



Vermont Knights Magazine

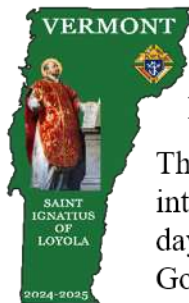


Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Vermont State Council

March 2025 Edition

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE



Dear Brother Knights,

This coming week we will gather for Mass on Ash Wednesday and enter into the liturgical season of Lent. This special penitential period of forty-days before Easter helps us focus more closely on our relationship with God as we “die to ourselves” and put His will first in our lives. The Church recommends that we pray more deeply and often; occasionally deny our



bodies the food and drink we crave, through abstinence and fasting; and become even more charitable by giving more of our time and money to those in need. These have been the spiritual “best-practices” that Jesus himself demonstrated in His life, and holy men and women throughout the centuries have used to decrease their self-centeredness while increasing their connection with God and His Church. As Knights, we are men who readily engage in these spiritual practices and give of ourselves freely to serving others. Lent gives us a chance to do this even more passionately and completely. This process is similar to forging steel in fire – the metal, made malleable by intense heat, is repeatedly hammered and compressed until it assumes its desired shape and superior strength. This is the kind of dynamic transformation we are all called to encounter during Lent so, like the steel, we can be formed in the “shape” of Christ with greater spiritual strength and resolve in the practice of our Faith. As we try to do this for ourselves before Easter, we should also consider how we can help others to do the same. One of the greatest ways a Knight of Columbus can help another Catholic brother grow in his faith is by inviting him to pray, fast and give alms the way that we do as Knights. The most spiritually impactful way we, as Knights, can extend charity to others is by helping them grow in their faith. By doing so, we not only grow and strengthen our fellow Catholics, but also the Catholic Church in Vermont. As we humbly pursue our many Lenten practices, please consider how offering our fellowship to other Catholic men might be what God is calling us to give, and calling them to receive.

May God bless you and your families throughout these forty days!

Peace, Chris Poirier

State Leadership



State Chaplain	Fr. Timothy Naples	District Deputy 1	Gille Thibault
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Brothers,

The New Testament book of Hebrews constantly speaks about “today” as the day to work out or salvation, to prove ourselves faithful to the Lord. There is “another day” which holds the completion of Gods promises to us. That other day shall be an eternal one. But “today” is the day when must “bend the knee before the Lord our maker,” softening our hearts to his purposes. In short, today is the day to resolve to become a saint.

Our founder Blessed Fr. McGivney was wholeheartedly about following this path of God’s sanctification. For him, “today” was the day to do the work of charity and fraternity. Indeed, we know that Fr. McGivney did not live that long, only to 38 years old. In proportion to his age, he gave so much from his short life as a priest - and in turn Fr. McGivney’s Knights were focused on gaining a longer, happier, and holier life for Catholic families and especially widows and children - that we know God was pleased to bring him into that “new day”: the day of eternal life.

If we are true Knights of Columbus we want this not only for ourselves, but for all our brothers. Let us spread and build up this charity (holiness), this unity (men of the Church), and this fraternity (growing the Knights).

Vivat Jesus!
Fr. Naples, SC

STATE SECRETARY

March



Brothers, I know you are busy with Ash Wednesday fast approaching on March 5 please remember to slow down a bit. It's a great time



to reflect, pray and give alms. You need not "give something up, it is a time to try and grow closer to God and others around you.

The 127th State Convention is only two months away. Please be sure your delegates have been elected, and meals and rooms should be being reserved at this time. Also, please invite your Chaplain- they typically come Friday evening to concelebrate Mass, some can stay the whole weekend as well, if their schedule allows. This fee should be picked up by your council.

Administrative Reminder

State Awards – Please take the time to submit your council, individual Knights, and/or families as well as your Chaplain for a State Award! This is easy to do and is a very important tool we use to recognize the wonderful and selfless achievements of our brothers. It's not that we "need" recognition, but it is right for leaders to exemplify those who set the highest example of our core values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. I recently sent out an email and posted in State Newsletter about our state awards program. Let's rise to the challenge and take a little time to demonstrate our love and commitment to those who do so much for others! **Please remember: Deadline is March 30th!**

Have a Blessed Lent and a wonderful month !

