



# Vermont Knights in Action



**Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism**  
**Vermont State Council** **January 2021 Edition**

## Vermont State Council Officers



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## From the Vermont State Deputy

Greetings all:

2020 is now behind us; Christmas and New Year’s are done. Do we look back on all the negative of the past year, or are we thankful for the majority of 2020? The Knights of Columbus worldwide have done and accomplished many projects and charitable giving for those less fortunate than ourselves mainly with Leave No Neighbor behind. The pandemic of COVID-19 may have been and continues to be a dark cloud hanging over us, but the Knights have stepped forward and stepped up to help those in our communities that truly needed the help and assistance.

### HOUSEKEEPING:

Form #1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity – please be sure to fill out your survey (each Knight should do so) as Supreme relies on this document to track the many hours of fraternal activity and charitable giving. These are due by January 31, 2021, so again, please take a minute or two to fill out this very important survey.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

If your Council participated in any way for Special Olympics, please fill out the form and send it into Supreme.

## MOBILE ULTRASOUND UPDATE:

We would like to thank Winooski Council # 2284, Greg Clairmont, Grand Knight for their generous donation of \$2,000.00 which put us over the top for reaching our goal of \$50,000.00 !! We have secured a brand new van from Charlebois of Milton, Vermont and Mr. Charlebois also donated \$5,000.00 towards the purchase of the van. Aspire Together is now in the midst of doing a very large fund raiser to cover the cost of converting/retrofitting the van to be used as a mobile ultrasound unit. They are also applying for some grants to cover this cost as well. Before we send the van away for the conversion, Supreme has requested that we have all the funds necessary for to cover this expense. The Supreme office is covering the full cost of the ultrasound machine, but Aspire Together still needs to raise roughly an additional \$50K ! We are hopeful that the van will be hitting the Vermont roads sometime in the late Spring of this year.

## MEMBERSHIP

Firstly I'd like to thank Ed Nuttall for his expertise in rousing up the Councils when it comes to membership. Our goal for the first half of this year was 50 and unfortunately we lost quite a few members who have died between July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. May God have mercy on their souls. It's a sad note that when we lose a member from our jurisdiction, this counts against any new member that has joined our ranks. Understandably this is a difficult time to get new members with COVID-19 still hanging over our heads. But, we/you can take advantage of online membership – the first half of the year saw over 31 men join the Knights in Vermont using the online application. Please ask your Pastor for permission to put a blurb in the parish bulletin with this information.

## NEW FORMAT FOR CONDUCTING A COUNCIL MEETING

By the time you read this, the new format for conducting a meeting should be in the hands of all Grand Knights. Supreme has asked that you begin using this new format at your very next meeting. If you missed the webinar on this from Supreme, it is available on the web site at Supreme:

[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

I have also asked our IPSD Tom Herbst to include a link from our State Website: [www.vtknights.com](http://www.vtknights.com)

## REMINDER

When one of your Council members had died, please be sure to send a notification to Moe Noel for the State Newsletter, Tom Herbst for the web page and Jim Michael, our State Secretary. For Jim, it would be helpful to have the address of the spouse and the Church that he attended.

## CONVENTION:

The planning committee has already met and we are waiting to hear back from the Vermont Department of Health as to our readiness to meet in person. Supreme has asked us to continue our planning as if we are going to meet in person. More news to follow in the upcoming months.

Vivat Jesus

Steve Shover,  
State Deputy

## ***STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER***

### ***January 2021***

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope everyone has had and is having a wonderful Christmas Season!! It has been a challenging year for all of us including our families. Let's remain steadfast in our Catholic Faith and continue to persevere and as a state jurisdiction... let's thrive! Your State Officers, especially our State Deputy have been hard at work, expanding our communication 'footprint'. In other words, our State Council updated and now has an excellent web site where councils are encouraged to update their programs and events, advertisement in Vermont Catholic Magazine and even a facebook presence. Our worthy membership director Ed Nuttall got us all together at St. John Vianney Church back in November to make a video recording of our Order's new Exemplification Degree. I don't think there will be any Oscar nominees, but I think it is pretty good!

