



# Vermont Knights Magazine



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Vermont State Council

January 2025 Edition



## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Brother Vermont Knights,



I hope that you are enjoying a blessed Christmas Season and God bestows many graces on you and your families throughout the new year. Please pray for those who suffer from physical or mental illness, unemployment or the loss of a loved one around the holiday season. May our prayers and service to them demonstrate God's love and grant them healing, peace and eventual joy! As we embark on 2025, I want to remind you that we desperately need to ramp-up our recruitment and council development efforts. As the largest lay ministry in Vermont, we must grow our councils if we are going to continue to be an effective and relevant arm of our Catholic Church and maximize service to those in need within our communities. The Supreme Council has set a very modest sustainment goal of **133 new members by June 2025, but we have only met 35% of that goal at the mid-year point.** That means that, though we are doing great things and bringing in some new Knights, we are currently doing so at a rate that demonstrates that the Knights of Columbus in Vermont is continuing to decline in members and impact. It is sad for me to watch some councils close or gradually lose relevancy in parish life just because we haven't done everything we could to mobilize other Catholic men to join our team in faithful service to our Church and communities. As I have said before, **when we grow, the faith grows and, in turn, so does the Church.** This is a very serious mission, but we cannot achieve it unless we realize how important it truly is and follow Christ's calling to be "fishers of men" and invite our brother Catholics into active participation in the Order. This is NOT about filling "quotas." This is about bringing sincere and faithful Catholic gentlemen into our ministry who are ready to serve and to be the "Knights" that Blessed Michael McGivney envisioned us to be. We are ALL invested in this effort to grow in faith and participation. Our Church and community need us now more than ever. Please join me in answering this call to grow the Order and grow in service! Pray for our collective success and pray for the Catholic Church in Vermont. Vivat Jesus! Chris Poirier

## State Leadership



<b>State Chaplain</b>	Fr. Timothy Naples	<b>District Deputy 1</b>	Gille Thibault
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## **State Chaplain's Corner**

**January, 2025**

Dear Brothers and Families,

Blessed Christmas Season, and Feast of the Epiphany to you! I give you my abbreviated Christmas homily, and my prayers for the new year:



“The deepest and strangest and most revolutionary thought of this Christmas-time is that we must worship the baby Jesus. Christ, as a child, shows all of the powerlessness of humanity. But God can enter the world as such a child, and exercises infinite might, overcoming our powerlessness for our salvation.

We are here to worship the Christ child. A merely sentimental approach to Christmas could give us a false sense of pride and power. Jesus seems to be so helpless as a baby, that any help given to him will surely carry a great reward. Christian charity is now an idea that is 2000 years old. It has become commonplace; that we might feel that if we extend some affection to the Christ-child then we are doing something “extra,” as if we were the real helpers and Jesus is the one being helped. But even when Jesus was a little baby, helpless, in a way (a historical way but a fleeting way), we still are the ones being helped by Him! We were always the ones being helped!

Let us not think that we are “helping” Jesus that much; let us LOVE Him! Let us not think we are doing much that is “commendable,” until we have fallen down at the manger to worship Jesus!... and confessed to him that we have nothing to offer.

What do you give as a birthday present to the child who made the universe? You have to give him an “eternal” gift! What do you have? An eternal heart and soul! This is what we must try to do as Christians. We must try to be the most faithful of Christians. Let’s try to give him our heart and our soul.

Prayer Daily!!! Reconsider the Sacrament of confession. Prepare for the Eucharist. Worship the Christ-child in these sacraments throughout the New Year of 2025.

We have many valuable acts of contrition, acts of faith-hope-and-love, prayers of spiritual communion. I recommend them all. But I also say you can pray from the heart, in very simple words!

Pray with me. “Lord Jesus I believe you are the Son of God, and I trust you with my whole life, despite my own sins. From this day forward, make me holy and teach me to live with perfect love!”

