



Vermont Knights in Action



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

Vermont State Council Officers



State Chaplain	Fr. Timothy Naples
State Deputy	Steve Shover
State Secretary	Jim Michael
State Treasurer	Christopher Poirier
State Advocate	Nick Conti
State Warden	William LaCroix
Immediate Past State Deputy	Thomas Herbst Jr.
Program Director	Bill LaCroix
Membership Director	Ed Nuttall
Faith Director	Thomas Headley
Council Retention Director	James Benson
Family Director	John Santorello
Youth Director	Elijah LaChance
Forms Chairman	Dennis Smith

From the Vermont State Deputy



Greetings my Brother Knights:

He is Risen, Alleluia! A very happy and Blessed Easter to those of you reading this message. May we keep the Spirit of the Risen Lord in our hearts and our actions, not only today, but every day!

CONVENTION UPDATE:

Our annual convention will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM. We will be using the “go to meeting” platform (per Supreme) and “election buddy” for any and all voting. All of the reports will be available on a cloud for all members to see.

If you are a delegate, a separate email will be sent to you with a link to access the cloud where all the reports will be. Please take the time to look these over in case you have any questions to be brought up at the convention. Be advised that we will be voting on our budget for the fraternal year 2021 – 2022 and we will be voting on the resolutions.

There will be a vote for your State Officers as follows:

State Deputy – Steve Shover
State Secretary – Jim Michael
State Treasurer – Chris Poirier
State Advocate – open
State Warden – Bill LaCroix

If you would like to nominate anyone to any of the above seats, please send your nomination to our State Secretary, Jim Michael: roseandjimmichael@gmail.com

We would like all nominations sent in by April 10, 2021 so everyone will have a chance to see those nominations prior to the convention. The above listed officers are running for a second term and the position of State Advocate is open.

If you are a District Deputy or chairperson affiliated with the State Council, your reports are due to me by April 10, 2021 as well so the delegates will have time to look over those reports.

BISHOP COYNE REQUEST:

Our Bishop has made a request to “FEED THE HUNGRY” and there are some Councils who have already done a food drive. We are asking ALL Councils to assist our Bishop with this request, even if it is done via a drive-through with people dropping off non-perishable food items. This comes in line with Supreme’s ‘Leave No Neighbor Behind’. At your next Council officers’ meeting, please bring up this issue as a project for your Council to engage in. Thank you.

ULTRASOUND VAN UPDATE

As stated in the past few newsletters, we as members in the jurisdiction of Vermont have succeeded in securing enough funds to purchase the van, however the cost of converting the van is much higher than we anticipated. We still could use help financially to ensure that this becomes a reality sooner than later. Aspire Together is in the process of fund raising and they are going to need roughly \$202,000 less our donation of \$50,000. So again, if you would like to help by donating, please do. And again, thank you for your support.

OFFICE OF YOUTH PROTECTION (OYP)

Hopefully by now your District Deputy has contacted you regarding the OYP and what you need to do to become compliant for Supreme. Please note that this training takes but about 30 minutes to complete and this needs your attention as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to our State Advocate, Nick Conti.

MEMBERSHIP

Supreme has informed me that to reach our state goal for the fraternal year, we still need 40 new men to join our ranks. With the online degree now available on demand, it is easier to join the Knights than ever before. We are hopeful to reach our goal, but we need your help to accomplish this.

AWARDS

Thank you to those Councils who submitted their programs to our State Program Director, Bill LaCroix. The voting will take place on April 8, 2021. Those Councils receiving awards will be announced at the Convention. Our Anchor Award recipient will be announced as well that day.

RECOGNITION

We would like to recognize Essex Council 2946 on their 75th Anniversary and Winooski Council 2284 on their 100th Anniversary! Congratulations Essex and Winooski!

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16: 1-8 (The Resurrection of Jesus)

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'" Then they went out and fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Fraternally,

Steve Shover
State Deputy



STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

May 2021

Dear Brother Knights!

