



# Vermont State Council Officers

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## From the Vermont State Deputy



Brother Knights,

The Lenten Season is upon us. Ash Wednesday was Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup>. Can you believe it? Lent to me is a time to reflect. Reflect on the suffering and death of Our Lord. He suffered and died for us. How do we repay Him for his ultimate sacrifice? We never can repay him. All we can do is continue our good works of Charity and continue with the love we have for Him. We also need to continue to pray for His Church, Our Church and for His priests.

As of today, we have invited 44 men to join our Order. This is not good. We only have 4 months left this Fraternal Year. What can we, as the State Officers and District Deputies, do to help you and your Councils succeed in inviting men to join? Just let us know and we will be more than happy to help you. With the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity it's even easier for members to advance through the Degrees. It can all be done in 30 minutes now with family and friends attending as well.

Speaking of the new Exemplification, it has been used a few times since its release in the middle of January. With the new Exemplification we have invited 7 men to join us as new 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members and close to 20 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree members have now reached full Knighthood in Our Order. I encourage and all Councils in the State to hold this new Exemplification every month. Even if you have no Candidates it's a great opportunity to practice. Like I said previously the whole Exemplification takes 30 minutes and can be read. The Exemplification script can be printed off from Officers Online. Worthy District Deputies, I ask you to contact your Council Grand Knights and get the dates they are going to be holding the Exemplification for the rest of this Fraternal Year and let State Membership Director Ed Nuttall and myself know.

**Vermont Knights in Action**

March, 2020 Edition

Vermont State Council

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism



Now onto some housekeeping issues. As a reminder, submissions for State Council Awards to be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet at the State Convention are due by March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please send all submissions to State Program Director Bill LaCroix. Please don't forget that in order for your Council to be considered for an Award you **must** be compliant with Safe Environment Training. We are keeping an eye on this and if we get submissions from Council's who are not compliant we will let you know so you have a chance to get your training completed in time. Remember, we all do great works in Faith, Family, Community, and Life and therefore all Council's should be submitting their programs for consideration.

Let's not forget to submit nominations for Family of the Year, Knights of the Year, and longest continuous serving Knight. All Council's should be submitting these. Just remember that longest continuous serving Knight can only receive this award once. Judging will be taking place on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Anchor Award nominations are now done. We have submissions and the State Officers will be reviewing them and then making our decision. The recipient will be announced at the State Convention.

As for the Convention, we are coming along. Things are lining up and we are getting closer and closer. The agenda for the business meeting is coming together. This will be sent out to all Councils, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, and Program Directors and Chairmen mid-April. Hopefully, I won't drift to far from the set schedule. Depending on all those who will be giving reports, there is a possibility that we will have time limits set. I ask that all reports that are going to be presented be sent to State Secretary Steve Shover and myself. This was we can get the presentations ready to be projected for all to see.

Lastly. Council Delegate and Alternate Forms are being emailed to Council Grand Knights. Please ensure that you use your Delegates and Alternates physical address so we can calculate mileage. Please return the completed form to State Secretary Steve Shover. Past State Deputy, District Deputy, and Program Director and Chairman Credentials are being emailed as well. For those Forms please print them off sign the one marked copy and return to State Secretary Steve Shover. Retain the one marked original as you will need to sign that one when you register with the Credential Committee at the Convention.

Vivat Jesus!  
 Thomas Herbst, Jr.  
 Vermont State Deputy

District #	January Intake	Total Intake since July 1, 2019
District #1	4	1
District #2	0	0
District #3	0	1
District #4	0	2
District #5	0	1
District #6	1	22
District #7	0	0
District #8	0	3
District #9	0	2
Online and Transfers In	0	7
Totals	5	39
Total for FY 2019-2020		44



VT Knights for Life

March 2020

## VERMONT KNIGHTS FOR LIFE 2020

Brothers Knights,

In the past year I have accomplished some groundwork promotion for the state Mobile Ultrasound Fund. This has also led me in recent months to connect with more of the pro-life pregnancy centers in Vermont. I plan to begin sharing some stories of the valuable support that we have given to these pregnancy centers as the Knights of Columbus. Look forward to a brief "snapshot" each month. I hope that this inspires you, and gives some energy to every council that has the ability to support a pro-life pregnancy center in council initiatives. God bless. Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Tim Naples, State Chaplain

### MARCH PRO-LIFE CENTER SNAPSHOT: ASPIRE TOGETHER, BURLINGTON

Aspire Together is located on Colchester Ave. in Burlington. According to their Christian mission, they provide pregnancy counseling, free testing and ultrasounds, parenting classes, relationship counseling, and post abortive ministry. The clinic operates as a Carenet Affiliate. It is a current goal of Apsire Together to get a mobile ultrasound van. This is the reason that the Vermont state council started the Mobile Ultrasound Fund in 2018.

Website: [www.aspire-together.org](http://www.aspire-together.org)

### STATE MOBILE ULTRASOUND FUND: UPDATE

As of January 31st, 2020 the state council mobile ultrasound fund surpassed \$6,000.00. Several councils have expressed their willingness to include a gift to the ultrasound fund in their upcoming commitments as the fund proceeds. Thank you.

"After the state and/or local council raises 50% of the cost, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will provide the other 50% to complete funding for purchase of an ultrasound. Or, if the council raises 100% of the cost of a vehicle outfitted to serve as a mobile medical unit for a pregnancy center, the Supreme Council will provide 100% of the funds for an ultrasound machine to be used in that vehicle." (See <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/ultrasound-program.html> ).



