



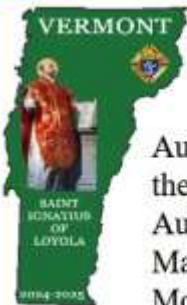
Vermont Knights Magazine



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Vermont State Council

September 2024 Edition



STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights of the Vermont Jurisdiction,

August was a busy month for me as I was part of the Vermont delegation to the international 142nd Supreme Convention in Quebec City, Canada from Aug. 5-8 and our annual state pilgrimage and State Officer Installation Mass & Ceremony with Bishop McDermott at the St. Anne Shrine, Isle La Motte on Aug. 25th. Both events were outstanding opportunities to share



some genuine fellowship with our clergy and our brother Knights, but most importantly, they were a chance to reflect on the significant contributions of the Knights of Columbus around the world and the very important roles each of us play to make those contributions come to fruition!

The Knights are so much more than just a local charitable organization that helps those in need. We are a brotherhood of faithful Catholics who, in concert with the Holy Spirit, have a profound impact on the "needy and the outcast" as well as our brothers and sisters in faith with whom we worship at Mass in our local parishes. Knights serve as both supporters of our faith and practical supporters of our bishop and priests. We have been called "the strong right arm of the Church" because we use all the gifts God has given us as individuals to join together as a team of Knights to focus our lives on making the lives of others healthier, happier and more faithful. We have all been called to this profound mission and should take it very seriously. Answering this call requires a daily reaffirmation.

Please remember that all the good things we do should start with prayer so that our efforts will not just be "good works," but supernatural blessings to those we impact. Reflect on the fact that we are not just a well-intentioned organization of *do-gooders*, but a true fraternity of Catholic religious and laymen called to a vocation of service. Be ever mindful that we still have a lot to do to infuse our councils with new brothers so that our service can be even greater and more impactful. I pray that our hearts may be continually renewed with the love of Christ and the love of others. With love, all things are possible!

I hope you all enjoyed a very well-deserved Labor Day holiday.

Peace, Chris Poirier

State Leadership



State Chaplain	Fr. Timothy Naples	District Deputy 1	Gille Thibault
State Deputy	Christopher Poirier	District Deputy 3	Tom Gravelin
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District Master	David Ely	District Deputy 9	Sean Reilly
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Membership Dir.	Valdemar Garibay		
Program Dir.	Bill LaCroix		
EFF Director (Cor)	Mike Bullock		

State Chaplain's Corner



Brother Knights,

I am pleased to repeat the regular reminder of the theme of Cor formation in the faith.

Again, Cor is prayer and fraternity for all men, led by Knights., or just supported by K. of C. members in any parish.

Cor = "heart" (in Latin.)

It reminds us of the wonderful motto of Saint John Henry Newman,

"Cor ad cor loquitur" meaning "heart speaks to heart."

In our fraternity, we should have a heart that truly cares for our brothers. In our prayer, we should speak to the Lord "from the heart."

I make mention of three of the great resources that could be used build up the faith for men in any of our Churches.

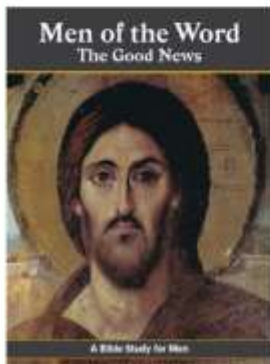
1. The *Men of the Word* Bible Study made by Knights of Columbus for any men.
2. The *Into the Breach* video series, completely available online.
3. Videos from *Wild Goose TV*, especially the series on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

I wish I had time to offer and make available all three. I am happy that Cor is being hosted in my own parish, and the Mysteries of

the Rosary are the main subject of our learning and devotion.

May Cor continue to grow in all places where Knights can share a heart for Christ with more Catholic men.

Vivat Jesus! *Fr. Tim Naples, SC*



STATE SECRETARY



Brothers,

September is the month we all get “back to work” and reflect fondly on our summer vacations and reunions with family and friends. I hope they were great!

We should now focus on re-energizing our routines involving parish work and our councils’ ongoing mission of **charitable outreach, fund-raising, recruitment and member development**. Our work as Knights is very important to the ones we serve and we should endeavor to continually grow individually and as councils.

Important Items

1. **Per Capita Payment Due** – Your “per capita” bills are currently being processed. Keep an eye out for email bills to GK’s and Financial Secretaries. Like last year , you will not be receiving a paper bill. The due date is September 30, 2024. Please reach out with any questions.



2. **State Directory** – Thank you to those who sent me your Form 185’s to get this State Directory started. We still have a lot of information to update and need your help as soon as possible. If you haven’t already done so, please send me: **name, spouse’s name (if applicable), mailing address, email address and phone number (s) of your Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and Chaplain**. This is a critical document for K of C communication in Vermont! My contact information is below.

3. **Register Round Table Coordinator** – Don’t forget to file **Form 2629**. This *Report of Round Table Coordinator* must be filed **annually** to indicate who has been appointed to be the Round Table Coordinator(s) for each of your satellite, round-table churches.

Bill LaCroix SS Phone 802-881-2748 email blacroix1@comcast.net

Announcements from the Office of the State Advocate

Worthy Brothers,

First, the ONLY councils currently Safe Environment compliant are Councils #10417 and #10830; all other councils, please check your status and get your officers compliant.

Next, per the Vermont State Bylaws, all resolutions and ideas for resolutions for the State Convention MUST be submitted to the Resolutions Committee by JANUARY 15th, 2025 so that the State Advocate can provide proper notice of the resolutions to the Councils. As such, just as was done this and last year, resolutions will NOT be accepted from the floor of the 127th Annual State Convention next year.

The resolution submitted to the Resolutions Committee need not be in official format; the Resolutions Committee will assist you with formatting, but you MUST get notice to the Resolutions Committee of your intention to submit a resolution on a particular topic by JANUARY 15th, 2025.

As a reminder, Resolutions are accepted on areas of importance to the State Council, the State of Vermont, the United States of America, or the world, but they must reflect the values of the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus and must not propose a change in Church doctrine. All resolutions will be screened by the Resolutions Committee.

All Knights are welcome to join the Resolutions Committee! In order to contact the Resolutions Committee regarding your intention to submit a resolution, or to volunteer to serve on the Resolutions Committee, please contact me at: elijahlachance@gmail.com. I will also be sending a reminder to all DD's, GK's, and FS's.

The first meeting of the Resolutions Committee will be held via Zoom on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th at 4:00 PM. A Zoom link is below; please contact me if you are interested for a direct link, and please let me know if the time does not work for you so we can schedule future meetings so all may attend. I look forward to hearing from you! Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85315208817>

Vivat Jesus!
Elijah T. LaChance
State Advocate





**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

Sir Knight O Joseph Simard Jr. PGL/FDD 83, 32yrs service to Sheridan 421 & St Elizabeth 13574 Councils, 20 yrs service Sheridan assembly 1152.

Sir Knight Norbert Vogl Jr. 92, 28 yrs service Fr. Joseph W. Joy 7389. Member Degoesbriand Assembly 1148.

Worthy Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and Brother Knights,

The Silver Rose's journey through Vermont was completed on August 3 when it was transferred to Massachusetts.

Thank you to the Swanton 7669, Troy 7943, Milton 10417, St. Albans 297 and South Burlington 7525 Councils for participating in this year's Silver Rose.

The St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon, the most recent in a series of Pilgrim Icons since 1979, has traveled to the Newport 2285, St. Johnsbury 421 and South Burlington 7525 Councils during the months of July and August. Word is that Supreme will be releasing a new Pilgrim Icon later this year or in early 2025.



