



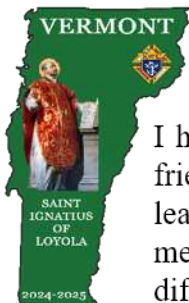
Vermont Knights Magazine



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Vermont State Council

December 2024 Edition



STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Brother Vermont Knights,

I hope you all enjoyed a blessed Thanksgiving Day with your family and friends! As Americans, we really have so much to be thankful for, not the least of which is our freedom to practice our Catholic Faith and to be active members of such a wonderful fraternity as the Knights of Columbus. It is difficult to really appreciate such a freedom until you learn about other



countries where these same freedoms are not enjoyed by their citizens in the same way they are in the United States. During Thanksgiving Day Mass, I prayed for all our councils and their continued success and growth. I really do believe that the K of C can play a pivotal role in the revitalization and “New Evangelization” of Catholicism in Vermont! Thank you for all that you continue do to to achieve this goal.

As we embark on this Advent Season, let us be mindful that we should be *preparing* for Christmas, not fully embracing the joy of the Christmas Season before it actually begins. It is so easy to get drawn-into the euphoria of the “secular Christmas season” (Dec. 1st through 24th) with all its parties, festivities, and gift buying. These are all good and important parts of the joyful anticipation we should have during Advent, but if we start celebrating too much, too early, we might get burned-out by the time the actual liturgical Christmas Season arrives - and lasts for about 3-weeks after Christmas Day. We should remember that the preparations of Advent should also include our personal spiritual preparation which includes focusing on purging ourselves of sin and embracing greater holiness. As Knights, acts of charity and other good-works during Advent are perfect ways to prepare for the celebration of our Savior’s birth! Let’s try to keep up that momentum throughout the liturgical Christmas Season because there are so many in need and we can further demonstrate to a secular world what it means to “Keep Christ in Christmas” for the entirety of season. I pray that you all have a reflective, penitential and spiritually rewarding Advent. May you and your families enjoy a Christmas Season that is joyous, fruitful, and filled with many spiritual blessings!

God bless you! Chris Poirier

State Leadership



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STATE SECRETARY

DECEMBER



Brothers,

I pray that you and your families enjoyed a blessed Thanksgiving holiday. We have so much to be thankful for even in the midst of challenging times. We are truly blessed!

As we move swiftly into the Advent Season, please remember that Advent is a great liturgical season of *joyful preparation* for Christmas. Although the season is not as penitential as Lent, it is certainly a time to reflect on how we can be better and more humble Catholic men in generous service to our neighbors. It is also a time to recharge our “spiritual batteries” as we experience the peace and joy leading up to Christmas. Our world needs the spirit of Christmas more than ever and each one of us is a **conduit of that spirit** as we work to help those in need and serve our families and fellow parishioners. May Christ’s joy build in your hearts throughout this Advent and may the Christmas Season be one of profound peace and love for all our fellow Knights. Thank you for all you do!

Please Remember:

Reach Out To Others – The first step to welcoming a fellow Catholic man into the Knights is getting to know him and offering him the gift of friendship. “They will know we are Christians by our love” – so let’s step out of our comfort zones and make a friend. When we do, they will most likely want to be a Knight.

Pray For Our Efforts – Faithful men pray. Let’s try to ramp up our conversations with God by praying for our fellow members, our charitable service projects, and everything we do. When we include God in our efforts, he blesses us with many graces!

