



Vermont Knights Magazine

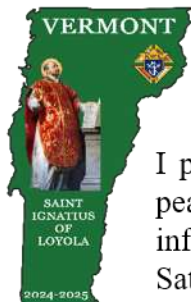


Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Vermont State Council

February 2025 Edition

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE



Brother Vermont Knights,



I pray you are all doing well and you will be blessed with good health, peace, and prosperity in 2025! Your state leaders just participated in a very informative and spiritually uplifting mid-year Organizational Meeting last Saturday, January 25th at St. John Vianney in South Burlington. The Supreme Council sent Regional Growth Director Bill Chasse to observe the meeting and offer his insights into how the Vermont Knights can achieve their goals of building a stronger and more vibrant organization of faithful men in service to the Church and those in need. A critical step towards meeting this objective is **actively welcoming other men to join our team!** We should all be personally invested in this effort. If we don't grow, we decline – there is no middle ground. When we **grow the Knights**, we directly **strengthen the Church**. Please also remember our mission statement: **“The Vermont Knights of Columbus is a faith-based, fraternal organization of Catholic men dedicated to the practice of their faith and the values & doctrine of the Catholic Church. They are directed by their four core principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism for the purpose of growing in their faith and providing aid to those in need within their families, parishes and communities.”** We are indeed committed to developing and growing in our faith. In doing so, we focus our hearts on fulfilling God's will, rather than our own. God blesses the humble and faithful heart with great love and the many gifts of the Holy Spirit which inspire our dedicated service in being the “hands and feet of Jesus Christ.” The Knight of Columbus “Cor initiative” is a great way to help our Knights and other Catholic men grow in our faith. Please explore how your council can help host opportunities for men in our parishes to pray together; learn more about our Faith; discuss & share our insights; and enjoy fellowship and camaraderie. Please always remember to pray for your council, its leaders and all that it does. There are many good men and women in our communities that do many great things for others. But when Knights serve, they do so empowered by Holy Spirit who blesses our service and touches the hearts of those to whom we minister. I pray for your continued success in all these endeavors. Peace, Chris

State Leadership



State Chaplain	Fr. Timothy Naples	District Deputy 1	Gille Thibault
State Deputy	Christopher Poirier	District Deputy 4	Bill Rensch
State Secretary	Bill LaCroix	District Deputy 5	Joe Kelly
State Treasurer	Valdemar Garibay	District Deputy 6	Richard Powell
State Advocate	Elijah LaChance	District Deputy 7	Bill Scott
State Warden	Larry Bellew	District Deputy 8	Tom Ronning
District Master	David Ely	District Deputy 9	Sean Reilly
Immediate Past SD	Jim Michael	Insurance Field Agent	David Giuliani
Membership Dir.	Valdemar Garibay		
Program Dir.	Bill LaCroix		
EFF Director (Cor)	Mike Bullock		

Special Supreme Awards

Congratulations to our Immediate Past State Deputy Jim Michael for leading the jurisdiction into the “Circle of Honor” last year and further exceeding growth expectations by earning the “Pinnacle Award!” Jim received the award from our Supreme Guest and Regional Growth Director William Chasse at the mid-year Organizational Meeting on January 25, 2025.



Contributing to that outstanding performance last year was Past District Deputy #3, and now State Secretary, William LaCroix who was recognized for his significant achievement and presented with the “Star District” award for outstanding district leadership in 2023-2024. State Deputy Chris Poirier congratulates both Bill and his wife Michelle for this exceptional accomplishment.



An Incredible Opportunity

A matter of great importance is the need for Knights of Columbus field agents in Vermont. We at the Brown Agency have been working diligently in New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont and it is our goal to hire a new representative in the next year. This will help to serve the membership and finally achieve full coverage in our jurisdiction. The field agent role is a full-time, career position and is open to all members.

On a personal note, I can honestly say this job is amazing. I get to spend my days helping serve Catholic families and even on a bad day I’m visiting with folks who share my values. A truly one of a kind situation here in Vermont. There is no required experience or education, it’s technically open to anyone – however it is not for everyone. The first step is to see if it’s a good fit for you and your family.

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

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



From the State Chaplain:

February 2025

Dear Brother Knights. Updated posters from the Vermont Knights for Life Project (launched back in 2020, and now updated through our Poster Project) have been made. They can now be downloaded at my blog:

UBIPETRUSVT.com/knights4life

On the same blog I am working on updating the hyperlinks, and some simple notes about supporting the initiatives of these wonderful, pro-life, pregnancy care centers and clinics (Our Vermont "PRCs").

As we pray for them, let us continue to add the power of prayer and faith to all of our fraternal and charitable works as Knights.

Especially invoking our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Queen of the Knights,

Yours in Christ,

Father Tim Naples,

State Chaplain

Vermont Knights for Life: Supporting our Pro-Life Pregnancy Resource Centers

- Aspire Now** (802) 658-2184
- Burlington** **Birthright** (802) 865-0056
- Williston***
- Lyndonville*** **Futures Pregnancy Care** (802) 427-4199
- Morrisville** **LAMOILLE VALLEY PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER** (802) 302-5022
- Barre*** **Central Vermont Pregnancy Service** (802) 479-9215
- Middlebury*** **The Women's Center** (802) 388-7272
- Rutland** **First Step Pregnancy Clinic** (802) 775-5611
- West Lebanon, NH** **Pregnancy Center of the Upper Valley** (603) 298-6123
- Alpha Pregnancy Care Center** (802) 442-2002
- Bennington**
- Brattleboro** **Branches Pregnancy Resource Center** (802) 254-6734

You formed my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. Ps. 139:13

Designed and sponsored by the State Chaplain

STATE SECRETARY

February



Brothers, As we are now back in Ordinary time, I hope your Christmas season was excellent. Many councils are now in their busy winter season of programs, charitable events, etc. Keep up the good work!

