



Vermont State Council Officers

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From the Vermont State Deputy



Brother Knights,

Can you believe it? The Annual State Convention is at the end of April and plans are well underway to make this year's convention a great success. Speaking of the convention, your Council's Financial Secretary will be getting "Notice of Election of Convention Delegates and Alternates" in their email within the next two weeks. Please print this out and email it back to Steve Shover (engravingandgift@aol.com).

This will help the State Officers with mileage and per diem and roll call on both Saturday and Sunday. As for Program Director's, Chairmen, Past State Deputies, and District Deputies you will be receiving in the mail your 2 part credentials. Please sign the one stamped Copy and return to Steve Shover either by mail or email and retain the Original. Remember to bring the Original with you to the Convention when you register as you will need to sign it in front of a member of the Credentials Committee.

As many of you if not all of you know, that on the Sunday of the Convention we hold the Election of State Officers. What some of you may not know is that at our January State Officers Meeting we declare our intentions for the upcoming fraternal year.

On Thursday January 30, 2020 we met and discussed our plans for the upcoming Fraternal Year. We all declared our intentions at this meeting. So here is what we declared. I will NOT be seeking re-election as State Deputy. State Secretary Steve Shover declared he will be running for State Deputy. State Treasurer Jim Michael declared he will be running for State Secretary.

Vermont Knights in Action

February, 2020 Edition

Vermont State Council

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism



State Advocate Nick Conti declared he will NOT be running for State Office. State Warden David Shepard declared he will be running for State Advocate. As you can see, we have 2 openings on the State Board of Officers. With that being said, I do want to remind everyone that these are open elections, and anyone can run for any State Office. So, if anyone wants to run for State Office. I encourage you to contact a Past State Deputy who can help you in this regard. Again anyone can run for any office during the Convention.

Now on a good note. We have brought our membership up this month by bringing in 6 new members (according to Officers Online as for January 31st at noon) I do know that there are 3 new members that are not on the “books” yet though. These 3 new Brother Knights joined Our Order on January 29th in Milton where the New Exemplification was used. To my knowledge this was the second time that the New Exemplification was used in the State since its release in the middle of the month. The first time being at Norwich University on January 17th where we too brought in 3 new Knights. Great Job Everyone! Do you think you can do it again in February? I know you can. I would love to see it happen. In fact, I would love to see an increase of 10 every month for the remaining Fraternal Year. With 5 months left that is 50 new members. I know you can do it. I have complete Faith in you. I am looking forward to seeing what happens in February with recruiting. I know it will be a good month. Let’s make it the best month Vermont has ever seen.

Vivat Jesus!
 Thomas Herbst, Jr.
 State Deputy

District #	January Intake	Total Intake since July 1, 2019
District #1	0	1
District #2	0	0
District #3	0	1
District #4	0	2
District #5	0	1
District #6	4	18
District #7	0	0
District #8	1	2
District #9	1	1
Online	0	8
Totals	6	34

Total for FY 2019-2020

40

STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Greetings to all my fellow Knights of Columbus.

Even though we are in the midst of our cold winter, our work continues forward. As of this writing, some of you have sent in your second half per capita checks and I appreciate your promptness in sending in those funds. There are still quite a few Councils that have not done so, and if you are one of those Councils, please take a minute to send in your check. As of today, another bill has gone out to the various councils within the State for your Liability Insurance for your members. Please note that the State Council has already paid this bill in the amount of \$3221.89, so your prompt payment on this would also be appreciated sooner than later.

CONVENTION 2020

The planning committee for your upcoming convention has been extremely active and very involved in planning out a tremendous convention for this year. As noted by our State Deputy, Tom Herbst, the cost has gone up significantly (just for this year) and we are going to request that any of you as delegates vote on matching the 300 club amount for this year and this year only. This is a significant amount of money and will be distributed to all delegates that will be attending the convention this year to help offset the expense. Some councils have already made reservations with Jay Peak and we appreciate you doing this. The convention is still three months away, but as you all know, time has a way of getting away from us, so the sooner you vote on your delegates, the sooner you can make your reservations. Again, most of you should have received your invitation for the convention and inside that packet was an ad form. We NEED your help in selling ads to offset the cost of the various rooms we will be using for the business meeting, Mass and meals. The cost for all these rooms is \$3,000.00, so any ads you sell will help to take care of this expense.

A letter from me will be forthcoming to all financial secretaries for the entire State with a request of you to send me all the names of any brother Knights who have died over the past fraternal year. All these members will be prayed for at our Memorial Mass on Friday evening of the convention. Please send those names to me, your State Secretary.

ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

Our current balance in the ultrasound account is \$6293.00 and we are now in our second year for this initiative. The goal is still at \$50,000.00 to purchase a van and Supreme will be covering the entire cost of the ultrasound machine. We still need to raise \$43,707.00 to attain our goal. Our State Chaplain will be addressing this issue at the convention on April. Your Council can help be having some sort of fund raiser to assist us in purchasing this van. Any financial help will be greatly appreciated.

That's all for now.

Steve

INTELLECTUALLY CHALLENGED CAMPAIGN

As of today (01/23/2020) I have only heard from 1 Council in regards to how many boxes of Tootsie roll they will need for this years campaign. In order to get the order in and to receive before the convention, I need a response no later than February 7, 2020

Maurice Noel PSD/FDM

Intellectually Challenged Campaign

Chairman

VOCATIONS (RSVP)

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 gfbean44@yahoo.com. Or call at 862-8581. Also if you have already given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020 please send me a copy of form 2863 (RSVP form) .

Conduct various events in your parish and community in order to reach your goal!