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

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Colchester , VT 05446

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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 Hugh Greenan PGK, 94 years old, 55 years of devoted service
Sheridan Council 421, St Johnsbury**

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.

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

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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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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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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>
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<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): _____



EVANGELIZATION & FAITH

Evangelization & Faith Formation Director (EFFD) Mike Bullock

1. Assign EFF Director to your Council (Please provide contact info to [Mike Bullock, the State EFFD at mtn6@gmavt.net](mailto:mtn6@gmavt.net))
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.

127th State Convention - Gift Basket Raffle!

Worthy Brothers (GK's, FS's, DD's, Chaplains, State Council, etc.),

Rutland Council #232 is proud to host the State Convention in Killington this year, and that means we are excited to host the Basket Raffle! Please share this information with your council(s) and let us know how you will be participating this year!

The Basket Raffle is a great annual event at the convention that also helps pay for many convention costs. Please see the attached letter describing more and **email Basket Raffle Chairmen Kyle Lenher and Thomas Barry at kofcrutland@gmail.com** to let them know whether your council will be bringing a basket or will donate \$65.00 to have one created. We always encourage councils to make one up that showcases their creativity or maybe a local business in their community. More information is included in the attached letter.

The chairmen will reply to your email indicating that he received your information. Please feel free to contact them via email with any questions!

Vivat Jesus!



127th Vermont Knights of Columbus State Convention Gift Basket Raffle

Worthy Grand Knights,

The State Deputy has requested your council's support for the upcoming 127th annual Vermont Knights of Columbus State Convention scheduled for Friday, May 2nd – Sunday, May 4th, 2025. In an effort to make the convention more affordable for all attendees, we will again be conducting the popular "Gift Basket Raffle" which will be drawn on Sunday, May 4th. **The proceeds from the raffle are used to defray convention expenses** while providing attendees a great chance to take home some wonderful gifts.

Your council is invited to support the Basket Raffle in one of two ways:

1. Assemble and donate a customized gift basket which could be a collection of locally popular food & beverage items or a theme-based-basket which would include items associated with a certain theme (e.g... *Home Movie Night* with DVDs, pizza gift card, popcorn, soda, candy, etc.) Other great gift basket ideas might include those associated with themes like *Gardening*, *Wine & Cheese Party*, *Junk Food Galore*, *Do-it-Yourself Handyman*, *Chocolate Factory*, *Tastes of Italy* and *Green Mountain Specialties* just to name a few. The value of all items including the basket should be around \$65.00. Baskets may be delivered by council delegates or through other arrangements to **The Killington Grand Resort Hotel by 2:00 pm, Friday, May 2nd**. It is important that we have your council's basket on display at the beginning of the convention registration so that attendees can select which baskets they want to bid on with their tickets.

OR

2. The council can donate \$65.00 so that a gift basket can be assembled on your behalf. Please make checks payable to, "**Vermont State Council**" and mailed to: **Elijah T. LaChance, 2460 Lottery Rd., Shrewsbury, VT 05738** to arrive no later than Friday, April 25, 2025.

Please let the Convention team know which of the above options your council will pursue this year as soon as you can (and, ideally, let us know your theme so we do not duplicate). We may be contacted by email at koferutland@gmail.com.

On behalf of our Vermont State Deputy, Chris Poirier., thank you so much for your support of this very popular and fun fundraising raffle.

Vivat Jesus!

Elijah

Elijah T. LaChance

State Advocate - Vermont K of C
127th Convention Committee Chairman

802.734.2701

elijahtlchance@gmail.com

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, the Knights of Columbus' youth organization, 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 in Vermont during the latter part of July; beginning on July 13th and ending on August 2nd. Our Silver Rose began its journey in February in Newfoundland and Labrador. We will receive it from New Hampshire and pass it on to Massachusetts. A change in this year's program; all 8 Silver Roses from the 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.