In January I sent out the reminder for Anchor Award nominations. Please discuss with your Council and if you have a worthy candidate please write up a submission and get to me **BY February 28, 2025**.

The planning for the 127th State Convention is well underway, and I hope councils will vote on their delegates and alternates this month. Please do all you can to help with the convention by having your councils and parishes purchase an ad in the Convention Book to help keep the costs of our convention down. If you can sell ads to businesses in your community, that would be a great help too! Please let Sean Reilly DD#9 know if you need more information about this fund-raising and advertising program.

Administrative Reminders

Liability Insurance – All your GK's and FS's have received an email about liability insurance through the State Council. Please contact State Advocate Elijah LaChance about this ASAP. He needs the amount of ACTIVE members in your council, send info to him at elijahTlachance@gmail.com.

Annual Survey – Your council should have submitted a Form 1728 by January 31st. If you forgot, please do this as soon as possible.

Membership – Since so many of our councils have lost older members and others this past couple of years, recruitment is CRITICAL for our survival and service. Please reach-out to eligible men so they can join our team!

Worthy Brothers Knights,

I hope this letter finds you well. 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 forms attached 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 , these forms are attached 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 10 members in attendance. **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

644 Church Rd.

Colchester , VT 05446

802-881-2748

blacroix1@comcast.net

State Council Program Awards

Entry Form

ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATE COUNCIL TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMPETITION
THIS REPORTING FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH COUNCIL AND FORWARDED TO THE STATE COUNCIL.
(A separate reporting form should be completed for each program category.)

CATEGORY (MARK ONE): Faith Family Community Life

COUNCIL INFORMATION:

1 Council Number: _____ Total Council Members: _____

Grand Knight: _____ E-Mail: _____

PROGRAM INFORMATION (complete all sections):

2 Program Title: _____ Program Date: _____

Participation: _____ + _____ = _____
Members Non Members Total Participants Total Volunteer Hours

Program Planning: _____ & _____ Members Recruited: _____ Donations: _____
Costs Time Local Currency

3 Describe the program in full detail using the space below and on page 2. Programs must be organized by the council or involve significant participation by council members to qualify. Programs must also engage members by enhancing faith and spirituality, serving a charitable purpose, or a combination of the two. Program descriptions should reference how they meet these criteria. Along with the description of the program, provide the program's purpose, goals, accomplishments and why it deserves to win the award.

Supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. Accompanying materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit tapes, videocassettes, DVD's, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.

DO NOT SUBMIT THIS REPORT FORM TO SUPREME COUNCIL

MAIL ORIGINAL TO: State Deputy or State Program Director

COPY TO: Council File

Available in electronic format at www.kofc.org



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Continue your program description in the space below.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for writing a program description.

Signed: _____ Date _____
Grand Knight

State Blessed Michael McGivney Award Council Nominee

Email: _____ Date: _____

Submitter's Name: _____ KofC Council Role _____

Council Number: _____ Jurisdiction: _____

In connection with the International Program Awards Contest sponsored by the Supreme Council office, the following Chaplain is the nominee named by my council:

CHAPLAIN INFORMATION:

Council Number: _____

Chaplain to be recognized: _____ How long has he been a priest? _____

Chaplain's Member Number: _____ Years as KofC Chaplain: _____

Other Positions Held? (Write N/A if none) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

AWARD SUBMISSION:

1. In less than 250 words, please answer how your chaplain is:
 - a teacher of the faith
 - an apostle of Christian family life
 - a devoted parish priest
 - an exemplar of charity
 - a builder of Catholic fraternity
 - role model to your Parish



State Blessed Michael McGivney Award Council Nominee

2. Please add or attach other reasons why your chaplain should be considered for this award (if none write n/a)

GRAND KNIGHT ATTESTATION:

Grand Knight Signature: _____



VERMONT STATE Knight *of the* Year

Entry Form

Instructions: To enter your council member into the state competition for Knight of the Year, complete this form and forward to the State Program Director. Attach additional paper if space allocated is not sufficient. Photographs, news clippings, testimonial letters and other special exhibits are encouraged as these will be strongly considered during the judging by the state council selection committee. If not otherwise instructed by the State Program Director or State Deputy, the date of submittal for this form and all associated materials is one month prior to the Vermont State Convention.

Council Name and Number: _____

Candidate's Name: _____ Years of Service: _____

Describe member's involvement in Knights of Columbus, Parish, or Community activities that merits special recognition. Include all activities, hours worked, people or organizations helped, etc.

Attested: _____ Date: _____

Grand Knight

Family of the Year

Entry Form

Council/Jurisdiction: _____ Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Local Councils: To enter your Family of the Year into jurisdiction competition, complete this form and forward it to the state deputy. Additional paper may be used if space allocated is not sufficient. Photographs, news clippings, letters of commendation or other special exhibits may be included. **Note: Individual jurisdictions set their own deadlines for state/provincial competitions, so watch for deadline dates or contact the state deputy, state program director, or state family director.**

A. PERSONAL DATA

Member's Name: _____ (Membership Number) _____

Wife's Name: _____

Children/Ages: _____ Children/Ages: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Business Telephone: _____

Parish: _____ Pastor: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

B. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DATA

Family nominated by Council _____ in _____
(Number) (Location)

For how many years has husband/father been a member of the Knights of Columbus? _____

Positions (offices/program directorships/chairmanships/committee assignments) held:

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Explain the entire family's involvement within the Knights of Columbus:

C. FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Church:

Explain the entire family's involvement within the community:

Explain why this family was chosen as the model family in your jurisdiction. Why does this family deserve the distinction of being named Knights of Columbus Family of the Year?

