



Vermont Knights in Action



Vermont State Council March, 2017 Edition

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

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STATE DEPUTY PETER LARAMIE

You are all in luck. Time constraints impel me to keep this month's message short. As I must, so I will.

I am still trying to keep my promise to visit each of the local councils before my tenure as your State Deputy expires. This was complicated last month by two winter storms that kept me from visiting Swanton and Richford, so I am going to try it again in March. Hopefully I will be able to finish up my list of councils before the State Convention.

We still have some great incentives out there for individuals who recruit new members this year. Don't stop now.

Please give some thought to hosting the State Bowling Tournament, the State Golf Tournament, the State Free Throw Tournament and the State Soccer Challenge for next year. These are awarded to successful councils at the State Convention, so put your plan together now.

We are in desperate need of a CPA or CA to serve on the State Audit Committee. The time involved is minimal and the committee has many experienced members who have been through the process before. By the way, did I say desperate need? Good. Because that is true. Please contact me at 802-345-9178 to get more information.

I apologize for my lack of je ne sais qua this month. There is so much I should have said. If you will just act on that, we'll be fine.

Vivat Jesus!

WHERE'S THE STATE DEPUTY IN MARCH?

Below are the dates on which I am already booked with K of C events during the month of March. I have another few meetings to schedule yet which will happen this month. I hope to be involved in more area Admission Degrees during the month and I will be overjoyed to hear of others. Please feel free to invite me to your event. I'll come if I can.

Wednesday, March 1, Fair Haven, Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Church Service.

Thursday, March 2, Manchester, Council 6816 Monthly Meeting.

Friday, March 3, Fair Haven Stations of the Cross.

Saturday, March 4, West Rutland with Rutland Assembly 1147 for Mass with Bishop Coyne.

Sunday, March 5, Orwell with Middlebury Assembly 1743 for Mass with Bishop Coyne.

Tuesday, March 7, Swanton, Council 7669 Monthly Meeting. (Snow storm last month.)

Friday, March 10, Waterbury, State Board Meeting (Tentative).

Saturday, March 11, Newport, Knighthood Degree.

Sunday, March 12, Richford, Council 2610 Monthly Meeting.

Wednesday, March 15, Fair Haven, Convention Meeting.

Sunday, March 19, Fair Haven with Fair Haven Assembly 2539 for Mass with Bishop Coyne.

Sunday, March 19, Barre, State Free Throw Tournament.

Saturday, March 25, Ausable Forks, New York, Bishop's Burse Dinner.

Tuesday, March 28, South Burlington, Mass of Gratitude with Bishop Coyne.



DISTRICT MASTER MESSAGE

Worthy Sir Knights,

As we enter the Solemn Season of Lent, I am reminded of our “40 Cans for Lent” and “40 Bucks for Lent” programs. Both are great programs, one supporting local food banks and Parish Food Shelves the other supporting our Middle Eastern Christians and religious minorities suffering religious persecution. However, I ask each SK, through your Assembly, to consider 2 very worthwhile programs with a financial contribution, i.e., “2017 Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage” and the “Military Chaplain Program”.

The 2017 Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage is for our Non-Wounded, Wounded, Ill or Injured Military Personnel attending the 59th Annual International Military Pilgrimage (PMI) May 16-23, 2017. The theme *Dona Nobis Pacem* (Grant Us Peace) and sponsored by the [Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA](#), and the [Knights of Columbus](#) involvement in Lourdes and service to our military.

Military personnel, designated caregivers and volunteers will travel to the Marian shrine for a time of resting, praying and healing. The retreat will consist of spiritual events, special Masses, Eucharistic Procession, Adoration, Procession and Benediction, Blessing of the Sick, a visit to the baths at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, a candlelight vigil and a closing ceremony that draws tens of thousands of troops to the sacred shrine every year.

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese of Military Services said “It will be an occasion to raise our hearts and minds to the Prince of Peace and beg for an increase in understanding and a decrease in strife.”

Each \$2600 donated will send a pilgrim to Lourdes.

Assembly Faithful Comptrollers should mark their collected donations to: **Knights of Columbus Attn: 2017 AMS-KOFC Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage**

The “Military Chaplain Fund” is the scholarship program which helps fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. armed forces. The program will distribute \$1 million in scholarship money to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, over a period of five years at a rate of \$200,000 per year. These funds help produce a new generation of much-needed Catholic chaplains to minister to U.S. military personnel and their families.

The idea for the scholarship developed during Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson’s recent visit to the aircraft carrier USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower*.

It can be very difficult for Catholic members of the armed forces when they’re on forward deployments,” Anderson said. “The U.S. military archdiocese, estimates it needs 800 priests to fully serve all of the Catholic men and women in uniform today, but they are only able to supply 280 – barely a third of the number needed.”

Assembly Faithful Comptrollers should mark their collected donations to: **Military Chaplain Fund Attn: Richie Head, PSD, FVSM 11912 Montfort Circle Glen Allen, VA 23059.**

If every Council and Assembly makes a \$25 donation that would allow us to reach our goal for the state and district to receive credit. Sir Knights, continue to be active in your Council and Assembly – in its charitable workings – in its recruiting works - in its fun activities.

I look forward to meeting you. Please contact me with any questions you may have. Continue your recruitment drive for 4th Degree candidates. May 20th will soon be upon us.

Vivat Jesus!

George Piette

georgepiette@gmail.com, 802-323-2470

My brothers all,

I write today seeking your assistance with the most important charitable campaign of the Fourth Degree, the Military Chaplain's Scholarship Fund.

I have received a letter from, and would like to share a direct quote by the Archdiocese of Military Services, USA.

