



Vermont Knights in Action



Vermont State Council
January, 2020 Edition

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

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From the Vermont State Deputy



State Deputies important
Message Will be sent
later in the week

Rally for Life 2020

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Schedule Details for the 2020 Rally for Life

*10:00am – Warm up at St. Augustine’s Church Hall with coffee and doughnuts.

*10:45am – Gather outside behind City Hall at 10:45am for the March to the Capitol – SIGNS provided by VRLC – those who do not wish to participate in the March are welcome to go directly to the State House and take a seat in House Chambers.

*11:30am – Photo of participants on State House steps.

*Noon – Gather in House Chambers for Speakers. Keynote speaker: Mary Hahn Beerworth, Executive Director, Vermont Right to Life

*Refreshments to follow in the State House cafeteria ~ bring family and friends ~ there is no charge to attend, but donations are welcome.

Church services open to participants before the Rally to begin at 9:30am:

- Lighthouse Christian Church, 3 St Paul Street, Montpelier
- St. Augustine’s Catholic Church, Respect Life Mass, 16 Barre Street Montpelier

How to Plan for Membership in Your Council

By: Eric Johnson

Regional Growth Director, Northeast United States

Council growth is part of our mission, and not we should look at as a chore that we must suffer through together - how can we plan for membership and make it a clear priority for our council?

First and foremost, all good plans start with a goal. Begin with the end in mind. You need to know what your council's goal for new members is this fraternal year. The supreme council gives you a goal. But let's say you don't like that goal. You think it needs to be higher or lower. Fine. What's *your* goal? Know your own goal. What do *you* want to achieve?

Remember: the goal is to have a vibrant and sustainable council. So what does that mean for you? More members? Younger members? More members and younger members?

Once you know what your goal is, you need to have a plan, and you need to hold each other accountable to that plan.

What does a good council membership plan look like, you ask?

A good membership plan needs to be:

- Simple
- Specific
- Year-Round
- A Team Effort

Simplicity is key. We don't need to get too cute. We don't need to search for some new silver bullet. Has recruiting become harder than ever in 21st century America? Of course it has! Is inviting men to be with you impossible? Not hardly! Not according to the 46,000 members Order wide we brought in last year.

What works best is what's always worked best: working with your pastor, working with your agent, running good, simple Delta Church drives, promoting membership at your council events, and challenging your members to invite men that they know to join.

And – and this is a key point – do not miss the obvious. How do members join your council? There is only one-way gentlemen. Degrees! If scheduling and promoting degrees is not part of your membership plan, you will fail.

This membership stuff is not complicated, but it does take work, leadership and organization. The Supreme Council has new tools that can help you specifically with the Church drives and membership promotion at your council events but the point is that it's okay to rely on the basics!

Your plan needs to be specific. It's not enough to say that you want to promote membership at events – because there's no way to gauge success or accountability? You want to promote membership at events. What does that mean? Who are you, as leaders of your councils, going to ask to be responsible for that? You'll want to be clear about that so that everyone knows what's expected of them, and so you can help them with whatever they need.

And your plan needs to be year-round. Membership can't be a part-time activity, if we're going to be successful at ensuring our council's future. There needs to be a consistent and constant focus on it – precisely because we understand why it's so important.

You as council leaders must set that tone from the beginning. If you roll your eyes whenever you're talking about membership, your council will follow your lead. Make membership in your council a team sport!

Speaking of tone – it's your job as grand knight to create a membership culture in your council. From the start, make sure your council knows that membership is a top priority for you and for them this fraternal year.

If your whole council takes membership growth on as their responsibility, you'll succeed. You'll run great programs. You'll serve your parish(es). You'll make a real, tangible impact in your community. Because

you'll have the people to do it and to secure your legacy!

If – alternatively your council sees membership growth as an annoying task best left for the membership director, your council will eventually cease to exist, cease to be relevant, or both. Your community deserves better. Your legacy deserves better.

Challenge your members! Be competitive! Have fun with it. Challenge each member to bring in one new member this fraternal year. Is one too hard? Is one too much? It can't be.