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 Chairman

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON
SEMINARIAN DIRECTORY
2019-2020

<u>SEMINARY ADDRESS</u>	<u>YEAR OF STUDY</u>	<u>HOME ADDRESS</u>
Mr. Robert J. Murphy Mount Saint Mary's Seminary 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road Emmitsburg, MD 21727 rzq12345@aol.com	Third Theology	Mr. Robert J. Murphy 186 Lake Drive North Bennington, VT 05257 (802) 442-5037 / (802) 681-5052 DOB: 8/18/1994
Mr. Gregory S. Caldwell Saint Meinrad Seminary 200 Hill Drive St. Meinrad, IN 47577 gscaldwe@gmail.com	Second Theology	Mr. Gregory S. Caldwell 30 Forest Road Essex Jct., VT 05452 (802) 878-1943 (802) 999-5479 DOB 11/12/1989
Mr. Eli Yandow Saint Meinrad Seminary 200 Hill Drive St. Meinrad, IN 47577 eli.yandow@gmail.com	Second Pre-Theology	Mr. Eli Yandow 3584 Lower Newton Road Swanton, VT 05488 (802) 528-9503 DOB 9/22/1995
Mr. Luan Van Tran Saint Meinrad Seminary 200 Hill Drive St. Meinrad, IN 47577 Tranluan5687@gmail.com	First Pre-Theology	Mr. Luan Van Tran c/o Mr. & Mrs. Jay Benson 288 Barstow Road Shelburne, VT 05482 DOB 6/5/1987 (802) 324-0553
Mr. Giang Vu Saint Meinrad Seminary 200 Hill Drive St. Meinrad, IN 47577 vinhsongiangtl@gmail.com	First Pre-Theology	Mr. Giang Vu c/o Mr. & Mrs. Bob Fiorenza 241 South Cove Road Burlington, VT 05401 DOB 12/25/1993 (617) 602-9023
Mr. Cale Bombardier Our Lady of Providence Seminary 485 Mount Pleasant Avenue Providence, RI 02908 mrcatchyofish@gmail.com	Second College	Mr. Cale Bombardier 935 Old Creamery Road Williston, VT 05495 DOB 2/15/2000 (802) 238-4511

For more information, please contact:

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vocations@vermontcatholic.org



Worthy Sir Knights,

I ask for a moment of prayer for the repose soul of PSD Fred “Chris” Dupre, Charles W. Jasman Assembly 1151, called to be with our Lord on January 16th. Please keep his wife, Terrie and son, Justin in your prayers;

“O God, you do not willingly grieve or afflict your children. Look with pity on the suffering of Chris’ family in their loss. Sustain Terrie and her Family in this time of anguish; and into the darkness of their grief bring the light of your love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen”.

Let us also remember February 3rd on the early morning hours of February 3, 1943, at 12:55 a.m., when the troop ship *USAT Dorchester* was torpedoed by the [German submarine U-223](#) off [Newfoundland](#) and sank in the North Atlantic. Congress established February 3 as **Four Chaplains Day** in 1988. Observed with official proclamations and, sometimes, flags flying at half-mast. The **Four Chaplains**, sometimes referred to as the "**Immortal Chaplains**" or the "**Dorchester Chaplains**", were four [United States Army chaplains](#) who gave their life jackets when the supply ran out to save other civilian and military personnel onboard as the ship sank. With joined arms, saying prayers, and singing hymns as they went down with the ship. The chaplains were Reverend [George L. Fox](#) ([Methodist](#)), [Alexander D. Goode](#) ([Reform Rabbi](#)), Father [John P. Washington](#) ([Roman Catholic](#)), and Reverend [Clark V. Poling](#) ([Reformed Church in America](#)).

Here are some other important (or not so important) trivia February dates:

February 1st - **No Politics Day**. That means no political activities, no political statements of any kind whatsoever.... no Facebook or twitter posts, no discussions or debates, no sharing or spreading political articles, comics, or other materials, and, certainly, no fake news today. So, let's all celebrate this refreshing and relaxing day. There will be plenty of time for politics tomorrow.

February 2nd - **Super Bowl LIV (54)**. Every NFL Football team wants to get to the "Party", The "Big Game", the Super Bowl! But only the 49ers and KC will live it. One team leaves with the ring of victory to tell the world they are the greatest football team in the world!!! (their words NOT mine).

February 9th - **Toothache Day**. Christians celebrate the **Feast Day of St. Apollonia** on this date. Born in the 2nd Century, is the patroness of dentistry and all who suffer from toothache or dental problems. A virgin martyr in 249 AD during a local uprising against [Christians](#). According to church tradition, her [torture](#) included having all of her [teeth](#) violently pulled out or shattered. At that time Apollonia was held in high esteem. A mob seized her and by repeated blows broke all her teeth. They then erected outside the city gates a pile of wood and threatened to burn her alive if she refused to repeat impious words (either a blasphemy against Christ, or an invocation of the heathen gods). Given, at her request, a little freedom, she sprang quickly into the fire and was burned to death.

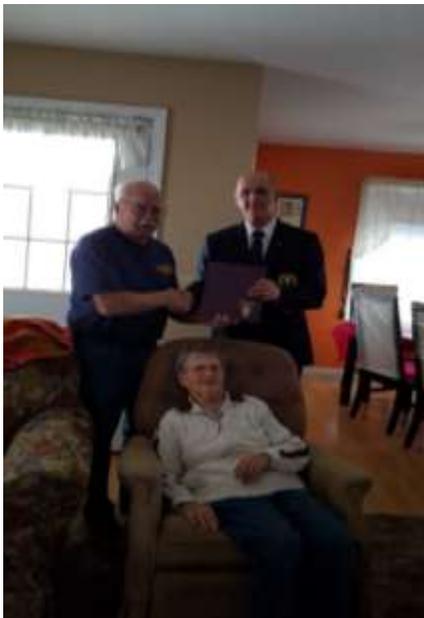
February 16th - **Do a Grouch a Favor Day**. Everyone has been a grouch at one time or another. Some people are seemingly grouchy all of the time. It's in their nature. Others are occasional grouches, influenced by events in their lives, lack of sleep, the weather, etc. A few people are good at disguising their grouchy mood But, they still need cheering up. Look around for someone who is in a grouchy mood today. Then, do him or her a favor that will cheer up their day. There's plenty of grouches out there to practice on. Try it on all the grouches that you see today and watch the results!

With February being the shortest month of the year, I do not have enough room to comment on each day, religious and not-so-religious, so I leave you to do your own research as I say,

Sir Knights, stay active with your Council and Assembly – in its charitable workings – in its recruiting works - in its fun activities.