Our VT State Convention is just days away at the time of this writing. Your State Officers and Program Directors have been working hard for the past few weeks to establish our FY2021-2022 State Budget, Award selections, Committee reports and General information and Summaries for our programs, charities and activities.

This FY's convention will again be mostly virtual (with limited attendance) so we've been working with Supreme to set up the GOTO Meeting, ElectionBuddy and assure each 'voice' may be recognized and heard. I'm sure it will go great!!

My report for May will be brief. We may have a post convention update... TBD.

1. Our 2nd Half of FY20-21 Per Capita has made progress. We have received invoice remittance from 35 councils with only 2 more remaining: Councils 7763 and 13574. As I noted / asked last newsletter, please assure your GK and FS emails are accurate in our state directory.

2. Liability Insurance: Just 3 more councils to go for 100% remittance on the requested liability insurance – Councils 232, 1568, 10535. Please let me know if you sent in the invoice remittance or if it is on its way.

Okay, that's all I have for business... Hopefully councils are preparing for their FY2021-2022 Council Officer elections.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Jim Michael (State Secretary)

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

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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



Knights of Columbus

Saint John Vianney Council 7525
South Burlington, VT. 05403

Dear Worthy Officers, Sir Knights and Brother Knights,

Saint John Vianney Council 7525 is planning a Super Auction as a fund raiser for Camp Ta Kum Ta. The COVID-19 Pandemic is still in effect preventing the Super Bingo fund raiser event from happening. The Super Auction was introduced May 2020 and brought in \$8,000 for Camp Ta Kum Ta. This year we are hoping to bring in more monies with the help from councils around the state.

The Auction has three categories. The first category is items from local businesses and the community. The second category is artisan items from members of the Vermont Artisan Guild and the third category is theme packages from councils in Vermont. We are asking councils to come up with a theme package, like a basket or larger package such as a fishing theme where poles, tackle and tackle box is offered for bidding. Be creative. Please send me an email at gravelint@gmail.com to let me know you are participating. We need your responses before May 16th. Please include the theme you will be doing. If you would like to personally donate an item, please email Kidsfortoday@outlook.com.

Let us show the true meaning of unity that our councils stand for by participating in this event. We do it for the kids with cancer and their families.

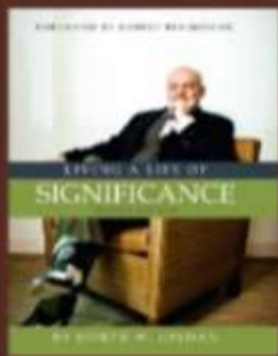
The advertisement is a blue-bordered box containing the following text and images:

- At the top left is the Knights of Columbus logo.
- At the top right is the Camp Ta-Kum-Ta logo, which features a stylized mountain range and the text 'CAMP TA-KUM-TA'.
- The main text reads: "Knights of Columbus Council 7525 Presents: The Super Auction for Camp Ta-Kum-Ta".
- To the right of the main text is a white gavel icon.
- Below the main text, it says: "June 4, 2021 - June 13, 2021! Just in time for Fathers Day!"
- The next line of text says: "Support families affected by childhood cancer by checking out our virtual auction! Bid on a collection of amazing items from gift cards to local businesses to artwork from local artists! If you would like to donate an item contact Kidsfortoday@outlook.com".
- Below that, it says: "Save The Date For Next Years Bingo 4/24/22".
- At the bottom, the website address is listed: www.BiddingForGood.com/CampTaKumTa/SuperAuction.



CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS
FOR OUR BROTHER KNIGHT
WHO PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH





Joe Jordan

Presents

Stress-Free Retirement Planning

**May 3, 2021
7:00 PM ET**



Click [Here](#) to Register

Join us for an informative online presentation by inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert Joe Jordan. Joe will discuss “Stress-Free Retirement Planning,” including how to plan for your financial future and a secure retirement. Joe believes in the mission of the Knights to protect families by providing economic security and stability. Only by helping others can we truly “Live a Significant Life.” Here are some of the topics Joe will cover:

- The importance of “Living a Significant Life” that goes beyond merely accumulating wealth
- Eight steps to financial security
- Capital markets explained in 5 minutes
- The importance of having a plan and a partner
- Why long-term care doesn’t have to be a financial nightmare
- How to turn hard earned assets into reliable retirement income
- Protecting your loved ones with life insurance
- Why patience pays when claiming Social Security
- Six risks to a secure retirement and how you can insure against them

His talk will give you new insights into your financial affairs without losing sight of your faith and values. Click [here](#) to see Joe’s special message to the Knights. We look forward to Joe’s presentation on May 3rd at 7:00 PM ET. Click [here](#) to register now!

About Joe Jordan

Joe Jordan, inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert, is the author of the award-winning book *Living a Life of Significance*. His book is a call to action for financial professionals to think beyond just how much money they can make and to focus on the positive impact they have on others.

Joe has worked in financial planning and insurance for 47 years. His book and presentations are designed to instill Christian values into the financial service business.

Joe is a Catholic, a Knight, and a member of Legatus, a Catholic CEO organization.

For three consecutive years, he has been honored by *Irish America* magazine as one of the "Top 50 Irish Americans on Wall Street."

He was inducted into the Fordham Football Hall of Fame and has played rugby for the New York Athletic Club for 30 years.

AN AGENDA FOR GRAND KNIGHT MEETING WITH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

- ❑ ESTABLISH A SENSE OF DIRECTION
- ❑ SET A MONTHLY/QUARTERLY QUOTA
- ❑ MONITOR CLOSELY REPORTS FROM STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, E.G. "ON-LINE NEW MEMBER MATRIX", "MEMBERSHIP QUOTAS WITH DISTRICT TOTALS", ETC.
- ❑ IDENTIFY AND WORK WITH THE MOST SUCCESSFUL COUNCIL RECRUITERS
- ❑ MEET WITH PRIEST/PASTOR TO IDENTIFY "PRACTICAL CATHOLICS" IN ALL CHURCHES UNDER HIS JURISDICTION.
- ❑ IDENTIFY ALL MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC, EG. BULLETINS, WEB PAGES/SITES, NEWSPAPERS TO GET YOUR POINT ACROSS.
- ❑ SEND THE CARD "YOU ARE BORN A MAN. YOU BECOME A KNIGHT." TO ALL MEN IN THE CHURCH(ES) WITH A LETTER SIGNED BY THE GK AND PRIEST INVITING THEM TO JOIN THE KOFC.
- ❑ SET UP THE "BUDDY SYSTEM" MATCHING ACTIVE MEMBERS WITH PROSPECTS AFTER REVIEWING MAP LOCATIONS FOR ADDRESS PROXIMITIES.
- ❑ REVIEW THE "FORMER MEMBER LISTING" FOR POSSIBLE RECALLS.
- ❑ DISCUSS ADDING MEMBERS FOR A MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.
- ❑ ASK COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS REVIEW BY SOLICITING HIS IDEAS.
- ❑ DISCUSS HOW TO PREPARE FOR AND ORGANIZE A "DELTA CHURCH DIVE"
- ❑ PUT IN AN EXEMPLIFICATION TEAM
- ❑ REMEMBER TO KEEP IN MIND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "MANAGING" AND "LEADERSHIP". IN ONE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT "RESOURCES" IN THE OTHER "TEACHING AND COACHING"
- ❑ DISCUSS VIDEO: THERE'S PLACE A PLACE FOR YOU IN VT KOFC (VIEWABLE ON FR. TIM NAPLES' PERSONAL YOUTUBE CHANNEL, HERE: <https://youtu.be/BK5VJX720H4>)



