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From the Vermont State Deputy



Brother Knights,

So many things have changed over the last month. I am trying to think where to start. Lets start with the online Exemplifications. Over the past 3 weeks Supreme has hosted online Exemplifications. The very 1st online Exemplification brought in over 2,000 new Knights. Over 7,000 1st and 2nd Degree members advanced to the 3rd Degree and over 4,000 3rd and 4th Degree Knights observed this Degree.

. In Vermont we brought in 7 new Brother Knights from this Exemplification. Congratulations for Milton and Essex Junction for bringing in our new Brother Knights. Supreme is continuing to do the Exemplification weekly for the foreseeable future. Next Thursday May 7th they will be hosting 4 Degrees. See the attached sheet for times and to register for the Exemplification. For all new members who join through the online Exemplification, Form 100's are no longer needed. Form 100's are actually no longer needed for live Degrees either. Supreme has put out a new tab in Officers Online for the Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries. The instructions for this tab have been emailed out to Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries. However, if you are having issues with this please contact me and we will work through it together. This is the easiest and quickest way to process our new members.

Vermont Knights in Action

May, 2020 Edition

Vermont State Council

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism



Requirements for Star Council Award have changed. Council's new member quota is now only 60% of your original quota. Insurance quota is now 50% of your original quota or host a Fraternal Benefits Night. Council Program requirements have also changed. **See attached sheet for further information and guidelines.** So with this new information many Council's can now achieve their Membership quota and Insurance quota. There should be many Star Council's in Vermont this year. I'm going through the numbers now and will be contacting Council's to help get them to their numbers. I am asking all Council's to reach out now and invite new members to join.

The State Convention. Reports are almost all in and will be sent out within the next week. Hopefully we will get them out by the end of this weekend. On May 17th we will have our "Virtual" Convention. The start time will be at 2pm. It is expected to last for 90 minutes. Information will be sent to all Delegates this coming week as well. It will be in a separate email so as not to get "lost" in the shuffle with all the reports. Things are definitely coming together rather quickly and it should be a good Convention. As a reminder only voting Delegates will be able to attend this Convention and all Council's who have paid all State Per Capita bills should have members attending. Since we are not traveling there is no reason why 2 members from each Council cannot attend. If you haven't informed State Secretary Steve Shover who your delegates are please contact him ASAP. We need to complete a couple of Forms to send to Supreme and to FLS Connect who will be hosting the Convention that we have to submit by certain dates. So please lets get this information in now.

As you can see we are moving forward during this time of need. We are not where we need to be but we are getting there and I have faith in all of you that we will get there. May God Bless you all and keep you all safe.

Vivat Jesus!
 Thomas Herbst, Jr.
 Vermont State Deputy

District #	April Intake	Total Intake since July 1, 2019
District #1	5	6
District #2	0	0
District #3	0	1
District #4	2	2
District #5	0	3
District #6	0	23
District #7	0	0
District #8	0	3
District #9	0	2
Online and Transfers In	0	6
Totals	7	46



Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity Online Ceremony

You're invited

Dear Knights of Columbus Candidate:

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in a special, online ceremony of admission and advancement.

We normally conduct these ceremonies in person. However, current precautions necessitate an online ceremony to accommodate the large number of men eagerly waiting to join our Order.

Please join us for an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity during one of our upcoming scheduled events:

<u>Thursday, April 30</u>	<u>Thursday, May 7</u>
<u>7:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time</u>	<u>7:00 am Eastern Daylight Time</u>
<u>10:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time</u>	<u>2:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time</u>
	<u>7:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time</u>
	<u>10:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time</u>

Please Note:

- For registration, you will need to know the council number you are joining
- Please feel free to invite your family to watch the ceremony with you
- There is a maximum capacity of 9,000 attendees, so please choose another event if your preferred time is full
- While registration confirmations and reminders are sent to your email address, the links above can also be used join the ceremony, 15 minutes before start time

We look forward to welcoming you into the fraternity of the Knights of Columbus!

Worthy Knights of Columbus Leaders,

The coronavirus pandemic impacted fraternal operations and activities. Many councils that might have qualified for council awards may be unable to meet the criteria because of circumstances beyond their control.

