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Vermont State Council

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November 2024 Edition

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Brother Vermont Knights,

It's been four months since the beginning of this fraternal year and I have been busy visiting many of our Vermont councils for meetings, installation ceremonies, exemplifications, and other council sponsored activities. I have really enjoyed watching our Knights put their "faith into action" while supporting those in need! I am also very happy to see that many councils



are actively inviting new men to join them. This is so important because I strongly believe that energizing Catholic men to work together as a team in the K of C is essential for the stability and growth of our Catholic Church in Vermont. There are many faithful people who, individually, provide corporal and spiritual works of mercy to others, but when we join together in these efforts, the positive impact and effectiveness of our works can be multiplied exponentially. This is one of the conspicuous benefits of being a member of the Knights of Columbus – to serve collectively as the hands and feet of Jesus. The equation is simple: the more Knights we have, the more we can serve! As we approach a holiday season of appreciation (Thanksgiving), spiritual preparation & penance (Advent), and the celebration of the greatest gift to mankind (Christmas), let us prayerfully consider how we can share the spiritual blessings of these celebrations in a greater way with those in our families, parishes, and communities. Remember, one of the best gifts we can share with our fellow Catholic brothers is the gift of membership in our Order. What could be more generous than sincerely offering other men the chance to grow in their faith while increasing their opportunities to love one another as Jesus has loved us? You don't have to be a Knight to be a good Catholic man, but it certainly helps! Any active Knight would attest to that. May God bless us all in the coming months and give us the grace and peace to reflect on the "reason for the season" and not get overly consumed in the frantic activity that often seems to overwhelm us during these busy times. May our gatherings with friends and family further exemplify the holiness of these "holy-days" and may we grow our councils so we can serve others more effectively and more often in the coming new year. Peace, Chris Poirier

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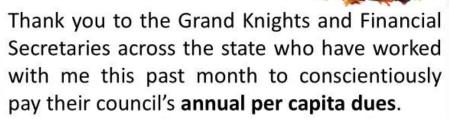
Dear Brother Knights,

We still have time to promote the Vermont Right to Life Essay Contest, launched in October for Respect Life Month. The October Church flyer from Vermont Right to Life Educational Committee was approved by Bishop McDermott. I hope you have seen it in your parishes. Among other contents, the flyer promoted the "map" of Pro-Life Pregnancy Resource Centers that I made as State Chaplain. Lastly the flyer contains an essay contest with cash prizes. It is not too late to encourage an announcement at your parish, or an email from Parish Catechetical Leaders or Directors of Religious Education. God bless you all. May we continue to "fight the good fight."

Vivat Jesus! Fr. Tim Naples, SC







This is the Vermont State Council's primary means of yearly financial support which enables us to perform so many critical organizational missions.

I hope you and your families enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving holiday! Thanksgiving is the closest thing our country has to a faith-based "national holiday" - thanking <u>God</u> for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us. <u>We</u> know that all good things come from our Lord as we continue to work as agents of His mercy, charity and love as members of the K of C.

Coats for Kids

A thank you to the 18 Councils that participated this year. We were able with the help of a match from Supreme on a buy one, get one free, to order 114 boxes of coats, that is 1368 coats! These will go a long way in helping those less fortunate in the upcoming winter months A special thanks to Keith Mandart for leading the effort. Also, to So Burlington Council 7525 for unloading and storing the coats. We would love to expand it next year. Log on to WCAX and look for Keith's interview.

Lastly, To our hunters out there. I wish you and your families Good Luck in the woods and please be safe!

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Worthy Brothers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I know it seems early, but I wanted to drop you a quick note and remind you that as your Council's do all of the excellent programs you all typically do, not to forget to submit them to me as you complete them. This will allow you to get all of your info down as you complete it and have it still fresh in your mind. Use the Form # STSP to record info and PLEASE submit a separate write up and pictures to increase your chances of winning an award at the State Convention. We don't do programs to get praise or recognition but is nice when we are rewarded for the good deeds we do. The cutoff for submissions to me is March 29, 2025, The State judging committee will be meeting in the first week of April to determine the winners in each category.

Please mail to me if possible, e-mail is OK as well, but I only have a black & white laser printer and you won't get as nice a presentation. I will accept ALL submissions for any award submissions in the 4 categories:

-FAITH, -FAMILY, -COMMUNITY, -LIFE

There are separate forms for Blessed Michael McGivney-Chaplain of the year award and I will also be accepting nominations for Family of the Year and Knight of the Year as well .. I think each Council should have no problem having a nomination for all 3 of those categories, as all of your Councils certainly have a Worthy Chaplain , Brother Knight and Family , which easily meet those criteria. The forms are simple and pictures and testimonials certainly help. Also, your FS should submit to me the longest continuous serving Brother from your Council so that he can be recognized . This award is for continuous service , not First Degree date.

Please remember that the Star Council requirements for this Fraternal year, they are: Columbian Award — for the Programs you all do ,reported on Form# SP-7 by June 30. Categories listed above and complete 4 programs in each category , 16 total required , Featured programs = 2 points each

McGivney Award – for Membership . 5% increase over last years member number on your roster. Founders Award – for Insurance . No quota this year , Council must participate in at least 2 Online or in person approved Insurance benefit informational meetings . Must have 7 members in attendance. New- Council must submit form # 11077 .

