



# Vermont Knights in Action



Vermont State Council  
April, 2020 Edition

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

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## From the Vermont State Deputy



Brother Knights,

We are in unprecedented times right now. We are in uncharted territory. What can we do? We can still be Knights of Columbus. We can fulfill our duties to our Council's, our towns and cities, and Our Holy Mother Church. Here are just a few things we can do.

- Help the Red Cross with local blood drives
- Collect non-perishable food items for local food shelves
- If possible, work with your local pastor to start live-streaming Masses
- Possibly assist with a "drive-in" Mass at your local Parish
- Start a Council/Parish phone tree to keep in contact with those most vulnerable within your Council and Parish Community
- Host a watch party via social media to stream Devotions, Masses, and the like

These are just a few things we, as Knights can do during these trying times. There are many other things we can do. Please contact your Grand Knight to work out how you can help.

During these times we are still open for business. The Knights of Columbus are still on the front lines working hard helping those in need. Let's not forget that we too are in need. We are in need to have men join us. While face to face meetings are suspended until further notice, we can still invite men to join us. Online membership is the key. Men can join online at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) and they can prove to be invaluable during these most challenging times. We need more men to help us fulfill the vision of Fr. Michael McGivney. Through email and social media, we can reach countless men who want to and can join us. Let us call on these men to join and help us.

Now let's talk about the State Convention. While all face to face activities of the Knights of Columbus are currently suspended until further notice, we still need to have a State Convention. The Supreme Council is currently looking into online meeting platforms such as go-to-meeting, zoom, google hangout, etc. They are working on figuring out balloting and elections. I am currently working up an agenda for this type of Convention. While I do not see time allowing reports from all Directors and Chairmen. I will do my best to allow time for some reports. I am still working on a date once I have more information from Supreme, I will let you know. I am asking that Certification of Council Delegates still be sent to State Secretary Steve Shover at [engravingandgift@aol.com](mailto:engravingandgift@aol.com) please make sure that your delegates and alternates include their email addresses. I am also asking all Directors and Chairmen to submit their reports to State Secretary Steve Shover and myself so they can be included in the minutes of the Convention. We will also make sure that the delegates have a copy before the online Convention.

As for the State Awards, the deadline has been extended until the middle of April. Please submit all nominations for State Program Director Bill LaCroix as soon as possible. Once the deadline has been reached, we will work on judging them to find our winners for this year.

Lastly, I ask all members and their families to pray the Rosary daily. With the Blessed Mothers intercession, we can all get through these difficult and trying times. May the Blessed Mother protect us all.

Vivat Jesus!

Thomas Herbst, Jr.

Vermont State Deputy

District #	March Intake	Total Intake since July 1, 2019
District #1	0	5
District #2	0	0
District #3	0	1
District #4	0	2
District #5	2	1
District #6	0	23
District #7	0	0
District #8	0	3
District #9	0	2
Online and Transfers In	1	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total for FY 2019-2020</b>		<b>47</b>

**Knights of Columbus  
Saint John Vianney Council 7525**



Richard (Dick) Stevens with his wife Sandra

On February 15<sup>th</sup>, the Knights of Columbus Council 7525 commemorated the retirement of Worthy and Sir Knight Richard (Dick) Stevens as Color Corp Commander for 32 years. A dinner in his honor was given on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Saint John Vianney Church Hall.

The Knights of Columbus State Officer, Worthy and Sir Knight George Piette presented a letter and certificate of Recognition from the Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. The Council is thankful for his contributions and long service with the Knights of Columbus. Dick will remain active with the council as an officer.

Thank You, Dick and Sandy for all you do for the council and the Knights of Columbus. May God's blessing be with you always.

**Knights of Columbus  
Saint John Vianney Council 7525**



A Veteran's salute.

From Left to Right: FN Rick Gravelin, Sandra Stevens, Sir Richard Stevens, Sir Ted Barrett and wife Kathy, PSD/PFN, Don Sutton, Sir Michael Bullock, PGN Bernard Hemond jr., and wife Linda, PGN Sir Bob Wilkens, Worthy District Master George Piette



Worthy District Master George Piette congratulates Worthy Knight Richard Stevens and his wife Sandra. after receiving the Certificate of Recognition and gifts from the council.



VT Knights for Life

April 2020

## VERMONT KNIGHTS FOR LIFE 2020

Brothers Knights,  
My State Chaplain's initiative, *Vermont Knights for Life 2020*, has gotten fully up to speed. Let me give the synopsis of this three-part initiative. I hope our best efforts can do these three things:

1. dedicate major pledges for the State Mobile Ultrasound Fund
2. bring awareness to our Catholic communities about the pro-life pregnancy centers and clinics in our state
3. take up the challenge to support the same pro-life pregnancy centers and clinics

My personal blog now also includes multiple pages for this initiative.

