



Vermont Knights in Action



April, 2019 Edition

Vermont State Council

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

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From the Vermont State Deputy



**No State Deputy
 message at this
 time. I will send
 out a special
 message when I
 get to Vermont**



**IF ABORTION IS NOT WRONG / THAN
NOTHING IS WRONG.
MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON US!**

STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Greetings my fellow Knights,

I NEED your help Councils !!!! To date I have only received a list of deceased members from two Councils, yes that's right, only two councils have sent me their list of brother Knights who have died !! Please, please take the time to send these names to me, as I'm sure if you were one of these brother knights, you would want to be remembered at our Memorial Mass the Friday evening of our upcoming convention !!

Speaking of our Convention, again on a sad note, **I have only received credentials from nine Councils for the jurisdiction of Vermont !!** I know there are a lot of you out there that are planning on attending our annual Convention, so please have your recorder or your Grand Knight or your Financial Secretary send me your credentials. We need this information for voting delegates and we need it for your per diem and mileage reimbursement !

We still have a few councils that have not paid their 1st half per capita or their 2nd half per capita; as a reminder, if your Council has unpaid per capita, you are welcome to the convention, however you will not be able to vote as a delegate, so PLEASE have your treasurer's send in those per capita dues !

I just re-read my first three paragraphs and it sounds very depressing and discouraging, BUT it is not my intent to be a downer, however, being in the position of State Secretary, my plate gets rather full dealing with keeping our books in the best standing order possible and tracking bills and payments from each and every Council, so I will apologize for getting on your backs about this, but these things have to be taken care of.

I also want to acknowledge the GREAT works that every Council gets involved with from the local council, to your parishes and your entire communities. Please be sure you are recognized by filling out the program form(s) and send those into Bill LaCroix as the judging is but a week away. There's nothing wrong with being given a pat on the back and being recognized for the great works you are all doing.

See you at the Convention in Essex !
Steve, State Secretary

Worthy Sir Knights, a little trivia information for your enjoyment.....

Welcome APRIL and all it's mud!!!!!! The month of April is dedicated to [The Holy Spirit](#) and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

I don't need to mention Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, we all know about them, but did you know this month is named after the Greek Goddess of love, Aphrodite. It is spelled as "Aprilis" which means "to open". Intriguing, isn't it? Animals in hibernation come out of their slumber, birds fly northwards, and bees and butterflies begin their nectar collection. It is sowing time in some parts of the world, while in others, it is the harvest season (if it ever dries out).

As Spring breaks forth even nature will join us and spend the month basking in the joy of the Resurrection. Throughout the entire month we cry, "Christ is risen, Christ is truly risen." The Feast of Divine Mercy offers us the opportunity to begin again as though we were newly baptized.

This month is also the popular name given to a lot of people, the name "April" is the 423rd most common name in the United States and 250th common name in the United Kingdom. April is the only month with the alphabet "I" in its name. If you are born in this month then your birth flowers are Daisy and Sweet Pea. The daisy symbolizes innocence, loyal love, and purity. Sweet pea signifies blissful pleasure and are used to say goodbye.

April is also recognized as the National Volunteer Month and Autism Awareness Month and Our Holy Father's Intentions for April is for all doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war torn areas, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Worthy Sir Knights, as we enter the Easter Season, now is the period to start getting your Honor Guards ready for the Chrism Mass, April 16th, State Convention, April 26-28th, Confirmation ceremonies and rendering honors to our deceased Brothers and Veterans at their entombment this Spring.

We have a little more than two months left until the exemplification of the Provincial 4th Degree on June 15, 2019 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Manchester, NH. The host Assembly will be Bishop Bradley Assembly 0626 of Manchester, under the leadership of Faithful Navigator Lionel Coulon. This is an extraordinary exemplification uniting candidates from six states into a single class. It is our goal to make this event a well-attended affair, both by candidates and spectators alike. Hopefully, you have identified 1 or 2 interested candidates. I need your completed Form 4's by **May 1st**.

Sir Knights, continue to be active in your Council and Assembly – in its charitable workings – in its recruiting works - in its fun activities.

Please contact me with any questions you may have. Continue your recruitment drive for 4th Degree candidates. May 1st will soon be upon us.

Please keep our Vice Supreme Master William and Mary McCarthy in your prayers as they fight his ongoing medical issue.

Vivat Jesus!