FOR JURISDICTION USE ONLY:

This family has been chosen Jurisdiction Family of the Year.

Attest: _____
(State Deputy)

If this entry is selected as the Jurisdiction Family of the Year, please submit this winning entry form with the state deputy's signature or e-signature and all collateral material to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission along with your SPAW/STSP packet of International Award Winners. It is preferred that these be submitted electronically to fraternalmission@kofc.org. Jurisdiction Family of the Year submissions are due by April 30 for consideration in the International Family of the Year competition.

(Councils should retain a copy of this completed form for their files)



Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

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)

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

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.

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

Applicant's full name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____

City or Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Date of Birth _____ E-mail Address _____

School you now attend _____

School's Address _____

Name of School's Principal _____

Father's Name _____

Number of siblings also attending a post-high school program _____

Knights of Columbus Council # _____, Located in (town) _____ VT.

Give the name of the Council's Financial Secretary _____

Applicant's Home Parish: _____

How did you learn about this scholarship program? _____

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.

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(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 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.



VERMONT STATE COUNCIL

STATE FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

TO BE HELD AT: HAZEN UNION HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
126 Hazen Union Dr.
Hardwick, Vermont 05843

WHEN: Sunday, MARCH 23, 2025
Registration beginning at:
9:00 AM

Contest Times:

11:00AM	Announcements, prayer, National Anthem
11:15AM	9 & 10 year old Boys and Girls shoot
11:45AM	9 & 10 year old AWARDS for Boys and Girls
12:00PM	11 & 12 year old Boys and Girls shoot
12:30PM	11 & 12 year old AWARDS for Boys and Girls
12:45PM	13 & 14 year old Boys and Girls shoot
1:15PM	13 & 14 year old AWARDS for Boys and Girls
1:30PM	Closing remarks, prayer, etc.

Refreshments provided FREE!

PLUS... fun 3-point contests between rounds!



127th Vermont State Convention



Killington

May 2-4th

Killington Grand Resort Hotel

*“Grow the Knights -
Strengthen the Church”*

Sign Up Now!

- *Gathering with delegates from Councils across Vermont*
- *Keynote Speaker: Rutland Mayor Mike Doenges*
- *Table displays and guests from statewide non-profits to help plan future Knights' partnerships*
- *Great food and fellowship*



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!

<p>HALF PAGE 5.5" wide X 4.25" tall</p> <p>\$75.00</p>	<p>FULL PAGE 5.5" wide X 8.5" tall</p> <p>\$125.00</p>
<p>QUARTER PAGE 5.5" wide X 2.12" tall</p> <p>\$40.00</p>	
<p>DOUBLE PAGE 11" wide X 8.5" tall</p> <p>\$200.00</p>	

Paid \$ _____ Check # _____

Detach Here – Top Part Is Sponsor's Receipt

Advertising Order Form

Name: _____ Ad Size: _____ Cost \$ _____ Check # _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

You may email a digital copy of your ad to elijahtlachance@gmail.com or attach a copy to this order form when you mail your check to: Sean Reilly, Council 232, 66 S. Main St., Rutland, Vermont 05701.

Special Instructions:

K of C Representative (if known): _____ Council # (if known): _____

RISK PURCHASING GROUP DISCLOSURE

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR POLICYHOLDERS

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SPECIFIC TO INSURANCE ISSUED TO PARTICIPATING LOCAL COUNCILS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ITS MEMBERS

Fraternal and Service Organizations Risk Purchasing Group (hereinafter "Fraternal Organizations RPG") is a Purchasing Group (RPG) formed and operating pursuant to the Liability Risk Retention Act of 1986 (15 USC 3901 et seq.). The Liability Risk Retention Act allows the Fraternal Organizations RPG to purchase liability insurance on a group basis for its members to cover the similar or related liability exposures(s) to which its members are exposed by virtue of their related, similar or common business or service.

MASTER POLICY HOLDER

PARTICIPATING LOCAL COUNCILS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Policy Number	Coverage Description	Insurance Company	Inception Date	Expiration Date
LFR-GL-29000000-04	Commercial General Liability	Nova Casualty Ins. Co.	02/01/2025	02/01/2026

The policy of insurance referenced above has been issued To Participating Local Councils Of The Knights Of Columbus on behalf of its members for the policy period indicated. In order for insurance under this policy to be effective, Certificate Holders must be valid members of the Fraternal Organizations RPG.

The Certificate of Insurance issued to the Participating Local Councils Of The Knights Of Columbus Participant together with the Master Policy issued to the Master Policy Holder and listed herein form the entire contract and constitute the policy issued to the To Participating Local Councils Of The Knights Of Columbus Participant. Certificate of Insurance means a valid document that evidences insurance under such policies.

Notwithstanding any requirement, term or conditions of any contract or other document with respect to which this certificate may be issued or may pertain, the Certificate is furnished in accordance with, and in all respects is subject to all terms, conditions and exclusions of the Master Policy.

A copy of the Master Policy is available upon request. The Master Policy may be inspected at the offices of The Risk Purchasing Group (RPG).

