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From the Vermont State Deputy



Dear Brother Knights,

Can you believe that 3 months of this Fraternal Year have already gone past? I know I cannot believe it. We are now into the fall season. Our roads will soon be packed with leaf peepers. Speaking of roads, are we out hitting the roads trying to recruit men into Our Order? So far, we have 14 new Knights in Vermont.

The youngest having just turned 18 on the day of his Admission Degree.

I mention recruiting for this simple fact. I am preparing for the Mid-Year Meeting of State Deputies in Florida in November and the Mid-Year Meeting of District Deputies in December. The theme for both meetings being Recruiting. Supreme has stated that we need to focus on recruiting new members into the Order for us to thrive. I completely agree. The demographics of the Knights in Vermont is aging. We are not getting any younger no matter how hard we try and trust me I am trying to get younger myself. We all know men in our Parishes who are not Knights. We all know men who are very active in our Parishes

Vermont Knights in Action

October, 2019 Edition

Vermont State Council

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism



These are the men we should be asking to join us. We can do so much more if we get more men to join Our Councils. All it takes is a few minutes to ask them and to talk to them. I know we can do this. Every week I receive an email from our Regional Growth Director listing our membership statistics. Every week Vermont is at the bottom of the list. I look at reports from Supreme weekly as well. Currently Vermont is ranked 55th out of 75 Jurisdictions with regards to intake percentage. We have reached 11.57% of our Intake goal so far this year. I think and know we could be at 25% or higher. On another report Vermont ranks 57th out of 75 jurisdictions for our net gain percentage. We are at 8.05%. Again, I know we can do better. I am therefore asking all Knights in Vermont to go out and recruit new members. I pray that next month when I write my article, I can share great news with the recruiting we all have done in October. Let's get Vermont into the top 30. I know you are with me.

I am always looking for ideas on how to recruit new members. Recently in my Parish, Fr. Gratton became Our Pastor. For the past 2 weeks there is a little note in our bulletin (which is shared between Randolph, Bethel, and Rochester). It's a very simple note but I believe it has a large impact. When you break it down it's asking the Catholic Men of the Parishes to join the Knights of Columbus. It gives the contact information for the Grand Knight of Council 10241 in Bethel and the Grand Knight of Council 14351 in Randolph. Now there is a good recruiting idea. An announcement in your Church Bulletin. I'm sure if the men of the Parish don't read it their wives will. Another idea would be asking the youth of the Parish to help with a breakfast or dinner. I believe this will have a great result once their fathers see what they are doing, and they too will want to join and help. In short, it's time to start thinking out of the box. Let's put our minds together and talk it over with other Knights in our Councils and then put it into action. The results will be beneficial to us all.

I look forward to seeing many of you again this year as I travel to Councils and I know we will have the best year for Vermont ever.

Vivat Jesus!

Thomas A. Herbst, Jr.

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State Deputy



STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

ANCHOR AWARD

Just a reminder that the annual Anchor Award Banquet is this coming Friday, October 4th at the old Ramada Inn on Williston Road in South Burlington, VT. This is the highest award given by the Knights of Columbus for the State of Vermont. Our recipient this year is Patrick Leduc, and most deserving of this honor. If you would still like to attend, please contact Ray Michaud as soon as possible. Hope to see you there !

1ST HALF PER CAPITA & CHARITY ASSESSMENT

The following councils are still outstanding for this year's 1st half per capita and charity assessment. Please send in your payment as soon as you can. As you know we voted at the convention to distribute funds to various charities, including a \$3,000.00 gift to our Bishop; we cannot pay these until we receive the money from all the councils throughout the State: Council 11457 = \$108.00 plus \$67.50 from last year; council 13574 = \$237.75 plus \$71.06 from last year; council 297 = \$688.63; council 4684 = \$192.13 from last year; council 5041 = \$353.00; council 7389 = \$137.80 from last year; council 753 = \$392.88; council 7669 = \$392.88; and council 9146 = \$129.03. Again, please remit payment as soon as you can. Also, you do not need to warn this for your particular councils, simply have your FS make out a voucher and have your treasurer cut a check. Thank you in advance !

ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

As of September 23, 2019 our current balance is \$3892.61 towards our goal of \$50,000.00 to protect the unborn. We are still short \$46,107.39 so we still have a ways to go. We NEED help with this project if we are going to make it a reality. If your Council wants to do a special fund raiser, i.e. breakfast, dinner, Calcutta, it would help towards reaching our goal. "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much" – Helen Keller

CONVENTION 2020

Our first meeting is going to be held on Sunday, October 6th in Orleans to begin the task of assigning committees, etc. for our annual convention being held at the Jay Peak Resort. Your State Deputy and myself will be serving on this committee and Dan & Theresa McAvinney as well as Moe & Sharon Noel. There will be an update in next months newsletter with details from our first meeting.

That's all for this time !

Steve Shover
State Secretary

Worthy Sir Knights,

As I enter my 4th and final year as your District Master, I STILL LOVE THIS JOB.

I ask for a moment of prayer for the repose soul of my boss, Sir Knight William “Bill” D. McCarthy, Vice Supreme Master, Bishop James A. Healy Province, who was called to be with our Lord on September 13, 2019;

“O God, you do not willingly grieve or afflict your children. Look with pity on the suffering of Bill’s family in their loss. Sustain Mary and her Family in this time of anguish; and into the darkness of their grief, bring the light of your love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen”.

Our participation requirements have been many, and I don’t see them slowing down as we start preparing for the upcoming holidays. I was honored to represent our Assemblies and all Sir Knight’s at Bishop Coyne’s Mother’s funeral on September 7th in Woburn MA (1 SK), Msgr Peter Routhier’s Stepmother’s funeral on September 13th in Newport (4 SK’s) and VSM Bill McCarthy’s funeral on September 17th in Windham NH (2 SK’s).

We just completed another superb Exemplification although, I would have enjoyed a larger class, we advanced 3 new Brother Sir Knights. To you, Brother Sir Knights, CONGRATULATIONS, your Assembly’s cable just got stronger. The honoree was VSM Bill McCarthy. A 4-year U. S. Navy Veteran and a 48-year Life-Time member of the Order. Brother Bill fought a rough pancreatic cancer battle and subsequently was called to our heavenly Father. He will surely be missed.

“For 48 years this Brother Sir Knight and Shipmate stood OUR Order’s watch. While some of us were in our beds at night, this Sailor stood the watch. While some of us were learning about OUR Order, this Shipmate stood the watch. Yes, even before some of us were born into this world, this shipmate stood the watch. Faithful Sir Knight Bill, WE Thank You and may God hold you in the palm of his hand. “

As we prepare to observe our name sake’s national holiday established in 1937 through intense lobbying by the Knights of Columbus, I ask you to remember its significance. Although, Christopher Columbus’ name, has generated controversy, and alternative names to the holiday, its tradition still stands strong. Since 1792, Italian and Catholic communities in various parts of the country will take pride in Columbus’ birthplace and faith, with organized religious ceremonies and parades in his honor. If one occurs in your area, be proud and participate. I also ask you to be aware of the controversies surrounding its name and not place yourselves in any jeopardy.

Worthy Gentlemen, this may be early however, each Assembly should start preparing for the upcoming **Vermont District Assemblies Biennial Meeting** therefore, by order of the Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus Article V Section 14(b), the District Assemblies shall be composed of the Faithful Navigator and one delegate for each 100 members or major fraction of (50+) thereof of each Assembly which delegates shall be elected by ballot at the February meeting and after prior notice of the holding of such elections has been given to the members by notice or publication.



