



Vermont Knights in Action



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism
Vermont State Council **August 2020 Edition**

Vermont State Council Officers



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From the Vermont State Deputy

Once again, I find myself with a plethora of housekeeping duties after accepting the role of State Deputy. It appears my inbox for emails has at least 3-4 per day either from Supreme or our Regional Growth Director, Ken Latham. A lot of the emails have to do with forms, forms, and more forms! Over the past month, I have sent out emails to those Grand Knights and Financial Secretary's with a reminder of form 185 which is your new Council Officer's, and this was due to Supreme by July 1, 2020. Now I understand that some of you have not met in person, but you do need to have your elections taken care of even if it is done via a virtual meeting. Supreme likes to keep good records and stay on top of all Councils to the best of their ability and I am asking all of you to do the same.

Please remember that this form gets emailed to: fraternalmission@kofc.org as well as to our State Forms Chairman, Dennis Smith at: movillesmiths@comcast.net

While on the topic of forms, please be sure to send in form 365 which is for your Service Programs, Directors and Chairs. If you are having difficulty finding someone for a certain chair, just leave it blank for now, BUT please send this to Supreme and Dennis Smith. This form is due to Supreme by August 1, 2020.

Mother Nature sure has a way of sending us the warmest, hottest weather when it comes time for our Installation of State Officers and District Deputies! Whether we are at the Shrine, or the Cathedral, it seems the sun knows no boundaries for us. I do want to personally thank all of you for attending and supporting your State Council. Special thanks to District # 3 consisting of Burlington, Winooski, and South Burlington for hosting the luncheon after the Installation.

I would also like to thank Michelle LaCroix for her endless planning of this event and making sure every detail was taken care of – THANKS Michelle!!

UPDATE: Your State Membership Director, Ed Nuttall and myself have been travelling the roads of Vermont quite a bit for the month of July and I think it's important for ALL of us to know what's going on around the Green Mountain State for the Knights of Columbus. Granted these programs were a part of last year, but it is still relevant that you be made aware of what your Brother Knights are doing for Acts of Charity:

RUTLAND: cooking a meal once a month for Dismas House; lead involvement in the formation of "Promise House" for families that would otherwise be homeless; 4 cases of Coats for Kids; Christmas gift sale at Loretto Home; organized, created, loaded and unloaded 6,000 pounds of food for the 'stuff a bus program' and raised \$10,000.00 locally to purchase an ultrasound machine for First Step Pregnancy Center as well as many other programs benefitting the greater Rutland area.

MILTON: 5 cases of coats for kids last year and 10 cases for this year; Pedals for Progress, collecting bicycles and sewing machines for third world countries; preparing and delivering meals to "ANEW" place for the homeless and hungry; Right to Life – a donation of \$2,500.00 towards the State Ultrasound project; donating over 1,000 pounds of food each year for the Food for Families outreach; hosting 3 large fundraising dinners each year as well as a sponsored coffee hour after Mass and again, many other programs.

NEWPORT: spearheads the annual picnic for 4 Churches; hosting one week of the Stations of the Cross during Lent and serving soup and bread; and assist with the annual 12 Days of Christmas Raffle and other events as well.

BRISTOL: annual 4th of July Strawberry Shortcake fund raiser; support for Hurricane victims; coats for kids; 4 Spaghetti dinners each year; Holiday marketplace; holiday dinner for spouses and many others.

ST. ALBANS: donated \$15K to the Collins Perley Community Playground; Operation Happiness and the Fairfield Community Center for new appliances; Relay for Life; partnering with the Milton Council to assist the Carmelite Nuns and much more.

WINOOSKI: \$12K in educational scholarships; \$5K for capital improvements to St. Francis Xavier School; purchasing a new heat pump for the sacristy in the Church; coats for kids; the State sponsored ultrasound initiative and many, many more.

BENNINGTON: Model cars and toy shows; public rosary at the four corners; monthly donation to His Pantry; annual Harvest Dinner and Thanksgiving Basket Drive.