[www.UbiPetrusVT.com/Knights4Life](http://www.UbiPetrusVT.com/Knights4Life)

God bless. Vivat Jesus! Fr. Tim Naples, State Chaplain

### APRIL PRO-LIFE CENTER SNAPSHOT: *FUTURE'S PREGNANCY CARE, LYNDONVILLE*

*Future's Pregnancy Care* is Vermont's newest pro-life pregnancy care center. It is operated by Northeast Kingdom Pregnancy Care Services, and it opened a service location for clients, this February, in Lyndonville, VT. *Future's Pregnancy Care* is utilizing an ultrasound machine originally purchased by Council 297 in St. Albans through the Supreme K. of C. ultrasound program. The machine's first use was unfortunately cut short with the closure of the St. Albans pregnancy care center. But now the same machine can benefit the clients of *Future's Pregnancy Care* in the N.E.K., especially with the help of Councils 13574 (providing annual support to the center) and Council 421 (financing a three-year cleaning service contract for the ultrasound machine's use!), and many other supporters for *Future's Pregnancy Care!*

Website: [www.FuturesPregnancyCare.org](http://www.FuturesPregnancyCare.org)

### STATE MOBILE ULTRASOUND FUND: UPDATE

Thank you to a few officers in South Burlington Council, Winooski Council, and Milton Council for allowing me to share some materials for the Mobile Ultrasound Fund. All council please consider if a pledge of some amount is appropriate for you. See a FAQ for the fund, at [www.ubipetrusvt.com/knights4life/mobile-ultrasound-fund](http://www.ubipetrusvt.com/knights4life/mobile-ultrasound-fund)

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2019. The youngest Naples Nephew!

THESE 2020 FLYERS FROM THE STATE CHAPLAIN WILL INCLUDE

ANOTE FROM FR. NAPLES, SC

A SNAPSHOT OF THE MONTH:

Each month, the contribution of the Knights of Columbus Councils to one of the pro-life pregnancy resources centers and clinics of our state will be presented.

MONTHLY UPDATE ON THE STATE COUNCIL MOBILE ULTRASOUND FUND

"After the state and/or local council raises 50% of the cost, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will provide the other 50% to complete funding for purchase of an ultrasound. Or, if the council raises 100% of the cost of a vehicle outfitted to serve as a mobile medical unit for a pregnancy center, the Supreme Council will provide 100% of the funds for an ultrasound machine to be used in that vehicle."

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[www.knights.org/ultra-sound](http://www.knights.org/ultra-sound)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL THE STATE CHAPLAIN AT [FR.NAPLES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FR.NAPLES@GMAIL.COM)

## STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Greetings Brother Knights; sure hope everyone is staying home and staying safe.

Last night I was on a webinar from Supreme with over 3,000 other Knights throughout the world and I'd like to share with you some of their suggestions and courses of action during this horrific pandemic ! Firstly, we, as Knights are men of faith, principle and action. We need to step into the breach of this critical time in our world. Supreme has come up with the following: Leave no Knight or neighbor behind - Reach out to members of your Council; Provide for your parish and parish priest; Care for your community; promote blood donations; and support your local food bank. These are just a few suggestions that came from Supreme and from other Councils throughout the United States.

Meetings - Supreme has asked ALL Knights to "get into the digital world" via use of the internet to hold your monthly meetings and officer's meetings as well. There is an email tool available from Supreme that you can use to contact all your members, via email and it's very easy to use. Supreme also recommends that the Grand Knights use Skype to hold their monthly meetings. There is a maximum number for Skype - 25 and if that is not large enough, you can use Zoom.

Let's not allow this virus to consume us as Knights; we can still do our part and the most important one is to PRAY; Pray like you've never prayed before; pray with your family; say a Rosary - Skype a rosary with other members - there are countless ways to accomplish this !

There will more information coming from Supreme in the coming weeks, especially in regards to how we are going to handle our convention 'digitally' this year and how to vote on important issues as well as election of officers. Stay tuned !

My Prayer for all of you is to be healthy and safe during this time of uncertainty.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus

Steve



Bob Kirkbride.

He was a founding member of our council, Father William P. Hackett Council 7324 and the longest standing member in the state of Vermont. He was in attendance at our last meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

We will miss him dearly!

Vivat Jesus!  
Dick Dunseith  
GK 7324

Robert William Kirkbride LUDLOW - Robert William Kirkbride, 93, left this earth on March 19, 2020, to join his wife and son. He was born on June 9, 1926, in Burlington, the son of Robert O. and Genevieve (Donahue) Kirkbride. Losing his father at the age of three, Bob and his sisters, Mary and Ruth, were raised in a devout Catholic home, attending Mass almost daily. Bob attended Catholic schools under the watchful eyes of nuns and priests. His strong work ethic started at a young age, cleaning the church, sweeping floors at various shops and stuffing hot dogs at McKenzie Meat Company. He left Cathedral High School after his junior year to answer the call of duty, enlisting in the U.S. Army to serve in World War II in Japan. Upon returning, he completed high school and then worked as a police officer in Burlington. He re-enlisted in the U.S. Air Force to serve in the Korean War. On Sept. 6, 1952, he married Patricia A. Martel in Ludlow, leaving Burlington to begin a new chapter. He worked at General Electric for seven years before joining Martel and Son Oil Company after the passing of his father-in-law. Not wasting any time, Bob quickly became involved in the Ludlow Rotary Club, Ludlow Fire Department and the Knights of Columbus, remaining active right up until his passing. He worked well into his 80s for Johnson and Dix Oil Company, summers at Fox Run Golf Course, winters at Okemo and part-time at Napa. His meticulous record keeping was invaluable. Bob's lawn was the envy of the neighborhood, and he snow-blowed with precision. He was generous with his talents, tools, equipment, time and stories with his neighbors, friends and family. Bob was extremely devoted to his family, church and community. His hard work, honesty, commitment, love, laughter and generosity will continue through the lessons he taught us. He was a pillar in the community and a prime example of "doing things right." Bob is survived by two daughters, Deborah Khiel and fiancé Michael Fortin of Sweden, Maine; Martha Chessie and husband Christopher of Shapleigh, Maine; six grandchildren, Travis Khiel and wife Rebecca; Greg Khiel; Caleb Chessie and wife Abigail; Meredith Chessie; Robert J. Kirkbride; and Joseph Kirkbride; seven great-grandchildren, Kaenon, Grady, Blake, Addyson, Lane, Brynnley and Maverick; and many nephews, nieces and countless friends. He was predeceased by his wife Patricia, son Robert R., infant son Raymond and sisters Mary and Ruth. Services will be held at a later date. The family would like to thank the Ludlow community and the entire staff in the ICU at the White River Junction VA Medical Center for the compassion, respect, support and love during this most difficult time. Pray for a cure to stop the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. Memorial contributions in Bob's memory may be made to Ludlow Rotary Club, PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield.

# STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR MESSAGE

First of all . I pray that all of you and your families and friends are well. Know you are all in Michelle and my prayers.

Due to the unfortunate recent events with the Covid-19 pandemic , in discussion with our State Deputy, we have decided to extend the deadline on submissions for State Program awards from March 30th until April 15th. At this time with the uncertainty surrounding our own State convention being held live or not and how that all shapes up, we thought this best.

I ask you to **PLEASE** let all your Grand Knights know this. We are looking for submissions for the 4 categories:

Faith  
Family  
Life  
Community

The fillable STSP form is the only one acceptable and doesn't have a lot of space to fill in, so please include a nice , long write up and pictures , whatever. Mail is best if you would like your submission in color as my two printers are both black laser printers,

Also, There are the additional categories of :

**Knight of the Year**

**Family of the Year**

Brother's we ALL have a Knight and a Family in our Council deserving of one of these honors, I would ask that you not nominate someone who has already won the honor previously in that category.

And lastly - Longest **Continuous** Serving member- this info is found on your member listing, **it is NOT the First degree date** !  
a simple ~~note is all~~ needed on that one. As always , please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

We will also have to figure out when and how to hold the judging as it won't probably be able to be done in the traditional way...maybe sometime around the week of April 20?

Vivat Jesus!  
Fraternally,  
Bill LaCroix

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Worthy Sir Knights,  
What a crazy period we are in. By now every one of us are tired of hearing or reading about the corona virus and the disruptions it is causing however, a number of positives have come from all of this, first, our Faith is being shown for all to see and hear, from on-line prayers to web-streaming live Stations of the Cross and live Masses from various parishes, second, the gas prices have come down and third, we stepped out of our home-comfort zones and opened our hearts within our communities. Our Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy are truly a blessing. Isn't this what Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney wants from us?

Take to heart Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's recent memo on the corona virus emailed to everyone where he concludes **"May this time of difficulty also be a moment when we as Knights step into the breach and show ourselves to be disciples of Jesus Christ and men at the service of others"**.

Elections for the Fraternal year 2020-2021 are in May and June, this is a good time for those who would like to advance in the order and Assembly to consider an officer's position and help with the leadership of the council and/or assembly. Any fourth-degree member is eligible to run for an office in either the council and/or assembly and help with the leadership skills needed. We can only prosper with new ideas and with new people in leadership roles. Please consider finding some time in your busy schedule to take a position of leadership. I have held many positions myself and I am happy that I have done so. Contact your trustees in your council and/or assembly and step up and help out.

To all my Honor and Color Corps Brothers, remember we are providing a service to our Brother Knights who earned this honor. We should expect the same service for each one of us. When we perform, this service, we are providing a gift to all the family members of our deceased brother. If you have participated in the Honor Guard, then you have seen the gratitude in the family members' eyes. We provided the family a positive memory and each member in the Honor Guard receives and feels the warmth and appreciation of the family. Please consider getting more involved with the Honor Guard. Please remember our deceased brothers and Veterans as our cemeteries reopen for interments. Our presence to offer our final Farewell during the burial service will always remain in their Families hearts.

We have a little more than three months left until the next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification on July 25, 2020 at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Newport. The host Assembly will be James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157, under the leadership of Faithful Navigator Andre Ricard. It is my wish this event to be a well-attended affair, both by candidates and spectators alike. This will be my last exemplification as your Master of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Hopefully, you have identified 1 or 2 interested candidates. I need your completed Form 4's by **July 1st**.

Now that we have sprung forward into Spring and advanced our clocks, the temperature outside is rising! Spring cleanup is happening around homes and parishes, OH WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SEASON. Now don't get complacent, soon we will see the yellow of pollen season and with it comes another virus, the allergies. This year the period of Lent will be celebrated in ways we never could have imagine, however, as we head towards Palm Sunday and Holy Week, I am humbled by the dedicated support you and your families provide to our parishes and clergy, especially during this tumultuous Lenten Season. I also want to thank our clergy for their spiritual guidance and dedication. May all of you rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord and may you and your families have a Blessed Easter.

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

George Piette  
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802-323-2470

The following is information I am borrowing from an April 2014 excerpt from the Father John P. Washington Assembly 2184 Yorktown VA

#### **THE RESUME OF JESUS CHRIST**

**Address:** Ephesians 1:20

**Phone:** Romans 10:13

**Website:** The Bible.

**Keywords:** Christ, Lord, Savior and Jesus

Hello. My name is Jesus - The Christ. Many call me Lord! I've sent you my resume because I'm seeking the top management position in your heart. Please consider my accomplishments as set forth in my resume.

