



# Vermont Knights in Action



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

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## From the Vermont State Deputy

Greetings my Brother Knights,

First of all, I want to wish everyone a Happy Lent ! Why would I say ‘happy’? Well, there are many, many reasons to say that. Rather than a time of looking down trodden, we all should be happy that we can experience the time of Lent and be happy about it! Am sure many of you have already given some thought and are experiencing what the Lenten season is all about and have ‘given’ up certain things for the season.

I took a different tact for this year and rather than ‘give’ something up, have decided to “do” something for others. Remember that our actions speak louder than our words. Food for thought.

### NEW SUPREME KNIGHT:

By now you have probably heard that Patrick Kelly is our new Supreme Knight elect effective March 1, 2021. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson will be stepping down after 20 years of service to the Knights of Columbus worldwide. Please visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) for more information.

#### HOUSEKEEPING:

By now you all should have finished your form #1728, the survey for fraternal hours. If you have not done so, please get this in to our forms chair, Dennis Smith. Also, your semi-annual audit should have been sent in by now as well, form # 1295. Thank you.

#### ULTRASOUND UPDATE:

I believe Fr. Naples will have more to say on this topic.

#### MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION CHAIR:

Last month I asked all Grand Knights to have a membership and retention chair in place by March 1, 2021. To date I have not heard back from any Grand Knights regarding this. Please send me the name(s) of your membership and retention chairs along with their membership number, address and email. I need this for Supreme.

#### STATE CONVENTION:

Unfortunately we will not be able to have an in person convention again this year due to the COVID pandemic. Our format this year will be a 'zoom' session rather than just using our phones. There will be more information about this next month. Please be sure to vote for your two delegates to attend this year and send that information to our State Secretary, Jim Michael. The date is Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM.

#### NEW WEBCAST:

Supreme has put together a new webcast which is available through the main website. Please take some time and watch these as they are very informational.

#### MEMBERSHIP:

Seems as though when the tunnel months hit, most everyone goes into hibernation, especially when it comes to bringing in new members. We have done well with our on-line membership, but we are lacking when it comes to personally bringing in a new member. I understand the difficulty with the pandemic, but we still see possible candidates almost daily. Please consider asking someone you think would be a good candidate for our Order. STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAMS:

If you have done any program(s) since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, please take a minute to fill out your form STSP and send it to Bill LaCroix, our State Program Director. Also, please ask among your Council for a recommendation of "Knight of the Year"; you all must know someone within your Council who has gone above and beyond during the past fraternal year. I know Bill is putting an article in the newsletter as well.

#### SPECIAL INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS

*Heavenly Father,*

*Throughout this season of Lent, we pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded. We also pray throughout Lent, that each of us may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.*

Vivat Jesus  
Steve Shover  
State Deputy

# State Secretary Corner

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope all my Brother Knights and your families are doing well! Now that the Lenten season is with us, I'm looking forward to attending weekly Stations of the Cross, Rosaries and Chaplets of Divine Mercy.

I have four items to update on:

Our Fraternal Year 2020-2021 Anchor Award Nominations were due by end of February. Those nominations are now closed. I will be sharing the nominations with our State Deputy and the State Officers. It is very exciting to see all the outstanding award nominations. It will once again be a very difficult decision to determine our recipient for this fraternal year. One item that I've been discussing with our State Deputy is that ALL nominees should be very proud. In previous years, we tend to keep the nominations private and may do so again... but the analogy I like to make is with the Academy Awards... You can be an Academy award winner and an Academy award nominee... both carry a level of honor and prestige. Our State Officers will discuss at the next meeting if we can/should provide some level of recognition to those who were nominated for the Anchor Award but not selected as the recipient.

Our VIRTUAL convention will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional details to follow once the State council and Supreme complete the logistics. I have received the council credentials from 6 councils so far (297, 917, 3664, 2285, 5041 and 9146). Please assure (Grand Knights) each council completes their credential form (sent separately) with information about your two council delegates and two council alternates. Only the delegates will be permitted to VOTE. If you misplaced the MS work (PDF, ODT) file I've sent, I'm happy to resend... just let me know.