Please contact me at dcknsn95@comcast.net or by phone/text at 802.373.7135 to reserve a Silver Rose stop / service this year at 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, have been given to each K of C jurisdiction and, beginning in 2025, will travel from Council to Council, serving as the focus for Sacred Heart Holy Hour prayer services throughout the Order.

We have received two Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icons; both of which are already in use. Each Icon is a large framed painting, and comes with Holy Hour prayer booklets, posters, prayer cards and an easel to display the Icon.

Every Vermont K of C Council is encouraged 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 Holy Hour at your Council and Parish(s).

In addition, the **St. Joseph Pilgrim Icons** and prayer booklets are still available to Councils desiring to host that Icon. Several Councils have used the Pilgrim Icons more than once (or annually) for their Holy Hour services.

Several Brother Knights have also recently inquired about the Pilgrim Icon program; particularly when it began. The Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon is the 20th Pilgrim Icon. The program began in 1979 with the Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrim Icon. Recent times have seen a new Pilgrim Icon issued generally on a 3-year cycle.

Vivat Jesus!

Roger Dickinson
State Silver Rose / Pilgrim Icon Chairman



2025-2026 Council Liability Insurance and Certificate

Worthy Brothers (GK's, FS's, DD's),

Attached, please find this year's liability insurance policy and certificate, good until 2/1/2026. As a reminder, this covers EVERY council, ALL official Council activities, and EVERY Knight who participates in them. However, if a venue requires a Council-specific or event-specific certificate/policy, please let me know and I will coordinate with Lockton to get one. There is NO reason that Councils should be paying for their own liability insurance without first looking to the State policy.

Thank you, and Vivat Jesus!

Elijah

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-GI-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

VOCATIONS

Through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) the Knights of Columbus has cultivated this spiritual soil for more than 41 years. While the order has a number of vocations programs, RSVP is the primary program through which councils, assemblies and circles provide financial and moral support to men and women preparing for the priesthood or religious life, and every council, assembly and circle is encouraged to participate.

RSVP allows councils and assemblies to “adopt” one or more seminarians or postulants and provide them with financial assistance and moral support. The intent of RSVP is to demonstrate support for individual seminarians. RSVP support is not solely financial aid, and councils are asked not to base their support on the financial needs of the seminarian. All seminarians are worthy of support through RSVP by virtue of the fact that they are discerning a religious vocation, not because of their financial situation.

Please remember that with RSVP, Knights provide more than financial support; members write letters to the seminarians or postulants, sponsor dinners for them, invite them to join the council and, most importantly, pray for vocations.

Please support our seminarians through our RSVP program which is both moral and financial support. Under this program, councils and assemblies make an annual minimum donation of \$500 or more to an individual seminarian or postulant to help with expenses. The sum must go to a single qualified person; it may not be divided or apportioned to more than one recipient. Councils and assemblies can sponsor more than one seminarian or postulant if their resources permit. For every \$500 donated, the council or assembly is eligible for a refund of \$100. Our (RSVP) Scholarship money is used by seminarians and those in religious formation for books, car insurance and maintenance, travel during vacations, clerical clothing, emergency expenditures and other living expenses.

I ask that all our councils work with me as your State Vocations Chairman to ensure the proper and complete implementation of the RSVP program to ensure that every seminarian sponsored by the diocese is included in the RSVP program. Please contact me for information on a seminarian or seminarians to support or men and women who are novices or postulants in religious orders or religious communities. You can E-mail me at gfbear44@yahoo.com Or call at 862-8581. Also if you have given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 24 - June 30, 25) and have not sent me a copy, please send me a copy of form 2863 (RSVP form) .