District Master Letter



As the Fourth Degree prepares to celebrate the 125th anniversary of its inception, plans are underway for its future in the Bishop Healy Province and throughout the entire Order. There is much work ahead, and success will require the combined efforts of all of us. To mark this significant occasion, special celebrations and exemplifications should be planned for every council and assembly. One of the most important tasks the Order is currently working on is conducting a census of brother knights who served in Korea or Vietnam during the conflicts in those countries. Your active participation in this census is crucial. We need to accurately record the service history of our brothers who selflessly served their country so that they can be properly honored and remembered. They fulfilled their duty, and now it is our turn to ensure that their service is not forgotten. If you have not already surveyed your councils or assemblies, please do so as soon as possible and submit the results to me the District Master. This will ensure that our brothers from Vermont who served in these battle zones are included in the honors and remembrances that will take place next year. Each assembly and council is requested to survey members who may have served in either or both of these conflicts. Inclusion in the census is limited to veterans who meet the requirements established by Congress for the Korean and Vietnam Service Medals. These requirements are Korea: June 25, 1950 - July 27, 1953; Vietnam: July 3, 1965 - March 28, 1973. Mass at the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception will be held for veterans on April 26, 2025. Following the mass, Supreme Officers and the Board of Directors will lay wreaths at the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials. Certificates recognizing service will be delivered to surviving veterans through their councils. The deadline to respond to your District Master is January 31, 2025.

We also thank God for our Mother Mary by celebrating her Holy Day of Obligation, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, on December 8th and although it is now a holy day of obligation, our Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadeloupe, on December 12th. Have you contacted your Pastor for any Honor Guard requirements during the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses? Friendly reminder it is time to submit your Assembly Individual Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728A to your Faithful Comptroller. Do not include those hours or activities you performed as part of your council; those should be reported on the Council Individual Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728.

Example on calculating your hours is attached for your convenience. I am working on an Exemplification in the Central Vermont area on January 18, 2025. We are going to charge candidates \$50 for the degree and \$10 for anyone that comes for lunch there will be no Ladies program and no banquet at this one. On June 14, 2025 we will be having So. Burlington at ST. John Vianney church. This is the Vermont 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOURTH DEGREE OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. I would like put committee together with us small details so that I don't have to do it all of them alone.

New why for filling out Form 4 Instructions (online)

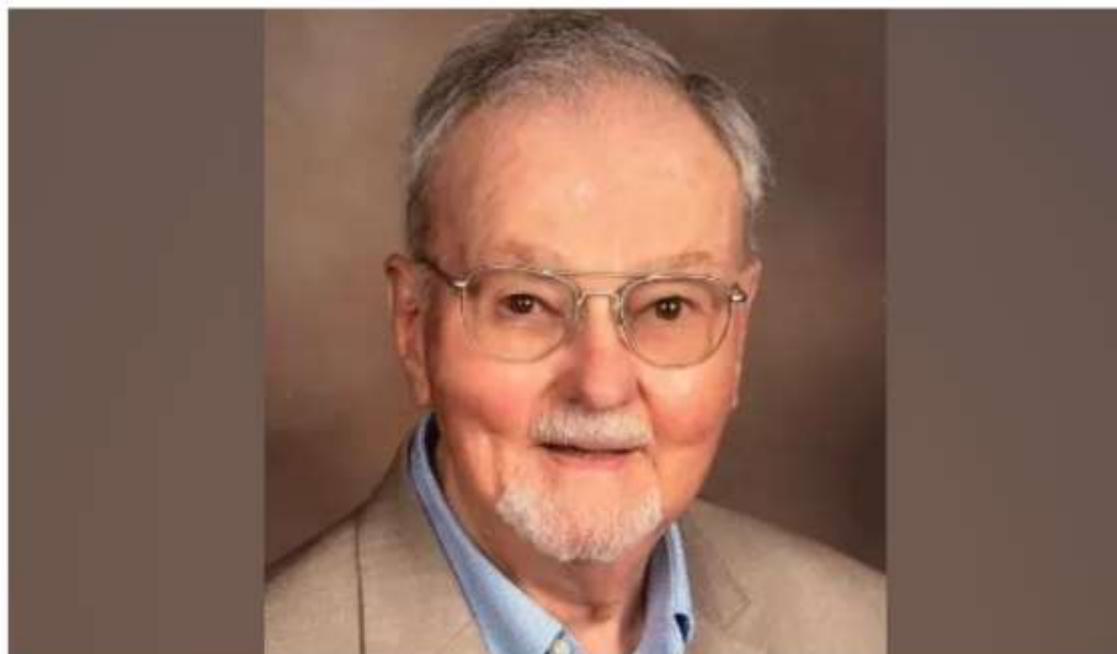
1. Save this form to your computer.
2. Fill in the appropriate areas on the form.
3. Enter your name and membership number in the textbox where your signature goes.
4. Save your form after filling it out.
5. Email the form to the next person. WARNING: do not print this form. If you print this form, sign it, and then scan the result, you will remove all the textboxes, and the next person will be unable to fill out their portion of the form.