From an administrative perspective, I do need to continue to plead for the following councils to remit their First Half Fraternal Year per Capita and Charity Assessments.

7389 Colchester – Invoice 670

11457 Northfield – Invoice 682

Thank you to the DD's of those councils for helping inquire on status.

Our Intellectual Disability Campaign Chair Moe Noel informed me that he had extended the campaign thru month of November so by now, all participating councils should have sent in their proceeds/summary to Moe. We greatly appreciate the efforts of our Councils in collecting funds for our many worthy charities, especially Camp O'Hagan which has been the backbone of this important VT State sponsored charity fund raiser! We will send a final tally of funds collected for Camp O'Hagan once I compile and send to our State Deputy Steve and Intellectual Dis. Campaign Chair Moe for their confirmation.

However, speaking of Camp O'Hagan – Vermont's camp for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, so far the campaign has collected \$2528 for this very worthy State sponsored charity. 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 which funds additional participants!

Lastly, we are half way thru the Fraternal Year, our State Convention is 4.5 to 5 months away... yep, that's reasonably far enough in advance, BUT it is also time to start your nominations for the 2020-2021 ANCHOR AWARD. Final Anchor Award nominees for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year are due end of February 2021.

Please let me know if you need any guidance on the Anchor Award nomination. I'm also glad to put you in contact with council Gks and officer's from previous Anchor Award Recipients. Send nominations to me – Jim Michael (Roseandjimmichael@gmail.com)

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)





Brother Knights!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to the generous councils who got us to and beyond our financial goal to buy a van for Aspire Together's ultrasound program! Winooski Council #2284 put us past the \$50,000 mark with a \$2,000 gift. And roughly at the same time a private donation of \$2,000 was given to go towards the "equipping" of the van. When both of these were pledged we knew we had made it to our milestone! We are calling the latter \$2000 one of our "capstone gifts," and we are nearing \$4000 in such gifts on the successful follow-through to our push for donations from the councils.

To any council that was still considering a gift to the State Council Mobile Ultrasound Fund, please, please, please follow through and make your gift to add to our capstone total. To all brother Knights and their spouses, we ask you personally, how can you support the cause of life for the unborn in the new year? Maybe you will...

- Become a direct personal monthly supporter of a pro-life pregnancy care center.
- Become a personal monthly supporter of Aspire Together's ultrasound programs so that the van we are acquiring can be used successfully in the years to come.
- Consider this opening: the State K of C need a state Culture of Life program chair.

Many thanks to Bob and Judy Sekerak for being our "Culture of Life Couple" for all these years!

May the grace of Christmas and the prayers of the Holy Family be with us this year!

Fr. Tim Naples, State Chaplain

PS from the State Council. To any individual knights who donated more than \$250 to the Mobile Ultrasound fund, please tell us where to send tax acknowledgement. All personal donations less than \$250 can use the check/bank copy as proof of donation.



Worthy Grand Knight Greg Clairmont from Saint Stephen's Council #2284 presenting a pair of \$1,000 checks to Reverend Timothy Naples, Our Worthy State Chaplain, for the "Right to Life Mission" here in Vermont!



Worthy Grand Knight Greg Clairmont from Saint Stephen's Council #2284 presenting a \$5,000 check to Robin McCormick, Patroness of Saint Francis Xavier School, for their ongoing and most wonderful evangelization with the SFX Children!



## CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS

Russell C. Blais, Council 2285 Newport. 93 Years of age, 51 Years of service. Trustee for 25 years.

Robert Malila, age 66, of Walpole, NH, 43 year member, 3rd degree in St John Paul II Council #10417. Robert was the brother of Edward Malila.

