# Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism Vermont State Council

February 2021

### **Edition**

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# From the Vermont State Deputy

Greetings my Brother Knights,

Hard to believe that January of 2021 is almost behind us! We are all still struggling with COVID-19 and now the vaccine is out there and available more and more each day.

#### MARCH FOR LIFE:

Last Saturday there were many a Knight on hand for the Mass at St. Augustine's and for the silent march from the Church to the steps of the Capitol building. It was mighty cold out that morning, but there were well over 300 people in attendance and quite a few Knights as well.

Thank you to all of you who were there braving the wind and the cold as well! There were some people from the Columbia Magazine there as well doing interviews and taking quite a few pictures. Stay tuned in the coming months to see our State represented in the Columbia magazine!

#### **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Your form #1728 should have been complete by now and sent to our forms Chair, Dennis Smith; if not, please take a few minutes to get your form filled out for your entire Council and send it to Dennis. Also, you form #1295, Semiannual audit is due to Dennis and Supreme as well by February 15, 2021, so, please make sure you get your Trustees to get this audit completed. Thank you all for taking care of that.

#### **ULTRASOUND UPDATE:**

Fr. Naples met with Deb Couture of Aspire Together and they have currently raised about \$30K for the conversion of the van. They are still in need of roughly \$100k before we can send the van to Colorado for the fit-up and conversion. If you would like to personally help out, please send your check to Aspire Together.

#### MID-YEAR DD MEETING:

Our mid-year meeting was held on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> with the State Officer's, all District Deputies, the State Membership Director along with Paul O'Sullivan and Jose Jimenez from Supreme. The morning literally flew by and there was a multitude of information from Supreme. To highlight just a few: we need to get our councils to have an active retention committee in place. Even more so now with the effects of the pandemic. We need to keep people engaged with the Knights of Columbus on the local level. An example of this is the "Leave No Neighbor Behind" from Supreme. I am asking that each Council have a retention committee in place by March 1<sup>st</sup> and please let your DD know of who is on that committee. The second highlight from the meeting was a membership chair for each and every council. How can we expect to increase our numbers if we don't have a membership chair for each Council? Again, I am asking that each Council have a membership chair in place before March 1<sup>st</sup>. I know a lot of Councils already have a membership chairperson, but for those who do not, please take the time necessary to obtain one. If he needs more members to assist him, please ask your membership to assist him in this endeavor. Thank you!

#### STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAMS:

Once again, if you have done some programs since July 1<sup>st</sup>, please fill out your STSP form and send it to our State Program Director, Bill LaCroix. It does not matter how small or large the event was, but we need to have those forms filled out for the judging of the awards in late March, early April. We want to give recognition where recognition is due!

#### STATE CONVENTION 2021:

Supreme has advised us to continue our planning for the State Convention at Jay Peak Resort the week end of May 14-16, 2021. Currently our plans have been put on hold due to restrictions put in place by Gov. Scott. We will keep you updated as soon as we have more updates.

#### CLOSING PRAYER FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Supreme has asked that you use the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael J. McGivney as your closing prayer for the conclusion of your monthly meeting.

### SCRIPTURE VERSE: 2 Chronicles, Chapter 7, verse 13-14:

"If I close heaven so that there is no rain, if I command the locust to devour the land, if I send pestilence among my people, and if my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land".

That's all for this month!

Vivat Jesus Steve Shover State Deputy

### State Secretary Corner

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope all my Brother Knights and your families are doing well. There are many things we are praying for as we move into the 2nd month into the new year... such as the end of the pandemic, Right to Life, good health, etc., let us also continue to pray for and support our Parishes and Priests. Covid19 has had an impact not only in Mass attendance, but also the financial support of our Churches and Parishes.

I have three items to update on:

One. As we close out the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year's Intellectual Disability Campaign, I would like to thank each participating council for their WONDERFUL support and fund raising for the many charities we have collectively contributed to! In particular, **Camp O'Hagan** – Camp for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities. We've been able to raise \$2664! Many thanks and God Bless to those councils who have participated. The funds are the 'less 20% provided to the State' and any additional monies that councils have donated. Several councils have donated more than the 20% from the Campaign which means the VT State Knights of Columbus can donate more to Camp O'Hagan and send additional participants! I like to send a special loud shout out to Moe Noel for his administrative work on the 'tootsie roll' campaign and to Larry Bellew for serving as our Camp O'Hagan focal point!! I can't speak for GK Brother Larry but I know he wishes we could contribute even more to this very worthy Camp.