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

Vivat Jesus

Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM

State Vocations Director



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SEMINARIAN DIRECTORY

2024-2025

Updated December 16, 2024

SEMINARY ADDRESS YEAR OF STUDY HOME ADDRESS

Deacon Luan Van Tran	Vocation Synthesis	Mr. Luan Van Tran
Saint Meinrad Seminary		Holy Family Parish
200 Hill Drive		4 Prospect Street
St. Meinrad, IN 47577		Essex Junction, VT 05452
ltran@vermontcatholic.org		DOB 6/5/1987
Mr. Loc Van Vo	Pre-Theology	Mr. Loc Van Vo
Mount St. Mary's Seminary		c/o Diocese of Burlington
16300 Old Emmitsburg Road		55 Joy Drive
Emmitsburg, MD 21727		South Burlington, VT 05403
lvo@vermontcatholic.org		DOB 08/10/1994
Mr. Anthony L. Maurice	Pre-Theology	Mr. Anthony L. Maurice
Mount St. Mary's Seminary		165 Osborne Road
16300 Old Emmitsburg Road		Barre, VT 05641
Emmitsburg, MD 21727		DOB 4/13/2000
amaurice@vermontcatholic.org		

St. John Vianney Council 7525

The crozier was a gift to Bishop John McDermott for his ordination to the episcopacy. The case was home made by Brother Jay Benson.



Council 399 will be having Lenten meals at St Monica's on March 14th and St Augustine's on April 11th. Admission by donation.

Insurance Agent Message

Dear Brother Knights,

There have been many changes and additions to the Knights portfolio of products in the last year. This has occurred because of the input from members, relayed along by your dedicated field force of agents, to Supreme. Many more exciting and effective enhancements are forthcoming.

These developments within the Order are coming at a time when many changes are also happening in the realm of finances and taxes. As was the case before, the Knights are well positioned to serve the members in their needs. It's just a matter of reviewing with each individual member their specific program for retirement planning and protection.

Our mutual insurance company has experienced record growth for many consecutive years, with one of the biggest jumps in 2008-2009 when markets turned. It is important to reassess your risk at times when things are in your favor. Please consider scheduling an appointment for a confidential consultation. I look forward to working with every one of you for many years to come. Take care and God bless,

Dave Giuliani

david.giuliani@kofc.org

802.272.6009





Bishop James A. Healy Province, Vermont Jurisdiction

District Master Letter



Greetings Brother/Sir Knights

We are moving forward this Fraternal Year with One upcoming Exemplification, June the 14th at St. John Vianney.

Things are constantly changing, but our mission is still the same. The 4th Patriotic Degree is still the most visible part of the Order. The Men who are Proud to be Catholic Americans! Color Corp Commanders begin drilling with the sword and following the 4th Degree Color Corps Drill Manual. Everyone needs to be on the same page as we prepare for the good of

the order.

If you're looking to purchase the Uniform you can find all the information you need for that at:

<https://www.kofcuniform.com/home/>.

If you're not a member of the 4th Degree, why aren't you? If you're a member how many new members have you brought into the 4th Degree? Who have you been courting or mentoring to become a Sir Knight? We have all heard the saying "if you're not growing, you're dying!" Yes, new members are essential to our growth, but we have to grow them as active members at the council/assembly level. As in life and love you get curveballs and bumps along the way. You just have to decide how you charge forward and when to punt so you can regroup.

Your State Officers and I are here to help, but if you don't tell us of issues before they become problems then we all have a problem. Assemblies that are not growing and adapting with the changes in our Order are issues that quickly become problems. Merging Assemblies is an option, so if this is a path you wish to pursue, please contact me. If this is not the path that you wish to walk then contact me as well so we continue doing Christ's work the proper way.

I have 1 and 1/2 year I'll be the district master and my turn will be up so if any that is interesting being the district master. Let me know I can train you for the next year. Down below if the district offices that can be filled in the State. And by instance, let me know I also have another district Marshall position open. I'm trying to have two in the state. One in the North half and one in the South.