George Thurston III, Age 70, Danville Vt., 25 Year member 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Sheridan Council #421

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*

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Scholastic Achievement Committee Chair



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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 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 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 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 not be considered complete until all parts of the application and your essay are received by the committee.

Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_

To School Personnel:

The above named student is applying for a Knights of Columbus State Scholarship. Kindly complete this form and return it to the Knight's Scholarship Committee chair on or before **March 10, 2021**.

The Committee desires to receive all information leading to a better understanding of the applicant and his or her experience and life situation. The information furnished will be treated in a strictly confidential manner by the Committee.

Thank you in advance for your time and effort on the behalf of the student and the Knights of Columbus.

Check (X) to indicate personal characteristics of the applicant:

	Average	Above Average	Superior
A. Social Adjustment	_____	_____	_____
B. Maturity	_____	_____	_____
C. Integrity	_____	_____	_____
D. School Citizenship	_____	_____	_____
E. Achievement related to Ability	_____	_____	_____
Highest CEEB Scores CR _____ M _____ W _____			

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 know you must all be preparing for your Advent and Christmas seasons with plans for family (hopefully). I wanted to just 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.

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 v in the 4 categories:

FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY, LIFE

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.**

In closing , Please have a Blessed and Healthy Advent and Christmas season and lets pray for a great 2021 !

Vivat Jesus!  
Fraternally,  
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State Program Director  
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# Knights of Columbus

## Vermont State Council

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### VT State Resolutions Announcement

**From:** Office of the State Advocate

**Date:** November 29, 2020

**Re:** State Resolutions

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

Worthies,

As announced in the November newsletter, Our State Deputy formed a committee to review the resolutions passed at our 2020 State Convention and create policies where appropriate. Most, but not all, of the resolutions passed at the last convention have been converted into policies. These policies supersede many of the resolutions passed at the 2020 State Convention.

Resolutions 1, 2 and 33, approved at the 2020 State Convention, were not converted into policies. These three resolutions are attached.

A copy of these approved resolutions and the newly approved Vermont State Policies will be available on the new state website in the near future.

Nick Conti

VT State Advocate



**Vermont State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
APPROVED RESOLUTIONS  
AFTER STATE POLICIES  
WERE REMOVED**

From 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vermont State Convention

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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State Advocate

## **VT Resolution # 1**

### **HONORING POPE FRANCIS, OUR BISHOP & SUPREME COUNCIL**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Knights of Columbus of the State of Vermont assembled in the 122<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention offer:

- A. To our most beloved and esteemed Sovereign Pontiff Pope Francis, our sincere best wishes for good health and long, fruitful spiritual leadership with the assurance of our continued loyalty to our Holy Mother Church and to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI the same.
- B. To His Excellency, The Most Reverend Christopher Coyne, Bishop of Burlington, our pledge of love, support and continued prayers for good health.
- C. To our Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Chaplain, Supreme Council Officers and Supreme Board of Directors our prayers that Almighty God will continue to grant them good health, wisdom and inspiration for continued leadership for our Order.

## **VT Resolution # 2**

### **HONORING PAST SUPREME KNIGHT VIRGIL DECHANT**

**WHEREAS**, Virgil C. Dechant Past Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, having served the order as Supreme Knight for 23 years passed away on February 15, 2020

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Knights of Columbus of the State of Vermont assembled in the 122<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention offers condolences to the family of Past Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that The Vermont State Council and all Councils in the Jurisdiction of Vermont have a Mass offered for Virgil Dechant on February 15, 2021.

