



# Vermont Knights Magazine

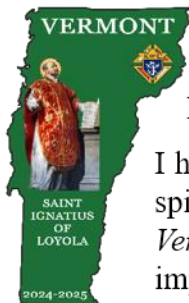


Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Vermont State Council

April 2025 Edition

## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE



Dear Brother Knights,

I hope you and your families are all doing well and your Lenten journey is spiritually enriching. I had the opportunity to recently participate in the *Vermont Catholic Men's Conference* on Saturday, March 22, and was impressed with how well the Knights were represented at the event. It appeared that over half of the participants were members of the K of C!



This clearly demonstrates that Knights take their faith very seriously and they understand how their Catholic identity and personal relationship with Jesus Christ is tied so closely to their service in our Order. I was also impressed with how many faithful Catholic men, who were not Knights, attended the conference. This was a clear indication to me that these are the men we need to reach-out to and welcome into our ministry. The conference facilitators all stressed the importance of spiritual growth and pursuing the "work" of faith to advance our relationship with God. What better way can a Catholic man do this than joining a fraternal ministry like the Knights of Columbus which promotes those very ideals! One of the most important precepts of our Vermont K of C mission statement is to help our Catholic brothers "grow in their faith." All our fellow Catholics need this and we provide a way to fulfil this spiritual goal by organizing our efforts to put our faith into action through service to our clergy, parishes and communities. Please remember that whatsoever we do to the least of our brothers, that we do unto Christ Jesus. This should be the inspiration we need to *step out of our comfort-zone* and appeal to our brothers in faith to join our team; serve our Church; and grow in faith. I talked to many men at the conference who wanted to know more about the Knights. It's up to each one of us to be *fishers of men* just as the Apostles were called to do. God bless you for the many ways that you continue to serve as Knights of Columbus. I pray that you may continue to grow in faith and service and that God will give you the grace to do so. May you and your families enjoy a blessed Holy Week and Easter Season!

Peace, Chris Poirier

## State Leadership



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# STATE SECRETARY

April



Brothers, As we progress in the holy season of Lent and get closer to Good Friday and Easter, keep up your good works , almsgiving and fasting.



This is the time to keep vigilant with our Lenten obligations. In a quote from Pope Francis , he invites the faithful to “journey together in hope,” and to take the opportunity of the Lenten Season to ask ourselves whether we are truly willing to heed God's call to change our lives. As we pray for him and his continuing healing , let us also keep in mind his 10 tips for Lent:

- Get rid of the lazy addiction to evil. “[Lent] is a 'powerful' season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. ...
- Do something that hurts. ...
- Don't remain indifferent. ...
- Pray: Make our hearts like yours, Jesus! ...
- Take part in the sacraments. ...
- Prayer. ...
- Fasting. ...
- Almsgiving.
- Help the Poor
- Evangelize

In closing , I hope you can remain prayerful and committed on your Lenten journey. I wish you all a wonderful and Blessed Easter and Easter season , filled with Love and Hope!

Vivat Jesus !



Dear Brothers Knights,

I wish you a most blessed Holy Week and Easter celebration this month! There are many good things happening, which will honor our Lord, strengthen our brotherhood, and give us the consolation of the Holy Spirit. As I cannot describe all of them, I will merely list them. Our upcoming state convention will be a great a timer for fraternity, and also for profound prayer.

There will be Eucharistic adoration at the State Convention. Maybe even those who are not staying a night can join us.

The diocese of Burlington will celebrate the 2025 Jubilee year with special dinners in northern Vermont, central Vermont, and southern Vermont. Look for more details as the summer approaches.

And... soon to come we have the ordination of Deacon Lun Tran to be our newest Vermont Priest!

Look for ways to help at Corpus Christi Sunday in your parishes.

Cultivate the great concern for all our brothers. Glorify the Lord in all of this fraternity and charity.

Amen!