Vivat Jesus!

Roger Dickinson
State Silver Rose Chairman
802.373.7135
dcknsn95@comcast.net

For more information, contact Roger Dickinson, State Silver Rose Chairman at dcknsn95@comcast.net or (802) 373-7135


Join us in praying to Our Lady to strengthen our efforts to restore the Culture of Life in our society.

Where: _____
Date: _____
Title: _____
Contact: _____




Our Lady of Guadalupe
Silver Rose
Prayer
Service

*One Life,
One Rose*



*"Through my conscience
God speaks to me and
calling us to defend our faith
in all times"*

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SAINT JOSEPH

Pilgrim Icon Program

Vocations

The Future of Our Church

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 future of our church is directly tied to people answering God's call to a religious vocation. Promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life is one of our highest priorities of the Knights of Columbus.

The RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program) has been and is the primary program through which Knights of Columbus councils, and assemblies participate in an organized manner in supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Councils are required to provide financial support of at least \$500 for a minimum of one seminarian. Councils are also required to provide their "adopted" seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success. This is a central aspect of RSVP and must be fulfilled to satisfy the program requirements. 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.

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

I ask that all our councils work with me as your State Vocations 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 802-862-8581. Also if you have given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 24 - June 30, 25 and have not sent me a copy, please send me a copy of form 2863 (RSVP form) .

Priests, Brothers, Nuns...They need us, we need them...Vocations are everybody's business. Pray for Vocations.

**Fraternally,
Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM
State Vocations Director**

**ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON
SEMINARIAN DIRECTORY**

2024-2025

<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	Forth 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	Third 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 05403 lvo@vermontcatholic.org	First-Theology	Mr. Loc Van Vo c/o Diocese of Burlington 55 Joy Drive South Burlington, VT DOB 08/10/1994
Mr. Anthony L. Maurice Saint Meinrad Seminary 200 Hill Drive St. Meinrad, IN 47577 amaurice@vermontcatholic.org	First-Theology	Mr. Anthony L. Maurice 165 Osborne Road Barre, VT 05641 DOB 4/13/2000
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

**The Discalced Carmelite Nuns
Need Our Help
at the
Carmel of St. Joseph in Lowell, VT!**

Raffle to Benefit the Carmelite Nuns of Vermont



Amish Made Quilt
valued at \$600.00



Gift Card to Stowe Village Inn
valued at \$400.00



Hand Sculptured Doll
valued at \$300.00



Jay Peak Waterpark Family Day Pass
valued at \$200.00



\$100.00 VISA Card

Raffle is \$25.00 per Ticket or 2 Tickets for \$40.00

Drawing is Oct 1, 2024

Help is needed with replacing a roof and plumbing work

For Tickets call

Ed Malila 802-879-0929 or GK Gille Thibault 802-734-5600

A New Chapter for VT Knights of Columbus

It is my great pleasure to announce the creation of the Brown Agency of the Knights of Columbus. Effective 7/1, long time General Agent Joe DiCalogero retired and passed along management of Massachusetts to his son Matt DiCalogero while the jurisdictions of VT, NH, and ME were assigned to Kevin Brown.

I've worked with Kevin for 8+ years and could not be happier to be serving him as the new general agent. He is a dear friend to me and my family in addition to being an excellent representative of the Order. Kevin lives in Nashua NH with his wife Alysha and their 6 children.

Kevin is an exceptional young man with a particularly difficult and unique charge to be met. Please join me in welcoming him and supporting him on this endeavor. The most important aspect of taking over an agency is to build up a field force of agents and advisors to serve the members of that jurisdiction. **It is more important than ever that we find another dedicated Knight to help with the work here in VT. Please consider the field agent position for yourself or another Catholic man you may know.** Thank you and God bless,

Dave Giuliani
802-272-6009
david.giuliani@kofc.org





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE Vermont DISTRICT
Bishop James A. Healy PROVINCE
Sir Knight David A. Ely Sr. District Master,

To Worthy District Deputy, Grand Knights, Financial Secretary, Faithful Navigator, and Faithful Comptroller

The Master of the Vermont District, David Ely Sr, is honored to host an Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree on September 21, 2024, at St. Edward's or St. Mary's in Newport Vermont 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.

Registration 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Exemplification Ceremony 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Photo Opportunity 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Rosary 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 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.

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

David Ely SR
175 Elmwood Ave
Burlington VT, 05401

If you have any questions, feel free to contact
David at 802-862-5109 or email

requests for all meal tickets go to: <https://forms.office.com/r/y2zprKNQuw>

Candidate meals is included with the \$70.00. Guest meals are \$40.00 (**payable to Vermont District Master**)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ Vermont District Master Booklet Advertising

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

Assembly Or Council # _____

AD SIZE: (CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

_____ QTR. PAGE-\$35.00

_____ HALF PAGE- \$50.00

_____ ¾ PAGE \$75.00

_____ FULL PAGE- \$. 100.00 (5 1/2 in. x 8 1/2 in.)

_____ HONORABLE MENTION, SINGLE LINE- \$20.00 each (Print names here.)

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

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

175 Elmwood Ave
Burlington Vermont 05401

Email David Ely II at Davidely1986@gmail.com for all adds



Knights of Columbus
Fourth Degree
Bishop James A. Healy Province
David A. Ely Sr.
Master Vermont District



Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus
Exemplification Order Form
Exemplification Date:
September 21, 2024 order #1

All Exemplification Initiation Fees, Additional Banquet and Ladies Luncheon Tickets must be ordered through the Faithful Comptroller. Please process the Assembly's order using this form. **Forward it no later than August 30, 2024** along with an **Assembly check** for the full amount to: Vermont District fun at 175 Elmwood Aver Burlington VT, 05401

ALL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS (Form 4) AND PROPERLY SIGNED with MEMBERSHIP NUMBER MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM

(Please clearly print or type all information requested.)

Assembly Name: _____ No. _____
 Faithful Comptroller: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

****Please note: The \$70.00 Candidate Fee includes one Banquet ticket. Carry forward totals from pages 2, 3.***

#	Item	Price each	Subtotal
	Exemplification Candidates	\$70.00	\$
	Additional Banquet Tickets	\$40.00	\$
Total Amount (this order form) Submitted			\$



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. Note this content and more will soon be available on other platforms. State EFF Director training is 12-15 SEP 2024 in New Haven, CT.

Into the Breach Videos: Two Series:

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

Into The Breach

Trailer + 12 videos (<14m ea.)

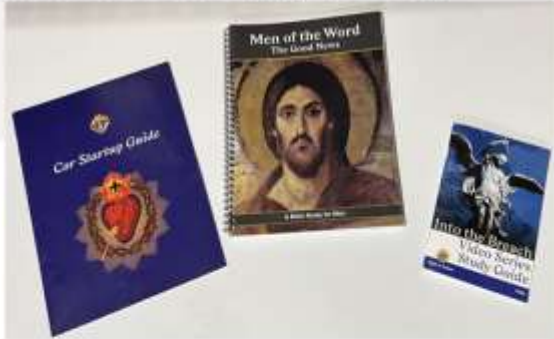
Mission of the Family

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. Note : If I do not answer please leave a callback #.

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 Support to St Jude Family BBQ



District Master Letter



With summer coming to an end, now is our opportunity to offer events that give our members things to do and places to gather. Offer dinners once or twice a month and plan activities that your membership can support and join. Start using these events to promote your Councils and Assembly for prospective Members as well and it is never too early to start planning your future events. National Patriotism Week is September 9-15. You still have time to download a proclamation for National Patriotism Week and have your city's mayor sign. Then take advantage of the many forms and certificates you can use to recognize program participants and volunteers.