We are making excellent progress on our State's 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Per Capita Invoice remittance. This is for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year. Thus far, I have received remittance from 31 councils with 6 active councils remaining (2610, 6816, 7763, 7810, 13574 and 14351.

Lastly, our State Council has paid the Liability Insurance for this fraternal year. To those councils (17 total) who have requested to participate in the liability insurance, I will be sending your invoice to the GK and FS using the standard quick books invoice email

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can do anything for your council! The Vermont Knights of Columbus continue to be a bright light in our State and in our Parishes!

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Jim Michael (State Secretary)

# State Chaplain's Message:



Dear Brothers,

I recall the promotional effort we made in 2020 for our Pro-Life pregnancy care centers and clinics (PCRs). If you recall the poster titled "Knights for Life 2020," know that it will be updated this year!, so that we can all have an undated version available for our council meeting rooms, for parishes, and individual reference. Let us pray, and act in love, to support the cause of life in our state, as much as we can. Please look forward to more.

Vivat Jesus! Fr. Timothy Naples, SC

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*Vermont  
Knights for Life  
2020*



An initiative of State Chaplain Fr. Timothy Naples,  
with the Vermont State Council

*Please Support Pregnancy  
Resource Centers and Clinics  
Supporting the Sanctity of  
Life in Vermont!*

*Birthright,  
Burlington*

*Aspire Together,  
Burlington*

*Futures Pregnancy Care,  
Lyndonville*

*Pregnancy Resource  
Center of Addison  
County, Middlebury*

*Care Net  
Pregnancy Center of  
Central Vermont, Barre*

*Vermont Knights  
for Life 2020 is an initiative  
of State Chaplain  
Fr. Timothy Naples, with the  
support of the Vermont  
State Council and various  
local Vermont K. of C.  
Councils.*

*First Step Pregnancy  
Clinic, Rutland*

*Pregnancy Center of  
the Upper Valley,  
West Lebanon,  
New Hampshire*

This poster  
is for  
display in  
Catholic  
Churches  
and at  
Knights of  
Columbus  
events.



*True North Pregnancy  
Resource Center,  
Bennington*

*Branches Pregnancy  
Resource Center,  
Brattleboro*

*Vermont  
Knights for Life 2020  
For more  
information, go to  
[WWW.UbiPetrusVT.com/Knights4Life](http://WWW.UbiPetrusVT.com/Knights4Life)*





## **2021 State Convention update**

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

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

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

Thank you

Fraternally,

Steve Shover  
State Deputy

# Fair Haven Council 810

Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Seven Dolours sponsored by Fair Haven Council 810 and led by Fr. Eric. Eric pictures include opening prayers, stations, closing prayers by Fr. Eric.

Robert Shaw  
GK 810





## CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS

Brother Richard Berthiaume. Brother Richard was 79 years old and a Brother Knight for 53 years with Fr. Meany-Fr. St. Onge Council 7943, Troy.

Rest in Peace.



# Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

## SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

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



December 13, 2020

Dear Worthy Grand Knight and Brother:

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

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

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

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

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

Fraternally,

*Nicholas J. Conti*

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Scholastic Achievement Committee Chair





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December 15, 2020

## APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO APPLICANT

To qualify you must be a son or daughter of a Knight of Columbus member (paternal or legally adopted) in good standing in a subordinate Council within the Vermont jurisdiction. Sons or daughters of deceased members are also eligible if their father was in good standing at the time of his death. An applicant may be a member of the Knights of Columbus or a member of a Columbian Squires Circle, in the jurisdiction of Vermont and a high school senior qualifying to graduate in June 2021.

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

Applications must be returned to the Chairman, at the address above, **by March 10, 2021** to qualify for an award.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

*Nicholas J. Conti*

Nicholas J. Conti

Scholastic Achievement Committee Chair

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

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

### APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

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

Applicant's full name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

School you now attend \_\_\_\_\_

School's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School's Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings also attending a post-high school program \_\_\_\_\_

Knights of Columbus Council # \_\_\_\_\_, Located in (town) \_\_\_\_\_ VT.

Give the name of the Council's Financial Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Home Parish \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about this scholarship program? \_\_\_\_\_

Essay:

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

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

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

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

## APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

### Part II: Applicant's Personal Record

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

To School Personnel:

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

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

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

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

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

Please attach a copy of the applicant's Secondary School Record including test records, Principal's or designee's estimate of applicant's success, and recommendation.