And again – no discussion of membership can happen without focusing on the **WHY**. If your challenge to your members is all about them owing you one recruit “just because,” they will respond by ignoring you or worse. Make them understand the purpose and the mission, why are they supposed to invite new men into our council

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 gbean44@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! Consider the Traveling Chalice Program to pray for Vocations. This is a program the Diocese is promoting.

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

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

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Vivat Jesus

Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM

K of C State Vocations Chairman

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2019-2020

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Faithful Sir Knights,

Retha and I wish you, your families, your Council, and your Assembly a Blessed Year 2020. While we recover from the holidays and start working on new personal resolutions, we need to say “good-bye” to 2019 and all its successes and failures. Pray your “Food For Families” challenge during the Advent Season was a success. (**This program falls under our Order’s “Faith in Action” category under Family**).

The following is a repeat from my January 2018 letter I feel needs to be repeated... I know how routine we hear about our faith as we get older. We allow “routine” phrases, prayers or images fly right by without a second thought.

Have you ever wondered why Baby Jesus lying in the manger is reflected with out-reached hands? I never paid much attention until this Christmas Vigil and Christmas Mass and I **finally** listened to the homily.... Jesus’ out-reached hands are begging each of us to come to Him, to give Him a hug. He is saying, not with vocal words but with the unspoken image of out-reached hands, “I am here for you, I am here to carry you through all that baggage you are carrying”. While I was listening to the homily, the parishioners were asked if they had taken a shower before coming to today’s celebration.... WHAT!!! Yes, a Shower of Confession.... A clean heart and soul, a feeling of refreshment, exactly what the season is all about.... No baggage, no weight.... What a moving homily, it will definitely not be forgotten.

Thank-You to the following Assemblies for their support in the recent Regalia raffle; Bishop Louis DeGoesbriand Assembly 1148, St Albans Assembly 1149, Sheridan Assembly 1152, James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157, and Bishop Robert F. Joyce Assembly 2609. James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157 sold 11 tickets, therefore automatically received 1 chosen winner (**DARREN PION**) and St. Albans Assembly 1149 received the other winning ticket from the drawing by Father Curtis Miller of the remaining tickets (**JAMES McMILLAN**).

Let’s start the year with a little trivia information on the month of January. NOTE: These facts or fictions are taken from various internet sites.

- ❖ The name January came from the Roman god Janus, known as God of new beginnings. The god Janus had two faces which allowed him to look forward into the coming year and backwards into the past year. According to Roman legend, in 700 B.C., the ruler Numa Pompilius added January to the end of the 10-month Roman calendar with 30 days. However, Romans later made January the first month of the year and in 46 B.C. Julius Caesar added a one more day and that’s why there are 31 days in January today.
- ❖ January is also known as the National Volunteer Blood Donor Month. (**This program falls under our Order’s “Faith in Action” category under Community**). Run to your nearest Blood Bank and help those who need it!
- ❖ January 5, 1933 saw the beginning of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and was completed in 6 months.
- ❖ People born in January have a strong motivation to succeed, gain power & earn respect. You are very emotional and a sensitive person by nature, you love children and are basically a home person. Lastly, you tend to get jealous quickly! (**There are 68 Sir Knights whose birthday falls in January**)

With the Scottish folk melody, “Auld Lang Syne” still ringing in my ears - a reminder to forget the past and start anew and enhance my God-given talents and make me a better citizen for others... I say:

Vivat Jesus! and Happy New Year!

George Piette

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Mater Dei Parish Newport 2019 Memorial Tree remembering all those whom have been called to our Heavenly Father.



Father Curtis Miller, Pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish, Barton, selects winning regalia raffle ticket on December 6, 2019

Brother Sir Knights,

Happy New Year 2020 and Blessings to All!



Now that the New Year is upon us, it's a good time to take stock of our successes and failures of the recent past and reckon a course forward. As you know, our order has made some significant changes recently. I remain convinced that these changes were carefully planned and in no way superfluous. Our Order is acting in the best interests of our members, our families, and our Church. If we fail to remain **RELEVANT** and **NEEDED**, we will surely fade away as we see so many other organizations doing.

Times have changed drastically, for the worse. A culture war is raging. There's scandal in the Church and many have fallen away, corruption in our governments at all levels, and division and isolation in our families. There's even a sense of lawlessness, disrespect, and hatred in our society. Many people are "flipping" to the other side. What are we Sir Knights of the Fourth Degree doing about it?