Patriot Day is a United States national observance on September 11 to remember those who were injured or killed during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001, when four planes were hijacked. The hijackers then deliberately flew three of the planes into two important buildings, the Pentagon in Washington DC, and the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. The fourth crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The loss of life and damage that these hijackings caused from the biggest act of terrorism ever on United States soil. Nearly 3000 people died in the attacks and the economic impact was immense. In observance of this National Day of Mourning, please look for ways that your assembly can participate in remembering those who sacrificed their lives to save, protect, and defend our country. 1) Recruit more new Sir Knights to enable us to increase our support to our Dioceses and Parishes. Our challenge will be to: 1) Invite members of your parish to become a Knight of Columbus (make every event a recruiting opportunity) 2) Invite every Third-Degree member of your Council to become a Fourth-Degree member of your Assembly. 3) Invite every Fourth-Degree member of your Assembly to acquire a Uniform and Regalia (if they do not already have it) and become active in your Assemblies Color Corps. Remember, this is not about

numbers, it is about strengthening our ability as an organization to better serve our Church and our Clergy!!

Our SD Chris, my son David and I will be participating in the 2024 Provincial Meeting for the Bishop James Healy Province of the Knights of Columbus will be at September 27-28 at Saint Anthony's Franciscan Monastery (framon.net) in Kennebunkport, Maine! If you would like to be on my team, I have an office opening to fill. I need District Marshal South, Military Liaison / VAVS, Director of Membership and Director of Programs let me know if you are in All District Masters from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, and Rhode Island will convene to kick off the 125th Anniversary Year of the Fourth-Degree culminating with an Exemplification of the Fourth Degree on February 22, 2025, in New York City! We will be joined by Provincial Friar Fr. Jean-Paul Labrie, Worthy State Deputies from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, and Rhode Island along with include an Installation Mass and Blessing of Swords on Saturday 28. An Honor Guard call-out will be forthcoming for those in regalia who may wish to participate. We are pleased to announce that Supreme Master Michael R. McCusker will be coming that weekend.

Protocol for the use of the Color Corps (Honor and Color Guard)

It is with great pleasure that I am witnessing a significant increase in requests for the services of the Fourth Degree at ceremonies and Masses. As these ceremonies and Masses continue to be requested, there have been some questions regarding if/when the District Master should be notified with regard to coordinating such events. As such, I feel this is the appropriate time to communicate my expectations regarding those events and activities, and when the District Master should be notified.

If a Priest makes a request of the Faithful Navigator and his Assembly to participate in a ceremony or Mass of the Parish, it is the decision of the Faithful Navigator to accept or decline, based on membership participation for the event. However, we must remember that it is very important to support the wishes of the Priest. In such instances as this, the District Master does not need to be contacted to coordinate this event. However, I ask that you notify one of the Marshals nearest to you. He is available to assist in any way if requested. If you don't know who the Marshals are, just go to the State website, under "4th Degree" and they are listed with contact information.

If a request comes in from a family, due the death of a brother, Fourth Degree or not, this request should be honored. It is also allowed to have an Honor Guard for the deceased immediate family members of a brother Knight. The key word is "IMMEDIATE". We must ensure that the details are worked out with the Parish Priest. It is also perfectly acceptable to have an Honor Guard for one who will be interred in a columbarium. Again, you must work out the details with the Parish Priest.

On the other hand, if a request for the Forth Degree is made at a Regional or Diocesan level (usually through the bishop); the District Master needs to be notified before a commitment is

made. To assist me in such duties, I will enlist the help of my District Marshal and/or an Assistant Marshal that I have appointed in various areas across the State. When I receive such notification from you for this type of event, I will ask them to contact you to offer assistance to you and your Assembly in coordinating the event. This is not meant to have them “take over”, but to act as a guide and mentor. In most cases, they have had experience with such events in the past.

The request for installation of Assembly Officers and to do the Renewal of Obligations must come through. It is his responsibility to either preside at these ceremonies or appoint someone to act on his behalf.

Though I’m sure we want to participate as much as we can, we must also be sensitive to the time sacrifices made by our Sir Knights. It is almost always a good idea to solicit assistance from nearby Assemblies. Let’s work together as a team and support each other.

If a Sir Knight shows up for any activity involving the Color Corps, not properly dressed, he is NOT to participate.

Color Corps Commanders must know and follow the proper Color Corps protocol as currently called out in the Color Corps Drill Manual. The excuse “this how we’ve always done it” is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. There is no excuse for not having access to the Drill Manual. It is on the State website under the “4th Degree” section and can be downloaded and printed out. It can also be ordered from Supreme.

I would be remiss if I did not close by encouraging you to have in-person contact with your Councils to recruit new Sir Knights. We need younger brothers to assure our future, and to continue the high visibility of the Fourth Degree of our Order.

Please feel free to contact me or one of my Marshals if you have any questions. If we don’t immediately have the answer, we will find out and get back to you as quickly as possible. Do not have your Assembly meeting with your council meeting it is not allowed by the Supreme offices. It is not okay to do.

REPORT OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS was due June 30, 2024 – Your Faithful Comptroller must enter the 2024-2025 council officers into Member Management Council Administration immediately after the election in May/June 2024. Be sure to make the entries as “Next Year Officers” and not as “Current Officers” (unless you are past the 6/30 deadline and the newly elected have become “Current Year”). This must be immediately followed by the generation in the Member Management Print Center of Report #2 (Report of Next Year Officers) (use Report #1 if past 6/30), which you then send to the Supreme Master, Vice Supreme Master and the District Master. These actions replace the use of the old form 185, which, although still available, should NOT be used. These actions also eliminate the need for use of the old state directory change form as the report will be forwarded to the A&F Chairman, so please discontinue use of the “change form.” The Faithful Navigators, should ensure that the Faithful Comptroller has taken care of this as required.

STATE DIRECTORY CHANGE is due immediately – At the beginning of the fraternal year and again at any time there is a change in either name or any of the contact information for

the Faithful Navigators, Comptrollers, Assembly Friars, and Color Core Commander, Assembly should inform the State. The directory is updated as reports are received and is the most current information available. Please review the meeting information (dates and places) in the directory and make sure it is correct and that it exactly matches the official meeting information in Member Management Council Administration. Any updates or changes in meeting information should be sent in email to the A&F Chairman. The VT State Directory is not currently available on the VT website, due to potential security issues

Assembly AUDITS (Form 1315) are due August 15. Every Assembly is required to perform an Assembly audit. This should be done as soon as possible. Copies of both audits should be sent to the Supreme Master, Vice Supreme Master and the District Master.

Is anyone interested if we starting a district officers meeting online every other month to go over. What's going on in the 4th degree? This will be talking about forms and how to fill them out. What upcoming on Honor guard services that is coming up in the diocese or your area. Let The district Master know if you are willing to participating. It will be in zoom.