#### **Qualifications**

- I founded the earth and established the heavens, (See Proverbs 3:19)
- I formed man from the dust of the ground, (See Genesis 2:7)
- I breathed into man the breath of life, (See Genesis 2:7)
- I redeemed man from the curse of the law, (See Galatians 3:13)
- The blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant come upon your life through me, (See Galatians 3:14)

#### **Occupational Background**

- I've only had one employer, (See Luke 2:49).
- I've never been tardy, absent, disobedient, slothful or disrespectful.
- My employer has nothing but rave reviews for me, (See Matthew 3:15-17)

#### **Skills Work Experiences**

- Some of my skills and work experiences include: empowering the poor to be poor no more, healing the brokenhearted, setting the captives free, healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind and setting at liberty them that are bruised, (See Luke 4:18).
- I am a Wonderful Counselor, (See Isaiah 9:6). People who listen to me shall dwell safely and shall not fear evil, (See Proverbs 1:33).
- Most importantly, I have the authority, ability and power to cleanse you of your sins, (See I John 1:7-9)

### **Educational Background**

- I encompass the entire breadth and length of knowledge, wisdom and understanding, (See Proverbs 2:6).
- In me are hid all of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, (See Colossians 2:3).
- My Word is so powerful; it has been described as being a lamp unto your feet and a lamp unto your path, (See Psalms 119:105).
- I can even tell you all of the secrets of your heart, (See Psalms 44:21).

### **Major Accomplishments**

- I was an active participant in the greatest Summit Meeting of all times, (See Genesis 1:26).
- I laid down my life so that you may live, (See II Corinthians 5:15).
- I defeated the archenemy of God and mankind and made a show of them openly, (See Colossians 2:15).
- I've miraculously fed the poor, healed the sick and raised the dead!
- There are many more major accomplishments, too many to mention here. You can read them on my website, which is located at: [www dot - the BIBLE](http://www.dot-theBIBLE.com). You don't need an Internet connection or computer to access my website.

### **References**

- Believers and followers worldwide will testify to my divine healing, salvation, deliverance, miracles, restoration and supernatural guidance.

In Summation Now that you've read my resume, I'm confident that I'm the only candidate uniquely qualified to fill this vital position in your heart. In summation, I will properly direct your paths, (See Proverbs 3:56), and lead you into everlasting life, (See John 6:47). When can I start? Time is of the essence, (See Hebrews 3:15).



James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157 enjoying a St. Patrick Day Social Dinner at St. James the Greater Catholic Church, Island Pond VT. (Left side) FN Andre Ricard, FP Jacques Lacroix, FS Gerard + Pauline Raboin (Right side) FC Carroll + Carol Gorham, SK Normand + Susan Piette (Standing) DM/2-Yr Trustee George Piette (Backs to Camera, L-R) Melody Ricard and Retha Piette



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## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UNIFORM PROGRAM MANAGED BY THE SUPPLY ROOM**

The Supply Room is a small Veteran owned business located in Oxford Alabama. We have been in business for over 37 years serving all beaches of our armed forces. Most of the Government agencies who started with us 37 years ago are still our largest customers today. The owner of the Company is a Former Army Officer and I am a Retired Navy E9/CWO, both the owner and I understand specifications, quality control and paying attention to the details. These qualities are what has kept the Supply Room at the top of a highly competitive industry, and it will also serve us well as we work toward building a first-class Knights of Columbus program.

We took possession of the existing uniforms during the first two or three days of December. Our first step was to measure each and every garment to be sure the size label was accurate before we placed it into stock. By doing this timely and costly evaluation and by asking the right questions when the customers place their orders, we have pretty much eliminated the rejects or returns. We are now in the process of dyeing fabric and sewing our products and will have most every product on our shelves in the April/May timeframe. Here are the actions we have taken to improve each item:

**Blazer** We will have two models of the blazer, the traditional fit and what we are calling, our executive fit. Both models will be made from a tried and tested pattern which have been used to make hundreds of thousands of commercial blazers over the years. The fit and style has been battle tested. The Traditional cut is for those who still have a chest and waist in proportion. We will have sizes from 32 XX-Short to 72 X-Long, so we can fit most anyone. The Executive cut, (Portly) is for those who need a little more coat around the stomach so it can be buttoned. This will allow us to fit you properly over the back and shoulders and still take care of the buttoning issue.

**Trousers** We found the trousers to be this biggest problem from the past and we have taken the necessary action to correct this problem. We have also used a tried and tested pattern for the trousers to provide plenty of room in the thigh, seat and leg. We also have added a concealed stretch waistband to provide 2 to 3 inches of ease above and beyond the waist size. If you wear a 34, these pants will fit you even if you are actually a 35 or even 36-inch waist.

**Beret** We heard a lot of stories about the beret and how it fit, or didn't fit. Many said it looked like a "beanie" and just sat on the top of the head. Our military experience kicked in and we took the style we make for the Special Forces which would fit properly and allow the drape to extend over the right ear. We removed the lining, trimmed it in a top-quality leather and used a fine Australian wool. From the feedback we have received, this has solved the problems. We supplied the Color Guard at the Kellenberg Assembly up in New York State who refused to wear the old style and according to Rob Timmerman, the Color Guard members now love it. **Tie** Not a lot of complaints about the tie other than the Long was not long enough, so we have added an extra-long which is 64 inches and should fit the tallest member.

**OPTIONAL ITEMS** We were asked if we could offer, as an option, a white shirt, a black oxford and an overcoat. We can, and we have provided prototypes of each for approval.

**White Shirt** We will be offering a 100% cotton, no-iron white shirt with exact sleeve lengths. We will stock sizes from a 13" neck and 28" sleeves to a 23" neck and 37" sleeve. This should fit most every need. Shirts are like the blazer's, some need more room in the stomach area and we have addressed this. We will have an executive cut/style for those who need this extra room. We will have these available around April and they will be favorably priced for this quality and features. Once approved, they will be available on our website, [www.kofcuniform.com](http://www.kofcuniform.com) or toll-free number 833-562-4327.