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

# VOCATIONS

Through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) the Knights of Columbus has cultivated this spiritual soil for more than 40 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 [gbean44@yahoo.com](mailto:gbean44@yahoo.com) Or call at 862-8581. Also if you have given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 20 - June 30, 21) 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  
State Vocations Director



**ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON**  
**SEMINARIAN DIRECTORY**  
**2021**

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# State Program Director Message

Worthy Brothers,

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

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

-FAITH, -FAMILY, -COMMUNITY, -LIFE

I will also be accepting nominations for Family of the Year and Knight of the Year as well . I think each Council should have no problem having a worthy submission for both of these two awards ! Also, your FS should submit to me the longest continuous serving Brother from your Council so that he can be recognized . This award is for continuous service , not First Degree date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vivat Jesus !

Fraternally,

Bill LaCroix

State Program Director / State Warden

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## Vermont State Council Knights of Columbus

**From:** Office of the State Advocate

**Date:** January 29, 2021

**Re:** Resolutions to be Presented at State Convention

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

The Laws of the Knights of Columbus permit subordinate councils to submit to the State Council resolutions that pertain to issues affecting the entire Order. It is expected that all such resolutions will be submitted in good faith and in a spirit of charity, unity, and fraternity. As you prepare for the State convention, please bear in mind the principles and procedures set forth below.

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

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

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

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

Nick Conti – VT State Advocate

# Field Agent message

Dear Brother Knights,

Thank you for your continued support of the Knights of Columbus insurance program. I am pleased to announce two new field agents that will be serving our jurisdiction.

Veteran field agent Chris Miller from Massachusetts has been licensed in VT and will be serving the southern councils of Brattleboro, Bennington, and Bellows Falls. He came on board in 2013 and has been doing a great job serving his councils in central/northern MA. You can reach him at 413-522-0305 or [Christopher.Miller@KOFC.ORG](mailto:Christopher.Miller@KOFC.ORG).

Set to start officially on 4/1/21 is brother Knight Normand Raymond of Newport, VT. Normand and his wife returned to the area after retiring from work in the nuclear industry. He has been studying and training over the past few months and is looking forward to serving northeastern VT and NH.

I look forward to working with these gentlemen to build up the Knights in VT and better serve every one of you and your families. As always, I encourage anyone to contact me if they ever have any questions or concerns. Thank you and God bless,

Dave Giuliani

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Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284's Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont presenting a \$200 Retirement Gift to Saint Francis Xavier School Principal Eric Becker with the "Blessings of Jesus"!



Attached brochure explains the Ramifications to the Vermont Constitution if Proposal 5 is approved.

This brochure was Made by Vermont right to life and Mary Beerworth, Executive director.



### **What you NEED TO KNOW about Proposal 5:**

Proposal 5 is a legislative proposal to amend the Vermont Constitution with pro-abortion language.

Proponents of Proposal 5 have stated publicly that their goal is to ensure unlimited, unregulated abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

The final language is below. It has already progressed through the first phase of the amendment process by being approved by both the Vermont House and Senate in 2019.

If the language is approved again in the 2021-2022 legislative session, Article 22 will appear on your general election ballot for a "Yes" or "No" vote in November of 2022.

### **Proposal 5 = Abortion-on-demand**

*"People on both sides of the debate over abortion know that 'reproductive autonomy' is publicly understood to be a way of referring to an unlimited abortion license, that is, elective abortion permitted through the entire nine months of gestation and pregnancy up to and including the process of birth."*

**Robert P. George**

*Professor of Jurisprudence,  
Princeton University*

### **Proposal 5: (Article 22)**

*Sec 2. Article 22 of Chapter 1 of the Vermont Constitution is added to read:*

**Article 22. [Personal reproductive liberty.]**

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





Vermont Right to Life Committee  
PO Box 1079  
Montpelier, VT 05601  
vrlc@vrlc.net

## Please contact your legislators in the Vermont House and Senate!

**Tell them:**  
**“Vote NO on Proposal 5”**

Attached brochure explains the Ramifications to the Vermont Constitution if  
Proposal 5 is approved.