The above is but a brief, very brief synopsis of what some Councils are doing throughout the State. I need the Deputy Grand Knight to begin filling out the form for "Programs" so that the State Council will be made aware of all these various programs being done in the name of Charity and the name of the Knights of Columbus. Please, please send this form to Bill LaCroix, our State Program Director so you can be recognized at next year's convention. I will say it again as I said at every Council I have visited: one does not light a lamp and put a bushel basket over it, rather they let that light SHINE. You ALL need to let your Council's light shine. You should all be immensely proud of what you have and continue to accomplish.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: 2 Corinthians: 9: 6-9

“Let me say this much: He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver. God can multiply his favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even a surplus of good works.” What type of sowers are we? Do we, as Knights of Columbus sow sparingly or do we sow bountifully? How much of a sower are we when it comes to ask someone to join our ranks? Do we ask sparingly? Or do we ask bountifully? Food or thought! Again, please pray for an increase to our Order.

ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE UPDATE:

I am extremely excited to announce that we are currently at \$15,946.00 away from our \$50,000.00 goal to purchase a van for Aspire Together with an ultrasound machine. This was started but two years ago and we have raised \$34,054.00 towards this project. I am asking each Council, if you have not donated yet to please consider some sort of fund raiser to help us reach our goal by the end of this year.

As of this writing, we have brought in three new members who have joined the ranks of the Knights of Columbus, albeit they joined online, but they did join. From now through August 5th, the fee for joining has been waived by Supreme, so again, what better time to be a *“bountiful sower”* by asking someone you know to join us? Also, as a reminder to all Grand Knights: please ask your Recorder at the Good of the Order to PRAY for an increase in our membership.

Thank you!

Fraternally,

Steve Shover
State Deputy





VT Knights for Life

August 2020

VERMONT KNIGHTS FOR LIFE 2020

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

www.UbiPetrusVT.com/Knights4Life

God bless. Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Tim Naples, State Chaplain

AUGUST PRO-LIFE CENTER SNAPSHOT: PREGNANCY CENTER OF THE UPPER VALLEY, WEST LEBANON, NH

The Pregnancy Center of the Upper Valley in West Lebanon, NH is a pro-life center serving Vermont from a location across state lies. The center has two conjoined locations, with one also in Claremont, NH. The location in West Lebanon serves Orange and Windsor County, VT. The center host classes for clients on healthy relationships, the importance of marriage, on pregnancy, and parenting. A tip they have for pro-life centers: "hospitality" (food) is an essential element in creating a welcoming atmosphere."

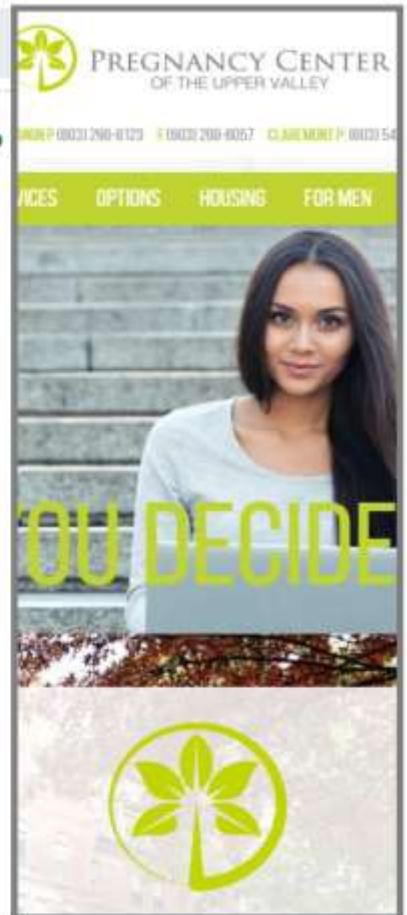
The Pregnancy Center of the Upper Valley receives annual support from Council #2832 in Windsor, VT. Council #10241 in South Royalton is also a past donor. Their operations support comes in part from annual fund-raising banquet, a baby bottle coin campaign, and a golf tournament in addition to our monthly client sponsorship

Website: www.pregnancycenteruppervalley.com/

STATE MOBILE ULTRASOUND FUND: UPDATE

The Mobile Ultrasound Fund drive is more than 50% of the way to the goal of \$50,000 for a mobile ultrasound van for Aspire Together in Burlington! (\$15,900 to go!). Information about this project is found at, www.ubipetrusvt.com/knights4life/mobile-ultrasound-fund. All councils are encouraged to consider the three goals of Vermont Knights of Life 2020 in their new Fraternal Year plans!

www.UbiPetrusVT.com/Knights4Life



THESE 2020 FLYERS FROM THE STATE CHAPLAIN WILL INCLUDE

A NOTE 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."

