



# Vermont Knights in Action



August, 2019 Edition

Vermont State Council

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

## Vermont State Council Officers

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## From the Vermont State Deputy



Dear Brother Knights,

Believe it or not, we have already closed out 1 month of this Fraternal Year already. Time really does fly when you are having fun, or in my case, recovering from spine surgery. I am on the mend now and plan on hitting "the trail" again soon. It has been a tough 3 months for me with basically being able to do nothing but sit at home with limited mobility. Like I said though I will be back out on the road again soon.

During this ordeal it had me thinking, thinking a lot. Thinking about The Knights of Columbus and its members more than anything. I must say that I am truly grateful for the members who have gone out of their way to make sure that if I needed anything just to let them know and they would take care of it for me. Would I have had this same help if I wasn't a member of the Greatest Catholic Organization? I would like to say yes but I just don't know. How many people are out there in the same situation I have been in, but are not getting the same support I have been getting? I cannot tell you a number, but I will tell you it is more than 1 and that is too many. We need to show these men, women and children who we are and what it is we do. We need to help ALL those who need it. When we do this, we put a smile on their faces, and we put a smile on our hearts. This should be at the top of everyone's to do list. Help one and other. After all that is what the Knights of Columbus is all about.

We have plenty we can be doing during these months. Putting a dinner on for this Charitable cause, or a breakfast for that Charitable cause. We all know of organizations that are in need to funds or gifts to help others, lets help them this summer. We need to be active at the beginning of the year so we can remain active throughout the year. We also need to recruit every day of the year. That is the only way we will survive as an Order.

Let's start recruiting new members who will help us throughout the year. Let's make August the best Vermont has ever seen. Remember recruiting is simple, all it takes to recruit someone is simply to ask them, and if they ask why you joined, tell them "To be a better Catholic, a better husband, and to be a better father." I am sure being in the Knights has made everyone better at those things. I know it has made me a better Catholic.

On a brief side note. As some of you know I have strong devotions to Pope Saint John Paul II and Padre Pio. Last year's State pin featured Pope Saint John Paul II and I am sure you can guess this year's pin features Padre Pio. On the bottom of the pin this year, I have the words "Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry" That is a great motto to live by and one I plan on following this year. I can Pray, I can Hope, and I need not worry about so many things. I have also chosen this saying as the theme for this upcoming Convention.

I look forward to getting back out there and seeing many of you again this year and I know we will have the best year for Vermont ever.

Vivat Jesus!

*Thomas A. Herbst, Jr.*

Thomas Herbst, Jr.  
State Deputy



# STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Firstly, I would like to thank all the Knights and wives that attended the Installation of State Officers at St. Joseph's Cathedral on July 20<sup>th</sup> in Burlington. It was indeed a scorcher of a day with the heat index as high as it was and many folks were fanning themselves with whatever paper they could find to do so. Also want to thank Fr. Lance Harlow for celebrating the Mass and to Fr. Naples for being on hand for the installation. Immediately following the installation, our brother Knights from Burlington Council 279 hosted a barbeque for all to enjoy. Again, many thanks to all.

First half per capita bills were sent out the first week of July and to date we have only heard back from seven councils. Please be sure and send in your checks for the first half per capita and for the charity assessment. We cannot send money to the various charities that you voted on at the convention until we receive all the money that is dedicated to those charities.

If you have held your fund raiser for the Intellectual Disability Program (formerly the Tootsie Roll Drive), please be sure and send your checks to Moe Noel, chair of the program. The State will then forward any/all checks to your council for distribution to those charities your council wants to support. If you prefer to give it all the Camp O'Hagan, that can be arranged as well.

By the time you are reading this, our State Deputy, Past State Deputy and State Program Director will be in Minneapolis for the Supreme Convention. A lot of the activities will be broadcast on EWTN if you would like to catch a glimpse of what goes on at the Supreme level.