“What a great job the Knights are doing. Thank you so very much for this support for our co-sponsored men! Thank you, too, for all the ways you and your fellow Knights serve the needs of the AMS. Your generosity is a tremendous blessing to us and those we serve. We are very grateful.”

As you know, there is a great shortage of Catholic Priests serving our brave young men and women in our military service. There are 800 positions available yet we have but 210 active duty Priests serving.

Thanks to your generous support we have ordained 5 men and presently have 37 seminarians serving in the co-sponsored program. Of those, two will be ordained in June and will become Navy Chaplains. Additionally, we will have two Deaconal ordinations in May. Both are on the path to becoming Army Chaplains.

As you can see your hard work is paying dividends, although we have a long way to go we are on the right path to providing Priests for our military members and their families.

Our commitment to the AMS is to raise \$1.4 million dollars by June 30, 2017 to recruit young men to the Priesthood. As of today we have raise \$1,347,737.25.

Brothers, I appeal to you today to commit to raise the balance of \$52,262.75 before the June 30 deadline.

State councils, local councils and assemblies, ladies auxiliaries and individuals, your support is greatly needed if we are to meet our goal. Again I ask for a \$25.00 donation from all councils and assemblies. I ask those state councils that have funds available to be generous and donate what they can.

Pass the helmet (hat) at your next meeting or event and you will be surprised with the generosity of your members.

Again, thank you for what you do for the Knights of Columbus and the Fourth Degree. I appreciate each and every one of you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis J. Stoddard", written in a cursive style.

Dennis J. Stoddard
Supreme Master

VOCATIONS

I have been receiving calls in regards to providing scholarships to the seminarians by a number of councils and I received this E-mail from one of the Grand Knights. (See below)

I was told by another Grand Knight that his priest told him someone left \$10,000,000 to be used to exclusively support the seminarians. He was told everything is now paid for. Everything includes tuition, food, car expenses, personal items etc. He was also told, this being the case, there may be better places to donate to.

I contacted Fr. Jon Schnobrich, Diocesan Director of Vocations

Could you please let me know if the statement above is correct so that I could provide the proper information to our councils?

Answer: from Fr. Jon Schnobrich

It is true that the Diocese received a bequest for 10 million dollars a few years ago earmarked for vocations. However, we are only able to use a percentage of that gift for seminary education, formation, and promotion, with the base of the gift restricted from being used. Because of the rising costs of seminary education, formation, travel, books, etc., our men from Vermont do have what they need. Yet, the extra help that comes from the Knights not only gives them a little extra if they would like to go out for dinner with some of their classmates, or have a little extra gas money, or be able to buy Christmas gifts for their families, but also affirms your support of their vocation. So, while the priest that spoke that information was ½ correct in that a gift was given to the Diocese for vocations, the perception that we have more than enough to cover all our costs is unfortunately not totally the case. So, again, the support from the RSVP program was and is deeply appreciated by myself, and most especially by our seminarians.

In Christ

Fr. Jon

Our (RSVP) Scholarship money is used by seminarians and those in religious formation for books, car insurance and maintenance, travel during vacations, clerical clothing, emergency expenditures and other living expenses.

I ask that all our councils work with me as your State Vocations Chairman to ensure the proper and complete implementation of the RSVP program to ensure that every seminarian sponsored by the diocese is included in the RSVP program.

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, 16 - June 30, 17 please send me a copy of form 2863 (RSVP form).

Priests, Brothers, Nuns...They need us, we need them...Vocations are everybody's business. Pray for Vocations.

Fraternally,

Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM, Vocations Chairman

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ICON SCHEDULE

Northern Councils

District 5 Dan McAvinney

Dates	Council#	Town
2/24-3/2	7943	Troy
3/3-3/9	2085	Waterbury
3/10-3/16	399	Central Vermont

District 2 WSM George Piette

Dates	Council#	Town
3/17-3/23	1568	Hardwick
3/24-3/30	5041	Morrisville
3/31-4/6	7763	Orleans
4/7-4/20	2285	Newport - extra time for Holy Week and Easter
4/21-4/27	13574	Lyndonville
4/28-5/12	421	St. Johnsbury - Extra week as this council is responsible for bringing the Icon to the State Convention.

Southern Councils

District 9 WSD Peter M. Laramie

Dates	Council#	Town
11/25-12/1	810	Fair Haven

12/2-12/8	232	Rutland
12/9-12/15	6816	Manchester
12/16-12/22	307	Bennington

District 8 Bil Silva

Dates	Council#	Town
12/23-12/30	917	Brattleboro
12/30-1/5	917	Brattleboro
1/6-1/12	753	Bellows Falls
1/13-1/19	2628	Springfield
1/20-1/26	7324	Ludlow
1/27-2/2	2832	Windsor

District 6 Tom Herbst, Jr.

Dates	Council#	Town
2/3-2/9	2025	White River Junction
2/10-2/16	10241	Bethel
2/17-2/23	14351	Randolph
2/24-3/2	11457	Northfield
3/3-3/9	9146	Norwich University

District 7 Bill Scott

Dates	Council#	Town
3/10-3/16	10535	Bristol
3/17-3/23	642	Middlebury
3/24-3/30	664	Vergennes

HOLY FAMILY ICON MASS ST LUKE'S

On 28/29 January 2017 Council 10830 celebrated the arrival of the Holy Family Icon at St Luke's and Ascension Churches. Shown on the left is 4th Degree Knight Richard Brandt who carried the icon during the procession to the altar.