Vivat Jesus!

George Piette



FN Andre Ricard, James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157, Newport, presents SK Merle and Cecile Wheeler, a 60-year Wedding Anniversary Certificate from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson on January 16, 2020



FOOD FOR FAMILIES

40-DAYS OF LENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX. ON PALM SUNDAY DONATE THE CONTENTS TO YOUR PARISH FOOD SHELF

February 26 – Box of Cereal	March 17 – Can of Canned Corn
February 27 – Jar of Peanut Butter	March 18 – Can of Mix Vegetables
February 28 – Box of Stuffing Mix	March 19 – Can of Canned Carrots
February 29 – Box of Mashed Potatoes	March 20 – Can of Green Beans
March 1 – Box of Macaroni and Cheese	March 21 – Box of Cereal
March 2 – Can of Canned Fruit	March 22 – Jar of Peanut Butter
March 3 – Can of Canned Tomatoes	March 23 – Box of Stuffing Mix
March 4 – Can of Canned Tuna	March 24 – Box of Mashed Potatoes
March 5 – Box of Dessert Mix	March 25 – Box of Macaroni and Cheese
March 6 – Jar of Applesauce	March 26 – Can of Canned Fruit
March 7 – Can of Canned Sweet Potatoes	March 27 – Can of Canned Tomatoes
March 8 – Can of Cranberry Sauce	March 28 – Can of Canned Tuna
March 9 – Can of Canned Beans	March 29 – Box of Dessert Mix
March 10 – Box of Crackers	March 30 – Jar of Applesauce
March 11 – Box or Bag of Rice	March 31 – Box of Crackers
March 12 – Box or Package of Oatmeal	April 1 – Can of Cranberry Sauce
March 13 – Box of Pasta	April 2 – Can of Canned Beans
March 14 – Jar of Spaghetti Sauce	April 3 – Can of Canned Sweet Potatoes
March 15 – Can of Chicken Soup	April 4 – Box or Bag of Rice
March 16 – Can of Tomato Soup	April 5 – Box or Package of Oatmeal

EXPIRATION DATES SHOULD BE WITHIN 1-YEAR

**Vermont District Assemblies Biennial Meeting
March 28, 2020**

Faithful Navigators,

Your Assembly should be preparing for the upcoming **Vermont District Assemblies Biennial Meeting on March 28, 2020 hosted by FN Joseph Kelly and Charles W. Jasman Assembly 1151, Barre**. Per the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree Article V Section 14(b), the District Assemblies shall be composed of the Faithful Navigator and one delegate for each 100 members or major fraction of (50+) thereof of each Assembly which delegates shall be elected by ballot at the February meeting and after prior notice of the holding of such elections has been given to the members by notice or publication. Assemblies shall have the right to elect alternates for the Faithful Navigator and for any delegates to which they may be entitled. Article V Section 14(c), the District Assemblies shall meet biennially at the call of the Master during the months of March or April in the even numbered years. Article V Section 15, Assemblies shall pay the expenses of their representatives and delegates to the District Assembly meeting.

My tour as your two-term District Master will end on August 31, 2020 therefore, by order of the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree Article VI Section 17 (a) and (b), during the Biennial Meeting, District Assemblies shall select, by ballot, 3 recommendations for District Master which shall be forwarded (**hard copy - NO EMAIL SUBMISSIONS**) to our Supreme Master for consideration. The Supreme Master shall elect the District Master who shall be appointed for a two-year term, not to exceed two terms and expiring on August 31st in even-numbered years. Below is the required Master Nomination format for submission. I ask each of you to pass the word and be prepared to present your submission during the Biennial Meeting...

**Master Nomination
2020 - 2022**

Membership Number:

Name and name of spouse:

Address:

Phone (W) (H) (C):

e-mail:

Assembly and Council:

Date of Birth:

Education:

PSD? If yes from – to:

PFN? If yes from – to:

Color Corps If yes from – to w/participation as Commander/Sir Knight:

Military service – Branch/Rank/Years of Service:

Fourth Degree Accomplishments:

Biography (mandatory):

Each candidate being recommended for District Master shall include a synopsis, not to exceed two double spaced typed pages and answering, at a minimum, the following questions:

“Why I am the best candidate for the position” and

“What is my plan to promote and grow the Fourth Degree”.

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 26th, 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



122nd Annual Vermont Knights of Columbus State Convention Advertising Support

December 10, 2019

Dear Friend,

The Knights of Columbus (K of C) is a charitable, faith-based organization of hard-working men dedicated to the support of those in need in your community and throughout the world. Every year the leaders of local *K of C* councils get together for a state convention during which time organizational issues are discussed that will improve the way we serve others through our various charitable efforts. We also use this gathering to recognize those who have done an outstanding job achieving these goals in the previous year. This year our 122nd State Convention will be at *Jay Peak Resort, Jay, Vermont* from April 24 - 26th 2020.

An important part of making this meeting more affordable is our effort to appeal to individuals, businesses and other organizations to help defray the costs of the convention by purchasing advertising space in our convention booklet. Every attendee receives a copy of this booklet which contains all the information about the convention with ads interspersed throughout. **Please consider helping us this year by purchasing advertising space at the rates indicated.** The *Knights* are extremely appreciative of your support and helping us is always "good business" as we are loyal patrons to those who support our ongoing service to those in need.

Please make your checks payable to:

"**VT KofC Convention Committee**" with the order form provided and payments (check/cash) with your ad information to your local K of C representative or mail these materials directly to our Convention Advertising Manager, *George Piette, 21 Gilbert St., Newport, Vt 05855-9732(georgepiette@gmail.com)* to arrive no later than **April 5, 2020**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Convention Chairman, Dan McAvinney at (802) 744-6272 or dmcavinney@outlook.com

Councils and Assemblies are encouraged to also support your state convention by purchasing an Ad in this booklet.