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/diagnosing-problems/ultrasound-services.html>

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL THE STATE CHAPLAIN AT FR.NAPLES@GMAIL.COM



Worthy Sir Knights,

As I prepare to close my 4th and final year as your District Master, I want to thank each of you for your support, your friendship and most of all, your dedication to our Order.

We just completed another superb Exemplification and advanced 9 new Brother Sir Knights from the following Assemblies: Charles W. Jasman Assembly 1151: SK PATRICK BYRNE, SK MICHAEL KUBAN and SK MICHAEL ROULEAU; St. Charles Assembly 1153: SK JAMES RONNING; James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157: SK RONALD BERGERON, SK LANCE DECKER, SK KURT MULLER, SK ROGER PION, and SK NORMAND RAYMOND.

To you, my Brother Sir Knights, CONGRATULATIONS. The youngest candidate was 18 years old and the top of the youngest was 65. The honoree was SK Andrew “Andy” Pepin, ESQ., 96 years young of Newport. Born August 3, 1923, the eighth of eight children. SK Andy graduated from Newport High School in 1941. On February 10, 1943, He joined the U. S. Army and was assigned to the 932nd Signal Battalion, serving under General George Patton’s Third Army in France during the Ardennes, Central Europe, Normandy Battles and Campaigns, 2-weeks after D-Day. He later was reassigned to Regensburg, Germany on VE-Day. Andy was honorably discharged on 21 October 1945.

SK Andy joined James Cardinal Gibbons Knights of Columbus Council 2285, Newport, on May 22, 1952 and James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157 on January 1, 1956.

For 64 years this Sir Knight and Soldier stood OUR Order’s watch. While some of us were in our beds at night, this Soldier stood the watch. While some of us were learning about OUR Order, this Soldier stood the watch. Yes...even before some of us were born into this world, this Soldier stood the watch. Today we are here to say “Sir Knight and Soldier, Andrew “Andy” Pepin, your watch stands relieved. Relieved by those YOU have trained, guided and lead. They now have the watch”. Worthy Sir Knight Andrew and Lady Ernestine, WE salute you.

Below is a condensed portion of my speech to those at the banquet...

“On behalf of our Vice Supreme Master Rich McDermott who was unable to make it here today, he sends his congratulations and best wishes.

To our newest Sir Knights, I hope today was meaningful and informative. So little, to almost nothing, was ever mentioned during our school education, of the GREAT and HONORABLE Catholic men who were instrumental in establishing our Catholic Faith in America.

So much is happening around us and the attempts to disrupt or discourage our Catholic traditions. As Sir Knights, we need to be the force behind our Pope, our Bishop and our Priests to help their, and OUR, vocation in spreading the good word of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To you new Sir Knights, I ask you to take a second and look at the memoriam page in your exemplification booklet. These are our Brother Sir Knights whom have been called to their heavenly home....**TEMPEST FUGIT MOMENTO MORI**.... I mention this because our Bishop James A. Healy Province (**Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont**) needs you, and many more, as of 7-1-2019 we had **85,286** members in the Order and **16,696** Sir Knights which means we have **68,590** MEMBERS of the Order eligible to become 4TH degree members

You will be counted upon to join the Assembly Honor Guard, to show your love of church and state, to participate in honoring our deceased members and their immediate family members during their Wake and Funeral Service. To honor our Bishop and parishioners during His visits or at special feast days and church ceremonies. We are the visible arm of the Order however; they won't know us if we are not involved. I ask you to remember the activities we involve ourselves within the Council, and now the Assembly, are all out of love and **Charity** and when we get involved and participate, we are not only strengthening our Councils and Assemblies, we are taking our being as a single strand and now enjoined it with our fellow Brothers into a multiple stranded cord. Oh! What a sight of **UNITY** we become. When bounded together and working together there is no better love than the force of our **FRATERNITY**. Today, you showed us your love of this country and our Faith. I ask you to take another second look at the small table over by the window and to remember not only those members noted in the memoriam page but also your family members and friends who have lost their lives helping to stand up and defend the rights we enjoy today..... unfortunately, there are factions out there who would love to totally take that away from us. Our **PATRIOTISM** must be **STRONGER**, we must not remain to be a majority group with a minority voice.”