NOVA Casualty Insurance Company

440 Lincoln Street, Worcester, MA 01653

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

CERTIFICATE NUMBER: VT1234

IT IS AGREED THAT THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER LISTED UNDER ITEM A. BELOW TO CERTIFY COVERAGE UNDER THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE MASTER POLICY NUMBER SHOWN IN ITEM E. BELOW.

THIS INSURANCE IS SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, INCLUDING APPLICABLE ENDORSEMENTS, OF THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE MASTER POLICY.

THE ENCLOSED FORMS DO NOT CONSTITUTE A COMPLETE POLICY CONTRACT. FOR A COMPLETE POLICY, CONTACT THE AGENT LISTED BELOW.

ITEM A. CERTIFICATE HOLDER:

Certificate Holder:
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, STATE COUNCIL O VERMONT
Member of Fraternal and Service Organizations RPG

Mailing Address of Certificate Holder:
46 Edinborough Drive

Burlington VT 05408

ITEM B. BROKER NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

Lockton Affinity, LLC
10895 Lowell Avenue, Suite 300
Overland Park, KS 66210

ITEM C. COVERAGE: Commercial General Liability

ITEM D. INSURER: NOVA Casualty Insurance Company

ITEM E. MASTER POLICY NUMBER: LFR-GL-29000000-04

MASTER POLICY NAMED INSURED: Participating Local Councils of the Knights of Columbus

ITEM F. COVERAGE PERIOD Effective Date: 02/01/2025 Expiration Date: 02/01/2026
Both dates at 12:01 a.m. Standard Time at the address stated in Item A above.

ITEM G. COVERED LOCATIONS: All premises you own, rent or occupy

ITEM H. LIMITS OF INSURANCE:

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Limits of Insurance</u>
General Aggregate:	\$ 3,000,000
Products/ Completed Operations Aggregate:	\$ 3,000,000
Each Occurrence:	\$ 1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury:	\$ 1,000,000
Damage to Premises Rented to You:	\$ 1,000,000
Medical Expense:	\$ 20,000
Hired / Non-Owned Auto:	\$ 1,000,000
Sexual Misconduct Or Sexual Molestation:	\$ 500,000 per occurrence
	\$ 500,000 aggregate

ITEM I. CANCELLATION: Provisions are outlined in the Policy, a complete copy of which is available at your request.

ITEM J. PREMIUM: \$990.00

ITEM K: CERTIFIED ACTS OF TERRORISM: Included

SCHEDULE OF LOCATIONS

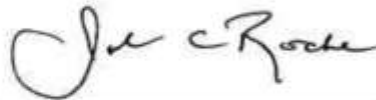
LOC#	ADDRESS
	All premises you own, rent or occupy.



In Witness Whereof, Aix Specialty Insurance Company has executed and attested these presents, and where required by law, has caused this Policy to be countersigned by its duly authorized Representative.



Charles Frederick Cronin
Corporate Secretary



John C. Roche
President



AM BEST CREDIT RATING

CARRIER: NOVA Casualty Insurance Company

AM BEST RATING: A XIV

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LOCAL COUNCIL INSURANCE PROGRAM

For Property, General Liability and Other Liability Claims

Call: 1-877-388-1602

Email: AIXclaims@HANOVER.COM

Your General Liability policy number is LFR-GL-29000000-04

It is important to report all claims or incidents that may result in a claim as quickly as possible. Your policy contains information about your obligation to report claims within a specific timeframe. If you do not report your claim during this timeframe, it may not be covered.

Silver Rose – 2025

Join thousands of Catholics across North America in asking for Our Lady of Guadalupe's intercession through the Silver Rose program.

In 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico, to honor Our Lady. The rose was chosen to commemorate Saint Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.

Today, eight roses travel along different North American routes that include Canada, the United States and Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Your participation in the Silver Rose program, especially your prayers and pledge for life, are a crucial part of our mission to defend and support life in every stage and condition.

This year's Silver Rose will be passing through Vermont during the latter part of July (starting on July 13th and ending on August 2nd). A change in this year's program; each of the Silver Roses from the 8 different routes across the U.S., Canada and Mexico will end their journey in Mexico on December 12th, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Again, I encourage every Vermont K of C Council to participate in the Silver Rose Program. Please feel free to contact me at dcknsn95@comcast.net or by phone/text at 802.373.7135 to arrange a service for your Council and Parish(s).

Vivat Jesus!

Roger Dickinson
State Silver Rose / Pilgrim Icon Chairman



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.

We have received two Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icons; one of which is already on display at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Troy. Prayer booklets, posters, and prayer cards were to be shipped in mid-to-late January, but I have yet to receive those.

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 or by phone/text at 802.373.7135 to arrange a Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon service for your Council and Parish(s).

I should also note that the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icons and prayer booklets are still available to Councils desiring to host that Icon.

Vivat Jesus!

Roger Dickinson

State Silver Rose / Pilgrim Icon Chairman



25th Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Robert F. Joyce Assembly 2609 – Milton

Assembly 2609 celebrated its 25th Anniversary of our being chartered by Supreme in January with several activities. Our Faithful Friar, Fr. Curtis Miller, celebrated a well-attended evening Mass on January 22, followed by a catered dinner (Bove's to Go) at St. Ann's Church Hall. The dinner was attended by 17 Sir Knights and their wives (for 30 total). The food was awesome, and a wonderful time was had by all.



Our Celebration continued on Saturday, January 25 with the Assembly sponsoring the 4:30 pm weekend Mass with Mass Intentions for Respect Life and the Assembly's 25th Anniversary. Sir Knights from Assemblies 2609 and 1149 (St. Albans) provided an Honor Guard at this Mass.



