

## **Vermont State Council Officers**

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# STATE DEPUTY PETER LARAMIE

#### **STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER 2016**

My Bothers, this is certainly an exciting time to be a Knight of Columbus in Vermont. I thank each of you who have helped your pastor or parish, your Brother Knights and their families, your communities and those in need whether flood victims or victims or terrorists during this past month. That is what we are here for. I wish to extend a special thank you to those Brother Knights who have extended a welcoming hand of friendship and fraternity to a fellow Catholic man during the past month and the first quarter of this fraternal year. Let me tell you why.

By the end of September 2015 Vermont councils had taken in 8 new or reactivated members. By the end of September 2016 Vermont councils have taken in 36 new or reactivated members and are only 2 members away from the 25% mark on our quota for the year. This is especially impressive in the light of a couple other statistics. First, as a whole, recruiting worldwide has been down this year for the Order. And second, the months of July and August are traditionally the slowest months for recruiting due to the fact that many councils go into hibernation for the summer and vacations get in the way of otherwise good recruiting efforts.

Vermont has some terrific incentives for recruiting new members this year, and while I hope as many of you as possible are able to take advantage of these, I do not believe that our members are recruiting merely to obtain prizes. We did not begin to get the word out about our incentives until well into July when we recruited twelve new members. And even in August when we brought in thirteen new members statewide I do not believe that the message about the incentives had really been heard by the vast majority of our members. I still believe that many, many members have not heard about our great incentives even though our recruiters found and ushered in another eleven members during September.

I am submitting the list of incentives again this month as a reminder and perhaps as an eye-opener for those who have not yet seen it or have not studied it before. At least one council, Norwich, has already qualified for a 65% reduction in its second half per capita by already obtaining its membership quota for the year. We're waiting for the Septembers results to be published by Supreme, but Council 4684 in Richmond are close and may have met its membership quota as well. Councils 642 in Middlebury, 917 in Brattleboro, 2284 in Winooski, 7525 in South Burlington, 7943 in Troy, and 10241 in Bethel are well on their way to obtaining their membership quotas and are all in the running for at least a 50% reduction in their second half per capita billing. At least one member has qualified for a trip to the State Convention on the State Council's dime as well as an \$80 give card and Vermont Development Drive 365 coffee mug. I congratulate each of these councils and all of their recruiters for being a shining example of the Catholic organization and man with which good Catholic men wish to be associated.

Here is one final set of statistics which you may find interesting. As I visited councils around Vermont last year one of the things I discussed at nearly all my visits was the number of Honorary Life members (over 70 years old and with at least 25 years of service in the K of C) in those councils, and the additional number of members over 70 who had less than 25 years. In many of our councils the percentages of these older members is high and has been high for years. Over 25% of all members in Vermont are Honorary Life members, a very high percentage indeed.

I just received a report from Supreme which shows that the average age of a member of the Vermont K of C is 63.33 years. HOWEVER, and this is the surprising – almost staggering – news, the report also shows that the average age of members brought into the Order in Vermont over the past twelve months is just 35.9 years. We are recruiting a very large number of young Catholic men. Why? I believe that these are II generation men who are looking for meaning to fill the void of an otherwise shallow existence. And while we may not be the only game in town, we are the BEST game in town to offer these men what they – what we all – need: a purpose, and a means to serve God, Church, community, and country.

October is the month of the Fall Church Membership Drive. Please do not miss this opportunity to make your pitch at your council's churches, personal pitches about how the Knights of Columbus has changed your life. Follow these up with an open house with plenty of photos and stories about how your council has helped the parish, its youth, the community, and each other. Hold Admission Degrees and welcome these men into the Order. Get them to the Formation and Knighthood Degrees scheduled around the state. And don't forget to hold your 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary.

I urge each Council to schedule Masses for deceased K of C members and their families during the month of November, a month when we traditionally pray for the dead. It is the very best that we can do for our departed Brothers. And finally,

Thank you all for all you do. Vivat Jesus!

#### WHERE'S THE STATE DEPUTY?

Below are the dates on which I am already booked with K of C or other Catholic events. (There are other events in the works including possible Formation and Knighthood Degrees and a meeting with our Assistant General Field Agent. Other events will, no doubt fill in the remainder of the month nicely.) Please feel free to invite me to your event. I'll come if I can. I look forward to seeing you all when I see you. Have a great October. And don't forget the old expression, "The more the merrier." Invite a Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus. If not today, then tomorrow. Early. Don't take no for an answer. Make him a member soon.

Saturday, October 1, Castleton, Corporate Communion at St. John the Baptist Church followed by Council 810 Fall Banquet and presentation of Awards.

Tuesday, October 4, Middlebury, Council 642 Dinner, Presentation of check to Special Olympics and Monthly Meeting.

Wednesday, October 5, Fair Haven, Assembly 2539 and Council 810 Monthly Meetings.

Thursday, October 6, Rutland Council 232 Monthly Meeting.

Sunday, October 9, Milton, Anchor Award Dinner.

Thursday, October 13, Internet-based meeting on K of C Website improvements.

Sunday, October 16, Fair Haven, Past State Deputy Association Fall Meeting.