In Christ with Mary,  
Fr. Timothy Naples

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> and ending on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

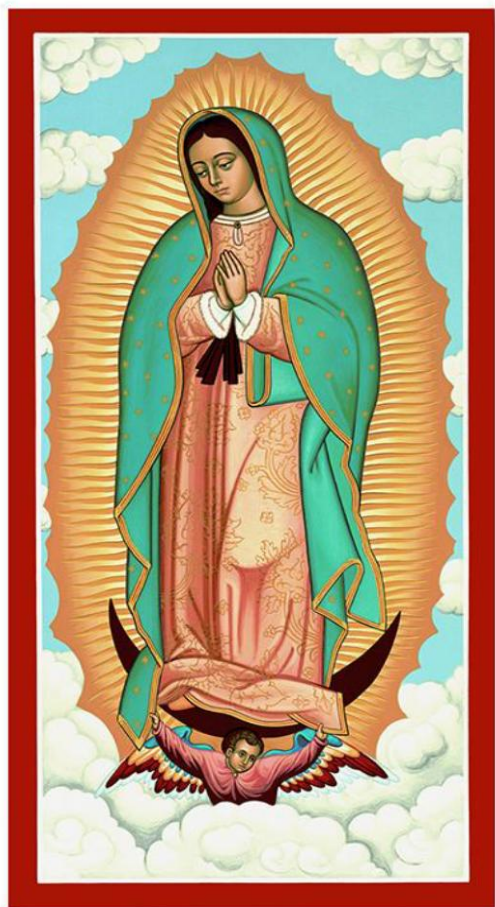
Our Silver Rose began its journey in February in Newfoundland and Labrador. We will receive it from New Hampshire and pass it on to Massachusetts. A change in this year's program; all 8 Silver Roses from the different routes across the U.S., Canada and Mexico will end their journey in Mexico on December 12<sup>th</sup>, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Additional resources for this program may also be viewed at <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/silver-rose.html>

Please contact me at [dcknsn95@comcast.net](mailto:dcknsn95@comcast.net) or by phone/text at 802.373.7135 to arrange for a Silver Rose stop / service this year at your Council and Parish(s).

***Vivat Jesus!***

Roger Dickinson  
State Silver Rose / Pilgrim Icon Chairman



## Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Joseph Pilgrim Icons

I am delighted to report that all four of our Pilgrim Icons are traveling around northern Vermont. Kudos to Burlington 279, St. Albans 297, Hardwick 1568, Morrisville 5041, South Burlington 7525 and Troy 7943.

**Next stops?**

The Vermont State Council presently has two St. Joseph and two Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icons together with their respective prayer service booklets available to Councils and Assemblies who wish to participate in this Faith in Action – Faith program. There is no set schedule or route, and the program continues.

**Each Icon is a large framed painting, and is provided with Holy Hour prayer booklets, posters, prayer cards and an easel on which to display the Icon.**

**Spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus or St. Joseph through a Holy Hour!**

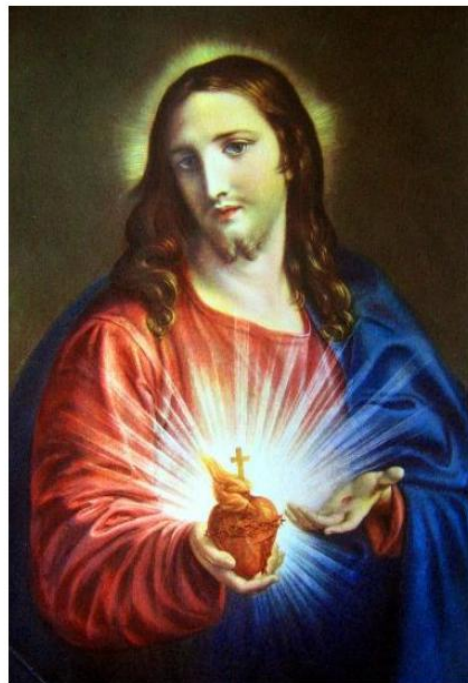
Every Vermont K of C Council is encouraged to participate in this latest iteration of the Pilgrim Icon Program. Please feel free to contact me at [dcknsn95@comcast.net](mailto:dcknsn95@comcast.net) or by phone / text at 802.373.7135 to arrange a Holy Hour or Prayer Service at your Council and Parish(s). Several Councils have used the Pilgrim Icons more than once (or annually) for their Holy Hour services.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon is the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

Additional resources for this program may also be viewed at <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/pilgrim-icon.html>.