## **VT Resolution # 33**

### **STATE CONVENTION HOSTING COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus of the great State of Vermont having virtually gathered for the 122<sup>st</sup> annual Convention; and

**WHEREAS**, State Convention host District #2 along with a small planning committee have worked diligently to create a memorable and successful meeting for delegates and their families;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Vermont Knights of Columbus, offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to Committee Co-Chairmen, PSD/DD#2 Moe Noel and PSD Dan McAvinney and their planning committee staff including: SD Thomas A. Herbst Jr., SS Steve Shover, Sharon Noel, Theresa McAvinney, Stan Baranowski, Fr. Curtis Miller, Jim and Kathy Lanctot, Kevin and Eydie Aremburg, Maurice and Linda Brasseur, Gilles Berard, George and Retha Piette, Richard and Deborah Morrissette and Joe Simard as well as selected council members from Districts #2 who provided specialized support; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we express our gratitude to State Chaplain Rev. Timothy Naples for his guidance, prayers and encouragement during the planning of this event, and to State Deputy Thomas A. Herbst Jr., and to State Secretary Steve Shover for their dedication, guidance and support of the Convention planning process.

# Knights of Columbus

## Vermont State Council

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**From:** Office of the State Advocate

**Date:** November 29, 2020

**Re:** Resolutions 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:

1. Express gratitude or support for a person, a fraternal program, or a policy of the Order;
2. Amend the State By-Laws;
3. Amend the State Policies;
4. Express an official position of the Knights of Columbus on matters relevant to the mission and identity of the Order; and
5. 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.

**Resolutions adopted by a Local Council for consideration by the State Council must be submitted to the VT State Advocate no later than March 15.** Please submit these resolutions by email using the following email address:  
[WNMG@AOL.COM](mailto:WNMG@AOL.COM)

Nick Conti  
VT State Advocate

# ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

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Updated August 18, 2020





**Saturday, January 23, 2021**

**You are invited to join us for the  
Annual Rally for Life**

We are pleased to announce that there will be two **church services**, both praying specifically for increased respect for human life. Both services are open to participants before the March to the State House:

**9:30AM ~ Saint Augustine's Church, Respect Life Mass, 16 Barre Street, Montpelier, Vermont, 05602**

**9:30AM ~ Lighthouse Christian Church, 3 St Paul Street, Montpelier, Vermont, 05601**

Immediately following the church services, we will gather together behind City Hall for the annual March to the Capitol. Signs will be provided by VRLC for everyone at that time. Those who do not wish to participate in the March are welcome to go directly to the State House steps for the remaining portions of the event.

There will be a **short ceremony** on the steps of the State House in recognition of the unborn.

A **group photo** of all participants will be taken on the State House steps before conclusion of the program.

We march because we believe in the sanctity of life. We march in remembrance of the millions of unborn babies who were aborted before their birth. And we march in the hope that one day abortion will end.

**Join us for the March from City Hall to the State House**

**on Saturday ~ January 23rd**

**You won't want to miss this one.**

**We hope to see you there!**

**LIFE** face coverings will be provided along with a variety of signs with pro-life messaging.

# *St John Vianney Council*

**Christmas drive thru with Santa Claus & his helpers**



# Fair Haven Council 810 prepares for annual Toys for Joy / Christmas Magic.



PGK Tim Perry delivering a box of toys to "Castleton Cares", for distribution to needy families



Fruit baskets ready for delivery to shut ins



Council Hall full of toys for distribution



25 Bagged Christmas presents for local nursing home residents

## ***Insurance Check-Up for 2021***

Last spring was the busiest I've been in my 7+ year career as your field agent and it was mostly helping members make sure their affairs were in order. One lesson I've learned from 2020 is the importance of periodically reviewing your overall planning and protection program. Whether it was a tax issue, social security, life insurance values, unemployment, small business options, or whatever, I have been working to serve my brother Knights and their families' needs. And there were many.

I encourage all brother Knights to reach out for a review. Having a dedicated agent is considered the biggest benefit of being a member and I'm here to serve everyone, regardless of insurance, for all matters as I mentioned above. Again, this is free of charge and is a service that could provide value to you and your family for generations. Please call, text, or email today.