. Assemblies shall have the right to elect alternates for the Faithful Navigator and for any delegates to which they may be entitled. Article V Section 14(c), the District Assemblies shall meet biennially at the call of the Master during the months of March or April in the even numbered years. Article V Section 15, Assemblies shall pay the expenses of their representatives and delegates to the District Assembly meeting.

Therefore, I have selected March 28, 2020 for our next Vermont District Assemblies Meeting, hosted by FN Joseph Kelly and Charles W. Jasman Assembly 1151, Barre. Thank you, Worthy Faithful Navigator Kelly and your Assembly, for stepping up to the plate.

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

Master Nomination 2020 - 2022

Membership Number:

Name and name of spouse:

Address:

Phone (W) (H) (C):

e-mail:

Assembly and Council:

Date of Birth:

Education:

PSD? If yes from – to:

PFN? If yes from – to:

Color Corps If yes from – to w/participation as Commander/Sir Knight:

Military service – Branch/Rank/Years of Service:

Fourth Degree Accomplishments:

Biography (mandatory):

Each candidate being recommended for District Master shall include a synopsis, not to exceed two double spaced typed pages and answering, at a minimum, the following questions:

“Why I am the best candidate for the position” and

“What is my plan to promote and grow the Fourth Degree”.

I wish all Brothers and Sir Knights continued success as you strive to keep your Council and Assembly as active as possible despite the many obstacles that exist today.

Pray the rosary daily and may God Bless you and may God Bless the United States of America.

Vivat Jesus!

George Piette

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802-323-2470



Vice Supreme Master William "Bill" McCarthy's Funeral Honor Guard on September 17, 2019 in Windham NH at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.



William "Bill" D. McCarthy
November 19, 1949 - September 13, 2019
Vice Supreme Master
Bishop James A. Healy Province



4TH DEGREE UNIFORM RAFFLE 2019

Worthy Sir Knights, due to several comments on why they have not purchased the new official 4th Degree Uniform and the associated cost, a raffle opportunity will be conducted from **September 1, 2019 through December 1, 2019** with the winning drawings to occur on December 6, 2019. You win and the District Master Fund wins.

A block of 10 tickets have been sent to each Faithful Navigator to raffle off to its members. For every 10 tickets returned with a donation of \$75.00 each, 1 ticket will be randomly drawn for a new complete official 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Uniform.

Each winning ticket drawn will receive an official Navy Blue Blazer with 4th Degree Emblem Crest and Knights of Columbus Emblem, official 4th Degree Grey Trousers, official 4th Degree Necktie, and official Black Beret with official 4th Degree Metal Badge. **There will be no cash substitution.** Winning Uniform orders will be submitted by the District Master.

All ticket stubs and checks must be mailed to:

George Piette
District Master
21 Gilbert St.
Newport VT 05855-9732

Extra orders for tickets may be requested via Email at georgepiette@gmail.com or call 802-323-2470.

4th Degree Uniform Raffle 2019 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____



4th Degree Uniform Raffle 2019

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PRIZE: 4TH DEGREE UNIFORM

One ticket drawn for every ten tickets sold

Return tickets: by December 1st, 2019
Drawings will be held: Friday, December 6th, 2019

New Official Uniform of the Fourth Degree:
Navy Blue Blazer with Fourth Degree Emblem Crest and Knights of Columbus Emblem
Official Fourth Degree Gray Trousers, Official Fourth Degree Necktie
Official Fourth Degree Black Beret with Fourth Degree metal badge

Tickets:
\$75.00
each

Return tickets and checks to: George Piette, District Master
21 Gilbert Street, Newport, Vermont 05855 or email for more tickets to: georgepiette@gmail.com



FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

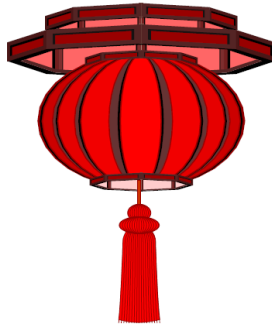


Front row: SK Stanley Baranowski, SD Thomas Herbst Jr., FN Rick Gravelin, SK Bernard Prendergast, SK/REV Sahaya Paul, SK William Beecy, SK David Bean, SK Thomas Westropp, SK/DM George Piette