***Vivat Jesus!***

Roger Dickinson  
State Silver Rose / Pilgrim Icon Chairman





**CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS  
FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHT  
WHO PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH**

**Entrusted to the care of Mary, the Mother of God, we carry the Rosary as the sign of our dedication to her and to her Son. Confident in her motherly love for us all, we entrust the soul of our brother Knights to her, that she may present him to her Son**

**SK Ronald "Joe" Poirier**, 87 years old, 38-year member Orleans Most Holy Trinity Council 7763. a 36-year member of James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157, Newport.

**Brother & SK Fr. Thomas Larussa**, 61 years-old, 2285- and 6-month 3rd Degree. transferred into Gibbons Council 2285- and 6-month member of James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157, Newport. Fr. Tom was assigned Parochial Vicar at Mater Dei Parish, Newport.



# *127<sup>th</sup> Vermont State Convention*



*Killington*

*May 2-4<sup>th</sup>*

*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*



# 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Vermont Knights of Columbus State Convention Advertising Support

January 25th, 2025

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 **127<sup>th</sup> State Convention** in Killington, Vermont from May 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 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 B. Reilly, 5 Rachel Drive, Rutland VT 05701**. Email; [seanboycereilly@gmail.com](mailto:seanboycereilly@gmail.com) to arrive no later than **April 18, 2025**. If you have any questions, the Convention Chairman, Elijah LaChance at (802) 734-2701 or email him at [elijahlachance@gmail.com](mailto:elijahlachance@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

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## 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](mailto: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!



## 127<sup>th</sup> Vermont Knights of Columbus State Convention Gift Basket Raffle

Worthy Grand Knights,

The State Deputy has requested your council's support for the upcoming 127<sup>th</sup> annual Vermont Knights of Columbus State Convention scheduled for Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>. **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 [kofcrutland@gmail.com](mailto:kofcrutland@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  
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## **EVERYONE Needs a Plan for Long Term Care**

It doesn't necessarily mean you need a policy, but the numbers indicate most of us will have to deal with this inevitability. The need for long term care continues to grow as our population ages. According to a study by the US Department of Health and Human Services, more than 70% of Americans over the age of 65 will need some form of long term care services during their remaining lifetime.

Fortunately, as a Knight you have access to our comprehensive LTC coverage. Knights of Columbus long term care insurance provides reimbursement for a variety of out of pocket expenses caused by an insured's inability to perform normal Activities of Daily Living (ADL's). An insured becomes benefit eligible if he/she has lost the ability to perform at least two of six defined ADL's or requires substantial supervision to protect the insured due to a severe cognitive impairment. It is designed to help Brother Knights and their families pay for skilled and custodial long term care services – whether at home or in an extended care facility.

Health insurance plans and government assistance programs generally do not provide sufficient coverage for long-term care needs. Depending on location, nursing home care can cost an average of \$83,000 per year, while at-home care can cost more than \$60,000 per year. Government programs, while helpful, are generally not intended to provide coverage for extended long term care events. Medicaid is the only program that does, and it requires the individual to spend down his or her assets, generally becoming impoverished before qualifying for benefits.

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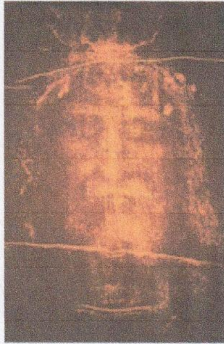
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2024-2025

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**Essex Catholic Community presents a**

**Special Event Lecture  
by James Bertrand on the  
**Shroud of Turin****

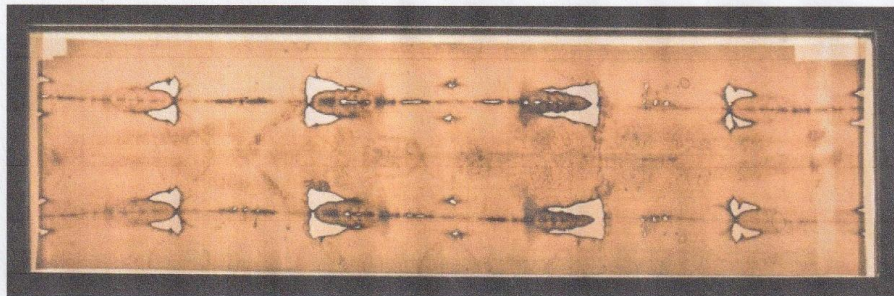
**April 1, 2025 7-8:30 pm St. Pius X Church**