Our goal is to recognize those councils that were on track for success before the crisis and those that are continuing fraternal operations despite pandemic restrictions. Accordingly, the following criteria revisions are instituted to make council awards more achievable in the current fraternal year:

(1) Columbian Award (Programs)

- Conduct at least 10 program activities (reduced from 16)
- At least 2 activities in each program category of Faith, Family, Community, and Life
- At least a total of 2 additional activities in program categories of your choosing
- The program categories no longer have specific "Required Programs"

(2) McGivney Award (Membership)

- Achieve Revised Membership Goal (40% reduction from original quota)

(3) Founders Award (Insurance)

- Host a virtual or in person benefits seminar with the field agent before June 30, or
- Achieve Revised Insurance Goal (50% reduction from original quota)

(4) Star Council Award

- Payment of Supreme assessments and per capita are not required
- All other Star Council requirements (reports, safe environment, etc.) remain in effect

Note: We will discuss these revised criteria in detail during the next webinar this Thursday, April 30, at 8:00 PM EDT. Registration information will be sent separately.

The coronavirus pandemic greatly increased the need for charitable works. In challenging times, good leaders step forward and make great things happen. I encourage you to think outside of the box, be creative, and help others get through this terrible pandemic. Our [Leave No Neighbor Behind](#) program is a great place to start making a difference.

Please do your best to achieve these revised criteria for council awards. The Supreme Council looks forward to recognizing your accomplishments

Vivat Jesus!

Tom McCaffrey
Vice President
Fraternal Excellence

Dear Brother Knights,

I would like to thank the following Councils for their immediate response during this pandemic. The St. Nicholas Project conducted an emergency appeal to raise money for food cards for the boys and girls at Kurn Hattin Homes for Children in Westminster, VT. The children's home had to close temporarily during the pandemic, thus sending 70 young boys and girls back to their families who were already struggling for a variety of socio-economic reasons. This has created a huge strain on poor families to put food on the table. The timing of my appeal coincided providentially with Supreme's publication of "Leave No Neighbor Behind" encouraging Councils to rise to the occasion and provide relief in their various parishes and dioceses during this international crisis. With that in mind, I would like to thank the various councils who "rose to the occasion" as Catholic gentlemen and Knights of Columbus*:

Vermont State Knights of Columbus #893
George F. Johnson Council #10241 (Bethel)
Rosary Council #4684 (Richmond)
St. John Paul II Council #10417 (Milton)
St. Stephen's Council #2284 (Winooski)
Sheridan Council #421 (St. Johnsbury)

I would especially like to thank the individual Brother Knights who also donated. I am proud to be numbered among you.

If your council would like to "rise to the occasion" and make a donation to help provide food cards for poor children in Vermont, you may contact me at: lwharlow@sover.net or visit my website at: www.thestnicholasproject.com. The effects of the pandemic are going to have a long impact on poor families--and their children--in Vermont for some time.

*(These are the councils who have donated as of April 21, 2020. If you donated directly through the Kurn Hattin Homes website, I may not yet have your council's name).

Thank you for remembering the boys and girls at Kurn Hattin Homes.
God bless you and may St. Nicholas intercede for your every need.

Fr. Lance W. Harlow
Chaplain
DeGoesbriand Council #279 (Burlington)



VT Knights for Life

May 2020

VERMONT KNIGHTS FOR LIFE 2020

Brothers Knights,

What a difference a month makes! We pray for everyone's health. And let us rejoice at the works of charity that we can accomplish in the time of Coronaviruses Stay-at-Home period.

My project Vermont *Knights for Life 2020* is moving forward, with full understanding that fundraising efforts for our pro-life pregnancy centers and clinics might be a bit harder right now, but all the more necessary. God bless you.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Tim Naples, State Chaplain

MAY PRO-LIFE CENTERS SNAPSHOT:

BRANCHES P.R.C., BRATTLEBORO, VT

Branches Pregnancy Resource Center, has received support from Council #917 in Brattleboro for several years.