I wish all Brothers and Sir Knights continued success as you strive to keep your Council and Assembly as active as possible despite the many obstacles that exist today.

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 SECRETARY' C CORNER

July 2020

Dear Brother Knights in the Vermont State Jurisdiction,

I like to express my gratitude to the DeGoesbriand 279 (GK David Ely Sr), St. Stephen's 2284 (GK Greg Clairmont) and SJV 7525 (GK Michael Bullock) Councils for hosting our Installation of DD's and State Officers on Sunday 7/19 at St. Joseph's Cathedral. As usual, it was the hottest day of the summer in Vermont (so far)! The Installation was great... His Excellency Bishop Coyne was the Celebrant at the Mass and State Chaplain Fr. Tim Naples and DeGoesbriand 279 Council Chaplain Fr. Harlow were also participants in both the Mass and Installation. Our State Deputy Steve did a great job and did us all proud. Following the installation the councils of district 3 joined forces and sponsored an amazing BBQ. Everyone left stuffed after that. Finally, I do believe a big shout out should be made to our wonderful 4th Degree Honor Guard. Their presence at KOC events always serves to further dignify the occasion and we are fortunate to have these men donate their time – THANK YOU!

I hope our councils are active this summer. Do you need any assistance from me? Our State Deputy is working hard to have each council's events and projects loaded into our State's web page so that we may support one another and attend the events! Anything food related, I'm very interested (just saying)! Please remember to communicate our KofC events in your church bulletins and local papers.

On July 6th, I sent each Council's FS and copied GK's, the first half of the fraternal year per capita. This only included the State Invoice since Supreme has waived their first half per capita. The rate was 3.63 per member as outlined in our resolutions. (Total members minus Honorary Life and minus Disabled = Per Capita paying members). I sent the invoices via Quick Books and used the current GK and FS that were used the previous time (2nd half of 2019-2020)... If there are new council FS and GKs, I may have not included your email address. The newly elected officers' report is not timely with our state directory updates all occurring in early July. If you are a new FS, please check with your GK or last year's FS on the invoice if you did not receive it.

I also included our State's Charity Assessment which is based on the above number of members as well.

To date, I have received about 70% response (checks)... thank you!!! As I noted in my last newsletter article I don't want to have to keep reminding/chasing councils on these invoices... that's not fun!

Enjoy the remaining 1/3rd of the summer and again, please send in your invoice checks and communicate your events!

God Bless! Vivat Jesus

Jim Michael (State Secretary).

INSTALLATION OF STATE OFFICERS

With some pictures



L-to R, SW Bob LaCroix, Michelle LaCroix, Stat Deputy Steve Shover, Linda Poirier, ST. Christopher Poirier
IPSD Thomas Herbst Jr.

B Row, State Chaplain Fr. Tim Naples, SA Nick Conti, Cindy Conti, Rose Michael, James Michael.







VERGENNES COUNCIL #3664

Vergennes Council #3664 uses Covid 19 to clean, sand, and paint the Church floors at St. Peter's in Vergennes. Kneeler cushion pad were replaced. Left to right Knights Roger Godin, Jim Papagni, Bob Biegen were the masked men along with FS Bill Scott who worked many hours when no one was in Church. The job was completed before the reopening. Bob Biegen took the lead with many hours and making sure supplies were available for the crew. These Knights were truly down on their knees during the pandemic!



GIBBONS COUNCIL #2285



ANCHOR AWARD

THE VERMONT STATE COUNCIL
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT

MICHELLE LACROIX



IS THIS YEARS WINNER OF THE ANCHOR AWARD.

JOIN US IN CONGRATUALTING MICHELLE ON THIS WELL-DESERVED HONOR.

Planning is currently underway for this year's Anchor Award Banquet.

More details will be coming as plans are finalized.