DGK/DD#1 Ed Nuttall and GK Keith Billado assisted Dick in carrying the icon then

PRESENTATION OF NOTEBOOKS

On 7 February 2017 while at Council 10417 Milton, District Deputy #1 Ed Nuttall presented to Deputy Grand Knight Lonnie Sweet (Left) and Membership Director Ed Malila (Right) portfolio notebooks from Knights of Columbus. Lonnie was pulling triple duty as Recorder, Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director. Both men are valuable assets to the Council



EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION DAY IN MONTPELIER



On February 10, 2017 SD Peter Laramie presents Brother Knight Ryan Aremburg with a certificate of congratulations from The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.

Brother Knights Kevin Aremburg PGK, David Ely, Ryan Aremburg, Adam Aremburg, and Peter Laramie SD



On 16 February 2017 District #1 held a Formation Degree at Holy Angels Parish Hall, St Albans. District Deputy #1 Ed Nuttall played the role of Degree District Deputy with Grand Knight James McMillan playing the role of Degree Grand Knight and Charles Brown the role of Chancellor. One candidate, Kenneth J. Weliczka from Council 4684 Richmond received his degree.

Pictured above first row left to right are: District Deputy #1, Ed Nuttall, Council 10830 Fairfax; Thomas Heasley, Team Warden, Council 7669

Swanton; Paul Niekrewicz, Council 4684 Richmond; Kenneth J. Weliczka, Council 4684 Richmond; Spike Robinson, Council 4684 Richmond; GK James McMillan, Council 297 St. Albans.

Pictured above 2nd row: DD#4 Chris Poirier, Council 4684 Richmond; Doug St. Amour, Council 4684 Richmond; Mike Thompson, Music Man, Council 10417 Milton; Moise Viau, Cross-Bearer, Council 297 St. Albans; Charles Brown, Chancellor, Council 7525 South Burlington;



GK James McMillan presents Formation Degree Certificate and Carolingian Crucifix to Kenneth J. Weliczka. *(The crucifix is a replica of the one hanging in St. Mary's Church. The top of the cross features Christ the King. The right arm of the cross depicts the Sorrowful Mother while the left arm features St. John the Evangelist. Beneath the foot support of the cross are reliefs of Saint*



On 18 February 2017 District #1 held its Annual Free Throw Competition at BFA Fairfax Elementary Gym. Competitors came from Council 2610 Richford and Council 10830 Fairfax. Winners from “boys age group” 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14 moved on the State Competition to be held in Barre, VT 19 March 2017.



Council 10830 of Fairfax hosted the event. From left to right are shown: Skyler Billado, GK Keith Billado, DD#1 Ed Nuttall and FS Jim Groseclose.

Each participant was awarded a Knights of Columbus Medallion.



DISTRICT 2 BASKETBALL FREE THROW COMPETITION



Congratulations to District 2 Basketball Free Throw Competition winners pictured (L-R):
10-Yr Old - XAVIER HILL, Council 1568; 9-Yr Old - ETHAN GANN, Council 1568;
13-Yr Old – DEANNA GANN, Council 1568; 11-Yr Old - ZACHARY HALE, Council 13574;
GEORGE PIETTE, District Deputy #2; 12-Yr Old - GAVIN WILLIAMS, Council 13574;
11-Yr Old - KAYLEE WEAVER, Council 421; 12-Yr Old - LILIAN KITTREDGE, Council 421;
9 -Yr Old - CASSIDY KITTREDGE, Council 421; and 10-Yr Old - BROOKE-LYN ROBINSON, Council 13574

There were a total of 18 participants representing the following Councils; St. Johnsbury Sheridan Council 421 – Hardwick Brownson Council 1568 – Morrisville Fr. Boivin Council 5041 - Orleans St. Theresa-St. John Council 7763 - and Lyndonville St. Elizabeth Council 13574.

Worthy Faithful Navigators,

The introduction of the Silver Rose program booklet states, "As Catholics, we are called to be a people of life, therefore, we turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary, under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, as we seek to bear witness to the reality that every human life is sacred and a gift from God." See attached file: Silver Rose Story - One Life

As this year's State Silver Rose Chairman, I look forward to working with you this year in organizing and conducting the Silver Rose program in our beautiful State of Vermont. The 2017 schedule for the Silver Rose is set, and **Vermont will have the Rose from May 29 to June 18**. This year we will receive the Rose from our Brothers in NY and pass it on to our Brothers in NY. If your Council and/or Assembly is interested in hosting the Silver Rose please let me know by March 30, 2017 so that I can make up the schedule for Vermont.

For additional information about the program, please go to the K of C website at: www.kofc.org. On the home page, click on "Engaged in Service," then "Service Programs," "Church," and "Running of the Rose." If you have any questions concerning the Route schedule, procedures, or the program materials, please contact me.

Thank you for helping to make the 2017 Silver Rose Run a prayerful witness to the sacredness of every human life.

Fraternally,

Roger Dickinson,
(802) 373-7135, dcknsn95@myfairpoint.net



One Life, One Rose
Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program

The Story of the Silver Rose

Our Lady of Guadalupe has done so much for her people and Mexico that the Columbian Squires in Monterrey, Mexico, wanted to give something back to her.

The group headed by Brother Miguel Martinez Estrada, Grand Knight Andreas Saucedo and Fray Margil De Jesus of Knights of Columbus Council 2312 in Monterrey, Mexico, came up with the idea of running a rose to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey. They wanted to invite Squires from two other countries on the North American Continent to participate. They contacted Squires from Laredo, Texas, to London, Ontario, Canada.

London Squires asked to start the relay running of the Rose from there through the United States and finishing up in Mexico.

The first Rose was blessed by Bishop John C. Cody in London. It was then flown to New York where it was received by Grand Knight Joseph Thomasen, who in turn took it to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart who then took the Rose to Dallas, Texas, and delivered it to district officers of the state of Texas. Brother Knight Jack Collerin received the Rose and sent it to Laredo, Texas where the Rose was received by Squires from Monterrey, Mexico at the International Bridge in Laredo.