I have 55 and counting Sir Knights with the new uniform on my list. I am looking for any sir knights that have the uniform to add to the state Color Guard list. **I am pleased to announce the next 4th Degree Exemplification will be conducted in Newport on September 21st, 2024. This is a Saturday afternoon event. I know WE can make this work. I NEED your help to make it work. I am aware Councils and Assemblies tend to take time off during the summer months however, NOW is the time to start your recruiting. I need your completed Form 4 copies now. If you have any in the pipeline, let me know. To date I have received no Form 4's, or know they are in the final stage for submission, from the following Assemblies 2207 Swanton 3, 2609 Milton Assembly 2 or 3, 1157 Newport? :). These 3 Assemblies equate to 15% assembly participation, why are we not closer to 100%? Again, I NEED your help to make it work. I need Honor Guards that day.**

I'm looking for an Assembly to hold an exemplification in May 2025 in the White River junction, Brattleboro area if any assembly in that area would like to host it left to the district Master now. Next fall we will be in. Middlebury area. If any assembly wants to host an exemplification any were in the stats let the district master know.

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

Vivat Jesus,
David A. Ely Sr.
Sir Knight David A. Ely Sr. District Master
175 Elmwood Ave
Burlington VT, 05401
802-862-5109 ElyFamily6@aol.com

Uniform Talk

The Color Corp of the Patriotic Degree

Purpose of the Color Corps

When knighthood was in flower, knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions specified in this manual. Hence, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.

The Color Corps members exemplify all the principles of our Order:

Charity - by the gift of their time and energies necessary to practice, perfect and perform the ceremonials and sword drill;

- Unity – by the united efforts of Sir Knights to practice and perfect a coordinated drill for the good of the Church and the Order;
- Fraternity – by expressing an “Esprit de Corps,” sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie; and
- Patriotism – by performing precision drill as a salute to God and to country and visually exhibiting a love for both.

The public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity of each assembly. By these public demonstrations, their loyalty and patriotism bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.

SHAPING & WEARING of the Beret

Official Fourth Degree Black Unlined Beret with Fourth Degree metal badge to be worn over the left eye.

Shaping Instructions:

1. Wet the beret. Soak the beret in warm water. If your beret has a flash or other insignia, keep it away from the water as much as possible. If your insignia is removable, we suggest you remove the insignia prior to this step.

Note: Using hot water on the black rim will shrink the beret. If your beret is slightly too large, using hot water is a good idea. If your beret already fits your head snugly, be sure to avoid hot water

2. Wring out the excess water. Get rid of all the extra water you can by gently wringing out the beret. It will still be damp, but make sure there is no more dripping water.
3. Shape the beret. Place the damp beret on your head. Pull the beret up to make it stand. Pull all excess fabric down on the right side of your head by folding it with your hands. Repeat this action several times, making sure the fabric on top is completely smooth.
4. Allow the beret to dry on your head. Doing this will keep the beret from shrinking too much and will form the beret more closely to the exact shape of your head. If necessary, you may need to hold the fold down with one hand until it becomes secure. You may take the beret off if it's still slightly damp after a few hours.

We are pleased to welcome "The Supply Room" (TSR) as the new distributor of Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree regalia.

TSR is a world-class, leading distributor of military and law enforcement uniforms, located in Oxford, Alabama. In addition to 100+ years of experience and a solid reputation for quality, they will offer customer service representatives dedicated to Knights of Columbus uniform orders.

What to know:

- As before, orders may be placed at www.kofcuniform.com.
- The customer service number remains the same and is available at [1-866-562-4327](tel:1-866-562-4327).
- TSR customer service is able to assist with questions regarding uniforms ordered from the previous fulfillment company.
- We remain grateful to our Sir Knights and are proud of the dignity and respect with which you represent the Order in your parishes and communities.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH
DEGREE Vermont DISTRICT
Bishop James A. Healy PROVINCE
Honor or Color Guard Request Form**



Date Request Submitted:

Worthy

On: Day of Event Month Date Year CC Arrival Time Event
Time

the Organization - - if a Council or Assembly, provide number

will have

The location of the event is:

Street Name, City and Major Crossroads

We would like to have the following Honor or Color Guard Assy(s) participate:

Assembly(s) Number

Number of Color Corps requested at the event: Check One: Min:
Max:

Ladies are welcome to attend the event: Yes: No:

Social event following fallout? Yes: No:

Membership drive with the event? Yes: No:

Fraternally Yours in Christ: Event Type:

Name

Title

* Inactive Assembly

<p>Council ASSEMBLIES</p> <p>Fairfax 10830, St. Albans 1149</p> <p>Milton 10417, Milton 2609</p> <p>Richford 2610, Richford 2179</p> <p>St. Albans 297, St. Albans 1149</p> <p>Swanton 7669, Swanton 2207 , Alburgh* 1160</p> <p>Burlington 279, Burlington 1148</p> <p>South Burlington 7525, 2106</p> <p>Winooski 2284, Winooski*1156</p> <p>Colchester 7389,</p> <p>Essex Junction 2946, Essex Junction 1793</p> <p>Richmond 4684, Essex Junction 1793</p> <p>Underhill 7810, Essex Junction 1793</p> <p>Middlebury 642, Middlebury 1743</p> <p>Vergennes 3664</p> <p>Go to District Marshal North: David A. Ely II</p>	<p>Newport 2285, Newport 1157</p> <p>Orleans 7763, Newport 1157</p> <p>St. Johnsbury 421, St. Johnsbury 1152</p> <p>Troy 7943, Newport 1157</p> <p>Hardwick 1568, Hardwick 1155 , Island Pond* 1158</p> <p>Morrisville 5041, Morrisville 2312</p> <p>Barre 399, Barre1151</p> <p>Waterbury 2085, Waterbury 2550</p> <p>Norwich University 9146, Barre 1151</p> <p>Go to District Marshal North: David A. Ely II</p>
<p>Bennington 307, Bennington 1150</p> <p>Fair Haven810, Fair Haven 2539</p> <p>Manchester 6816, Manchester* 2479</p> <p>Rutland 232, Rutland 1147</p> <p>Bristol 10535</p> <p>Go To District Marshal South</p>	<p>Bellows Falls 753, Bellows Falls 1153</p> <p>Brattleboro 917, Brattleboro 1154</p> <p>Ludlow 7324,</p> <p>Springfield 2628, Springfield 10417</p> <p>White River Junction 2025, 1229</p> <p>Bethel 1159</p> <p>Windsor 2832, Windsor* 1161</p> <p>District Marshal South</p>

NOTE: Send the request to the Marshal for that area responsible for your Assembly. Submit a request a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the event to ensure good Color Corps representation. Commanders' "MUST" respond to the Marshal 2 days prior to the event if the Assembly is unable to attend.



Serving Those Who Served

Knights of Columbus Veteran's Affairs Service Program



When our country needed them, our veterans answered the call to serve. Now members of the Fourth Degree are being called to serve our veterans through a new program: "Serving Those Who Served." Our goal is to have an active corps of Knights serving as volunteers at every Veteran's Administration medical facility in the nation. Patriotism is the principle of the Fourth Degree. Perhaps the ultimate patriotic expression is showing care and concern by "Serving Those Who Served." The Fourth Degree needs you and our veterans need you.

Volunteers are needed at Veteran's medical facilities on a regular basis. Through the "Serving Those Who Served" program assemblies are asked to form a corps of volunteers to meet the needs of our veterans on an ongoing basis. Just some volunteer opportunities for Fourth Degree Knights include:

- Coordinating volunteer activities — matching the volunteers available with the needs of hospitalized veterans;
- Supporting the Catholic Chaplains in their ministry of spiritual support to our Catholic patients;

- Encourage councils, auxiliaries, and Squires circles to support VAVS activities;
- Sponsor VAVS youth volunteers;
- Providing reception and information services — working in reception areas to provide information to visitors;
- Helping make patients comfortable by distributing toiletries, sweaters and other items that help make veterans more comfortable;
- Providing “Pet Therapy” — bringing pets to facility to interact with the veterans at appropriate places and times;
- Vocational rehabilitation — helping or providing the opportunity for veterans to participate in job skills programs;
- Arts and crafts — providing materials and programs that help veterans use artistic and creative skills;
- Patient visiting;
- Patient check-in and patient escort;
- Offering holiday celebrations — organizing parties for veterans;
- Taking patients to ball games or performances when possible; and
- Hosting picnics, parties or recreation outings.