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

Also , Form #365 Service Program Personnel report and Form #1728 Annual Survey for Fraternal Activity must be submitted and all assessments paid to Supreme and State Councils.

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

Bill LaCroix

State Program Director / State Secretary

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Announcements from the Office of the State Advocate

Worthy Brothers,

First, the ONLY councils currently Safe Environment compliant are Councils #297, #10417 and #10830; all other councils, please check your status and get your officers compliant. I am happy to work with councils individually.

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: elijahtlachance@gmail.com. I will also be sending a reminder to all DD's, GK's, and FS's.

The next meeting of the Resolutions Committee will be held via Zoom on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4th at 7:00 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/86927754961

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

Brother Knight Thomas G McClay: Vergennes Council 3664- 64 years old - 19 years of service, third Degree

Sir Knight Donald Shackett, 85, Honorary Life Member Council #5041, 29 years, and Assembly #2312, 27 years, Morrisville.

Past State Deputy Message

A few thoughts on making Successful Councils

Resources - The Supreme Council, State Council and District Deputy are your best resources for a successful Council. The Supreme Council offers a wealth of information and guidance through its website www.kofc.org, and Fraternal Services webinars. Your State Officers and particularly your District Deputy and Field Agent are knowledgeable and experienced and want your Council to excel. As you have heard in past ceremonials, we are eager for your success, all you need to do is ask for help.

Projects and awards - Earning Supreme and State Council awards are solid measures of your Councils success. Some years ago, Gilles Balenger, our former Supreme Program Consultant, would say if you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Officers working as a team meet regularly for event planning and goal setting with these awards in mind. The Supreme Council Columbian award requires four programs in each of these four areas: Faith, Family, Community and Life, with featured programs in each area offering 2 Columbian credits. The submission deadline is June 30. The State Council also recognizes the top program in each of these areas, with a mid-March deadline for award consideration. Achieve your program goals and your Council will be proud to have served your parish and community in very substantive ways. Councils that meet Supreme Council program, new member and Insurance member goals can receive the prestigious Star Award.

10784 Program Form Submission - a project isn't finished until the form is filed. Form 10784 is used to report Council projects in the four main areas. This pleasant task falls on the Program Director / Deputy Grand Knight. Thankfully these program forms #10784 have been standardized and are easily filed online at www.kofc.org.

1728 - Survey of Fraternal Activity —One way to help your brother Knights with this important requirement is for the Financial Secretary to keep a spreadsheet of Council projects and member hours through the calendar year. Individual project hours are sent to each member with their SFA Individual Member Worksheet to add to their other donated hours/activity. If your Council billing period is January to December, the worksheet can be included with annual Dues notices.

Meetings - Are all the Officers showing up and is there good member attendance? Are Council meetings interactive and interesting? The GK and Officers should be prepared and organized, keeping discussions relevant and on track. Show that you value your members' time, and they will attend and contribute. Waste a busy man's time and he'll go away. An hour is usually long enough.

Membership – Building and maintaining a successful Council takes dedication and a consistent team effort. The Officers should plan activities well in advance and communicate with the parish office to avoid scheduling conflicts. Council events should always be welcoming and have a recruiting dimension to them, with promotional materials available (brochures, K of C placemats for meals, etc.). Members should take a few minutes to visit with guests and thank them for attending. Many men say the reason they haven't joined is because no one asked them. Don't be afraid to ask. Every Council should have a ceremonial team that practices regularly and ready to bring in new members.

A healthy growing Council recognizes the efforts of individual members through the *Knight of the Month* award. The *Family of the Month* program recognizes families that are good Catholic role models and are generous with their time and talent in the parish or community. These applications are submitted to the Supreme Council by the Grand Knight.

Finally, remember that our parishioners are our charitable partners, so thank them through your parish bulletin or a Charitable Donations poster at your fundraising events. Your patrons need to know they're helping your Council make a difference locally.

Thank you for being the hands of Christ,

Daniel McAvinney PSD 2013 - 2015

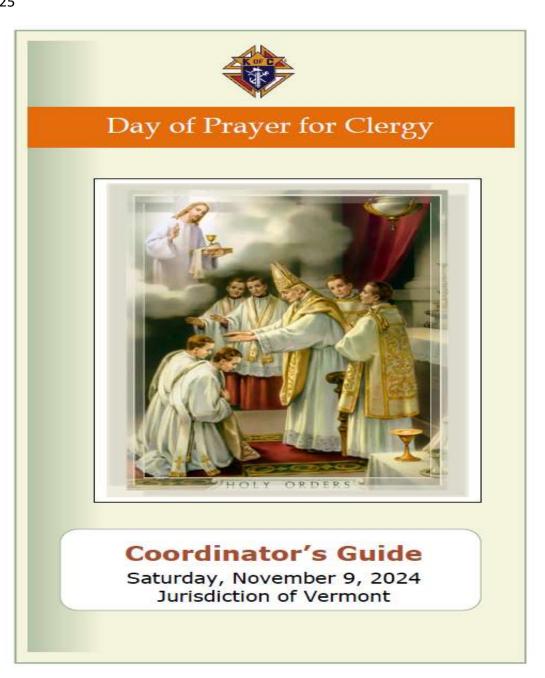
Brothers,

The statewide day of prayer is coming up on November 9th.