Amid this turbulence, the triad emblem of the Fourth Degree inspires us on a course of action.

- a. The **DOVE**, symbolic of the Holy Spirit reminds us to empower our confirmation as a disciple of Christ with a sacramental life in the Church. In **Unity** with the Holy Spirit and endowed with His gifts, let us Sir Knights be an example to others by observing the precepts of the One, Holy Catholic, and Apostolic Church and encouraging them to join us.
- b. The **Cross**, the sign of God's Love and covenant with man. Let us pray at the foot of His Cross where Jesus gave his mother over to the disciple whom He loved....and us. In **Charity**, let us pray the Rosary daily on our own and together whenever we meet.
- c. The **Globe** reminds us that God created the earth, things visible and invisible. Then He created us in His image and likeness. Our very own lives are a gift from God. Every life is unique and has purpose, and every life is worth living and defending. After all, He sent His only begotten Son to redeem us. In our **Fraternity**, let us be resolved to show our gratitude to our Lord and spend some time in His presence by making personal Holy Hours before His tabernacle where He is really, truly, and substantially present. Remember, our Lord is waiting there for you. Come sit in His presence with an open heart, in silence or prayer, and strengthen your friendship and fraternity with Christ.

Why are some members dithering with the changes of our Order when the world around us wobbles out of control? Instead, let us refocus ourselves by turning our backs to the darkness and towards the light of Christ. Let us recommit ourselves to our leaders in our Order, that in the strength of unity, we may perform the glorious works of our Order and the Fourth Degree. Our member councils look to you to lead the way. As Sir Knights, are we not obliged to lead all of our members after the Cross? The answer is YES. And remember, no one ever said it would be easy.

Vivat Jesus!

Rich McDermott, VSM

Bishop Healy Province

Knights of Columbus



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.

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"**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 Vermont State Council

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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

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Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

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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.



SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

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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

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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 _____

Council # _____, Knights of Columbus, _____ VT.

Give the name of the Council's Financial Secretary _____

Home Parish _____

How did you learn about this scholarship program? _____

In your own words and **handwriting**, 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 a list of colleges or schools to which you have applied for admission and the names of any that have accepted you.

Please include any other information and letters of recommendation that you feel is important to your application. **Candidates are strongly encouraged to include letters of recommendation from non-relatives who can address your particular qualifications and financial need.** Use the reverse side for your summary. Please be sure to sign and date the application and mail to the Scholarship Committee Chair **by March 10, 2020**, to the above address.

Middlebury Council 642

Middlebury Council 642 supported the St Mary's rendition of Las Posadas (a reenactment of Mary and Joseph arriving in Bethlehem) and hosted a delicious pancake breakfast afterwards.



Dear Brother Knights,

For 6 years I have been serving the members of this jurisdiction and I genuinely feel blessed to do so. I'd be glad to share my experiences with any brother Knight who may be considering a career change or is just interested in knowing more about the field agent opportunity. Thank you for your prayers and support.

May God bless all of you and your families this Christmas.

Dave Giuliani

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FAIRFAX, VERMONT YEAR 2019

Dear Friends and Family

Another year has passed with so many events to remember. But one event remains the same – writing this letter to let you know we haven't forgotten you! We hope this letter gives you a laugh or two with some serious moments.

So here we go!

Our 2018 letter went out early that year so we couldn't tell you about Christmas 2018. Alex and Stacie with their two boys came up from Herndon, VA to share the Christmas spirit with us. Alex received his father's 30-06 rifle along with two used Johnson Wool coats, one checkered green and one checkered red. Ed had been saving coins for a number of years, and this year he decided to give the lot to the boys at \$50 apiece. Stacie from Helga.



received jewelry



Then came the Winter Storm 17-18 January 21 where we received 18" of snow. Ed was working that plow and snow blower (Alex gave the **HUSQVARNA STt224** blower to his father as a gift. It's motorized and drags Ed all over the place!) That storm was followed by another one in

March.