#### THESE 2020 FLYERS FROM THE STATE CHAPLAIN WILL INCLUDE

A NOTE FROM FR. NAPLES, SC

A SNAPSHOT OF THE MONTH:

Each month, the contribution of the Knights of Columbus Councils to one of the pro-life pregnancy resources centers and clinics of our state will be presented.

MONTHLY UPDATE ON THE  
STATE COUNCIL MOBILE UL-  
TRASOUND FUND

DID YOU KNOW

Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers will counsel expectant mothers and couples on all the options that are available to them in their pregnancy. In this way they can open conversation to speak objectively with those women who are considering abortion, without conveying the sense of moral judgment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL THE STATE CHAPLAIN AT [FR.NAPLES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FR.NAPLES@GMAIL.COM)



# THIRD ANNUAL VERMONT **Catholic Men's** CONFERENCE

**Saturday, March 28, 2020**

**9 AM – 3:15 PM**

**St. Anthony**

13 Church Street

White River Junction, Vermont

**Mass with Bishop Coyne**

**Keynote**

Captain Guy Gruters

Vietnam Veteran and POW



**Speakers**

Msgr. John McDermott

Paul Kendall

Learn more or register at:  
[vermontcatholic.org/men](http://vermontcatholic.org/men)



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

As Knights we are called to fully embrace our vocation as Catholic lay people by strengthening our faith so that we may be better Christians, men, fathers, and husbands. Participation in the diocesan Men's Conference is an ideal way to do that! **Please consider attending and letting others know about this great opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship.**

## STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Greetings to everyone as we begin our yearly journey for Lent. A 40 day reminder of what Our Lord went through before his Passion, Death and Resurrection ! Let us take at least a few minutes each day of this Lent to do a bit of reflection, maybe read a Bible verse or go out of our way of the normal routine and visit a sick person or call someone you have not heard from in a long time. It may mean more to you than you know.

### UPDATE

There are some Councils who have not paid their 2<sup>nd</sup> half per capita or the liability insurance. Please be sure and send your checks in so you will be able to send a delegate to this year's convention. If a Council has an outstanding bill for 2<sup>nd</sup> half per capita, that Council will not have a vote at the convention. Thanks in advance for taking care of this.

### CONVENTION

Hopefully your Council has voted on your delegates and alternates for this year's convention. The credentials are in the process of being mailed out to everyone. Please be sure and mail me the one marked "copy" so I can get you registered for the convention. You can email me ([engravingandgift@aol.com](mailto:engravingandgift@aol.com)) or if you prefer, you can send them in the mail: 106 Marions Way, Williston, VT 05495.

### ANCHOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Thank you to the Councils that submitted nominations for this year's Anchor Award. We have received four for this year – the most that we have had in quite a few years, so again, thank you for sending those in.

### ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

Our State Chaplain, Fr. Tim Naples will be speaking to this and should have an article in this months newsletter.

That's all for now.

Steve Shover  
State Secretary



Worthy Sir Knights,

How fast times flies, SPRING is just around the corner. March and April will be busy months for us as we prepare for our Biennial meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Worthy Navigators, I need to hear from you on who will be attending so I may plan accordingly. The price is \$10.00 per person to help defray the cost of the lunch. Because this is an official 4<sup>th</sup> Degree function, it is requested the Assemblies support the cost for their Navigator and Delegate. **The uniform for the day is the official uniform or tuxedo with social baldric.** Reminder, we will be submitting 3 applications for District Master for the next 2 years. The VSM announcement letter and Candidate Application format are attached.

March 8<sup>th</sup> is the start of Daylight Saving Time. The Standard Time Act of 1918 also established standard time zones, was the first legislation to implement DST. But the idea was so unpopular that Congress repealed it after World War I. Did it really give our farmers more daylight working hours? No, Germany became the first country to introduce DST to minimize the use of artificial lighting in order to save fuel for the war effort during World War I.

Many of you will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day functions. Did you know St. Patrick is called the "Apostle of Ireland." He established the Catholic Church throughout Ireland on lasting foundations. He traveled all over the country preaching, teaching, building churches, opening schools and monasteries, converting chiefs and bards, and everywhere supporting his preaching with miracles. Many will be observed wearing a shamrock, "Do you know why?" St. Patrick used the shamrock, which has three leaves on each stem, to show that God was three in one: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. **"Can this the Trinity be explained any easier?"**

March 19<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity Feast Day of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. There is a special dessert for the Solemnity of St. Joseph called St. Joseph's Sfinge. It is a huge cream puff, filled with a creamy cheese mixture and lavishly decorated with candied fruits. **"So much for my Lenten Abstinence resolutions"**. The Solemnity of St. Joseph is celebrated in a variety of ways all over the world. The most well-known tradition is the St. Joseph Table or St. Joseph Altar, started in Sicily. In America we do little or nothing to honor the foster father of Jesus, but in Italy and especially in Sicily this is one of the great holidays. St. Joseph has been chosen the patron and protector of the family; and our families certainly need a powerful lobbyist in heaven. The rich prepare a great buffet dinner. There are traditional dishes served, all of them especially good. And who are the guests? Who are the lucky ones to enjoy all this food? They are the ones whom St. Joseph would invite: the poor, the unfortunate, the halt and the blind. **"What a great way to meet our Faith in Action obligations under the Community Section and Helping Hands Project"**

A 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification is currently being planned for July 25<sup>th</sup> in Newport, sponsored by James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157. This will be my last Exemplification as your Master as my tour of office will expire on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The 122nd State Convention will take place April 24-26 at the "Jay Peak Resort" in Jay VT. I am requesting assistance for the Color Guard and Honor Guard for the Memorial Mass on the 24<sup>th</sup>, opening ceremony on the 25<sup>th</sup> and the Color Guard for the closing ceremony on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Send me your Assembly Ad for the Convention Booklet as I am in charge of putting the booklet together.