On that note, to better serve this jurisdiction we need another 1 or 2 field agents. I've brought it up before but now I mention it for those who are considering or are forced to change careers. This was not the path I planned in life but it has been an incredible opportunity. The Knights of Columbus are one of the best life insurance companies in the world with the highest possible rating among insurers in North America. There have been many changes at the Knights with more to come, all of which make for a great time to be a field agent.

Happy new year and God bless you all,

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## ***Bennington's Sunday Night Suppers***

Five members of Council 307 provided take out dinners for the Bennington's Sunday night supper on December 6, 2020. For more than ten years The Second Congregational Church in Bennington has hosted Sunday night dinners for those in need. With the cooperation of other faith communities in the Greater Bennington Interfaith Council this church began to offer a meal every Sunday night, and because hunger has not stopped for any reason including COVID-19. Of course we also followed all the COVID-19 guidelines

Take-out meals were prepared for about 60-90 people. Some guests drive or ride with others, while many walk. We deliver some meals to shut-in neighbors and to the Coalition for the Homeless, which also welcomes our left-overs. Some of our guests are families of 3-8 members and some take meals to their neighbors or someone they know who are hungry.



Council 307 members from left to right, Jay Burnell Faithful Navigator, Michael Daly Grand Knight, David Clark Past Grand Knight, Roger Hebert, Warden Not in photo Gerry McMurray Retention Chairman

## ***Council #5041 Conducts KCIC Program***

Although having to make a few changes, Fr. Boivin Council #5041 of Morrisville was able to conduct its 18<sup>th</sup> annual Keep Christ in Christmas Program. The Traveling Nativity started on its way on the first weekend of Advent. The painted plywood characters were created by council members 18 years ago. Each year Joseph and Mary, riding on a donkey, and 3 sets of kings and camels are moved around Lamoille County to remind residents of the pending birth of our Lord. On Christmas Eve Joseph, Mary and the Baby Jesus arrive at Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish and on Epiphany the kings and camels will arrive to pay homage.

The traditional Light Up for Christ was held at MHNJP on December 1 but without the usual crowd and caroling. In attendance were Deacon Tom Cooney and wife, Connie, Grand Knight Cliff Randall and wife, Susan, and PGK Sonny Hill from the setup committee. Deacon Cooney blessed the tree and Creche, built many years ago by council members and lights were lit.

Council #5041 purchased and mounted new KCIC posters for Most Holy Name in Morrisville and Blessed Sacrament in Stowe.





# Knight News

Council 297



## BLOOD DRIVES

I am very happy to report that we had two blood drives in December. Our final blood drive the year took place on Christmas Eve and the American Red Cross collected a record for blood donations at 45 pints (units). We will continue to hold these blood drives for the new year (2021) as the goal is to continue helping the community.

### Knights of Columbus Council 297 sponsored blood drives information:

#	Date	Time	Location	Blood Donations	New Donors
1	8/12/2020	11 - 4 PM	St. Mary's Parish Hall	31	2
2	9/18/2020	11- 4 PM	St. Albans City Hall	27	2
3	10/22/2020	11 - 4 PM	St. Mary's Parish Hall	31	0
4	11/6/2020	11 - 4 PM	St. Albans City Hall	26	2
5	11/27/2020	11-4 PM	St. Mary's Parish Hall	30	1
6	12/12/2020	11-4 PM	St. Albans City Hall	38	3
7	12/24/2020	9 - 2 PM	St. Albans City Hall	45	3
8	1/14/2021	11- 4 PM	St. Mary's Parish Hall		
9	1/21/2021	12-5 PM	St. Albans City Hall		
10	2/6/2021	9-2 PM	St. Albans City Hall		
11	2/19/2021	10-3 PM	St. Albans City Hall		
12	2/27/2021	9-2 PM	St. Albans City Hall		
13	3/3/2021	11-4 PM	St. Mary's Parish Hall		
<b>Total</b>				228	13
<b>Gallons Donated</b>				28.5	



Caption: Sir Knight and blood drive volunteer Gordon donating blood at the end of the blood drive.