Branches provides pregnancy tests, counseling, parenting classes for both moms and dads, relationship education, and post abortion support, among other services.

An annual banquet is the main fundraiser for the year. But other fundraisers and highly welcomed donations are also supportive.

The state chaplain recently made a personal donation to Branches PRC in gratitude for the past support of the K. of C.

Website: www.branchesprc.com

STATE MOBILE ULTRASOUND FUND: UPDATE

See the new FAQ about the Mobile Ultrasound Fund at www.ubipetrustvt.com/knights4life/mobile-ultrasound-fund.

VERMONT KNIGHTS FOR LIFE 2020 IS A THREE-PART INITIATIVE OF THE VERMONT STATE COUNCIL.

1. TO SECURE MAJOR PLEDGES FOR THE STATE MOBILE ULTRASOUND FUND
2. TO BRING AWARENESS TO OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF THE PRO-LIFE PREGNANCY CENTERS AND CLINICS IN OUR STATE
3. TO CHALLENGE LOCAL K. OF C. COUNCILS TO SUPPORT THE SAME PRO-LIFE PREGNANCY CENTERS AND CLINICS

On behalf of the State Council, we thank you for your interest and support! – Fr. Tim Naples, S.C.



THESE 2020 FLYERS FROM THE STATE CHAPLAIN WILL INCLUDE

ANOTE FROM FR. NAPLES, SC

ASNAPSHOT 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 ULTRASOUND FUND

"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"

(<https://www.kofcvt.org/what-we-do/faith-action-pro-life/2019-05-01/ubipetrustvt>)

STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

May, 2020

Greetings my fellow Knights !

Hope that you and your families are doing well with the "stay at home" order from Governor Scott and that everyone is healthy and safe during this pandemic.

As you already know our "virtual" convention is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 17, 2020. Supreme is having all Councils use FLS Connect. This company will call the phone number that you have given to me with your credentials. If you are going to be using a different phone than the number you gave me, please contact me soon as this list is going to be sent to Supreme and from there to FLS Connect. So far, there have been about a dozen conventions throughout the United States and each one went off without a glitch ! Once again, the only members who will be on the call for the convention are those who were voted by their respective councils. Your State Officer's will be meeting in the basement of St. John Vianney Church and we all will be self-distancing. Our State Deputy may be giving you more info on this. The State Deputy and I have met a few times to go over all the material(s) that will be emailed to each delegate by May 10, 2020.

The Supreme Council has asked that we continue doing our meetings (monthly) via the internet and I believe a lot of Councils are using the "go to meeting" software which seems to work out well. If you've not done so, please consider doing this for your upcoming elections for your individual Councils as this is very important. Am sure there are some Brother Knights who can assist you with setting this up for your Council.

As a reminder, do not forget to fill out your SP-7 form for the Columbian Award. The requirements have changed for this year due to the COVID-19 virus: 1. Conduct at least 10 program activities (reduced from 16). 2. At least 2 activities in each program of Faith, Family, Community and Life. The program categories no longer have specific "required programs". If your Council had something planned and you had to cancel it, you may still use this for one of your programs. If your Council has done something regarding "Leave No Neighbor Behind", please make sure to put this in as well.

There have been numerous webinars hosted by Supreme, almost on a weekly basis since the first of March. These are open to all and if you are interested please join in. They normally last for about an hour, but they have some very pertinent information that you may find helpful as a Grand Knight, Financial Secretary or member.

Let us continue to pray for one another, our families, our pastor and our community!

That's all for now.

Steve Shover
State Secretary



Worthy Sir Knights,

Spring is truly here!!!! HALLELUJAH!!!
Holy Week and Easter Sunday were celebrated in ways we could never have imagined. Many of us balding and grey haired were forced to learn new trades... How to live stream our religious services, Council and Assembly meetings via Facebook, YouTube and other social media outlets in order to reach our flocks. In a sense this format really drove the point in Matthew 18:10-14. Has the church deserted us? Has it gone out looking for its lost sheep?