I'll be sending a small packet to all the councils that have signed up via the website. That packet will contain 1 printed copy of the coordinators guide and 5 printed copies of the full program (including the names of priests, deacons, and seminarians). Feel free to use the attached PDFs to print more or make photocopies of the paper programs that you'll receive via postal mail in the next few days.

I'll mail these packets to the address of the Grand Knight (as found in the Knights of Columbus Directory) or if someone other than the Grand Knight signed up, I'll reach out to that person to get their mailing address.

Peace Dcn Patrick Leduc Council 7525



Program Guide

Opening Greeting – The opening greeting should be done by the Grand Knight or his designee. The greeting should be brief and should cover three main topics: 1) Thank those in attendance for coming, 2) outline how the program will flow, and 3) Invite men in attendance who are not Knights to speak with you following the program to learn more about joining the Knights. Encourage everyone to really hear the names of the priests as they are read and commit to prayer for each of them individually and as a group.

Opening Hymn –If you are able to secure music for your program, an opening hymn is suggested. Allow the music ministry the freedom to make a selection or defer to your parish Priest.

Opening Prayer – With advance notice, invite your parish Priest or Deacon in attendance to offer an opening prayer.

Quiet Reflection – Allow those in attendance time to reflect on the opening prayer and prepare themselves for the hour. 5 minutes is recommended.

Contemplative Reading – Priest or Deacon

Rosary for Clergy –Prior to starting the program the knight responsible for coordinating this hour of prayer should ask 6 members of the council or parish family to take on a leader role. Each leader should read the text following the Leader prompt and then lead that section of the rosary. The first leader would read the text following Leader on "Rosary Page 1" and then lead those gathered in the Antiphon Beads.

Program Guide

Rosary for Clergy (continued) - The 2nd leader would read "We Pray for" followed by the names of the priests listed and then lead the 1st decade; and so on

Meditation with the Lord –Silent prayer and meditate. If you feel it's needed, the Grand Knight or his designee can read the meditation in the program to those gathered.

Supplement for Deacons and Seminarians – During silent meditation participants are encouraged to include Deacons and men in seminary in their prayers.

Closing Prayer – As the hour comes to a close, the Parish Priest or Deacon should end the program with a closing prayer.

Closing Hymn– If you are able to secure music, a closing hymn is suggested.

Notes of Guidance: Be sensitive in allowing your parish Priest to set the tone and make selections for this program but do not burden him with assignments and roles. This day is to benefit him, not a program he should feel he needs to run

Finally, be present in the moment. While this hour is for our priests, every moment we spend with the Lord in prayer benefits us and is to be treasured.

ACT OF LOVE OF THE HOLY CURE OF ARS

I love you, O my God
My only desire is to love you,
until the last breath of my life.
I love you, O infinitely loveable God,
and I prefer to die loving you,
rather than to live for an instant without you.
I love you, O my God,
and I desire only to go to heaven,
to have the happiness of loving you perfectly.
I love you, O my God,
and my only fear is to go to hell,
because one will never have the sweet solace,
of loving you there.
O my God,

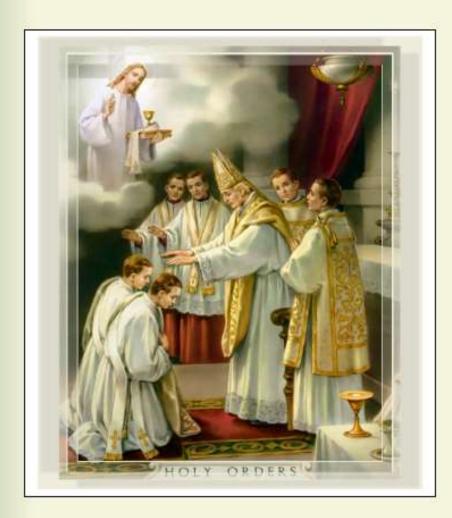
if my tongue cannot say at all time that I love you, at least I want my heart to repeat it to you as many times as I breathe.

Ah! Do me the grace:
to suffer while loving you,
to love you while suffering,
and, that when I die:
I not only will love you
but experience it in my heart.

I beg you that the closer I come to my final end, you will increase and perfect my love for you. Amen.



Day of Prayer for Clergy



Saturday, November 9, 2024

Jurisdiction of Vermont

Special Thanks

The Catholic Diocese of Vermont

The State officers of the Knights of Columbus

All Participating Councils

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Philippians 4:6-7

"4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! ⁵ Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests know to God. ⁷ Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ"

Program

Opening Greeting - Grand Knight or designee

Opening Hymn – if available

Opening Prayer – Priest or Deacon

Quiet Reflection - All - 5 minutes

Contemplative Reading - Priest or Deacon

Rosary for Clergy - All

Meditation with the Lord

Closing Prayer – Priest or Deacon

Closing Hymn- if available

Meditation with the Lord

Time of silent meditation and prayer in thanks
of God's gift of the
Sacrament of Holy Orders

"I will appoint for you shepherds after my own heart, who will shepherd you wisely and prudently", Jeremiah, 3:15

Consider how Priests and Deacons have impacted your life and pray to the Lord for their wellbeing, His guidance in their work and humble requests for His Grace to be placed upon them in a special way today and always.