Second row: SK/FF-REV Timothy Naples, SK/PSD/FDM/DD#2 Maurice Noel, SK Nelson Lachappelle Jr., SK Richard Labrecque, SK/Dist Marshall John Pelletier

Back row: SK/DD#7 William Scott, SK/FN David Ely, SK/FN Andre Ricard, SK David Ely Jr., SK/GK Thomas Gravelin, SK Thomas Ronning

New sir Knights are outlined in yellow.



“THE RED THREAD” OUR CHINA ADOPTION

We invite you to join us as we share our
Incredible Blessing of Adoption!

Travel with us from the day God placed Adoption in our
hearts –
To the day
We held our child for the first time!

**Sunday, October 13th
2:00pm –
St. Luke Catholic Church, 17 Huntville Rd., Fairfax VT**

Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 10830

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISITS UNDERHILL COUNCIL 7810



PICTURED ABOVE L to R :David Leonard, Mark Girouard, Patrick McCarthy, DGK; Steven Haupt, GK; Ed Nuttall, SMD; Ed Mathew, Albert Bernasconi Jr., Matthew Hurley, Tim Reny

On the 13th of August 2019, State Membership Director Ed Nuttall visited Council 7810 in Underhill and presented some ideas on recruiting and retention.

On recruiting, the two points were Membership Committee and Online Membership. As to the former these suggestions were made:

- **Revitalize the Membership Committee**
- **Deputy Grand Knight must call a meeting of the 3 Trustees and determine the direction of recruitment and retention**
- **On the top of list should be the use of the On-Line electronic recruiting program**
- **Evaluate all past recruiting programs and with past recruiters and work up a membership strategy**

COUNCIL 10830 HOLDS AN ADMISSION DEGREE AT THE HOME OF THE ROUND TABLE COORDINATOR.



PICTURED ABOVE L to R: Jim Groseclose, Trustee Member of GK Coalition; Peter Fitzgerald, Financial Secretary; Paul Lowe, newly admitted to Admission Degree; Ed Lowe, father and Round Table member; Ed Nuttall, Trustee and member of GK Coalition

On the evening of 21 August 2019, Paul Jansen, Round Table Coordinator for Council 10830 at Ascension Parish, welcomed the Admission Degree to his home. Jim Groseclose and Peter Fitzgerald reviewed the Constitution and Bylaws with Candidate Paul Lowe. The DVD was used to present the Degree. Paul was asked why he went the direction of ONLINE membership. His answer was simple: "It was easy to navigate and he was curious"

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISITS COUNCIL 810 IN FAIR HAVEN



DEPICTED ABOVE L to R: DJ Swington, Dennis Perry, Scott Clement, Financial Secretary; Peter Laramie, District Deputy #9; Bob Shaw, Grand Knight; Tim Perry, Ed Nuttall, State Membership Director; Michael Gadway, Treasurer

On 4 September 2019 State Membership Director, Ed Nuttall, visited Council 810 in Fair Haven where he gave a presentation on the closeout activity of the State, On-Line membership recruiting and retention. Listed below are the highlights:

WE ENDED FY 2018-19 THIS WAY

- 47 councils are on the books.
- 4 of those are unassigned (*includes Vermont State Council*)
- 43 are assigned to Districts
- 5 of those are suspended/inactive.
- **38 are active**
- 266 was the assigned new associate member quota
- **55 NEW MEMBERS RECRUITED FOR THE YEAR FROM 23 COUNCILS**
- 15 councils did not recruit a single new member
- **22 LOSSES FROM 8 COUNCILS**
- 33 or 20% NET GAIN