Check out the latest information from the Uniform Supply Room in this newsletter.

Retha and I wish you a Blessed Lenten Season. May your Fasting and Abstinence be more than meeting your new year resolution on losing weight.

Vivat Jesus!

George Piette

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# Intellectually Challenged Campaign

As of today (02/26/2020) I have only heard from 5 Council in regards to how many boxes of Tootsie roll they will need for this years campaign. In order to get the order in and to receive before the convention, I need a response no later than March 7, 2020

Maurice Noel PSD/FDM

Intellectually Challenged Campaign

Chairman

Brother Knights,

Last month, we announced some changes coming to the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (CPID) program.

To help expand the program, the Supreme Council is introducing changes to CPID branding: a newly designed money-collecting canister, new Tootsie Roll candy-wrapper design and a new vest!

This new vest, blue with white lettering, will be available for purchase on Supplies Online, the supply portal for Council Officers (available via [Officers Online](#)) beginning in March.

The vests will be listed underneath the “Special Olympics” page (Faith in Action – Life Programs). A complete breakdown of costs is listed below. Councils are encouraged to buy vests in bulk, which will result in significant cost savings. Councils may continue to use their current stock of yellow / red aprons but, will not be able to purchase more in the future.

The new vest features two large pockets on the front as well as a new slogan for the campaign – “Helping People with Special Needs”. This new slogan strives to promote all the tremendous work done with the CPID, while also being an option for other related programs such as “Special Olympics”, “Mass for People with Special Needs” or any program / initiative intended for *Helping People with Special Needs!* Please note, this new slogan does not replace the official name of the initiative- “Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities”. A Spanish-language version will also be available!

Updates to the Tootsie Roll wrappers and canisters will be available in the coming months. For questions regarding any CPID changes, please contact: Maciej J. Gadomski, Manager of Multicultural Programs at [Maciej.gadomski@kofc.org](mailto:Maciej.gadomski@kofc.org). There is no change to the Tootsie Roll candy ordering process, please continue to submit orders as you have done in the past.

Thank you for all the hard work and time that you, your councils and Brother Knights have and continue to dedicate to helping those with special needs!



New CPID Vest Pricing		
Number of Vests	Price Per Vest	Total Price (excluding taxes / shipping)
1	\$16.76	\$16.76
5	\$11.35	\$56.75
10	\$10.68	\$106.80
15	\$10.45	\$156.75
Available Sizes: Medium, Large, X-Large, 2X-Large, 3X-Large, 4X-Large & 5X-Large		

# VOCATIONS

Through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) the Knights of Columbus has cultivated this spiritual soil for more than 30 years. While the order has a number of vocations programs, RSVP is the primary program through which councils, assemblies and circles provide financial and moral support to men and women preparing for the priesthood or religious life, and every council, assembly and circle is encouraged to participate.

RSVP allows councils and assemblies to “adopt” one or more seminarians or postulants and provide them with financial assistance and moral support.

The intent of RSVP is to demonstrate support for individual seminarians. RSVP support is not solely financial aid, and councils are asked not to base their support on the financial needs of the seminarian. All seminarians are worthy of support through RSVP by virtue of the fact that they are discerning a religious vocation, not because of their financial situation.

**Please remember that with RSVP, Knights provide more than financial support; members write letters to the seminarians or postulants, sponsor dinners for them, invite them to join the council and, most importantly, pray for vocations.**

Please support our seminarians through our RSVP program which is both moral and financial support. Under this program, councils and assemblies make an annual minimum donation of \$500 or more to an individual seminarian or postulant to help with expenses. The sum must go to a single qualified person; it may not be divided or apportioned to more than one recipient. Councils and assemblies can sponsor more than one seminarian or postulant if their resources permit. For every \$500 donated, the council or assembly is eligible for a refund of \$100.

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 or men and women who are novices or postulants in religious orders or religious communities.

You can E-mail me at [gfbean44@yahoo.com](mailto:gfbean44@yahoo.com) Or call at 862-8581. Also, if you have given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 19 - June 30, 20) and have not sent me a copy, please send me a copy of form 2863 (RSVP form).