George Piette

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VOCATIONS

RSVP

On Saturday June 15, 2019 Seminarian Reverend Mister Robert Little and Reverend Mister Kevin Chalifoux will be ordained to the Priesthood at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Please mark your calendar. Please pray for them.

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

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.

The Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through this program, council and parish families will raise funds to support seminarians in their area. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported. 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 gbean44@yahoo.com or call at 862-8581. Also if you have given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 18 - June 30, 19) and have not sent me a copy, please send me a copy of RSVP form 2863.

"Vocations are Everybody's Business" Pray for Vocations.

Vivat Jesus
Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM
State Vocations Chairman



Faithful Navigator Duane Powers, James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157, presents Faithful Friar/State Chaplain, Reverend Father Timothy Naples, a check in the amount of \$525.00 in support of St. Paul's Catholic School, Barton, from the proceeds of their recent Turkey Bingo.

INSURANCE MESSAGE

Apparently I didn't emphasize the gravity of this issue in last month's bulletin. Gentlemen, please consider all the Catholic men you know who are considering a career change or new opportunity and PLEASE give me their name. It's not up to you or me to decide if this a good fit for them, that's between them and the Knights of Columbus. Seven years ago no one (myself included) would have said the field agent position is perfect for me. I am reposting what I wrote last month and greatly appreciate your support..... An Incredible Opportunity

A matter of great importance is the need for Knights of Columbus field agents in Vermont. There is a goal for 2-3 new representatives to serve the membership and finally achieve full coverage. We at the DiCalogero Agency have been working diligently in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont for the past 6 years. This is a full time career position and is open to all members.

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

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

David Giuliani
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Knights of Columbus Gibbons Council #2285
Knights of Columbus Cardinal Gibbons Assembly #1157
Mater Dei Parish
191 Clermont Terrace, Newport, VT 05855



December 12, 2018

Dear

This letter is an invitation to participate in a fundraiser to repair our historic and iconic church in Newport, St. Mary Star of the Sea. Our church was built in 1909 and since then, has been the beacon of our community.

Our Parents and Grandparents gave from their hearts and sacrificed much to build "this beacon" in our community. It is now our turn to share our time and effort to preserve it. Whatever we are able to raise from our "Car Raffle - 2019" won't be enough, but it is the beginning of a great effort that we must complete for the sake of our children and grandchildren

We love our beautiful church, and we want to preserve it for future generations of Mater Dei Parish parishioners, just as our ancestors did when they invested their blood and sweat to build it. St. Mary's is where we kneel and pray to worship our One True God. This is where we become children of God through Baptism. This is where we prepare for our eternal reward in Heaven.

If you are generous enough to purchase tickets toward winning a car:

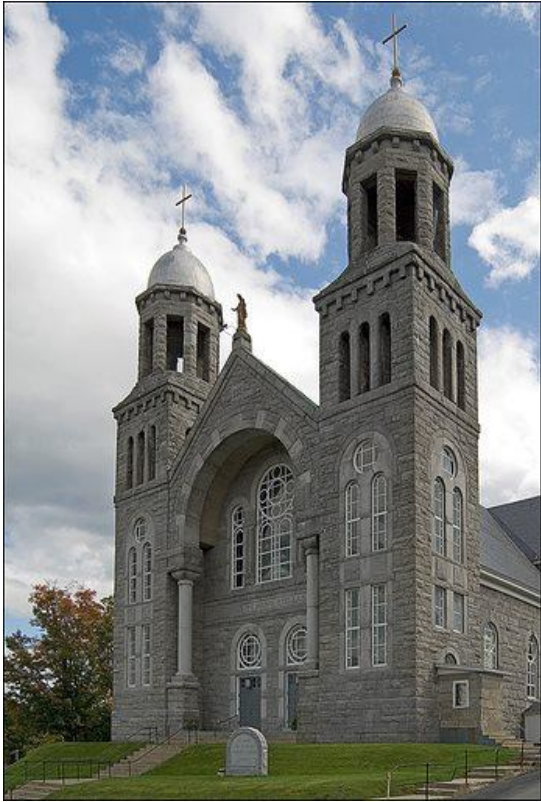
- 1 Ticket → \$40.00
- 3 Tickets → \$100.00
- 12 Tickets → \$400.00

Please check any of the boxes above and return any checks made out to Mater Dei Parish to us. Knights of Columbus Gibbons Council #2285 and Cardinal Gibbons Assembly #1157 are taking the initiative to help our parish in this endeavor. We ask you to please participate in our effort during this season of Christmas. Any donations to help our effort will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in the love of Jesus Christ.