This is how we looked on insurance

- 141 was the new insurance member quota
- 19 new insurance members were recruited
- 12 councils experienced this gain
- 18 losses occurred
- 15 councils experienced this loss
- **19 councils had no activity**
- *NOTE: Only one field agent for the state*

The Leadership Development Seminar was discussed

- **The first Leadership Development Seminar will be provided to our northern districts (Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) in the Burlington area on Saturday, October 5, 2019 and our southern districts (Districts 6, 7, 8, 9) on Saturday, October 26, 2019 in the Rutland area (specific seminar locations will be disseminated later). Both seminars will be facilitated from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm and include a free lunch. After the seminar, our instructional team will make themselves available to work one-on-one with council leaders to address any in-depth questions or help brainstorm specific council strategies.**
- **Seminar topics will include:**
- **Visibly promoting council activities & service through proven branding techniques**
- **Partnering with pastors to best serve them and their parishes/churches**
- **Prospecting potential members and focusing recruitment strategies**
- **Making the most out of the NEW K of C Online Membership Program**
- **Dramatically improving operations through communication best-practices**
- **Enhancing fraternal camaraderie – building the council team**
- **Inspiring leadership through effective skill assessment and delegation**
- **Using the NEW program & award guidelines to guide our charitable efforts most effectively**

What should the council do with the information presented on the subject of On-Line Recruiting?

- **GET AN ARTICLE INTO THE CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING THE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**
- **RUN IT ONCE A MONTH**

- **ORDER THE WALLET-SIZED CARD 10536 7-17 “YOU ARE BORN A MAN. YOU BECOME A KNIGHT. Join Today. VISIT KofC.ORG/JoinUs”**
- **HAND THE CARD OUT AT SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASSES TO EVERYONE – MAN AND WOMAN**
- **BE PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS USING THIS POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**
- **MAIL THIS CARD TO ANYONE ON YOUR PROSPECT LIST**
- **MAKE SURE EVERY MEMBER OF COUNCIL 810 GETS A COPY**

What the article should say

- There’s a new way to join the Knights of Columbus
- It’s electronic and Web Page oriented and it’s all on-line
- Over the next couple weeks our Council will be handing out a pocket-sized information card that will open the door to Knighthood for those interested
- All we ask is that you or someone you care about check it out
- You have nothing to lose and everything to gain!

Protecting Your Family... Business?

You already know that the Knight of 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.

Business insurance is the term used in the insurance industry to describe the use of life insurance and disability income insurance to solve certain financial needs of businesses and their owners. The products offered through the Order can cover many needs, such as:

- Economic loss to the business when a key employee dies
- Disposition of a business owner’s interest upon death 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.

With protection for the family, the business, the farm, retirement, long term care and disability coverage, the Knight of Columbus truly is your shield for all the elements of your life.

Dave Giuliani, *field agent*
 802-272-6009
 david.giuliani@kofc.org

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISITS WINDSOR COUNCIL 2832



PICTURED ABOVE L to R: Ed Nuttall, State Member Director; Mark Curtis, Treasurer; Ed Severese; Andrew Robbins; Larry Gould, Grand Knight; Herbie Moore, Financial Secretary; Dick Feuton

On the 3rd of September 2019 State Membership Director, Ed Nuttall, visited Council 2832 in Windsor and gave a presentation on the closeout of membership activity for Fraternal Year 2018-19 and the E-Membership Program. Below are some of the highlights:



Fair Haven Council 810 presents checks totaling \$772.97 to the Shine Fund, a local organization that helps Special Olympians

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISITS COUNCIL 2284 WINOOSKI



PICTURED ABOVE L to R: David Trainque; Deputy Grand Knight Greg Bolger; Tom De Varney, George Bachinski; Financial Secretary Ciaran Buckley; Worthy Grand Knight Greg Clairmont; George Ashline; Outside Guard Jeff Brosseau; Inside Guard Dan Cooney; Recorder Joseph Perron; Treasurer James Read; Eric Heiman, Ray Trainque and Worthy State Membership Director, Edward Nuttall.