**Vivat Jesus!**

*Fr. Tim Naples, SC*



# STATE SECRETARY



Brothers,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful Advent season and Merry Christmas . The Christmas season is under way now and continues on through January 12- The Baptism of the Lord. Leave your decorations up for the season to remind you of this Blessed and Holy season. It is the perfect time to reach out, help a shut in Brother Knight or parishioner. Offer a ride to church, shovel their walk or just be a friendly voice for them to hear or an ear when they need it. Small gestures often add up to a more friendly and peaceful world.

We are halfway through our Fraternal year already! Before you know it , it will be Spring with our State Convention around the corner. The 127<sup>th</sup> State Convention will take place Friday ,May 2nd through Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> at Killington Grand- details to follow soon. Please look over your Council calendars and make sure you are on track with all of your planned events, forms , etc. The beginning of a new calendar year is often a good time to take inventory of where you are tracking on your goals, whether it be Forms , Award Submissions or the like.

## Administrative Note

**Grand Knights & Financial Secretaries** – Remember your council’s “Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity” is due by **January 31, 2025**. This report accounts for all the service hours your Knights spent performing various charitable works and faith activities from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Please provide a good accounting of these hours to Supreme by the due date so they can account for all the great work we do across the Order. This survey provides critical information and is very important!



# Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

## SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

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E-mail: [WNMG@aol.com](mailto:WNMG@aol.com)

(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 immediately to allow the maximum time to prepare their part of the application.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

*Nicholas J. Conti*

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Scholastic Achievement Committee Chair

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





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## 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 not be considered complete until all parts of the application and your essay are received by the committee.

Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_

To School Personnel:

The above-named student is applying for a Knights of Columbus State Scholarship. Kindly complete this form and return it to the Knight's Scholarship Committee chair on or before **March 7, 2025**.

The Committee desires to receive all information leading to a better understanding of the applicant and his or her participation in church, school and community activities as well as any life situation. The information furnished will be treated in a strictly confidential manner by the Committee.

Thank you in advance for your time and effort on the behalf of the student and the Knights of Columbus.

	Average	Above Average	Superior
A. Social Adjustment	_____	_____	_____
B. Maturity	_____	_____	_____
C. Integrity	_____	_____	_____
D. School Citizenship	_____	_____	_____
E. Achievement related to Ability	_____	_____	_____

Current cumulative high school average \_\_\_\_\_ / 100 ( example: A+ = 100/100 )

We need to level the grading scores. Please include the maximum possible score at your school. \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a copy of the applicant's Secondary School Record including test records.

We would also like a Principal's or designee's estimate of applicant's success, and recommendation letter.

**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.**



# 127<sup>th</sup> 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 127<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:elijahtlachance@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

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K of C Representative (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ Council # (if known): \_\_\_\_\_



# Vocations (RSVP)

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.**

Providing such support is easy and can be accomplished through a variety of efforts: At the end of each council meeting or event, take a moment to remember the seminarian you support. Send cards to your seminarian or postulate.. Ask the seminarian or postulate how your council can best assist him or her throughout the year.

Conduct various events in your parish and community in order to reach your goal!

As a council, make a resolution to allocate a specific amount collected at various fundraisers for RSVP. This is a central aspect of RSVP and must be fulfilled in order to satisfy the program requirements. Immediately after your program is finished, complete the [RSVP Report Form \(#2863\)](#) and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission and State Vocations Chairman to obtain credit for your program. Remember to retain copies for your council records. **Proudly display your RSVP participation plaque in your parish or council hall and continue to add to it by participating every year!**

If your council is considering supporting a seminarian please contact me for information on a seminarian or seminarians to support. You can E-mail me at [gbean44@yahoo.com](mailto:gbean44@yahoo.com). Or call at 862-8581. Also if you have already given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025 please send me a copy of form 2863 (RSVP form) .

**I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year!**

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

Vivat Jesus

Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM

K of C State Vocations Director





## ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

### SEMINARIAN DIRECTORY

2024-2025

Updated December 16, 2024

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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

**SK George Leblanc**, 89 years-old and a 65-year 3rd Degree member of Most Holy Trinity Council 7763, Orleans and a 27-year member of James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157, Newport.