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

Brother Bernard M Dubois, 3rd Degree Knight member for 11 years.

SK Francis Allard 97 years old, a 70-year member of the Order, Sheridan Council 421, St. Johnsbury, 46-year member of James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157, Newport.

Brother Knight Richard J. Horrigan, 91 years old, Brother Knight for 66 years St. Albans Council #297

Sir Knight Timothy Elia, 74 year old, 39 year a 3rd Degree member of the Knights, a pass member of Council 2025 White River Junction and a present member of Sacred Heart Council 6282 Syracuse, NY, and a Fourth Degree member of Assembly 1229, White River Junction, VT.

Hi Brothers,

Hope that you are all well.

My wife (Bridget) and I met with Deb and Devon at their Aspire Now Location in Williston earlier today. They are very grateful to the Knights of Columbus and everyone who helps them in their mission to help promote life and save lives.

Deb and Devon are asking for our help in any of the three areas:

First:

They are trying to let people know who they are and what they do:

- They want to make sure that they can communicate that they are a resource
 - Simply remembering to mention them as a resource if you see a pregnant mom or young family would help a lot.
 - § They were able to save over 50 babies last year.
- They continually run across people even in the local community who do not know that they exist.
- All of their services are free of charge

Any spreading (word of mouth) of their services is helpful and very much appreciated.

<https://aspire-now.org/>

Second:

Also noting: if there is any interest in 4th degree Honor Guard there will be two parades, and they would love to have Knights in Regalia Walk with the mobile clinic.

1.The Maple Parade will occur first, on Sunday, April 27th in St. Albans. They usually are in line with VT Right to Life. Everyone has to be at the staging area by 11:00 am, and the parade begins at noon.

2.Then there is the Dairy Parade up in Enosburg. Their schedule for this year doesn't appear on their webpage yet, but they typically have the event the first weekend in June, and Saturday is their parade day. This parade we all have to be there early for, as it begins at 10:30.

Third:

If any council or Church would like to welcome them to come and speak. They would love to be able to do this for at least 20 minutes, with a Q & A following. Deb or their Development Outreach person Terri would be available for this. I plan to invite them to my council (297) later this fraternal year (April, May, or June) when the weather is nicer due to travel distance.

Their Physical Address in case you would like it:

Aspire Together

[5399 Williston Rd, Ste. 207](#)

[Williston, VT 05495](#)

[\(802\) 658-8046](#)

Please let me know how I can help connect you with them, or feel free to connect with them yourself:

Devon: devon.aspiretogether@gmail.com

Deb: deb.aspirenow@gmail.com

This is an important mission for us – we are about Life – lets help them as best as we can with spreading awareness and promotion.

Thank you,

Valdemar



Vermont Catholic Men's Conference

March 22

Location will be Our Lady of Angels Church, Randolph, VT

The Keynote speaker will be our Vicar General, Fr. Yvon Royer.

[Our Lady of Angels – Randolph](#)

43 Hebard Hill Road
Randolph, VT 05060 United States + [Google Map](#)

Phone

(802) 728-5251

[View Venue Website](#)

Good Afternoon!

We are happy to announce and share with you that the 2025 VT Catholic Men's Conference is open for registration! The conference will take place on Saturday, March 22nd, at Our Lady of the Angels in Randolph.

This year we are very excited and incredibly blessed to have Fr. Yvon Royer as the keynote speaker! Fr. Royer is the newly appointed Vicar General for the Diocese, and is currently serving at St. Francis Xavier Parish and School in Winooski. In conjunction with the Jubilee Year of Hope that Pope Francis has called for, Father will be speaking about Hope and connecting it with the role of Men as husbands, fathers, and brothers. To register please click the link below. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Registration Link - <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/vermont-catholic-mens-conference-2/>

With Prayers,

Nicole Hamilton
Programming Coordinator
Office of Pastoral Ministries
Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington
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"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." ~Jeremiah 29:11

[Registration](#)

EVANGELIZATION & FAITH

Evangelization & Faith Formation Director (EFFD) Mike Bullock

1. Assign EFF Director to your Council
2. Notify Supreme who is your Council EFFD:
<https://s.alchemer.com/s3/Council-EFF-Director>
3. EFFD then meets with your Pastor to discuss: Cor dates, frequency, content, fraternity, prayer
4. Sign up for Formed content or access the following:
[WildgooseTV](#)
[Bishop Barron Sermons](#)
[Fr Mike Schmidt](#)
[Fr Robert Spitzer](#)
[Hallow](#)
[Amen](#)
5. Bulletin announcement and announcement from the pulpit
6. Establish a Cor participant contact list in case of changes
7. Make time during the gathering for group discussion and fellowship
8. Include three elements: **Prayer, Faith Formation, and Fraternity**

ACTION ITEMS

Exciting News! We worked with the Augustine Institute to provide council EFF Directors with FREE access to FORMED, offering world-class formation content for use in Cor.

Here are simple steps to access your free FORMED subscription:

1. Visit: formed.org/signup
2. In the "Find your Parish or Organization" search box type "knights"
3. Select the group you belong to and click "Next"
4. Fill in "Your Name" and "Your email address" and click "Sign Up"
5. You will then have full access to FORMED
6. On the FORMED homepage, click "Programs" dropdown menu, click "Knights of Columbus" to go to KofC Content Page. You can find "The Search" here – a great resource for Cor.