Ultrasound update: Fr. Naples put out a request in honor of his 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood for donations to this project. Fr. Naples himself donated \$500.00 and his parish sent a donation as well as a few of his former parishioners; to date we are at a little over \$2,000.00 towards our goal of \$50,000.00 to purchase a new van that will accommodate an ultrasound machine. Please talk to your Councils about having a 'special' fund raiser for this project. Remember, alone we can do little, together we can do much. Your financial help will be very much appreciated.

Hope you are enjoying the summer with friends and family. Until next month . . . . .

Steve Shover  
State Secretary

Worthy Sir Knights,

I want to congratulate the following Assemblies for reaching their 2018-2019 Membership Goal; Sheridan Assembly 1157, St. Johnsbury (200%), and Leo Assembly 1154, Brattleboro (100%). There were 14 Assemblies with no recruitments. The total 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Membership for Vermont now stands at 1,112 members. Our goal for 2019-2020 is 78 new Sir Knights. Can we make it 100%.

There's a feeling of satisfaction within our Assemblies with the works of dedicated members however, there's also a major feeling of concern over declining membership. Vermont Assemblies lost 64 Brother Sir Knights last year making it even more important we recruit to ensure a long life for the Patriotic Degree in Vermont. At the current pace, Vermont will have no remaining Sir Knights in 17 years. Faithful Navigators and Assembly officers – past and present, YOU must lead the way in formulating interest among your members. We are the visible arm of the order, our religious devotion and patriotic pride should always be at the forefront, answering the questions of many, attracting many to what we do, and asking candidates to join the next level – whether that level be the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or the 4<sup>th</sup> degree.

Have you and your members ordered the new official 4<sup>th</sup> Degree uniform? I urge all Fourth Degree members to put the good and unity of the Order before personal preference. Faithful Navigators, I am asking you to lead the way. In a spirit of unity and fraternity, I ask those whom have not purchased the new uniform to pray on it and I ask you to listen to your heart. I have been asked if a substitute uniform consisting of a dark blazer, grey slacks, white shirt, and a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree tie could be used in lieu of the official uniform. My answer is yes with the social baldric and no white gloves but NOT in the Color Corps. Honor Guard members, the official uniform WILL be the lead and all others will fall in the rear. Paying our respects to our deceased Brothers MUST always occur. If no one in the official uniform is available, the above substitute attire should be worn.

I am aware Councils and Assemblies tend to take time off during the summer months however, NOW is the time to start your recruiting. I am currently working on a September 29<sup>th</sup> Fall Exemplification at St. John Vianney in South Burlington. Time is flying by quickly; I need your completed Form 4 copies by September 1st. I wish all Brothers and Sir Knights continued success as you strive to keep your assembly as active as possible despite the many obstacles you may be facing.

Pray the rosary daily and may God Bless you and may God Bless the United States of America.

Vivat Jesus!

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# STATE ORGANATIONAL MEETING 6 JULY 2019



**PICTURED ABOVE FRONT ROW L to R:** Tom Herbst, VT State Deputy; Lawrence Bellew, Camp O'Hagan Camp Coordinator; Keith Billado, District Deputy #1; Maurice Noel, Newsletter Director and District Deputy #2; Peter Laramie, Immediate Past State Deputy, Retention Chairman and District Deputy #9.

**PICTURED ABOVE 2<sup>ND</sup> ROW L to R:** Ed Nuttall, State Membership Director; Nick Conti, State Advocate; Richard Powell, District Deputy #6; Bill Scott, District Deputy #7; Chris Poirier, District Deputy #4/ Training Director

On 6 July 2019, the State Director, Thomas Herbst Jr. held a State District Deputy Organizational Meeting at the Burlington Airport conference room. The agenda is described below:

- 7:45am-8:15am Meet and greet
- 8:15am-8:25am Opening Prayer, Introduction of State Officers, DD's, Program Chairmen and Directors, Supreme Rep. Dismissal of Wives
- 8:25am-8:45am Opening Remarks (SD, Supreme Rep)
- 8:45am-9:15am Membership Directors Report and Power point Presentation
- 9:15am-9:45am State Program Director Presentation, Ceremonials and the reports of Ceremonials
- 9:45am-10:00am Break