The Squires then ran the Rose from the International Bridge to Monterrey, ending the Rose run at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey.

The First Rose was a natural rose. The Squires wished to make yet another relay run in 1961, but due to the condition of the Rose it could not be used again. Grand Knight Arthur Mount at Council 1134, Reverend Edward Gatfield and Bishop John C. Cody decided to make a bronze rose and sent it to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico.

When Fray Antonio de Jesus Sacedon and the Squires of Circle 660 in Monterrey heard of the bronze rose, they decided to call upon Brother Miguel Martinez Montoya (owner of Joyeria Rosine) in Monterrey to make them a silver rose because silver is one of Mexico's precious metals.

The jeweler saw a beautiful bed of roses in a garden owned by Mrs. Shirla Ostwowk. He asked if he could have a rose as a model for the making of the "Silver Rose." Mr. Montoya explained what had happened to the original rose in 1960 and what Canada was doing for Our Lady in Monterrey. Once she heard about the making of the "Silver Rose" she gladly gave him the rose and the stem to which it was attached as a model. Subsequently, Mr. Montoya made all of the "Silver Roses" from 1961 to 1997.

The first "Silver Rose" was blessed by Bishop Alfonso Espino Silva. This rose was then sent on to New Haven to the Supreme Council Office. The Bronze Rose was blessed by Bishop Cody. It was received by Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart. Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York so admired both roses he kept them for a special Mass before having them flown to Dallas, Texas. There the Knights again sent the roses to Laredo where they were transferred to Mexico in the middle of the International Bridge on their way to Monterrey.

From 1961 until the early 1990s, Knights from Mexico, Texas and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province of the Fourth Degree kept the Silver Rose tradition alive. In the 1990s Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant decided to make the Silver Rose a Supreme Council program. The first effort consisted of one route carrying a Silver Rose from London through the central U.S. to Texas for transfer to Mexico. Soon there were three Silver Rose routes, one mimicking the original route; another starting in Manitoba and moving to British Columbia, then down to the Pacific Coast before turning east into Arizona and on to Texas; and a third route starting in

New York, then down the eastern seaboard, then to several southern states to Texas. After meeting in Laredo, the three roses were transferred to Mexico for the closing prayer service at the Basilica in Monterrey on Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson shaped the program as a culture of life effort at the 119th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Toronto. The annual effort “is a perfect program for the Knights of Columbus,” said Supreme Knight Anderson. “Through it we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the Order, but we also reaffirm the Order’s dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of ‘One Life, One Rose,’ it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.”

In 2016, one Rose began its journey in Saskatchewan, moving south through the Rocky Mountain and Plains states to Texas. A second Rose started its route in Manitoba, moving south through the Upper Plains states and then further south to Texas and Mexico. A third Rose began in Alberta, moving westward to British Columbia and then down the Pacific coast through California before turning eastward to Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, before crossing into Mexico. The fourth Rose started in Ontario, moved south to Kentucky and then east to end in Washington, D.C. The fifth Rose moved from Virginia south along the Eastern Seaboard and then west through the Gulf states to Texas. The sixth Rose traveled from Maine through New York and New England to conclude its journey at St. Mary’s Church in New Haven, birth place of the Order. This year’s program ends on Dec. 12, 2017, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Applications are due March 10, 2017 for this year’s program. They may be e-mailed to james.candon2@yahoo.com or via the post office to: James Candon, VT K of C Scholastic Chairman, 21 Williams Street, Rutland, VT 05701.

The winners will be announced at the state convention April 28-30 in Montpelier.

Any questions please contact Jim at either address above or by phone at (802)-855-3095. Applications are also available in local high schools.

STATE MEMBERSHIP

March is Founders Month. Supreme highly encourages all Councils to conduct church drives to recruit new members. Please contact your District Deputies with the dates of your Council drives, number of materials distributed and applications returned signed. Please also send the dates of Admission Degrees scheduled.

To date there are still 17 Councils who have yet to recruit a new member this fraternal year. Only Norwich and Richmond have met or exceeded their membership quota. At the end of December 62 new Knights joined the Order. Since January 1 we have taken in less than 10 new members according to Supreme. Let’s hope that the church drives will bring in members as the statewide membership has dropped by 21 since July 1, 2016.

If you wish me to e-mail dates for upcoming Degrees please e-mail me the information about two weeks a head of time.

Vergennes Degree Team has scheduled an Admission Degree for **11:30 AM Sunday March 5th at St. Peter's Parish Hall**. Candidates are invited to attend 10:30 Mass with families and attend a light lunch following the Degree. Contact DD 3 7/GK Bill Scott with questions or number attending

DISTRICT 2 UPCOMING DEGREES

THESE ARE CEREMONIES – SHIRT & TIE REQUIRED, NO SHORTS

Friendly reminder, Worthy Sirs, please plan accordingly if you plan on having candidates at any of our upcoming degree dates. Show times are 6:30 pm with the degree commencing at 7:00 pm with the exception of the Knighthood Degree. Please let me know soonest your Candidate's name and degree he will be taking in order to have a certificate available.