I NEED your help to make it work. Our Councils have finished their October Church Drives. Hope fully each Assembly was able to identify 1 or 2 interested candidates

Merry Christmas! Let's focus on the reason for the season: Remember to be kind and compassionate to one another as you attend social events at your councils and assemblies. It must be a time when we can be the best of who we are. At the end of the day, it's truly about putting our hearts toward enjoying family, friends, and service to others. Think of ways to serve your community by donating presents to underprivileged children and families and giving veterans a gift or holiday card. Giving is always better than receiving. Be sure to spread the word of your charitable works through your membership. I'm confident you'll receive a positive response and many helping hands. Karen and I want to wish you a happy, joyous Christmas season. We wish your loved ones a heartfelt safe and enjoyable holiday season.

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
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Sir Knight Edward F. Schirmer
September 20, 1931, to October 26, 2024
(93 Years Old and a Knight of Columbus for over 44 years)



Knights of Columbus
**FOURTH
DEGREE**
Patriotic degree of the Order.



One Nation, Under God

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

JUNE 14TH, 2025

HONORING: THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FOURTH DEGREE OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

HOSTED BY

Assembly # 2106

Catholic Church

160 Hinesburg Road

South Burlington, VT 05403



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS JUNE 14th,2025

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

CLOSING PRAYER 8:30 PM



INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATE

*** Candidate fee to participate is \$90.00**

- This includes 1 meal ticket (Additional meal ticket \$40.00)
 - Fourth Degree Membership Pin
- Special 125th Anniversary Certificate suitable for framing

PLEASE NOTE:

IN ORDER TO ENSURE CERTIFICATES AND PROGRAMS ARE CORRECT, WE ASK THAT A COMPLETED FORM 4 AND ALL FUNDS BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 30 days prior, 2024

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: VERMONT DISTRICT MASTER FUN,
AND MAIL TO 175 ELMWOOD AVE BURLINGTON VT 05401, USA

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DISTRICT MASTER,
HOME PHONE: 802-8625109 EMAIL: elyfamily6@aol.com

Announcements from the Office of the State Advocate

Worthy Brothers,

First, there are SEVEN (7) Councils Safe Environment compliant: Councils 297, 421, 642, 2946, 7525, 10417, & 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: elijahlachance@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, DECEMBER 15th 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/83604852499>

Vivat Jesus!


Elijah T. LaChance
State Advocate

2024 KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

- Rules:
- Approximately 11” x 17” in size
 - Ages 5-14 (3 Divisions: 5-7, 8-10, & 11-14)
 - Poster must reflect the theme “Keep Christ in Christmas”
 - All entries become the property of K of C Supreme Council



All Council-level winning submissions (all Divisions) are to be submitted to the State Youth Director by February 15, 2025. Multiple submissions will be accepted.

Entry Form available at:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5025-kcic-entry-score-sheet-fillable.pdf>

Merry Christmas to All!



127th Annual Vermont Knights of Columbus State Convention Advertising Support

November 30, 2024

Dear Sponsor,

The Knights of Columbus (*K of C*) is a charitable, faith-based, fraternal organization of hard-working men dedicated to the support of those in need in your community and throughout the world. Every year the leaders of local *K of C* councils from around the state get together for a State Convention during which time organizational issues are discussed to improve the way we serve others through our various charitable efforts. This year celebrates our very 127th State Convention in Killington, Vermont, May 2-4, 2025.

