduled to be ordained as a Transitional Deacon at St. Joseph Cathedral. Please pray for him.

We keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants. As the strong right arm of the church, we as Knights are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to future priests and religious at all stages of their formation

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

I would like to give recognition to the following councils for there participation in the Refund Support Vocations Program by providing scholarships and moral support to the seminarians. Rutland Council 232, De Goesbriand Council 279, Burlington, St. Albans Council 297, Sheridan Council 421, St Johnsbury, St. Charles Council 753, Bellows Falls, Fair Haven Council 810, Fair Haven, Rutland Assembly 1147, St. Stephen's Council 2284, Winooski, Bishop Rice Council 2946, Essex Jct, Rosary Council 4684, Richmond, St. John Vianney Council 7525, So. Burlington, Fr. Meany & Fr. St. Onge Council 7943, Troy.

God Bless all of you for your dedicated work for Vocations.

The State Vocations Scholarship recipients for 2023 2024 are: The 24th annual Bishop Kenneth A. Angell Memorial Vocations Scholarship, Mr. Cale Bombardier, Second Theology, Mount St. Mary's Seminary, The 28th Rev. John C. Ledoux Memorial Vocations Scholarship, Mr. Loc Van Vo, Pre-Theology, Mount St. Mary's Seminary and The 32nd Martin J. Ramunno Memorial Vocations Scholarship, Mr. Anthony Maurice, Pre-Theology, Saint Meinrad Seminary.

If you have given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 23 - June 30, 24) and have not sent me a copy, please send me a copy of RSVP form 2863.

"Please Pray for Vocations, Vocations Are Everybody's Business."

Fraternally Yours;

Gerald F. Bean

Gerald F. Bean, PSD, FDM

K of C State Vocations Director

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON
SEMINARIAN DIRECTORY

2023-2024

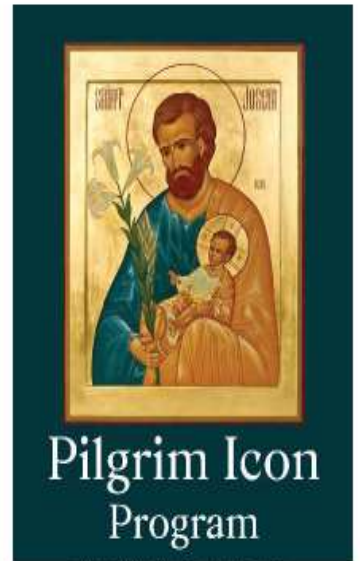
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<u>SEMINARY ADDRESS</u>	<u>YEAR OF STUDY</u>	<u>HOME ADDRESS</u>
Mr. Luan Van Tran Saint Meinrad Seminary 200 Hill Drive St. Meinrad, IN 47577 ltran@vermontcatholic.org	Third Theology	Mr. Luan Van Tran Holy Family Parish 4 Prospect Street Essex Junction, 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

Worthy Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and my Brother Knights,

I am presently coordinating two Icons.

The first is the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon, the latest in a series of Pilgrim Icons since 1979. The Icon itself is a large (30" x 36") framed painting. The Pilgrim Icons are a Faith activity in the Faith in Action program, and every 3-4 years Supreme comes out with a new one to send to each state. We have two; one is up in the NEK right now and the other is sitting at my house. So, between those two, I should be able to get one to you most anytime you wish. The St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon comes with prayer service booklets. The Prayer Service includes reciting the Holy Rosary. It can also be coupled with a Mass if your Chaplain wishes.



Location: _____
Date: _____ Time: _____
Contact: _____



The second Icon is the Silver Rose. The Silver Rose is an actual rose made of silver (see below). The Silver Rose is a Life activity in the Faith in Action program. It promotes the dignity of and respect for life, and honors Our Lady of Gaudalupe. There are 8 Silver Roses which each year travel assigned routes throughout Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. We will be receiving our Silver Rose from NH on July 14 and will have it until August 3 when we transfer it to MA. So it is only available here in VT during that 3-week period in late July. It also comes with prayer service booklets similar to the Pilgrim Icon. If your Council would like to sponsor a Silver Rose service in late July, let me know of the date(s) that you are thinking of. Several Councils have already expressed an interest, and I will try my best to accommodate everyone. Usually that is not a problem though.