ADMISSION DEGREE:

Wednesday, March 8th – Fr. Boivin Council 5041 – Morrisville (GK Joe Ciccolo, theciccolos@gmail.com)

Tuesday, April 18th – Gibbons Council 2285 – Newport/Derby Line (GK Maurice Brasseur, braslinbritmoe@hotmail.com)

Thursday, May 11th – Brownson Council 1568 – Hardwick (GK Bear Bessette, wildcatbus@myfairpoint.net)

Tuesday, June 6th – Sheridan Council 421 – St. Johnsbury (GK Stan Baronowski, jadju1@charter.net)

FORMATION DEGREE:

Tuesday, February 22nd – Sheridan Council 421 – St. Johnsbury (GK Stan Baronowski, jadju1@charter.net)

Wednesday, April 12th – Fr. Boivin Council 5041 – Morrisville (GK Joe Ciccolo, theciccolos@gmail.com)

Thursday, June 8th – Brownson Council 1568 – Hardwick (GK Bear Bessette, wildcatbus@myfairpoint.net)

***** KNIIGHTHOOD DEGREE***** MAY INCLUDE A FORMATION DEGREE IF REQUIRED:

Saturday, March 11th - Gibbons Council 2285 – Newport/Derby Line (GK Maurice Brasseur, braslinbritmoe@hotmail.com)

Saturday, June 10th – St. Theresa-St. John Council 7763 – Orleans (GK Darin Fortin 754-2262)

Jim Candon
Membership Director

Jurisdiction of Vermont State Membership Incentives

Vermont's Top Recruiter (July 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017) will receive a trip for himself and his spouse to the 2017 Vermont State Convention at the Capital Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Montpelier, Vermont in addition to any other membership incentive. (He must have recruited a minimum of 5 new members. The tie for this or any other membership incentive will go to the recruiter whose most recent recruit received his Admission Degree first.)

Each Top District Recruiter (July 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017) will receive a set of enameled cufflinks (his choice of Emblem of the Order or Fourth Degree. He must have recruited a minimum of 4 new members).

The First 5 Recruiters to Recruit 3 New Members (July 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017) will receive a gift card valued at \$50. The gift card will be upgraded to \$80 if the 3 New Member goal is reached by October 31, 2016.

Each Recruiter Recruiting at least 3 New Members – other than the First Five – (July 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017) will receive a gift card valued at \$30. The gift card will be upgraded to \$60 if the new member goal is reached by October 31, 2016.

Each Recruiter With At Least One Recruit (Admission Degree Date post July 1, 2016)

Who Earns the Shining Armor Award by May 31, 2017 will receive a Howard Miller mantle clock valued at \$55.

Each Recruiter (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) will receive a Vermont Development Drive 365 coffee mug. (Limit one per year.)

Councils Which Meet Their Membership Quota by December 31, 2016 will receive a 50% discount on their 2nd Half State Per Capita bill as long as all other State Council assessments have been paid. They will receive a 65% discount on the same assessment if they reach their Membership Quota by November 15, 2016.

District Deputies Who Have 2 Councils Which Meet Their Membership Quota by April 10, 2017 will receive a Knights of Columbus Gents' Two-tone Sports Watch.

“Recruited” means that the recruit has received his Admission Degree.

STATE-WIDE DAY OF PRAYER FOR CLERGY

The state-wide day of prayer for Clergy is scheduled for May 13, 2017 and while that may seem like a long time away, now is the time to commit to your hour slot and notify your council and your Chapin of the date/time. Council 7525 is coordinating this for our state and you can connect with Brother Patrick Leduc (pleducvt@gmail.com or 598-4246) with questions and to **Sign up for your council's hour.**

Each council is asked to sign up for an hour of prayer on May 13st in support of our Clergy. Each council can manage their hour of prayer in any way they see fit. An hour of silent vigil, an hour of rosary followed by open prayer and meditation, and hour of adoration, a mass, or something else you come up with as a council. You can conduct the hour of prayer any place you wish; council hall, Church, parish hall, or other location. Invite the parish community to join you. Invite wives, family.....

Again this year we hope to include a notice in the Chancery Bulletin that all your chaplain's will see. Let's get 100% participation in this meaningful and simple event!

Brother Patrick, working with our State Chaplin, will be providing you a current list of the clergy in the state of Vermont for you to use in your program or in the pre-designed program that you have the option to use. Look for that information soon.

Patrick J. Leduc
Council 7525
South Burlington, VT



12TH ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 "300 CLUB"