Wednesday, October 19, Bellows Falls Council 753 Knighthood Degree.

Thursday, October 20, Waterbury, State Board Meeting.

Saturday, October 22, Rutland Council 232 Installation of Council Officers and Dinner.

Tuesday, October 25, Bennington, Council 307 Monthly Meeting.

Thursday, October 27, St. Albans Council 297 Knighthood Degree.



# 12TH ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "300 CLUB"

#### Worthy Grand Knights;

All of the 300 club tickets have been mailed to your Grand Knights. Sales should begin ASAP. If you need more tickets, I ask that you get the name and money and I will be able to assign a number when I get some returns.

I thank you for your efforts.

Vivat Jesus

Maurice F. Noel

Maurice F. Noel PSD/FDM 300 Club Chairman

# Vermont State Council Program Director

Worthy Officers and Directors & Brothers Knights:

I am writing today to offer my assistance in your quest to do the best job possible for our great order and your council and parish. We all know that we need an influx of faithful young Catholic men who will carry us into the next quarter century. As your job is an important position in this effort, I feel we should work hand in hand to get things done in the area of Parish-centered activity.

Building the Domestic Church is our mandate for all of our activities this fraternal year, and I encourage all of you to look at the every year, "we always do this" events you all do so well with an eye towards whether it is integrated with the pastor and parish or are external to parish life. Our judging will favor integrated events; we are looking for a new focus on including all the parish community in your volunteer staff, planning and participants. So open it up, collaborate with the pastor and parish council, and make sure that everyone in the Catholic community in your area see us as part of the Church, not auxiliary to it.

Our awards committee saw some great activities last year but I am going to ask that we do more <u>overt</u> activities. Any event that we hold in any council should include men who attend masses (or not, if they are in communion with the Holy See as determined by the priest) as a way of including prospective members. My address is 145 Lost Nation Road, East Fairfield, Vt 05448

I am available @ 802-827-6173, <u>spdvermont@gmail.com</u> along with <u>lostnationfamily@myfairpoint.net</u>. My cell is 802-782-0790, but there is no service in my home.

I look forward to working with all of you to further the principles of the Order, the growth of the jurisdiction, and to leave this State council in better shape than we found it.

Vivat Jesus.

Mike Morse, State Program Director

# **Father Feltz to receive**

# the Knights of Columbus Anchor Award



The Anchor award is the highest award presented annually by the Vermont State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The purpose of this award is to honor someone who has truly given of himself or herself for the betterment of mankind.

The recipient is chosen from submissions by councils throughout the State of Vermont.

His title Rev. Colonel John G. Feltz, Psy. D., D. Min. alone provides insight to the many life experiences that Father has contributed to throughout his life within the Church, the Community and our Nation. Father has served many parishes throughout Vermont, many years with the Civil Air Patrol, and multiple tours of duty in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Please join us on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>, social hour 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., at the Milton Eagles Club for presentation of the 2016 Anchor Award to Father Feltz.

The banquet will include a buffet dinner of prime rib or baked haddock.

Tickets for this semi formal event are available at the St Ann Milton rectory, from Ed Malila (879-0929), from any Milton Council 10417 knight or by email to <a href="mailto:tfcurran@myfairpoint.net">tfcurran@myfairpoint.net</a>.

Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators are strongly encouraged to bring their chaplains and friars to this event as their guests.

Chaplains and Friars please let your knights know that you would like to attend.

Fourth Degree Sir Knights are encouraged to dress in their tuxedos with social baldrics.

Thank you,

Tom Curran,

Former Master of the Fourth Degree

# ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON SEMINARIAN DIRECTORY 2016-2017

#### Rev. Mr. Joseph J. Sanderson

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Home Town: Chester, VT Home

#### Mr. Steven R. Marchand

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Home Town: Milton, VT

#### Mr. Kevin J. Chalifoux

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# PEDALS-FOR-PROGRESS (P4P) 10 September 2016

Fairfax Council 10830 collected 81 bikes and 20 sewing machines for shipment to "Pedals for Progress" <a href="www.p4p.org">www.p4p.org</a>. The bikes and sewing machines will be shipped to a final collection on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September in South Burlington, VT where they will be loaded onto a FedEx truck and shipped to P4P in New Jersey. Pedals for Progress loads these bikes and sewing machines into shipping containers and ships them off to the third world countries all over the world. Fed Ex provides the shipping free of charge. Last year the bikes and sewing machines collected were shipped to Fiji. A \$10 donation was requested for every bike/sewing machine, which helps to defray the cost of shipping; however, if the donor couldn't pay, the items were accepted anyway.



Figure 1 Bob Thompson's Initiative P4P



Figure 2 Jim Larose and Guy Vanzo prepare handle bars for shipment



Preparing a bike for shipment requires special tools, lots of WD-40, muscle and "no-how", the latter coming with experience and sometimes trial and error.

When four grown men join forces on one stubborn bike, the bondage of rust is broken!