**FDD Sir Knight Kieth E. Grimes**: Randolph Council 14351 - 81 years old - 35 years of service, Fourth Degree, Honorary Life Member

**Sir Knight John Philips Cushing**, 77 years old, 19 years with Council 10417, ( Milton ) 14 years Fourth Degree Sir Knight Assembly 2609. Grand Knight July 2016 - June 2018





Theresa Ann (Leonelli) McAvinney passed away suddenly on the evening of Saturday, December 21, 2024, in the arms of her beloved husband. Born January 22, 1959, in Newark, NJ to Matthew and Ann Leonelli, she was the oldest of six children. She grew up in Roselle, NJ and graduated from Roselle High School, class of 1977.

Theresa always had a big heart, so it is no wonder she chose to pursue a nursing career. She graduated with an associate in nursing degree from Muhlenberg College and began her career at Elizabeth General Hospital in Elizabeth, NJ. For over 30 years she cared for countless patients both physically and spiritually.

In 1988, following a deep spiritual conversion, she began working in the Religious Education program at her local Catholic Church in Milford, NJ, which began her lifelong passion of serving in her church communities wherever she lived. Following the promptings of the Holy Spirit, she relocated with her two youngest daughters to the Northeast Kingdom in Vermont in 1995. In August 1997 she met the love of her life, Daniel McAvinney, originally of Lake George, NY. Following a brief courtship, they were married on January 17, 1998, and she lived her remaining days in their old farmhouse in Westfield, VT.

Over the course of her nursing career, she worked at various locations and in different positions, including ICU at Elizabeth General Hospital, visiting nurse at Orleans Essex VNA, North Country Hospital at the Barton Clinic, nurse at Newport Correctional Facility, Our Lady of the Meadows in Richford, VT,

Michaud Manor in Derby Line, Immaculate Heart of Mary Monastery in Westfield, VT, and as director at the Meeting Place in Newport, VT. But her true passion was her work in the Church. To say she was an active member at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Troy would be an understatement. Her motto was, "See a need, fill a need." Theresa was a doer. Serving God and her community was her life's work. Whatever she did, she gave 110%. She is best known for her role as Director of Religious Education, and for her music ministry and beautiful singing voice. She used these God given talents of teaching and singing to draw others to the real love of her life, Jesus Christ. She welcomed the stranger, exuded joy wherever she went, and hugged with her whole heart. In all that she did, her faith and love of God inspired her.

Theresa was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Her sixteen grandchildren adored her, and will always remember her bingo games, candy rewards, ice box cake, making cookies together and endless games of YAHTZEE! Theresa is survived by her husband Daniel McAvinney of Westfield, VT; daughters Sanene Talcott Stetter of Laguna Beach, CA, Christina Guertin and husband Tim of Parker, CO, Melissa LeBlanc and husband Justin of Newport Center, VT, and Lori Strauss and husband Michael of Derby, VT; grandchildren Emma, Jake, Corine, Joseph, Sean, Damian, Vincent, Simon, Jack, Mira, Samuel, Juliana, Lily, Luke, and Evelyn. She is also survived by her father Matthew Leonelli of Simpsonville, SC, mother-in-law Berne Kouba of Queensbury, NY, her siblings Louis Leonelli of Wurtsboro, NY, Philip Leonelli and wife Kirsten of Simpsonville, SC, Nicholas Leonelli and wife Jody of Cranford, NJ, Sr. Mary Matthew (Catherine Leonelli) of Manchester, NH



Matthew Leonelli and wife Sandra of Union, NJ, in-laws David/Cindy McAvinney, Patricia/Robert Morse, Julie/William Valenza, Meredith Bub, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins from around the country. Theresa was predeceased by her mother, Ann (Fortunato) Leonelli, grandson Jordan Carpenter, and father-in-law Gerald McAvinney.

Friends and family may call from 12 to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 pm on Friday January 10, 2025, at the Curtis-Britch & Bouffard Funeral Home, 4670 Darling Hill Rd, Newport, VT 05855

A funeral Mass will be offered at 11:00 am on January 11, 2025, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Troy, with a reception to follow at the parish hall. Committal will take place in Spring 2025.

Donations in Theresa's memory may be made to St. Andre Bessette Parish for the religious education program, PO Box 109, 130 S. Pleasant Street, Troy, VT 05868.