**Black Oxford** We will have these shoes ready for sale in late March early April. We have used a top grain cowhide and the inside of the shoe is lined with a soft leather. From the feedback we have received from test wears is, this is one comfortable shoe.

**Overcoat** There are some areas in America where an overcoat is needed in the wintertime. We have developed a 19 oz., 100% wool, mid-calf coat with a heavy satin lining. The coat will be water resistant as well. The coat will have epaulets on the shoulders for the Baldric to go under and the gold KOC buttons. This coat is currently being test worn and if it is accepted as is, we will have these available before the winter ends, especially in the northern part of the country. In summary, we at the Supply Room feel blessed to have been given the responsibility to provide the 4th Degree Knights with a complete uniform with the highest quality in materials and workmanship. We have accepted this challenge and we think we are well on our way to meet all of the objects set before us. Let me assure everyone, we take this seriously and we will work hard to earn the respect and trust of each and every member. You will receive professional and courteous service from the moment you call us. We have a team of skilled ladies accepting your calls and if they cannot answer your questions, they give the call to me. We are also receptive to your comments and/or suggestions as to how we can improve. We must always get any changes approved by the Supreme Headquarters, but trust me, Headquarters wants the best possible program and they are trusting us to get it right. I hope this answers most of your questions, if not, let me know and I will do my best to do so. God Bless, Jim Craig The Supply Room 334-863-1674 cell 800-458-5180 Ext: 168

## **Uniform Update**

As of December 1, 2019, the 4th degree uniform is only being sold by our authorized **domestic** provider, The Supply Room, (TSR). You must deal directly with TSR to place an order for uniforms and the color beret patch. Please inform your members of this change in policy as it is the member's responsibility to properly place an order. The Supreme Masters Office will no longer accept order requests. Again, the address is. <https://www.kofcuniform.com/>.

## **Ceremonials**

You should know by now, the Order has done away with the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree ceremonial and has moved ahead with a single degree format. This is a game-changer for us. The Knighting Ceremony now occurs only once and is rightfully the exclusive function of the 4th Degree. Suddenly, the title of Sir Knight has a more powerful meaning. While the rules of the new ceremony haven't been finalized. It appears to me all 4th Degree knights should plan to attend these ceremonials in Official Regalia Dress-Members, NOT in Official Regalia Dress-Color Corps. I believe this would be a great opportunity to introduce the idea of Sir Knighthood to the new member while in the new uniform, give him an informational flyer and a Form 4, with a promise to follow-up later. Don't forget, wives are encouraged to be in attendance so the initial greeting should be more fruitful. Our member councils have a lot of 1st and 2nd Degree members waiting for advancement. This could be an opportunity for the assembly to assist your councils in getting these men to the new ceremonial. For many, it may be the time to refresh their zeal for our order. Lent begins on Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, I can't think of a better time of year to approaching these men. How can we help?

Be sure to log onto the Supreme web site to view the Supreme Knight's message about the new ceremonial. Encourage ALL Sir Knights to attend the new Ceremonial of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We would do well to understand this ceremonial, and its significance to our candidates.

## **Supreme Master's Office**

Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard has advised me of the following and I offer these to you for your own information: As we approach biennial meeting season let us keep in mind the importance of having men nominated for district master who support the programs and uniform of the fourth degree.... How one places at the biennial meeting does not guarantee an appointment to master, nor does the recommendation of the DM, VSM or SD. The Supreme Knight and I will determine the best person for the position, even if it means going outside of the nominees submitted.

In the recent weeks the Supreme Master has been getting a lot of inquiries regarding Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund, where to send the checks and whom to make the checks out to. This information was e-mailed few months back. I am including this information again. If there are any additional questions do not hesitate to ask. **Check should be made out to:**

### **Military Chaplains and Send to:**

**Attn: Maryann Ludington, Charities**

**One Columbus Plaza**

**New Haven, Ct. 06510**

Justyna (Supreme Master's Secretary) says... I want to address the mailing of communications to the Supreme Masters office. Unless items are actually addressed to either Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard or Justyna Padilla, all mail received at headquarters is forwarded to our mail clearing house in New York, where it is opened, separated and then distributed to the required section. This of course delays our receiving your most important documents. Forms such as 1315,186 etc. can be e-mailed to addresses provided on bottom of the forms. If there are any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Finally, please reserved April 24th-26th for the Vermont 122nd State Convention at Jay Peak. I am requesting as many Honor and Color Corps Guards as possible for their Memorial Mass on the 24th, opening ceremony and Banquet on the 25th and the Color Corps to close the convention on the 26th.

George  
DM-VT

# VOCATIONS

## RSVP

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 [gfbear44@yahoo.com](mailto:gfbear44@yahoo.com) or call at 862-8581. Also if you have given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 19 - June 30, 20) 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

**ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON**  
**SEMINARIAN DIRECTORY**  
**2019-2020**

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# VERMONT RIGHT TO LIFE LOBBY DAY

(1) Vermont Right to Life Lobby Day - Wednesday, April 22, 2020  
March 18, 2020 By Maggie Kerrin

Vermont Right to Life Lobby Day is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22nd. If general public participation is inadvisable on that date, we will provide legislative action items that you can participate in from home. More details to follow.

## (2) REGISTER FOR THE 2020 LIFE SYMPOSIUM

A Life Symposium: Understanding the issues impacting human life at the crossroads of law, medicine, and your community.

Saturday, September 19, 2020  
8AM-3PM

Doubletree by Hilton  
870 Williston Rd, Burlington, VT  
802-865-6600

\$50.00 per person. Scholarships available for students.

Register now!

REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE THROUGH PAYPAL

You can also register by mail

This full and informative day will include expert guest speakers discussing and focusing on the issues relating to amending the Vermont Constitution to include abortion (referred to as Proposal 5 or Article 22).

If Proposal 5 passes in the next biennium, the proabortion measure will appear on the general election ballot in November of 2022. A Life Symposium is your opportunity to become fully informed and prepared to make a difference in your local community.

Register now!

REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE THROUGH PAYPAL

Many thanks for continuing with the newsletter during this crisis time!

Bob

# Silver Rose

Worthy Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and Brother Knights,  
I am writing as State Silver Rose Chairman to request your  
Council's and/or Assembly's participation in this year's Silver Rose  
program.

## **A Higher Purpose**

*Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.*

## **Overview**

*Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are awarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every year the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a joyful and an occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.*

Our Silver Rose is beginning its journey in Nova Scotia this weekend. **We will be receiving it this year from New Hampshire on June 14, and will have it until July 7 when we pass it on to Massachusetts** to continue its journey through the northeast; ending on Our Lady of Guadalupe's feast day on December 12.

I encourage all Councils and Assemblies to participate in the Silver Rose Program. It is not too early to reserve a date for your Silver Rose service. If you have any questions concerning the Route schedule, procedures, or about program materials, please contact me. Thank you for helping to make the 2018 Silver Rose Run a prayerful witness to the sacredness of every human life.

Fraternally,

Roger Dickinson  
(802) 373-7135

[dcknsn95@myfairpoint.net](mailto:dcknsn95@myfairpoint.net)





KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS®

Join us in praying  
to Our Lady  
to strengthen our  
efforts to restore  
the Culture of Life  
in our society.



Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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Our Lady of  
Guadalupe  
Silver Rose  
Prayer  
Service

*One Life,  
One Rose*



*"Through moral conscience  
God speaks to each of us,  
inviting us to defend human life  
at all times"*

Pope Benedict XVI  
March 1, 2011



There's so much risk and so much speculation involved in life these days. With a volatile market and an unsettled economy, there's too much left to chance. Guarantees are hard to come by these days. But not when it comes to the Knights of Columbus.

Here are six guarantees from the Knights of Columbus that you and your family can count on when you do business with the Knights.

*We guarantee the cash value in your whole life insurance.* The beauty of whole life is that it is truly permanent. It's a way to insure your life for life. That's true not only of the death benefit, but of the cash value, which we guarantee, provided that you continue to pay premiums according to the contract.

*We guarantee the rates on your level term insurance.* Just like permanent insurance with the Knights of Columbus is predictable, so are our level term policies. Your rates as laid out in your contract will not change. No surprises, just reliable, affordable coverage.

*We guarantee a minimum interest rate on your retirement annuity.* Your retirement is not something worth leaving up to chance. A Knights of Columbus annuity can help to remove some of the uncertainty. Your contract includes a guaranteed interest rate that you will continue to earn for the life of the contract. The actual rate you earn may be greater than that - and often is - but it will never be lower.

*We guarantee high-quality, professional services.* We're not just an insurance company. We're an insurance company for brother Knights, run by brother Knights. We pride ourselves first and foremost on the quality of service that we provide to members and families. I, as your field agent, will be there for you and your family whenever you call.

*We guarantee not to purchase "junk" bonds or derivatives.* We do not take brother Knights' financial futures and our ability to pay what we've promised lightly. We invest carefully, and make business decisions motivated not by profit or greed, but by service and commitment. Our safety, security, and fiscal responsibility are the principle reasons why we have earned A.M. Best's high rating for financial strength for over 40 consecutive years.

*We guarantee not to invest in companies that deal in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.* The Knights of Columbus is unapologetically Catholic both professionally and fraternally. Our faith informs our work at every level, including the evaluation of each investment we make. Father McGivney wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

The Knights of Columbus should be different than any other insurance company - and we are. We are looking out for you in a way that no other company can because we're brothers. So join the hundreds of thousands of brother Knights who have chosen to help protect their future with the Knights of Columbus. Let's talk soon to see how the Knights of Columbus can help protect you and your family.

Dave Giuliani  
802.272.6009  
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# ST POPE JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL #10417

St Pope John Paul II council #10417 in Milton hosted its annual Cabin Fever Dinner on March 21, 2020. While we had originally planned to have the traditional menu of pork & beans, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, a dinner roll and a piece of cake in the church hall, we had the Coronavirus hit which had caused great disruptions to the lives of everyone. Dinner plans changed to have the annual event as a Take-Out meal only with the intentions to have guests coming into the St Ann's church hall to pick up their food. However as the Dept of Health and governmental recommendations changed, we opted to continue to serve the meal with an additional modification of a Drive-Up Service. Arrangements were made to have guests drive into the church lot on one side of the building where their meal choices were taken, and then the guests drove around to the opposite side driveway where their meals were delivered to them, without guests having to leave their cars on the cold brisk day.

Supplies for the meal were cut back as we anticipated decreased numbers of guests. As it turns out, God would provide. We had sufficient food to accommodate the guests with estimates of 150 meals being served. The remaining food was delivered to Martha's Kitchen in St Albans where some of our brother knights and their families volunteer to serve meals to needy people. We knew the number of tickets sold prior to the dinner would be lower than normal, but we had many people show up to buy meal tickets at the roadside. We had some people donate extra money and tickets that they did not use. I even had parishioners offering their assistance with the meal if we needed it.

It was amazing to see all of the brother knights who did all of the planning, purchasing, food prep, filling up take-out containers, and delivering the food to the cars in the church lot plus clean up duties afterwards. Brother knights volunteered their valuable time to serve in all of these functions. While it is unfortunate that we could not enjoy the experience of filling our church hall to socialize with a sit down meal, we had the opportunity for brother knights to come together and pull off a great event!