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Knights of Columbus Ad Committee

C/O George Piette
21 Gilbert St.
Newport, Vt 05855-9732

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Honorable mention

CHECK# _____ DATE: _____ RECEIVED BY: _____



SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

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(802)-855-3095
james.candon2@yahoo.com

November 15, 2019

TO THE DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE

Enclosed please find the announcement of the Vermont State Knights of Columbus 2020 Scholastic Achievement Awards Program. We would greatly appreciate your continued assistance in notifying qualified students in your senior class about the awards and making the enclosed applications available to them.

All completed applications are sent to the committee chair by March 10, 2020

In the past students have been reluctant to share their true financial need or presence of a hardship, the Committee has come to rely on the letters written by school personal to help determine this aspect of the application. Any insight your school provides will be extremely helpful. All information received will be treated in a strictly confidential manner by the Committee.

If one of your students is awarded a scholarship at our State Convention in April 2020, I will notify you in time for inclusion in the June graduation ceremony.

If you need more information or applications please contact the local Council or me at the address or phone number above. For your convenience I have also enclosed my home e-mail address. Please feel free to photocopy additional applications as you see fit.

Sincerely,

James P. Candon II
Chairman

Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

Scholastic Achievement Committee

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(802-0885-3095
james.candon2@yahoo.com

November 15, 2019

Scholarship Announcement

The Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council announces its 49th Annual Scholastic Achievement Awards Program, offering five \$1000.00 scholarships to be awarded this year.

These awards are made to high school seniors qualifying to graduate in June 2020, to assist in furthering their education at an accredited school or college of their choice.

Sons or daughters of a Knight of Columbus member (paternal or legally adopted) in good standing in a subordinate Council within the Vermont jurisdiction are eligible. Sons or daughters of deceased members are also eligible if their father was in good standing at the time of his death. An applicant may be a member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of a Columbian Squires Circle, in the jurisdiction of Vermont and a high school senior qualifying to graduate in June, 2020.

All applicants must be postmarked by March 10, 2020 to qualify. Awards will be presented at the Vermont State Knights of Columbus Convention in April 2020 and must be requested before February 1, 2021 or will be forfeited and given to a chosen alternate.

Applications may be obtained from the Guidance Offices of local high schools, local Knights of Columbus Councils, local Catholic parishes, members of the Scholastic Achievement Committee, listed below.

Dominic DiCicco PSD, FDM 6 Greenwood Ave, Essex Junction, VT 05452

John Pelletier 3 Overpass Road, Chester, VT 05143

James Michael, ST, 46 Edinborough Drive, Burlington, VT 05408

James P. Candon II, Chairman, 21 Williams Street, Rutland, VT 05701 E-mail james.candon2@yahoo.com

Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

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November 15, 2019

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO APPLICANT

To qualify you must be a son or daughter of a Knight of Columbus member (paternal or legally adopted) in good standing in a subordinate Council within the Vermont jurisdiction. Sons or daughters of deceased members are also eligible if their father was in good standing at the time of his death. An applicant may be a member of the Knights of Columbus or a member of a Columbian Squires Circle, in the jurisdiction of Vermont and a high school senior qualifying to graduate in June 2020.

This scholarship is given by the Vermont Knights of Columbus to assist in your education at an accredited school or college of your choice.

Applications must be returned to the Chairman, at the address above, **by March 10, 2020** to qualify for an award.

The application is in two parts with the major portion of Part II being completed by your school personal. Therefore, we strongly suggest Part II be given to them immediately to allow the maximum time to prepare their part of the application.

The filing date should be brought to the attention of the guidance personal of your school, since **delinquent applications may disqualify an applicant from consideration for an award.**

Failure to hand-write the essay may also result in the application being invalidated.

Scholarships not claimed by February 1, 2021 will be forfeited and the prize will be given to the next alternate on the list.

An Incredible Opportunity

A matter of great importance is the need for Knights of Columbus field agents in Vermont. There is a goal for 2-3 new representatives to serve the membership and finally achieve full coverage. We at the DiCalogero Agency have been working diligently in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont for the past 8 years. This is a full time career position and is open to all members.

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

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

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STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISITS COUNCIL 10241 IN BETHEL



PICTURED ABOVE L – R: *Ed Nuttall, State Membership Director; Bill Lynch, Treasurer; Fr. Gratton, Chaplain; Keith Grimes, Doug Parr, Grand Knight; Richard Powell (DD #6)*

On 7 January 2020, State Membership Director, Ed Nuttall, visited 10241 in Bethel, VT. The following items were discussed:

The two new methods of recruiting, E-membership and Delta Church Drive were discussed. On the latter a special Delta Drive Tool Kit is available free from Supreme Supply, and GK Parr had ordered

The new 1st, 2nd, 3rd Ceremonial Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) was presented.

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

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

EXEMPLIFICATION OF CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY

In accordance with the Laws of the Order, the State is responsible for all Council, District, or State Council ceremonials conducted within his jurisdiction (State, Province, or Territory).

Individual Degree conduct (whether stand-alone, such as a Third Degree, or Second and Third Degree together, or First, Second, and Third Degree Combination Ceremonial Days) may continue for an indeterminate time. It is suggested the Conferring Officers and their existing team members, and Second Degree Team Captains and their team members, avail themselves to conducting the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity for the benefit of the candidates and additionally as a training opportunity for councils.

In these cases, the Conferring Officer will be reimbursed mileage in the normal manner provided that receipts are attached to the normal District Deputy and Conferring Officer Expense Account.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) Where should the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity be conducted?

It is preferred that the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity be conducted in Church following Mass.

It would be ideal to conduct the Exemplification in conjunction with a Council Corporate Communion (*where the council attends Mass with their families and are seated together in a corporate body*).

If the Church facility is not available, it may be conducted in a dignified and solemn manner as best determined by the Grand Knight, council officers and in cooperation with the District Deputy.

2) Who should be the presenters in the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity?

The presenters should be the very best council member presenters available, e.g., deacons, lecturers, former degree team officers, or any other highly skilled presenters. Council officers and current degree team officers are encouraged to take on leadership roles.

3) What is the attire for the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity?