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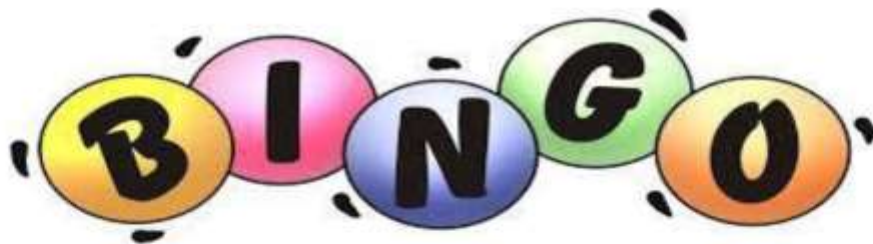
I am writing to you on behalf of the South Burlington Knights of Columbus announcing our 39th Annual Super Bingo with 100% of the proceeds going directly to Camp Ta Kum Ta. As you probably know already, Camp Ta Kum Ta is a summer camp for kids with cancer or have had cancer. The Knights of Columbus have been involved with Camp for over 38 years. The reason for my letter is that we are soliciting sponsors for this event as we will be awarding prizes totalling \$8,600.00. Most of the games that day will be paying \$500.00 each and we need help with covering these expenses and your sponsorship will assist us in raising funds for Camp. We will have your name or business printed on each sheet for the players to see and if you have a banner you'd like us to hang, please let me know. Camp Ta Kum Ta is a 501 c(3) non-profit organization.

If you are so inclined to help us out and be a sponsor, please make your check payable to: Camp Ta Kum Ta/Knights of Columbus. We will make sure to send you a form for your donation directly from Camp Ta Kum Ta.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please feel free to contact me either via email or you can call me at 802-318-6291.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Steve Shover
S. Burlington Knights of Columbus



**Come join the fun on Feb. 20th in the St. John Vianney Parish Center at
160 Hinesburg Rd. in So. Burlington
Entire family welcome
Limited Snack Bar available
Doors open at 5:30PM**

**Jackpot game worth up to \$1000.00
Mini-Jackpot worth up to \$500.00**

**Bring 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**





Bishop James A. Healy Province, Vermont Jurisdiction

District Master Letter



Worthy Sir Knights,

It is with great pleasure on behalf of my wife Karen and I as District Master of Bishop James A. Healy Province, Vermont Jurisdiction, to congratulate our newest January 2025 class of 4th Degree members of the Knights of Columbus and our District. The Fourth Degree was established on February 22, 1900 on the principles of patriotism, love, and devotion to one's country. Fourth Degree Knights, or Sir Knights focus the majority of their activities on this principle. It is the highest and most prestigious degree with the Knights of Columbus. You now noted amongst a group of outstanding Knights, dedicated to the service of the church, our country, and our Order. This February 22, 2025 we will be celebrating One Hundred and Twenty-Five years of the Fourth Degree in New York City at St. Patrick Cathedral.

The emblem you now wear is proof of your commitment to conduct your lives honorably and patriotically in public as well as in private. The sacred symbols of the emblem epitomize the union of the three divine persons in one God, the Blessed Trinity. By this emblem, may other others see your good work, which glorifies our holy religion, our honored order, and our beloved country. I ask that be active in your Assemblies' activities. Participate in your Assembly Color Corps and Honor Guard. Always keep the principles of our Order, charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism uppermost in your lives.

On January 18, third-degree knights advanced to the honors of the fourth-degree. They give witness to their personal willingness to footer the virtue of patriotism in their lives. I offer my personal conventuals to each of them, and echo the good wishes conveyed on this happy occasion by their families and friends.

The virtue of patriotism – the love of and devotion to one's country – has its roots in the virtue of piety, a twin of the virtue of religion So it is that, as practical catholic men, the Knights of Columbus are loyal sons of their country and they are also a loyal son of their church.

This loyalty was embedded in the fabric of Columbians more than a century ago, on (WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY), February 22, 1900, When, for the first time, more than 1,100 Knights were exemplified in the newly established fourth degree.

From that day to this, Knights have aspired to be worthy of this degree, knowing, in concert with the resolution of the board of directors establishing the degree, that it should be conferred only on worthy and persevering members of the order. These are exciting times to be a knight of Columbus.

The fourth degree is celebrating more than a century of faith and a lifetime of loyalty, 125 years of defended liberty, while perpetuating freedom. The founding of the fourth degree launched. The founding of the fourth-degree launched a part of our order. The provided opportunities to excuse greater commitment to God and country.

It has been said that the fourth-degree is the visible arm of the order. What an awesome responsibility rests on your shoulders when you put on the uniform and march into a church or a parade, present. The flag of our country at meeting, or stand guard at a wake. When you do, you represent not just the fourth-degree, but the order of the Knights of Columbus. Have you ever wondered why the baldric you are wear carries the order and not the emblem of the fourth-degree? The answer is because you are part, not apart from, the order of the Knights of Columbus. (You do not compete with council programs.) You complement them and their activities. You are the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. It is especially pleasing to welcome these men to the ranks of the fourth- degree today, at a time when there is a resurgence of patriotism. But even when the idea of patriotism seemed outmoded; when some took the offensive against the notion of the love of country; when burning and/ or desecration of the national flag became the paramount action of protest, under the guise of free speech the Knights of Columbus. Never faltered in their dedication to the principle of patriotism. And today we stand steadfast in opposition to efforts to remove the words "under god" from the pledge of allegiance.

Today, our newest fourth-degree members become heirs to that tradition. In concert with their brothers throughout the order, they will strive mightily to ensure that the flag and God will enjoy the respect they deserve.