A Brief resume of the many good works of Michelle for her Church & Community

It is with great pride, pleasure, and sincere support that the DeGoesbriand Council 279 nominates Michelle LaCroix for the 2020 Vermont State Knights of Columbus Anchor Award.

Our council members overwhelmingly confirmed this worthy nomination. Michelle's deep faith, lifelong support of the Catholic Church, its faithful leaders and her devotion to our lord reinforce and solidify our selection.

Michelle was born May 15th, 1971 in Claremont, New Hampshire, to Francis and Brenda Robideau. She is the youngest of 5 girls. After moving to Vermont and settling in Winooski, Michelle received her sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation at St. Stevens Church. She participated in CCD and the children's choir in her youth as well.

Michelle married William LaCroix in 1991 at St. Steven's Church, Fr Jon Ledoux, Past State Chaplain officiated the ceremony. Bill is a PGK (twice) and currently District Deputy #3, as well as the State Program Director. Michelle and Bill have been married for 28 years. Through faith and commitment, a core component in the LaCroix home, Michelle and Bill devotedly raised three children, Samantha (27), Jennifer (25) and Patrick (22) within the Catholic Church instilling the values of faith with their children as they grew and matured into the young adults they are today. All their children were born in Burlington and attended St. Joseph's School until the family moved to Colchester in 2002. All three children served the altar at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral through High School. They were often called on by Bishop Matano and Msgr. Thomas Ball to serve at many Diocesan functions. While raising her family Michelle ran a full-time daycare service for 15 years where she cared for many children throughout those years. Together with Bill, Michelle and Bill were also foster parents for troubled youth. Presently, Michelle is currently self-employed cleaning houses, including our Most Reverend Bishop Christopher Coyne's.

Michelle has led and continues to lead numerous charity events that support her Parish, Parish Pastors, the Knights of Columbus and her community. Michelle is the go-to person when there is a need in her parish. Her many contributions include hosting a tea party social and fundraising event for Father Harlow's Kurn Hattin Homes for Children initiative as well as an annual parish garage/tag sale for both the Cathedral and St. Mark's parishes. Michelle's involvement brings poise to virtually every event associated with the Cathedral and is a direct impact on their success. Michelle has helped in raising tens of thousands of dollars for various

Church programs. Probably more important, especially for the consideration of the Anchor Award, is how much Michelle's involvement contributes to dozens of people helping in these various fundraising or faith growing activities, helping these contributors grow in their own personal faith formation. Michelle has been providing outstanding faith and community Michelle's community program, Boxes of Love, has been recognized nationally and was featured on the Knights of Columbus Columbian website and they expressed interest in sending a film crew. This annual event, since 2013, has helped hundreds of people less fortunate stay warm during the winter. Michelle Even with the tremendous passion and effort Michelle puts into these types of events, she often contributes monetarily. Prior to the formation of Michelle's formal Boxes of Love program, she felt a calling to provide warmth to those stuck out in the cold, buying winter hats and warm socks on a cold winter day. After sharing her story with friends and family about what a rewarding experience it was to go out and provide these much-needed items to the homeless, they asked if they could help. Much of the many things Michelle does receives very little recognition in the greater Catholic

Community. Michelle is an outstanding Catholic role model both within and outside the Catholic Church. Michelle is a true testament to what it means to practice the Catholic Faith. Council 279 strongly advocates for Michelle LaCroix to be the next recipient and first female since, Mary Hahn-Berworth, 23 years ago (1997), to be selected for this year's Anchor Award.

VOCATIONS (RSVP)

Congratulations to Seminarian Robert Murphy who was ordained as a Transitional Deacon on July 18. 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. **Though financial support is vitally important, it is not the only aspect of RSVP. Councils are also called to provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success.**

Councils are required to provide financial support of at least \$500 for a minimum of one seminarian. Councils are also required to provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success.

If your council is considering supporting a seminarian please contact me for information on a seminarian or seminarians to support. You can E-mail me at gfbbean44@yahoo.com. Or call at 862-8581. Also when you have given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021 please send me a copy of form 2863 (RSVP form) .

Conduct various events in your parish and community in order to reach your goal! Consider the Traveling Chalice Program to pray for Vocations. This is a program the Diocese is promoting.