PRESENTERS:

The preferred attire of presenters is suit and tie with ceremonial baldric. At the very minimum shirt, blazer, and slacks with ceremonial baldric. **December 5, 2019 COUNCIL OFFICERS:**

The preferred attire for council officers attending the ceremonial would include ceremonial baldric and Medal of Office, with suit, jacket, and slacks, or at a minimum matching, branded Knights of Columbus Council shirts.

CANDIDATES:

The preferred attire for candidates would include a sports jacket (ideally) to facilitate pinning with the emblem of the Order. If not, then a collared shirt. When conducted following Mass, whatever they are wearing is going to have to be acceptable. No one is to be turned away for attire, however, the council needs to do a good job communicating attire and be welcoming regardless of what the candidate ends up wearing.

FAMILIES:

Family and other observers have no attire requirements.

4) How should candidates be greeted and assembled for the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity?

Candidates should be greeted by the Financial Secretary with as many assistants as are needed based on the size of the class. It is suggested that the Field Agent should be utilized as a greeter and facilitator to help the candidates become registered.

Once names are gathered, and any necessary paperwork is assembled, the next step is for the candidate to read and sign the Constitutional Roll of the Council. Once the Constitutional Roll is signed, then others should accompany the candidate to his seat for the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Families should be positioned as closely as possible behind the candidates. Candidates should be assembled on the side of the presentation space that is directly facing the presentation podium. The council officers should be seated from highest ranking officer to lowest ranking, front row to back, then open for guests or additional family members.

5) Who is a family member?

Anyone that the candidate considers a family member or friend. No restrictions.

6) Should there be a Class Honoree?

Yes, a Class Honoree is highly recommended. Following the, due recognition of the Honoree should be stated by either the Presiding Officer, Grand Knight or other as is appropriate. Honoree Scrolls are available from Supplies Online and either the Financial Secretary or Grand Knight can order the Honoree Scroll and the Third Degree Member Certificate.

7) What if the pastor or chaplain is not available for the opening and closing prayer?

Ideally, the pastor or chaplain will be present for the Opening Prayer and can remain until the closing prayer and final blessing. If no priest, then a deacon. If no priest or deacon is available, then the Lecturer, Program Director, Faith Director, or another suitable brother knight should then take the role.

In the case of a priest or deacon being unavailable to deliver the final prayer (*The Prayer for the Canonization of Father McGivney*) the blessing of the congregation is to be omitted.

8) Why is the pastor or chaplain not blessing the rosaries and lapel pins?

The Knights of Columbus rosaries and lapel pins have already been blessed by our Supreme Chaplain prior to their shipment to your council. It would be redundant.

9) Why is the knighting no longer conducted using a sword?

Use of a sword for knighting in the sanctuary is specifically reserved to Papal Knighthood Orders. The Knights of Columbus is a lay organization. Since we are an international Order, every ordinary of every diocese would have to grant permission, which could be rescinded at any time.

As it states in our Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, "*our sword is good works informed by faith.*"

Thus, a knight should form himself in his faith. The knighting with sword will be reserved for the Exemplification of Patriotism.

10) Is the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity to be delivered from memory?

Skillful delivery from memory is the ideal standard and is highly encouraged, however there is no memorization requirement. The artful skill of the delivery is key, whether memorized or read. Regardless, every presenter needs to be fully comfortable with the script to leave a lasting impression on the candidates, and to impress upon families and guests the importance of the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity in the life of a Knights of Columbus member.

11) There is no "pledge of secrecy" for this exemplification. How do members handle the "promises" made in prior ceremonials?

The secrecy which members have promised to observe from all prior degrees has extended far beyond the original intention. Council members extended the "secrecy" of the ceremonial to all aspects of council operation and in many cases to our high visible programs. This was never intended, and as a result this unintended consequence became a barrier for joining or continuing membership. Councils should actively promote all the many great programs that are conducted helping others in need and advancing spirituality.

Naturally, business of the council that may be considered private, as in any business climate, should be guarded with all due consideration to a brother knight. The pledges from the degrees prior to 2011 should be kept. **December 5, 2019**

12) What should be done with robes?

There is not a Ceremonial in the Knights of Columbus where a robe is needed or encouraged. Dispose of all robes in an environmentally friendly manner. Use ceremonial baldrics at any and all Knights of Columbus functions.

13) There is no mention in the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity about the distribution of Membership Cards, when and how are they to be distributed?

The Financial Secretary will distribute membership cards following the Exemplification.

14) There is no mention in the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity about being visited by the Field Agent or in keeping dues current, when should that be done?

It is required that the Field Agent and General Agent be notified of the exemplification, and that they make every effort to attend every ceremony. Their role is to meet and greet candidates. The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity in the historical soliloquy does a deeper dive into the mission of the Order in the insurance aspect than the previous degrees, and thus it should be of no surprise

to candidates that the agents are an integral part of the ceremony. The Field Agent will be schooled on his “meet and greet” script. The agent should be given an opportunity to speak briefly following the exemplification. As a part of the new member on-boarding process these administrative types of items should be discussed.

15) Who should be the investing officer?

The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is intended to be a Council ceremonial function. Thus, the preferred investing officer should be the Grand Knight accompanied by the highest-ranking officers present, based on class size. With larger classes the District Deputy and/or State Deputy or State Deputy representative may be utilized as a knighting officer.

16) Who should speak to the new Third Degree following the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity?

The exemplification is about 30 minutes in total. Any presentation needs to be extremely brief and extraordinarily focused. The highest-ranking officer, the General or Field Agent and the Grand Knight should be recognized for brief remarks, and any announcements for any social that follow. At the conclusion the Financial Secretary should have the membership card available to give to the new Third Degree member.

17) What do the candidates for the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity need to be told about the previous ceremonials?

It is not necessary to discuss the previous ceremonials. **December 5, 2019**

18) We have always taken our candidates for the Second and Third Degree to another council. Why does the Supreme Council want a council to conduct its own ceremonial?

The genius of Father Michael McGivney was the council structure (lodge system) within a fraternal benefit society. A council must invite, admit, welcome, onboard, and retain its members based upon the worth of the council. In this way the council builds parish and community legitimacy as Catholic witnesses and as an extension of Catholic missionary discipleship.