As I express my congratulations to you New Sir Knights, I also encourage you and your brother Sir Knights of longer standing, always to be conscious of the need to invite eligible third- degree members to join.

Presidents' Day is February 17, 2025, officially Washington's Birthday at the federal governmental level, is a holiday in the United States celebrated on the third Monday of February. It is often celebrated to honor all those who served as presidents of the United States and, since 1879, has been the federal holiday honoring Founding Father George Washington, who led the Continental Army to victory in the American Revolutionary War, presided at the Constitutional Convention of 1787, and served as the first U.S. president from 1789 to 1797.

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732 (N.S.). Washington's Birthday was celebrated on this date from 1879 until 1970. To give federal employees a three-day weekend, in 1968 the Uniform Monday Holiday Act moved it to the third Monday in February, which can occur from February 15 to the 21st. The day soon became known as Presidents Day the presence and placement of the apostrophe varies) and provides an occasion to remember all the U.S. presidents, to honor Abraham Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays together, or any single president of choice. As many states and cities followed suit, some states that had been celebrating Lincoln's birthday on February 12 combined the two into Presidents Day. Lincoln led the nation through the American Civil War, preserved the Union, abolished slavery, bolstered the federal government, and modernized the U.S. economy.

Important Upcoming Dates

- World Marriage Day, The Diocese of Burlington will celebrate World Marriage Day 2025 with Bishop John McDermott, celebrating Mass Sunday, February 16th 10AM HOLY CROSS CHURCH in Colchester
- February 22, 2025: Supreme 125th Anniversary Fourth Degree Exemplification, St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, New York

- April 15, Chrism Mass At St. Joseph Cathedral – Burlington, 29 Allen Street Burlington, VT 05401 United States, at this special mass celebrated by Bishop McDermott, the Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the priests within the Diocese of Burlington recommit themselves to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Free parking is available along Elmwood Avenue and pay lots/garages are near the Cathedral.
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- April 30, 2025: Form TBP-2 To Be a Patriot Due
- May 2-4, Knights of Columbus State Convention
- May 31, ordained for Deacon Luan Tran to priesthood At St. Joseph Cathedral – Burlington, 10:00 a.m. 29 Allen Street Burlington, VT 05401 United States
- June 14, 2025: 125th Anniversary Fourth Degree Exemplification, Vermont
- June 30 CIVIC AWARD Do

CIVIC AWARD is like the Columbian Award for the Fourth Degree

Those assemblies deemed outstanding in their implementation of an agenda of patriotic programming in the fraternal year are eligible to receive the Supreme Council's CIVIC AWARD. This award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified by the assembly's program of activities. Those assemblies winning the award should display it with justifiable pride.

In order to qualify for the Civic Award, the assembly must conduct and report at least four varied patriotic programs held within the fraternal year. Please note that assembly programs must be patriotic in nature. Programs must be reported on this Civic Award application, completed by the faithful navigator and submitted to: Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, Department of Fraternal Mission, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326. This application must be received by the Supreme Council office no later than June 30.

Civic Award and To Be a Patriot Award, it takes teamwork to achieve this very prestigious awards. Honestly, most Assembly would qualify but don't fill out the form at all. It is important to score your efforts on the form provided. It's a great way for your Assembly to keep track of what you need to be doing. If you need assistance, contact Me. Why not take the time to plan now and submit your form before the deadline. Be sure to include supporting documentation

Program ideas to do

Processions with the: Pilgrim Icon Program, SILVER ROSE, Holy Hours and Eucharistic Processions, Good Friday Family Promotion The cross into the church

HELPING HANDS / Food for Families (Featured)

donations snack or make a meal for Josh's House VT location in the old Fort Ethan Allen in Colchester.

Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) **Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA**. There are few who comprehend the ideals of sacrifice and selfless service that form the bedrock of priestly ministry better than those in the United States military, for whom service and sacrifice are a way of life. Nearly ten percent of men ordained priests in the United States every year have prior military service or grew up in military households. The life of a military priest-chaplain, ministering to the spiritual and sacramental needs of those men and women in the United States armed forces, is a natural vocation for a man with prior military experience, and one that the Church and the military desperately need.

Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids® (for the Veterans and their kids)

A child with disabilities joyfully holds a "thank you" note after receiving a wheelchair from Knights of Columbus

Work with the GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

- veterans' hospital
- outpatient clinic provides primary care

Camp Johnson Family Assistance

- CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST
- FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP
- SOCCER CHALLENGE
- Hockey Challenge

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- How many funerals
- Blue mass
- WORLD MARRIAGE DAY
- Chrism Mass
- Knights of Columbus State Convention
- ordained
- one of the Fourth Degree Exemplification
- First Communion
- Confirmation
- Blue Army Mass
- Memorial Day Service
- Flag Day Service
- Columbus Day
- Veterans Day
- 125 Anniversaries of the Council n
- Bishop McDermott ordained

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

Vivat Jesus,
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Vermont Old Cemetery Association or VOCA, how made veterans in the Graveyard
Putting a flag on veteran Grave
Wreaths Across America

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Diocese of Manchester NH
Transitional Diaconate
Ordination in NH with Fourth
Degree Color Corps led by
District Master Jay Morris.

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."**

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

The Fifth Mystery

"Soldiers! Let us humble ourselves before the Lord, our God, asking through Christ, the forgiveness of our sins, beseeching the aid of the God of our forefathers in the defense of our homes and our liberties, thanking Him for His past blessings, and imploring their continuance upon our cause and our people."