The state convention is coming up and I need honor guards and cover guard for that weekend. There is two masses one on Friday night and on Saturday night. The Friday night mass will be celebrated by Bishop John McDermott. On Saturday we'll be bringing in the flags to the meeting room and on Sunday we'll be carrying them out of the region room. During the banquet will be escort the state officers into the banquet room. Do you want to early the flags carried into the banquet room? How fancy do you want to get that weekend.



Bishop James A. Healy Province, Vermont Jurisdiction

Reports: All reports can be found using the following link:

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/forms/assembly.html>

Form 186, Report of Assembly Officers Chosen for Term: Has your Assembly completed its Form 186?? (due June 30th) I don't have it from 1159 SPRINGFIELD and 2550 WATERBURY

For Form 1315, Annual Assembly Audit Report: Has your Assembly completed its form 1315? (due June 30th) I don't have it from 1147RUTLAND, 1152 ST JOHNSBURY, 1153 BELLOWS FALLS, 1229 WHITE RIVER JCT, 1743 MIDDLEBURY, 1793 ESSEX JUNCTION, 2179 RICHFORD, 2207 SWANTON, 2539 FAIR HAVEN and 2550 WATERBURY. Get it to Me VTDM, VSM and SM ASP thanks.

Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal activity- #1728 whiz due January 31st. Are you keeping track of your Volunteer Service Hours?

Number of visits to Sick:

Number of visits to Bereaved:

Estimated hours of volunteer service in the Community:

Estimated hours of volunteer service at Church:

Estimated hours of volunteer service with Youth:

Estimated hours of volunteer service at Habitat for Humanity:

Estimated hours of volunteer service at Miscellaneous:

Estimated hours of fraternal service with Sick/Disabled members and their families:

Links for Programs and Services

Between these Date February 23, 2025 –August 31, 2025, each's the states can do their 125 anniversary exemplifications in that own state states. Every Candidate in attendance of a successful 125 for 125 exemplifications will receive a special certificate. They would like you us to have 125 candidates. if States can't get 125TH because the state is small and the goal is like our 51 Sir. Knights in Vermont. So, we can take 125 of our goal and that's how much we need for the 125-anniversary exemplification. The next New 4th Degree exemplifications is like the Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. It was made off of charity, unity and fraternally, hoping that Brother Knight take the degree to full Knight Hood. A brother tonight who has taking their first second third degree all at once can turn around take their fourth degree in the same day or the next day on next month.

I have One and 1/2 year I'll be the district master and my turn will be up so if any that is interesting being the district master. Let me know I can train you for the next year. Down below if the district offices that can be filled in the State. And by instance, let me know I also have another district Marshall position open. I'm trying to have two in the state. One in the North half and one in the South. My Master's Staff: The only Official Officers of a Fourth Degree District are the Master and a District Marshal. The Master should also have one or more VAVS Representatives if a VA Facility is in or near his District. It is common for a Master's staff to also include a Secretary, Warden to the Master, and other chairmen as the Master decides.



Bishop James A. Healy Province, Vermont Jurisdiction

The following is the protocol and list of titles typical for the Master's Staff:

District Friar, Fr. Timothy Naples

Associate District Friars

Executive Secretary /Secretary to Master: David ii

Membership Director: David ii

Council Liaison

District Comptroller

District Marshal: David ii

Warden to the Master: David ii

Immediate Former Master: Thomas Herbst, Jr.

Degree Team Director: George Piette

Choir Director/ Church Director

Stats Digital Media: Valdemar Garibay

Training Director

Flag Team Coordinator

Protocol Chairman

Ladies Activities Chairman

Program Book Chairman: David II

Scouting Liaison



**39th Annual Knights of Columbus
Charity Bingo
To Benefit
Camp Ta Kum Ta**



March 30, 2025

**The Essex Fair Grounds
Blue Ribbon Pavilion**

Doors open at 10:00 am Games Begin at 12:30 pm

Admission: \$60.00 for 18 cards (all played on paper)