Seminary Supplement

Mr. Luan Tran

Mr. Cale Bombardier

Mr. Loc Van Vo

Mr. Anthony Maurice

Mr. Charles Cacciatore

Mr. Samuel McCoy

Deacon Supplement

Deacons- actively serving in Vermont

DCN ARMAND AUCLAIR DCN DAVID BAKER L

DCN GEORGE FLOWER

DCN BOB PLADEK DCN PAUL GARROW

DCN WILLIAM GLINKA

DCN CHRIS DOUGHERTY

DCN PAUL KENDALL

DCN MICHAEL KNOWLES DCN BOB BEGLEY

DCN JOSH MCDONALD

DCN RI DOURNEY

DCN PHILIP LAWSON

DCN THOMAS MCCORMICK

DCN CHRIS NOBLE

DCN FRANCIS E. NOLAN

DCN DANIEL PUDVAH

DCN TIM GIBBO

DCN GESUALDO SCHNEIDER

DCN GERRY SCILLA

DCN GARY ZACK

DCN TOM LOVETT

DCN JOHN MAGNIER

DCN PATRICK LEDUC

Deacons- outside our Diocese or Senior Status

DCN DAVID BISSON DCN REGIS CUMMINGS

DCN BRUCE BURK

DCN ROGER CURRIER

DCN IVAN O. HAWK, III

DCN JAMES ROCK

DCN GABRIEL GAGNE

DCN DUANE LANGLOIS DCN ANTHONY J. PREVITI

DCN RICHARD ANDERBERG DCN DENNIS MOORE

DCN JOHN GUARINO

DCN PAUL MELLO

DCN JOHN PELLETIER DCN JOHN BLICHARZ

DCN THOMAS CASS

DCN JON RAMEY

DCN PETE GUMMERE

DCN ROBERT PAOLUCCI

DCN VINCENT MEYERS

DCN PETER T. BROOKS

DCN DAVID M. O'BRIEN

Contemplative Reading

From:

Pastores Dabo Vobis (I Will Give You Shepherds, 1992)
CHAPTER II, HE HAS ANOINTED ME AND HAS SENT ME FORTH
The Nature and Mission of the Ministerial Priesthood
The Fundamental Relationship With Christ the Head and Shepherd

15. In their turn, the apostles, appointed by the Lord, progressively carried out their mission by calling - in various but complementary ways - other men as bishops, as priests and as deacons in order to fulfill the command of the risen Jesus who sent them forth to all people in every age. The writings of the New Testament are unanimous in stressing that it is the same Spirit of Christ who introduces these men chosen from among their brethren into the ministry Through the laying on of hands (cf. Acts 6:6; 1 Tm. 4:14; 5:22; 2 Tm. 1:6) which transmits the gift of the Spirit, they are called and empowered to continue the same ministry of reconciliation, of shepherding the flock of God and of teaching (cf. Acts 20:28; 1 Pt. 5:2). Therefore, priests are called to prolong the presence of Christ, the one high priest, embodying his way of life and making him visible in the midst of the flock entrusted to their care. We find this clearly and precisely stated in the first letter of Peter: "I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory" (1 Pt. 5:1-4). In the Church and on behalf of the Church, priests are a sacramental representation of Jesus Christ - the head and shepherd - authoritatively proclaiming his word, repeating his acts of forgiveness and his offer of salvation - particularly in baptism, penance and the Eucharist, showing his loving concern to the point of a total gift of self for the flock, which they gather into unity and lead to the Father through Christ and in the Spirit. In a word, priests exist and act in order to proclaim the Gospel to the world and to build up the Church in the name and person of Christ the head and shepherd.

Rosary Page 1

Leader: As we begin our most Holy Rosary let us hold in our hearts the priests that have died, those that are sick, those no longer in active service. We also pray for the deacons of our state and those in seminary. (See supplement – optionally read names)

Proceed with Antiphon Beads

Leader: We pray for:

REV. XAVIER RAJ
REV. CYRAIN CABUENAS
REV. MATTHEW RENSCH
REV. JULIAN ASUCAN
REV. CHARLES RANGES
REV. LUKE AUSTIN
REV. DWIGHT BAKER
REV. WILLIAM BEAUDIN
REV. CURTIS MILLER
REV. LUIS BARRERE-HERNANDEZ
REV. DOMENICO PIZZONIA

Proceed with First Decade

Rosary Page 2

Leader: We pray for:

REV. LANCE HARLOW REV. ROGELIO ORGANIZA
REV. BRIAN CUMMINGS REV. PATRICK FORMAN
REV. RICHARD BERUBE REV. HENRY FURMAN

REV. JAMES DODSON REV. SAHAYA PAUL SEBASTIAN

REV. KARL HAHR REV KEVIN RUSSEAU
REV. ANDRZEJ BEDNAROWICZ REV RICHARD ENEJI
REV MARCEL RAINVILLE REV ROD SALIGAN

Proceed with Second Decade

Leader: We pray for:

REV. JEREMIAS TIGGA
REV. FR. CARTER
REV. THOMAS MATTISON
REV. JOSEPH SANDERSON
REV. DANIEL JORDAN
REV. HUGH CLEARY
REV. MSGR RICHARD LAVALLEY
REV. RIJO JOHNSON
REV. CHRISTOPHER MICALE
REV DAVID THEROUX
REV RICHARD VANDERWEEL

Proceed with Third Decade

Rosary Page 3

Leader: We pray for:

REV. THOMAS MOSHER
REV. ROMANUS IGWEONU
REV. ROBERT MURPHY
REV. KEVIN RUSSEAU
REV. TIMOTHY NAPLES
REV. JAMES BUTTS

REV. THOMAS LARUSSA REV. RAJ KUMAR MADRI REV. MAURICE MOREAU REV. BENNY CHITILAPPILLY

REV. VICTOR CRUZ REV DAVID CRAY

Proceed with Forth Decade

Leader: We pray for:

REV. MSGR PETER ROUTHIER
REV. TIMOTHY SULLIVAN
REV RICHARD IAQUINTO
REV. YVON ROYER
REV. JON SCHNOBRICH
REV. DALLAS ST. PETER
REV. JAMES ZUCCARO

REV. JOHN TOKAZ REV. MSGR BERNARD BOURGEOIS

REV. MICHAEL AUGUSTINOWITZ REV VIBIN KOLLANNUR

&

OUR BISHOP MOST REVEREND JOHN MCDERMOTT
AND HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

Proceed with Fifth Decade

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON SEMINARIAN DIRECTORY

2024-2025

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Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

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(Please use "KofC Scholarship 2025 - Student Name" as the subject)

November 1, 2024

Dear Worthy Grand Knight and Brother:

The Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council Scholastic Achievement Committee appreciates your past efforts in publicizing our awards program and again seeks your assistance in the 2025 program. Five \$1,000.00 scholarships will be given by the Vermont Knights of Columbus to assist recipients with their education at an accredited school or college of their choice.

Would you kindly read the attached announcement at your November, and December Council meetings and include the information in your monthly newsletters. This information will be emailed to all Vermont high schools. Feel free to publish the announcement with any local media that you may have a working relationship.

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

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

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

Fraternally,

Nicholas J. Conti Scholastic Achievement Committee Chairman



Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

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(Please use "KofC Scholarship 2025 - Student Name" as the subject)

November 1, 2024

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP IMPORTANT NOTICE TO APPLICANT

To qualify you must be a high school senior qualifying to graduate in June 2025 AND a son or daughter of a Knight of Columbus member (paternal or legally adopted) in good standing in a subordinate Council within the Vermont jurisdiction. Sons or daughters of deceased members are also eligible if their father was in good standing at the time of his death. An applicant may be a member of the Knights of Columbus or a member of a Columbian Squires Circle, in the jurisdiction of Vermont and a high school senior qualifying to graduate in June 2025.

Five \$1,000.00 scholarships will be given by the Vermont Knights of Columbus to assist recipients with their education at an accredited school or college of their choice.

Applications must be returned to the Chairman, at the address above, by March 7, 2025 to qualify for an award.

The application is in two parts with the major portion of Part II being completed by your school personnel. Therefore, we strongly suggest Part II be given to your school personnel <u>immediately</u> to allow the maximum time to prepare their part of the application.

The filing date should be brought to the attention of the guidance personnel of your school, since delinquent applications may disqualify an applicant from consideration for an award.

Failure to submit your essay may also result in the application being invalidated.

Scholarships not claimed by February 15, 2026 will be forfeited and the prize will be given to the next alternate on the list.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Conti

Nicholas J. Conti Scholastic Achievement Committee Chair

The requested information can be mailed or emailed to the Scholarship Committee Chair by March 7, 2025, to the above address. Please use "KofC Scholarship 2025 – Student Name" as the subject of all emails.

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E-mail: WNMG@aol.com

(Please use "KofC Scholarship 2025- Student Name" as the subject)



APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

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

Applicant's full name	First	Middle	Last	
Address				
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Give the name of the Cou	ncil's Financial Se	cretary		
Applicant's Home Parish	i			
How did you learn about	this scholarship pro	ogram?		

Essay:

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

Candidates are strongly encouraged to include a letter of recommendation from your pastor. Also, letters of recommendations from non-relatives who can address your qualifications and financial need.

Please be sure to sign and date the application and mail or email to the Scholarship Committee Chair by March 7, 2025, to the above address. Please use "KofC Scholarship 2025 – Your Name" as the subject of all emails.

Nicholas J. Conti 240 School Road Barre, VT 05641 (802)- 522-2540

E-mail: WNMG@aol.com

(Please use "KofC Scholarship 2025 - Student Name" as the subject)



APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Part II: Applicant's Personal Record

Please fill in your name and address and give the form to your principal or Guidance Director. Request the rest of the application be filled out promptly and mailed to the Scholarship Committee chair. Your application will <u>not</u> be considered complete until all parts of the application and <u>your essay</u> are received by the committee.