# ***Financial Check-Up for 2025***

Brother Knights, periodically reviewing your overall planning and protection program is essential and relatively easy with the right partners. Whether it's a tax issue, market woes, inflation concerns, unemployment, small business options, etc. – I encourage you all to lean on the Knights of Columbus for that support.

To anyone who may be reading this article, please reach out for a review if it's been more than 1-2 years since you've done a comprehensive analysis with a professional advisor. Having a dedicated agent is considered the biggest benefit of being a member and I'm here to serve everyone (regardless of having any KofC products) for all the concerns I mentioned above. Again, this is free of charge and is a service that could provide value to you and your family for generations. Please reach out today.

On that note, to better serve this jurisdiction we need another 1 or 2 field agents. I've brought it up before but now I mention it for those who are considering or are forced to change careers. This was not the path I planned in life but it has been an incredible opportunity. The Knights of Columbus are one of the best life insurance companies in the world with a very high rating among insurers in North America. There have been many changes at the Knights with more to come, all of which make for a great time to be an agent/advisor.

Happy new year and God bless you all,

David Giuliani, *CLU*

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# BISHOP JAMES A. HEALY PROVINCE – JANUARY 2025

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Exemplification on 24 Nov 2024 in Chicopee, MA. 40 new Sir Knights with Honoree Most Reverend William Byrne, Bishop of Springfield.

## PATRIOTIC ROSARY

### The Fourth Mystery

"To the kindly influence of Christianity, we owe that degree of civil freedom & political and social happiness which mankind now enjoys. In proportion as the genuine effects of Christianity are diminished in any nation, either through unbelief, or the corruption of its doctrines, will the people of that nation recede from the blessings of genuine freedom, and approximate the miseries of complete despotism."

"All efforts to destroy the foundations of our holy religion, ultimately tend to the subversion also of our political freedom and happiness."

"Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government, and all the blessings which flow from there, must fall with them." (Jedidiah Morse, 1799)

### For the Office of the Governors

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."**

New Mexico

New York

North Carolina

North Dakota

Ohio

Oklahoma

Oregon

Pennsylvania

Rhode Island

South Carolina

## 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

11 Jan - Middletown, CT

18 Jan – Northfield, VT

25 Jan – Waterville/Augusta, ME

## DM TRAINING

27 January 2025 at 8 PM on the "Preparation for the **NEW** Fourth Degree Exemplification."

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



Engraved pavement in location where MLK made his famous "I have a dream" speech on Washington, DC.

## Famous Quotes by MLK, Jr.

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

Time is always right to do what is right.

We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.



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

To Worthy Sir Knights and Bother Knights,

On Saturday January 18, 2025, we will be hosting a Fourth Degree Exemplification to be held at the OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY 43 Hebard Hill Rd. (P.O. Box 428), Randolph, VT, 05060. As Master of the Central California District, Junipero Serra Province it is my pleasure to act as your host for this inspiring event.

Enclosed is the event's packet that has been updated to reflect some new procedures we will be utilizing. Please take time to review carefully. Then make copies and distribute as suggested. Please note the deadlines. They are more important than ever this year! We are initiating several new processes --- all of which I truly believe will benefit your new members and the entire Assembly. We all must work a little harder (and efficiently) before the event to make the Exemplification run smoothly and be enjoyable for everyone. There is detailed information inside on all the changes. To summarize quickly the biggest changes is that ticket requests and distribution will be handled by each assembly. Each Assembly will be collecting the individual checks and writing one Assembly check for both the application fees. This system is used in many other areas of the country; it assists new members in learning about their new assemblies as well as streamlines the cash challenges. Thank you in advance for your help in making our new procedures work well and the January Exemplification being the best ever!

Thank you for your recruiting efforts for this exemplification and all your hard work for our district! I look forward to seeing each of you and your new recruits in Monterey! If you have any questions, please contact me!

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

Vivat Jesus,

David A. Ely Sr

District Master

175 Elmwood Ave Burlington Vt, 05401

Phone Number 802-862-5109

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.

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.