Feel free to call or email me anytime. Fraternally,

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State Silver Rose Chairman
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Knights of Columbus
Vermont State Council
SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS 2024

Nicholas J. Conti
Scholastic Achievement, Chairman

April 22, 2024

Matha Cotter
Rutland, VT
Rutland High School
M/M John Cottter
Council #232 Rutland
Salvatore Russotti, PSD Memorial Scholastic
Achievement Award

Benjamin Michael
Burlington, VT
Burlington High School
Rose & Jim Michael
Council #279 Burlington
Joseph J. Quinn, PSD Memorial Scholastic
Achievement Award

Zerima King
Swanton, VT
Rice Memorial High School
M/M Lawrence King
Council #7669 Swanton
Reverend Joseph E. Campbell, FSC
Memorial Scholastic Achievement Award

Gabriella Allbee
South Burlington, VT
Rice Memorial High School
M/M David Allbee
Council # 2284 Winooski
Gerald E. Morrissey, PSD Memorial
Scholastic Achievement Award

Charlee Olio
Essex, VT
Essex High School
M/M Charles Olio
Council # 98044 (VT State Online Council)
Walter T. Bitler PSD, FDM Memorial
Scholastic Achievement Award

First Alternate

Molly Medor
Highgate, VT
Missisquoi Valley Union HS
M/M Michael Medor
Council #7669 Swanton

Dear brother knights,

Attached is information regarding a visiting hermit priest who knew St Pio and has a relic (glove) that he blesses with. There will be a healing service and a retreat day. We are looking for anyone willing to help out ad hoc during the events as you might see needs. Including helping knights attend that might need a ride, assisting with monitoring the relic during veneration times, assisting in praying the rosary at 10 am Saturday, or attending events and helping any visitors or attendee's that might need assistance. Just wanted to send it to the list Dan sends out to inform you all.

Fr. Pio Mandato Retreat Weekend & Healing Service with St. Padre Pio Relic



Fr. Pio Mandato is a Capuchin priest whose mother, Graziella DeNunzio Mandato, was a spiritual child of St. Padre Pio and wrote a memoir about him. Fr Mandato was named after the saint and, like St. Pio, traces his roots back to the village of Pietrelcina in southern Italy. Fr Mandato received his first Holy Communion from St. Padre Pio. His family migrated to America and at 17 Fr Mandato entered the Capuchins and was ordained in 1985 offering his first mass at the same altar as St. Padre Pio. He became involved in hospital chaplaincy and developed a reputation for devotion to the sick like St Pio.

In 1998, after serving for 13 years as a Capuchin, Fr Mandato began to lead a life of prayer and solitude as a missionary hermit in the Diocese of Scranton. He now takes breaks from the eremitical life to travel around preaching and offering healing Masses for the sick.

Fr Pio Mandato will be hosting a weekend retreat at Christ the King/St Anthony Parish in Burlington. A healing service with a relic of St Pio will be held at St Anthony on Friday May 24th, 6-7:30 PM. A retreat day Saturday May 25th at Christ the King will include mass, reconciliation, adoration, praying the rosary, relic veneration and blessing, and a talk by Fr Pio Mandato. He will be co-celebrating weekend masses and blessing with the relic after.



Christ the King / St. Anthony Parish May 24 – 26, 2024

May 24, 2024 - St. Anthony's

6:00 – 7:30 PM **Introduction and Healing Service with Adoration, Confessions**

May 25, 2024 - Christ the King

9:00 – 9:30 AM **Mass, Celebration of St. Padre Pio Blessing with the Relic**

9:30 **Exposition**

9:30 – 12:00 **Adoration, St. Pio Relic Veneration and Confessions with Fr. Mandato**

12:00 – 12:30 **Break (*Adoration / veneration continues*)**

12:30 – 1:30 **Fr. Mandato talk and blessing with the St. Pio Relic**

1:30 – 3:30 **Adoration, St. Pio Relic Veneration, Confessions**

3:00 PM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

3:30 PM **Benediction (Fr. Mandato)**

May 25, 2024 - St. Anthony's Parish

4:15 PM **Mass Fr. Baker and Fr. Mandato, Blessing with the Relic after mass.**

May 26, 2024 - Christ the King Parish

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Masses with Fr. Baker and Fr. Pio, Blessing with the Relic after mass.