Two: Reminder about your council's **Anchor Award** submissions. We have not received many so far... with a final month to go. My job is to collect the applications and submit them to our State Deputy so he may discuss with the State Officers and vote on our 2020-2021 recipient. This is our highest Award provided in the State of VT Jurisdiction, so wouldn't it be awesome if a candidate from your council received this honor/award? It is also an honor to be nominated!! Don't be shy... get your submissions in and as I stated last time, I'm glad to put you in touch with someone from a previous year who created an Anchor Award write up. Send nominations to me – Jim Michael (Roseandjimmichael@gmail.com)

Three: I was a week or two late and our State Deputy had to remind me to send our **2**<sup>nd</sup> **half Fraternal Year Per Capita assessments**. Per our Policy, this is \$7.5 per member (members minus honorary life and minus exempts) per year. Thus, we split it up into 1<sup>st</sup> half and 2<sup>nd</sup> half fraternal years. Thank you to those councils who have already sent in their remittance. BTW, we have received the 1<sup>st</sup> half per capita and charity assessment remittance from every active council!! THANK YOU!!

Hey, one more thing... that's makes 4 items... I want to thank our State Deputy Steve Shover for doing an awesome job so far this Fraternal Year. I don't think many Brother Knights realize how much he cares for our Order and the amount of time he volunteers each week so that we remain an outstanding Catholic Fraternal Organization. As your State Secretary, I tend to 'keep my head' down focusing on the 'bookwork' such as Insurance, Tax Info for our Accountant Ed Malila, Intellectual Dis. Campaign distributions, Per Capitas', Invoices and of course reimbursements, etc. I can do all that from the quiet of my home office space. Our State Deputy reaches out to every council, engages multiple times per week with Supreme representatives, works with our wonderful State Membership Chair – Ed Nuttall and our State Program Dir – Bill LaCroix as well as his State Officers and other committees and events in the State. **Thank you State Deputy Steve!!** 

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can do anything for your council! Let's continue to be a bright light for our Parishes, communities and state with all we do and witness!

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Jim Michael (State Secretary)



### **2021 State Convention update**

We received word from the Jay Peak Resort concerning our convention the weekend of May 14-16 and due to restrictions from Gov. Scott, Jay Peak has informed us that we will NOT be able to hold our convention at their resort.

The convention planning committee is aware of this and I have contacted Supreme for some guidelines for holding our convention virtually. Seeing that the State Council has purchased a zoom app, I am strongly encouraging Supreme to let us use our own format and not fls.

The date of the virtual convention is going to be Saturday, May 1, 2021. There will be more details to follow.

Thank you

Fraternally,

Steve Shover State Deputy

### State Forms Chairman

Worthy Sirs,

Just a friendly reminder for now concerning your council's Fraternal Activities report. Also known as Form #1728, it is due January 31 and there also is a Form 1728A for Fourth Degree assemblies, maybe you could remind your FN's. This form is very important as it gives Supreme a source to calculate the dollars and hours we donate to charity. We will be pestering you until we have 100% participation so please get it submitted soon, I have received very few so far.

Also a reminder that your council's semi-annual audit is due February 15, only about 3 weeks from now. There are a few councils who have not submitted some past audits, time to get those up to date. We also have 3 councils that have not submitted a Form #365, Service Program Personnel, which was due back in August. I will be sending out reminders to the councils in these last 2 groups.

Don't forget to send the "State Deputy" copy to me.

Stay Safe !! Dennis Smith, State Forms Chairman

# PLEASE SEND "STATE DEPUTY" COPIES OF FORMS TO STATE FORMS CHAIRMAN

There still is confusion about where to send the State copies of forms. Although the distribution list says "State Deputy" please send them to State Forms Chairman Dennis Smith at <a href="movillesmiths@comcast.com">movillesmiths@comcast.com</a> or hard copies to 90 Bliss Hill Road, Morrisville, VT 05661. This is particularly true of Forms #185, #365, #1728, SP-7 and the semi-annual audits. Please do not send to both, the State Deputy then has to take time to see if a copy was sent to the SFC. We have been using this system for about 10 years now but many councils are still not following directions. This may be because outgoing officers are not properly instructing new officers. The SFC will also accept copies 4<sup>th</sup> Degree forms such as #186, #1728A and the annual audit.



# CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS

Richard T. Bonner 81, Former District Deputy, Past Grand Knight Springfield Council 2628, entered into his final rest on December 27, 2020.

Dr. Paul Jarvis, Council 7763 Barton-Orleans, 33 years of age, 15 years member, son of DGK Jim Jarvis.

Sir Knight Harvey Robitaille 93, 65 years a member of Newport Council 2285 and Assembly 1157.

Rest in Peace.

### Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

### SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

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(Please use "KofC Scholarship 2020" as the subject )



December 13, 2020

Dear Worthy Grand Knight and Brother:

The Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council Scholastic Achievement Committee appreciates your past efforts in publicizing our awards program and again seeks your assistance in the 2021 program.

Would you kindly read the attached announcement at your December, January, and February Council meetings and include the information in your monthly newsletters. This information has been mailed to all parishes, Vermont high schools, and newspapers. Feel free to publish the announcement with any local media that you may have a working relationship.

The Scholastic Committee is also interested to hearing from any past winners how receiving an award in the past helped them in furthering their education. We are interested in what each winner has done as a result of receiving a post high school education.

Included in this packet is a copy of the application. Feel free to print it and distribute as you find necessary. Copies may also be found at local high schools, from any committee member, Vermont State Knights of Columbus officer or committee chair, or you may contact me directly at the phone number, e-mail, or address above.

Thanks a million for your continued support of the program and Vermont Catholic youth.

Fraternally,

Nicholas J. Conti

Nicholas J. Conti Scholastic Achievement Committee Chair



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(Please use "KofC Scholarship 2020 - Student Name" as the subject )

December 15, 2020

# APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

### 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 2021.

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, 2021 to qualify for an award.

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

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

Failure to submit your essay may also result in the application being invalidated.

Scholarships not claimed by February 1, 2022 will be forfeited and the prize will be given to the next alternate on the list.

Sincerely.

Nicholas J. Conti

Nicholas J. Conti

Scholastic Achievement Committee Chair

This requested information can be mailed or emailed to the Scholarship Committee Chair by March 10, 2021, to the above address. Please use "KofC Scholarship 2020 – Student Name" as the subject of all emails.

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(Please use "KofC Scholarship 2020 - Student Name" as the subject )



#### APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

PART I: To be filled out by the student. Please print or type. Applicant's full name First Middle Last Address City or Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_ Phone Number Date of Birth E-mail Address School you now attend School's Address Name of School's Principal Father's Name Number of siblings also attending a post-high school program Knights of Columbus Council # \_\_\_\_\_\_, Located in (town) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_VT. Give the name of the Council's Financial Secretary Applicant's Home Parish

### Essay:

In your own words, please summarize your chief interests in school, your participation in school, church, and community activities, your chief out-of-school interests and hobbies, your summer or part-time employment, and your plans for the future. Please include any other information that you feel is important to your application. Also include a list of colleges or schools to which you have applied for admission and the names of any that have accepted you.

How did you learn about this scholarship program?

Candidates are strongly encouraged to include letters of recommendation from non-relatives who can address your particular qualifications and financial need.

Please be sure to sign and date the application and mail or email to the Scholarship Committee Chair by March 10, 2021, to the above address. Please use "KofC Scholarship 2020 - Your Name" as the subject of all emails.

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(Please use "KofC Scholarship 2020 - Student Name" as the subject )

Applicant's Full Name



#### APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Part II: Applicant's Personal Record

Please fill in your name and address and give the form to your principal or Guidance Director. Request the rest of the application be filled out promptly and mailed to the Scholarship Committee chair. Your application will <u>not</u> be considered complete until all parts of the application and <u>your essay</u> are received by the committee.

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To School Personnel:			
The above named student is applying for form and return it to the Knight's Scholar			
The Committee desires to receive all info her experience and life situation. The info by the Committee.			
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Please attach a copy of the applicant's Secondary School Record including test records, Principal's or designee's estimate of applicant's success, and recommendation.

This form and requested attachments can be mail or email to the Scholarship Committee Chair by March 10, 2021, to the above address. Please use "KofC Scholarship 2020 – Student Name" as the subject of all emails.