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 \$50 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 \$50 Exemplification fee



# Fourth Degree Membership Document

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – A SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC MEN

4/10/20

1	LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL		TITLE	
	STREET		CITY		ST / PROV		POSTAL CODE / COUNTRY	
2	HOME PHONE		DATE OF BIRTH		MARRITAL STATUS		4th DEGREE DATE	
	COUNCIL NO.		CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?		BY BIRTH OR NATURALIZATION?		IF NATURALIZATION HAVE FINAL PAPERS BEEN RECEIVED?	
3	DATE OF		REASON FOR TERMINATION		ASSEMBLY NUMBER		CITY	
	ST. PROV.		NEW OR PRESENT		FORMER		I CERTIFY THAT THE APPLICANT IS A THIRD DEGREE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING IN	
4	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		DATE		COUNCIL NO.		LOCATION	
	SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER		ASSEMBLY		DATE		SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY	
5	PROPOSER MEMBER NUMBER (REQUIRED)		RECEIVED FEES OF \$		DATE		APPLICANT INITIATED AT	
	DATE		DATE		DATE		SIGNATURE OF WALTER (REQUIRED FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY)	

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEW MEMBER  
 RESTORATION  
 TRANSFER  
 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP  
 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP  
 DATA CHANGE  
 SUSPENSION \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

SUPREME SECRETARY COPY

PLEASE NOTE:

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](mailto:elyfamily6@aol.com)





## 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



## Appropriate Dress for Candidate and Attendee

The appropriate dress for Candidate and Attendee is: ***Black, Dark Gray or Dark Blue Business Suit (No Sport Coat or Blazer), white dress shirt w/Necktie, dark dress shoes. TUXEDO IS NOT REQUIRED ANY MORE.***

Candidate will receive his 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (PG 113) Lapel Pin at the Exemplification. ***Active-Duty Military Personnel, First Responders may wear their Class "A" or Dress Uniform.***

### ***Candidate Acknowledgement:***

I fully understand the above dress code requirements and must present myself in the appropriate dress attire to be eligible to participate in the Fourth Degree Exemplification.

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Candidate Signature

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Date

ASSEMBLY OFFICIAL: MUST BE ATTACHED TO CANDIDATE FORM 4  
FOR PROCESSING



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



# FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

HONORING: THE 125<sup>TH</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>,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 125<sup>th</sup> 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

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One Nation, Under God



# Knights of Columbus

Fourth Degree  
Vermont

## 6-point membership plan:

### **1. Plan to achieve STAR ASSEMBLY by planning and implementing the following criteria:**

- Meet the Assembly's membership goal with a net gain of 6% additions over deletions.
- Complete and submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), which is due January 31, 2025.
- Complete and submit to your District Master by April 30, 2025 the "To Be a Patriot Award" application.
- Earn the Civic Award by conducting a minimum of four patriotic programs during the 2017-2018 fraternal year and reporting those programs to the Supreme Master by June 30, 2025 on the "Civic Award" application.
- Complete and submit the "Report of Officers Chosen for the Term" (#186). This form is due July 1, 2025

2. Attend the council planning meetings of each of the councils assigned to your assembly. At this meeting ask the Grand Knight and officers if the council has an event for the fraternal year that they would like a 4th Degree honor guard. This allows additional activity for the assembly, shows the councils Parish what the 4th degree does, and inspire membership for both the 3rd degree council, and the 4th degree assembly. Use this activity for membership opportunities for the upcoming exemplification in your area.

3. Complete the new planning guide for your four activities for the 2024-2025 fraternal year. You need to present the activities of the assembly to answer the first question of a potential member, "Why should I join the 4th degree"?

4. Sponsor a 3rd degree reception. At each kick off meeting we all will receive the 3rd degree schedule. I am asking the 4th degree assemblies that are hosting a 4th degree next year to sponsor the reception after each 3rd degree in their area. Have form 4's, and the assemblies completed program planning guide to inform the new 3rd degree candidates of how they would be active in the assembly. (distribute cookies)

5. Contact each GK of the councils assigned to your assembly. Ask for permission to make a presentation on the "ONE" upcoming exemplification at a council business meeting., bring regalia, wear your tux, have form 4's, discuss the upcoming exemplification in your area, share the planning guide for your assembly, have the information sheets on the degree that I produce, stay to answer questions. This should be done 2-4 months in advance of the exemplification in your area. Plan to attend the exemplification with as many candidates and Sir Knights from the assembly as possible.