Fr. Mandato Departs



**Come play bingo and join the fun on
May 16th*
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

38th Annual South Burlington Knights of Columbus Charity Bingo to benefit Camp Ta Kum Ta April 21, 2024



Middlebury Council 642,

Middlebury Council 642 held a pancake breakfast on April 21.

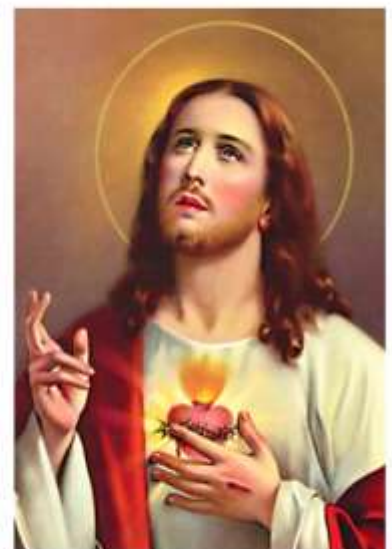


Council 642, Middlebury, held a food drive during Lent. Named Ketcham's 40 Cans for Lent in honor of recently past Grand Knight Steve Ketcham. We collected 1822 pounds of food and \$2130 in donations that went to HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects) of Addison County. This exceeded last year's record and we thank everyone that participated.

COR (Heart) Formation for all Men



**COR Formation:
Walking with Christ
Binding the hearts
of men to the Sacred
Heart of Jesus thru
the Immaculate
Heart of Mary to
loosen the bonds of
secularism and self-
indulgence that
captivate us today.**



Check your local Council for date, time and location.



Supreme Master
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The Catholic Patriot

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



Let's Get Social!

As in social baldrics. Because there's been some changes lately and despite best efforts to communicate these changes, it seems that the message never quite makes it down to the membership or often gets jumbled along the way. So, I am committing this month's Supreme Master's message to explaining the changes in a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) format. So, here we go!

1. Why did the social baldric go away?

Answer: ***It has not gone away.*** Instead, it will no longer be given out to new members at an exemplification.

2. Why was this change made?

Answer: With shipping and handling, the cost of a social baldric eats up approximately 20-25% of the exemplification fee to provide a baldric that will seldom if ever be used again. For one, it does not go with the current uniform, as it was designed for wear with a tuxedo. Two, when it's given to new members completing the degree in a military, law enforcement or firefighter dress uniform, it is not authorized and does not fit with the uniform at all.

3. Who can still wear the social baldric?

Answer: ***Any member.*** Most importantly, those members who still use the tuxedo because they have not been able to acquire the new uniform yet actively participate in the Fourth Degree. This policy change is not intended to make such members feel excluded. New members have the option to buy one for wear at black tie functions requiring a tuxedo, e.g. state or supreme conventions. However, the use of the social baldric with a tuxedo is not mandatory but a way for a member to show pride in their Fourth Degree membership.

4. Can districts or assemblies purchase social baldrics as gifts to new members?

Answer: Yes. Although, it would not seem to be a very practical financial decision considering how seldom they are used any more.

5. What is the dress code for the Patriotic Degree?

Answer: The preferred dress code is the new official uniform with beret. However, if the candidate does not have the new uniform, they may wear a dark suit and tie.

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6. May new candidates wear tuxedos for the Patriotic Degree?

Answer: No – effective July 1, 2024, as it makes no sense to buy or rent a tuxedo for a degree. The expense of purchasing or renting could be used instead to offset the cost of a new uniform.

7. Can mixed honor guards occur where some members still wear their tuxedo and social baldric, and others wear the new uniform?

Answer: No, as it does not lend to uniformity. Honor guards are limited to the new uniform.