"Knowing that intercessory prayer is our mightiest weapon and the supreme call for all Christians today, I pleadingly urge our people everywhere to pray. Believing that prayer is the greatest contribution that our people can make in this critical hour, I humbly urge that we take time to pray – to really pray."

"Let there be prayer at sunup, at noonday, at sundown, at midnight – all through the day. Let us pray for our children, our youth, our aged, our pastors, our homes. Let us pray for the churches."

"Let us pray for ourselves, that we may not lose the word 'concern' out of our Christian vocabulary. Let us pray for our nation. Let us pray for those who have never known Jesus Christ and His redeeming love, for moral forces everywhere, for our national leaders. Let prayer be our passion. Let prayer be our practice. (Gen. Robert E. Lee, 1863)

For all County & Municipal Offices of the United State of America

Our Father

South Dakota	Virginia
Tennessee	Washington
Texas	West Virginia
Utah	Wisconsin
Vermont	Wyoming

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

15 February – Littleton NH
22 February – 125th Anniversary in NYC at St. Patrick's Cathedral

REMINDER: All degrees post NYC are OPEN degrees!!



PRESIDENT'S DAY

Although called President's Day, the observed federal holiday is officially called "Washington's Birthday". Neither Congress nor the President has ever stipulated the name of the holiday be changed from Washington's Birthday to President's Day. Additionally, Congress has never declared a national holiday binding in all states; each state has the freedom to determine its legal holidays.

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Civic Award Application

To Be a Patriot Award Form

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upcoming dates for honor guard

February 16, 2025: WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2025 The Diocese of Burlington will celebrate World Marriage Day 2025 with Bishop John McDermott, celebrating Mass Sunday,

February 16th 10AM HOLY CROSS CHURCH in Colchester. Those celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2025 (5, 10,15, 20... 50, 51 or more are invited to register by contacting Nicole Hamilton at the Diocese at 802-658-6110,Ext. 1131 or nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org. Please provide the couple's names, anniversary date (month, day, and year) and current parish.

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All are invited to join in celebrating this special Mass. Parish representatives may pick up holy oils for their parish after the Mass in the lower-level chapel. At St. Joseph Cathedral – Burlington, 29 Allen Street Burlington, VT 05401 United States

May 2-4, Knights of Columbus State Convention: 2 masses, flag in the meeting room and backtick room,

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Vivat Jesus,

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Milton Council 10417

Delivered \$500 of Costco food to the Champlain Islands Food Shelf at Saint Joesph Church



Left to Right: GK Gille Thibault, Martha , Food for Families Coordinator Guy LaPlume, Community Director Peter Lavallee, not pictured Whitney Doremus. Hot meals will be prepared for those in need the Grand Isle Area..

January Sunday Breakfast to raise money for the replacement of Saint Ann's boilers.







Upcoming Pro-Life

Event

Valentine's Day Dinner and Auction Saturday, February 15th

Sponsored by Washington County Right to Life Chapter

Come join us for a night of food, fellowship and fun – all for a good cause!

The Washington County Chapter will host a Dinner and Auction on Saturday, February 15. Admission is \$15 per adult and \$5 for ages 12 and under. (The most affordable Valentine's Day dinner date in town!)

To be held at Augustine's Church on 16 Barre Street, Montpelier
Vermont

(DOWNSTAIRS in the fellowship hall.)

The doors will open at 6:00 pm, and dinner will be served at 6:30, followed by a Live Auction of bigger items. Tickets for the silent auction – lots of great items – are just \$1.

See the [event flyer](#) for more information. Contact Sarah Barton at (802) 472-5191 with any questions.

Reserve your dinner ticket online [here](#). Please put Washington County Dinner in the note field.

Be sure to regularly check the EVENTS Calendar at www.vrlc.net for more scheduled pro-life activities. There will be a Pro-Life Lobby Day at the State House in March, but date and time are not yet confirmed.

Announcing the Pro-Life Essay Contest Winners

Visit www.vrlc.net to read the winning essays from 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners in grades 6 - 8, 9 - 10 & 11-12.

The Essay question:

The Value of a Single Human Life: Think of a person in your life whose qualities you have come to appreciate and then write an essay about why you are glad that person was born.

In all, there were 8 entities that met the requirement of submitting 5 or more essays each and were they were placed in a drawing for \$1,000.00. The winner: Websterville Christian Academy!

The Vermont Right to Life Educational Trust Fund will hold the Essay Contest again in 2025.

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2024-25 300 Club Winners

WEEK #1 12/21/2024	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	265	Fr. Leo Bilodeau	7973
\$75.00	46	Butch Robbins	2832
\$50.00	255	Larry Gould	2832
WEEK #2 12/28/2024	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	249	David Ely Sr.	279
\$75.00	234	Dennis Clancy	2628
\$50.00	59	Doug St. Amour	4684
WEEK #3 1/4/2025	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	61	Pat Paquette	10535
\$75.00	129	Herman & Kim Noyes	421
\$50.00	214	Sally Brochu	1568
WEEK 4 1/11/2025	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	82	Mark Nadeau	2285
\$75.00	44	Leo Fairbanks	232
\$50.00	126	Thomas Griffin	232
WEEK #5 1/18/2025	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	115	Christopher Braves	4684
\$75.00	296	Dennis Smith	5041
\$50.00	204	Guibord Funeral Home	421
WEEK #6 01/25/2025	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	44	Leo Fairbanks	232
\$75.00	24	John Santorello	399
\$50.00	181	Dick LaBarge	2284

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