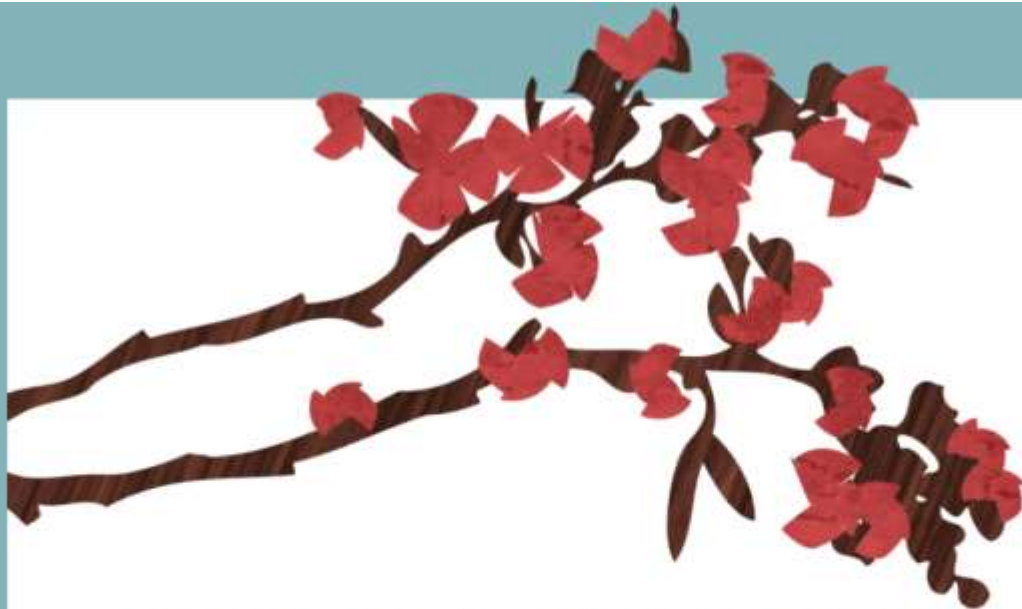
As of 02/25/2017

WEEK #1	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	209	Rev. William Giroux	297
\$75.00	39	Thomas E DeVarney	2284
\$50.00	205	St. Edmund of Canturbury Council 7669	7669
WEEK #2	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	262	Greg Clairmont	2284
\$75.00	44	Leo Fairbanks	232
\$50.00	9	Tom Curran	10417
WEEK #3	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	12	Frank Partsch	399
\$75.00	139	Bill & Donna Scott	3664
\$50.00	199	Jim Jones	11457
WEEK #4	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	96	Herbert A Moore	2832
\$75.00	190	David Lavallee	297
\$50.00	239	John Cushing	10417
WEEK #5	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	264	Vincent Matteis	13574
\$75.00	150	Michael Rouleau	399
\$50.00	40	Brian Senecal	2284
WEEK #6	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	162	Gregory Bolger	2284
\$75.00	253	Paul Many	642

\$50.00	156	Fr. Boivin Council 5041	5041
WEEK #7	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	142	Joseph E Young	1568
\$75.00	32	Karl Anderson	232
\$50.00	77	Mike Deming	421
WEEK #8	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	200	Bernard LaRocque	7669
\$75.00	117	Fr. Hackett council #7324	7324
\$50.00	27	Joseph Giancila	232
WEEK #9	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	203	Northfield Council #11457	11457
\$75.00	126	Rutland Council #232	232
\$50.00	202	Degoesebriand Council #279	279
WEEK #10	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	173	Bernard Hemond Jr.	7525
\$75.00	93	Guy Breault	2610
\$50.00	291	Stephen Ketcham	642
WEEK #11	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	129	Herman & Kim Noyes	421
\$75.00	202	Degoesebriand Council #279	279
\$50.00	65	Bill & Michelle LaCroix	279

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300 Club Chairman



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*A
LIGHT TO
THE WORLD*



WELCOME TO THE
119th Vermont State Convention

April 28, 29, 30TH, 2017

Capital Plaza Hotel
Conference Center
Montpelier, VT



Vermont State House
(Come early on Friday and take a tour.)

Friday Evening "Entertainment" (?)
Murder at the Plaza

**"Life is a Gift,
not a
"Choice"**

**Saturday
Morning
Women's
Program by:
*Agnes Clift***

**Visit the
Vermont
Historical
Society Museum
across the street
from the hotel.**





119th Annual Vermont Knights of Columbus State Convention

“A Light to the World”

Brother Knights, Ladies and Guests;

It is our pleasure to extend to you and your family an invitation to the 119th Annual State Convention to be held the weekend of **Friday, April 28th, Saturday April 29th, and Sunday April 30th**. Again this year, our Convention will be held at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier. If this is your first convention, we encourage you to take the virtual tour at www.CapitolPlaza.com

This package contains a flyer outlining the weekend’s activities, your registration information, menus, and a tentative itinerary. The Convention Committee is very excited about our return to this venue. Last year was exceptional and we are looking forward to providing an enjoyable experience for everyone.

We ask you to please provide this information to your Delegates so they can make their arrangements to attend the convention – Please Note, Reservations need to be sent or called into Anna Bruce No Later Than April 20th. The Phone number and address is on the Registration Forms, all questions concerning single night stay should be directed to Anna.

- ✓ Friday night is our Theme Dinner – “The 1st Annual Midas Award by Fordes Magazine” We are planning to have a Power Point Presentation highlighting how we as Knights have been “A Light to the World”.
- ✓ Friday night’s Entertainment will be “A Murder at the Plaza” You will be Sherlock Holmes – Read the Biographies and speak with the nominee’s to the Midas Award, one of whom will murder Mr. J.R. Fordes. Collect your clues before, during and after dinner. Then solve the Mystery. Bring your hats, your pipes, and your magnifying glass.
- ✓ Saturday’s “Ladies” Program will be a presentation by Agnes Clift – 40 Days for Life – She will have a power point presentation, questions and answers, and a special guest speaker. Saturday afternoon will be the drawing for the basket raffles and the Ladies will be free to visit local attractions, like the “Vermont Historical Society Museum” which is just across the street.
- ✓ Hopefully all Councils have started putting together their Basket for the Basket party. Tickets for the Baskets will be available during registration – There will also be a 50/50 raffle at the same time.
- **ADS PROVIDE FUNDING FOR OUR CONVENTION.** We ask each Council and Assembly, if you have not yet placed your ad, to do so as soon as possible. Also we ask that you to please send electronic pictures of your Council’s activities to knightswives2015@gmail.com also please let Sandy Perry know if you’ll be bringing a Basket to the basket party at perrybunch3@aol.com

We hope to see all of you at the 2017 VERMONT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION.

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Shaw and the 2017 Convention Committee

OVERNIGHT Reservation Form

USE ONLY IF YOU PLAN TO SPEND THE NIGHT
For the 2017 Knights of Columbus State Convention

Friday April 28 – Sunday April 30, 2017
Capitol Plaza Hotel 100 State Street Montpelier, VT 05602
802-223-5252 or 800-274-5252 Fax 802-229-5427
EMAIL: abruce@capitolplaza.com

Name(s): _____ # Adults: _____ # Children (3-12): _____
Address: _____
Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Weekend Package Cost (per person):

Includes lodging for two nights, two breakfasts, one lunch, two dinners, all taxes and gratuities.