Applicant's Full Name			
Address			
City or Town			
To School Personnel:			
The above-named student is applying for a form and return it to the Knight's Scholars			
The Committee desires to receive all information participation in church, school and confurnished will be treated in a strictly confidence.	munity activi	ities as well as any life situation	
Thank you in advance for your time and ef	fort on the be	half of the student and the Kni	ghts of Columbus.
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Please attach a copy of the applicant's Seco We would also like a Principal's or design			

This form and requested documents can be mailed or emailed to the Scholarship Committee Chair by March 7, 2025, to the above address. Please use "KofC Scholarship 2025 – Student Name" as the subject of all emails.



Candidate & Election Information for Pro-Life Voters

November 5 is election day, but voting is already underway in Vermont! This election, the Vermont Right to Life Political Committee is not making candidate recommendations. Instead, we are encouraging voters to be aware of which candidates are supporting a pro-abortion agenda before they cast their ballot. Here are three resources to help you identify those candidates:

Incumbent Legislators' support for pro-abortion S.37 (Act 15). S.37 is a pro-abortion bill passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Phil Scott. This law targets Vermont's 10 Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs) by giving the Attorney General (currently Charity Clarke, who made her views clear here.) power to impose costly fines and penalties on the Centers for engaging in allegedly "deceptive" or "misleading" advertising. These provisions are being challenged as unconstitutional in Federal District Court. You can read more about the law and court case here.

In addition, the law shields providers of abortion and transgender services from lawsuits originating out-of-state if the services were provided in Vermont (for example, a lawsuit from a New Hampshire parent whose minor daughter is brought to Vermont for an abortion by an abuser to circumvent that State's parental notification law and cover up the crime.) It also allows providers in Vermont to expand abortion services into other states via tele-health in violation of other states' laws.

Click <u>here</u> to see the incumbent Senator candidates who sponsored S.37 and incumbent Representative candidates who voted in favor of S.37.

Planned Parenthood Endorsed Pro-Abortion Candidates. Planned Parenthood Vermont Action Fund (PPVTAF) endorses 100% pro-abortion candidates who fill out their survey and promise to vote for their extreme agenda. (Note: not all candidates who are 100% pro-abortion are endorsed by PPVAF) See the list of pro-abortion candidates endorsed by PPVTAF here.

VPIRG Votes Endorsed Pro-Abortion Candidates. VPIRG Votes, an arm of the Vermont Public Interest Research Group, endorses what they call "Pro-Choice, Pro-Climate, Pro-Democracy Candidates." VPIRG advocated for passage of Vermont's pro-abortion constitutional amendment in 2022. **See the list of pro-abortion candidates endorsed by VPIRG Votes** here.

If you have additional questions about the candidates running in your district, contact VRLC at 802-229-4885 or by email at vrlc@vrlc.net



Reminders About Voting

All registered voters should have received a ballot in the mail. Ballots can be returned by mail or dropped off in person at your Town/City Clerk's office before Election Day Nov. 5, or at your polling place by 7:00 pm on Election Day. If you mail your ballot, it must be **received** by 7:00 pm on Election Day, so allow 10 days for delivery. A postmark date is not sufficient.

If you did not receive a ballot, contact your Town/City Clerk. If you are not registered to vote, you can register up to and including Election Day and cast your ballot.

If you vote in-person, you are asked to bring the ballot you received in the mail with you to the polls. If you have misplaced or forget your ballot, you can get a new one at your polling place by signing a form.

BISHOP JAMES A. HEALY PROVINCE - NOVEMBER 2024

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Chris Randall (Lynn)

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Mark Bourgoin, PSD (Lois)

Civic Award Application

To Be a Patriot Award Form Annual Assembly Audit



THE SECOND MYSTERY

"It may be the will of heaven that America shall suffer calamities still more wasting and distresses yet more dreadful. If this is to be the case, it will have this good effect, at least: it will inspire us with many virtues, which we have not, and correct many errors, follies, and vices, which threaten to disturb, dishonor, and destroy us. The furnace of affliction produces refinement, in states as well as individuals. And the governments we are assuming, in every part. will require purification from our vices, and an augmentation of our virtues or there will be no blessings... But I must submit all my hopes and fears to an overruling Providence; in which, unfashionable as the faith may be, I firmly believe." (John Adams, 3 July 1776)

For the US Supreme Court

Our Father

To be prayed before each Hail
Mary: "We plead the Blood of
Jesus over _______ (name a
different state for each Hail Mary)
and every soul in that state."
Hawaii Indiana Kentucky
Idaho Iowa Louisiana
Illinois Kansas Maine
Maryland

For the Conversion of Our Country Glory Be

Oh, my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy Mercy.

SCHEDULED DEGREES

09 November: Lewiston, ME 10 November: Warwick, RI 16 November: Laconia, NH 24 November: Chicopee, MA



For the 2024 Veterans Day Poster Contest, the Veterans Day National Committee (VDNC) called on professional and amateur artists to create picture perfect designs that reflect the theme of this year's Veterans Day observance, "A Legacy of Loyalty and Service." More than 150 entries ranged from school-age children to graphic designers. When all ballots were tallied, the VDNC selected the design created by Myisha Godette.