Maurice Brasseur
Grand Knight

Duane Powers
Faithful Navigator

George Piette
District Master



This is an invitation to participate in a fundraiser for the repairs of our historical and iconic church in Newport, St. Mary, Star of the Sea. The church was built in 1909 and had been the beacon of our community.

This is what Our Parents and Grandparents had sacrificially given from their hearts, to build “this Beacon “in our community. It is our turn to share some of our time and effort to preserve it. What we raise from this “Car Raffle – 2019” won’t be enough, but it is the beginning of a great effort that we can do for our children and grandchildren.

We love our church and we want to preserve it for future generations as did our ancestors when they invested their sweat and blood in it. St. Mary’s is where we kneel and pray to worship our only God; this is where we become children of God through baptism; this is where we prepare ourselves for our eternal reward.

**Extend your hands to help St. Mary’s
now: ONLY 450 TICKETS LEFT
Contact: District Master George Piette
(802) 323-2470**



10th Year of Vocationist Fathers in Mater Dei Parish CAR RAFFLE - 2019

Funds raised for repairs of the roof at St. Mary, Star of the Sea,
Newport—Church was built in 1909.

*Winning Ticket will be drawn
on Sunday, August 11, 2019
at the Parish Picnic sponsored by Knights of Columbus*

Make checks to;
Mater Dei Parish Car Raffle
191 Clermont Terrace, Newport, VT 05855



\$40.00 - Per Ticket
3 Tickets for \$100.00
Only 1200 Tickets available

CAR RAFFLE—2019



Donation: \$40.00

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Mater Dei Parish: St. Benedict Labre, St. James the Greater, St. Edward the Confessor & St. Mary, Star of the Sea Churches
The winner will be responsible for all state and federal taxes. Ask for more info if needed.

Drawing Date: 08/11/19

K of C Youth Horizons

Worthy Brother Knights,

March was a big month for the K of C youth program. We had the State Free Throw Competition, and we are also ready to announce the results of both poster contests! Here's a rundown:

Free Throw Competition:

Here are our winners. Congratulations to all! Winooski did a great job hosting.

- 9 Year Old Girls Division: Audrey Perry**, Fair Haven, Council #810 – 17/25
- 9 Year Old Boys Division: Jackson LaMarche**, Starksboro, Council #10535 – 18/25
- 10 Year Old Girls Division: Adrienne Smits**, Addison, Council #3664 – 11/25
- 10 Year Old Boys Division: Jaxon Keane**, Orange, Council #399 – 15/25
- 11 Year Old Girls Division: Katelynnn Hadwen**, Fair Haven, Council #810 – 12/25
- 11 Year Old Boys Division: Hayden Lutz**, Bristol, Council #10535 – 24/25
- 12 Year Old Girls Division: Lanza Bellomo**, Rutland, Council #232 – 11/25
- 12 Year Old Boys Division: Dustin Piangerelli**, Hardwick, Council #1568 – 17/25
- 13 Year Old Girls Division: Kayla Gervais**, East Fairfield, Council #2610 – 18/25
- 13 Year Old Boys Division: Elias Parzyck**, Williston, Council #2284 – 15/25
- 14 Year Old Girls Division: Serenity Kruger**, Essex Jct., Council #2284 – 9/25
- 14 Year Old Boys Division: Caleb Trombly**, Washington, Council #399 – 22/25


Listening Tour:

The listening tour is still ongoing, and I will share thoughts at the State Convention. If you have feedback for me, or if you would like me to visit your Council, here is my email address: elijahtlachance@gmail.com. Otherwise, I hope to see you on one of my trips!

State Convention:

I will be presenting at the State Convention (my first such presentation), but I also wanted to extend an invitation to discuss youth matters with me at the Convention. Please email me, and we will arrange a time.

Vivat Jesus!



Elijah T. LaChance
State Youth Director

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners

Age 5-7 Division:



First Place: Gigi Derner, Fairfax, Council #2284



Second Place: Erik White, St. Albans, Council #2284

Age 8-10 Division:



First Place: Markus Hammer, Milton, Council #2284



Second Place: Penny Dykeman, Milton, Council #2284

Age 11-14 Division:



First Place: Stosh Zuk, Colchester, Council #2284



Evi Quinlan, Milton, Council #2284

I will have certificates for all winners at the State Convention. Please tell your delegates to see me to collect them.