As a council, make a resolution to allocate a specific amount collected at various fundraisers for RSVP. In addition to financial support, councils are called to aid their “adopted” seminarian or postulant with moral and emotional support, and prayers for their vocation and vocations throughout the church. This is a central aspect of RSVP and must be fulfilled in order to satisfy the program requirements. Providing such support is easy and can be accomplished through a variety of efforts: At the end of each council meeting or event, take a moment to remember the seminarian you support. Send cards to your seminarian or postulate on major holidays (i.e., Easter, Christmas), etc. Ask the seminarian or postulate how your council can best assist him or her throughout the year.

Immediately after your program is finished, complete the [RSVP Report Form \(#2863\)](#) and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission and State Vocations Chairman to obtain credit for your program. Remember to retain copies for your council records. Proudly display your RSVP participation plaque in your parish or council hall and continue to add to it by participating every year!

Vivat Jesus

Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM

K of C State Vocations Director

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

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2019-2020

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LETTER TO ST.MARK'S PARISHIONERS
ST. MARKS 300 CLUB

St. Mark's Parish and the Knights of Columbus DeGoesbriand Council #279 are planning a joint fundraising effort with net proceeds to be shared. Specifically the project is planned for fourteen drawings of \$500 each, for \$50 per ticket. All winning tickets will be re-entered into the remaining drawings. It is conceivable to win 14 times with one ticket. Only 300 tickets will be sold. The goal is to sell all 300 tickets to raise \$15,000. \$7,000 will be distributed in prizes and \$8,000 will be budgeted for projects of St. Marks and the Knights of Columbus. To make this a success, the first step is to sell all 300 tickets at \$50 each by September 1, 2020. If all tickets are not sold, then adjustments may be made to prize amounts. If you are interested in participating in this fundraiser, please complete the application attached. Tickets will be on sale starting in early June, 2020. Tickets will be sold using the application below, parking lot sales after weekend Masses, using application found in the July 4 edition of North Avenue News. The first drawing will take place on September 15, 2020. Drawings will continue on consecutive Tuesdays, through Dec. 15, 2020. Winners will be notified. The winner need not be present to win. Winners will be announced in the St Mark's bulletin. A list of all winners will be made available following the final drawing. This is a nice way to support both St Mark's Parish and the Knights of Columbus Council #279. St. Marks will put their share towards the Revitalization Campaign. The Knights will use theirs for Religious Vocations Scholarships and other Charities.

Thank you for supporting these projects that help both individuals and the community.

Dave Bean (for Fundraising Committee)

ST. MARKS "300 CLUB" DRAWING

NAME _____ Tel _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

EMAIL (For future contact) _____

Number of Tickets @ \$50 each: _____

Total Amount Submitted: _____

Make checks payable to "St. Mark Church" (with "300 Club" on the memo line of the check). Mail your order with payment to: St Mark Parish, 1251 North Avenue, Burlington, VT 05408. Ticket(s) will be mailed to you.

Please print clearly

@gmail.com www.stmarksvt.com (802) 864-7686

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**Monsignor Thomas J. Ball
Memorial Open**



**Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Ball
Memorial Open**



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. STEPHEN'S COUNCIL #2284

- Date:** Saturday, August 22nd, 2020
Location: West Bolton Golf Club
Time: Registration At 7:30 AM Shotgun Start: 8:00 AM
Format: 4 Person Team Scramble
Price: \$400.00 Per Team
Fee Includes: Greens Fees With Cart, Delicious Breakfast, Awesome On-Course Luncheon, Ice Cold Soft Drinks, Closest-To-The-Pin Contests, Longest Drive Competition, Putting Contest, Rev. Joseph F. McCarthy \$80,000 Shootout, Rev. Msgr. Richard G. Lavalley \$1,000,000 Shootout, Silent Auction Plus A Spectacular Hors D'Ouervres Reception Following Tournament Play. All Participants Will Receive A Commemorative Gift From The Knights Of Columbus St. Stephen's Council #2284 As Well!!!

3rd Hole Challenge: A Hole-In-One Wins A \$10,000 New Kitchen!

6th Hole Challenge: A Hole-In-One Wins A \$10,000 Cash Award!