**”Vocations are Everybody's Business” Pray for Vocations.**

Vivat Jesus

Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM



# ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## SEMINARIAN DIRECTORY

### 2019-2020

SEMINARY ADDRESS	YEAR OF STUDY	HOME ADDRESS
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ASSEMBLY	MEMBERSHIP	NAVIGATOR	DELEGATE
Msgr John M Brown 1147 - Rutland	95	YES	1
DeGoesbriand 1148 - Burlington	50	YES	0
St. Albans 1149 - St. Albans	86	YES	1
Bennington 1150 - Bennington	40	YES	0
Charles W. Jasman 1151 - Barre	101	YES	1
Sheridan 1152 - St. Johnsbury	48	YES	0
St. Charles 1153 - Bellows Falls	16	YES	0
Leo 1154 - Brattleboro	42	YES	0
Brownson 1155 - Hardwick	29	YES	0
St. Stephen 1156 - Winooski			
James Cardinal Gibbons 1157 - Newport	94	YES	1
Island Pond 1158 - Island Pond			
Sullivan 1159 - Springfield	14	YES	0
Alburgh 1160 - Alburgh	2		
Fr. Fontaine 1161 - Windsor	9		0
Michaud 1229 - White River Junction	30	YES	0
Fr. Daley 1743 - Middlebury	58	YES	1
Bishop Rice 1793 - Essex Junction	64	YES	1
Louis J. Trono 2106 - South Burlington	73	YES	1
All Saints 2179 - Richford	31	YES	0
St. Edmund of Canterbury 2207 - Swanton	38	YES	0
Fr. Boivin 2312 - Morrisville	36	YES	0
Bishop John A. Marshall 2479 - Manchester	12	YES	0
Fair Haven 2539 - Fair Haven	34	YES	0
Fr. Galligan 2550 - Waterbury	15	YES	0
Bishop Robert F. Joyce 2609 - Milton	59	YES	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1076</b>		

# Silver Rose

Worthy Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and Brother Knights,  
I am writing as State Silver Rose Chairman to request your  
Council's and/or Assembly's participation in this year's Silver Rose  
program.

## **A Higher Purpose**

*Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.*

## **Overview**

*Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.*

Our Silver Rose is beginning its journey in Nova Scotia this weekend. **We will be receiving it this year from New Hampshire on June 14, and will have it until July 7 when we pass it on to Massachusetts** to continue its journey through the northeast; ending on Our Lady of Guadalupe's feast day on December 12.

I encourage all Councils and Assemblies to participate in the Silver Rose Program. It is not too early to reserve a date for your Silver Rose service. If you have any questions concerning the Route schedule, procedures, or about program materials, please contact me. Thank you for helping to make the 2018 Silver Rose Run a prayerful witness to the sacredness of every human life.

Fraternally,

Roger Dickinson  
(802) 373-7135

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KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS®

Join us in praying  
to Our Lady  
to strengthen our  
efforts to restore  
the Culture of Life  
in our society.

Where: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Our Lady of  
Guadalupe  
Silver Rose  
Prayer  
Service

*One Life,  
One Rose*



*"Through moral conscience  
God speaks to each of us,  
inviting us to defend human life  
at all times"*

Pope Benedict XVI  
March 1, 2011



I have attached a letter from the grandson of one of our brothers, Terry Thayne. Terry had reached out to him about writing a letter regarding his receipt of scholarship assistance from the Knights back in 2011.

I thought this might be nice for the state newsletter.

Vivat Jesus!

Dick Dunseith

GK 7324

February 10, 2020

Knights of Columbus - Council 7324,

I am writing to thank you for your generous Achievement Award scholarship in 2011. At the time, I was a Freshman attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst, studying business in the Isenberg School of Management. I am extremely grateful to the Knights of Columbus for everything that you have done and continue to do for the local community in Vermont. I was able to use the award to purchase school books for two semesters while attending college!

At the time, I was approaching my second year as an enlisted member in the United States Air Force, Air National Guard. I expressed to your committee my future goals of earning my business degree and continuing my career in the Air Force as a Pilot. Over the course of the next 4 years, your generosity inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I remained active on campus and in the community, as President of the UMass Ski Racing Team and as the Continuing Education Chairman in my fraternity. With your help, I was able to continue my collegiate and military career, earning my diploma in 2015.

Almost a decade later, I have achieved my lifelong goal of flying the F-15C Eagle; I am truly blessed. The experiences I have had in the last 9 years would not have been possible without my family, friends, mentors, and local community members like the Knights of Columbus. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Sincerely,

Cole Skinner

1st Lt USAF, Barnes ANGB







## *FOOD FOR FAMILIES*

### 40-DAYS OF LENT CALENDAR

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

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

**EXPIRATION DATES SHOULD BE WITHIN 1-YEAR**

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

Faithful Navigators,

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

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

**Master Nomination  
2020 - 2022**

**Membership Number:**

**Name and name of spouse:**

**Address:**

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## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UNIFORM PROGRAM MANAGED BY THE SUPPLY ROOM**

The Supply Room is a small Veteran owned business located in Oxford Alabama. We have been in business for over 37 years serving all beaches of our armed forces. Most of the Government agencies who started with us 37 years ago are still our largest customers today. The owner of the Company is a Former Army Officer and I am a Retired Navy E9/CWO, both the owner and I understand specifications, quality control and paying attention to the details. These qualities are what has kept the Supply Room at the top of a highly competitive industry, and it will also serve us well as we work toward building a first-class Knights of Columbus program.

We took possession of the existing uniforms during the first two or three days of December. Our first step was to measure each and every garment to be sure the size label was accurate before we placed it into stock. By doing this timely and costly evaluation and by asking the right questions when the customers place their orders, we have pretty much eliminated the rejects or returns. We are now in the process of dyeing fabric and sewing our products and will have most every product on our shelves in the April/May timeframe. Here are the actions we have taken to improve each item:

**Blazer** We will have two models of the blazer, the traditional fit and what we are calling, our executive fit. Both models will be made from a tried and tested pattern which have been used to make hundreds of thousands of commercial blazers over the years. The fit and style has been battle tested. The Traditional cut is for those who still have a chest and waist in proportion. We will have sizes from 32 XX-Short to 72 X-Long, so we can fit most anyone. The Executive cut, (Portly) is for those who need a little more coat around the stomach so it can be buttoned. This will allow us to fit you properly over the back and shoulders and still take care of the buttoning issue.