AN AGENDA FOR MEETING WITH RETENTION CHAIRMAN

- 1) ESTABLISH A SENSE OF DIRECTION
- 2) REVIEW THE SIGNS/CONCERNS THE MEMBERSHIP ARE DISPLAYING FOR THEIR DISCONTENT WITH THE KOFC
- 3) ADD THE "FORMER MEMBER LISTING" TO YOUR REVIEW PROCESS.
- 4) REVIEW THE PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES TO DETERMINE IF THE NEEDS OF THE MEMBERS AND COUNCIL ARE BEING ADDRESSED. DO MEMBERS "BUY INTO" CURRENT ACTIVITIES?
- 5) IMPLEMENT THE "BUDDY SYSTEM" AS DEFINED IN THIS PRESENTATION. MAKE SURE EVERY DISHEARTENED KNIGHT IS ACCOUNTED FOR.
- 6) SHOW THE "INTO THE BREACH", A 12-PART SERIES AT COUNCIL MEETINGS OR INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS, ZOOM OR FACE-TO-FACE.
- 7) FORM A COMMITTEE AND GET THEM INVOLVED.
- 8) LEAD FIRST; MANAGE SECONDLY.

RETENTION IS KEY TO MEMBERSHIP AND IT'S WORTH REPEATING

- 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 PERIOTIC REPORTS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS TO SHARE IDEAS AND RESULTS

RSVP VOCATIONS

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 their participation in the Refund Support Vocations Program by providing scholarships and moral support to the seminarians. Rutland Council 232, DeGoesbriand Council 279, Burlington, for their continued participation for the past 40 years in the RSVP program. St. Albans Council 297, 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, Rosary Council 4684, Richmond, 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 2020- 2021 are: The 21st. annual Bishop Kenneth A. Angell Vocations Scholarship, Mr. Loc Vo, St. John Seminary, The 25th Rev. John C. Ledoux Memorial Vocations Scholarship, Mr. An Dinh, St. John Seminary and The Martin J. Ramunno Memorial Vocations Scholarship, Mr. Khoa Nguyen, St. John Seminary, Brighton, MA. All are studying English at Boston University.

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 gfbear44@yahoo.com Or call at 862-8581. Also if you have given financial support to a seminarian for the year (July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021) and have not sent me a copy, please send me a copy of form 2863 (RSVP form) .

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

Fraternally Yours;

Jerry Bean

Gerald F. Bean, PSD, FDM
State Vocations Director

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON
SEMINARIAN DIRECTORY
2021

SEMINARY ADDRESS & YEAR OF STUDY

Rev. Mr. Robert J. Murphy
Fourth Theology
Mount Saint Mary's Seminary
16300 Old Emmitsburg Road
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

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Third Theology
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St. Meinrad, IN 47577

Mr. Brandon Schneider
Pastoral Year
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Mr. Luan Van Tran
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Mr. Giang Vu
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Welcome To The 11th Annual
**Monsignor Thomas J.
Ball Memorial Open**

Worthy Thanks To Our Presidential Sponsors:

**Al's French Frys
Bissonette Properties
William G. and Shane W. Bissonette**

*"The Knights Of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council #2284 Are Celebrating Our
100th 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 15th 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!

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

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

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

Player	Telephone	email
Player	Telephone	email
Player	Telephone	email
Player	Telephone	email

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

Mr. Greg Clairmont, Worthy Grand Knight

2021 Silver Rose

It's not too soon to plan this year's Silver Rose service!
Vermont is scheduled to receive the Silver Rose on June 21, and we will have it until July 11.

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.

One of the defining characteristics of the Knights of Columbus is our deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Every Knight receives a rosary when he joins the Order and is encouraged to turn to Mary as his own Mother, so that she may lead him closer to her Son.

Historically, Knights have expressed filial devotion to Mary under various titles, especially Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and of the Philippines, and the Immaculate Conception, likewise patroness of both the United States and the Philippines. The Order has been marked from the beginning by special reverence for Our Lady, demonstrated by prayer, pilgrimages, evangelization and education initiatives, and acts of charity. In particular, Knights have been ardent apostles of the holy rosary, spearheading numerous rosary distributions and prayer programs to promote this most powerful Marian devotion.