This brochure was Made by Vermont right to life and Mary Beerworth, Executive  
director.

### What will Proposal 5 mean for Vermont taxpayers?

The guarantee of “personal reproductive au-  
tonomy” is likely to be interpreted by lawmak-  
ers and the Vermont court system to mean that  
taxpayers must:

- Pay for abortions.
- Pay for sterilizations and sterilization reversals.
- Pay for the expenses associated with infertility and surrogacy.
- Fund pro-abortion organizations, like Planned Parenthood.

### What else does “personal reproductive autonomy” mean?

According to supporters of Proposal 5 the  
right to “personal reproductive autonomy”  
will mean more than unlimited abortion.

- Proposal 5 will mean whatever the Ver-  
mont courts decide it means.

- According to Planned Parenthood of Vermont’s spokesperson, Proposal 5 *“will open up a range of different questions for future lawmakers.....for years to come.”* (Paige Feeser, Public Affairs Organizer for Planned Parenthood, 7/30/2020)

### Action Alert:

Call your legislators in the Vermont House and Senate and tell them to vote NO on Proposal 5. You can use the following talking points:

- Amending the Vermont Constitution to include the language of Proposal 5 is reckless and irresponsible, dangerous and expensive as well as morally and ethically wrong.
- The lives of countless unborn babies will be placed at further risk of abortion if Proposal 5 is adopted.
- Vermonters cannot afford Proposal 5 and all of its unknown repercussions.





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Bishop Robert F. Joyce**  
**Council 10535**

*Bristol, Vermont*

**WINTER '21 UPDATE**

## **A Message from Grand Knight Andrew Rainville**

As our country grapples with many ideological differences, I reflect on one of the four guiding principles of the Knights - patriotism. By definition, patriotism is "devotion to one's country." As people of God, our devotion should not come in the form of political radicalism or violence. Rather, we should be peaceful advocates to ensure our country serves all of our brothers and sisters in actions modeled on those of Jesus. This includes

recognizing that we are all children of God, regardless of our past or present. Once we respect our fellow humans, we can work toward building a better world.

Our council has been focused on building this better world in our local community through a variety of initiatives. One direct example of this is found in our Coats for Kids support seen below, following Jesus's teaching to clothe the needy in Matthew 25:36. Another example is in our council's continued partnership with the Pregnancy

**OVER 840**  
collective service  
hours in 2020

Resource Center of Addison County. There are some exciting developments so I encourage you to read more about that project on the reverse. As always, we are here to build a better community, country, and world!

## **We look forward to welcoming you to our upcoming Knights in Italy Drive-Up Spaghetti Dinner!**

**February 12<sup>th</sup> | Serving (Take-Out) 4:00-5:30pm | St. Ambrose**



### **Coats For Kids**

On October 26, Knight Fred Baser visited Mt. Abraham HS, Bristol Ele., and Monkton Ele., leaving 24, 14, and 10 coats, for a total of 48 coats. Additionally, he brought 10 knitted caps (thanks to Sage Paquette) to Mt. Abraham. To date, the Knights have donated hundreds of coats to local school to keep kids in need warm during the cold winter months.

Questions/Comments? Contact Grand Knight Andrew Rainville at [a.rainville11@gmail.com](mailto:a.rainville11@gmail.com) or 802-349-4024.



## Ultrasound Project

In early 2020, the Knights of Bristol, Vergennes, and Middlebury teamed up to further their mission of supporting life by sponsoring an ultrasound rental at the Pregnancy Resource Center of Addison County in Middlebury. Despite the challenges of the pandemic and limited availability, the Center utilized the machine on multiple occasions, allowing pregnant women to see the life growing in their womb at no cost. Seeing the value of long-term, regular availability, the councils began discussions in late 2020 to purchase



**Above:** The Pregnancy Resource Center of Addison County is located on Court Street/Rte. 7 in Middlebury. For the last year, they have offered free ultrasounds for pregnant women one day each week thanks to the support of the Knights.

a machine for the Center. With the assistance of Executive Director Joanie Praamsma, the idea now has momentum!