Upon discharge from the VA facility some veterans find they have lost touch with friends and family. They need human companionship and a friendly, dependable Fourth Degree volunteer might be “just what the doctor ordered.” Discharged veterans need compassionate, caring and committed individuals to:

- Help them access community events and services; Share their time by visiting them, listening to them and talking with them;

- Note changes in the patient's condition and inform the healthcare team; and
- Remember them on birthdays, holidays and other special occasions.

Many assemblies are not located close enough to a Veteran's medical facility to make regular efforts practical. However, they may still participate in and make a valuable contribution to the "Serving Those Who Served" program. The possibilities are limited only by the imagination and the needs of the veterans. For instance:

- Organize a drive to collect clothing, coats, gloves, pajamas, robes, toiletries, etc. for veterans;
- Organize program to provide rosaries, bibles, Catholic religious literature, and Chapel items like mass bells, Easter candle holders, altar lines;
- Volunteer as Eucharistic Ministers to take Communion to bed patients;
- Collecting or developing a plan to buy television sets, VCRs, DVD players or stereo equipment to donate for use in medical facility common areas;
- Collect video and audio tapes, books, DVD and CD disks for the facility;
- Develop a plan to donate personal computers and computer programs, printers and other peripherals (as well paper and ink) for use by veterans;
- Travel to a VA facility to put on a special program or entertainment for patients;
- Plan and conduct a special outing, if possible, for veterans such as a picnic, a trip to the ballpark or a special community event;
- Plan a special holiday event and travel to the facility to conduct it for the veterans;
or
- Adopt veterans at a distant facility and remember them regularly with cards and letters.

STAR ASSEMBLY

The Star Assembly Award recognizes outstanding achievements in membership, programs, and overall excellence.

Membership Growth

Reach growth quota: 6% Net Membership Growth

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

Military Chaplain

Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund Supreme Knight Kelly recommitted the Fourth Degree of our Order to continue our support of the AMS CoSponsored program. Our goal is to work with each State Deputy, District Master, Grand Knight, and Faithful Navigator to promote this most important program. Every council, assembly and yes, ladies auxiliary, should consider making a small monthly donation, single payment donation, and to host fund raising events throughout the fraternal year. It is important that our members are aware that people in military service to their country is a very special vocation. Those who serve their country in the armed forces are subject to special conditions of life which demand a suitable adapted apostolate. They are engaged in the most delicate ministry of peace and love. The co-sponsored program recognizes that this ministry requires a special calling, the military form of life demands an extraordinary flexibility and creativity. At the same time, it offers exceptional challenges to chaplains who have personal access to thousands of young people. The potential benefits for the Church at large through priestly ministry to military personnel is enormous. Understand that we have just over 800 billets for Catholic Chaplains, yet we have around 200 on active duty, the need is there, your support is greatly needed. Donations should be made payable to: Knights of Columbus Charities On the memo line write "Military Chaplains." Mail checks to: Knights of Columbus Attn: Maryann Ludington, Charities One Columbus Plaza New Haven, CT 06510.

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As Catholics and citizens, members of the Knights of Columbus should vote and should encourage members of their families, parishes, and communities to vote. Members are not permitted to engage in partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Partisan political activity is defined as action directed toward success or failure of a political party, candidate for political office, or political group. The tiles below contain links to nonpartisan websites maintained by the National Association of Secretaries of State and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

These links are being provided as a convenience and for informational purposes only; they do not constitute an endorsement or an approval by the Knights of Columbus of any of the products, services or opinions of the corporation or organization or individual. The Knights of Columbus bears no responsibility for the accuracy, legality or content of the external site or for that of subsequent links.

To encourage our members, their families, Brother Knights and other fellow Catholics to exercise their right to vote, the Knights of Columbus has prepared this Vote graphic to remind people of the importance of their civic duty to participate in the upcoming election. Councils and members are encouraged to use the Vote graphic on their personal and council webpages, Facebook pages and other social media platforms, to encourage voter participation this Election Day. A printable pdf flyer featuring the graphic is also available to post in parishes and throughout the community. Please remember to obtain permission from the appropriate persons before posting the flyer.



District Secretary/ District Marshal North

Brothers and Sir Knights,



Most people love their families. Many people love their schools, their homes, and their sports teams. All these loves can be appropriate. In making us for himself, God didn't mean to eradicate all other loves. Instead, he wants those loves to be purer and in right proportion to our ultimate Love. God didn't intend for Adam and Eve to be so "spiritual" that they were blind to the goodness of the Garden of Eden around them.

In the same way, where there is good in our country or family, it is right to have affection and display affection for those good things. We should pray for service men and women. We should pray for the President. We should pray for the just cause to triumph over the evil one. Catholics are not moral relativists. God may be on America's side in her endeavors; I love to hear the national anthem and "God Bless America" and "My Country, Tis of Thee," in church where the nation gathers to worship the King of Kings. I love to see the presentation of colors and salute our veterans at Church just as I love to see us honor Jesus at the Memorial Day parade or during a time of remembrance at the cemetery. We must hold to the traditions of the Apostles in our worship, as well as the traditions of American history. The fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus may just be the perfect way to meld the ideal of Patriotism with the Worship of our God. After all, the noblest boast of all time is "That I am an American Catholic." If you're interested in knowing more about membership in the fourth degree, please contact your Grand Knight, Navigator

We are receiving more requests for Color Corps at events. I am asking all our Brother Sir Knights to please assist when you can. If you don't have the uniform, please consider purchasing it. We cannot keep asking the same group of Sir Knights who regularly come out for these

requests to keep doing so without the help of others along with new members. Color Corps Commanders, please conduct regular training, practice and inspections at your Assembly meetings or at other times if you can. All Sir Knights are asked to promote the 4th Degree at your Council meetings. Tell our brother 3rd Degree Knights what we do in the 4th Degree. Share your experiences with your Brother Knights of how it feels when a family member of a deceased Brother Knight thanks you for participating in a casket watch or when a veteran thanks you for attending an event where they salute the American flag you are holding. Share with them how proud you feel to be a 4th Degree Knight and an American.

If you have not been to a Color Corps event in some time, please consider coming out and joining us. We will be conducting an Exemplification of the 4th Degree on September 21st and will need Color Corps assistance. Please consider coming out to assist. Emails with Color Corps events are being sent out to the Navigators and Color Corps Commanders. If you are not receiving this information, please email me at Davidely1986@gmail.com. We want to make sure all Color Corps are receiving this information in a timely manner.

District Secretary update. As of this day August 22, 2024. I have some Form 186 Officers and Audit #1315 from some of the assemblies. Look at the list below it I have you form in. if you email to the district master, he has not puss is on to my so I can check your assemblies off. Green is good and red is I don't have it in. Also, I put down the new Sir Knights that are your membership quota for this year. The District Master quota is 52 new Sir. Knights this year. For Vermont.