6. Activate new 4th degree members through training. Within 60 days after the ONE exemplification in your area, plan a training session for all new members. I know that most of the assemblies' train on the fly when an honor guard is needed, that is not good enough. Here are what you should concentrate on prior to the new member being asked to join an honor guard.

- a) Proper dress, use the drill manual (order copies and distribute to new members) to impress upon the members of the proper dress in an honor guard from shirt, socks, clean tux, to the proper pin.
- b) Where to buy regalia, or if your assembly has extra equipment to share, distribute that equipment.
- c) Color Corps protocol: Silent commands, Processions, recessionals, removal of berets at mass,
- d) Manual of the Sword: How to draw, carry, and present the sword
- e) Individual drill: General commands, hand salute, sword salute, berets salute, etc.
- f) FRATERNITY: By conducting these training sessions, you activate members of the assembly to assist these new members, you activate the new members by making them a part of their new assembly, and giving them a purpose to belong.

If you wait until you're standing in a funeral home to train someone to stand guard at a brother Knights casket, you've waited too long, and the results will reflect the time you spent training that new member.

#### Review the plan:

- Plan to achieve the STAR ASSEMBLY award
- Attend the council's planning meeting and offer to help with an honor guard at an appropriate council activity.
- Select & schedule four activities that your assembly wants to perform for the fraternal year 2024-2025 using the program planning guide.
- Order supplies (form 4's), make many copies of the planning guide
- Sponsor a third-degree reception that include the councils your assembly is attached to.
- Make a presentation on the "ONE" Exemplification in your area at each of the councils that are assigned to your assembly at least 2-3 months in advance of the exemplification date.
- Plan for your assembly to attend the 4th degree exemplification in your area with as many candidates, and fellow sir knights as possible.
- Train your new members

District Master  
David A. Ely Sr.





# Pilgrims on the way of Hope: A Resource for the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police, and Security Personnel

## **Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope**

United States Conference of  
Catholic Bishops

## **Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police, and Security Personnel: Resource Packet**

February 8-9, 2025

### **INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW**

Jubilee 2025 invites you to be a pilgrim of hope. For Christians, hope is anchored in the encounter with Jesus whose life, death, and resurrection reveals God's transforming love. Our hope in God is renewed constantly in the gift of the Holy Spirit, the love of the Father and the Son, who is given, even now, to the community of believers.

The Holy See has designated a number of Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate different groups of people and various ministries in the Church. The Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police, and Security Personnel will be held from Saturday, February 8, to Sunday, February 9, 2025.

Recently, Pope Francis addressed participants in the 64th International Military Pilgrimage at the

French Marian Shrine of Lourdes. Entrusting to God's mercy all of their comrades-in-arms who died serving their countries and defending peace, Pope Francis urged Catholic members of the military to let their faith inform their service:

"The world needs you, especially at this dark moment in our history. We need men and women of faith who are capable of putting weapons at the service of peace and brotherhood."

The Pope also emphasized the need for quiet time for spiritual discernment that will allow military personnel to reaffirm with hope their vocation in prayer: "This spiritual pause at Lourdes is a time to rethink your military vocation from the perspective of faith, and of the love that every Christian must cultivate towards his brother, even his enemy."

In addition, Pope Francis urged members of the military to renew their commitment to the transformative Word of God: "Be military men and women who stand tall and proud to honor your uniform, your motto and your homeland, but who are also aware that you are part of a single human family, a family that is divided and wounded, but which Christ came to redeem and save through the power of love, not the violence



of arms." [The full article can be accessed online via the Vatican's website: [Message of the Holy Father, signed by the Cardinal Secretary of State, on the occasion of the 64th International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes presided over by Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher \[24-26 May 2024\] \(25 May 2024\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)\]](#)

This resource packet is for anyone who finds it useful. It can be used or adapted by dioceses, eparchies, parishes, schools, chaplaincies, apostolates, movements, organizations, or individuals to plan their celebration for the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police, and Security Personnel. It may also serve as a catalyst or inspiration for the creation and development of local or year-round resources for the Armed Forces, Police, and Security Personnel communities.