Substance Abuse Poster Contest Winners



Age 8-11 Winner: Ashtin Stearns, Vergennes, Council #3664



Age 12-14 Winner: Reese Gernander, Vergennes, Council #3664

... and some action shots from the State Free Throw Competition!





**FORMATION DEGREE ASSEMBLY 26 MARCH 2019
OF NEW MEMBERS, DEGREE TEAM AND VISITING MEMBERS
ST. ANN'S PARISH HALL, MILTON**



PICTURED ABOVE SITTING L to R: *Larry Barrow*, Council 7389 Colchester; *Gilles Berard*, GK Council 7763 Orleans; *Dave Ely*, GK Council 279 Burlington; *Larry Gould*, GK Council 7389 Colchester; *Tom Lesage*, New Member, Council 2284; *Richard Shea*, Council 279 Burlington

PICTURED ABOVE STAND 1ST ROW L to R: *Ed Malila*, Council 10417 Milton; *David Ely II*, Council 279 Burlington; *David Bean*, , New Member, Council 279 Burlington, Council 2285; *Fr. Sahaya Paul*, Chaplain, Council 7763 Orleans; *Fr. Thomas Kuttikkat S.D.V.*, Council 7763 Orleans; *Valdemar Garibay*, Council 297 St. Albans; *George Bachinski*, New Member, Council 2284 Winooski; *Gregory Berard*, Council 10417 Milton; *Ronald G Bergeron*, New Member, Council 2285 Newport; *Mark Fraser*, New Member, Council 7389 Colchester; *Andrew Barrow*, New Member, Council 7389 Colchester; *James Yandow*, New Member, Council 2284 Winooski; *Tobias M Flower*, New Member Council 2610 Richford; *Colin K Wood*, New Member, Council 2610 Richford; *Luc Dupuis*, Degree Outside Guard, Council 7669 Swanton; *Fr. Joseph Ikegbunam*, Degree Colchester; Chaplain, Council 297 St. Albans; *Cedric Snyder*, Council 2610 Richford

PICTURED ABOVE STANDING 2ND ROW L o R: *George Piette*, Acting DD#2/District Master, Council 7943 Troy; *Gregory Guyette*, New Member, Council 2284 Winooski; *Skyler Billado*, Council 10830 Fairfax;

PICTURED ABOVE STANDING 3rd ROW L to R: *Ken Lane*, FS Council 10417 Milton; *Tom Headley*, Degree Crossbearer, GK Council 7669 Swanton; *Mike Thompson*, Music Man, Council 10417 Milton; *Dave Lavallee*, Degree Warden, GK Council 297 St. Albans; *Jim McMillan*, Degree Grand Knight/Chancellor, Council 297 St. Albans; *Tom Curran*, Past State Master/District Master, Council 10417 Milton; *Keith Billado*, Degree Guard of Honor/Financial Secretary, GK Council 10830; *Peter Lavallee*, Degree Guard of Honor, GK Council 10417 Milton; *Scott Gagnon*, Council 2284 Colchester; *Robin Blouin*, Inside Guard, FS Council 2610 Richford, *Jason Walent*, Council #297 St. Albans

On the 26th of March 2019 the District #1 Formation Tem assembled at St. Ann's Hall, Milton at 7:30 p.m. There were 13 candidates representing Councils 279 Burlington, 297 St. Albans, 2610 Richford, 7389 Colchester, 2284 Winooski, 2285 Newport and 10417 Milton.

The following candidates became members of the 2nd Degree:



David Bean BURLINGTON 279

Valdemar Garibay St. Albans 297

George Bachinski WINOOSKI 2284

Gregory Guyette WINOOSKI 2284

James Yandow WINOOSKI 2284

Fr. Thomas Kuttikkatt, S.D.V. Newport 2285

Fr. Sahaya Paul Newport 7763

Ronald G. Bergeron Newport 2285

Tobias M. Flower Richford 2610

Colin K. Wood Richford 2610

Andrew Barrows Colchester 7389

Mark Fraser Colchester 7389

Gregory Berard Milton 10417

The Formation Team consisted of the following members:



DISTRICT DEPUTY - Ed Nuttall, Council 10830 Fairfax

GRAND KNIGHT - James McMillan, Council 297 St. Albans

CHANCELLOR – James McMillan, Council 297 St. Albans

CHAPLAIN - Fr. Joseph Ikegbunam, Council 297 St. Albans

WARDEN - Dave Lavallee, GK, Council 297 St. Albans

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Keith Billado, GK Council 10830 Fairfax

MUSICIAN – Mike Thompson, Council 10417 Milton

CROSSBEARER – Thomas Headley, Council 7669 Swanton

INSIDE GUARD/AIDE TO THE WARDEN – Robin Blouin, Council 2610
Richford

OUTSIDE GUARD/AIDE TO THE WARDEN -Luc Dupuis, Council 7669
Swanton

GUARD OF HONOR ROSARY - Keith Billado, Council 10830 Fairfax

GUARD OF HONOR COMPASS – Peter Lavallee, Council 10417, Milton

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, ED NUTTALL, VISITS COUNCILS AND SPREADS THE MESSAGE FOR MARCH



***Council 279 Burlington – Visited 5 March
2019***



***Council 6816 Manchester – Visited 7 March
2019***



***Council 2628 Springfield - Visited 13 March
2019***



***Council 10241 Bethel - Visited 18 March
2019***

The message is the same: RECRUIT, RECRUIT, and RECRUIT!

How?

Motivate the membership by giving them tools to work with and guidance to follow, such as:

1. Put your heads together and think out a strategy that works for the Council
2. Show the Admission Degree at a council meeting and get reinvigorated
3. Form a Membership Committee. Make that happen!
4. Get a prospect list going using input from the Council Chaplain and Officers. Get the list down on paper.
5. Capitalize on recruiting from Round Tables
6. Work the church drive. Emphasize to those manning exits to ask questions and make comments like
 - a. ***Can I answer any questions you might have about the Knights of Columbus?***

- b. *When young men 18-40 approach, present them with a brochure about "On Line Membership". Say something like "You look like a man who can work his way around the website".*
 - c. *Please take this "Prospect Card" and consider filling it out. My name and telephone # are on it. Give me a call.*
 - d. *Talk To your DD and consider joining forces for adequate coverage of the drive, particularly men who like to socialize.*
7. Pass out brochures like "24 Hours can change your like" and the card "You are born a man. You become a Knight". The latter invites men between the ages of 18-40 to join the Knights of Columbus online.
 8. Get articles and information into the church bulletin about upcoming Council activities, membership drives, insurance benefits, etc. Use the booklet "These Men They Call Knights" as a source document for information.
 9. Review the "Former Member Listing" for inviting these men to return to the council.
 10. *After each Admission Degree have the proposer/sponsor invite the new member to pursue the "Shining Armor Award", which has as one of its requirements to recruit a new member.*
 11. Implement the Family and Knight of the Month programs with emphasis on presentations at Mass, with Father's permission. That's "branding" and a way of recruiting.
 12. Get involved with some of the youth programs, which draws attention to your Council and its activities. These include
 - a. **FREE THROW COMPETITION***
 - b. **SOCCER CHALLENGE**
 - c. **ESSAY CONTEST**
 - d. **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST**
 - e. **SUBSTANCE ABUSE POSTER CONTEST**
 - f. **COATS FOR KIDS**
 - *If insurance is an issue contact your DD and ask him to make contact with the State Treasurer*
 13. Use the "break-out" session at some of your Council meetings to get ideas from the "floor" on how to recruit.
 14. Remember, senior Knights have a long history of being involved and successful. Encourage them to share their experience and knowledge in the "break-out" sessions and In-House Open-House social/bonding events.

The bottom line is this: Council growth can only occur with the influx of new members. There exists a variety of recruiting tools available to the Council to accomplish this. Be patient but consistent in your recruiting efforts.

Viva Jesus

Ed Nuttall

SMD

PS: Time is short! 3 months left in the Fraternal Year to have forms 100 count towards your FY 2018-2019 associate member quota. Get that Admission Degree DVD out and use it. Don't hold on to these forms waiting for a formal ceremonial team. Make sure "block 5" of form 100 is filled out. That's where the system learns who is the "proposer" for the new member.

**NO 300 CLUB INFO
AVAILABLE
AT THIS TIME**

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 MAY 28TH AS I NEED TO BE AT MY GRANDDAUGHTERS GRADUATION ON THE 31ST OF MAY