# COMMUNITY CHARITY

**Food Drive:** On 11/27/2020 (Friday), we held a blood drive at St. Mary's Parish Hall. The blood drive was also a food drive. We collected 185.7 lbs. of food, and took it to Northwest Family Foods (The Food Shelf) on 11/30/2020.



**Fairfield Community Center Playground:** The Center's Board of Directors thanked our council for our donation toward the playground. The following was completed: 9 to 12 inches of cedar chips, a MayPole (Circular Swing), an extension to the current play structure, a new sand box, and a new swing set.



We'd like to say a heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated to our Village Playground Project! Here's a few: Stone's, Grady's Golden Goodness Peoples Trust Company Rotary Club of St. Albans, Vermont Gallagher, Flynn & Company, LLP Vermont's Green Mountain Tours Branon Family Maple Orchards Fairfield Market Knights of Columbus Council #297 and so many more!



Left Caption: Fairfield Community Center's new and improved Playground for ages 2 – 12. Showing 9 to 12 inches of cedar chips, swing set, extension with slide to existing play structure, and Circular MayPole.

Right Caption: Facebook post from Fairfield Community Center on 12/29/2020 expressing appreciation toward their village playground donors.



## Aspire Together Mobile Ultrasound Program

On December 16, 2020, State Chaplain Fr. Tim Naples sent me the following update regarding the Aspire Together Mobile Ultrasound Program. I updated our facebook page by copying the following: "The online campaign for small donation, along with many individual conversations for potential donors, made 2020 a huge success for advancing the Mobile Ultrasound Project for Aspire Together. Capstone donations are still coming, and the state council has surpassed the \$50,000 mark! Please continue to support Aspire together and our Vermont Pro-Life Pregnancy Care Centers."

Also, my personal note, I would like to thank everyone for voting in the donation toward this initiative. Also, I would like to thank anyone who gave a personal donation toward this initiative.

## Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Despite Covid-19, we received 19 submissions from the three age groups. I am happy that we participated this year. We received the majority of the submissions from the following groups: St. Mary's Atrium, St. Mary's Homeschool group, and outside friends.

The following table shows the three students who will move on to the District judging in January 2021.

Place	Participant	Representative	Age Bracket
1	Olivia Routhier	St. Mary's Atrium	K - 2nd Grade
1	Emma Trembley	St. Mary's Homeschool	3rd - 5th Grade
1	William Lawson	St. Mary's Homeschool	6th - 8th Grade

### The Three Winning Posters by Age Group.



1st Place: K-2nd grade



1st Place - 3rd-5th grade



1st Place - 6th-8 grade

I would like to thank the judges for helping me score the 19 posters. The following people participated this year in judging: AJ Phillips, Bridget Garibay, Bill Greenwood, Gordon McRae, and GK Valdemar Garibay.

**Keep Christ in Christmas** – On 12/5/2020 from 930 AM to about 11 AM, nine brothers helped with the Keep Christ in Christmas signs and nativity scene. We put up two signs. One sign at St. Mary's on the lawn of the Parish Hall, and the other in front of Holy Angels Rectory. The nativity scene was blessed by Fr. Chalifoux.



Caption: From Left to Right: Jim McMillan, Teddy Yandow, Carlos Villareal, Father Chalifoux, Bill Bressette, GK Valdemar Garibay, Bill Greenwood, AJ Phillips.

**Moving Christmas ornaments** at Holy Angels along with the movement of chairs from the rectory. Afterwards coffee / hot chocolate and donuts.



Caption: Working Crew: Left to Right, Peter Allard, Maurice Bonnette, Bill Bressette, Jim McMillan, Bill Greenwood, Karlos Garibay, Sebastian Garibay, Gordon McRae. Not pictured but helped: Monsignor Routhier, Richard Tremblay, Fr. Chalifoux, and Teddy Yandow. Photograph taken by: GK Valdemar Garibay, Holy Angels Parish Hall, 12/15/2020.