For members of the Armed Forces, Police, and Security Personnel and their families who are making a Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome or a pilgrimage within the United States during 2025, this packet can also serve as an aid in the preparation or experience of that trip.

Additional resources for the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police, and Security Personnel and other celebrations can be found online at the USCCB Jubilee Year web pages: available in English at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025> and available in Spanish at <https://www.usccb.org/es/committees/jubileo-2025>.

## LETTER FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

*Office of the Archbishop*

28 August 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy that I invite you to join the Universal Church in responding to the call of the

Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis, to participate in the Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope.

On 8-9 February 2025, the Holy Father will join in prayer with the Armed Forces, Police, and Security Personnel worldwide, and I take this opportunity to remember and honor the members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have given their lives for our Country.

After sixteen years of ministry as the Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, I express my gratitude to the military in all six branches who have stood on the frontlines of freedom, risking everything to keep the light of liberty burning brightly at home and around the globe.

I extend an invitation to active-duty military and their families to join me in Rome, Italy for our archdiocesan pilgrimage from 5 to 11 February to participate in the activities organized by the Holy See and to live moments of prayer in a truly universal setting during this historic Holy Year. Having lived nineteen years in the Eternal City, I can assure you that it is a remarkable place. For more information about the pilgrimage package for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA please visit: <https://www.milarch.org/jubilee-of-the-armed-forces/>.

Invoking Divine Protection on our U.S. Armed Forces, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,



(The Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio  
Archbishop of the Military Services, USA  
President, United States Conference of  
Catholic Bishops

PO Box 4469  
Washington, DC 20017-0469  
TEL: 202-719-3600  
FAX: 202-269-9445







# PSD Corner

January 2025

## What the Knights offer!

The Knights of Columbus offers every Catholic, Faith in Action. It enables us to become a better Catholic by giving us so many opportunities. Our motivation should be one of virtue and conducting ourselves as Catholic Gentlemen.

Take part in the Eucharist. I would encourage all Councils to hold regular Holy Hours. We must increase our devotion to the Eucharist by showing others and invite family and friends.

Remember that each of these events is another successful way of inviting them to join your Council. But you need to give them a good reason, so be prepared

Let us all work together!

Vivat Jesus,

*Michael Patnode*, PSD



## Saint & Holy Days



**The Feast of Mary begins! Let us rejoice and give thanks. For she opened her heart to the world, she listened to God's will and brought our Savior into the world to save all of mankind.**

**So let us give thanks to the blessed Mother.**

**Let us attend Masses in her Honor. Give Praise to our Holy Mother.**



## **New! - Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon**

The Knights of Columbus have selected a painting of the Sacred Heart by Italian artist Pompeo Batoni, located in Rome's Church of the Gesù, to be the centerpiece of the new pilgrim icon program. Copies of the image, blessed by the papal almoner, will soon be given to each K of C jurisdiction and, beginning in 2025, will travel from council to council, serving as the focus for prayer services throughout the Order.

During their visit to Rome, Supreme Knight Kelly and other Supreme Officers gathered Oct. 23 at the Church of the Gesù for a votive Mass of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus celebrated by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori. The 325-year-old side chapel in which they gathered was renamed the Chapel of the Sacred Heart in 1920 when Batoni's 1767 painting was placed above the altar. The Supreme Council has agreed to sponsor the restoration of the chapel, including Batoni's painting, in honor of the 350th anniversary celebration.



The new Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon is on its way to Vermont; having been shipped the week before Christmas. I have also been informed that prayer booklets, posters, and prayer cards will be shipped in mid-to-late January.

I encourage every Vermont K of C Council to participate in this latest iteration of the Pilgrim Icon Program. Please feel free to contact me at [dcknsn95@comcast.net](mailto:dcknsn95@comcast.net) or by phone / text at 802.373.7135 to arrange a Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon service for your Council and Parish(s).