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

Please make your checks payable to "VT KofC State Council" and provide the order form (below), payment (check/cash) and your ad information to your K of C representative or mail these materials directly to our Advertising Manager, Sean Reilly, Council 232, 66 S. Main St., Rutland, Vermont 05701 to arrive no later than **April 11, 2024**. If you have any questions, contact the Convention Chairman, Elijah LaChance at (802) 734-2701 or elijahtlachance@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

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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 Edward Shirmer, 93 years old and a member of Council 7525 and Assembly 2106. He had 45 years of service.

Sir Knight Maurice Labor, 103 years old, was a 55-year 3rd-Degree member of Gibbons Council 2285, Newport and a 46-year 4th-degree member of James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157, Newport.

Sir Knight Norman "Tony" Brunner, 64 years old, Barre Council 399, 29-year 3rd degree member, 27-year member Assembly 1151 Barre.

Brother Knight Joel P. Tidd: 80 years old, Randolph Council 14351 - 31 years of service, third Degree, Life Member

Past State Deputy Message

Brother Knights.

My message to you this month is a simple question why. Why have we forgotten all the old programs that have worked for The Knights for many years. Programs like the annual free throw, programs like the Tootsie roll program which is now the campaign for People with intellectual Disabilities. Programs that in the past have made your council very successful in in accomplishing things that help them become a star council and lets the community know that the Knights are active.

Is it leadership? Is it the lack of communication of things that we've done in the past. I know they say you should always leave the past alone but some of these things worked very well but now they seem to be fading away. For instance, as chairman of campaign for People with intellectual disabilities, I remember when almost every council in the state participated by ordering boxes and boxes of Tootsie rolls and we had plenty of funds to support and send Special people to our camp for people with disabilities. Now as of today I only have 9 councils out of 37 that have participated in this program this year. With 20% of these proceeds going for the James O'Hagan Special Camp, we have had to reduce the number of participants that we send every year to this camp. The expense seems to increase every year and our income from this program decreases every year. why?

The annual free throw competition held every year decreases in the amount of participation from the council. It seems the same councils volunteer to host this event. Why?

We as Knights need to look at some of these programs and figure out what we can do to reactivate these and other worthwhile programs. These programs are a very good way to show the community how active the Knights of Columbus are and how we care for the youth and family activities.

As a past State Deputy, which was 20 years ago, I know our focus is trying to take on new members but if we are lax in council activities, how can we entice people to join us. Let's really think of Youth, Family activities to show how we really are as Knights.

Vivat Jesus

Maurice (Moe) F. Noel PSD/FDM

VOCATIONS

A Higher Purpose

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

The Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through this program, council and parish families will raise funds to support seminarians in their area. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported. Though financial support is vitally important, it is not the only aspect of RSVP.

Councils are also called to provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success.

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.

Please contact me for information on a seminarian or seminarians to support. You can E-mail me at gfbean44@yahoo.com Or call at 862-8581. Also, if you have given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 2024, June 30, 2025) and have not sent me a copy, please send me a copy of form 2863 (RSVP form) .

Invite the seminarian or seminarians supported by your council if available to a meeting or event so that they can meet the members of your council.

May God Bless You and your families especially this CHRISTMAS The Birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

“Vocations are Everybody's Business” Pray for Vocations.

Vivat Jesus

**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

Updated 12/01/2024.

Vermont State Evangelization and Faith Formation Director

Cor is

- Christ centered brotherhood
- Not a program – Not a meeting
- Intentional and frequent time for:
 - Prayer
 - Formation
 - Fraternity
- Open to all men of the parish
- In service of the Pastor & requires his permission
- Not meant to compete with other men's ministries but to strengthen and support



Three Key Elements

Prayer

Through prayer we strengthen our relationship with God as disciples (followers) of Jesus Christ and grow in our knowledge of Him.

Formation

The aim of Catholic formation is to grow in faith and become like Christ, taking on his character and virtue, life of prayer, and his mission.