8. What is the District Master's Fund and how does this change impact it?

Answer: District Masters are not reimbursed by the Supreme Assembly except in very rare cases. As such, the Master must carefully plan travel to visit assemblies and to conduct degrees. Last year, the Board of Directors voted to increase the exemplification fee to \$90, meaning that a district may charge up to that amount. Masters often lose money carrying out their duties. Between travel and degrees, many use their own money to keep the Fourth Degree going. Simply put, this is not right! By increasing the fee and eliminating the social baldric for new candidates, it increases the Master's ability to conduct a meaningful degree, Mass, and banquet without going in debt. Essentially, it provides relief to dedicated Sir Knights who are giving significant time and leadership to the Fourth Degree.

9. What is the change with name badges?

Answer: Previously, no name badges were worn with the current uniform, and this creates a bit of confusion. Especially in social settings where nobody knows the names of attendees from other assemblies, etc. To remedy this, members may now wear a Fourth Degree name badge with the current uniform ONLY in a social setting and NEVER in an honor guard. Since the embroidered emblem on the left breast and wear of medals prevents wearing a badge on the left, the name badge may be worn on the right breast, using either a pin or magnetic backing.

10. May I wear any name badge?

Answer: No. It must be the Fourth Degree name badge for your assembly or one that designates your current rank, including past or former FN, FF, DM or VSM ranks. There is no requirement to purchase a specific name badge for wear and you may even add a magnetic backing to your current badge instead of incurring additional costs.

11. Are there any exceptions for wearing a Third Degree name badge?

Answer: Yes – current State Officers (including District Deputies) may wear the badge for their respective office. The same rule applies to current Supreme Officers and Directors. Past Supreme Knights, Immediate and Past State Deputies, Former State Chaplains, and Former Supreme Directors, may wear their respective badge indefinitely.

I hope that these answers provide a better understanding of the recent changes to policy. However, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Supreme Master's office at SupremeMaster@kofc.org.

Vivat Jesus!

Dates to Remember

July 22, 2024

District Master Quarterly Training "Planning for Success"

The first step to a successful year is having a great plan. No matter what level you are at, a plan is require to be successful. While there are some lucky people out there for whom things just happen, remember this is not the lottery. Success takes hard work and planning.

We will also be discussing the (VAVS) Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service Program. Also know as Serving Those That Served.

A Very Special Exemplification

Oklahoma District of Our Lady of Guadalupe Province welcomed 26 new members in April. The exemplification was held in honor of PSD,FVSM David Roewe 2019-2021 and PSD,FVSM Dan Hogan 2015-2019. Both of the men passed away suddenly this last year. Sean Hogan, son of Dan Hogan was a candidate for this exemplification. Since Dan was not there to Knight his son, Sean was Knighted, by District Master Bob Melko, VSM Pat Conway, PSD,FVSM Matt Maly, PSD,FVSM Paul Weigl and PSD,FVSM Richard Schulte. If you didn't keep count, that was five swords on this young man's shoulder! FVSM Richard Schulte used FVSM Hogan's Sword for the Knighting. Sean is fourth from the left in picture below.



Worthy Sirs,

We have seen some good activity in new assembly creation recently. As I have mentioned in various calls, if you need any help on this,

please do not hesitate in reaching out to me. Many of you have done that, and it makes the process go more efficient. Remember however, as I stated in one of training sessions, don't create an assembly just for the sake of creating an assembly. Make sure it will be viable. Also, when splitting a large successful assembly, please ensure that you don't hurt what was successful.

Worthy District Masters, please continue to look for opportunities for new assemblies, keeping in mind what I mentioned previously. As I've seen recently, there are plenty of opportunities for new assemblies. Again, if I can help you in any way, please let me know.

Respectively,

Dale Hofer, PSD

Director of New Assembly Development.

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Manual of the Sword

Present Sword

At a recent call out, I noticed a lack of uniformity in how the members of the Honor Guard held their swords. Please work with your FNs to make sure everyone correctly presents their sword. Here is how we do it.