Worthy Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and Brother Knights,
Last year, only several Councils hosted Silver Rose services. I would like to see more Councils participating in this Faith in Action - Life Program.

Please call or email me to reserve a date for your Silver Rose service. I will arrange to deliver the Silver Rose and Prayer Service Booklets to you.

Council Resources

The routes for 2021 are now reflected on kofc.org/rose. Councils can find a step-by-step Silver Rose Guidesheet ([#10625](https://www.kofc.org/life)) for the program and other resources by visiting www.kofc.org/life. Materials for the program in English, Spanish, and French can be ordered through [Supplies Online](#) including the Prayer Service Booklet ([#4841](#)), Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer and Pledge Card ([#9754](#)), and posters ([#10723](#) & [#10219](#)) promoting the event. A 60-minute video on the history of Our Lady of Guadalupe is also available for [purchase here](#).

Let's make the 2021 Silver Rose Run a prayerful witness to the sacredness of every human life.

Fraternally,

Roger Dickinson, Silver Rose State Program Director
(802) 373-7135
dcknsn95@myfairpoint.net



ST JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL 10417

Milton

Four knights from the St John Paul II Council in Milton worked together to re-build a set of steps at the front of a house of a recently deceased brother. The house originally had a ramp built by the knights over the front steps of the residence. The ramp was recently removed and then the steps were modified for the widow to make it easier access for her to enter and exit the house. Pictured are GK Peter Lavallee, Worthy Recorder Roger Dickinson, Life Director Mike Thompson, and Guy LaPlume. GK Peter Lavallee was proud to take credit for the work of these three talented brother knights who redesigned and reconfigured the steps, making life easier for the homeowner.



SAINT STEPHEN'S COUNCIL 2284

Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council 2284's Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont presents a \$500 Gift to Winooski VFW's Sergeant Andrew Lesage for new Memorial Day Flags on Main Street! God Bless the USA us!!!!

Father Gratton Promoted



Father Scott Gratton, a priest of the Diocese of Burlington currently serving as a chaplain with the Vermont National Guard in Saudi Arabia, has been promoted to the rank of Captain . In an April 7 letters to parishioners of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Bethel and Rochester and Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Randolph — where he had been serving before his deployment — Father Gratton said he has been busy in Saudi Arabia, traveling to visit soldiers and bring them religious support.

“No matter what happens; no matter how long the distance may be; no matter the length of time — remember that our strength comes from the Eucharist and that our God binds us to His Heart every time we dare to approach the altar,” he wrote. “The Lord has bound our hearts together in the Eucharist, so

do not miss me too much, for I am already there with you, sitting at the feet of Christ, waiting, with you, to follow Him wherever He leads next.”

Father Gratton asked parishioners to stay close to the sacraments, which give strength. “Please stay close to Sacred Scripture, for it is the love letter that Our Lord has left for us. Please stay close to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, for it provides the rock of Truth (capital T, Truth) that we believe amidst the conflicting interpretations and wishes of different people in our modern world,” he wrote. “Finally, stay close to me on this deployment, and know that I carry you with me wherever I go.”

WALK THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Members of Gibbons Council 2285 built several cedar crosses and invited the community to join them at a Walk the Way of the Cross held at noon on Good Friday. A former local ski area, Chamberlain Birch in Newport was the location for the event. This steep incline is now the home of a retreat center known as the Glorious Cross and has all 14 stations located on the way up the mountain. Prayers were said at each station. An ATV and a side by side were available for those who were having difficulty with the climb. Participants ages 2-75 braved the snow and cold temperatures to participate. We hope that this will be the first of many future Good Friday walks.