Fraternity

Cor brings men together as a band of brothers to strengthen and sharpen each other in friendship and fraternity.

Importance of Leadership

Council Evangelization and Faith Formation Director

- Grand Knight to select and appoint an EFF Director

Pastor

- Meet with the pastor – seek permission, endorsement & invitation to men of the parish

Collaboration with other men's ministries

- Men's ministries & community communication

Faith Formation content is limited only by your imagination.

The first step is to appoint an Evangelization and Faith Formation Director in your Council.

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@qmavt.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!



**Come play bingo and join the fun on
December 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.

Sponsored by the SJV Knights of Columbus





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Council #399 (and 401)

125 Years Celebration Dinner

Sunday December 15th

12:30PM @ St. Monica Parish Hall

**Choice of Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roast Pork Loin (GF), or
Veggie Lasagna**

with Green Salad, Potato, Gravy, Vegetable and Rolls, drinks and dessert

Cost: \$35, Council #399 Member - \$25

Reservations required by Dec 8th

**Celebrate the history of the Council(s), See memorabilia, meet
with members you haven't seen in years.**

Bishop McDermott and other honored guests will attend.

**email Mike Rouleau (802-249-1948) – mrouleau123@gmail.com for more information
and for notification of reservations.**

send slip and payment to - KofC Council #399, 79 Summer St., Barre, VT 05641

Reservation for 125th Celebration Dinner – Sunday, December 15th 12:30PM at St. Monica

Name	Chicken	Pork	Lasagna	Cost
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	35/25
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	35



Milton Council 10417 celebrated Veterans Day November 11th at the Town Offices next to the Veterans Memorial as we offered our Red , White and Blue wreath.

Left to Right Gille Thibault Grand Knight , Ken Nichols , Alain Schroeder Veteran Bill Bittner , Tom Curran PDD , Peter Lavallee Community Director, Roger Dickinson Faithful Navigator , and our thank you to Nancy Curran for helping with taking photos .



Milton Council 10417
Closing St. Ann Prayer Garden

Left to Right: Faithful Navigator Roger Dickinson, Family Director Scott Wise, Knights Mascot Toby , Membership Director Ed Malila , Grand Knight Gille Thibault

DEGOESBRIAND ASSEMBLY #1148



Fourth-Degree assembly #1148 celebrant Veterans weekend by having a missing man table, also known as a fallen comrade table. At a Pancake Breakfast at Cathedrals of St. Josephs. This is the third year helping out with the Family Readiness Program out of Camp Johnson Colchester, VT. It assists Guard Families throughout Vermont, both Army and Air Guards. We are selling Lottery Tickets for \$10.00 it gets you 1 chance to win \$200 worth of Lottery Tickets! The proceeds (hopefully) will cover the cost of the lottery tickets and go to sponsor a Vermont National Guard single-parent family for Christmas.

What is the Vermont National Guard Family Programs, the Office provides education, support, and resources through community, state, and federal programs that ensures veterans, service members, and their families have the knowledge and resiliency to support mission readiness and retention. The services and resources provided to our veterans, service members, and their families are to help maintain their physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual health and well-being. The Vermont Military Family Community Network (VTMFCN) promotes awareness of the unique issues facing our military members and their families. We strive to identify local, state, federal resources available to our Vermont service members, veterans, and their families



INSURANCE AGENT MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

I have been serving the members of this jurisdiction for over 11 years and I genuinely feel blessed to do so. I'd be glad to share my experiences with any brother Knight who may be considering a career change or is just interested in knowing more about the field agent opportunity.

Thank you for your prayers and support. May God bless all of you and your families this Christmas.

Dave Giuliani

david.giuliani@kofc.org

802.272.6009



FR. BOIVIN COUNCIL #5041

Knights of Columbus Council #5041 Morrisville put on a Game dinner on Saturday 11-16-24. The menu included: venison meatballs w/ marinara sauce, moose stroganoff, bear chili, grilled venison strips along with a vegetable and dessert. Gourmet Chef and brother Knight, Brian Tomlinson, is passionate about creating dishes that provide pleasure, comfort and sustenance and worked his magic that day. Fellow Knights assisted, and a good time was had by all.