**Trousers** We found the trousers to be this biggest problem from the past and we have taken the necessary action to correct this problem. We have also used a tried and tested pattern for the trousers to provide plenty of room in the thigh, seat and leg. We also have added a concealed stretch waistband to provide 2 to 3 inches of ease above and beyond the waist size. If you wear a 34, these pants will fit you even if you are actually a 35 or even 36-inch waist.

**Beret** We heard a lot of stories about the beret and how it fit, or didn't fit. Many said it looked like a "beanie" and just sat on the top of the head. Our military experience kicked in and we took the style we make for the Special Forces which would fit properly and allow the drape to extend over the right ear. We removed the lining, trimmed it in a top-quality leather and used a fine Australian wool. From the feedback we have received, this has solved the problems. We supplied the Color Guard at the Kellenberg Assembly up in New York State who refused to wear the old style and according to Rob Timmerman, the Color Guard members now love it. **Tie** Not a lot of complaints about the tie other than the Long was not long enough, so we have added an extra-long which is 64 inches and should fit the tallest member.

**OPTIONAL ITEMS** We were asked if we could offer, as an option, a white shirt, a black oxford and an overcoat. We can, and we have provided prototypes of each for approval.

**White Shirt** We will be offering a 100% cotton, no-iron white shirt with exact sleeve lengths. We will stock sizes from a 13" neck and 28" sleeves to a 23" neck and 37" sleeve. This should fit most every need. Shirts are like the blazer's, some need more room in the stomach area and we have addressed this. We will have an executive cut/style for those who need this extra room. We will have these available around April and they will be favorably priced for this quality and features. Once approved, they will be available on our website, [www.kofcuniform.com](http://www.kofcuniform.com) or toll-free number 833-562-4327.

**Black Oxford** We will have these shoes ready for sale in late March early April. We have used a top grain cowhide and the inside of the shoe is lined with a soft leather. From the feedback we have received from test wears is, this is one comfortable shoe.

**Overcoat** There are some areas in America where an overcoat is needed in the wintertime. We have developed a 19 oz., 100% wool, mid-calf coat with a heavy satin lining. The coat will be water resistant as well. The coat will have epaulets on the shoulders for the Baldric to go under and the gold KOC buttons. This coat is currently being test worn and if it is accepted as is, we will have these available before the winter ends, especially in the northern part of the country. In summary, we at the Supply Room feel blessed to have been given the responsibility to provide the 4th Degree Knights with a complete uniform with the highest quality in materials and workmanship. We have accepted this challenge and we think we are well on our way to meet all of the objects set before us. Let me assure everyone, we take this seriously and we will work hard to earn the respect and trust of each and every member. You will receive professional and courteous service from the moment you call us. We have a team of skilled ladies accepting your calls and if they cannot answer your questions, they give the call to me. We are also receptive to your comments and/or suggestions as to how we can improve. We must always get any changes approved by the Supreme Headquarters, but trust me, Headquarters wants the best possible program and they are trusting us to get it right. I hope this answers most of your questions, if not, let me know and I will do my best to do so. God Bless, Jim Craig The Supply Room 334-863-1674 cell 800-458-5180 Ext: 168

## **Uniform Update**

As of December 1, 2019, the 4th degree uniform is only being sold by our authorized **domestic** provider, The Supply Room, (TSR). You must deal directly with TSR to place an order for uniforms and the color beret patch. Please inform your members of this change in policy as it is the member's responsibility to properly place an order. The Supreme Masters Office will no longer accept order requests. Again, the address is. <https://www.kofcuniform.com/>.

## **Ceremonials**

You should know by now, the Order has done away with the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree ceremonial and has moved ahead with a single degree format. This is a game-changer for us. The Knighting Ceremony now occurs only once and is rightfully the exclusive function of the 4th Degree. Suddenly, the title of Sir Knight has a more powerful meaning. While the rules of the new ceremony haven't been finalized. It appears to me all 4th Degree knights should plan to attend these ceremonials in Official Regalia Dress-Members, NOT in Official Regalia Dress-Color Corps. I believe this would be a great opportunity to introduce the idea of Sir Knighthood to the new member while in the new uniform, give him an informational flyer and a Form 4, with a promise to follow-up later. Don't forget, wives are encouraged to be in attendance so the initial greeting should be more fruitful. Our member councils have a lot of 1st and 2nd Degree members waiting for advancement. This could be an opportunity for the assembly to assist your councils in getting these men to the new ceremonial. For many, it may be the time to refresh their zeal for our order. Lent begins on Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, I can't think of a better time of year to approaching these men. How can we help?

Be sure to log onto the Supreme web site to view the Supreme Knight's message about the new ceremonial. Encourage ALL Sir Knights to attend the new Ceremonial of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We would do well to understand this ceremonial, and its significance to our candidates.

## **Supreme Master's Office**

Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard has advised me of the following and I offer these to you for your own information: As we approach biennial meeting season let us keep in mind the importance of having men nominated for district master who support the programs and uniform of the fourth degree.... How one places at the biennial meeting does not guarantee an appointment to master, nor does the recommendation of the DM, VSM or SD. The Supreme Knight and I will determine the best person for the position, even if it means going outside of the nominees submitted.