**Sponsored by the Essex Council of  
the Knights of Columbus**

Mr. Bertrand has given hundreds of talks around the nation on the Shroud, an artifact believed to be the burial cloth of Christ. Mr. Bertrand's lecture includes a life-sized replica of the Shroud. Whether you are a novice or an expert on the Shroud, your Shroud knowledge will be enhanced by taking advantage of this unique opportunity.

*Learn about:*

- History of the Shroud
- Scientific studies of authenticity
- Shroud of Turin Research Project (STURP)
- American Confraternity of the Holy Shroud
- How was the image formed?
- The Shroud is for everyone because the Resurrection is for everyone



*The lecture is free, though contributions for  
The Turin Shroud Center are greatly appreciated.*

# 2321 – Civic Award Application

This form is due June 30<sup>th</sup> for the fraternal year, but don't let that fool you. They are reviewed at Supreme, so please submit it to the District Master (DM) early so he can review it. Worst case is you submit it in June and it gets rejected, and you don't have time to fix and resubmit it.

It is on the [Assembly forms page](#) at Supreme. You download a PDF version and rename/save it where you wish. When done, email it to [fraternalmission@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org) and cc the DM.

This form is simple to fill out. You can submit it with additional sheets or photos if you wish, but that is not required. I have never submitted more than a sentence or two for each line. Be sure to complete the line at the top and the line at the bottom.

You need to list four items that one or more members of your Assembly have been involved in. The only requirements are that they be varied (so don't duplicate essentially the same thing) and patriotic, which has a pretty broad definition here.

Here are some guidelines. These fall into two categories that can overlap. Please ask me if you have a question about a specific event.

## **Patriotic programs/participation**

Any sort of program your Assembly does that relates to US flags, troops, veterans, VA hospitals, first responders, Jr ROTC programs, patriotic rosaries, etc. counts. Examples:

- Posting flags at your church, businesses, neighborhoods, etc.
- Handing out flags to parishioners after Mass for some holiday.
- Supporting troops deploying or returning from deployment or in any other fashion.
- Supporting or participating in events at veterans' cemeteries.
- Recognizing veterans in your parish at Mass or some other event.
- Providing wheelchairs or any sort of support to a VA hospital or its patients.
- Recognizing or supporting local police or fire departments or other first responders.
- Recognizing JROTC programs or participants at a local high school.
- Hosting patriotic rosaries at a parish.

## **Fallouts**

Most events where people fall out in uniform also qualify. These are not necessarily patriotic by the strictest definition, but they are part of what we do to make the Patriotic Degree of the order more visible, so they count too. Examples:

- Participating in any fallouts requested by the Bishop. In Austin the annual ones are the three ordinations (permanent diaconate, transitional diaconate, and priestly) and the Chrism Mass. There may be other occasional times such as installation of a Bishop.

- Participating in fallouts requested by a priest. This might be for certain Masses (e.g. Midnight Mass or a Holy Week Mass) or for confirmation, first communion, etc.
- Presenting colors at any public event – banquet, sporting event, parade, meeting, etc.
- Marching in pro-life events like March for Life, various walks or hikes, etc.
- Falling out for funerals might qualify. Most Assemblies should have plenty of other activities to fill the four slots. See me before submitting a line for this.

There are not too many things we do that don't qualify, but some examples are:

- Fundraising events.
- Presenting colors at a non-public event such as an exemplification.
- Falling out for a private event such as a wedding, anniversary, quinceanera, etc.
- Supporting a seminarian, unless he belongs to the Archdiocese for the Military.

Make note of your most important or interesting program and that should become an entry for the To Be a Patriot award, which requires a bit more work. (See info [here.](#))

Any Assembly that is active in programs and has people with the uniform who are active with fallouts should find this form easy to complete. My own Assembly started with only 32 people 15 years ago and we have received this award for the past 10-12 years.