On 25 February 2019 Ed and Karolina went through the process of brewing a craft beer. Karolina was taught the proper steps of soaking the cheesecloth bagged with grains in a 3-5 gallon bucket just below boiling point for an hour. The grains were then discarded, and next the malt was then added and boiled for an hour while at the same time adding the hops. The bucket and its contents were cooled down from 212 degrees to 65 degrees at which time the yeast was added to the contents of a 5-gallon bucket with an air lock. The contents were next siphoned into a 5-gallon carboy for 2-4 months.

Just when Old Man Winter was awakening from a long slumber, in comes a storm 22-23 March 2019. Ed not only had to plow the driveway leading to the house, but also had to clear the driveway of tree limbs laddened with heavy snow. That required getting the chainsaws out of storage.



On May 18th a team was assembled to bottle the four brews made back in February.

130 18 oz. bottles were washed with iodine solution, provided with new gaskets and filled twice (second fill for topping off), making 8 cases. The team consisted of Keith and Skyler (just turned 21), Karolina, brother David, and of course Ed "The Master Brewer". The four brews were Bavarian Style Dunkelweizen, Malty Maibock, Octo-beer Fest, and Oom Pah!

Brother Jim called one day to say he and his wife Alice would haul our 26-foot travel trailer with his 1-ton F350 to any location we specified along with their 46-foot motorized recreational home. We accepted electing the

Finger Lakes of New York after the 4th of July. So the 4 of us spent 5 days at Keuka State Park. We spent that time sampling and buying wines, beer and whiskey. The most famous winery for its name was "Pompous Ass Winery" with one wine labeled "Kiss My Ass" with "ass" being a donkey! Dr. Frank



Konistant is famous for starting the Reisling White Wine industry in the Finger Lakes. The sampling of whiskeys/bourbons was a tough one to take!

Not to be out done Brother David and his friend David (pictured below) offered to do the same trip to the Finger Lakes in



August, but this time Brother David would use Ed's Ram 1500 to haul the trailer followed by David using his car with Helga as

a passenger. After setting up the trailer, the two Davids would depart in the car and return in a week. Ed and Helga would spend the week touring in a "Mini Couper" with Tony and Jean, friends from the Fort Polk days, who prepared all of our meals. What a wonderful couple! Oh, yah, we stopped at the "Pompous Ass Winery", again!



We visited with George and Ritha Piette of Newport, VT who hosted us for a weekend. George is the District Master for the VT Knights of Columbus, and he and his wife hosted Ed on his many trips to the Newport region as VT State Membership Director Knights of Columbus. On one of these trips George introduced Ed to his brother's maple sugaring operation. Oh, let's not forget George is a retired Navy veteran and therefore a comrade in arms. Ritha likes to

feed Ed.

Ed's niece, Jessica, was married to Dustin Lamotte at the North Hartland Dam Recreation Park, VT on 19 August 2019. Her son, Eli, joined her in this photo-op. Rev. Kevin B. Christi presided and Hoerace Walker gave her away. Uncles Ed and Brian were in attendance.



August was also a time to say goodbye to Ed's cousin, Buster Furman and his wife, Carol who were departing for their winter home in Florida. Buster and Carol have family in Vermont whom they visit while staying at Lake Elmore, VT for the summer months. We said our goodbyes at the Von Trapp Brewery.



We had to do some maintenance on the house and grounds this year including repairing the steps to the Gazebo accomplished by our friends Greg and Jim; re-setting the footing alignment to the "Fairfax Strombella Swing" set accomplished by our neighbor Jay and his backhoe; and putting in place handrails for the front entrance accomplished by our friend, Kevin.





The month of August was very busy, but room was made for a visit by Alex and his family to Lake

Champlain for a Cruise. A tour of the lake provided a great opportunity for Stacie and the two boys, Griffin and Tucker, to relax and feast on good weather and food.



Stacking wood is always an event drawing people together, and this year was no different, except only six cords were delivered. Our neighbor Kelley was there for us along with Ed's sister and grandson Eli. The boys from the Knights of Columbus were also there for us including Bob, Greg, Keith and Skyler.