186	1315	New Sir
1147 Rutland, (Msgr. John M. Brown Assembly)	1147 Rutland, (Msgr. John M. Brown Assembly)	3
1148 Burlington, (DeGoesbriand Assembly)	1148 Burlington, (DeGoesbriand Assembly)	2
1149 St. Albans - St. Albans Assembly	1149 St. Albans - St. Albans Assembly	3
1150 Bennington, (Bennington Assembly)	1150 Bennington, (Bennington Assembly)	2
1151 Barre, (Charles W. Jasman Assembly)	1151 Barre, (Charles W. Jasman Assembly)	5
1152 St. Johnsbury, (Sheridan Assembly)	1152 St. Johnsbury, (Sheridan Assembly)	2

1153 Bellows Falls, (St. Charles Assembly)	1153 Bellows Falls, (St. Charles Assembly)	2
1154 Brattleboro, (Leo Assembly)	1154 Brattleboro, (Leo Assembly)	2
1157 Newport - Cardinal James Gibbons Assembly	1157 Newport - Cardinal James Gibbons Assembly	5
1159 Springfield, (Sullivan Assembly)	1159 Springfield, (Sullivan Assembly)	1
1229 White River Junction, (Michaud Assembly)	1229 White River Junction, (Michaud Assembly)	2
1743 - Middlebury - Fr. Daley Assembly	1743 - Middlebury - Fr. Daley Assembly	3
1793 Essex Junction - Bishop Rice Assembly	1793 Essex Junction - Bishop Rice Assembly	3
2106 South Burlington, (Louis J. Trono Assembly)	2106 South Burlington, (Louis J. Trono Assembly)	4
2179 Richford, (All Saints Assembly)	2179 Richford, (All Saints Assembly)	2
2207 Swanton, (St. Edmund of Canterbury Assembly)	2207 Swanton, (St. Edmund of Canterbury Assembly)	2
2312 Morrisville - Fr. Boivin Assembly	2312 Morrisville - Fr. Boivin Assembly	2
2539 Fair Haven, (Fair Haven Assembly)	2539 Fair Haven, (Fair Haven Assembly)	2
2550 Waterbury, (Fr. Galligan Assembly)	2550 Waterbury, (Fr. Galligan Assembly)	1
2609 Milton, (Bishop Robert F. Joyce Assembly)	2609 Milton, (Bishop Robert F. Joyce Assembly)	3

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Michael McCusker, PSD

VICE SUPREME MASTER

Duane J. Belanger (Bonnie)

PROVINCIAL FRIAR

Very Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie

PROVINCIAL CHIEF OF STAFF

Philip Lizotte, PSD, FDD
(Debbie)

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MAINE

Jon Harvey, IPSD (Patricia)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Jay Morris (Barbara)

VERMONT

David A. Ely, Sr. (Karen)

MASSACHUSETTS

Stanley Ciukaj (Jean)

CONNECTICUT

Chris Randall (Lynn)

RHODE ISLAND

Jack Tracy III (Linda)

Executive Assistant to the
Vice Supreme Master

Mark Bourgojn, PSD (Lois)

Civic Award Application

To Be a Patriot Award Form

Annual Assembly Audit

THE SUPREME ASSEMBLY IN QUEBEC CITY



VSM BELANGER MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate District Masters SK Jon Harvey, SK Chris Randall, SK Jay Morris, and SK Jack Tracy III as they start their terms along with SK David Ely Sr and SK Stanley Ciukaj on their reappointment. I would also like to thank SK Glenn Camley, SK Kevin Donovan, SK Victor Silva, and SK John Deetjen, Jr. on their service to the Order.

As we embark on the 125th year of the Patriotic Degree we have a mission to shore up our districts for the next 125 years! Together we will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Patriotic Degree on 22 February 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral, transition to a new revised exemplification, and grow our membership so that we can support our Holy Mother Church and honor those who serve our Country.

As we meet for the 2024 Provincial Assembly in Kennebunkport, Maine one thing will be clear; we must work together if we are to achieve our goal of 6% growth. Our Worthy Supreme Master outlined in his report to the 2023 Supreme Assembly that we must work to bring the 3rd degree and 4th degree closer and reminds us that **"We are not separate organizations, but much like the Church different parts of the same body."** Growth in the 3rd degree provides potential candidates for the 4th degree and an active 4th degree provides visibility and generates interest to join the Order; the relationship is mutually beneficial. I am humbled that all State Deputies will be in attendance or represented at the Provincial Assembly. This will be a great opportunity to reinforce the partnership between the 3rd degree and 4th degree in support of our common mission of growth in the Order.

In closing, I wish you safe travels and I look forward to seeing you all later this month at the Franciscan Monastery Retreat Center in Kennebunkport!"

DISTRICT QUOTAS

District	Membership	Quota
ME	2,539	152
NH	1,868	112
VT	870	52
MA	4,063	244
CT	4,646	279
RI	884	53
Total	14,870	892

EXEMPLIFICATIONS

New Hampshire

21 September

St. Thomas Aquinas Church - Derry





**Come play bingo and join the fun on
September 19th**

**at the St. John Vianney Parish Center
on Hinesburg Rd. in So. Burlington.**

Doors open at 5:30 PM. The 1st Game starts at 6:30 PM.

Light snacks available.

*A lucky winner could win \$1000 on Coverall, or up to \$800 for our
progressive pop open ticket game.*

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

**Charities we support include Coats for Kids, Ronald McDonald House, Camp Ta Kum
Ta, Josh's House, People with Intellectual Disabilities.**



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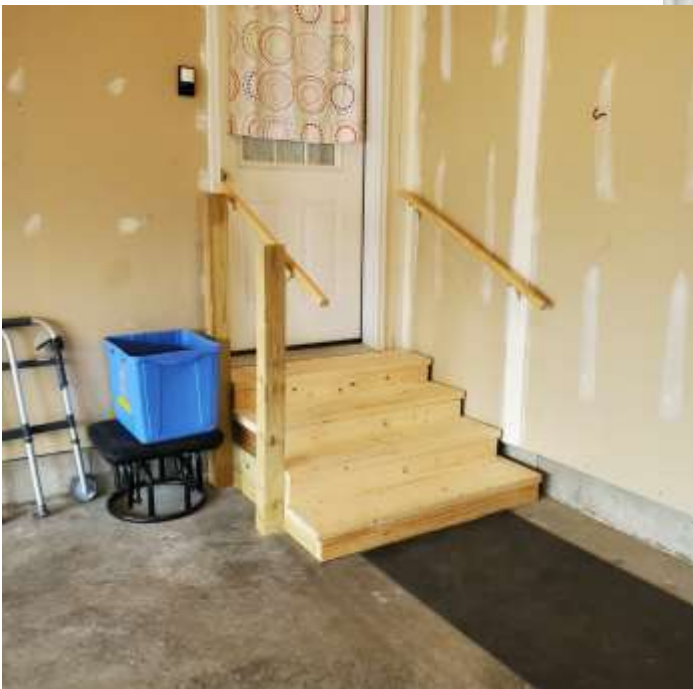


MILTON COUNCIL 10417

A Donation from Bob and Marcia Metevier to help the Knights build a set of stairs to the garage and a single step into the breeze way.

Margaret and Barbara's Gadue were very happy to have the Knights help out with their works of Charity.

Thank you to FN Roger Dickinson and PSD Tom Curran with all their work.



Milton Council 10417

Saint Ann's Prayer Garden and sidewalk needed some sprucing up .

Left to right Toby (in Greek meaning God is Great) Scott Wise , FN Roger Dickinson, PDGK Guy LaPlume , GK Gille Thibault



Milton Council 10417

Fr Curtis asked the Knights to do a little tree trimming at the entrance of Saint Ann's Church .