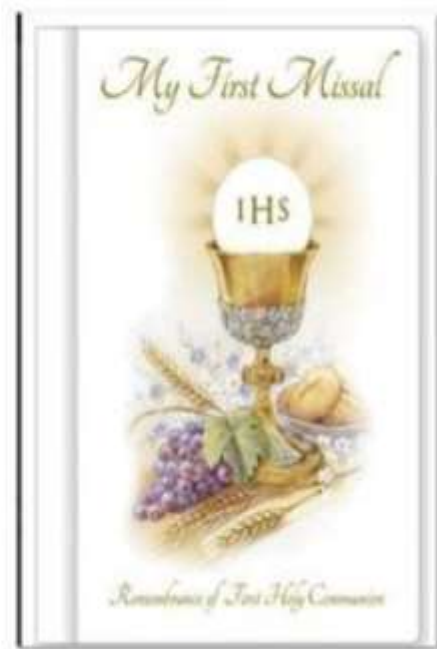
## VOCATIONS DINNER

Bill Greenwood hosted a dinner for the seminarians for the Burlington diocese at his house on 12/28/2020. Fr. Jerry from St. Patrick's / St. Antony's Parish did a wonderful job celebrating the mass and praying for vocations at Bill's house. Dinner was served after the mass. A Rosary was conducted prior to the mass. There were a total of two seminarians, a Priest, and Paul Lowe from FOCUS at Bill's house. The whole purpose of this dinner / mass was to recruit more seminarians to the diocese, and pray for vocations. Bill plans to do another rosary/mass/dinner next year. More information to follow. Noted: Masks and gloves were provided and worn to adhere to the Covid guidelines.

### Council 10241 News

The Sacrament of First Communion was early this year so Father Gratton, Pastor of Our Lady of the Valley Church could be the celebrant, prior to his yearlong deployment with the Vermont Nation Guard. This Mass was celebrated on New Year's Day. We had one young lady receive this Sacrament, Addison Donahue, the Council as we have done in the past purchased a gift for her from The Catholic Company.

This First Communion Missalette is a Remembrance of her special day was presented by Grand Knight Doug Parr .



**FR. DONALD C. KELLY COUNCIL 10830 FAIRFAX SUBMITS THE REDDING FAMILY AS THE VERMONT STATE COUNCIL FAMILY FOR THE FRATERNAL YEAR 2020-2021**

The Redding Family parents, Vince and Mary Beth, and children, Olivia, Lucas, Maria, Sophia, Ali are a fully engaged family serving their church and community. The family as a whole participated in the council caroling and Children's Carnival/chicken BBQ, both annual events.

**Mary Beth & Vince - Married 30 years**

- Lead the Rosary together as a couple @ St. Luke on Zoom in May 2020 and @ Mass in October 2020 for the Months of Mary.

**Vince**

- Helped 3 days @ St. Luke Lawnsale in September 2020
- Finance Committee, Chairman, 2020- ongoing
- Active Member and Treasurer for the Fairfax Council of the Knights of Columbus 2020/2021
- Volunteer Football Coach @ BFA Fairfax HS, Fall of 2020
- Prepared and participated in the council float the community 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- Helped prepare and put into place both the in Christmas" sign and mobile crèche.



*Vince Redding and Bob Thompson  
Organizers of the Children's Carnival*

addition to

"Keep Christ

**Mary Beth**



*Ali, Mary Beth and Sophia Lenten Fish Fry*

- Created flower arrangements for St. Luke's when the churches opened back up in June 2020, and then again for the change of seasons to fall 2020.
- St. Luke Parish Council Member 2020-21
- Wrote and sent out Evangelization Postcards to members of our town of Fairfax community, facilitated by the Legion of Mary, of which she is also a member, from June of 2020 which continues to be on-going
- Prepared the Lenten Fish Fry
- Facilitator of donations to Martha's Community Kitchen in St. Albans, VT throughout 2020
- Weekly volunteer at Martha's Community Kitchen in St.