In the recent weeks the Supreme Master has been getting a lot of inquiries regarding Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund, where to send the checks and whom to make the checks out to. This information was e-mailed few months back. I am including this information again. If there are any additional questions do not hesitate to ask. **Check should be made out to:**

### **Military Chaplains and Send to:**

**Attn: Maryann Ludington, Charities**

**One Columbus Plaza**

**New Haven, Ct. 06510**

Justyna (Supreme Master's Secretary) says... I want to address the mailing of communications to the Supreme Masters office. Unless items are actually addressed to either Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard or Justyna Padilla, all mail received at headquarters is forwarded to our mail clearing house in New York, where it is opened, separated and then distributed to the required section. This of course delays our receiving your most important documents. Forms such as 1315,186 etc. can be e-mailed to addresses provided on bottom of the forms. If there are any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Finally, please reserved April 24th-26th for the Vermont 122nd State Convention at Jay Peak. I am requesting as many Honor and Color Corps Guards as possible for their Memorial Mass on the 24th, opening ceremony and Banquet on the 25th and the Color Corps to close the convention on the 26th.

George  
DM-VT





# 122nd Annual Vermont Knights of Columbus State Convention Advertising Support

December 10, 2019

Dear Friend,

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

James P. Candon II  
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(802)-855-3095  
james.candon2@yahoo.com

November 15, 2019

TO THE DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

James P. Candon II  
Chairman



# **Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council**

## **Scholastic Achievement Committee**

James Candon, Chairman  
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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

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

# Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

## SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

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November 15, 2019

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO APPLICANT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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## APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

PART I: To be filled out by the student. Please print or type.

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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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.



Dear Brother Knights,

There have been many changes and additions to the Knights portfolio of products in the last year. This has occurred because of the input from members, relayed along by your dedicated field force of agents, to Supreme. Many more exciting and effective enhancements are forthcoming.

These developments within the Order are coming at a time when many changes are also happening in the realm of finances and taxes. As was the case before, the Knights are well positioned to serve the members in their needs. It's just a matter of reviewing with each individual member their specific program for retirement planning and protection.

Our mutual insurance company has experienced record growth for many consecutive years, with one of the biggest jumps in 2008-2009 when markets turned. It is important to reassess your risk at times when things are in your favor. Please consider scheduling an appointment for a confidential consultation. I look forward to working with every one of you for many years to come. Take care and God bless,

### ***An Incredible Opportunity***

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

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

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

David Giuliani  
802-272-6009  
david.giuliani@kofc.org

**STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISITS FOUR COUNCILS**  
**IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020**



**Middlebury Council 642**



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**Manchester Council 6816**



**Each Council received a Membership and Strategy PowerPoint presentation. Included within that presentation were discussions on**

- **On-Line Digital Membership**
- **Delta Church Drive**
- **The new 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 30-minute Ceremonial**
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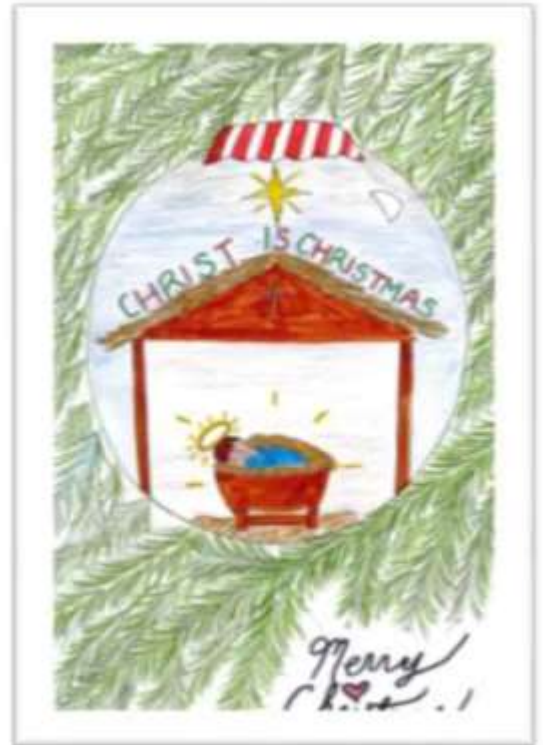
## **COUNCIL 10830 HAS DISTRICT WINNERS FROM KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST**

**If you want to get into the minds of the youth, just ask them to draw a picture. That's what DD#1/GK Council 10830 Fairfax, Keith Billado, did by offering the "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster" contest to the church community. The three district winners were judged by Fr. Giroux of St. Patrick Church in Fairfield, and each presented a \$50 gift certificates at Barnes & Nobles, before the congregation at the 10:30 a.m. Mass St Luke's.**





Zoey Melville age 5-7



McKenna Kilburn age 8-10



Abigail Bedore age 11-14



## RULES

Poster must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas.

Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.

Poster must be 11X17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic.

Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest entry form — make sure your council number is included. The name and age of the entrant should be printed on the reverse side of the poster in case the poster and entry form get separated.

All entries become property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Posters will not be returned.

## JUDGING

Judging teams should be composed of students, Knights, teachers, administrators, council Chaplain, pastor, etc. A 100-pointscoring system will be used to determine the winners.

Slogan — 30 Points: How clearly is the theme presented

Visuals — 30 Points : How well do the visuals convey the message?

Overall Impact — 40 points: How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic at hand?

## TOPICS/CATEGORIES

Each poster must reflect the Keep Christ in Christmas theme with a visual image. There is no limit to the number of posters each contestant may submit.

## ELIGIBILITY

The Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest is open to all young people between the ages of 5 and 14. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of November 1.