Present Sword

1. This command is used to salute with the sword. It is used when the unit is presented to the colors, to any person, or when the *National Anthem* or *To the Colors* is played.
2. The preparatory command for this order is ***“Present.”***
3. At the command of execution, ***“Sword,”*** raise and move the sword to the front, bringing the hilt of the sword to the center of the chin with the guard flange to the front.
4. As the sword is placed at the center of the chin, allow the flat side of the blade to extend on an angle away from the face of the holder, keeping all of the swords for all of the unit consistent and in a straight line, the thumb on the grip directly behind the guard and the remaining fingers grasping the grip firmly and the right elbow resting against the body. (See Figures 14, 15 and 16.)





Ralph Charles Dunn, PSD, FVSM

1943-2024

Worthy Sir Knight Ralph Dunn passed peacefully on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at the Provincial Palliative Care Centre in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Ralph was born on November 18, 1943 in Elmsdale, PEI.

He especially enjoyed volunteering at Holy Redeemer Parish where he was past Chair of Parish Council and Past Grand Knight of the Holy Redeemer Council. He was also Past State Deputy of Prince Edward Island and Vice Supreme Master of the Kelley Province of the Fourth Degree.



The Dalton Assembly of the Most Reverend Francis C. Kelly Province held high school speaking competitions for 2024. Two high school were represented: Ascension Collegiate in Bay Roberts, NL and Crescent Collegiate in Blaketown, NL. First Place went to Sally Smith who spoke on "Should Volunteering Be a High School Graduation Requirement?" and First Runner Up went to Arianna March, who spoke on "How Adequate are Mental Health and Addiction Services for Youth in Newfoundland and Labrador?"

BIENVILLE PROVINCE:

**47 Sir Knights Gathered for the Chrism Mass Celebrated by Bishop J. Mark Spalding of Nashville, Tennessee
Many Assemblies from Across the Middle Tennessee Region Were Represented**



BISHOP JAMES A. HEALY PROVINCE – MAY 2024

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SUPREME MASTER

Michael McCusker

VICE SUPREME MASTER

Duane J. Belanger (Bonnie)

PROVINCIAL FRIAR

Very Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie

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John Deetjen, Jr., IPSD
(Joanna)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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(Jolene)

VERMONT

David A. Ely, Sr.
(Karen)

MASSACHUSETTS

Stanley Ciukaj
(Jean)

CONNECTICUT

Kevin Donovan
(Laura)

RHODE ISLAND

Victor M. Silva
(Nancy)

Executive Secretary to the Vice Supreme Master

Mark Bourgojn, PSD
(Lois)

Civic Award Application
To Be a Patriot Award Form



Class photo of 47 new Sir Knights at the Patriotic Exemplification in Wallingford CT on 13 April 2024.

CT ASSEMBLY HELPS HOMELESS VETERANS

The Father James Larkin Assembly 3627 collected toiletries for veterans living at the "Homes for The Brave" at the St. Agnes and St. Mary Masses on 23 & 24 March 2024 (Parish of Precious Blood). The Homes for The Brave's mission is to provide shelter, support & hope to our nation's brave veterans who served our country. The items were delivered to the "Home" in Bridgeport on 25 March by FN Art Sutton and FC Pat Eisenman.

The "Home" is a 42-bed transitional housing program available to male veterans and non-veterans who are homeless. It provides housing, case management and vocational services.

They also operate The PFC Nicholas A. Madaras Home, a community-based 14-bed transitional home for women veterans experiencing homelessness; Homes for the Brave in West Haven, a transitional housing program, consisting of two houses, for male veterans who are homeless; the Waldorf Permanent Supportive Housing which provides 9 units of permanent supportive housing with case management services to former homeless veterans; and a walk-in/drop-in Veterans Service Center (VSC) offering immediate basic need services and referrals to long-term services to any homeless or at risk of being homeless veteran. The VSC also provides vocational services to any homeless veteran at our transitional housing program.

UPCOMING EXEMPLIFICATIONS

CONNECTICUT

11 May 2024

Bridgeport
(Spanish)

MAINE

Saturday, 18 May 2024

(Armed Forces Day)

Rockland

Saturday, 8 June 2024

Calais

MASSACHUSETTS

Sunday, 9 June 2024

Milford

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Saturday, 15 June 2024

Exeter



MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day – It's the unofficial start of summer – filled with promise of sunny skies, warm weather, and a 3-day weekend stretching before us. Often, we gather with family and friends.