***Vivat Jesus!***

Roger Dickinson

State Silver Rose / Pilgrim Icon Chairman

# Milton Council 10417

Knights helping out moving Christmas decorations from the garage to Saint Ann's Church in Preparation of Advent for Kathy and Monique.

Left to right: Ed Malila, Peter Lavallee, Larry Lazzaro, Scott Wise , Kathy Dulac , Monique Ziegler.



Knights donated five turkeys to Fr. Joseph Sanderson at Saint Joseph Church in Grand Isle and five to the Milton Family Community .

Left to right Gille Thibault, Fr. Joseph, Peter Lavallee, Fr. Joseph , Larry Lazzaro, Peter Lavallee, Alain Schroeder Gille Thibault





## Milton Council 10417

Larry and Aly Lazzaro donate their time and baking home made food once a month after 10:30 Mass ( coffee hour ) All money raised goes to help out religious educational students at Saint Ann's and surrounding Churches that partake in the Steubenville retreat once a year.



Knights helping set up the Creche , Nativity scene and Keep Christ in Christmas Banner at the start of Advent.

Left to right : Roger Dickinson , Peter Lavallee, Bob Currier , Pat Noel , Larry Lazzaro, Chuck Wilton , Mike Thompson, Scott Wise , Toby, Ray Crowley





## Council 14351 Charles Philips Council (Randolph / Bethel)

Council 14351 had a busy November & December. Coats for Kids, Clothing Drive, Exemplification, Stripping & Waxing Floor in St Anthony's Church Hall in Bethel. The Council also donated \$1,500 to area Food Shelves. \$300 was given to Randolph, Bethel, South Royalton, Rochester, and Williamstown.



Welcoming Stephen Fitzhue to the council at an Exemplification on Dec 12

Council participated in Coats for Kids giving to Project happy Holidays Bethel Food Shelf , Randolph Elementary school as well as having a clothing drive at Our lady of the angels Church in Randolph



Polishing St. Anthony's Church Hall in Bethel





# 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



## 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

## 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.*

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@gmavt.net](mailto:mtn6@gmavt.net). Note : If I do not answer please leave a callback #.

[www.kofc.org/cor](http://www.kofc.org/cor)

Council 7525 EFF will conduct Cor at St John Vianney on third Saturdays at 10 AM. All are welcome!

## Council 7525 Annual Special People Christmas Party



Santa and Rudolph (Josh Beaupre) distribute gifts



L-r: Dick Stevens, Mike Bullock, Dan Smith, Ted Barrett, Tom Gravelin, Dave Martin, Ray Bouchard, Santa, Rudolph (not shown- Ray Michaud, Kathy Barrett and the Gravelin Brothers Band)



Santa was played by our own "professional Santa" Worthy Faithful Navigator Mike Audette





# BINGO



Come join the fun on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> in the St. John Vianney Parish Center at  
160 Hinesburg Rd. in So. Burlington, Vermont  
Entire family welcome  
Snack Food available for purchase  
Doors open at 5:30PM

Jackpot game worth up to \$1000.00  
Mini-Jackpot worth up to \$500.00 (Progressive-currently \$400)

**Bring in an item or two of non-perishable food and receive 2 free sheets for the winner-take-all game.**

Proceeds from the bingo go towards supporting local agencies such as...

- So. Burlington Food Shelf
  - Coats for Kids
- Ronald McDonald House
  - Camp Ta Kum Ta
  - Josh's House
- Hattin Homes for Children
- Special People's Christmas Party

Sponsored by the St. John Vianney Knights of Columbus

# 2024-25 300 Club

As of this date, I might have 3 unsold tickets. If you are interested, Please let me know and I will get in touch with you. After 2 drawings the following are winners.

WEEK #1 12/21/2024	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
	265	Fr. Leo Bilodeau	7973
	46	Butch Robbins	2832
	255	Larry Gould	2832
WEEK #2 12/28/2024	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
	249	David Ely Sr.	279
	234	Dennis Clancy	2628
	59	Doug St. Amour	4684



**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](mailto:noelmaurice2@gmail.com)**

**NEXT ISSUE WILL BE FEBRUARY 1, 2025**