ST. ALBANS COUNCIL 297 NEWS FOR MAY 2021

ST. MARY'S SPAGHETTI DINNER

We would like to take a moment and thank everyone who helped us with a successful fundraiser that took place on Saturday, April 24th at St. Mary's Parish Hall in St. Albans, Vermont. Benefit: St. Mary's carpet fund. We had great participation, support, and representation from the Manahan family, KofC # 297, The Catholic Daughters, and others.



From left to right: Mike Manahan, Gordan McRae, GK Valdemar Garibay, State Deputy Steve Shover, Carlos Villareal, and Mike Mahoney

BLOOD DRIVES

We continue to help our community via our Life initiative on the blood drives.

From Left to right: The KofC #297 American Red Cross Volunteers: Bill Greenwood, GK Valdemar Garibay, and Gordon McRae.

Total current statistics from 8/12/2020 to 4/29/2021

19 Blood Drives
527 Total Blood Donations
36 New Blood Donors

Here is a list of our next blood drives.

Please continue to spread the word for blood donations.

#	Date	Time	Location
1	5/13/2021	1030-330 PM	St. Albans City Hall
2	5/28/2021	9 AM - 2 PM	St. Mary's Parish Hall
3	6/10/2021	11 AM - 4 PM	St. Mary's Parish Hall
4	6/24/2021	11 AM - 4 PM	St. Mary's Parish Hall

Starting in July we plan to host one blood drive per month and invite more donors.

NCSS EVENT SPONSOR

The Virtual Autism Awareness Week was held on 4/3/21 – 4/10/21 via online for Northwestern Counseling & Support Services (NCSS). We are happy to be a part of this important event and help the children / parents in the community.



KofC # 297 Scholarship Committee

The award for our 2021 KofC # 297 Scholarship went to Brother Gilles J. Messier's grandson, Benjamin A. Tetreault for the \$1,000.00. Congrats, Ben!

Hard'Ack Disc Golf Course

We helped build the nine-holes of disc golf at Hard'Ack in September 2020. Photos showing Brothers enjoying the course and forming friendship. Bring your friends and family to enjoy the disc golf course at Hard'Ack in St. Albans, Vermont. We look forward to helping build the new nine-holes of disc golf once approved.



SAINT STEPHEN'S COUNCIL 2284

Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Council 2284's Worthy Grand Knight Gregory Clairmont alongside his Worthy Brothers in Jesus distributed twenty dozen roses to the parishioners attending Holy Easter Joy Masses at Saint Francis Xavier Church! Jesus is risen indeed, Amen, Alleluia!



300 Club Winners for the 2020-2021 Season

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	276	Steve Longchamp	2085
\$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 Romano	232
\$75.00	171	Thomas Gravelin	7525
\$50.00	267	St Elizabeth Council 13574	13574
WEEK #10 03/06/2021	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	287	Eric Heiman	2284
\$75.00	128	Daniel Amadon	307
\$50.00	241	Joseph Kelly	399
WEEK #11 03/13/2021	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	162	Gregory Bolger	2284
\$75.00	124	Jason Walent	297
\$50.00	68	Alan Charron	279
WEEK #12 03/20/2021	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	224	Couture/Raboin	7943
\$75.00	158	Fr. Justin Baker	917
\$50.00	279	Bruce Hammomd	2946