## AGE GROUPS

Contest entrants compete in one of three age groups — ages 5 through 7, ages 8through 10, and 11 through 14. Some schools may have different age brackets for their elementary and middle schools. In these cases it may be appropriate to group students by grade rather than age. Sponsoring councils should use their own judgment in deciding how to group participants. Each local, district, regional or state competition may have up to 6 winning entries — a first and second place winner in each age group.

## CONTEST LEVELS

The "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest can consist of up to five levels of competition: council, district, regional, state and international. Below is a description of each to help you understand the progression of the program.

**Council** —This is the first level of the competition. Council officials should order the program kit (item #CPCKit — call 203-752-4016 or visit [kofc.org/forms](http://kofc.org/forms) to order), advertise the contest and contact schools to participate. The winning posters from the council level competition are forwarded to either the district deputy or state council personnel, depending on the circumstances in your area.

**District**—The district level of the contest occurs ONLY if more than one council in the district participates in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. Check with your district deputy to see if this is the case in your area. The winning posters for this level of the contest are forwarded to state program personnel for either the regional or state competition. Check with your state poster contest chairman or youth director for the forwarding address and deadline for entries.

**COUNCIL 10830 DISTRICT #1 HOSTS THE 2020 FREE THROW COMPETITION**



**On Saturday, 15 February 2020, at BFA Fairfax Elementary Gym, District #1 held its 2020 Free Throw Competition. Six boys and two girls in various age groups participated.**

**DD#1, Keith Billado, his son Skyler Billado of Council 10830, Ed Nuttall, Membership Director of Council 10830, and Robin Blouin of Council 2610 carried out the competition.**







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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Faith**

**Family**

**Community**

**Life**

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

Faith – Spiritual Reflection

Family- Consecration to the Holy Family

Community – Helping Hands

Life – Novena for Life

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

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

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

"Service Program Personnel Report" form 365 – Due

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

"Columbian Award" form SP-7 Due June 30

Earn the McGivney award – meet quota on Insurance

Earn the Founders Award- meet quota on membership

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

Grand Knight

Family Director

Community Director

Program Director

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vivat Jesus !Bill LaCroix

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# STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS ENTRY FORM

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

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

CATEGORY (MARK ONE):  FAITH       FAMILY       COMMUNITY       LIFE



## COUNCIL INFORMATION:

**1** COUNCIL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL COUNCIL MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_  
GRAND KNIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROJECT INFORMATION (complete all sections):

**2** PROJECT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ PROJECT DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**DO NOT SUBMIT THIS REPORT FORM TO SUPREME COUNCIL**

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

MAIL ORIGINAL TO: State Deputy or State Program Director

COPY TO: Council File

Available in electronic format at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)



*(continued on reverse)*



3b) Whom does this project benefit?

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

3d) Why did the council select this project?

3e) Describe the success of the project:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State Deputy Grand Knight

**Columbian Award = 4 Programs from each of the 4 Categories****REQUIRED for Columbian Award**

FAITH	COMMUNITY
<b>RSVP</b> <small>FEATURED PROGRAM - Credit for 2 programs</small> Into the Breach Marian Icon Prayer Program Building the Domestic Church Kiosk Rosary Program <b>Spiritual Reflection Program</b> Holy Hour Sacramental Gifts	<b>Coats for Kids</b> <small>FEATURED PROGRAM - Credit for 2 programs</small> <b>Global Wheelchair Mission</b> <small>FEATURED PROGRAM - Credit for 2 programs</small> <b>Habitat for Humanity</b> <small>FEATURED PROGRAM - Credit for 2 programs</small> Disaster Preparedness Free Throw Championship Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Soccer Challenge <b>Helping Hands</b>
FAMILY	LIFE
<b>Food for Families</b> <small>FEATURED PROGRAM - Credit for 2 programs</small> Family of the Month/Year Keep Christ in Christmas Family Fully Alive Family Week <b>Consecration to the Holy Family</b> Family Prayer Night Good Friday Family Promotion	<b>Marches for Life</b> <small>FEATURED PROGRAM - Credit for 2 programs</small> <b>Special Olympics</b> <small>FEATURED PROGRAM - Credit for 2 programs</small> <b>Ultrasound Program</b> <small>FEATURED PROGRAM - Credit for 2 programs</small> Christian Refugee Relief Silver Rose Mass for People with Special Needs Pregnancy Center Support <b>Novena for Life</b>

## ST JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL #10417

St John Paul II Council #10417 held its annual scholarship breakfast on Sunday, January 26. Many parishioners were served a delicious meal of sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, pancakes and hash browns with the assistance of some of the youth of St Ann's parish. Enough donations were made to provide two scholarships to graduating students in the spring of 2020. Our next event is our annual Cabin Fever dinner to be held on Saturday, March 21 at 5:30 pm in St Ann's church hall.

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



A Life Symposium: Understanding the issues impacting human life at the crossroads of law, medicine, and your community.

Saturday, September 19, 2020

8AM-3PM

Doubletree by Hilton

870 Williston Rd, Burlington, VT

802-865-6600

\$50.00 per person. Scholarships available for students.

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

This full and informative day will include expert guest speakers discussing and focusing on the issues relating to amending the Vermont Constitution to include abortion (referred to as Proposal 5 or Article 22).

If Proposal 5 passes in the next biennium, the proabortion measure will appear on the general election ballot in November of 2022. A Life Symposium is your opportunity to become fully informed and prepared to make a difference in your local community.