Albans, VT, throughout 2020, even during the lockdown, as Martha's Kitchen was considered essential to be open

- Hospitality Committee Member for St. Luke Church starting in fall of 2020
- Assisted with food preparation for Seniors recognition dinner
- Operated the ticket gift exchange at the Children's Carnival
- Catholic homeschooling mother to her 6 children throughout the years

*Kyle, left, helping with the Setting up the Crèche*

**Kyle - Age 28**

- Assistant IT Manager @ St. Michael's College. He and his wife, Katie, have been quarantined hardcore during the pandemic.



## Olivia- Age 26

- Catholic Homeschooling Mother to Rosalina (6). Olivia, her husband Brett, and our granddaughter, Rosalina are members of St. Luke Parish. Rosalina is a part of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium program here at St. Luke, and she sang with the choir before the pandemic.



*Olivia at Bean Bag Throw Station*



*Husband Brett at the box and ring throw stations*

- Participated in the Children's Carnival along with husband Brett in the bean bag throw, ring throw and box throw stations

## Lucas - Age 23

- Active member and officer for the Fairfax Council of the Knights of Columbus 2020
- Facilitator and leader for all of the Zoom Rosaries that have been held at St. Luke on Sunday evenings in May and October of 2020
- Helped at the St. Luke Lawnsale in September 2020.
- Frontline worker during the Pandemic Lockdown as Supervisor at Minor's Country Store in Fairfax.



*Lucas, 3rd from left, at Installation of Officers as Chancellor*

## Maria - Age 21

- Frontline worker at Kinderworks Daycare in Essex during the pandemic lockdown, as it was considered essential for the frontline workers at the children's hospitals
- Has been for the past 3 years, and plans to be "St. Nicholas's Helper" in December, handing out ornaments and candy to the children, if we still have it due to the pandemic.
- Participant in the Cancer Walk down in Essex, Summer of 2020



*Maria at the bowling ball station children's carnival*

## Sophia - Age 19

- Sings in the choir at St. Luke (and has since she was 4 years old)
- During the pandemic, where the choir was not allowed, she sang by herself, backed up by Duane Becker, choir director
- Recorded sacred music to be played at Masses, with Duane Becker, on CDs
- Helped at the St. Luke Lawnsale in September 2020
- Frontline worker at Minor's Country Store during the pandemic lockdown, as Minor's Country Store was considered essential
- Participated in the Children's Carnival



*Sophia at Children's Carnival Tire Ring Station*

## Ali - Age 17

- Is a member of The Legion of Mary, who facilitated the Evangelization postcards that were and are being sent out to the community members of Fairfax, and writes and sends them out ongoing throughout 2020-21
- Altar Server (has been since she was 8 years old), and continues to help as much as she is permitted during the pandemic. Usually it means ringing the bells during the consecration.
- Participated in the Children's Carnival
- Helped with food preparation and serving at seniors recognition dinner.



*Ali at Seniors Recognition Dinner*

## **ADDITIONAL PICTURE PHOTOMONTAGE**



*Vince working the lawn sale hot dog stand (orange shirt)*



*Ali working at the Insurance Seminar*



*Ali participating in the council attendance at a Lake Monsters baseball game*

We have also all been very blessed to have set up a small, modest altar in our home for the times that we were not permitted to attend Mass, to participate in Mass on-line. It was a special blessing during the Triduum and the Easter Season, as most weeks we are still able to attend Mass at St. Luke since the re-opening of churches in June.

## ***300 Club***

I would like to thank all of the councils that worked hard and again have sold all of the tickets again this year. The first drawing will be held back a week as I await all of the receipts from some of the Councils. The winners will be posted in the State newsletter monthly.

## **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.**

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