- 10:00am-11:15pm Recruitment, Retention, Round Table Goals, New Council Development (places for potential new Councils and Council Re-activation) {Ed, Chris, Peter}
- 11:15am-12:00pm Motivation Training, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Discussion on Council Officer Training
- 12:00pm-12:45pm Lunch
- 12:45pm-2:00pm District Deputy Training {SD, Training Coordinator, with input from members who have been DD's already}
- 2:00pm-2:15pm Break
- 2:15pm-3:45pm Online Membership, Rountables, More discussion on recruitment and retention, Star Council Requirements, State Programs {ultra sound (Steve S.)} Insurance Report by either General Agent or Field Agent.
- 3:45pm-4:00pm Ladies return, Thank You's to all who helped with the meeting, Closing Prayer. Adjourn

Review:

Betty Irwin, interim Camp O'Hagen Director explained why the camp was closed in 2016. She noted applications are being accepted on-line.

The State Deputy explained he wanted all DD's to have a DD Warden, who would be a membership recruiter for the District. He further established the following District membership quotas with input from the DD's:

<i>District # 1</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>District # 2</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>District # 3</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>District # 4</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>District # 5</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>District # 6</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>District # 7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>District # 8</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>District # 9</i>	<i>10</i>

The State Deputy approved reimbursement of food/drink refreshments after Knighthood Degrees up to \$100. He would like to see quarterly Formation and Knighthood degrees being conducted.

The SD wants to have an additional award presented at the State Convention titled "Chaplain of the Year"

The State Membership, Ed Nuttall, suggested DD's take immediate action be taken to revise our recruiting efforts; but before doing so he suggested DD's/GK's review the reasons for member reasons discontent with Knights of Columbus:

- "Nobody cares about me"
- "I find the meetings boring and lengthy"
- "When I fail to show for a meeting no one calls"
- "No one has asked me what I would like to see/do"

- ▶ **“I don’t see the state or council newsletter”**
- ▶ “I joined the Knights of Columbus because they said they WANTED ME...”
- ▶ “Since my Admission Degree the only time I hear from them is when they want my dues”
- ▶ **“I went to a couple of meetings after my First Degree but nobody introduced me or talked with me. I felt invisible, unwanted”**
- ▶ **“I was very involved for years, but when I stopped going to events and meetings nobody contacted me to find out why. I guess they didn’t really miss me”**
- ▶ “When I told them I wanted to help out they said they had it covered”
- ▶ “They never listened to my ideas or acted like I mattered”
- ▶ **“I see some Brother Knights at Mass or on the street and they look right past me”**
- ▶ “I like going to the meetings and spending time with my Brother Knights, but I can’t drive at night to get to the meetings any more”
- ▶ “I don’t even have a way to get to Mass. How can I get to an event?”
- ▶ “Since my wife passed away I don’t really do much of anything. I just sit around the house and watch TV”
- ▶ **“I am too old to work on Council projects”**

**To address these member concerns GKs should make up a list of inactive members and pair them off with active members. This is called the “Buddy System”. The one buddy looks after his buddy to find out what his concerns are and assist him overcoming them. We need to maintain a stable and progressive membership in order to survive the future.**

**GK’s should also revitalize or establish a Membership Committee and develop a strategy.**

A leadership workshop was proposed and approved to be held in September under the guidance of the Training Officer. The Workshop Committee would be Training Officer, Chris Poirier, State Membership Director, Ed Nuttall and Program Director, Bill LaCroix

A 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is scheduled for 29 September.

The Ceremony Director requested more Knights sign up for Knighthood Degree positions. The Grand Knight particularly difficult to fulfill; therefore, it was found to be acceptable to read the part. Ed Nuttall, SMD, stated he would be willing to do that.