A retired, disabled Army Veteran from Queens, NY, her design was driven by a desire to represent all who served. "As a Veteran, I've sometimes felt underrepresented, prompting me to consider how best to incorporate inclusivity and the essence of loyalty and service. Ultimately, I chose to symbolize the shared experience of service members-past, present & future -with elements like the American Flag, military "dog tags," and the enduring strength of Veterans, embodied by a solid, dark concrete background in my design."

This poster will be displayed in VA facilities, military installations & municipal buildings across America. It will also serve as the cover of the official program for the Veterans Day commemoration at Arlington National Cemetery on November 11.





On October 13, Council 642, Middlebury, held another fabulous pancake breakfast with over 45 parishioners attending after the 10am mass.



L to R, Mark Manly and Tom Hanley serve up pancakes and bacon after the 10am mass on Oct 13.

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Fr. Meany-Fr. St. Onge Council 7943, conducts a Living Rosary, October 13, 2024, outside St. Andre Bessette Parish, Troy. The beads of potted mums were placed in the image of a rosary pattern around the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the courtyard. Members of the parish recited the prayers and were given the mums as a token of appreciation.

Mums are believed to bring peace, tranquility, compassion, healing and positive energy into one's life.

BISHOP RICE COUNCIL #2946

Our council did the annual chicken pie supper held at Saint Pius in Essex, Vt. This event is not only extremely fun where brothers old and new get to laughing and joking but rewarding. Our two chairs for the event, at top Bruce and middle Ron made an awesome meal. 2100.00 dollars was raised for recent hurricane victims.







Fr. Boivin Council #5041

Fr. Boivin Council #5041 Assistant Chaplain Fr. Sayaha Paul Sebastian received a donation of boxes of coats from Zaki Mustafa of Transforming A life for distribution to homeless and needy. Fr. Paul and members of Fr. Boivin Council presented a token sample of the coats to Mary Elfer of the Social Action Ministry at Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish who will arrange the distribution to the Homeless Shelter in Hyde Park and The Family Center in Morrisville among others.



WILD GAME DINNER







Saturday, November 16th @ 5PM
Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish
In the Crosby Center
Brooklyn Street, Morrisville
\$15 per person

Sponsored by Fr. Boivin Council #5041 Knights of Columbus



Gibbons Council 2285 Knights of Columbus 10th Annual -24 Day Christmas Charity Raffle 2024 Over \$11000 in cash & gift cards!



Video Drawings Posted on Facebook -Much Gr	ratitude to All Donors and Supporters!!					
Dec.1: \$250 donated by Curtis-Britch & Bouffard Funer \$50 VT Designer Wreath by Carmen Comeau	ral Homes					
	c.2: \$100 donated by Built by Newport					
\$50 & 2 stadium cups donated by Memphremago	og Press					
Dec.3: (8) \$50 GC to Roasters Café and Deli						
(4) \$50 GC Newport Farm & Garden						
Dec.4: \$50 donated by Family Furniture						
\$100 donated by Gregory Howe Law Office						
Dec.5: \$100 donated by Brighton Garage						
\$100 donated by Goulet's Seasonal Rentals						
\$100 donated by Gervais Ace Hardware	Gibbons Council K of C 2285					
(2) \$50 GC to Essex House & Tavern						
Dec.6: (7) \$25 GC to West Side Market & Deli	Christmas Charity Raffle					
Dec.7: \$100 donated by McDonalds	\$10 each or 3 for \$25					
Dec.8: (6) \$100 GC to the Pick & Shovel						
Dec.9: \$100 donated by Right Wheels	Checks: K of C 2285, P.O. Box 635 Derby, VT 05829					
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Dec.12: \$100 donated by Heritage Memorials	ADDRESS					
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Dec.13: \$100 donated by Gene's Electric	CITY ZIP					
Dec.14: (2) \$50 GC to VT Pie & Pasta						
Dec.15: (2) \$50 GC to Cajun's	PHONE					
(2) \$50 GC to Hoagies						
Dec.16: (8) \$25 GC to Wendy's	Cibb C					
Dec.17: \$50 donated by Family Furniture	Gibbons Council K of C 2285					
Dec.18: (2) \$50 Gas Certificates to Jimmy Kwik	Christmas Charity Raffle					
Dec.19: \$100 donated by Gene's Electric	\$10 each or 3 for \$25					
\$100 donated by Newport Optical	March 16 100 (GROWN COLUMN COL					
Dec.20: \$250 donated by Taylor Moore Agency	Checks: K of C 2285, P.O. Box 635 Derby, VT 05829					
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Dec.21: \$100 donated by Laramie Water Resources	NAME					
Dec.22: \$100 donated by Tanguay Homes	ADDDESS					
\$100 donated by Donald Dahlin, DDS	ADDRESS					
Dec.23: (2) \$50 GC to Miller's Pub at Newport CC						
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Dec. 24: CHRISTMAS EVE EXTRAVAGANZA						
\$100 donated by Family Furniture	PHONE					
\$100 donated by Oil Supply Corporation						
\$250 donated by Tanguay Homes	Gibbons Council K of C 2285					
\$300 donated by Cedar Bolton Flooring & Home	Christmas Charity Raffle					
\$500 donated by Nadeau's Plumbing & Heating	\$10 each or 3 for \$25					
\$500 donated by Steve and Carmen Vincent	510 each of 5 for 525					
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K of C COUNCIL 297 September / Ocotber 2024 NEWS

Introduction of Knights to the Parish

On 8.24.24, Fr. Micale introduced the Knights to the parish. He brought up all the great things that the Knights do for the Church and for the community. We are looking at doing these introductions at the other masses.