# State Program Director Message

#### Worthy Brothers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to drop you a quick note and remind you that as your Council's do all of the excellent programs you all typically do, not to forget to submit them to me as you complete them. This will allow you to get all of your info down as you complete it and have it still fresh in your mind. Use the Form # STSP to record info and PLEASE submit a separate write up and pictures to increase your chances of winning an award at the State Convention. We don't do programs to get praise or recognition, but is nice when we are rewarded for the good deeds we do. The cutoff for submissions to me is March 31 2021. The State judging committee will be meeting in the first week of April to determine the winners in each category.

Please mail to me if possible, e-mail is OK as well, but I only have a black & white laser printer and you won't get as nice a presentation. I will accept ALL submissions for any award submissions in the 4 categories:

#### -FAITH, -FAMILY, -COMMUNITY, -LIFE

I will also be accepting nominations for Family of the Year and Knight of the Year as well . I think each Council should have no problem

having a worthy submission for both of these two awards! Also, your FS should submit to me the longest continuous serving Brother from your Council so that he can be recognized. This award is for continuous service, not First Degree date.

Also remember that the Star Council requirements have been changed for this Fraternal year, they are:

Columbian Award – for the Programs you all do reported on Form# SP-7 by June 30. Categories listed above and complete 4 programs in each

McGivney Award – for Membership . 5% increase over last years member number on your roster.

 $Founders\ Award-for\ Insurance\ .\ No\ quota\ this\ year\ ,\ Council\ must\ participate\ in\ at\ least\ 2\ Online\ or\ in\ person\ Insurance\ benefit\ informational\ meetings$ 

Safe Environment training - Required for specified leadership positions: Grand Knight , Community , Program and Family Directors

Also , Form #365 Service Program Personnel report and Form #1728 Annual Survey for Fraternal Activity must be submitted and all assessments paid to Supreme and State Councils.

Vivat Jesus!
Fraternally,
Bill LaCroix
State Program Director / State Warden
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# Vermont State Council Knights of Columbus

From: Office of the State Advocate

Date: January 29, 2021

Re: Resolutions to be Presented at State Convention

To: State Officers and Directors, District Deputies and Grand Knights

The Laws of the Knights of Columbus permit subordinate councils to submit to the State 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 the State convention, please bear in mind the principles and procedures set forth below.

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

- Express gratitude or support for a person, a fraternal program, or a policy of the Order;
- 2. Amend the State By-Laws, Policies or Resolutions;
- 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.

Subordinate Councils should not submit resolutions that: (1) concern monetary expenditures by the State Council, such as financial grants to organizations; (2) deal exclusively with matters of local significance that are relevant only to a subordinate council; (3) endorse, recognize, commend, or criticize other organizations; or (4) have been repeatedly rejected by delegates to the State convention in recent years.

Nick Conti – VT State Advocate



From: Office of the State Advocate

Date: January 29, 2021

Re: Safe Environment Training Report

To: State Officers, District Deputies

and Grand Knights

### Safe Environment Participation Rate Report By District

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Active Councils in VT	38	
Complient Councils in VT	10	26%
Non-Complient Councils in VT	28	74%

# **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.

For two program credits toward the Columbian Award -Complete the requirements to qualify for at least one RSVP refund. Councils are required to provide financial support of at least \$500 for a minimum of one seminarian

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.

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. 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. This is a central aspect of RSVP and must be fulfilled in order to satisfy the program requirements. 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!

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, 2020- June 30, 2021 please send me a copy of form 2863 (RSVP form) .

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

Vivat Jesus Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM K of C State Vocations Director

# ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON SEMINARIAN DIRECTORY 2020-2021

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## **Insurance Agent Message**

Dear Brother Knights,

It dawned on me that I've been contributing to this newsletter without having the pleasure of meeting you or even formally introducing myself. I wanted to take this opportunity to do so. My name is Dave Giuliani and I have been your Knights of Columbus representative for over 7 years. I am married with three children. I'm originally from the Barre/Montpelier area and have lived in my wife's hometown of Middlebury for the last 5 years.

I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 13 years and an insurance member for 12 years. My understanding of planning and protection was fairly limited at that time. But then I was educated by another agent of the strengths of the Knights. The Knights of Columbus is a select company that is for Catholics members by Catholics members, we protect our own. Out of the 1500+ financial companies in the industry, the Knights of Columbus ranks in the top 6. There is no better company that you can do business within America.