Local farmer delivering wood



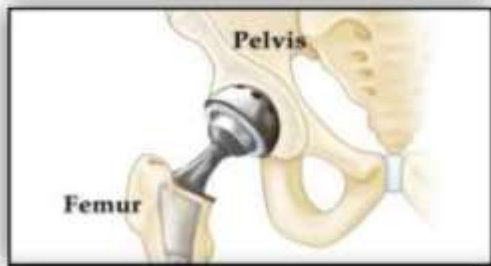
Kelly, next door neighbor stacking



Bob working on the pile



Eli, Skyler and Keith



The big news is Ed fell backwards on the front steps fracturing his right hip. He was brought to Northwest Regional Hospital in St Albans about 9:30 pm on 26 November 2019. The surgeon operated on him the morning of the 27th replacing the ball and stem with metal and inserting a steel rod in the femur. He was released from St Albans HealthCare and Rehab Center on 19 December 2019.

So there you have it: The Nuttall's journey through the trials and tribulations of 2019. We look forward to 2020, but most of all we look forward to hearing from you. If you happen to be in the neighborhood, drop by and stay a while. The door is always open to friends and acquaintances. If it's the Fall Season you're after, be here around Columbus Day Weekend. If it's wine, beer or schnitzel you want, we got it! If you just want to stop and share memories, we're willing to listen and exchange thoughts.

So, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year/Frohe Weihnachten und viel Glück im Neuen Jahr.

Ed & Helga

P.S. Our address is still 109 Tabor Hill Road, Fairfax, VT 05454. Our telephone number remains (802) 849-2753 and our email remains NH47edandhelgaMU41@myfairpoint.net



1982 Schloss Heidelberg, GERMANY Pictured are Ed's Parents

1972 Helga and her mother, Katharina

SENIORS TREATED TO A TURKEY DINNER BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fr. Donald C. Kelly Council 10830 of Fairfax hosted a Turkey Dinner with all the fixings in the BFA Elementary Gymnasium Saturday, 28 December 2019 for any and all seniors wishing to participate. Members of the Deacon Lawson, Billado, Redding, Thompson, B. Bessette and Bedford families along with Maria Minor were responsible for organizing the event. Fr. Henry Furman was in attendance to cheer everyone on. All worker bees and attendees received a Christmas stocking filled with goodies.









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

Lifelines: Entitled *Respect Life Ministry:
A Voice for Those Who Cannot Speak,*

The program features an interview with Deacon Phil Lawson of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, with a focus on its Respect Life Ministry. He details the meaning of human dignity and examines the threats to human dignity at the beginning and end of life: abortion and euthanasia. He sets forth the Church's strong teachings in this area, reiterating the absolute unacceptability of these threats. Deacon Phil then proceeds to lay out an excellent blueprint to promote the Culture of Life; especially in Vermont, which provides essentially no protection for the lives of the unborn and vulnerable elderly. To view: <http://lcatv.org/lifelines-0097> - Please share with others.

(2) Abortion Survey: (used with permission) We recommend subscribing to Guy Page's excellent **Vermont Daily Chronicle**. Continued prayers needed.

Survey: only 29% of Vermonters support unrestricted abortion

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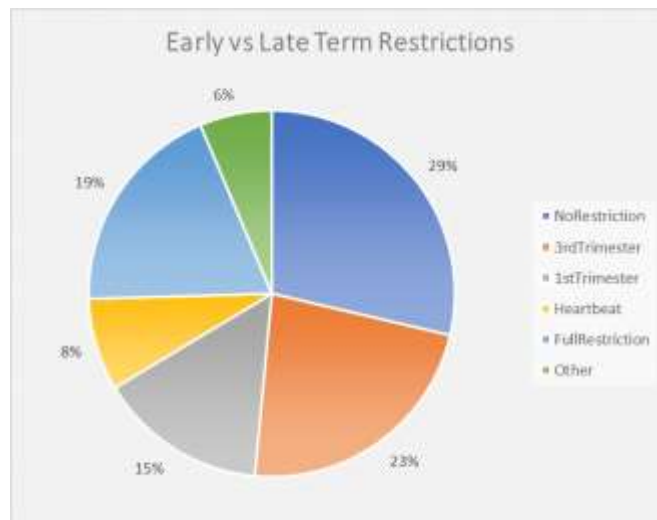


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