When this demonic pandemic is over and our doors are open again, will we celebrate like the father did in Luke 15:11-32, or will we be angry like his son because "MY" spot in "MY" pew was taken over by somebody I don't know? This is our greatest opportunity to witness Pope St. John Paul II 's famous words presented on October 22, 1978, during his first solemn Mass in Saint Peter's Square in the unforgettable words: "Do not be afraid! Open, open wide the doors to Christ! During His visit to Croatia 1994, He boldly proclaimed, "Do not abandon yourself to despair. We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song." As we continue to strive for holiness in the midst of many difficulties, let us remember these words, and the promise that hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:5).

Last week we unconventionally celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday. While watching IHC Catholic TV on the Eve of Divine Mercy, Cardinal Antonio Tagle, [prefect](#) of the [Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples](#) (I personally met the Cardinal and attended Mass He celebrated for our Military Community in Naples Italy in 2012. What an honor it was to be part of the 4th Degree Honor Guard) spoke on Faith and Mercy. He stated, "Faith gives us hope in time of trials and tribulations". So very true during this period. This Faith we continually demonstrate through the many Corporal Works of Mercy we are doing while keeping our Orders motto, "Leave No Neighbor Behind". Our duty to lead our families, protect our parishes, and serve our communities, remembering always that where there's a need, there's a Knight. Yes, this pandemic, recent flooding's and the winter's harshness have given us the opportunity to renew our Faith because of God's Mercy and love for us, has given ALL an opportunity to "deepen our commitment to the very principles which define us: charity, unity and fraternity."

Another great way to keep the Easter candle burning brightly is your Assembly's recognition for earning the Star Assembly Award - it requires seven actions on your part. With 2 months remaining in this fraternal year, Assemblies still have time, do not wait until June to find out what the seven requirements are.

We have a little more than two months left until our 4th Degree Exemplification on July 25, 2020 at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Newport. It is my goal to make this event a well-attended affair, both by candidates and spectators alike. Now is the time to start recruiting. I will need completed Form 4's by July 1st. See the enclosed sample Form 4 for required information, i.e., email and X's.

Spring internments will be taking place soon, I ask Faithful Navigators and Color Corps Commanders to check with your Parishes or Funeral Homes for the dates of your deceased Assembly and Council Members internment to pay our final respects.


Contact me with any questions you may have. Continue your recruitment drive for 4th Degree candidates.

Vivat Jesus!

George Piette

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PLEASE PRINT



FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENT
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
A SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC MEN

4-12/14

X EMAIL:

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL		TITLE	
STREET		CITY		ST / PROV		POSTAL CODE / COUNTRY	
HOME PHONE		DATE OF BIRTH		MARITAL STATUS		1 st DEGREE DATE	
COUNCIL NO.		CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?		BY BIRTH OR NATURALIZATION?		IF NATURALIZATION HAVE FINAL PAPERS BEEN RECEIVED?	
YES		NO					
IF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY INITIATED IN THE FOURTH DEGREE, GIVE:		INITIATION		TERMINATION		ASSEMBLY NUMBER	
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REASON FOR TERMINATION							

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

NEW MEMBER

RESTORATION

TRANSFER

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

DATA CHANGE

SUSPENSION

DEATH

PARISH	ASSEMBLY	NUMBER	CITY	ST/PROV
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NEW OR PRESENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	FORMER			

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I AM A PRACTICAL CATHOLIC IN COMMUNION WITH THE HOLY SEE.

I CERTIFY THAT THE APPLICANT IS A THIRD DEGREE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE	COUNCIL NO.	LOCATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER	ASSEMBLY	DATE	SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY
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PROPOSER MEMBER NUMBER (REQUIRED)

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR	DATE	RECEIVED FEES OF \$	DATE
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FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER	DATE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Signature of Maddy (required for new members only)

SUPREME SECRETARY COPY

FAIRFAX COUNCIL MEMBERS RAISE MONEY FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN HAITI RELIEF MISSION

I hope everyone is doing well in these trying times. It's been nearly three months since I returned from Haiti and, I apologize, I'm just getting around to sending out my thank you letter. On December 31st through January 11th, 2020 I traveled to Haiti on my seventh mission trip with the Franciscan Friars to provide humanitarian relief to the people of Riviere Friode which is about an hour and a half southeast of the capital of Port Au Prince. Every year the trip seems to go by faster and faster. This year nearly 45 missionaries, including the Friars and Sisters, joined us and raised over \$275,000 to purchase building materials, medical supplies, food, etc. Here is a brief overview what we did this year.