Now I have become a member of the Million Dollar Round Table. This is an association for elite financial professionals in the top 1% of the industry, across the globe. I wish I could take all the credit, but the truth is the financial products of the Knights of Columbus sell themselves.

There are 3,000+ members and families in VT which I'm more than happy to serve. So if you are interested in a short conversation about what the Knights of Columbus can do for you and your family, please call 802-272-6009 or email me at david.giuiani@kofc.org. God bless,

Dave Giuliani

# Saint Stephen's Council 2284



Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council 2284's Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont presenting a \$500 Gift to Reverend Father Lance Harlow for the evangelical work done at Joseph's House!

### Fr. Gratton Deployed to Middle East

Father Gratton said his last weekend Masses at our Lady of the Valley Parishes (St. Elizabeth Church in Rochester and St. Anthony's Church in Bethel) and Our Lady of the Angel Parish (Randolph) the weekend of Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup>. Father Gratton will

be leaving to take on fulltime duties as Military Chaplain with the Vermont National Guard on deployment in the Middle East. As well as his parish duties with these three local churches Fr. Gratton is also Catholic Chaplain at Norwich University.

Father has also been very active with the Knights of Columbus in the parishes he serves as Chaplain to 3 different Councils. These Councils are Council #9146 Msgr. Edward Sutfin Council Norwich University, Council #10241 George F Johnson Council Bethel/Rochester, and Council #14351 Charles H Phillips Council Randolph.

We Pray that he and the Solders in his care stay safe and remain close to the Lord during their deployment.



### Saint Stephen's Council #2284



Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284's Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont presenting a \$500 Donation to Linda Howe of the Winooski Food Shelf!

### Welcome To The 11th Annual

# Monsignor Thomas J. Ball Memorial Open

Worthy Thanks To Our Presidential Sponsors: Al's French Frys

Bissonette Properties

William G. and Shane W. Bissonette

"The Knights Of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284 Are Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary"

All Proceeds From 'The Jesus Open' Benefit: The Seminarians In The Roman Catholic Diocese Of Burlington; The Catholic Center At UVM; Saint Michael's College Campus Ministry!

Date: Location: Time: Format: Price:

Saturday, May 15th 2021 West Bolton Golf Club Sunrise Mass 7:00 AM

4 Person Team Scramble

\$400.00 Per Team

Tee Times: 8:00 AM ~ 1:30 PM

Fee Includes: Greens Fees With Cart, Delicious Continental

Breakfast, Most Awesome On-Course-Luncheon, Ice Cold Soft Drinks, Putting Contest, Closest-To-The-Pin Contests, Reverend Joseph F. McCarthy \$80,000 Shootout And The Reverend Monsignor Richard G. Lavalley \$1,000,000 Shootout! All Participants Will Receive A Commemorative Gift From The Knights Of

3<sup>rd</sup> Hole: A Hole-In-One Wins A \$10,000 New Appliance Package!

Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284!

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

14th Hole: A Hole-In-One Wins A Sweet 2021 Mercedes~Benz C300!

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

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

Mr. Greg Clairmont, Worthy Grand Knight

# SENATE CHAMBER PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF VERMONT

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Balint, Lyons and Sears

Subject: Declaration of rights; right to personal reproductive liberty

#### PROPOSAL 5

### Sec. 1. PURPOSE

- (a) This proposal would amend the Constitution of the State of Vermont to ensure that every Vermonter is afforded personal reproductive liberty. The Constitution is our founding legal document stating the overarching values of our society. This amendment is in keeping with the values espoused by the current Vermont Constitution. Chapter I, Article 1 declares "That all persons are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights." Chapter I, Article 7 states "That government is, or ought to be, instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security of the people." The core value reflected in Article 7 is that all people should be afforded all the benefits and protections bestowed by the government, and that the government should not confer special advantages upon the privileged. This amendment would reassert the principles of equality and personal liberty reflected in Articles 1 and 7 and ensure that government does not create or perpetuate the legal, social, or economic inferiority of any class of people. This proposed constitutional amendment is not intended to limit the scope of rights and protections afforded by Article 7 or any other provision in the Vermont Constitution.
- (b) The right to reproductive liberty is central to the exercise of personal autonomy and involves decisions people should be able to make free from compulsion of the State. Enshrining this right in the Constitution is critical to ensuring equal protection and treatment under the law and upholding the right of all people to health, dignity, independence, and freedom.