## TBP – To Be a Patriot Award Entry Form

This form is due to the District Master by April 15<sup>th</sup> for the fraternal year. (It says April 30<sup>th</sup> in the form but this has changed.) The DM reviews them and selects what he thinks is the best one to send to the Vice Supreme Master. The VSM does the same across his Province by May 15<sup>th</sup> and sends one to the Supreme Master by May 31<sup>st</sup> for consideration vs other Provinces.

It is on the [Assembly forms page](#) at Supreme. You download a PDF version of it and rename/save it where you wish. Don't let the 5/31 date fool you for the reasons above.

Completing this submission takes more effort than applying for the Civic Award. Typically you would choose from the program items you submitted on the Civic Award application. Follow the guidelines and fill in the form completely. Attach additional pages and photos if possible. It is similar to what Councils do when submitting entries for consideration for State awards.

Note that one of the lines on the forms is for the percentage of members participating. This is a key consideration when evaluating them. Some wonderful program that only one or two members worked on is less valued for this consideration than a program with a smaller impact that half the Assembly was involved in.

Best of luck to your Assembly if you submit an entry. This is a difficult award to win since it is awarded at the Supreme level, which makes it prestigious. It is not like the Civic Award, which is simple to complete and automatic assuming you complete the form correctly. Putting together this submission is a good way recognize your Assembly for some of the work they have done.

# Morrisville's Council #5041

On Saturday, March 8, 2025, Morrisville's Council #5041 sponsored an Old Fashioned Sugar On Snow Party. Boiled maple sugar on snow, along with raised donuts were served by Grand Knight, Tom Boland. Brothers Sonny Hill and Richard Sylvester maintained the kitchen, keeping the serving line filled with warm donuts. Additionally, sour dill pickles were provided to compliment the sweet servings, by Lorinda Smith. Father Paul was also present for the celebration. A good time was had by all.





# **The St. Thomas Silent Auction is now open for bidding!!**

Visit: <http://stthomascc.betterworld.org/auctions/st-thomas-2025-calcutta>

Find one-of-a-kind items crafted by local artists, gift certificates to great restaurants and shops, items for your home and fun activities for your family.

Bidding starts March 17<sup>th</sup> and ends at 8:00pm April 5<sup>th</sup>.

You do not need to be present at the St. Thomas Calcutta to enjoy bidding on great items.

## **A limited number of tickets are still available for the St. Thomas Calcutta:**

Join us on April 5, 2025, for a lively and entertaining evening at the MANSFIELD BARN (3 Irish Farm Road) in Jericho. Doors open at 4:30 and dinner starts at 5:45.

### **FEATURING**

\$2000 Cash Grand Prize and many other prizes throughout the evening  
•Raffle items \* Silent Auction \* Dessert Dash \* Cash Bar

Cost is \$130 for 1 numbered ball and buffet dinner for 2.

New this year, purchase dinner for 1 and 1 ball for \$90. Dinner is catered by Jericho Café and Tavern (JCAT).

Select your ball number and buy your tickets online:

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-st-thomas-catholic-church-calcutta>

OR email [stthomasvtcalcutta@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasvtcalcutta@gmail.com). Note: for the 1 dinner/1 ball option email us first for assistance. Visit the St. Thomas website [Stthomasvt.com](http://Stthomasvt.com) for more information.

**FROM: Futures Pregnancy Care**

I wanted to let you know that we have an immediate need. Our nurse who was trained to do our ultrasounds has relocated and we now have a new one. Our need is that we are fundraising to pay for her training.

That is a total of \$5000.00. The abortion minded women change their minds and often times keep their baby when they see the ultrasound. Right now we are using a nurse from another center but she has to travel 1 1/2 hours to do an ultrasound. If you would be so kind to ask your counsel if they would help us with this training, I would greatly appreciate it.

Blessings to you and all you do as well as your family.

**Carmen Menard**

**Ex. Director**

**Futures Pregnancy Care**

**70 Church St.**

**Lyndonville, VT 05851**

James Cardinal Gibbons Knights of Columbus Assembly 1157, Newport, is conducting a Flag Day Raffle in support of our local Coats for Kids Program. The drawing will occur on Flag Day, Saturday, June 14, 2025.