Figure 3 Guy Vanzo, Bob Thompson, John Brennan, and Keith Billado work on removina pedals



Sometimes even the littlest of bikes can be annoying and troublesome when trying to take pedals off, lower seats and move handlebars to a horizontal position. That's when men from the "Knights of Columbus" jump in and apply their skills!

Figure 4 John Brennan evaluates how to attack this "pipsqueak"



Bob Thompson displays use of a special tool to remove pedals, which are then secured to the bike frame with a "zip-tie"



DD#1 Ed Nuttall makes general observations during set-up of receiving station for bike and sewing machine collection.

He provided his truck to shuttle "shipment ready" bikes to St Luke's grounds where they await transport to South Burlington on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September. Jim Larose would load the truck and Ed would drive.



The 81 bikes shown on the right were collected in Fairfax. The 20 bikes on the left were collected from Georgia, VT through the efforts of the Ascension Round Table Coordinator, Paul Jansen. Past GK Roger Dickinson of Council 10417 coordinated collection

efforts in Milton, VT

Three years ago Fairfax 50 bikes and since then collected. Last year the and collected well over from the Milton monetary the Green Mountain as well as the Fairfax step is to ask for St bike/sewing machine

Bob Thompson has sewing machines with Peace Corps Volunteers



Council 10830 collected nearly over 240 bikes have been Milton Council 10417 joined us 75 bikes with tremendous help PD. They also made a sizeable donation. With the success of Return Peace Corps Volunteers and Milton Councils, the next Albans to organize and run a collection.

been collecting bikes and the Green Mountain Return for almost 17 years. Since then

he has been part of an effort that has collected well over 3000 bikes and over 200 sewing machines! It goes to show how one man's vision coupled with motivation can make difference.

A big thanks goes to Paul Langelier for allowing the collection to occur on the Carwash Grounds

And to all those brothers who helped out, thank you!

(From Council 10830: GK Keith Billado, DGK Ed Nuttall, Chancellor John Brennan, Ass't Program and Community Director Bob Thompson, Round Table Coordinator Paul Jansen, Food Collection Coordinator Jim Larose, and council member Guy Vanzo; from Council 10417: PGK Roger Dickerson.)



#### PEDALS FOUR PROGRESS (P4P)

On 22 September 2016, bikes collected by Councils 1030/10417 and Ascension Roundtable were loaded up for the FedEx collection point in South Burlington. Bob Thompson of Council 10830 spearheaded the effort. Mat Parisi, also from Council 10830 provided the truck and trailer transport.

Pat Queor, 2<sup>nd</sup> from the right, assists in the bike loading. David Parisi, right, prepares to hand off a bike. Bob Thompson and Ben Parisi double stack the bikes as there were 90 collected!





DD#1 Ed Nuttall inspects the operation. Mat Parisi and son, David, tie down the bikes. Fr. Furman and Bob Thomson discuss the details of transport and collection.



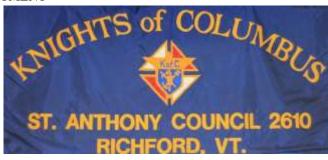


<u>POSTMARK</u>: Final tally from the collection produced 120 bikes of which 90 came from Milton/Georgia/Fairfax and 78 sewing machines of which 19 came from Milton/Georgia/Fairfax. \$1861 was donated of which \$860 came from Milton/Georgia/Fairfax.

The bikes and sewing machines have been loaded onto a FedEx truck and are on their way to "Pedals for Progress" in New Jersey. FedEx provides us this shipping free of charge, thank you FedEx! From there we are told that the sewing machines will be shipped to Tanzania and the bikes will be shipped to Vietnam. Once there the bikes and sewing machines will provide a valuable source of transportation and help struggling families provide an income to support themselves. Next year I'm hoping we can bring in a couple more councils to collect bikes/sewing machines locally. Thanks again and have a great day!

Bob Thompson, Council 10830 Fairfax.

POTLUCK DINNER AND RECRUITMENT





On 17 September 2016 Council 2610 of Richford held a potluck dinner at St. John the Baptist Church in Enosburg, VT after the 4 pm Mass. Grand Knight Armand Auclair set this as one of his initiatives to kick off his recruiting Strategy. He had posters made announcing the event and Knights of Columbus brochures along with placemats displayed on tables. The ladies prepared their favorite main course meals and desserts for all to enjoy. 34 people were in attendance. Fr. Raj gave the blessing of grace for our meals.

Pictured left to right:

Fr. Raj and Helga Nuttall share a moment.

Past Grand Knight George Flower renders a friendly smile behind the counter.

Knights wore KofC hats to show off their membership.

Knights of Columbus Items displayed on a table for all to see.



Knights and their family members line up for all those goodies!

Armand takes a moment to explain the purpose of the event as promoting family unity and council activity in recruiting new members.

Armand did ask for all the Knights to have a show of hands who were Knights, and all but one did so.

When the DD asked for this individual to join, he stated he wasn't ready to become part of an organization. Upon further inquiry it was learned he had fallen way from the Church and was contemplating returning. Two fellow Knights engaged him in conversation and encouraged him to open his heart to the message of the Knights of Columbus ad Jesus. This example proves the value of sharing our faith!