Sec. 2. Article 22 of Chapter I of the Vermont Constitution is added to read:

Article 22. [Personal reproductive liberty]

That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

The amendment set forth in Sec. 2 shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Vermont on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November 2022 when ratified and adopted by the people of this State in accordance with the provisions of 17 V.S.A. chapter 32.

Filed Under: Proposal 5



# Knight News

Council 297





### BLOOD DRIVES

1/14/2021 – We collected 29 units at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Caption: SK Bill Greenwood waiting to give one unit of blood.

1/21/21- Despite the snow and very cold temperature we collected 34 units, and had three (3) new blood donors at St. Albans City Hall. Representation from the Milton Council – Thank you!

Council 297 hosted / volunteered at nine (9) blood drives since 8/12/2020 – The American Red Cross

collected 291 blood donations, and brought in 16 new blood donors.

Information: From 1/21/21 - 3/3/21, KOFC will help. GK 'Valdemar plans to leave for Florida on 3/5/21, in this case, American Red Cross will supply volunteers for the rest of the blood drive dates (3/18/21 - 5/13/21). Please spread the word, we are always in need for more blood donors, and donations.

#	Date	Time	Location	Volunteer Type
1	1/21/2021	10-3 PM	St. Albans City Hall	KOFC
2	2/6/2021	9-2 PM	St. Albans City Hall	KOFC
3	2/19/2021	9-2 PM	St. Albans City Hall	KOFC
4	2/27/2021	9-2 PM	St. Albans City Hall	KOFC
5	3/3/2021	11-4 PM	St. Mary's Parish Hall	KOFC
6	3/18/2021	10-3 PM	St. Albans City Hall	American Red Cross
7	3/25/2021	10-3 PM	St. Albans City Hall	American Red Cross
8	4/8/2021	1030-330 PM	St. Albans City Hall	American Red Cross
9	4/15/2021	10-3 PM	St. Albans City Hall	American Red Cross
10	4/22/2021	10-3 PM	St. Albans City Hall	American Red Cross
11	4/29/2021	10-3 PM	St. Albans City Hall	American Red Cross
12	5/13/2021	1030-330 PM	St. Albans City Hall	American Red Cross

### NATIVITY AND SIGNAGE



Caption: 1/9/21 removal of signage and nativity at Taylor Park Team. From Left to Right: Jim McMillan, Bill Bressette, Bill Greenwood, Teddy Yandow, and Carlos Villareal. Photo Taken By: GK Valdemar Garibay, Location: St. Mary's Basement.



Thank you for everything that you do for the Church and for the community, Bill.

Sir Knight Bill Greenwood. 1st Degree recorded: 12/1/1971. Life Member.

### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST





Left Caption: GK Garibay congratulating the winner for the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade category.

Right Caption: GK Garibay congratulating the winner for the 6th to 8th grade category.

### CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

### RECRUITMENT

Knights of Columbus Council 297 ONLINE Available to All Catholic Families

For all Catholic men and families who might be interested, the Knights of Columbus now has ONLINE MEMBERSHIP available. To become an on-line member you just need to be a practicing Catholic man and at least 18 years of age. To join - you only need to fill out a short form, and then watch an ONLINE video at home at your convenience.

For more details regarding online membership please contact Grand Knight Valdemar Garibay at 802-393-1768, or valdemargaribay10@gmail.com.

For more information about the Knights of Columbus please check out the Into the Breach series of short videos at https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html. These are powerful family messages.

The Knights are all about FAITH, FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIP! THANK YOU!

The link to the Exemplification 24-minute video:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p1c2b86ZM6oZcD4uhtqH6C-SsigZgHCm/view?usp=sharing



# St. Albans Assembly #1149

St. Albans Assembly #1149 sponsored the 2020 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, earlier this winter, for local students in grades 8 thru 12. Participants were asked to submit a 500 - 750 word essay, explaining, amidst the current pandemic, how their faith has helped them to persevere during a difficult time and to share what they learned with others. Awards were presented over the holiday season to the local winners during mass at their respective parishes, thus sharing with their parish community their accomplishment. Winners of this years contest were:

9th Grade: William A. Lawson of St. Luke's Parish in Fairfield, VT 10th Grade: Amiyah Sharp of Holy Angels Parish in St. Albans, VT The essays submitted by both winners have advanced to compete in the National/International competition at the Knights of Columbus Supreme Office in New Haven, CT.