Milton Council 10417

Installation of State Council Officers and District Deputies 2024
I would like to thank Councils from Milton 10417 , Swanton 7669 and Saint Albans 297 for their contribution with BBQ at St. Ann's Shrine .







Fr. Meany-Fr. St. Onge Council 7943 Officers Installation
 St. Andre Bessette Parish with a social following at The Junction Restaurant, Troy
 by Former District Deputy Stanley Baranowski
 August 21, 2024,
 Congratulations to the following Officers

L-R Front Row: David Struzik, Larry Snider, Jose Rodriguez Jr., Daniel McAvinney, Richard Morrissette
 Second Row: SK Kurt Muller, GK George Piette, Rev. Fr. Leopold Bilodeau, SD Christopher Poirier, SK Normand Raymond
 Third Row: FN/SK Keith Mandart, FDD Stanley Baranowski, Gerard Raboin, Acting District Warden Kevin Aremburg



Fr. Meany-Fr. St. Onge Council 7943 conducts a Blessing of ATV's, 4-Wheelers, Side-by-Side, Motorcycle, & Bicycles during its monthly Community Family Breakfasts with Rev. Fr. James Butts.

August 18, 2024

Pictured are Gerard Raboin, Ernest & Louise Choquette, Richard Morrissette, Fr. James Butts, Rose Bathalon, Altar Server Damian Leblanc

Knights of Columbus COUNCIL 297 August 2023 NEWS

Brother Knights – The last time that Council 297 submitted a newsletter was in May 2023. In this newsletter we will capture many highlights. We are glad to restart this communication.

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 Council 297 Officers

Please welcome the new slate of officers for K of C Council 297

We are looking forward to a great year of growing in the faith (Cor), growing our council by helping our Priests, family and community.

What is Cor: Check it out [here](#).

Current Officers	
Officer Positions	Name
Grand Knight	Garibay, Valdemar
Financial Secretary	Tardif Sr, Raymond E
Deputy Grand Knight	Benoit, Gilbert L
Chancellor	Bonnette, Maurice J
Recorder	McMillan, James E
Treasurer	Morse, Michael P
Advocate	Bressette, William A
Warden	McRae, Gordon F
Inside Guard	Viau, Moise A
Outside Guard	Quick, Jonathan M
One Year Trustee	Allard, Peter W
Two Year Trustee	Messier, Gilles J
Three Year Trustee	Shepard, James E
Appointed Officers	Name
Chaplain	Micale, Christopher
Lecturer	Bressette, William A

Recruitment / New Members

Recruitment provides the lifeline of our organization, and helps us to continue to serve our Priests, Parish and community. We have two brother knights who recently joined our council, and one brother knight who transferred in. Welcome, Douglas Corey, David Fitzgerald, and Caleb Kinlaw.

126th Supreme Convention

Press Release sent to the Vermont Catholic:

The Vermont Knights of Columbus (K of C) recently attended the 142nd Annual Supreme Convention held on August 5th to August 8th in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada.

The convention was attended by representatives from all fifty states and several other countries around the world.

The nine Vermont attendees at the convention also participated in a variety of meetings, Masses, and fellowship events with clergy and other members and their spouses from around the globe.

Our official Vermont delegation included the State Deputy, a past State Deputy, and one delegate elected at our State Convention in April.

Other visiting Vermonters included State Chaplain, Fr. Tim Naples, who served at every daily Mass, and Sir Knight Valdemar Garibay of the 4th degree who participated in all Mass processions and performed other special duties, including guarding a display of 76 holy relics in the convention chapel.

At the beginning of the convention, the Vermont Jurisdiction was honored with receiving the prestigious "Circle of Honor" award for surpassing its membership and activity goals last year. This clearly demonstrated that Vermont councils are consistently growing in membership and participation which is a very positive indicator of our overall charitable impact in the community and the increased spiritual commitment of Catholic men in our diocese.

If you would like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus please contact State Membership Director Valdemar Garibay at Valdemargaribay10@gmail.com or visit www.kofc.org.



From Left to Right: Michelle LaCroix, State Secretary Bill LaCroix (Burlington), Past State Deputy Steve Shover (South Burlington), State Treasurer / State Membership Director Valdemar Garibay (St. Albans), State Chaplain Fr. Tim Naples (South Burlington), State Advocate Elijah LaChance (Rutland), Megan LaChance, Linda Poirier, State Deputy Chris Poirier (Richmond).



Sir Knight Valdemar Garibay leading the Eucharistic Team on 8.6.24 – station 22.



Guarding and directing traffic for the 76 relics.



Promoting Faith, taking care of the Family, helping the Community, and defending Life – things that Knights value.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE – Donors are needed now!

Please consider signing up for an appointment to a blood drive closest to you – sign up [here](#).

If you have any questions, please ask Blood Program Leader Valdemar Garibay at valdemargaribay10@gmail.com or 802.393.1768.

Since August 2020 – Council 297 has hosted, promoted, and worked at the blood drives in St. Albans either at St. Albans City Hall, or St. Mary's Parish Hall.

We have completed 84 blood drives, helped bring in 2,439 blood units (actually more), and brought in 143 new donors.

St. Albans Community Hard'ack Playground

Come Join Us!!

St. Albans Hard'ack Playground Grand Opening

When: Saturday, September 14, 2024 at Noon.

What: Enjoy the Inclusive Playground for ages 2-12 playground.

Where: St. Albans Hard'ack near the swimming pool.

There will be: Face painting, and Ice Cream

Add this to your calendar!



Community Playground At St. Albans Hard'Ack

The community is invited to contribute to this playground to make it the best that it can be. The playground is made possible through the vision and generosity of the Garibay Family. A number of local businesses and organizations have agreed to add their support. The more support that we get, the more features we can add. If you would like to help, please contact Kelly Wiens at (802) 524-1971 or at: k.wiens@stalbanstv.com. Sponsorship levels with various perks are available, but families are invited to give as much or as little as they'd like. Donations can be made at: <https://tinyurl.com/mpvr8jtk6>



*"We are delighted to help improve our community and Hard'ack Recreation Area by supporting this opportunity for all children to engage in making friends, exercising, having fun and practicing creative play."
- Valdemar and Priscilla Garibay, 5/16/23*

Faith Formation

As of 8.14.24 we have brought back our rosary before business meetings. Please join us in building our faith by joining in on the rosary. Meetings start at 7 PM, but the Rosary and prayer intentions start at 630 PM.

2024 cigarette butt litter cleanup

Hello Brother Knights,

First off – I want to thank you very much for helping with the cigarette butt litter clean ups these past five (5) years either in the Georgia Industrial Park or in St. Albans (Downtown, Industrial Park, and the Bay Park).

To give a little introduction of the topic.

Back in the early summer of 2020, The Franklin / Grand Isle Tobacco Prevention Coalition (FGITPC) came onto a zoom call at the Downtown St. Albans Board meeting. As you know, I am a part of the

Downtown St. Albans Board. The individual who spoke during that general forum session of the meeting is also a part of the Northwestern Medical Center Community Hospital. She introduced the topic. At that point in time, she was already doing cigarette butt litter clean ups in Franklin and Grand Isle for the past four (4) years as she began this endeavour in 2016. As you know – this was during the start of COVID-19, hence the reason for the zoom call. During that call, the individual introduced the topic, asked for help, and that night I told the board that I would help lead the charge of promoting this cigarette butt litter clean up in Downtown St. Albans. That year we had 27 volunteers (wearing face masks) from various organizations (Downtown St. Albans, K of C, Rotary Club of St. Albans, friends, and community) carrying a gallon size zip lock bag, a claw grabber (if they had one), wearing gloves, walking around downtown St. Albans picking up and counting the number of cigarettes (butts) they picked up to report location and tally. Over the years, I continued to help with promoting the event and also by bringing in volunteers to the various sites.