Houses – This year we constructed 52 houses for poor people of the area. The houses are 10' x 12', constructed of 2x4 and plywood walls and a metal roof. Typically, houses are constructed with one door and two "cut out" windows. There is no floor, other than the ground. The houses are very simple and may not seem like much but for some, however; they are 100 times better than what they were living in. Once the materials are delivered to the site, it takes about 2 hours to construct a house.

Latrines – This year we constructed 48 – 4' x 5' latrines. Construction starts with a 30' deep hole which is previously dug by the landowner, then a crew of Haitian workers install a 6" concrete slab over the hole a couple weeks before we arrive. The walls and roof of the latrine are constructed into panels which can be easily assembled in about 15 minutes once they are delivered to the site. Latrines are very important to stem the spread of cholera along with other diseases.

Water – The last three years we have been very blessed to have Rodney Harrington accompany us. Rodney is a water quality specialist who has a patented device that converts table salt into chlorine. Rodney spent most of the time going around purifying all the water sources with chlorine and educating people how to operate this equipment so they can continue to purify water after we leave.

Medical – We had about 7 nurses accompany us who run a clinic while we were there. The ailments are too numerous to mention but high blood pressure, dehydration, and malnutrition are just a few. They treated nearly 2000 people while we were there. Hopefully, the nurses will return in July to provide additional medical treatment.

Food – Some of our missionaries spent most of the time preparing and packaging food for the "food hand out" we do on the last day. Cards are given to the poorest people in the area and then they bring the cards to redeem food. We estimate we gave away approximately 50 tons of food to 2400 people. Food consist of rice, beans, corn meal, pasta, oil, canned fish, etc.

Orphanage – A few years ago we came across an orphanage which we started helping. Some of the orphans are physically and mentally handicapped children. We try to help out the orphanage as much as we can. We provide food and other necessary provisions. Again, this year, my sister Marianne and my sister-in-law Pat along with their sewing groups made clothing for the boys and girls which everyone really appreciated. Many of us, travelled to the orphanage while we were there to play with the kids.

Garden – Something a little different this year, Lucy Parent, famer extraordinary from Vermont took it upon herself to start a large garden at the Friary Compound. She lead a group of Haitian workers to clear some land and plant some vegetables. They also built some trellis's and installed some watering tanks to help irrigate parts of the garden. If successful, this garden could go a long way to provide food and income for the area. This is an ongoing project and hope to expand the garden to grow more vegetables in the coming years.

Workers - In order to complete all this work, nearly 80 Haitian workers are hired as construction workers, translators, cooks, security, etc. The workers are paid \$150 which is about 10 times the normal Haitian salary. They were also given 50 lb. bag of rice, 50 lb. bag of beans, clothing, among other items. All of our workers worked very hard. Most of them will return to work with us again next year. Sadly, for some, this may be the only job they have until we return next year.

Evangelization – Several of the Friars, Sisters and Missionaries ran a week long bible school for the children of the area. A lot of children attended. Fr. Innocent had the opportunity to baptise nearly 50 children after mass on Sunday. Also, one of our workers received his first communion. Pretty special!

My Job – My friend Ed and I pretty much stay back at the Friary Compound where we coordinate cutting up materials and assembly doors and parts for the latrines with approximate 20 Haitian workers. Houses are comprise of nearly 80 different piece including lumber, doors and metal for the roof. The workers are very good at what they do and are able to work quickly. However, every few days we need to stop the workers to remind them about safety. This year we were blessed with no major injuries.