## **CHILDRENS CARNIVAL 2016**



Because of poor weather last weekend the 2016 Children's Carnival was held 18 September 2016 on the grounds of St. Luke's Church Fairfax, VT. Bob Thompson and Vince Redding of Council 1083 spearheaded the event with advance advertising by Laurie Queor.

Bob Thompson is seen here with his noble assistant, Skyler Billado setting up the stations. The weather cloudy but warm and muggy. DGK and DD#1 checked in to provide assistance while the manning crew was attending the 10:30 am Mass.







The main attraction was the dunking booth where GK Keith Billado, dressed up as the "The Penguin"

suffered numerous douses of water triggered by a tennis ball hitting a paddle, which released a lever and water! Lucas Redding gladly re-filled the buckets.

Other games included: Throw the football into the hole; ring the pole with bicycle tires; search through the tennis balls for the golf balls; nab the object in the pool with fishing pole; bowl with a basketball and water bottles; collapse the stack of "Quaker Oats" containers with tennis balls; bean bag throw; dart throw; golf putting; croquet.









Kids were rewarded with a ticket for playing games, which could be traded in for prizes. Fr. Furman inspects the prizes.







Sally Billado circulates hot dogs to families and her husband, Keith, was uncovered as the man behind the mask. I, DGK, know this to be true as I took the picture! All in all about 25 kids participated in the games.









## FAIR HAVEN COUNCIL 810



Fair Haven Council 810 had their Installation of Officers on Wed. Sept, 21.

Those in attendance from left to right are State Deputy Peter Laramie, Recorder John Mancuso, Grand Knight Scott Clement, Assisting the State Deputy, James Candon of Rutland Council, Chancellor Peter Patten, Treasurer Michael Gadway, and Trustee Robert Shaw.

#### Jurisdiction of Vermont State Membership Incentives

Vermont after leading Division 5 for most of the Month of July was edged out by Utah in the last three days to claim first place for new members in Division 5. In August with 13 new Knights Vermont turned the tables and surged to the top of Division 5. That's a total of 25 knights this fraternal year and well on our way to the state goal of 150 members.

September as I write has shown a large drop off on new members. Hopefully the last two weeks will again prove to be fruitful. September is a great month to plan the Council Church Drives Supreme want all Councils to hold. Order any informational flyers you may need and don't forget the applications. Ask Father for permission to conduct the drive. Arrange for a speaker or maybe a 4th Degree honor guard for the mass. Make sure all the doors are covered. If necessary pass out the flyers or requests for more information cards one weekend and be there to collect them and/or fill out applications the next. The next key is to hold an Admission Degree soon after the drive.

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

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

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

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

Each Recruiter With At Least One Recruit (Admission Degree Date post July 1, 2016) Who Earns the Shining Armor Award by May 31, 2017 will receive a Howard Miller mantle clock valued at \$55.

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

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

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

"Recruited" means that the recruit has received his Admission Degree.

# GEORGE F. JOHNSON COUNCIL #10241



On October 1st the George F. Johnson Council #10241 in Bethel is put on a pancake breakfast. The attached photo shows our attention getting mannequin

# ROSARY COUNCIL #4684 WILLISTON/RICHMOND







Our Council has been busy this summer. Knights completed two projects in our cemeteries. Large dead trees were removed by a group of 5 Knights using a cherry picker. Jim Ritchie was the Knight on the chain saw, and he was assisted by Spike, Joe, Randy and Doug. The trees were safely removed. It was a hot day, but the Knights were up to the task. Chris Braves and Thomas O' Neil poured a concrete base, up righted and cleaned two monuments in our "old" St Mary's cemetery. Many monuments are in disrepair in this cemetery and our Knights plan on working to restore old monuments over the next few years.

The Daughters of Mary, partnered with the Knights to put on a spaghetti dinner at Immaculate Heart of Mary on September 25. Homemade sauce and meatballs were all the rage. The food was excellent and good fellowship had by everyone who attended. This is the second time the Knights have partnered with the Daughters of Mary. This is a good mix of the talents that both organizations bring to bear in our parish community.



All men are invited to a free spiritual development workshop & breakfast

# Saturday, October 22, 2016 8:00 to 10:15 am

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Williston, Vermont

# Moral Life vs. Moral Ambiguity

Orienting Your Moral Compass on God

with Fr. James C. Dodson

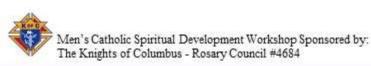
#### Schedule of Events

7:45 - 8:00 am Sign-In / Registration

8:00 - 9:00 am Presentation / Group Facilitation

9:00 - 9:15 am Breakfast & Fellowship 9:15 - 10:15 am Group Facilitation / Q & A





For More Information
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# Essex Junction 3rd Degree

Knights of Columbus



# Annual Chicken Pie Dinner Saturday October 15th

**Benefiting KofC Charity and Scholarship Funds** 

Two Seatings: 5:30PM, & 6:30PM

St. Pius X Church Hall

20 Jericho Rd., Essex Center

Adults - \$10.00 Under - 10 \$6.00

For Tickets / Reservations Call:

Ron Rice - 879 - 6989

**Take Out Available** 



#### "Isaac's Letter"

St Isaac Jogue's Council 3664 Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism

#### October 2016

#### October

#### 3 - 6:30 Council Meeting

- 7 Breakfast Prep
- 9 Breakfast

9 – Anchor Award Banquet (Milton)

10 - Columbus Day

14&15 - Membership drive (both Masses)

- 17 Farm Bureau Dinner (Parish Hall)
- 22 Cemetery Craft Fair Fundraiser
- 24 Officer's Meeting

28 – Table of Grace (Roast Pork Dinner)

29 & 30 - 5th Sunday Rosary

30 - Harvest Supper

#### November

- 1 All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
- 5 Penny Fair
- 5 State Soccer Challenge
- 6 Daylight Savings Time ENDS

#### 7 - 6:30 Council Meeting

8 - Election Day

- 11 Veterans' Day
- 11 Breakfast Prep
- 12 Deer Season Starts
- 13 Breakfast
- 24 Thanksgiving Day
- 28 Officers' Meeting

#### Knights of Columbus website:

http://www.kofc.org/en/index.html

#### Grand Knight's Desk



Brother Knights. My hope is that you see our Knights Council as being a way to help do Christ's work for others. As a team with the Lord, we can accomplish much more to serve others. The Knights organization offers the opportunity for us to be a bigger part of "His" plan for us.

Set aside more time for the Lord by actively becoming a part of the group. Plan on the first Monday to join us as we plan and carry out the many works we do. Become a strong link in our chain of Fraternalism for God. Help bring others into our group by actively inviting others to join.

I thank all of you for the excellent support last year and hope I can count on you to continue to do the Lord's work in the coming year.

Breakfasts – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays. Plan on coming in to help. Breakfasts are fun to do together and the proceeds help our church and charitable works for the community. This has been our largest fund raiser. Let me know if you would like to help. Most of us go to 4:30 Mass to ensure enough hands for clean-up. Generally, Bernie, Roger and I do food prep on the Friday morning before at 7AM and could use some assistance if you are available. Bernie and Bob, part of the Omelet crew, will be traveling the October Breakfast, so we'll need more help.

We will be providing the major help for the "Table of Grace" Roast Pork dinner on October 28th at the Congregational Church in honor of Dave Brooks.

Brother Knight, Pete Campano, and wife, Missy, are taking Lynda's place this year and will need our help with the **Harvest Supper** before and on October 30th.

Shaw's Cash Cards – Everyone has to eat!! More of you need to participate in this pretty easy way to help our charitable budget? It's a very easy way to donate, especially if you already shop at Shaws.



#### September

Robert Many Al Reynolds Tim Buskey Brian Donnelly David Marshal John Medenwald Mark Chapman Tyler Lawrence

October
Patrick Cooke
Charles Keeley
Richard English
Jonathan McGrath
Bernard Perron
Michael Stone
James Papagni
Christian D'Andrea

Timothy Perron

We could expand to include a Hannaford's Gift card and a Champlain Discount Foods gift cards that would net us 11%. Many thanks to Al, Mike, Charlie and others who take a few minutes after Mass to offer the program to parishioners. Need others to help so both exits are covered.

New Members – We were blessed with two new active members last year and are planning for a First Degree in November or December. Who do you know that could be an asset to our group? Talk to them and encourage their participation. One-on-one gets new members for Christ. October will be our push to increase active membership. If every member could bring in a member, just think of how we could spread the load and do more for the Parish and community! I hope you noted a brochure in last Sunday's bulletin and an invitation for all men to join us.

Check out the **activity schedule for October** on your Google calendar or pick up a paper copy in the back of the Church of our proposed calendar of events. Check your email. I'll send a new one when dates change.

**Grand Knight's Surgery** - I am planning an ankle fusion in December and will be on crutches for 6 weeks. Just to let you know since I'll need physical help with December activities like the Christmas Baskets.

Vivat Jesus, Bill Scott wiscottir@comcast.net, 425-2370 / 881-8836



# Chaplain's Message Dear Brother Knights!

On the 4 Sunday's of October I will be meeting with all of the parents and children of our Religious Education Program during our regular class time. On each of those Sunday's we will be reflecting on the 4 main parts of our Mass (1: The Welcoming Rite;

2: The Liturgy of the Word; 3: The Liturgy of the Eucharist; and 4: The Sending Forth). Our focus will be on why each of these 4 parts of the Mass are important and on how we can be more actively involved. I will then be looking for each child between the 3rd grade and 10th grade to sign up to assist us in the Mass in a specific way (Junior greeter; Singer; Altar Server; Giff Bearer; Junior Lector; Junior Usher).

I am looking for <u>vour help in two wavs</u>. First I am asking that you <u>pray</u> that this time spent reflecting on our Mass will help our families better understand and appreciate our Mass so that they will all become more actively involved on a regular basis. The second thing I am asking is that <u>vou will acknowledge the students who are involved in each Mass and encourage them in their new ministry</u>. I trust that God will be smiling. God's continued blessing, God's Peace, **Fr. Yvon** 



#### Winner of \$600 Council Scholarship -Congratulations Quinn D'Andrea

Quinn is attending minor seminary at Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island for the Diocese of Burlington, VT



#### 6th Ramp Project

A Vergennes family was very thankful (gave a \$500 donation) to have the Knights of Columbus install a ramp for them. This ramp is the first one to be dismantled from a previous build and reassembled for someone else. We thank Dennis Senesac in leading this effort and for all the Council Knights who helped.