Single Occupancy	\$377 per adult
Double Occupancy	\$267 per adult
Triple Occupancy	\$231 per adult
Quad Occupancy	\$222 per adult

*Youths (12 and under) stay in the same room as their parents at no charge. **Sign them up for meals only.**

Saturday Dinner Banquet, Please Choose Entrée: Prime Rib _____ Adults _____ Children

Haddock _____ Adults _____ Children

Vegetarian _____ Adults _____ Children

Cost Calculation:

A. Number of Adults (occupancy) _____
B. Daily Package Cost (per adult) _____

(A X B) = Subtotal _____

Additional Youth Meals: (ages 3-12)

Breakfast:	# Children _____ X # Days _____ X \$14.00=	\$ _____
Lunch:	# Children _____ X # Days _____ X \$16.00=	\$ _____
Dinner:	# Children _____ X # Days _____ X \$20.00=	\$ _____

= **Convention Total** \$ _____

Please Mail by April 20th with Payment to:
Capitol Plaza Hotel
Attn: Anna Bruce
100 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

*Please contact us with any dietary needs.

*Hotel rooms are assigned on a first come-first serve basis. Guests will only be contacted if other hotel plans need to be made

119th Vermont State Knights of Columbus Convention Menu and Saturday Banquet Options

Friday Dinner: Made in Vermont

Fresh Baked Rolls with Cabot Butter
Caesar Salad
Vermont Maple Baked Ham with Pineapple Raisin Chutney
Chicken Vermont with Ham and Cheddar Cheese
Garlic Roasted Red Potatoes
Chef's Special Rice
Chef's Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
Tiramisu Kahlua Torte
Capitol Plaza Blend Coffee and Assorted Tazo Tea

Saturday/ Sunday Breakfast: Breakfast Buffet Plus

Capitol Plaza Blend Coffee and Assorted Tazo Tea
Orange Juice, Cranberry Juice, Milk
Saturday Sunday:
Assorted Fresh Muffin Assorted Fresh Pastries
Mini Quiches Fresh Scrambled Eggs
Bacon and Sausage
Seasoned Home Fried Potatoes w/Onions & Peppers
La Panciatta toast with Cabot Butter and Assorted Jellies
Seasonal Fresh Fruit
Cabot Yogurt & Granola

Saturday Deli Buffet

Locally Baked Breads
An Assortment of Premium Deli Meats
Chicken Noodle Soup
Tuna Salad with Lemon and Capers
Swiss, Cheddar, Provolone and American Cheese
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Banana Pepper Rings, Black Sliced
Olives, Chips and Pickles
Fresh Baked Assorted Cookies
Capitol Plaza Blend Coffee and Assorted Tazo Tea

Saturday Dinner Banquet

CHOICE OF

Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef au Jus rubbed with Garlic and Cracked Black Pepper
(our house speciality) served with Horseradish Mashed Potatoes

or

Baked Haddock with 4 citrus Butter Crumbs served with Jasmine Rice

or

Chef's Choice Vegetarian Option

Chef's Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
Lemon Berry Mascarpone Cake
Capitol Plaza Blend Coffee and Assorted Tazo Tea



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

VERMONT STATE COUNCIL

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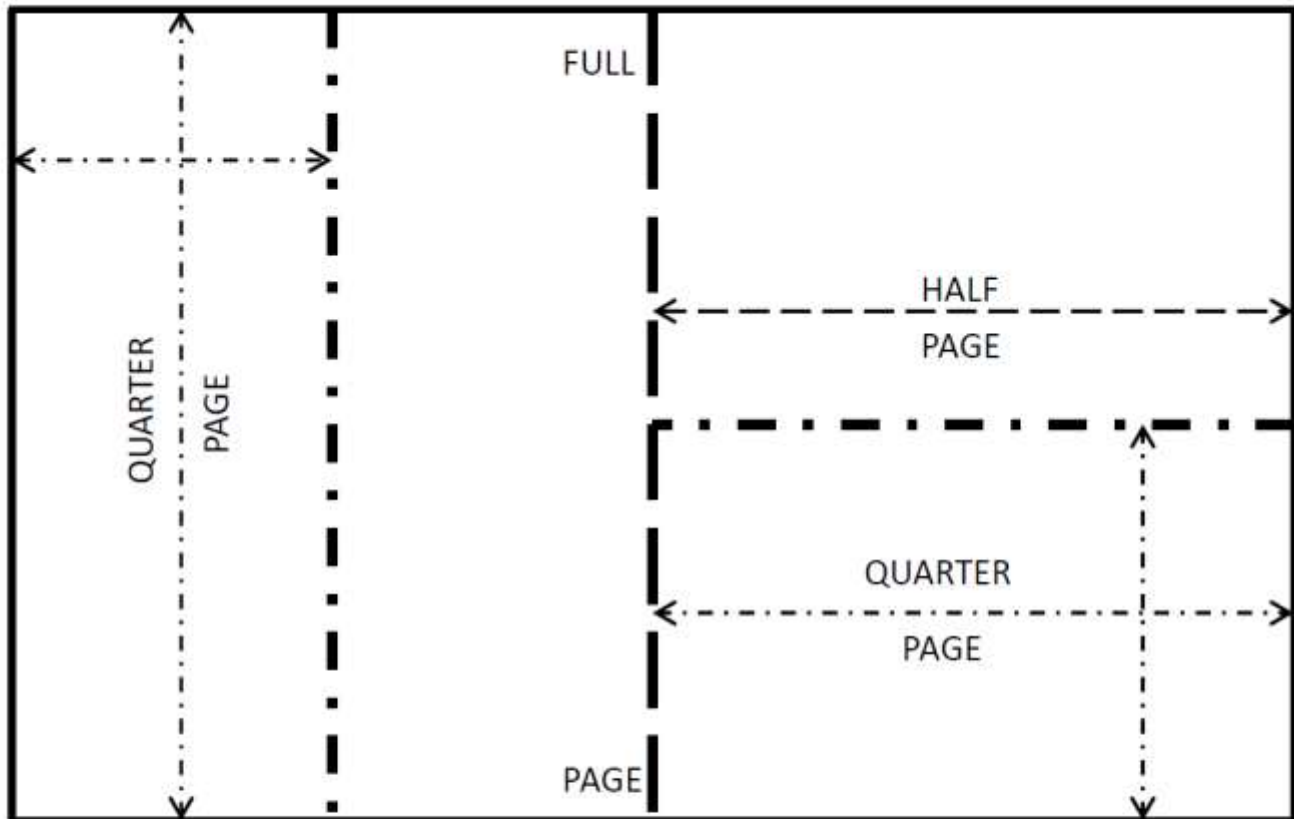
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HALF PAGE \$55.00