Other Work - There were so many other projects that we worked on while were there including giving away clothing, up grading the electrical system, installing solar panels, repairing the pews and kneelers in the church, just to mention a few things. Overall the trip was emotionally and physically draining, however; our accomplishments were very rewarding. If nothing else, we provided a village of people a glimpse of hope in a life of poverty and despair. Having done this seven times now, I have to say this year was probably the best group of missionaries yet. Everyone got along and we worked together so well. I'm so excited to think about going back next year. God willing, this whole Covid-19 crisis will be over and we'll be able to go back and continue to support our friends in Haiti. Thanks for your continued prayers and support toward this mission.

Bob Thompson

27 Deer Run Lane

Westford, VT 05494 (802)503-7969



Lumber for houses & latrines



Staging area for the pieces for the houses



Drawings



Free house loaded on the truck



Workers assembling doors for houses and latrines



House construction





House construction



House construction



House construction "High Rise"



Food Handout



Food handout



Make shift jig for assembling the latrine panels



Clinic – Nurse assessing child through translator.



Clearing for the garden



Barrel to collect roof water, inside the house



Garden with trellis's



Making chlorine to purify water



Garden



Fence repair



Gutter to collect roof water



Brothers and Sisters

**“HOW CAN YOU SAY THERE
ARE TOO MANY CHILDREN?
THAT’S LIKE SAYING THERE
ARE TOO MANY FLOWERS.”**

— ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA —



(1) Lifelines 0099, "Rally for Life" - The Vermont Right to Life Committees' (VRLC) annual Rally features a march of several hundred people through the streets of Montpelier. The march culminates on the steps of the Capital for a motivational ceremony commemorating the holocaust of abortion. Participants then proceed to the House chamber for prayer and a speaker. Mary Hahn Beerworth, Executive Director of VRLC, provided an excellent presentation. To see portions of the march and listen to Beerworth's inspirational talk, go to <http://lcatv.org/search/content/lifelines%200099>

(2) Lobby Day, sponsored by VRLC, will take place during the day on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. Lobby Day provides an outstanding opportunity to stand up for Life at the Legislature in the State Capital in Montpelier. (Details to follow as the event draws closer.)

Bob & Judy Sekerak, Culture of Life Couple

2020 Silver Rose

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.

Worthy Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and Brother Knights,

The Silver Rose program is presently on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The jurisdictions currently with the Roses have been asked to hold onto them until further guidance is given. Namely, once the quarantines are lifted, the Roses will be shipped to the jurisdiction scheduled to have it at that time.

Our Silver Rose began its journey in Nova Scotia in early March, and should be in Maine as I write this. We are scheduled to receive it this year from New Hampshire on June 14, and will have it until July 7 when we pass it on to Massachusetts. **I am hopeful that the present quarantines will be lifted by June 14, and that we will be able to resume our meetings and activities in time to host the Rose as it journeys through Vermont.**

Last year, only several Councils hosted Silver Rose services. I would like to see more Councils participating in this Faith in Action - Life Program. I am also considering organizing a Silver Rose service using Zoom video conferencing, and would welcome input from interested Councils and Brother Knights regarding that.

I encourage all Councils and Assemblies to participate in the Silver Rose Program. Please call or email me to reserve a date for your Silver Rose service. I will arrange to deliver the Silver Rose and program materials to you.

Thank you for helping to make the 2020 Silver Rose Run a prayerful witness to the sacredness of every human life.

Faternally,

Roger Dickinson, Silver Rose State Program Director

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STATE VOCATIONS REPORT 2019- 2020

The goal for the 20019-2020 fraternal year is to continue are support for all of our seminarians through the R.S.V.P. Vocations Program and have as many council's as possible promoting and supporting programs to the priesthood and religious life.

We keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants. As the strong right arm of the church, we as Knights are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to future priests and religious at all stages of their formation

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 would like to give recognition to the following councils for there participation in the Refund Support Vocations Program by providing scholarships and moral support to the seminarians, through visits to the Seminary and, hosting activities for the seminarians. Rutland Council 232, Rutland, DeGoesbriand Council 279, Burlington, for their continued participation for the past 39 years in the RSVP program. Sheridan Council 421, St Johnsbury, , St. Charles Council 753, Bellows Falls, Fair Haven Council 810, Fair Haven, Rutland Assembly 1147, Burlington Assembly 1148, St. Stephen's Council 2284, Winooski, Bishop Rice Council 2946, Essex Jct, St. Isaac Joques Council 3664, Vergennes, Rosary Council 4684, Richmond, Fr. Joy Council 7389 Colchester, St. John Vianney Council 7525, So. Burlington, St. Edmund of Canterbury Council 7669, Swanton, Saint Pope John Paul II Council 10417, Milton, George F. Johnson Council 10241, Bethel.