If interested, please contact Keith Mandart, 802-487-9195 or email [grewk@aol.com](mailto:grewk@aol.com) or George Piette, 802-323-2470 or email [georgepiette@gmail.com](mailto:georgepiette@gmail.com).

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*James Cardinal Gibbons  
Assembly 1157,  
Knights of Columbus*

**FLAG DAY  
RAFFLE SUPPORTING  
COATS FOR KIDS IN  
THE NEK**

**DRAWING JUNE 14, 2025**

1st prize - \$500

2nd prize - \$300

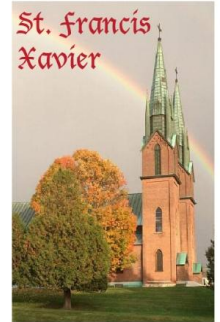
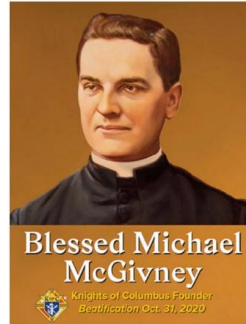
3rd prize - \$100

**\$1 Per Ticket OR \$5 for 7**

Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284

Is Honored To Present The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Monsignor Thomas J. Ball Jesus Open



**Date:** Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**Location:** West Bolton Golf Club  
**Time:** Sunrise Mass: 7:00 AM / Registration: 7:45 AM / Shotgun Start: 8:15 AM  
**Format:** 4 Person Team Scramble  
**Price:** \$400 Per Team  
**Fee Includes:** Greens Fees With Cart, Delicious Breakfast, Awesome On-Course Luncheon, Ice Cold Soft Drinks, Closest-To-The-Pin Contests, Longest Drive Competition, Rev. Joseph F. McCarthy \$100,000 Shootout, Rev. Msgr. Richard G. Lavalley \$1,000,000 Shootout, Silent Auction Plus A Spectacular Hors D'Ouervres Reception Following Tournament Play. All Participants Will Receive A Commemorative Gift From The Knights Of Columbus St. Stephen's Council #2284 As Well!!!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Hole Challenge: A Hole-In-One Wins A \$10,000 New Kitchen!**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Hole Challenge: A Hole-In-One Wins A 2025 Mercedes Benz C-300!**

Player	Telephone	Email
Player	Telephone	Email
Player	Telephone	Email
Player	Telephone	Email

For Tournament Registration: Mail This Form And Entry Fee To:  
**Mr. Greg Clairmont**  
**604 Creek Farm Road, Colchester, Vermont 05446**  
**(802) 343-8446**

## Fr. Meany-Fr. St. Onge Council 7943 James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157

Fr. Meany-Fr. St. Onge Council 7943, James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157, and St. Andre Bessette Parish sponsored Fr Michael Carter, SSE, from St. Michael's College on March 15, 2025 for his presentation on the Background, Lives, Service, and Sacrifice of Burlington Vermonters during World War I. This presentation was Fr. Carter's thesis for his masters degree from UVM. Father Carter is the Spiritual Director at Saint Michael's College. Fr. Carter stayed and celebrated the Sacrifice of the Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Troy, with Fr. Benny Chittilappilly, SDV.



## **Bishop Robert F. Joyce Assembly 2609**

### **St. Albans' Assembly 1149**

Sir Knights of Milton's Bishop Robert F. Joyce Assembly 2609 and St. Albans' Assembly 1149 provided an Honor Guard at the Mass celebrated by Bishop John McDermott and Fr. Curtis Miller, with Deacon Paul Garrow assisting, at St. Ann Church in Milton on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.



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

# Charles H. Phillips Council 14351

## Randolph

Knights prepared 70 lbs. of Corn Beef, potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage, for the Irish night in Honor of St Patrick

St Patrick's /  
Irish Night!!



COME TO THE FEAST!

Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

Our Lady of the Angels Parish Hall  
Randolph, VT

The celebration begins at 6:00 pm,  
(immediately after the Stations of the Cross)

DINNER of CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE  
WILL BE PROVIDED  
by the KofC & the Parish



Fr. Gratton & friends  
(aka "THE CLOSE ENOUGH'S")  
will provide the music

Just bring your appetites and enthusiasm!