The purchase cost of a machine is nearly \$23,000, no small sum to raise. Thankfully, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council offers a 50% matching program for ultrasound purchases. Despite this offer, the local councils have decided to raise the full amount, with half going toward the purchase of the machine (supplemented by Supreme's contribution) and half going toward the Center's ongoing care for new families. In this way, the councils are supporting birth and life.

Over the recent weeks, Knights from the three councils have begun raising the funds amongst their ranks. Following that effort, the project is open to the parish and broader communities for additional contributions. Together, this initiative can be a powerful statement of support for life and strong families.

To learn how to donate, please reach out to a Knight!



## Knight Light

Gary Russell, Council Deputy Grand Knight, on what it means to be a part of the Knights of Columbus:

*"For me, anything relating to community - service, outreach, meals, connections, and more - is one of the most meaningful parts of being in the brotherhood of Knights! One important step that we take to rekindle our faith in God and in each other is meeting regularly to talk and reflect on the ways in which to impact our community for the better. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. simply states, "Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve." I truly believe this and am glad to serve alongside fellow Knights!"*

## Who are the Knights?

The Knights of Columbus is an international fraternal benefit society. It is the largest lay organization in the Roman Catholic Church.

The core principles of the Knights of Columbus are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, & Patriotism.

The activities of the Knights of Columbus are centered around support for Church, Community, Family, Youth & Culture of Life.

## How do I join?

There are three prerequisites to joining the Knights of Columbus:

- 1) male
- 2) at least 18 years old
- 3) a practical Catholic

Upon satisfying all of these requirements, you should contact any of the Knights and express your interest. They can answer (or find the answer) to any questions that you may have and direct you to the proper channels to join. After expressing a willingness to join,

candidates will be required to attend a degree ceremony which families are welcome to attend. Degree ceremonies are held on a regular basis throughout the year so there is no specific time of year that you need to join. Whenever you feel the calling works!

*(\*practical meaning practicing/living out the faith)*

**Don't meet the requirements?** Anyone can volunteer to help us at any of our events and functions. We welcome you to join us in lending a hand.



# Fr. Meany-Fr. St. Onge Knights of Columbus Council 7943

ST. Andre Bessette Parish, Troy and Fr. Meany-Fr. St. Onge Knights of Columbus Council 7943 with Father Sahaya Paul offering a special blessing upon snowmobilers and their machines on Sunday 2-21-2021 while attending the Council's Family Breakfast Sunday.



## *A SLEDDER'S PRAYER*

*Our flurries, that fall from heaven,  
Powder fill the mountains.  
Thy parts did come, my work be done, on clutch, carb, and suspension.  
Give us this day blue bird sky,  
And help tree huggers forgive those that trespass against them.  
Lead us not into avalanches, but deliver rolling meadows.  
For thine is the high mark, the tree run, the side hill.  
From December to Mother's day.*

*AMEN!*



Fr. Harlow, Chaplain for the DeGoesbriand Council, is calling upon brother Knights to help with a special Lenten fundraiser. It's a virtual concert by Catholic singer/songwriter Ryan Tremblay to support the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children. Ryan Tremblay, Catholic singer/songwriter, is performing a virtual concert on Friday March 12 at 7:30 PM to benefit the children's home. Concert tickets are \$10. To join the concert, register at the Zoom log-in address: [bit.ly/2MrasmD](https://bit.ly/2MrasmD). Watch the concert in the comfort of your own home.

This is a great way to make a Lenten sacrifice and help the children's home with this work of mercy and help a Catholic musician during a pandemic. It's innovative and easy! Thank you for remembering the boys and girls at Kurn Hattin.



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FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH @ 7:30PM

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*for Children*  
KURNHATTIN.ORG

The poster features a background image of Ryan Tremblay performing on stage with an acoustic guitar and microphone. Below the main text is a smaller image of a young girl with glasses holding a large green leaf against a warm, autumnal background.