# BISHOP ROBERT F. JOYCE COUNCIL 10535

Bristol council holds it's largest annual fundraiser on the town green on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Set up begins shortly after 7:00 AM on the 4<sup>th</sup> with several Knights setting up the booth to sell strawberry shortcake to all of the parade watchers. The council picked 154 pounds of strawberries in late June at Scott's Berry Farm in Ferrisburg. The berries were then processed and frozen for this event. Wives of some of the Knights were involved in processing berries, making the homemade biscuits, and helping with the sales of our delicious delight. Our strawberry shortcake consists of a homemade biscuit, a scoop of vanilla ice cream, a scoop of strawberries, a wallop of homemade whipped cream, and a few blueberries on the top to finish off our red, white and blue original masterpiece. There are many parade watchers who look forward to getting there shortcake each year at our booth. We had our second best year ever this year with sales and are looking forward to next year. A big thank you to all who helped with this years event.

Dave Lathrop

Grand Knight







# "Reverence for Christ and the Lunar Landing".

<https://youtu.be/gV3afjYMaGk>

## K of C Youth Horizons

Worthy Brother Knights,

I hope you are all having an excellent summer! Summer has historically been a downtime season for the Knights, most especially for youth programming. I would suggest that it does not have to be, and that it should rather be a time of active engagement with youth.

I was one of the chaperones at Stuebenville East this year. Over 100 high school students from around our diocese sang along to Christian music and were moved by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Students want and need what the Church and the Knights have to offer. In the summer, students' schedules are harder to predict, but bigger events are possible.

One proposal this year and going forward is that Councils engage with local high school Catholic youth groups (which will be springing up, if they haven't already, due to the Bishop's decision to lower the age of Confirmation to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade), or with other groups of Catholic high schoolers, and offer one-day Knights of Columbus Catholic Service Days.

These events would have three components, each of which should be easy and low-cost to provide and beneficial for the youth in our communities:

- 1) Catholic Worldview: Any service day should feature a Mass, as well as time for Reconciliation and ideally Adoration. Speakers can let the students know how these pillars of Catholic life can bring the students closer to God and how they are directly related to our mission to serve others.
- 2) Service Focus: The main activity for the day should be a service opportunity somewhere Knights already serve. Preparing meals at soup kitchens, clearing cemeteries, sorting donated food or clothes, and preparing gift boxes for families overseas or for homeless in our communities make great activities for a team of high school students!
- 3) Connection and Engagement: Make sure to advertise widely, and try to connect with a local women's organization (or our wives!) to provide a balanced leadership team. Make sure everyone has the proper training for working with youth. And don't forget pizza or another appropriate meal for lunch, as well as snacks and water.

I believe in youth, and so do the Knights. Ven. Fr. McGivney was 29 when he founded the Knights of Columbus, and engaging youth in service today produces the enthusiastic Knights of tomorrow.

I look forward to hearing feedback on this idea as I continue my listening tour!

Vivat Jesus!



*Elijah T. LaChance*  
State Youth Director



# FIND YOUR GREATNESS

**Four habits that will transform your life**

*Featuring:* **JONATHAN FANNING**

What are your habits? Are they helping you become the best version of yourself or some second-rate version of yourself?

Our lives change when our habits change. Based on Matthew Kelly's book *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, this half-day event will introduce you to four simple habits that will help you reach your full potential.

*When:* **August 17, 2019**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

*Where:* **St. Monica Catholic Church**

79 Summer St.  
Barre, VT 05641

*Tickets:* **\$25.00**

Purchase your tickets at

**DynamicCatholic.com**

or call **859-980-7900**

**CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES  
CHAIRMAN**

**Brother Knights.**

**As of today, I have only received 3 Check from Council drives. PLEASE advise me as to when you plan on having your Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities drives!!!**

**3 . Send check or money order and page 4 results form for the FULL AMOUNT of the receipts to the K of C VT State Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities Chairman **WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF PROGRAM COMPLETION**. Checks should be made out to **K of C State Council**.**