Front Row: Norman Bushey, Trustee Peter Allard, State Chaplain Father Christopher Micale, Inside Guard Jon Quick, and Trustee Gilles Messier

Middle Row: David Fitzgerald, Caleb Kinlaw, Treasurer Michael Morse, and Trustee James Shepard

Top Row: Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay, and Advocate William Bressette. (Both who led the team of knights down the aisle.)

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.

St. Albans Community Hard'ack Playground

The Hard'ack playground officially opened with its first phase on August 18, 2023, and after a year from its opening the community enjoyed a very nice celebration on September 14, 2024. It was a sunny day, and many people from the community and donors came out to enjoy the day at the playground. Thank you to the following supporters to help make this a successful celebration: Ben and Jerry's for the ice cream, the St. Albans Recreation Department for helping with face painting and serving ice cream, and for Med Associates team members for grilling hot dogs. Valdemar Garibay mentioned, "I have helped build and advised on various playgrounds in Franklin County, and I am appreciative of the support and the team effort that I have received over the years. Building these playgrounds is wonderful for the kids and families, and the community-at-large. I am happy when I can help make a difference and improve the community. Thank you to everyone who made this playground a success."



Tootsie Roll Drive

9.29.24

Yesterday we started our annual tootsie roll drive. We are in Fairfield today at St. Patrick's and St. Anthony-St. George (East Fairfield). At these three masses we collected \$296.01.

All monies we collect benefit Camp O'Hagan, and Camp Rainbow at NCSS. Today's mass intention at St. Patrick's is for People with special needs.

On October 19th and 20th, KofC 297 completed our fundraiser for this fraternal year at the three masses at Holy Angels. We Collected \$1,000.00 this year.



Community

9.20.24

Come and check out the St. Albans Museum.

So many cool things that we do at the museum to preserve the history and educate. Currently we still have our Smithsonian exhibit.

But if you go to the second floor - check out the CREATE Kids' Cove children's area - now we have Champ.

The KofC 297 donated to the window roller shades in the background.

For more information on the museum - check out: https://www.stamuseum.org



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Thank you to the Garibay family for their donation of the Champ arch for the Create Kids Cove, and a special thank you to Valdemar for everything you do for the museum.





Honor Guard

9.25.24

Fourth-Degree Honor Guard presence at Brother Sir Knight Gilles Wilfred Rainville Funeral.



Holy Angels - Honor Guard in regalia from St. Albans, Assembly # 1149, and Milton, Assembly # 2609.

From left to right: John Sharrow, Peter Lavallee, Faithful Navigator Roger Dickinson, Faithful Navigator James McMillan, Valdemar Garibay, and Gilbert Benoit.



Fourth-Degree Honor Guard presence at Brother Sir Knight Richard "Buvy" Gamache Funeral at Holy Angel's (St. Albans, Vermont).



Honor Guard in regalia from St. Albans, Assembly # 1149, South Burlington, Assembly # 2106, and Milton, Assembly # 2609

From left to right: Peter Lavallee, Gilbert Benoit, Color Corps Commander Ed Malila, Color Corps Commander Mike Morse, Valdemar Garibay, Color Corps Commander Michael Bullock, Faithful Navigator Roger Dickinson and John Sharrow.

Special Blue Mass honoring the Armed Forces, Police Officers, Firefighters, and First Responders at St. Ann's in Milton, Vermont.

For the press release please see here:

Honor Guard in regalia.



From left to right: Sam Desrochers (3rd degree), Mike Thompson, John Sharrow, CCC Ed Malila, Greg Berard, Deacon Paul Garrow, Fr. Curtis Miller, FN Roger Dickinson, Valdemar Garibay -ASSM 1149, Jay Miller, Peter Lavallee, Bob Kelm, GK Gille Thibault, and Larry Lazzaro (3rd degree).

Community - Halloween

On 10.26.24 and 10.30.24 KOFC 297 participated in Spooky Saturday and NMC Trunk or Treat.



We gave candy at both events to over 1200 trick or treaters.

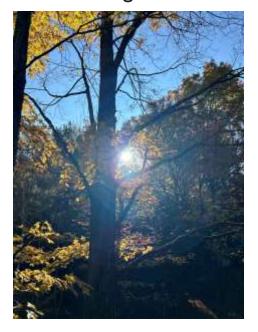
Prayers Needed

Please keep the following brothers in your prayers: Teddy Yandow, Maurice Desrochers, Richard Gamache, and SK Gilles Wilfred Rainville.

MILTON COUNCIL 10417

Closing St. Ann's Prayer Garden

Left to right: FN Roger Dickinson Family Director Scott Wise Knights Mascot Toby Membership Director Ed Malila Grand Knight Gille Thibault























2024-25 300 CLUB

How are those ticket sales doing ???
Keep in mind that if you have tickets that you can not sell, Please let me know as I have councils looking for more tickets.



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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