In the first photo, 9th Grade winner, William A. Lawson receives his First Place Certificate and a \$50 Visa gift card from Assembly #1149 Faithful Navigator Jim McMillan, while Fr. Henry Furman (Pastor of St. Lukes Church in Fairfax) looks on.

In the second photo, 10th grade winner, Amiya Sharp receives her First Place Certificate and a \$50 Visa gift card from Assembly #1149 Faithful Navigator Jim McMillan, while her parents and brother look on.





### **MIDTERM MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION ANALYSIS**

### **2 JANUARY 2021**

**Ed Nuttall** 

### WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

Gains Losses Adjusted 23 - 15 = 8

### WHERE ARE THE RECRUITERS?

COUNCIL	RECRUITED	MEMBER NAME	
297	1	MR VALDEMAR GARIBAY	
4684	1	CHRISTOPHER J POIRIER	This list is the total # of
7525	1	DAVID J BULLOCK	Successful Recruiters for
7525	1	STEPHEN L SHOVER	the Period 1 July – 31
9146	1	MR THOMAS B SALOIS	December 2020

## **Analysis of the Membership #'s**

As of 31 December 2020 Districts 1-9 recruited 23 new members but 15 losses were incurred for a net gain of 8, broken down as follows:

<b>DISTRICT</b>	GAIN	LOSS	<u>NET</u>
1	3	4	-1
2	0	4	-4
3	2	0	2
4	1	3	-2
5	1	0	1
6	15	0	15
7	0	0	0
8	0	1	-1
9	1	3	-2
<b>TOTALS</b>	23	15	8

# UNASSGNED TO/TRANSFER FROM COUNCIL 98044 - ONLINE MEMBERSHIP

*	NEW MEMBER	EMAIL	RESIDENCE	COUNCIL	DISTRICT
11	Harvard, Liam	Ramhawai@me.com	Charlotte.	279/3064/no	3/7
19	LaPlume, Guy	australunte@yahoo.com	West Milton	10417/yes	1
21	Lowe, Paul R	postloweighous.org	Georgia	10830/yes	1
25	Mills, Zachary	sscharymth/22@gmail.com	Westford	10830/yes	1
2	Barnard, Paul	derbyhometown@gmail.com	Newport	2285/no	2
6	Castelli, David J.	castelfidavid3@gmail.com	NY	12590	i
29	Raymond, Norman		Newport	2285/yes	1
16	Kimsey, Christopher J	mrakmary@amel.com	Burlington	279/yes	1
33	Schaller, Patrick R	rocknet0@hotmail.com	Burlington	228A/nn	3
4	Bouton, Jason H	Btrian@yahao.com	Essex j <u>et</u>	2945/yes	4
5	Chassano, Richard C	Richard.cassano@td.com	Williston	#684/no	4.
7	Chapman, Andrew R	achapman601@gmail.com	Essex Junction	294d/yes	(4)
18	Stu <u>Laperle</u>	smlaperie@gmail.com	NY.	399	(30)
15	Hoermann, Russ G	russhoermann7@aol.com	Barre	399/yes	5
22	<u>Maille</u> , Nicolas	nicholasmaile@gmail.com	Middlebury	642/yes	5
28	Prindiville, Thomas	tprodytlegtmon.com	Barre	399/yes	3
1	Adams, Logan B	bedamil17@gmail.com	Norwich	9146/yes	
3	Bericochea, Brian T	Brianbericochea@gmail.com	10	9346/yes	
•	Girard, Dominio	Sommigrand@yeboc.com	NH	9346/yes	
10	Grady, Aiden J	egrade@stumerech.edu	MA	9146/yes	
13	Helmin, Andrew	ahelmin@stu.norwich.edu	ct	9146/96	
17	Kussius, Doug A	Dkusskus@gmail.com	Quechen	7025/yes	16