**PLEASE note as voted at the 121<sup>st</sup> convention to consider making a donation to the “ James O’Hagan Special People Camp. We are unable to send special people this year due to lack of funding.**

Please use the following form to send in your report and check



# 2019 TOOTSIE ROLL PROGRAM

Please use this form when sending your check to the VT State Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities Chairman

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Council # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Raised \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (made out to K of C Vt State Council)

# \_\_\_\_\_ **Cases of Candy Received, # \_\_\_\_\_ Aprons Received.**

Charity Choice(s)

1 - \_\_\_\_\_

2 - \_\_\_\_\_

3 - \_\_\_\_\_

4 - \_\_\_\_\_

5 - \_\_\_\_\_

6 - \_\_\_\_\_

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# Knights of Columbus Vermont State Golf Tournament



Hosted by Rutland Council 232  
*Donation and Hole Sponsorship Form*

- Event Location:** Proctor Pittsford Country Club - Friday October 4, 2019  
Pittsford, Vermont
- Event Time:** 11:00 - 12:00 Registration and Sign-In  
12:00 Shot Gun Start  
5:00 Dinner and Prizes
- Dinner:** Redfield's Tavern at Proctor-Pittsford Country Club  
Pittsford, Vermont
- Hole Sponsorship:** \$100.00, payable by check made out to:  
*Knights of Columbus Council 232*  
*Please note that there may be more than one sponsor per hole.*

**Other Donations:** Items are needed for door prizes, closest to the pin, and other individual awards. Please send donations to the Knights of Columbus 232.

## Sponsor Information

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*To be listed on the sign for hole sponsors*

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

*City and State to be listed on the sign for hole sponsors*

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*To be listed on the sign*

Each hole sponsor will have their business name, city, and phone number mounted on a sign and displayed at one of the holes at the course during the event. We ask that you write your choice of hole (if you have one), and we will try our best to see you at that hole, however hole selections are not guaranteed, and final selection may be by the Knights of Columbus to ensure even coverage of sponsored holes.

Email any logo or art or additional copy to: [eclark@nbfarchitects.com](mailto:eclark@nbfarchitects.com). Logos preferred in .jpg form.

**Mail completed forms with check to: Edward J. Clark c/o NBF Architects, 24 ½ Center Street, Suite 1, Rutland, Vermont 05701 by September 27<sup>th</sup> to be included.**



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Knights of Columbus

**Vermont State Golf Tournament**

*Hosted by Rutland Council 232*



*ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO TO CHARITY*

**Proctor Pittsford Country Club**

**Friday October 4, 2019**

**11:00 - 12:00: Registration and Sign-In**

**12:00 Shot Gun Start**

**5:00 Dinner and Prizes**

18 hole captain and crew scramble format! • Mixed teams welcome!  
(boys and girls!)

Play will be limited to 25 teams. Prizes to be awarded for:  
**Low Gross Team • 1<sup>st</sup> Low Net Team • Closest to the Pin  
Longest Drive • Highest Score • Lowest Ladies Score**

Dinner and prizes awarded after the tournament.

**Dinner will be at Redfield's Tavern at the Proctor-Pittsford Country Club Clubhouse.**

**Cost: \$300 per team of four, includes greens fees and two carts.**

**2019 Knights of Columbus State Golf Tournament**

*HOSTED BY RUTLAND COUNCIL 232*

**18 Hole Handicapped Scramble**

*Please reserve one foursome at \$300.*

Name:	Name:	Name:	Name:
Address	Address	Address	Address
Phone	Phone	Phone	Phone
Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap
Avg Score	Avg Score	Avg Score	Avg Score

Mail completed forms and fee to: Edward J. Clark, c/o N·B·F Architects, 24 ½ Center Street, Suite 1,  
Rutland, Vermont 05701

*All proceeds benefit Council 232 Charity Programs*

*To attend the banquet only please contact the Grand Knight.*

## **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 September 1, 2019**