Thanks to all of our amazing brother knights for all of their help. I do hope and pray that all of you and your families stay safe and healthy during these trying times. Keep all of our brother knights and their families in your prayers, along with care givers, medical staff, scientists, public safety personnel, and government officials as we all strive to get through this difficult time. If any of our brother knights or their families find that they are in need of anything, call upon your council officers and we will do our best to accommodate and assist as best that we can.

Stay safe, and may God shed his blessings and comfort on all of us.

Peter Lavallee  
GK Council #10417

Within the last two weeks, Council 10417 Milton of District 1 added 4 new members by using the new 1st, 2nd, 3rd Degree Ceremonial. They advertised one event to explain how the ceremonial has changed and a second event to have the team practice. Three new members signed up for the first event attending with family members and one new member at the second event.

This seems to be the magic formula. So I encourage you to do the following:

- Review the video with your council
- Advertise in the church bulletin that you will be conducting a ceremonial and that family members are invited.
- Gather names and emails and forward to Supreme through the landing page. If prospects are prepared to undergo the degree, upon completion submit form 450.
- To move this along you are reminded that there are reading parts all of which add up to 30 minutes!
- The video may be used, but only as explained below:
  - The online video currently circulating among members was meant to raise
  - awareness of the new ceremony, train presenters, and solicit comments. It
  - was not intended for showing to Candidates and the public. As an interim
  - measure, however, councils may show the video on a limited basis to
  - Candidates who cannot attend a scheduled ceremony. In such cases, the
  - Grand Knight and two other members should preside over the ceremony,
  - dressed in dark suits with ceremonial baldrics. The location should be
  - formally set up with all ceremonial materials on hand.

Good luck

Ed Nuttall  
SMD



A new concept, the "Delta Drive" builds on the updated methods of hosting a church drive or a parish campaign to make the process easier to conduct and to increase the positive results.

The program in the attachment has been tested and shown to be easy to use and effective in introducing men, especially younger men to our Order.

The purpose of the Delta Drive is to have technology work for you and your councils in a new approach to attract younger members.

Using the Delta approach, we are relying in part on an effective pulpit speech and brochures in the church pews to share our message with the addition of a web page and e-mail contact.

After getting the prospects name and email information during the Delta Drive and entering this information in a "landing page" provided to your council by Supreme for this specific event, the prospect will receive emailed information from Supreme about the Knights of Columbus story.

Additionally, the council will have email sent to inform the prospect of events happening at the council-level and how to set up a time to learn more about the local council.

The prospects will continue to receive information on a weekly basis about who we are as Knights and how your Council makes a difference in your parishes and your communities.

There is a kit needed for the Delta drive and this is NOT the traditional church drive kit available to order from Supreme.

These new kits are only available by contacted our Supreme Regional Training Director Steve Cohen in Vermont



## **Knights of Columbus Online Prospect Page Program**

We have improved the **Online Prospect Form** program for 2020. This new form has been designed to help streamline how your council gathers prospect information at events and church drives.

### **What changed?**

This new form has been designed to enable any member of your council to recruit at events and drives. **Your council no longer needs to request a page or contact supreme to update council contact information.** Personalization has been built into this page to automatically notify you or your designated council officer when a prospect fills out the form. The same personalization has been built into the prospect facing emails. The only changes that you will notice are two additional fields that need to be filled out by the recruiter, they simply need to provide the council number and email address for the council member that should receive the prospect notification.

### **Why did we make this change?**

We made this change to alleviate various pain points for councils when requesting a new page or making contact information updates. There is no longer any wait time, and requires no updating, **this page is ready to be used by your council immediately.**

### **What do you need to do?**

No action is required on your part. The page is ready to be used immediately- **simply share this new link with your council members.**

### **Whose information should go into the "Council Contact Email" Field?**

You can put any email address in this field. The email address entered in this field will receive a notification that the prospect filled out the form and will be the reply email address on the email sent to the prospect. Each council does this differently, so it is up to your council's discretion as to who will serve as the contact person for new prospects. This can be your email address or a designated council officer. We recommend discussing this with your council to determine best practice.

**Simply select the page below based on your location / language needs:**

**USA (English) Online Prospect Form:** <https://info.kofc.org/us.html>

Here's a FAQ on the new and revised ceremonial structure. A couple of points to remember:

- State Deputy determines whether to implement or not
- Presentation is 30 minutes
- Presentation is preferred to be conducted at Council level
- Old degrees may continue to be conducted in lieu of new degree
- Robes are out
- Sword is out
- "Pledge of Secrecy" is out
- The "Charge on the Eucharist" and "Final Accolade" from Saint John Paul II are out
- "These Men They Call Knights" will be updated
- Current 1st and 2nd degree members become a 3rd member after taking new degree
- Preferred frequency is quarterly to once a month
- Teams don't need to certified
- A new constitutional roll will be provided 6 weeks after approval by Board of Directors
- Music is out
- Ceremonial baldrics may be used
- An initiation fee of \$10 is recommended



**STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISITS TWO COUNCILS IN MARCH -**  
**279 BURLINGTON AND 297 ST. ALBANS**



**COUNCIL 279 BURLINGTON**

Pictured above 1<sup>st</sup> Row Left to Right are: Gene Clowers; William Strang; Dean King, Trustee; William Lacroix, DD#3; Mike Couture, Trustee; David Ely, Grand Knight; Claude Trahan, Outside Guard; James Michael, State Treasurer; Gerald Bean, Advocate; David Bean, Recorder; David Ely II, Chancelloer; James Letourneau, Trustee; Raymond Devold, Treasurer; Ed Nuttall, State Membership Director