St. Albans Knights of Columbus Council #297  
P.O. Box 344  
St. Albans, Vermont 05478

**3.29.25**

**Dear Brother Knights,**

I hope that you are well and healthy.

I am sending you this letter to inform you that our council, Knights of Columbus # 297, has embarked on a fundraising effort to help Holy Angels Catholic Church with a future roof replacement.

Our fundraising roof replacement chairman, Maurice Bonnette, along with several brother Knights of Council 297 have met many times to think of ways to help raise money for the future roof replacement. As you are aware, a roof replacement is not cheap, in fact, it may cost several hundred thousand dollars to get the roof fully replaced.

Over the years there has been patchwork performed on the roof, but we are now at the stage to get the roof fully replaced in the future.

**With this letter, I ask you if you would like to help with a donation toward this fundraising effort. Please bring this up at your council meeting. The more donations the better.**

- We are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a 2025 Buick Envista.

Each ticket is \$100.00.

We are selling 1,250 tickets.

**If you are interested, please let me know at (802) 393-1768 (via text or call) or email at: [valdemargaribay10@gmail.com](mailto:valdemargaribay10@gmail.com)**

**Please make check payable to:**

- KofC Council 297

**Memo:**

- Roof Replacement Holy Angels

**Please mail check to:**

KofC 297  
PO Box 344  
St. Albans, Vermont 05478



St. Albans Knights of Columbus Council #297  
P.O. Box 344  
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Figure 1: Sample Raffle ticket

Thank you for your help, and please help us spread the word of this raffle.

Valdemar Garibay, Grand Knight / Program Director



# K of C COUNCIL 297 April 2025 NEWS

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

**EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE – Donors are needed now!**

Please consider signing up for an appointment to a blood drive closest to you – sign up [here](#).

If you have any questions, please ask Blood Program Leader Valdemar Garibay at [valdemargaribay10@gmail.com](mailto:valdemargaribay10@gmail.com) or 802.393.1768.

### Blood Drives

Date	Blood Units Collected	New Donors
7/5/2024	26	1
7/20/2024	18	2
7/27/2024	18	2
8/2/2024	29	0
8/14/2024	28	2
8/17/2024	25	3
8/30/2024	21	2
10/2/2024	26	2
10/26/2024	23	0
10/31/2024	25	1
11/9/2024	16	0
11/26/2024	21	2
12/6/2024	22	1
12/14/2024	28	3
12/26/2024	23	1
12/30/2024	20	1
1/11/2025	18	2
1/31/2025	21	0
2/8/2025	24	1
2/26/2025	30	2
3/22/2025	25	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>29</b>

## Men's Retreat

St. Albans Council Logan McRae, Gordon McRae, and Valdemar Garibay attended this year's men's retreat in Randolph, Vermont on March 22, 2025. Key Speaker was Fr. Royer. There were approximately 84 men who attended, with a lot of Knights of Columbus support. The attendees received a presentation from Fr. Royer along with attending individual breakout session, Mass, adoration, and confession.



## Stop The Bleed

Stop The Bleed Class hosted by Council 297

Saturday, April 5th: 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Peoples Trust Company - Franklin Park West

All are Welcome

Here is the registration link: <https://forms.office.com/g/YEAVvNJiRL>



**Saturday, April 5**  
9:30 am - 11:00 am  
Peoples Trust Company,  
Franklin Park West, St. Albans

# Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

March 30, 2025

Holy Angels

Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for 8th to 12th grade level.

8th Grade Essay Winner: K. Garibay

Faithful Navigator James McMillan spoke about the essay topic to the parishioners. He congratulated K. Garibay for his participation in this year's essay.



## 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](https://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.

# Milton Council 10417

Saint Ann Church Burning of the Palms that were brought in from parishioners in preparation of Ash Wednesday. A ritual that Deacon Paul has followed for years.



Pictured are Fr. Curtis Miller , Deacon Paul Garrow, Monique Ziegler , Rick Rupp , Scott Wise , Toby , Gille Thibault



*Upcoming Vermont Pro-Life Events  
Mark Your Calendars!*

**April 2:** On Wednesday of this week at 11:00am pro-lifers will gather in across the street from the Planned Parenthood's abortion clinic on 173 St. Paul Street in Burlington. The goal of the event is to promote the de-funding of the pro-abortion organization. Similar events are taking place nationwide.