#### Vergennes Community Food Shelf Donation



Council Grand
Knight, Bill Scott,
presents Judith
Martel, manager of
the local Food Shelf,
\$500 worth of Shaws
Gift Cards so they
can purchase food
for the needy when
the shelves are low
on food donations.

The Supreme Knights of Columbus Council

in New Haven, CT provided these matching funds as a result of our generous 2015-2016 Food For Families charitable activities.

#### October Meeting Agenda

#### Old Business

- St Peter's Cemetery Craft Show Food Concession October 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Committee Chair Tyler Lawrence
- Farm Bureau Dinner Fund Raiser-Tuesday October 17th
  - Bill Scott
- Penny Fair Tech Donation Update
  - Mike Kachmar

#### **New Business**

#### Shall the Council:

- Prepare the "Table of Grace" roast pork dinner Oct 30 at Congregational Church? <u>Lee Smith</u>
- Sponsor the 4th Drug Awareness Art Contest? Chief Merkel
- Sponsor the "FFF" Christmas Baskets for \$600? Mike Kachmar
- Purchase \$100 Vermont Right to Life (VTRTL) Ad? Bernie Perron
- Pay annual dues of \$100 to VTRTL through Addison County Right to Life (ACRTL)? <u>Bernie Perron</u>
- Host an annual KofC Basketball Free Throw Competition at Saint Peter Parish Hall? <u>Christian D'Andrea</u>
- Donate \$100 to the Military Chaplain's Fund? Dave Palmatier
- Donate \$250 to the Vergennes Union Elementary School Readathon? <u>Bill Scott</u>
- Purchase two \$50 State 300 Club Raffle tickets? Fr. Yvon

#### Forum for Legislative Candidates

Forum will be held on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. Candidates vying for the two Addison-3 district seats are Fritz Langrock (D), Diane Lanpher (D), Monique Thurston (R), and Warren Van Wyck (R). Addison-3 represents the towns of Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes, and Waltham. This forum will be held at Kennedy Brothers, 11 Main Street, Vergennes.

#### Financial Secretary

#### Thank You From:

- Saint Peter Church (\$250 Super Purse donations)
- Addison County Right-to-Life (hosting dinner & \$400 donation)
- Saint Ambrose (use of popcorn machine for their Casino Night)
- Supreme Refund Support Vocations Program (\$1000 donated)
- Supreme Food For Families (\$1050, 4090 lbs of food, 150 hours)
- Camp Ta-Kum-Ta (\$200 donation)
- Supreme (\$200 donation to the Christian Refugee Fund)
- Vergennes Community Food Shelf (\$500 donation)
- Mullin Family (for building and installing handicap ramp)
- Scribner Family (Totus Tuus scholarship)
- Quigley Family (\$500 donation to Council for building and installing handicap ramp)
- Supreme (\$150 donation to the Louisiana Flood Fund)

Address: 2437 Middlebrook Rd. Ferrisburgh, VT 05456

Email: <u>bdperron@amail.com</u> May God Bless, Bernie Perron

#### **Knights of Columbus Field Agent**



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# Protecting Your Family... Business?

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Columbus is here for all your personal and family financial protection needs, but did you know that the Order can help secure your business too? As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can help you protect the continuity of your business for years to come.

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- <u>Disposition of a business owner's interest upon death</u> or other separation from the business

If you've worked hard to establish a business, you owe it to yourself and your family to learn about the opportunities that the Knights of Columbus can offer.

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Thank you & God Bless David Giuliani



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#### Inspire: Called to Love

Pope Francis reminds us that we are all Evangelist; therefore, we all have a vocation to spread the "Good News" - which is what the Gospel means.

When we get exciting news, we want to spread it. Why should it be any different when we encounter someone who needs some "Good News?"

On Sunday, September 25th, the Diocese of Ogdensburg, NY hosted 6000 people at the Lake Placid Arena to listen to insightful people, e.g. Bishop Barron (wordonfire), George Weigel (world-renowned theologian who wrote Saint Pope John Paul II's bibliography), and others.

Attending this event was a great opportunity!

## DISTRICT 8

#### **Council 753 Bellows Falls**

September was a very busy month for Bellows Falls and October will also be very active. On September 16, 17 and 18 they had a tootsie roll drive. Then they turned around and had a formation degree September 21<sup>st</sup>. Three days later they held their council's soccer challenge at Kurns Hatton homes and had 24 kids participate. I asked GK John Pelletier to really do a lot and that included food and he didn't let district 8 down. He also does bingo every Friday. So you can see he is one active GK and is in co-chair of the formation team for district 8. We had 6 brother Knights get their 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. We had a full crew and about 6-7 visitors. I am thankful because we had on the degree team Grand Knight from Windsor Larry Gould, Financial Secretary Christopher Willette from Brattleboro and GK John Pelletier. My son also was on this degree for his first taste of being on a degree team. We also had Father Zacarro and Financial Secretaries Tony Klementowicz from Springfield and Financial Secretary Herb Moore. Every Candidate had members from their councils there for them.