MOST HOLY TRINITY COUNCIL 7763

The Most Holy Trinity Council 7763 participates in their first Coats for Kids. Council 7763 distributed much needed coats to 9 schools. Our first drive was a great success. We look forward to next year's drive.



Council 279 News for December

Knights of Columbus DeGoesbriand Council 279 of Burlington presents their annual donation to Special Olympics of Vermont on October 26th. This year's donation in support of the Special Olympics of Vermont was \$2,000. Council 279, raised funds through a 50/50 event at the Lake Monsters Game and donations collected by our generous Burlington Parishioners after Mass.



Left to right. Alex Gilman, Health Programs Manager, Dan St. Hilaire, Council 279 Special Olympics Chairman, Bennet Townley, Operations Assistant, Harry Conn, Marketing and Fundraising Manager, Dave Ely Sr., K of C State Chairman for Special Olympics, and Kelsey Conway, VP of Mission Advancement.

The Knights of Columbus DeGoesbriand Council #279 in Burlington is proud to announce our participation in the Coats for Kids Program through our Boxes of Love initiative. We donated 72 coats to various Burlington organizations that helped our council distribute the coats to those in need.

Flynn Elementary School on North Avenue



Pictured: Bill LaCroix, #279 Treasurer, Flynn School Guidance Council and a Student Recipient.

Eagle Bay Academy in Burlington

Eagle Bay Academy in Burlington is an alternative education program, often for troubled youth and is the same location of the former Rock Point School.



Pictured: Eagle Bay Academy Councils with the Coats.

Joseph's House

Joseph's House is the St. Joseph's community outreach center. Our council supports Joseph's house year around and extended our support this year to include the Coats for Kids program in addition to a check for \$1,000.



Pictured: Joseph's House Director and #279 Chancellor Deacon Dennis Moore and Bill LaCroix, #279 Treasurer.

Other Council 279 News

We are excited to welcome two new Brother Knights to the Order. We held an exemplification on November 19th. Our new brothers are in the center with the degree team gathered around them. From left to right: Jim Michael, Dave Ely Sr., Mike Hennessey, **Evan Wing**, Msgr. Peter Routhier, **Charlie Finnegan**, Dan St. Hilaire, Jeff Ferrier, and Bill LaCroix.



ST. JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL 10417

St. John Paul II Council 10417 held our yearly Mass for Departed Brothers on November 10th at St. Ann's Church in Milton. We dedicate this Mass to our Council's deceased Brother Knights and honor their service to the God, the Church and the Knights of Columbus. Council 10417 was formed in 1990, and presently rosters 140 active members. From left to right: PGK Peter Lavallee, SK John Sharrow, FN Roger Dickinson, CCC Ed Malila, SK Greg Berard, DD Gille Thibault, GK Valdemar Garibay, PGK Bob Kelm



Milton Council 10417

Knights of Columbus Coats For Kids

Council delivered 24 Coats to St. Rose of Lima along with hats, mittens and scarfs from Our Ladies of St. Ann's Fr. Joseph and Valerie Hunter were very happy with this giving of help.





Milton Council 10417
Coats for Kids

Council dropped many coats to the Milton Family Community multiple times this year.

Left to right: Gabby Fenton Milton Community Center ,Knights of Columbus Peter Lavalley , Roger Dickinson, Benjamin Gilbert Milton Family Center , Knights of Columbus Gille Thibault, Alain Schroeder, Peter Lavalley, Frank Reed .

2024-25 300 CLUB

I ask that you PLEASE have your sold 300 Club tickets returned to me no later than December 15th as I shut my mail off on December 20th then all is forwarded to Florida and that takes forever.

PLEASE let me know of any unsold tickets as I have councils looking for some extra tickets.

For those that do not Know. Mail to; Maurice Noel, 89 Horseshoe Lane, Lyndonville, VT 05851



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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