**April 24:** Addison County Chapter Right to Life Annual Dinner will be held at St Peter's Church Hall in Vergennes, VT and will begin at 6:00pm on Thursday the 24th.

**April 27:** The Maple Festival Parade in St Albans, VT will begin at noon on Sunday the 27th. Join pro-lifers from Franklin County Right to Life who will be participating in the parade carrying pro-life signs and handing out Lifesaver candies. Look for a couple of antique cars along with the marchers. The parade theme this year is "Vermont Maple - Bringing Families Together."

**May 13:** *On Tuesday May 13th, if the legislature is still in session, VRLC will host a "Pro-Life Vermont Day" at the State House in Montpelier. Plan to join fellow pro-life Vermonters by arriving at the State House between 8:30am and 9:00am. Details to follow.*

**June 21:** *The 3rd Annual Dobbs Decision BIRTHday Picnic on Saturday, June 21, 2025 on the State House Lawn in Montpelier. (The US Supreme Court Decision, Dobbs v Jackson overturned Roe v Wade in 2022.) The event begins at 11:30am and will feature speakers, music, hotdogs, cake and ice cream. This is a family friendly event.*

[To stay updated about pro-life events be sure to visit www.vrlc.net](http://www.vrlc.net)

### **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 from conception to natural death!**

**Send what you can to:**

**VRLC**

**PO Box 1079**

**Montpelier, VT**

**05601**

**Blessing and gratitude!**

# 2024-25 300 Club Winners

WEEK #	DATE	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
WEEK #1	12/21/2024			
	\$100.00	265	Fr. Leo Bilodeau	7973
	\$75.00	46	Butch Robbins	2832
	\$50.00	255	Larry Gould	2832
WEEK #2	12/28/2024			
	\$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			
	\$100.00	61	Pat Paquette	10535
	\$75.00	129	Herman & Kim Noyes	421
	\$50.00	214	Sally Brochu	1568
WEEK #4	1/11/2025			
	\$100.00	82	Mark Nadeau	2285
	\$75.00	44	Leo Fairbanks	232
	\$50.00	126	Thomas Griffin	232
WEEK #5	1/18/2025			
	\$100.00	115	Christopher Braves	4684
	\$75.00	296	Dennis Smith	5041
	\$50.00	204	Guibord Funeral Home	421
WEEK #6	01/25/2025			
	\$100.00	44	Leo Fairbanks	232
	\$75.00	24	John Santorello	399
	\$50.00	181	Dick LaBarge	2284
WEEK #7	02/01/2025			
	\$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			
	\$100.00	230	Jon Lussier	1568
	\$75.00	284	Fr. Steven Marchand	3664
	\$50.00	239	Greg Clairmont	2284
WEEK #9	02/15/2025			
	\$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	183	Gille Thibault	10417
\$50.00	47	Skyler Billado	10830
WEEK #11 03/01/2025	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	110	Mark Garand	7810
\$75.00	58	George Piette	7963
\$50.00	76	Daniel Heter	2610
WEEK #12 03/08/2025	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	3	Thomas Bouton	2285
\$75.00	273	Jeff Brosseau/Greg Bolger	2284
\$50.00	102	Andrew Rowe	7810
WEEK #13 03/15/2025	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	197	Kathy Wawrzyniak	421
\$75.00	193	Mark Greenan	421
\$50.00	223	K of C "Sous Chefs"	1568
WEEK #14 03/22/2025	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	259	Most Holy Trinity #7763	7763
\$75.00	54	Alexis Czekaj	2285
\$50.00	136	Fair Haven Council #810	810
WEEK #15 03/29/2025	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	153	Larry Gould	2832
\$75.00	250	Dan St. Hillaire	279
\$50.00	65	Bill LaCroix	279

## Brother Knights;

I thank you for all of your articles and making this newsletter a success.  
I ask that all of the District Deputies and Grand Knights to PLEASE forward  
this newsletter to all of your councils and members.  
Send all articles to [noelmaurice2@gmail.com](mailto:noelmaurice2@gmail.com)

**NEXT ISSUE WILL BE May 5, 2025**