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# RETENTION IS KEY TO MEMBERSHIP

- Make up a list of those inactive members
- Make up another list of active members
- Divide the inactive# by the active# to get the “buddy#”
- On a map of the local area plot the inactive members in one color and the active in another and note “buddy# groupings.
- Match groups to closest active member
- Establish these procedures
  - Make contact
  - Schedule a visit
  - Determine interests
  - Develop Rapport
  - Invite to a meeting (zoom or otherwise)
  - Invite to an event or activity
  - Repeat as often as necessary to achieve motivation
  - Have “buddy groups” render periodic reports at council meetings to share ideas and results

## APPOINTMENTS

• MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

• RETENTION CHAIRMAN

Seek Volunteers first

Define the role

Outline expectations

## **WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS FOR RECRUITING**

1. One-on-one
2. Buddy Groups
3. Delta Drive
4. Church Drive
5. On-line
6. Round Table



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# *Knights of Columbus* *Roast Pork & Beans Dinner*

*Saturday, March 27, 2021*

*5:30 PM—6:30 PM*

*St. Ann Parish, 41 Main Street, Milton, VT*

**DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, THIS YEAR'S  
DINNER WILL BE TAKE-OUT ONLY!**

*Roasted Pork Loin,  
Homemade Baked Beans,  
Potatoes, Gravy, Coleslaw, Dessert*

*Adults: \$15 ea. • Students: \$10 ea.*

*Seniors: \$13 ea. Kids under 6: Free*

*Immediate Family Maximum: \$45*

*For advanced tickets - call St. Ann rectory @ 893-2487  
during business hours M-F 9:30AM – 3:00PM*

Welcome To The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Monsignor Thomas J.  
Ball Memorial Open**

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100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary"*

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

**Date: Location: Time: Format: Price:**

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

4 Person Team Scramble

\$400.00 Per Team

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

**Fee Includes:** Greens Fees With Cart, Delicious Continental  
Breakfast, Most Awesome On-Course-Luncheon, Ice  
Cold Soft Drinks, Putting Contest, Closest-To-The-  
Pin Contests, Reverend Joseph F. McCarthy \$80,000  
Shootout And The Reverend Monsignor Richard G.  
Lavalley \$1,000,000 Shootout! All Participants Will  
Receive A Commemorative Gift From The Knights Of  
Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284!

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

**6<sup>th</sup> Hole: A Hole-In-One Wins A Cool \$10,000 Cash  
Prize Award!**

**14<sup>th</sup> Hole: A Hole-In-One Wins A Sweet 2021  
Mercedes~Benz C300!**

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

**Mr. Greg Clairmont, Worthy Grand Knight**



## **Saint Stephen's Council #2284**

### **BLESSINGS FROM HEAVEN'S GATE**

The Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284 kicked off its' 100<sup>th</sup> Year Centenary with an amazing, humanitarian visitation to the "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" headquarters in Jericho, VT, building 36 beds for children in our community who have no such resting place at the close of their day. As Pope Francis so poignantly declared at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, every Christian is called to be a missionary disciple of hope and joy, sharing the beauty of 'Our Holy Gospel' with everyone, everywhere! This past Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, was certainly a prime example of humility with grace, shared so wondrously throughout the day with our brotherhood, following in the footsteps of Knights of Columbus Founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney. "Encountering Jesus Christ daily, accompanying each other on the road to Salvation, and transforming our community into a precious treasure, with acts of love and kindness, is truly the mission and strength of our council," reflected

Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont.

A great representation of council members included Worthy Trustee Michael Daigle, alongside his two sons, Domenico and Charlie, and his two brothers, Worthy Christopher and Worthy Kevin; Worthy Trustee Robert Roy, with his two sons, Zachary and Gregory; Worthy Financial Secretary Ciaran Buckley;

Worthy Treasurer James Read; Worthy Lecturer George Bachinski; Worthy Outside Guard Jeffrey Brosseau; Our Family Life Directors Worthy David Trainque, his son, Worthy Raymond Trainque, and son-in-law Worthy Edward Bonnyman; Worthy Saint Francis Xavier Choir Recording Artist Bruce DuPont;

Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Gregory Bolger; Worthy SHP Building Advocate CEO Guy LaPlume; and Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Directors Robert Brosseau, Daniel Parot and Michael Lemieux were thrilled to have us there serving God's children! Hosts Joel and Robin Danaher were so cordial and hospitable, providing an exquisite, most delicious luncheon for all the volunteers present during this emotionally, fun-filled day. For their beautiful, private residence, is the SHP Evangelical Homeland! Thank You ALL So Much!