WEEK #	DATE	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
WEEK #13	03/27/2021			
	\$100.00	10	Edward Malila	10417
	\$75.00	130	James Ronning	753
	\$50.00	188	John Wing	232
WEEK #14	04/03/2021			
	\$100.00	78	Fern Cyr	2025
	\$75.00	92	Brochu Citgo Service	1568
	\$50.00	60	David Shepard	1568
WEEK #15	03/10/2021			
	\$100.00	223	K of C "Sous Chefs"	1568
	\$75.00	286	Lawrence Bellew	7389
	\$50.00	65	Bill LaCroix	279
WEEK #16	4/17/2021			
	\$100.00	2	Fr. Boivin Assembly #2312	5041
	\$75.00	29	Jim Groseclose	10830
	\$50.00	261	Matthew Leonelli	7943
WEEK #17	04/24/2021			
	\$100.00	201	Mike Patnode/Luc Dupois	7669
	\$75.00	235	Cindy Barbour	1568
	\$50.00	215	Jonathan Lussier	1568
WEEK #18	05/01/2021			
	\$100.00	79	Raymond Rivard	2025
	\$75.00	278	Bishop Rice Assembly #1793	2946
	\$50.00	66	Jim & Rose Michael	279
WEEK #19	05/08/2021			
	\$100.00	107	Frank Pietryka	2946
	\$75.00	100	Richard Brochu	1568
	\$50.00	216	Joe Palmieri	421
WEEK #20	05/15/2021			
	\$1,000.00	39	Thomas E DeVarney	2284
	\$500.00	243	Stanley Baranowski	421
	\$250.00	187	Thomas Carpenter	232

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 1, 2021.



123rd Vermont State Convention

May 1, 2021

**ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
STATE CONVENTION
STATE DEPUTY REMARKS
MAY 1, 2021**

Worthy State Chaplain, worthy Supreme Representative, worthy Past State Deputies, worthy State Officer's, worthy District Deputies, worthy delegates and worthy guests:

Let me start my remarks by stating that this last year has been tumultuous, challenging and yet amidst the pandemic, very rewarding for me as your State Deputy. Last July, Ed Nuttall, our State Membership Director and myself began trekking most of the State of Vermont doing visits to as many local Councils as we could possibly meet. Granted as the pandemic grew, we found ourselves doing zoom meetings as well as in person visits. One of the characteristics that I found of each Council is how much you all put yourselves into the many acts of Charity for your Church, your Community and your local Council. My sincere congratulations to all of you for continuing the work of Blessed Michael J. McGivney, our founder. You all do him proud as you are and continue to be a "strong arm of the Church". Also, the Knights of Columbus in the State of Vermont volunteered over 64,000 hours for various charitable causes and donated over \$236,000.00 to charity !

The many hours that you volunteer is a testament to your commitment to those core values of charity, unity and fraternity. As you heard our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly speak, I too echo his sentiments.

This past fraternal year saw the advent of e-online membership and it's exciting to see that we have brought in many new men through this avenue. Congratulations to all the new members who joined our ranks this past fraternal year.

In closing, I would like to thank Fr. Naples and the entire State Council for their due diligence and many hours of selfless service to the Knights of Columbus throughout the State; would you please stand as I call your name, SS Jim Michael, ST Chris Poirier; SA Nick Conti, SW Bill LaCroix. Let's show them our appreciation. Again, thank you worthy sirs; I could not be in this position as State Deputy without you.,

I pray, and I ask all of us to pray that God gives us the fortitude and will to continue to reach out to our brothers and sisters with "Leave No Neighbor Behind" and in the spirit of Blessed Michael J. McGivney in our hearts, as we seek out more men to join our Order.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Shover
State Deputy



Fr Row L-R SMD Ed Nuttall, SS Jim Michael, SD Steve Shover, Sc Fr. Tim Naples
Back row L-R – ST Chris Poirier, PGK Council 7525 Tom Gravelin, SW Bill LaCroix, DD#1 Keith Billado,
SA Nick Conti, DD#5 Joseph Kelly, IMPD/DM Thomas Herbst



State Deputy Steve Shover getting ready for the meeting.



STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT

Worthy Brother Knights,

As in past years I requested submissions for the State Service Program awards. There are four categories:

-FAITH, -FAMILY, -COMMUNITY, -LIFE

I also accepted nominations for Family of the Year and Knight of the Year as well. I think each Council should have had no problem having a worthy submission for two awards! Also, your FS was to 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.

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

Columbian Award – **NEW as of 3/18** - for the Programs you all do, reported on Form# SP-7 by June 30. Categories listed above and complete **2** programs in each category, **10 totals required. THIS FY only! Featured and Leave No Neighbor behind = 2 points each**

McGivney Award – for Membership. 5% increase over last year's 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 New- **Council must submit form # 11077**

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.