As District Deputy I can say I am proud of my councils. This council is holding a Knight Degree October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

#### Council 2832 Windsor

It is nice to see that when I arrived at their council meeting their 3 new members were there. I always nice to see this council that after the installation of officers I was able to present GK Larry Gould with a few words from Supreme. They were presented with congratulation's and a nice certificate. Council 2832 turned 75 years this year. This isn't a large council but they are always doing something. They raised \$500.00 from a \$100.gas gift card raffle. All of this was donated to their parish for heating fuel. They also put flags and remove from veteran's graves. Some councils do a couple of larger projects but this smaller council just keeps going. They remind me of the boxer who doesn't hit knockouts but they throw a lot of shots. They are a great council that I always enjoy visiting. They are ready for some new members and keep working on bringing then in even if it's one at a time or 3 at a time. They never quit.

#### **Council 917 Brattleboro**

This council is on the move. I had just got out of a District Deputy meeting earlier this year and the next day GK Todd Maietta sent me an email. I have 3 Brothers for their administration degree. I was there and they used the video for the 1<sup>st</sup> time and did a great job. We saw them at the formation degree. This council will continue to grow because they want their council to prosper and grow. They have a new Parish priest who is a big Knight supporter. This council changed their meeting day so he could be there. I am telling you there's smoke coming from the south and you will see 917 grow. We turned to FS Chris Willette and said can you fill in for this FS part. He jumped right in and he had a large smile on his face. It' nice to have brother Knights from all councils having members on a degree team.

#### Council 2628 Springfield

If you want to see brother Knights in action? Go to the 6pm Sunday mass. There is always a lot of Knights and they are assisting in various roles. GK Mike Knoras and his council is always helping their parish. I want to thank this council because they are center to my district. I always lean on this council when it's time to get district 8 under one roof. They aren't afraid to try programs to encourage growth or just fellowship. They will be hosting an insurance night for district 8 October 27 at 7pm. This s exactly what I am talking about they always step up to the plate to help district 8 brothers. These knights are fun to hang around with. They are some great guys and I enjoy visiting them

#### **Council 7324 Ludlow**

This council has a new Grand Knight Richard Dunseith. He is very excited in his new role and he is getting his feet wet and working on opportunity. They also have a new Priest so everything is new. They held their yearly barbeque this month and also planned an outing at a Red Sox game. I thought it was nice to have an outing where they could enjoy brother Knights and parishioner's as fellow Christians. I must say I was invited but had to look at them and decline. Why? I am a Yankee fan.

#### 2016 VT State K of C Golf Tournament



Gibbons Council 2285 along with the Orleans Country Club and Restaurant, hosted 10 teams for the annual state golf tournament on Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>. Players visited with each other while enjoying their bagged lunches in the dining room. Prior to the shotgun start, everyone participated in an exciting putting contest and received a blessing from the State Chaplain, Fr. Timothy Naples of nearby Trinity Parish. We were in for a treat as Fr. Naples had his clubs with him and was able to join in the play! Following play, players were treated to a delicious banquet. Each participant received a tournament koozie as a souvenir and a golfers prayer card.



Michael Decelles of Council 7763 wins the grill package. "Everything tastes better when cooked by a Knight!" Congratulations!



Bill Bressette of Council 297 wins the lottery tree. Do we have a millionaire on our hands?

#### Chinese Auction Winners

K of C beverage cooler-Brian Fiorenza, Council 297

Tool Bags-Ray Decelles, Council 7763

Red Sox Package-Ed Nuttall, Council 297

Keurig Coffee Set-Stan Baranowski, Council 421

Gazing Ball-Ray Decelles, Council 7763

Conserve Water Drink Wine-Don Pinard, Council 421

Lottery Tree-Bill Bressette, Council 297

Jay Peak VT Teddy Bear-Ray Decelles, Council 7763

Maple Basket-David Price, Council 2285

Community National Bank Sports Package-Rene Piette, Council 7943

Car Wash Basket-Brandon Forino, Council 2285

BBQ Package-Michael Decelles, Council 7763

Madonna and child statue-Maurice Brasseur, Council 2285

#### Golf Awards

Oldest Player: Stan Baranowski, 76-Council 421 (K of C golf package)

Favorite Female Player: Sharon Noel, Council 421 (two scarves) First Team to Register: Council 10417/Ed Malila (box of chocolates) Putting Contest Winner-Jeff Comeau, Council 2285 (\$50 pro shop credit)

Closest to the Pins: (\$50 pro shop credit each hole)

- Hole 3- Jim Shepard, St.Albans 297
- Hole 8- Everett Burns, Milton 10417
- Hole 10-Alex Giroux, Gibbons 2285
5 feet, 2 inches
8 feet, 5 inches
13 feet, 5 inches

- Hole 13-Mike Douglas, Sheridan 421

Longest Drives: (\$50 pro shop credit each hole)
-Hole 1-David Price, Gibbons 2285