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

# DISTRICT #7 FREE THROW

Our Worthy Grand Knight, David Lathrop, asked me to send a picture of our District Free Throw Contest winners, for St. Ambrose Parish, Bishop Robert F. Joyce Council #10535. We had 25 participants at our council contest, and were able to select winners for 10 of 12 age divisions!!

At Sunday's District Contest, we had council winners from Vergennes and Bristol competing. We're proud to send 10 of Addison County's finest to the State Championship in Winooski March 15! Please join us in wishing them the very best!



Standing left to right:

Zoey Johnston---10-yr-old division, Ashtin Stearns---12-yr-old division, Adrienne Smits-11-yr-old division

Dustin Abbott---9-yr-old division, Bowen Lutz---10-yr-old division, Oliver Cogswell---11-yr-old division

Hayden Lutz---12-yr-old division, Safi Camara---13-yr-old division, Mike Sayre---13-yr-old division

Joanna Toy---14-yr-old division (not pictured)



# 300 CLUB DRAWING WINNERS

WEEK #1	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	300	Kevin Aremburg	421
\$75.00	186	Jay Benson	7525
\$50.00	121	Michael Morse	297
WEEK #2	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	144	Maurice Brasseur	2285
\$75.00	73	Michaud Council #2025	2025
\$50.00	46	Andrew Aguilar	232
WEEK #3	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	239	Charles Trybus	2284
\$75.00	284	Fr, Yvon Royer	3664
\$50.00	244	Bernard Gladu	421
WEEK #4	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	83	Leo Assembly #1154	917
\$75.00	111	Donald Couture	2610
\$50.00	150	Michael Rouleau	399
WEEK #5	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	183	Nancy Reed	2946
\$75.00	210	Ted Yandow	297
\$50.00	262	Fr. Steve Hornat	2284
WEEK #6	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	287	Eric Heiman	2284
\$75.00	34	Deborah DeLabruere	2025
\$50.00	156	Jeffrey Randall	5041
WEEK #7	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	87	Dennis Clancy	2628
\$75.00	195	Robert Thompson	10830
\$50.00	33	William Harty	2025
WEEK #8	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	171	Thomas Gravelin	7525
\$75.00	54	Peter Czekaj	2285
\$50.00	205	St. Edmund of Canterbury #7669	7669
WEEK #9	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	259	Orleans Council #7763	7763
\$75.00	178	Daniel Cooney	2284
\$50.00	261	Dave McAvinney	7943
WEEK #10	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	36	Msgr. Richard Lavalley	2284
\$75.00	65	Bill LaCroix	279
\$50.00	3	Fr. Joy Council	7389

Jim Nagle is our guy. Below is his position on Life. Lets find a way to help him

Good Morning Mr. Shepard and thank you for your question. One of the main reasons I am running for Senate is to be a conservative voice standing up against H-57 and Prop 5 Constitutional Amendment. I am a pro-life candidate and I do not support late term abortions. I would support a Constitutional Amendment to define a "person" to include a human being in a state of natural physical development. Defining a person to include developing persons, would allow Vermont to fully protect all her Citizens, including citizens in development, that currently have no voice or representation in government. H57 does not assign to or recognize rights of the father of an unborn child. Any bill that seeks to undermine the parental rights of the father, while placing the full burden and protection of the law on the mother, creates a protected class of people, while discounting the natural civil human rights of the father and the unborn child. The 14th amendment of the US Constitution would truly afford equal protection under the law to all parties in a pregnancy if Vermont would define "persons" under its Constitution. There is tremendous support in the Progressive Democratic legislature for H57 as it is co-sponsored by 89 of 150 Representatives in the House. That roughly translates to 364,900 Vermonters. What is not clear to me is that if H57 or Prop 5 is supported by Vermont's citizens outside the greater Burlington area. I truly believe that as a Senator, while my views on subjects are important, ultimately I would be representing the will of the people in Caledonia District. If those voters overwhelmingly supported H57 and Prop 5, I will most likely not be supported in November. The abortion issue is very sensitive to me, as I was born before Roe V Wade took effect. My mother became pregnant at age 16 and my father was a service man, just 20 years old. Just kids themselves, they were not off to a great start in life. Having a new mouth to feed was daunting to them, especially given the fact there was to be little support from the family. Abortion was not generally supported by society at that time and the laws of the land reflected societal norms of the day. I was born into difficult circumstances and went on to live a productive life, raising a family of my own, contributing to society with my time, talents and treasure. I would like to think that I have contributed to the betterment of our society despite the fact I was initially an unwanted addition to the planet at the time. Had Roe V Wade passed in 1959, I believe that there would be a good chance that I am never born. There have been more than 63,000,000 abortions performed in America since Roe v Wade, impacting mostly young white and black women in their 20s. (CDC Statistics). Those human lives lost represent a huge opportunity costs to our State and our Nation. Instead of looking to improve the conditions in which families can thrive, growing our State's population and economic base naturally, we look to migration and immigration to solve our worker shortage and declining population. With each aborted child, or Nation is robbed of the potential that a new human being offers mankind. Family rights, if there are such rights, have been marginalized by the loss of traditional values that favor a women's individual rights, discounting the rights of fathers and unborn children.

## **Brother Knights**

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

**I ask that all of the District Deputies and Grand Knights to PLEASE forward this newsletter to all of your councils and members.**

**Send all articles to [noelmaurice2@gmail.com](mailto:noelmaurice2@gmail.com)**

**NEXT ISSUE WILL BE a little late as I will be heading home from Florida.**