God Bless all of you for your dedicated work for Vocations.

The State Vocations Scholarship recipients for 2019- 2020 are: The 20th annual Bishop Kenneth A. Angell Vocations Scholarship, Mr. Robert J. Murphy, Third Theology, Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, The Rev. John C. Ledoux Memorial Vocations Scholarship, Mr. Gregory S. Caldwell, Second Theology, Saint Meinrad Seminary and The Martin J. Ramunno Memorial Vocations Scholarship, Mr. Eli Yandow, Second Pre-Theology, Saint Meinrad Seminary

"Please Pray for Vocations, Vocations Are Everybody's Business."

Fraternally Yours;

Gerald F. Bean

Gerald F. Bean, PSD, FDM

State Vocations Chairman

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support through the Rev. John C. Ledoux Vermont State Council Knights of Columbus Memorial Vocations Scholarship and your support means a lot to me. I am consistently humbled by the support that the Knights give to me as a seminarian, even in challenging times such as we find ourselves in now, and with this Scholarship, this continues. The work that the Knights do to support vocations is invaluable to us seminarians. But beyond the financial support is your support in prayer. Due to the generous support of the Knights of Columbus, we always know there is someone to help if we are in need. It is through prayer that truly keeps seminarians and priests going. I look forward to one day, by the grace of God, being a priest in the diocese and being able to work with the Knights. Know of my prayers of all of the Knights and all of the work that you do.

In Christ,

Greg Caldwell
Seminarian, Diocese of Burlington



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As you are aware, public gathering are cancelled for now, but there is still much that can be done to defend life! A list below of suggested activities that you could do from home follows. In place of attending Pro-Life Lobby Day in person, here are some ideas for defending helpless and innocent unborn babies that you can do anytime while staying safe and healthy at home:

- Take a moment to research how each of your legislators voted on both H. 57 and Proposal 5. You can click on this [link](#) and search for your legislators by the town you live in. Last year the Vermont House and Senate voted by overwhelming majorities in favor of H. 57, a bill that sanctioned abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy with no protections for unborn babies or their mothers. Governor Phil Scott signed that travesty of a bill into law. To add insult to injury, Governor Scott's administration then granted additional state funding to Planned Parenthood, the state's largest provider of abortions - an organization that boasts about performing 1,100 abortion in Vermont every year. It is an outrage that in 2019 Planned Parenthood was awarded approximately \$1.4 million dollars of state funding - with the expectation that this will be an annual appropriation. Not content with the pro-abortion statute and funding, Planned Parenthood's powerful lobbying arm pressured the Vermont House and Senate to vote to amend our state Constitution to "enshrine abortion rights" into our founding document. Another outrageous and life destroying proposition. Proposal 5 will be voted on again in next legislative session so it is vitally important for pro-lifers to speak up now. Click below to see how your legislators voted:

[House Vote - H.57](#) [Senate Vote - H.57](#) [House Vote - Prop 5](#)
[Senate Vote - Prop 5](#)

- Write a note to your Senators and Representatives (you have 1 to 6 of each) to let them know that their votes on Life issues matter to you. Please thank the legislators who voted AGAINST (NAY) on the two pro-abortion bills. Please express your dismay to those who voted IN FAVOR (YEA) of unlimited abortion.

- Check out Vermont Right to Life's new website [here](#). Take a moment to sign the petition against Proposal 5 and see the details for the upcoming Life Symposium to be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Ask others to attend this program with you and save the date in your calendar or register now!
- Write a letter to your local paper, post it on Facebook or on your local Front Porch Forum.
- Watch the Lifelines videos of pro-life events, produced by our Chittenden County Right to Life Chapter over the years, [here](#). Lifelines 0092 is comprised of individuals interviewed at Vermont Right to Life's Lobby Day at the State House on March 21, 2019. Their comments refer to H.57 and PR.5.
- Make a donation to support the work of Vermont Right to Life. Click [here](#) to contribute.