-Hole 11-Alex Giroux, Gibbons 2285

#### Team Awards

13 feet, 5 inches

Last Place Team (\$40 cash and chocolates) Troy 7943, George Piette, captain
Third Place Team (\$100 cash) Tied at 66 between Milton 10417, Ed Malila, captain and
Sheridan 421, Moe Noel captain. Tie broken using the
score on hole 6 and Sheridan was victorious with a birdie

Second Place Team (\$250 cash) Orleans 7763/Gibbons 2285, Lionel Deslandes, captain First Place Team (\$400 cash) Gibbons 2285, Denis Comeau, captain. **Prize money generously donated back to the council!!! Thank you!!!** 

On behalf of Council 2285, Maurice and Linda Brasseur would like to thank all players who supported the event and Orleans Country Club for their assistance. Sincere thanks to Sue and Don Vanasse for being the official photographers and for their help throughout the event. We also wish to especially thank the tournament sponsors whose generosity made it possible to give out the \$1140 in prizes that were given.





Council 10417 enjoys the buffet

Nice guys finish last. (L to R) Deacon Ward Nolan, Fr. Tim Naples, Rene Piette, DD#2 George Piette



First Place Team-Council 2285(L to R) Captain, Denis Comeau, son-in law, Brandon Forino, son, Landon Comeau, cousin, Jeff Comeau (putting contest winner)



Sheridan wonders if they will win the tie breaker for third place...

# For President



# Where Do the Candidates Stand on Abortion?



# **Donald Trump**

# **Hillary Clinton**

#### **Abortion on Demand**

The 1973 Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton Supreme Court decisions legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States. There have been more than 59 million abortions since then.

"Let me be clear -- I am pro-life... I did not always hold this position, but I had a significant personal experience that brought the precious gift of life into perspective for me." In 2003, Hillary Clinton voted to endorse Roe v. Wade, which allows abortion for any reason. In 2016, Clinton said, "The unborn person doesn't have constitutional rights," later adding she believed this to be true even on the unborn child's due date.

#### Partial-Birth Abortion

The partial-birth abortion procedure -- used from the fifth month on -- involves pulling a living baby feet-first out of the womb, except for the head, puncturing the skull and suctioning out the brain. The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2007, in a 5-4 decision.

In 2000, in his book *The America We Deserve*, Donald Trump wrote that after consulting with doctors about the partial-birth abortion procedure, he concluded that he would support a ban on that method. In 2003, Hillary Clinton voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act (voted to allow partial-birth abortions to continue) every chance she got.

# Nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court

The next president may have the opportunity to appoint three or four justices to the U.S. Supreme Court,

In May 2016, Donald Trump released a list of eleven conservative judges whom he would consider for a Supreme Court vacancy, saying, "By the way, these judges are all pro-life."

Hillary Clinton has said that she would only nominate Supreme Court justices who would uphold the decision that legalized abortion on demand. "I would not appoint someone who didn't think Roe v. Wade is settled law."

## Vice Presidential Candidates

#### Mike Pence

Mike Pence had a solid pro-life voting record on abortion during 12 years in the U.S. House, including votes for passage of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. As governor of Indiana, Mike Pence championed many pro-life measures.

#### **Tim Kaine**

Tim Kaine voted against the pro-life position in the U.S. Senate every chance he got. He voted against the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. Tim Kaine co-sponsored a bill (S. 217) that would nullify virtually all state limits on abortion, including late abortions.

# **Party Platforms**

The Republican Party Platform affirms "that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life," opposes using government funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund abortion providers, and supports legislation to assist babies who survive abortion.

The Democratic Party Platform supports abortion on demand, and calls for repeal of the Hyde Amendment (which restricts the use of federal funds for abortion). The platform also supports government funding of abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider.



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## FIELD AGENTS - PARTNERS IN COUNCIL RECRUITING



Last month, Richmond's "Rosary" Council was recognized for being the first to recruit a new member for the month of September. Though GK Doug St. Amour and his fellow Knights do an outstanding job embracing the "Development Drive 365" approach and consistently attracting new members by their personalized one-on-one recruiting focus, the member they gained early in September was exclusively facilitated by their newly assigned Field Agent, David Giuliani. While servicing a Knight's insurance portfolio, David noticed that his client was not a Knight in a local council and had lapsed in his active membership. David asked the gentleman if he wanted to join the local Rosary Council since he was a parishioner at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Williston which is a sister parish of Richmond's Our

Lady of the Holy Rosary. As a result of his inquiry and his client's concurrence, David showed up at his first meeting with the Rosary Council in September to introduce himself AND provided a completed Form 100 for this newly reactivated member! This is an outstanding, real-world example of how the K of C Field Agent can be a true partner in the recruiting and development efforts of every council they support. Thank you to David and all the other K of C Field Agents who work so hard to serve our brother Knights and their families in so many ways.

## **Brother Knights**

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

I ask that all of you District Deputies and Grand Knights to <a href="PLEASE">PLEASE</a> forward this newsletter at your Council members.

Send articles to msnoel @charter.net

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