19) What will be the role of the Carolingian Crucifix and the Membership Medallion from the prior ceremonials?

The Carolingian Crucifix and the Membership Medallion would be appropriate gifts from the council. These could be used in many ways. They could be used as “challenge coin” types of recognitions of new members that contribute in a significant way.

20) Will the booklet “*These Men they call Knights*” be updated?

The booklet will henceforth be focused on “who” Knights of Columbus members are, and “how” Knights live their lives, and “what” they must do in their family and parish.

21) The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity does not have the “Charge on the Eucharist” from our Supreme Chaplain nor the “Final Accolade” from Saint John Paul II. What can be done to impart these salient messages?

Certainly, these are important messages. The Council Lecturer can certainly use these as resources during his presentation at council meetings.

22) Why was the Ceremonial shortened and so much cut out?

After an extensive review of the prior ceremonials, all the verbiage that was not specifically related to teaching the important lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was removed for a new script.

As a side note, never was a holistic approach to all Ceremonials reviewed together as a whole. Each prior change was a one-off change, one ceremonial at a time. Once all the redundancy was eliminated, along with the non-essential elements that did not specifically point to teaching our principles, left the true essence of the lesson. It is that lesson that truly imparts what a candidate needs to learn.

23) Why have these changes been made?

The average age of the ceremonials teams continues to climb. The ability to attract Conferring Offices is exponentially difficult. Councils are unwilling to put together a team to conduct the First or Admission Degree, even by reading. The use of the First Degree DVD now accounts for nearly 30% if the admission of all new members. Thus, to attract younger members all the changes have been made. The future of our Order depends upon growth, and growth can only be accomplished with the ability to invite, welcome, and accept new and younger members. To grow as an Order, we must “urgently” increase our membership and especially the membership of younger members. To do this councils must rapidly adopt the Faith in Action programs and the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

24) What will be in the Candidate's Kit (#537)? And other props?

Candidate's Kit:

Rosary
How to Pray the Rosary Card
Lapel Pin
Father McGivney Prayer Card (#10502-A)
These Men They Call Knights (#937)
Shining Armor Award Card (#4292)
Father McGivney Guild Card (#4046)
The cost of the Candidate Kit (#531) will remain at \$3.50 plus shipping.

Council Props:

The fibers in small cable which can be disassembled for candidate use and are available from the Official Ceremonial Suppliers. The cable should be white in color approximately 1" in diameter and 2' in length.
Wooden Crucifix large enough for demonstration purposes. The tree of the crucifix should be long enough to hold and expose the corpus of the Crucified Christ.
Ceremonial Baldrics for Presenters and the Warden.
USA – The English Company
Canada – Roger Saurve
The Wooden Crucifix used is available in Knights Gear. Similar crucifix is available from the Official Ceremonial Suppliers. It is preferred the Crucifix be large enough, and wooden, for all to clearly see the corpus of the body of Jesus Christ crucified. (The Carolingian Crucifix, though beautiful, historic and relevant does not present as well from the ambo (or podium).

25) What about current members that are First or Second Degree?

They take the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity and whether they are an Online Member, First Degree Member, or Second Degree Member, they become a Third Degree Member.

26) Since the implementation of the Combined Ceremonial (Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity) who decides whether the new system or old degrees are conducted?

State Deputy.

27) Can a council take members to another council?

Yes, but it is encouraged for every council to conduct their own ceremonial.

28) How often should the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity be conducted?

Depending on council size, once per quarter to once per month.

29) What if the pastor will not allow us to conduct the new ceremonial in the Church, or the Church is not available?

Conduct the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity at another dignified location.

30) Do teams need to be certified?

No.

31) What forms need to be filed?

The Exemplification Report (#450) will be modified for use for existing Degrees and the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

32) Can we continue to conduct the old degree?

Yes, for an indeterminate time.

33) How soon will translations be available?

Soon!

34) Can a council vote to keep the old degree and robes?

No. Implementation is at the discretion of the State Deputy. A council cannot vote to keep an old degree. We are offering a council the option to continue a parallel path for an indeterminate time. The Board of Directors owns all ceremonials and can recall any and all at their discretion. The State Deputies are granted latitude in all ceremonials conducted within their state.

35) When will the new Constitutional Roll be available?

6 weeks after final approval by Board of Directors.

36) What if an Online Member is attending an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, and at the very last minute wants to join?

Accept him in and then take care of the details afterwards. **December 5, 2019**

37) Has the role of the District Deputy been diminished?

Not in the slightest, the District Deputy provides a teaching and mentoring role helping his councils to succeed and induct their own members.

38) What will be the role of the Conferring Officer, the Third Degree Team members, the Second Degree Team members, and the First Degree team members?

They should all be the mentors and guides to the implementation of the new ceremonial for the Good of the Order. Their guidance and coaching will be invaluable in helping every council in the Order to conduct the exemplification and welcome their own members.

39) Use of the Carolingian Crucifix and Membership Medallion is very popular. Can distribution of these items continue?

Yes, councils may purchase and present to members and others the small Carolingian Crucifix, if they desire, at their own expense. Second (Formation) Degree team supplies were supplied to the teams at no cost to the team, council, district or jurisdiction. The State Ceremonials Chairman, in cooperation with the State Deputy, will decide the best ways to use the existing stocks in the field in an appropriate and consistent



FROM YOUR FORM'S CHAIRMAN

Worthy Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators,

Greetings from sunny, warm Florida. After a week of 80's, high 70's and bright sun, we are having a little rain this evening, a perfect time to talk about K of C forms. The specific form I wish to discuss is #1728, Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. This form is so important because the numbers collected tell Supreme the amount of manpower and money we donate each year.