As we move forward in the "Vineyard of Our Lord and Savior" let us be constantly reminded by the comforting words of Saint Paul: "Brothers and Sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us!"

May the Peace and Love of God Our Father and His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in communion with, Our Most Loving Holy Spirit, be with each and every soul forevermore! Amen! Alleluia!







## St. Albans Council 297

### BLOOD DRIVES

February 6, 2021: Hosted a Blood Drive at St. Albans City Hall. The American Red Cross collected 37 blood donations and we brought in eight (8) new blood donors.

February 19, 2021: Hosted a Blood Drive at St. Albans City Hall. The American Red Cross collected 31 blood donations and we brought in one (1) new blood donor.

February 27, 2021: Hosted a Blood Drive at St. Albans City Hall. The American Red Cross collected 33 blood donations.

Here is a list of our next blood drives. **Please continue to spread the word for blood donations.**

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

### KNIGHT OF THE YEAR (2020)

Thank you for everything that you do for our council, Bill. Please join me to congratulate Brother Bill Bressette as he was nominated to receive our Knight Of The Year award.



Caption: A photo with Bill Bressette will be taken in May 2021.



## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Thank you, Father Furman of St. Lukes and Ascension for doing the District judging for Council 297 (St. Albans) and Council 10830 (Fairfax). All three participants from our council did a wonderful job and won in their respective age category at the district level. All three posters will now advance to State judging.



Fr. Furman judging the various Keep Christ in Christmas posters.

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

On 2/28/21 at St. Mary's Church we congratulated the Larry and Pam King Family and presented them the Family of the Month Certificate. Also, for the month of January 2021, the King family was selected for the State KOFC Family of the Month award. We thank them for everything that they do for the Church and the community.



From Left to Right: Grand Knight Garibay, Ander Garibay, Chasca King, Zerima King, Pam King, Larry King, Fr. Chalifoux, Bill Greenwood, and Deacon Gabriel Gagne.

## FAITHFUL SERVICE APPRECIATION

Please congratulate our Brother Knights who have been with the Knights for 50+ years. So far I have sent out the following certificates, and I will be sending out more.

Name	Yrs. Served
Ronald Blouin	69
Roger Rainville	58
Normand Blouin	58
Andre LaPierre	57
Duane Langlois	53
Ray Tardif	52
Jim McMillan	50

We appreciate everything that these Brother Knights have done for our council.

# 300 Club Winners as of 01/23/2021

WEEK #1 01/02/2021	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	28	Keith Billado	10830
\$75.00	155	Tom Carney	5041
\$50.00	93	Cedric Snyder	2610
WEEK #2 01/09/2021	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	140	Council #3664, Vergennes	3664
\$75.00	237	Scott Turnbull	2946
\$50.00	213	Mario Fradette	1568
WEEK #3 01/16/2021	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00			
\$75.00	111	Donald Couture	2610
\$50.00	76	Daniel Heter	2610
WEEK #4 01/23/2021	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	198	Bob Noel	421
\$75.00	90	Ray Trainque	2284
\$50.00	265	Dave McAvinney	7943
WEEK #5 01/30/2021	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	37	Richard LaBrecque	7525
\$75.00	1	Elijah LaChance, Esq	232
\$50.00	164	Donald Sutton	7525
WEEK #6 02/06/2021	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	213	Mario Fradette	1568
\$75.00	125	Vic Shappy	232
\$50.00	99	Dan Novembrian	4684
WEEK #7 02/13/2021	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	150	Michael Rouleau	399
\$75.00	35	Michael Daigle	2284
\$50.00	86	Domonick Montuori	2025
WEEK #8 02/20/2021	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	169	Steve Robertson	421
\$75.00	223	K of C "Sous Chefs"	1568
\$50.00	98	Jeff Gould	4684
WEEK #9 02/27/2021	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	27	David Ramond	232
\$75.00	171	Thomas Gravelin	7525
\$50.00	267	St Elizabeth Council 13574	13574

## Brother Knights

**I thank you for all of your articles and making this newsletter a success. I ask that all of the District Deputies and Grand Knights to PLEASE forward this newsletter to all of your councils and members.**

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