This year's award submissions were as follows:

Faith -7

Family – 5

Community – 10

Life – 2

Family of the Year – 1

Knight of the Year – 4

Most years of continuous service – 2.

I would hope that we could receive a LOT More submissions in ALL categories. Especially the Knight of the Year, Family of the Year and Continuous Service awards, EVERY Council should submit for EACH of these awards- ALL our councils have worthy candidates. ALL Councils have a member with the most continuous years of service! Let us all work on it for the upcoming year and we did have very tough decisions to make this year during the judging of the awards, they were Excellent submissions!

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill LaCroix

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State Service Program Award winners

The winners were :

Faith – St. Marks Men's Fellowship- Degoesbriand Council#279 - Burlington

Family- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster program- St Albans Council #297 – St. Albans

Community – Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed program – St Stevens Council #2284 - Winooski

Life- Novena for Life – Degoesbriand Council# 279- Burlington

Family of the Year- Redding -Family Fr Donald C Kelly Council #10830 – Fairfax

Knight of the Year – Craig Goulet – Gibbons Council # 2285 – Newport

Years of Continuous Service – 72 Years- Raymond Joseph- Gibbons Council # 2285 – Newport

Respectfully Submitted

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally ,

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2021 Anchor award winner

**Fr. Timothy Naples, State Chaplain
Pastor , St. John Vianney parish
South Burlington**

Knights of Columbus
Vermont State Council
SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS 2021

Nicholas J. Conti
Scholastic Achievement, Chairman

April 22, 2021

Elizabeth Messineo
64 South Bay Circle
Colchester, VT 05446
Rice Memorial HS
M/M Christopher Messineo
St. Stephen's Council # 2284
Gerald Morrissey PSD
Memorial Award

Mary Ronning
96 Church Street
North Walpole, 03609
Fall Mountain Regional HS
M/M Thomas Ronning
St. Charles Council # 753
Walter T. Bitler PSD, FDM
Memorial Award

Anna Michael
46 Edinborough Drive
Burlington, VT 05408
Burlington HS
Rose & James Michael
DeGoesbriand Council #279
Thomas Kane VSM, PSD
Memorial Award

John Cotter
342 Slon Hollow
Mendon, VT 05701
Rutland HS
M/M John G. Cotter
Rutland Council #232
Salvatore Russotti, PSD
Memorial Award

Brother Joseph Anderson
73 Sunset Drive
Rutland, VT 05701
Rutland HS
M/M Karl Anderson
Rutland Council #232
Msgr. Wendell H. Searles
Memorial Award

First Alternate
Ciaran Van Ommen Kloeke
1091 North Main Street
Danby, VT 05739
Burr And Burton Academy
M/M Fintan Van Ommen Kloeke
Fr. Martin F. Clancy Council # 6816



Vermont State Council Knights of Columbus

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From 123rd Annual Vermont State Convention

May 1th, 2021

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VT Resolution # 1

HONORING POPE FRANCIS, OUR BISHOP & SUPREME COUNCIL

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus of the State of Vermont assembled in the 123rd Annual Convention offer:

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

VT Resolution # 2

HONORING PAST SUPREME KNIGHT CARL A. ANDERSON

WHEREAS, Carl A. Anderson, Past Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, having served the order as Supreme Knight for 20 years retired on February 28, 2021

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus of the State of Vermont assembled in the 123rd Annual Convention offer our congratulations to Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson for serving the order as Supreme Knight for 20 years.

VT Resolution # 3

HONORING SUPREME KNIGHT PATRICK KELLY

WHEREAS, On February 5, 2021, Patrick Kelly, was elected Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus to begin on March 1, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus of the State of Vermont assembled in the 123rd Annual Convention offer our congratulations to Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly for serving the order as our 14th Supreme Knight.