This year Supreme is asking for 100% participation. Blank forms will only be accepted in extreme cases and permission must come from the State Deputy or the Vice Supreme Master. Basically, if there are members on the roster and officers are listed, a form #1728 must be submitted. Here is the detail of the rules for blank form submission:

2019 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity **Blank Form External Request for Removal Process**

1) Council Forms – Must be approved by State Deputy

- a. Council cannot have any recruitment or awards within the last two years.**
- b. Council cannot have prior form submission/charitable contribution within the last two years.**
- c. If there are officers and members on roster, the form should not be submitted blank.**

2) Assembly Forms - Must be approved by Vice Supreme Master

- a. Assembly cannot have any recruitment or awards within the last two years.**
- b. Assembly cannot have prior form submission/charitable contribution within the last two years.**
- c. If there are officers and members on roster, the form should not be submitted blank.**

The form itself has changed in the last couple years but the information sought is pretty much the same. Hopefully you have collected the necessary information from individual members and appropriate officers are working on the council and assembly numbers. This form may be submitted electronically, check it out in the forms section of kofc.org. Traditionally the deadline for submission has been January 31. I will be receiving weekly updates of those not submitting forms so I can contact you, first by email then by phone.

If you have questions, send me an email to movillesmiths@comcast.net or give me a call at 802-793-3099.

Fraternally,

Dennis R. Smith, Annual Survey Coordinator, State Forms Chairman

PS: Please be sure you are using the most current form to submit your fraternal activities. The effect date on the form should be 11/19. If you go to KofC.org there shouldn't be any problem. This report can be filled and submitted online. If you choose to email a copy it should go to fraternalmission@kofc.org. On the form it asks for "jurisdiction", that is Vermont.

Dennis

Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Council Program Directors,

Greetings and Happy New Year! I hope this writing finds you and your family well. The Advent and Christmas seasons are now behind us and as of this writing the Vermont State Convention is just over 3 months away on April 24-26th 2020 at the Jay Peak Resort in Jay, Vermont.

I haven't received many submissions for the State Service Program awards. As you know, a big part of the Saturday night formal banquet at the State Convention is dedicated to the Awards program. I would hate to have you folks not submit for the wonderful programs that you have done and not receive an award for Council pride and statewide recognition. You all do SO much. Let everyone in the state know! There are several Councils that always submit and have great success in winning awards, you can too!! PLEASE submit your programs for consideration! We would like for it to be hard to choose a winner due to the number of submissions.

Simply fill out the attached State Council Program award form (form # STSP) for each event that you do. You can forward the STSP Program award forms to me as they are completed if you wish. There is a booklet with all the details on the program, it is form #10173. It won't be such a daunting task as State Award time rolls around. Both the form and guideline booklet are attached to this email. Please submit the form along with a detailed write up. Pictures go a long way to show more details and make a better submission. If you are real creative, video is welcome as well. There are also awards given out for Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. Which Council can honestly say that one of your members or families are not worthy of either of these awards?

At the same time, fill in the info on your Columbian Award form (SP-7). This will let you kill two birds with one stone and get you started on your way to success. Receiving an award for what we do as an act of Charity, should not be the reason for the program, but is a very nice and visible sign of what we have accomplished.

The deadline for submissions to me will be **March 28th** I must have them in my possession by that date. This year I will not be able to accept late submissions, please don't wait and risk not being considered. You also must have all your Safe Environment training in place for each required committee chair and Grand Knight.

My job is not only to help you along with State awards, but to keep you abreast of the many programs run by Supreme. These include, but are not limited to:

Coats for Kids, Ultrasound initiative, Family Rosary program (formerly 5th Sunday Rosary program), Vocations RSVP, Relief for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East, Wheelchair initiative, Substance Abuse poster contests, Keep Christ in Christmas, local food shelf, Free Throw contests, Blood Drives, and many, many more. Please check the Supreme Website at www.KofC.org. Look under the Program section and navigate to "Faith in Action " section. There is a guidebook # 10590 , which goes over the new program in detail. Please have your Financial Secretary order one, it is a valuable resource.

This year there are **Four** categories that must be fulfilled on the Columbian award (form SP-7), the categories have been refreshed and combined. They are more faith based and in unison with our parish life. There are as follows:

Faith

Family

Community

Life

Additionally, 1 program in each of these categories are **required**.

Faith – Spiritual Reflection

Family- Consecration to the Holy Family

Community – Helping Hands

Life – Novena for Life

These programs and their descriptions can be found on the website in the handbook I mentioned previously.

Lastly remember that for consideration In the Star Council award category you must :

Submit "Report of Officers Chosen for the Term" form 185 – Due July 1

"Service Program Personnel Report" form 365 – Due

"Semi Annual Council Audit" form 1295 – Due August 15 and February 15

"Columbian Award" form SP-7 Due June 30

Earn the McGivney award – meet quota on Insurance

Earn the Founders Award- meet quota on membership

You must be compliant in Safe Environment training and have the following Council leaders in place and trained:

Grand Knight

Family Director

Community Director

Program Director

These people MUST be compliant in order to receive the Columbian award, and by its's necessity, Star Council award. This has been the case for the last 3 or 4 years. Some councils in our state did not receive their Columbian awards last year due to non- compliance, please don't be one. Diocese and workplace training are not replacements, the only training accepted is the "Safe Environment "training administered through Supreme. Please call me with questions or problems in this area.

ANYONE in the Council is able to and encouraged to take the Safe Environment training. Simply go to www.kofc.org and then navigate to the "Programs" tab then Safe Environment line, it will lead you from there.

Your council must also be current on all assessments to state and Supreme (per capita, Culture of Life, etc.)

I know I have given you a lot of info to think about. Please do not be overwhelmed by this. Please be sure, to include our Field Agent in your programs and functions, they can be a great tool to get you closer to your goals for both membership and insurance. These Brother Knights are some of the greatest assets we have and some of the very best recruiters. Put them into service to help you get the Star Council level.

I would welcome any questions you may have and will get the answer for you if I can't answer your question. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I am easily reachable by phone or email listed below.

Thank you and good luck this year with all your programs. The Knights of Columbus activities we all do, get noticed and appreciated.

Vivat Jesus !Bill LaCroix

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STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS ENTRY FORM

THIS REPORTING FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH COUNCIL AND FORWARDED TO THE STATE COUNCIL.

(A separate reporting form should be completed for each program category.)