The staff and volunteers of the Vermont Right to Life Committee thank you most sincerely for understanding the value of every human life and for all you do to make a difference.



Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS 2020

James P. Candon
Scholastic Achievement, Chairman

April 20, 2020

Andrew John Giorgi

157 Furnace Brook Road
Bennington, VT 05201
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Bennington Council # 307

Gerald Morrissey PSD Memorial Award

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Randolph UHS
M/M William Johnson

Charles H. Phillips Council # 14351

Thomas Kane VSM, PSD Memorial Award

Claire E. Paquin

289 State Line Road
North Bennington, VT 05257
Mt. Anthony UHS
M/M Thomas Paquin
Bennington Council #307

Msgr. Wendell H. Searles Memorial Award

James Patrick Ronning

96 Church Street
North Walpole, 03609
Fall Mountain Regional HS
M/M Thomas Ronning
St. Charles Council # 753

Fr. Joseph Campbell Memorial Award

Samuel Zion Thompson

266 Westford Road
Milton, VT 05468
Rice Memorial HS
M/M Jeffrey Thompson
St. John Paul II Council # 10417

Roderick Marcotte Memorial Award

First Alternate

Sierra Mary Pepin

117 Hunting Ridge Lane
Milton, VT 05468
Milton HS
M/M Richard Pepin
St. John Paul II Council # 10417

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro M. Falcioni.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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

WEEK #	DATE	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
WEEK #11	02-29-2020			
	\$100.00	138	Council #3664, Vergennes	3664
	\$75.00	134	Fair Haven Council 810	810
	\$50.00	261	Dave McAvinney	7943
WEEK #12	03-07-2020			
	\$100.00	193	Mark Greenan	421
	\$75.00	164	Donald Sutton	7525
	\$50.00	132	Peter & Beth Laramie	810
WEEK #13	03-14-2020			
	\$100.00	88	Peter Fitzgerald	10830
	\$75.00	267	Vincent Matteis	13574
	\$50.00	300	Kevin Aremburg	421
WEEK #14	03-21-2020			
	\$100.00	209	Fr. William Giroux	297
	\$75.00	56	Pauline Dagesse	2285
	\$50.00	66	Jim & Rose Michael	279
WEEK #15	03-28-2020			
	\$100.00	12	Nick & Cindy Conti	399
	\$75.00	108	John Harnish	2946
	\$50.00	57	Ed Nuttall	10830
WEEK #16	4-4-2020			
	\$100.00	25	Sandy MacGillivray	2628
	\$75.00	112	Bernard Dubois	3664
	\$50.00	70	James Letourneau	279
WEEK #17	04-11-2020			
	\$100.00	241	Joseph Kelly	399
	\$75.00	209	Fr. William Giroux	297
	\$50.00	189	Bishop Rice Council #2946	2946
WEEK #18	04-18-2020			
	\$100.00	186	Jay Benson	7525
	\$75.00	286	Lawrence Bellew	7389
	\$50.00	80	John Corrigan III	7324
WEEK #19	04-25-2020			
	\$100.00	106	Frederick Snider	2610
	\$75.00	31	Deborah DeLabruere	2025
	\$50.00	78	Fern Cyr	2025

Brother Knight's

Having just returned to Vermont, I need to self quarantine for 14 days. I will then be doing the 20th (Final week) drawing. It will be done on a video and then I will send out the winners on this email list. Because we did not pay out the per deum this year, the money will be carried over to next years convention making it a double pay out for the 2021 convention.

I thank you for all your support and look forward to another successful raffle next year.

Vivat Jesus

Maurice F. Noel PSD/FDM

300 Club Chairman

PS: After checking my records, the week 11 winners have not been paid. When I get more check, I will be sending out the checks. Sorry bout that !!!!

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

NEXT ISSUE WILL BE June 30, 2020.