14th Hole Challenge: A Hole-In-One Wins A 2020 Mercedes Benz C-300!

Player	Telephone	email
Player	Telephone	email
Player	Telephone	email
Player	Telephone	email

For Tournament Registration: Mail This Form And Entry Fee To:

Mr. Greg Clairmont

604 Creek Farm Road, Colchester, Vermont 05446

(802) 343-8446

FIELD AGENT MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

Supreme has done away with insurance obligations for councils involving quotas. The new requirement for a council to achieve the goal of the Founder's Award, and ultimately Star Council, is to conduct 2 fraternal benefits presentations before the end of the year. These can be done in person or virtual and there is no required minimum number of attendees. The only condition is that the event is advertised throughout the council and the Grand Knight/DGK cannot be the only participants. Also, multiple councils can conduct one together.

This is a great feature for the councils and takes some undue pressure off. But more importantly, it gives us the chance to dig into topics that concern you. I've done numerous presentations and it's not about getting more business. It really isn't. The point of these is to educate people on what is of interest to them and to spread the word about proper planning and protection. There are numerous accountants, lawyers, nursing home managers, etc. within our Order who would be willing to co-host an event with me.

Please consider this and let me know your thoughts. Let's come up with some topics, pick some dates, order some pizzas and have an engaging discussion about the major issues of our times. Thank you as always and God bless,

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State Deputy & State membership Director Council visit schedule

AUGUST VISIT SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>COUNCIL NAME</u>	<u>MEETING DATE</u>
2	7	10535	BRISTOL	1 st Sunday
3	7	3664	VERGENNS,	1 st Monday
4	7	642		1 st Tuesday
5	2	421	ST JOHSNBUY	1 st Wednesday
6	9	6816	MANCHESTER	1 st Thursday
11	5	399	BARRE	2 nd Tuesday
12	5	1568	HARDICK	2 nd Thursday
16	1	14351	RANDOLPH	3 rd Sunday
17	6	10241	BETHEL	3 rd Monday
18	2	2285	NEWPORT	3 rd Tuesday



Knight News

Council 297



7/14/2020 – State Deputy Steve Shover and Membership Director Ed Nuttall attended our meeting.



Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay earned the Shining Armor Award at the 7/14/2020 meeting. In the background, showing the Collins Perley Sports Complex ages 2-12 inclusive playground that he designed, fundraised, and built in 2019.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Event (Relay For Life) held at Collins Perley Sports Complex on 6/20/2020 (Saturday). Grand Knight Dave Lavallee, Deputy Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay, and Recorder Jim McMillan helped out at this event. Overall, this was a good event. Thank you for all of your prayers and support at this event. Please see a few photos.





From Left to Right: Recorder Jim McMillan, Grand Knight Dave Lavallee, and Deputy Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay



Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay (L) and Amy Brewer (R) stand with cigarette butts picked up around downtown St. Albans

On 7/2/2020: three (3) brother Knights (Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay, Trustee 1st year Bill Bressette, and Lecturer Teddy Yadow) out of 27 volunteers helped pick up over 15,500 cigarette butts in downtown Saint Albans.



Over 15,500 cigarette butts picked up in two hours, and with 27 volunteers



Trustee 1st year, Bill Bressette, helping to pick up cigarette butts at Taylor Park (St. Albans).



Lecturer, Teddy Yandow,
picked up over 915 cigarette
butts.

CURRENT HELP NEEDED

On August 5 (Wednesday) from 11 AM to 1 PM, I am recruiting help to pick up cigarette butts in the Saint Albans Industrial Park off of route 7. I would like to call any brother Knights who can help me. We provide gloves. Please come with a face mask. Please wear something that shows that you are from the Knights. If you have a claw grabber, please bring it. We will have about 10 on hand. Please bring your own water and snacks.



WED, AUG 5 AT 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

St. Albans Industrial Park Butt Litter Clean Up

St Albans, VT

FUTURE PROJECT(S)

We are looking at hosting **our first blood drive**. During Covid-19 giving blood is critical. We have met with the American Red Cross at St. Mary's Parish Hall in St. Albans, Vermont. We are thinking of hosting a blood drive in August or September 2020.