CATEGORY (MARK ONE): FAITH FAMILY COMMUNITY LIFE



COUNCIL INFORMATION:

1 COUNCIL NUMBER: _____ TOTAL COUNCIL MEMBERS: _____

GRAND KNIGHT: _____ E-MAIL: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION (complete all sections):

2 PROJECT TITLE: _____ PROJECT DATE: _____

Participation: $\frac{\text{Members}}{\text{Members}} + \frac{\text{Non Members}}{\text{Non Members}} = \frac{0}{\text{Total Participants}}$ $\frac{\text{Total Participants}}{\text{Total Participants}} \times \frac{\text{Hours}}{\text{Hours}} = \frac{0}{\text{Total Volunteer Hours}}$

Program Planning: $\frac{\text{Costs}}{\text{Costs}} \& \frac{\text{Time}}{\text{Time}}$ Members Recruited: _____ Donations: $\frac{\text{Local Currency}}{\text{Local Currency}}$

3 Describe project in detail. Use additional paper if necessary. Supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. Accompanying materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit tapes, videocassettes, DVD's, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.

3a) In the space provided below, briefly describe the purpose and goals of this program. This section must be completed.

DO NOT SUBMIT THIS REPORT FORM TO SUPREME COUNCIL

**ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATE COUNCIL
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMPETITION**

MAIL ORIGINAL TO: State Deputy or State Program Director

COPY TO: Council File

Available in electronic format at www.kofc.org



(continued on reverse)

3b) Whom does this project benefit?

3c) What problem or need did this project resolve?

3d) Why did the council select this project?

3e) Describe the success of the project:

Attest: _____ Signed: _____ Date _____
State Deputy Grand Knight

RUTLAND COUNCIL 232

To start the new year off in the spirit of charity, the Knights of Columbus Council #232 hosted a free dinner open to the public. It occurred on January 5, in St. Anne's Hall, the basement area of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Rutland. From 1:00 to 3:00, over 70 people were served a delicious hot meal, with everything from tender ham and fresh vegetables to gooey macaroni and cheese. Just about everyone came up for second helpings, which was positive feedback for Brother Billy Gillam, the main chef in the kitchen, and Paula Lannon, cook and wife of Brother Mike Lannon.. "They all ate and were satisfied," (Matt 15:37). The Knights not only prepared and served the food, but also distributed it to an additional 40 people in the community who were house-bound and unable to come out for the event. All recipients were very grateful for the meals from the Knights. The event was a success and Council 232 is already discussing when to host another, so as to continue the display of corporal works in the community and glorify God in the spirit of charity.



[REGISTER FOR THE 2020 LIFE SYMPOSIUM](#) - sponsored
by Vermont Right to Life Committee



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! [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! [You can also register by mail](#)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

From: Office of the Supreme Advocate
Date: January 2020
Re: Resolutions Presented at State and Supreme Council Meetings

The Laws of the Knights of Columbus permit State Councils to submit to the Supreme Council resolutions that pertain to issues affecting the entire Order. **It is expected that all such resolutions will be submitted in good faith and in a spirit of charity, unity, and fraternity.** As you prepare for your conventions, please bear in mind the principles and procedures set forth below.

The Supreme Council resolutions process was established to enable subordinate councils to:

- (1) Express gratitude or support for a person, a fraternal program, or a policy of the Order;
- (2) Amend the Constitution or Laws of the Order;
- (3) Express an official position of the Knights of Columbus on matters relevant to the mission and identity of the Order; and
- (4) Offer proposals to enhance the Order's fraternal mission.

State Councils should not submit resolutions that: (1) concern monetary expenditures by the Supreme Council, such as financial grants to organizations; (2) deal exclusively with matters of local significance that are relevant only to that particular jurisdiction; (3) endorse, recognize, commend, or criticize other organizations or persons; (4) propose changes to administrative policies, functions, or procedures of Home Office Departments; or (5) have been repeatedly rejected by delegates to the Supreme Council in recent years.

Resolutions that do not conform to these expectations and purposes may be deemed out of order, in which case they would not be published to the Supreme Convention, and would not be considered by the delegates.

Under the Order's procedures, delegates to the Supreme Council may consider only those resolutions that have been officially adopted by a State Council or submitted to the Supreme Council by the Board of Directors. Resolutions that have not been adopted by the State Council should not be submitted to the Supreme Council. A State Council must affirmatively adopt a resolution in order for the Supreme Council to consider it. "Adoption" of a resolution by a State Council means that the program, policy, or sentiment expressed in the resolution has the support of the delegates to the State Council meeting. By adopting a resolution and submitting it to the Supreme Council, the State Council is effectively stating that it supports the resolution and recommends adoption by the Supreme Council.

A State Council may also use the resolutions process to amend its own by-laws. Upon adoption of a resolution proposing any changes to its by-laws, the State Council shall submit the proposed amendments to the Supreme Secretary, who will forward them to the Supreme Advocate for a preliminary review. The Supreme Advocate will then refer the amendments to the Board of Directors. The Board will consider and vote upon these amendments at its meeting in August.

Pursuant to Section 22 of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus, resolutions adopted by a State Council for consideration by the Supreme Council or the Board of Directors, including proposed amendments to State Council by-laws, must be submitted to the **Office of the Supreme Secretary** no later than June 15. Please submit these resolutions by email using the following email address: supremesecretary@kofc.org

Resolutions received by the Supreme Secretary will be acknowledged in writing and sent to the Office of the Supreme Advocate for purposes of inventory and preliminary review. Once the resolutions are categorized, organized, and published in a booklet, they will be referred to the Committee on Laws and Resolutions. Any resolutions received after June 15 will not be published to the Supreme Convention and will not be considered by the delegates.

Please follow the guidance set forth above. As leaders of your jurisdiction or local council, you should be familiar with the procedure for drafting, reviewing, submitting, and adopting resolutions. For a detailed explanation of the resolutions process and amending state council by-laws, please review the relevant sections of the Officers' Desk Reference, which are found under the "Council and Assembly Issues" tab.

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

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I thank you for all of your articles and making this newsletter a success.

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