FULL PAGE \$100.00



CHECK# _____ RECEIVED BY: _____ DATE: _____

HONORABLE MENTION, SINGLE LINE - \$15.00 EA (Attach 2nd sheet with each name)

Mail Ad copy and check to K of C State Convention
To: Knights of Columbus

31st ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



BENEFIT CAMP TA KUM TA! WHERE KIDS WITH CANCER CAN JUST BE KIDS



SUNDAY APRIL 2nd
SHERATON CONFERENCE CENTER
SOUTH BURLINGTON



FOR RESERVATIONS OR MORE INFO CALL

LOIS 343 9767 OR IRENE 658 0763

On Sunday April 2nd doing good for children with cancer has never been so much fun. Join with community members in a fun afternoon of Super Bingo to benefit Camp Ta Kum Ta. The event will take place in the Conference Center of The Sheraton Burlington on Williston Road. Parking is free and the doors will open at 10:30 AM. The first game begins at 1 PM. The games will include 10-\$500 games, 2- \$1000 games, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Cost is \$50 for 18 cards. Additional set of 9 cards are available for \$20, early birds, shots guns and ticket games are also available for extra cost. Advance purchase your seat or hold a reservation with a \$25.00 deposit. Be fully paid by 6 PM on Monday, March 27th and be entered into an exclusive Nevada tickets game. The South Burlington KOC has long supported the unique programs offered to the special children of Ta-Kum-Ta. Now entering its 31st year of support for Camp Ta Kum Ta the KOC Super Bingo has been a legacy contributor to Camp TKT. This year the South Burlington KOC anticipates achieving an *aggregate* total of \$1 million donated to Camp TKT with this year's Super Bingo. Camp Ta-Kum-Ta does not receive any state or federal funding; and relies on the support of individuals, organizations and the community. Camp Ta Kum Ta provides a safe, loving place where children from Vermont and New York who have, or have had cancer can play, swim, share, and heal. In short, Camp T-K-T is where kids with cancer can go just to be kids. To support the children of Camp Ta Kum TA attend The Super Bingo on Sunday April 2nd at The Sheraton Conference Center. Besides doing good for the kids you'll guarantee yourself a fun afternoon. For reservations and for further information please contact either Lois Fontaine at 343-9767 or Irene at 658 0763. Contact:

Gerry Malavenda
 Knights of Columbus Council # 7525
 South Burlington VT 05403
 Cell # 802 363 2556
 gmalav5877@gmail.com

KOC SUPER BINGO!

SUNDAY APRIL 2nd!

CLICK HERE!

31st ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PLAY BINGO

HELP CAMP TA KUM TAI

SUNDAY APRIL 2ND
 SHERATON CONFERENCE CENTER
 SOUTH BURLINGTON

FOR RESERVATIONS OR MORE INFO CALL
LOIS 343 9767 OR IRENE 658 0763
Open 10:30 AM 1st Game At 1 PM Admission: \$50 for 18 Cards

Be There!

SJV KOC COUNCIL # 7525 www.kofvt.org



A FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

In our daily life and work,
 may we reflect the self-giving love which you,
 O Father, eternally show with your Son
 and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns
 in our home and in the faith we profess and live.
 May our family always be a place of generosity,
 understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage
 to be witnesses to your eternal design for
 the family; and grant that the Holy Family
 of Nazareth may always guide our path
 to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the
 unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
 Amen.



Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain. The cover image of the Holy Family is a drawing by Giovanni Balestra, based on a painting by Sassoferrato. The original print is housed at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Rome. Used with permission.



VERMONT STATE COUNCIL



STATE FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

2017

TO BE HELD AT: ST.MONICA - ST.MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
79 Summer Street
Barre, Vermont 05641

WHEN: Sunday, March 19, 2017
Registration beginning at 11:30AM

CONCESSION: Sandwiches, Soup, Snacks & Beverages
Available for sale - Council 399

Registration Times:

11:30AM - 12:00PM	9 & 10 year old Boys and Girls
12:00PM - 12:30PM	11 year old Boys and Girls
12:00PM - 1:00PM	12 year old Boys and Girls
12:00PM - 1:30PM	13 year old Boys and Girls
12:00PM - 1:45PM	14 year old Boys and Girls

Contest Times:

12:00PM	Announcements, prayer, National Anthem
12:15PM	9 year old Boys and Girls shoot
12:45PM	10 year old Boys and Girls shoot
1:15PM	11 year old Boys and Girls shoot
1:45PM	12 year old Boys and Girls shoot
2:15PM	13 year old Boys and Girls shoot
2:45PM	14 year old Boys and Girls shoot

Brother Knights

I thank you for all of your articles and making this newsletter a success
I ask that all of you District Deputies and Grand Knights to PLEASE forward this
newsletter at your Council members.
Send articles to msnoel @charter.net

NEXT ISSUE DUE MARCH 1st