20	Lopes, William Jr	wlopes@norwich.edu	MA	9146/yes	
23	McLaughlin, Thomas	thanesfrancismolaughin@ignail.com	R.I.	9146/yes	- 6
24	McManus, Kieran T	kierantmonanus@idoud.com	Northfield	9146/yes	
27	Piekarski, Robert J.	bjyt94@sbcglobal.net	Northfield	11457/no	- 6
31	Roux, Mark A	Thegurous30@gmail.com	W Lebanon, NH	2025/yes	
32	Salois, Thomas B.	threafots@gmail.com	III.	9146/yes	. 5
34	Tedeschi, John T	/tedesch@norwich.edu	Norwich	9146/yes	. 6
35	Walsh, John P	walsh3@norwich.edu	MA	9146/yes	0.
36	Wilson, Brendan D	SEEPAILSON/SIGNAILCOM	ст	9146/na	4
12	Hatch, Will	whatch@acsdvt.org	Leicester	3654/no	7
14	Hodsden, Keith D	hodsdenkdh@earthlink.net	Bridgort	642/yes	7
30	Rodriguez, Jason	continues confirmation	tirystol.	10535/no	7
8	Doyle Sean	odoylendz17@hotmail.com	Bellows Falls	fratileboss/no	. 6
26	Pennington, John	pennington/07/@genail.com	Guilford	917/no	В

Yes - Member shows up on Council Roster

No - Member does not show up on Council Roster

AS OF 12-29-2020

15 Norwich Cadets

### **REMEMBER THIS**

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH DEPENDANT UPON ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP DOESN'T ACTIVATE SUCCESSFUL COUNCIL RECRUITING  $\mathcal{AND}$ 

LACK F A RESPONSIVE RETENTION PROGRAM LEADS TO COUNCIL STAGNATION

## Grand Knights and Chancellors\* Are Reminded Prospects Must Go Before an Admission Committee Before Being Accepted Into a Council. Procedures Are Outlined Below:

### **HOW TO USE AN ADMISSION COMMITTEE**

The Admission Committee, used correctly, ensures that applicants understand the Order and that the council understands what the candidate expects from his membership. This mutual understanding makes for a more thorough recruitment process and is the first step to membership retention.

- Enlist seven men to serve on the Admission Committee (appointed by the grand knight).
- Print off copies of the <u>Admission Committee Report (#283)</u> and the <u>Admission Committee Inquiries Guide (#390)</u> and distribute to the committee for review/use.
- Forward all membership applications to the grand knight for referral to the Admission Committee within five days.
- Notify all applicants to appear before the committee.
- Conduct an interview using the Admission Committee Inquiries Guide.
- Forward the Admission Committee Report to the grand knight.
- Read the Admission Committee Report at the next meeting. Conduct balloting.
- Ask the man to complete the Member Interest Survey (#1842) to find out what type of activities are of interest to him.
- Inform the candidates of the date of the next First Degree.
- Advise the proposer to accompany his candidate to degree.
- Assign new members to committees/activities that match the interests noted on their Member Interest Surveys.
- Refer to the "Admission Committee Guidelines" section in the <u>Membership Recruitment</u> and Retention Manual (#10237) for complete instructions on the Admission Committee.

\*Chancellor - The chancellor assists both the grand and deputy grand knights in the leading of the council by engaging and strengthening the council's membership. His primary responsibilities include recruiting and retaining members and to this end he should set up events that display the values and principles of the Knights of Columbus. The chancellor should participate in the council's degree team and should serve on both the Admission and Retention committees.



### REPORT OF ADMISSION COMMITTEE

	Council Number:
The Admission Committee interviewe	ed
name	ondate
Our interview and investigation disclo and it is now in order for the application to b	oses that said applicant is a practical Catholic pe presented to the Council.
yes 🔲	no 🔲
Further, we recommend the following	
	ee determines the applicant is not a practical ist sign below – otherwise the signature of the
Submitted by:	
	Admissions Committee Chairman
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### 300 Club Winners as of 01/23/2021

WEEK #1 01/02/2021	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	28	Keith Billado	10830
\$75.00	155	Tom Carney	5041
\$50.00	93	Cedric Snyder	2610
WEEK #2 01/09/2021	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	140	Council #3664, Vergennes	3664
\$75.00	237	Scott Turnbull	2946
\$50.00	213	Mario Fradette	1568
WEEK #3 01/16/2021	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00			
\$75.00	111	Donald Couture	2610
\$50.00	76	Daniel Heter	2610
WEEK #4 01/23/2021	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	198	Bob Noel	421
\$75.00	90	Ray Trainque	2284
\$50.00	265	Dave McAvinney	7943

### **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 <a href="mailto:noelmaurice2@gmail.com">noelmaurice2@gmail.com</a>

### NEXT ISSUE WILL BE March 1, 2021.