Extra cards (18) on \$50.00

Extra cards (9) on are \$30.00

**Extra package Includes: Early Birds, 1st Ticket Game, 1st Shot
Gun, Intermission Game, and 2nd Shot Gun for \$15.00/pk**

Regular games pay \$500.00 and Two games pay \$1,000.00

**Prepay in full prior to March 15, 2025, you will receive a
special game for a chance to win \$100.00 and
100 Nevada tickets at a chance for \$1,000.00.**

Reservations may be made online go to

www.takumta.org/superbingo

All checks should be made out to the Knights of Columbus

Mail Checks to Lois Fontaine 42 Jeffrey Dr. Colchester, VT 05446

No checks will be accepted on the day of the event.

For questions and reservations:

Lois Fontaine

802 343-9767

kidsforcamp2020@gmail.com

Or Tracy@roseworks.biz

To Donate to Auction or to

create a basket for the Basket

raffle contact Irene at

Kidsfortoday@outlook.com

Worthy Warden and PGK, PFN Jay Benson recently completed the Travel Case he was commissioned to craft to protect Bishop McDermott's Crozier. Both were sponsored by the State Council and presented to the Bishop on February 14, 2025. Jay also created a Teutonic Knight Shield for our officer door.



Come join the fun on Mar. 20th in the St. John Vianney Parish Center at 160 Hinesburg Rd. in So. Burlington - Doors open at 5:30PM

Entire family welcome - Snack Bar available -

Jackpot game worth up to \$1000.00

Progressive Mini-Jackpot worth up to \$500.00

Pop-Open game worth \$100 plus a chance at \$700 more

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 – MARCH 2025

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SUPREME MASTER

Michael McCusker, PSD

VICE SUPREME MASTER

Duane J. Belanger (Bonnie)

PROVINCIAL FRIAR

Very Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie

PROVINCIAL CHIEF OF STAFF

Philip Lizotte, PSD, FDM
(Debbie)

DISTRICT MASTERS

MAINE

Jon Harvey, IPSD (Patricia)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Jay Morris (Barbara)

VERMONT

David A. Ely, Sr. (Karen)

MASSACHUSETTS

Stanley Ciukaj (Jean)

CONNECTICUT

Chris Randall (Lynn)

RHODE ISLAND

Jack Tracy III (Linda)

Executive Secretary to the
Vice Supreme Master

Mark Bourgojn, PSD (Lois)

Civic Award Application

To Be a Patriot Award Form

Annual Assembly Audit



Ghost Army veterans John Christman, Seymour Nussenbaum and Bernie Bluestein with Congressional and military leaders at the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony, 21 March 2024.

THE GHOST ARMY PROJECT

The Ghost Army used inflatable tanks, sound effects, radio trickery, and imagination to fool the Germans on the battlefields of Europe. The "unsung" heroes of the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133rd Signal Company Special carried out 25 battlefield deceptions in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany & Italy. They saved 1000's of lives and helped win the war, but their efforts were kept secret for 50 years & were only recently officially recognized with the **award of a Congressional Gold Medal**. The mission of the Ghost Army Legacy Project is to preserve and honor the legacy of these men.

NOTE: Click on title of article to watch a 3+ minute video of the Ghost Army.

125TH ANNIVERSARY DEGREE



Knights of Columbus leaders, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of NY and more than 650 new Sir Knights in St. Patrick's Cathedral on 22 February.



Fourth Degree Knights present the colors at the onset of the 125th anniversary Fourth Degree Ceremony in New York City.



Supreme Master Michael McCusker shares a lesson on the service and sacrifice of military chaplains during the degree ceremony on 22 February in NYC.

DM TRAINING

District Master quarterly training is 21 April at 8 PM and will be on "Assembly Financial Officer Training". Faithful Navigators, Comptrollers and Pursers will also be invited to this training.