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



St. Albans Community

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

St. Mary's Parish Hall
45 Fairfield St.
Saint Albans, VT 05478

**Co-Sponsored by St. Albans/ Fairfield Knights of
Columbus Council #297**

*Amazon is Thanking all donors with a \$5.00 electronic gift card

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org

And enter **STMARYS** in the search bar

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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ST JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL #10417

St John Paul II Council #10417 in Milton held its annual **St Ann's Day chicken BBQ** on Saturday, July 25, 2020. The event was a sell-out as we served 200 people in a Take-Out only fashion with a drive through delivery service for our guests. The meal consisted of half a barbecue chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, a dinner roll, and a slice of cake. Many knights contributed to the success of the dinner with the preparation, cooking, and serving of the food. Some of our newest brother knights were assisting with the meal as they learned from their older and more experienced brothers on the finer points of the annual event. All of the activities made for a very special opportunity of camaraderie and fellowship with 22 brother knights.





**Vermont Right to Life Political Committee
Statewide Candidate Recommendations
for the August 11, 2020 Primary**

Tuesday, August 11th is the Vermont Primary, which will determine which candidates will appear on the ballot for the major political parties in November. Whether you vote early by mail or you go to the polls on August 11th, you will receive three ballots, one for each major political party. You may only vote on one of the three ballots, but all three need to be returned. While many of these races are uncontested, there are some key primary races where the Vermont Right to Life Political Committee is making candidate recommendations based on our established criteria, including candidates' position on pro-life legislation, voting record of incumbents, and a thorough evaluation of each race.

The Vermont Right to Life Political Committee encourages all pro-life voters to vote on the *Republican Ballot* for these Statewide candidates:



Anya Tynio
For Representative to Congress



John Klar
For Governor



Meg Hansen
For Lieutenant Governor



H. Brooke Paige
For Attorney General and Secretary of State

Feast Day of Our Lady of La Salette at La Salette Shrine Enfield NH

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2020



On Saturday, September 19, 1846, a beautiful clear autumn day, the Virgin Mary appeared to Maximin Giraud, age 11, and Melanie Mathieu, age 14 on a mountain near the town of La Salette, some 6,000 feet high in the French Alps. The two children had first met the day before while tending cows on the slopes.

Mary said to the children, "Come near, my children, don't be afraid. I am here to tell you great news." The message given to the children has become the foundation for the La Salette Order of Priests, Brothers, and Sisters. Mary also said, "Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people." And, according to Mary's wishes, that message continues to be shared by the La Salette Order throughout the world today.

Join as we make a pilgrimage to the New Hampshire shrine on the 174th anniversary of the Virgin Mary's apparition in La Salette.

Cost Per Person: \$149

18 and younger: FREE

Package includes

- ❖ Transportation on Premier Motor Coach
- ❖ Visit to the Shrine
- ❖ Special Feast Day Mass & Celebration
- ❖ Dinner

6:00 am	St. Albans Hannaford exit 20
6:30 am	Milton/Colchester Park & Ride exit 17
6:50 am	Colchester Shaw's exit 16
7:30 am	Waterbury Shaw's exit 10
8:00 am	Berlin Park & Ride exit 7
8:30 am	Randolph Park & Ride exit 4

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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 PietroM. 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

Campaign for the Intellectually Challenged People

Brother Knights;

Your Tootsie rolls are here !! With this 'Covid-19 virus, I am not sure how we will be doing our usual drive's but I am sure we all can be inventive as to how to proceed. For those that did not order the tootsie rolls (some have left over from last year) you are asked to hold some kind of drive to help with this campaign. I do have boxes of tootsie rolls available. Use other candies, Cookies, or anything else to help.

I recommend that Councils still hold their tootsie roll drives but using a safe method. Distribute the tootsie rolls on a table so they can grab their own. Put the can on table or just use a donation box. Wear you mask.

New aprons are in now. I ask that you let me know your plans.

Keep in mind that may hold these drives anytime between now and October 30th. I ask that you PLEASE notify me when you will be doing these so I can be aware if the goings on.

Stay safe
Vivat Jesus
Maurice f. Noel PSD/FDM
Chairman

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 SEPTEMBER 1, 2020.