Pictured above 2<sup>nd</sup> Row Left to Right are: Ojiako Ekwelie; Dan St. Hilaire, Deputy Grand Knight; David Bean, Recorder; James Letourneau, Trustee



**COUNCIL 297 ST.**  
**ALBANS**

Pictured above 1<sup>st</sup> Row  
Left to Right are: Ed Nuttall, State Membership Director; Gordon McRae, William Nihan, Raymond Tardiff, David Lavallee, Grand

Knight; Johnathon Quick, Father Kevin Chalifoux, (Chaplain)

Pictured above 2<sup>nd</sup> Row Left to Right are: James McMillan, Treasurer; Peter Allard, Mike Morse, Financial Secretary

Each Grand Knight was advised to brief all members of the Council on the "On-line Membership Program" by:

- Getting an article into the church bulletin advertising the "online membership program". Here's a sample:
  - *There's a new way to join the Knights of Columbus*
  - *It's electronic and Web Page oriented and it's all on-line*
  - *Over the next couple weeks our Council will be handing out a pocket-sized information card that will open the door to Knighthood for those interested*
  - *All we ask is that you or someone you care about check it out*
  - *You have nothing to lose and everything to gain!*
- Run it once a month
- Order the wallet-sized card 10536 7-17 "YOU ARE BORN A MAN. YOU BECOME A KNIGHT. JOIN TODAY. VISIT [KOFC.ORG/JOINUS](http://KOFC.ORG/JOINUS)"
- Hand the card out at Saturday/Sunday masses to everyone - man and woman
- Be prepared to answer questions using the provided PowerPoint presentation and the booklet "THESE MEN THEY CALL KNIGHTS"
- Mail this card to anyone on your prospect list
- Make sure every member of 297 gets a copy

The new Delta Drive Program was discussed with emphasis on ordering the Delta Drive and New Member Kits. The landing page was explained as a digitized prospect list.

The new 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ceremonial Degree was explained highlighting these changes:

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Guidance on the use of the Video comes directly from the Ceremony Instructions

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Sir Knight Richard Abare (2nd from left) of Council #5041, Morrisville, was honored recently for his 80 years as a Knight of Columbus. The 100-year-old Abare is a WWII veteran. He was presented a certificate and an engraved mantel clock symbolizing the time he has given to the Knights. Making the presentation was Past Grand Knight Dennis Smith, Council #5041 Grand Knight Clifford Randall and Council Chaplain Fr. Jon Schnobrich.



# A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro M. Falcioni.

O Mary,  
you always brighten our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain  
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,  
you know what we need,  
and we are confident you will provide for us  
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,  
the Divine Physician,  
for those who have fallen ill,  
for those who are vulnerable,  
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with  
protecting the health and safety of others  
and for those who are tending to the sick  
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who took upon himself our  
sufferings and carried our sorrows,  
so as to lead us, through the Cross,  
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,  
O Holy Mother of God.  
In our needs, despise not our petitions,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis*

# 300 CLUB DRAWING WINNERS

WEEK #1	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	300	Kevin Aremburg	421
\$75.00	186	Jay Benson	7525
\$50.00	121	Michael Morse	297
WEEK #2	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	144	Maurice Brasseur	2285
\$75.00	73	Michaud Council #2025	2025
\$50.00	46	Andrew Aguilar	232
WEEK #3	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	239	Charles Trybus	2284
\$75.00	284	Fr, Yvon Royer	3664
\$50.00	244	Bernard Gladu	421
WEEK #4	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	83	Leo Assembly #1154	917
\$75.00	111	Donald Couture	2610
\$50.00	150	Michael Rouleau	399
WEEK #5	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	183	Nancy Reed	2946
\$75.00	210	Ted Yandow	297
\$50.00	262	Fr. Steve Hornat	2284
WEEK #6	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	287	Eric Heiman	2284
\$75.00	34	Deborah DeLabruere	2025
\$50.00	156	Jeffrey Randall	5041
WEEK #7	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	87	Dennis Clancy	2628
\$75.00	195	Robert Thompson	10830
\$50.00	33	William Harty	2025
WEEK #8	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	171	Thomas Gravelin	7525
\$75.00	54	Peter Czekaj	2285
\$50.00	205	St. Edmund of Canterbury #7669	7669
WEEK #9	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	259	Orleans Council #7763	7763
\$75.00	178	Daniel Cooney	2284
\$50.00	261	Dave McAvinney	7943
WEEK #10	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	36	Msgr. Richard Lavalley	2284
\$75.00	65	Bill LaCroix	279
\$50.00	3	Fr. Joy Council	7389

WEEK #11	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	138	Council #3664, Vergennes	3664
\$75.00	134	Fair Haven Council 810	810
\$50.00	261	Dave McAvinney	7943
WEEK #12	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	193	Mark Greenan	421
\$75.00	164	Donald Sutton	7525
\$50.00	132	Peter & Beth Laramie	810
WEEK #13	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	88	Peter Fitzgerald	10830
\$75.00	267	Vincent Matteis	13574
\$50.00	300	Kevin Aremburg	421
WEEK #14	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	209	Fr. William Giroux	297
\$75.00	56	Pauline Dagesse	2285
\$50.00	66	Jim & Rose Michael	279
WEEK #15	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	12	Nick & Cindy Conti	399
\$75.00	108	John Harnish	2946
\$50.00	57	Ed Nuttall	10830

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