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day. It is a day of remembrance for fallen US soldiers that fought and died for our freedom and has been commemorated since the end of the Civil War but has only been a federal holiday since 1971.

Memorial Day is always held on the last Monday in May. This year it is on 27 May.

The **Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities** is popularly known as “Tootsie Roll Drive” among the Knights. This involves collecting donations outside churches and stores. In appreciation, the donor is offered a piece of candy, such as a Tootsie Roll. Funds collected support the Special Olympics.

The Knights of Columbus has a unique partnership with Special Olympics of Vermont and has helped athletes with disabilities compete in games in Vermont. The Knights of Columbus councils have assisted in the past with all aspects of the program including fundraising, feeding the athletes, organizing and judging events, and providing equipment and awards. Without the support of the Knights, participants would not be able to train for the events that they love. Work with Special Olympics affiliates to determine how best to fund, sponsor, or volunteer for events in are the local community. On April 18, 2024, District Master/ Stats Special Olympics Chairman David Ely Sr. and David Ely II went to Special Olympics office to present a check from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council for the council that raises money through the Tootsie Roll drive.

The 2024 Law Enforcement Torch Run is scheduled to take place from June 19-21 with the Final Leg leading into Summer Games Opening Ceremonies at The University of Vermont.



David Ely II, Kelsey Conway Vice President of Mission Advancement/ Bennett Townley an athlete, and David Ely Sr.

MILTON COUNCIL 10417

A 41-foot ramp built for Randy and Tricia St. Amand



Opening of Saint Ann's Prayer Garden



Left to right: Tom Curran , Gille Thibault , Tim Downs , Ed Malila , Roger Dickinson , David Little , John Sharrow and Peter Lavallee

MILTON COUNCIL 10417

An exemplification was held at Saint Ann's hall with the Milton Council 10417 Exemplification Team .

We had six candidates from Essex , Richmond, Fairfax and Milton who are now Brother Knights



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 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 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 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 #	DATE	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
WEEK #11	02/24/2024			
	\$100.00	212	Charles Brown	7525
	\$75.00	30	Elijah LaChance, Esq	232
	\$50.00	7	Peter Nero	917
WEEK #12	03/02/2024			
	\$100.00	116	Sean Reilly	232
	\$75.00	186	Jay Benson	7525
	\$50.00	85	Norbert LaPrade	399
WEEK #13	03/09/2024			
	\$100.00	292	Deborah DeLabruere	2025
	\$75.00	175	Guy LaPlume	10417
	\$50.00	281	Cary Bessette	1568
WEEK #14	03/16/2024			
	\$100.00	235	Cindy Barbour	1568
	\$75.00	265	Fr. Leo Bilodeau	7943
	\$50.00	21	William Lynch	10241
WEEK #15	03/23/2024			
	\$100.00	296	Dennis Smith	5041
	\$75.00	137	Msgr Peter Routhier	279
	\$50.00	149	Gary Brouillette	399
WEEK #16	03/30/2024			
	\$100.00	61	Pat Paquette	10535
	\$75.00	156	Cheyenne & Jeremy Randall	
	\$50.00	85	Norbert LaPrade	399
WEEK #17	04/06/2024			
	\$100.00	10	Edward Malila	10417
	\$75.00	219	Gibbons Council 2285	2285
	\$50.00	293	Ron Rice	2946
WEEK #18	04/13/2024			
	\$100.00	106	George Flower	2610
	\$75.00	72	Lt Col Richard L.Shea	279
	\$50.00	53	Brittany Czekaj	2285
WEEK #19	04/20/2024			
	\$100.00	27	Jim Candon	232
	\$75.00	222	Leonard Noel	2946
	\$50.00	100	Michael Morin	1568
WEEK #20	04/27/2024			
	\$1,000.00	244	Bernard Gladu	421
	\$500.00	157	Roger Dickinson	10417
	\$250.00	277	George Flower	2610

Brother Knights;

I thank you for all of your articles and making this newsletter a success. I ask that all of the District Deputies and Grand Knights to PLEASE forward this newsletter to all of your councils and members. Send all articles to noelmaurice2@gmail.com

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