Milton Council 10417

Exemplification Team



Left to right:
Mike Boivin , Roger
Dickinson , Fr Curtis ,
David Vincent Jr. (our
new Knight) Mike
Thompson, Bob Klem ,
Gille Thibault, Ed Malila

Scholarship breakfast , great turnout with Brother Knights and parishioners





A picturesque winter wonderland sight is seen as Father James Butts imparts his blessing upon the snowmobiles at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Troy, on Sunday, February 16th, during Fr. Meany - Fr. St. Onge Council 7943's Community Family Breakfast.





While setting up for the Valentine's Day Dinner on Saturday February 15th at Our Lady of the Angels Church in Randolph members of Council # 14351 were able to find the time to hold an Exemplification bringing another new member into the order, James Prosoco. This is the Council's 2nd new member since December.



Nine Members of Council #14351 were able to attain the Patriotic Degree in an Exemplification held at Our Lady of the Angels Church in Randolph on Saturday January 18th. Thanks to District Marshal David Ely, Former District Marshal George Piette and the Degree Team from Assembly # 1157 Cardinal James A Gibbon Assembly.

Robert F. Joyce Council 10535, St. Ambrose parish, Bristol, VT.

Last month (Jan.25), we held the district Free Throw competition. Over 20 kids participated enthusiastically. Then, on February 21, we had the last of our spaghetti suppers for this year. We served 85 people. We also offered free dinners to the dedicated volunteers of our Have a Heart Food shelf that is housed here at St. Ambrose.



Knights of Columbus Council #5041

Morrisville

On January 31, 2025, Knights of Columbus Council #5041 held their annual Steak Dinner & Silent Auction, which is our council's largest fundraiser of the year and benefits KofC charities.

Thank you to the council members and spouses that contributed their time and effort to make this worthy cause a success. Special thanks to Sonny Hill and Richard Sylvester for preparing and cooking the delicious steak and thank you to Roland Lajoie and Roland Beliveau and all others who helped in the kitchen. Fr. Jon Schnobrich and Roland Lajoie did a super job as auctioneers and kept the crowd entertained! It was a delicious meal and a good time was had by all!



Vermont Right to Life Policy Analyst, Sharon Toborg, testified this past week against Senate bill S.28. The legislation is another attempt to intimidate Pregnancy Resource Centers, and pro-life speech in general, with the threat of censure and fines.

Senate Health and Welfare Committee Chair, Ginny Lyons (D-Chittenden South East) repeatedly disrupted Sharon throughout the few minutes allotted to her. However, but you can read her full testimony [here](#) (scroll down to Sharon Toborg) which included important information on Abortion Pill Reversal (APR).

To watch the video of Sharon's testimony and hear the repeated disruptions by Committee Chair Lyons, click [here](#).

[Despite passage of Article 22, the amendment to the Vermont Constitution making abortion legal throughout all nine months of pregnancy, there are numerous bill that have been introduced involving abortion - and another bill to further expand assisted suicide. Stay tuned!](#)

REMINDER:

Please consider sending a donation to become a 2025 member of the Vermont Right to Life Committee. We depend on your gifts to continue to provide witnesses for life both inside the State House and in the public arena so that LIFE is defended at from conception until natural death!

Send what you can to:

VRLC

PO Box 1079

Montpelier, VT

05601

Blessing and gratitude!



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
WEEK #7 02/01/2025	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	110	Mark Garand	7810
\$75.00	269	Terry Sheehan	2628
\$50.00	201	Mike Patnode/Luc Dupois	7669
WEEK #8 02/08/2025	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	230	Jon Lussier	1568
\$75.00	284	Fr. Steven Marchand	3664
\$50.00	239	Greg Clairmont	2284
WEEK #9 02/15/2025	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	271	St. Anthony Council #2610	2610
\$75.00	55	Linda Brasseur	2285
\$50.00	79	Raymond Rivard	2025
WEEK #10 02/22/2025	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	170	Steve Shover	7525
\$75.00	186	Jay Benson	7525
\$50.00	47	Skyler Billado	10830

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

NEXT ISSUE WILL BE APRIL 1, 2025