Congratulations!!!

We just completed our fifth year of participation of this community activity – I wanted to thank you for helping at either of these sites.

The question I hear often - is what is done with the information:

After each cigarette butt event – a week or two later, The Chair from FGITPC will send a letter to the town administrator / manager, the city, the mayor, and to the various print and social media forums.

Here is a snippet highlighting the reason for the cigarette butt litter clean ups.

1. Cigarette Butts are made of a plastic material. Because they are plastic, they do not biodegrade and can remain present in the environment for 20-25 years.
2. Cigarette filters can release toxins back into the environment, especially into our waterways. Any trash, not to mention unsafe tobacco litter, is easily blown or washed into waterways directly or through storm drain, etc.
3. We wanted to know how much tobacco litter exists in this location and where it might be concentrated.
4. We want to raise awareness throughout the community about litter and quitting.

My Personal Note: During my time walking around picking up litter – there were times where filters were located on or near sewer drains.

Below are approximate numbers of cigarette butt litter picked up at these locations during these years.

Think about the locations that you helped at – you were a part of a big help!

Thank you so much! In the past five years I have seen 11 different brothers Knights help representing from Milton, St. Albans, Swanton, and Richford.

If you have any questions - please GK of Council 297 Valdemar Garibay know.

# of Cigarette Butts Picked Up					
Location	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Georgia Industrial Park	2,778	2,434	2,589		
St. Albans Downtown	11,962	14,884	18,481	18,702	15,540
St. Albans Industrial Park	5,700	8,441	14,024	19,077	27,756
St. Albans Bay Park	2,218	1,303	2,460	2,880	4,265
Totals	22,658	27,062	37,554	40,659	47,561



Council 297 on 7.31.24: Warden Gordon McRae, Ander Garibay, Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay, and Larry Dugan

Visting Brother Knights

Brother knights visited Sir Knight Teddy Yandow at his house – we had a nice time praying the rosary and socializing with Teddy. This was a special moment saying the rosary on his deck, Teddy is our rosary leader that prays often, and helped lead many rosaries before masses.

Honor Guard

The Honor Guard is the “visible arm of the Knights.”

On June 30, 2024, the Knights of Columbus Vergennes Council 3664, and the St. Albans Assembly 1149 helped celebrate the 150th anniversary mass on the feast day of St. Peter and Paul at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Vergennes, Vermont. Bishop-elect of Burlington and Diocesan Administrator John McDermott celebrated the mass.

Musicians from many different parishes came to participate in a seven-member brass ensemble and choir. “A link of the chain that held St. Peter in prison in Rome was present and on display at the altar for veneration to celebrate.”

After the mass, there was a social gathering amongst the Church community.



From left to right: Council 3664 Vergennes Arthur Chiaravalli (Recorder), Council 3664 Vergennes Bernard Dubois, Council 3664 Vergennes Paul Lavallee, Council 3664 Vergennes Grand Knight David Austin, Assembly 1149 St. Albans Sir Knight Valdemar Garibay, Council 3664 Vergennes John Therrien (Chancellor), Council 3664 Vergennes Patrick Delgadillo (Treasurer), and Council 3664 Vergennes Ryan Cook. Photo taken by: Catholic Daughters of The Americas Court 468 VP Elect Bridget Garibay

Family Day Mass at the Shrine of Isle LaMotte on July 7, 2024.



From left to right: Sir Knight Valdemar Garibay (St. Albans, Assembly #1149), Sir Knight Gilbert Benoit (St. Albans, Assembly #1149), Sir Knight David Bean (South Burlington, Assembly #2106), Bishop-elect John McDermott, District Marshall David Ely II (Burlington, Assembly #1148), District Master David Ely (Burlington, Assembly #1148), and Color Corp Commander Michael Bullock (South Burlington, Assembly #2106). Photo Taken by Grand Knight Paul De La Bruere (Swanton Council #7669)

State Installation of Officers

The Vermont Knights of Columbus celebrated their installation of officers at St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte on August 25, 2024. Bishop John McDermott was the celebrant of the Mass.

The following state officers will serve during this 2024-2025 Knights of Columbus *fraternal year* (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025): State Chaplain Fr. Timothy Naples, State Deputy Christopher Poirier, State Secretary William LaCroix, State Treasurer Valdemar Garibay, State Advocate Elijah LaChance, and State Warden Lawrence Bellew.

The following District Deputies were also installed to lead the various K of C districts throughout Vermont: Gille Thibault (District 1), Bill Rensch (District 4), Joseph Kelly (District 5), Richard Powell (District 6), William Scott (District 7) and Sean Reilly (District 9).

The 4th-Degree Honor Guard, the "visible arm of the Knights," was led by District Marshal David Ely II (Burlington, Assembly # 1148), District Master David Ely Sr (Burlington, Assembly # 1148), Color Corps Commander Michael Bullock (South Burlington, Assembly # 2106), Peter Lavallee (Milton, Assembly # 2609), Faithful Navigator James McMillan (St. Albans, Assembly #1149), Gilbert Benoit (St. Albans, Assembly # 1149), and William Scott (Middlebury, Assembly # 1743) helped to honor this special occasion.

After the celebration, a family barbeque luncheon was hosted by brother Knights from District 1 which included councils from Fairfax, Milton, Richford, St. Albans, and Swanton.

"We were blessed with a beautiful day for our annual pilgrimage to the St. Anne's Shrine. I am especially grateful to Bishop McDermott for celebrating Mass; providing an inspiring homily; and helping facilitate our Officer Installation Ceremony where he blessed and congratulated those Knights who will serve in senior leadership positions in the coming year. His sincere support for the K of C further underscores the intimate relationship between the Church and the Knights who are devout Catholic men, bonded together by faith, in service to the clergy, their parishes, and all of God's people." Said Vermont State Deputy Chris Poirier.

If you would like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus please contact State Membership Director, Valdemar Garibay at valdemargaribay10@gmail.com, and / or visit www.kofc.org.



Photo Credit: Bridget Garibay - First row, left to right: District Deputy-1 Gille Thibault, District Deputy-6 Richard Powell, State Warden Larry Bellew, District Deputy-4 Bill Rensch, District Deputy-7 William Scott, Sir Knight Gilbert Benoit. Second row, left to right: Sir Knight Peter Lavallee, State Treasurer Valdemar Garibay, Immediate Past State Deputy James Michael, State Secretary William LaCroix, State Warden Elijah LaChance, District Deputy-5 Joseph Kelly. Third row, left to right: Color Corps Commander Michael Bullock, District Master David Ely Sr. Top row, left to right: District Marshall David Ely II, Fr. Brian Cummings, State Chaplain Timothy Naples, Bishop John McDermott, State Deputy Christopher Poirier, Faithful Navigator James McMillan.

Prayers Needed

Please keep the following brothers in your prayers: Teddy Yandow, and Maurice Desrochers.



FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Brother Knights;

If you have ever given a thought about taking your Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus, Now will be the best time to do it as it will be held close to home in the Northeast Kingdom.

**It will be held in Derby Line on Saturday September 21, 2024
All you need is a dark suit and tie. Your meals will be included.
The cost of meal for your spouse IS extra. Please contact your
local Assembly Faithful Navigator to let them know you are
interested. They would love to have you join their Assembly.**

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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