On 9 September 2019 State Membership Director, Ed Nuttall, briefed Council 2284 in Winooski membership and retention. Following are the highlights:

MEMBERSHIP

- *Revitalize the Membership Committee*
- *Deputy Grand Knight must call a meeting of the 3 Trustees and determine the direction of recruitment and retention*
- *Evaluate all past recruiting programs and with past council recruiters work up a membership strategy*
- *On the top of list should be the use of the On-Line electronic recruiting program*
- *Advertise the K of C.org/JoinUs Internet link*
- *Direct the Prospect to this Web Page*
- *Let the Prospect experience the presentation at his leisure*

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISITS COUNCIL 2610 IN RICHFORD



PICTURED ABOVE L to R FRONT ROW: Daniel Snider, Felix Snider, Warden

PICTURED ABOVE L to R 2nd ROW: Keith Billado, DD#1; Adam Choquette, WGK; Robin Blouin, Financial Secretary; Daniel Heter, Cedric Snider, Jon Walker, Deputy Grand Knight; Jeremy Hurtubise, George Flower, Treasurer; Armand Auclair, Donald Couture, Recorder; Ed Nuttall, State Membership Director

On 8 September 2019 Ed Nuttall, State Membership Director, and Keith Billado, District Deputy #1, visited Council 2610 in Richford. Following are some of the highlights:

A change in membership strategy

- Advertise the K of C.org/JoinUs Internet link
- Direct the Prospect to this Web Page
- Let the Prospect experience the presentation at his leisure

What is On-Line Membership?

- A fraternal program
- A new way to join the Knights of Columbus online
- A new and predominately digital membership experience

COUNCIL 10830 OF FAIRFAX HOLDS ITS ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL AND CHICKEN BBQ



PICTURED

ABOVE:

Vince Redding and Bob Thompson are the two major organizers

Every year the Children's Carnival and Chicken BBQ delights kids of all ages with its games and prizes.

It's a labor intensive event which draws many members into action. Someone has to volunteer to sit in the dunking booth where the kids hit the paddle with a ball which in turn caused a 5-gallon bucket of water to fall on the anxious victim. This year the "anxious victim" was Keith Billado, PGK/Trustee/member of the GK Coalition. Excluding the dunking booth, there were 12 games including a bouncy house. Depending on the game, each kid received tickets for participating. The tickets could then be exchanged for prizes. Approximately 25 kids participated in the games.

The Chicken BBQ was organized and run by Financial Secretary Pete Fitzgerald assisted by his wife Karen and Tom Fontaine. 65 chicken dinners were sold raising \$899.00. Half the funds will be donated to the KofC Hurricane Relief and the other half will go to a Haiti mission, which two of our Knights participate in each year. Those who helped set up and run the carnival games were the Redding family (Vince, MaryBeth, Ali, Lucas, Maria, Sophia, Olivia & Brett Genero), Bob Thompson, Guy Vanzo, the Billado Family (Keith, Sally, Skyler, Ashley), Mike Cross, Jim Larose, Ed Nuttall, Anthony Rosselli, Tom Fontaine, Peter and Karen Fitzgerald. Many thanks to the hard-working volunteers to make this a successful carnival.

Pictured below are scenes describing the event:



Anthony Rosselli at Entrance Fee \$10



Keith Billado in Dunking Booth



Lucas Redding at Bouncy House



Ali Redding at the Throwing/Knockdown the Stack



Jim Larose Bowling



Mike Cross Darts



Maria Redding at the Golf Game



"Cornhole" Bean Bag Toss



Brett Genero at the Spindle/ Ring and Golf ball/jar games



Sophia Redding at the Tire Throw Game



Olivia at the football game



Skyler running the Clown Bean Bag Toss



MaryBeth Redding Exchanging Tickets for Prizes

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS COUNCIL 10830 FAIRFAX

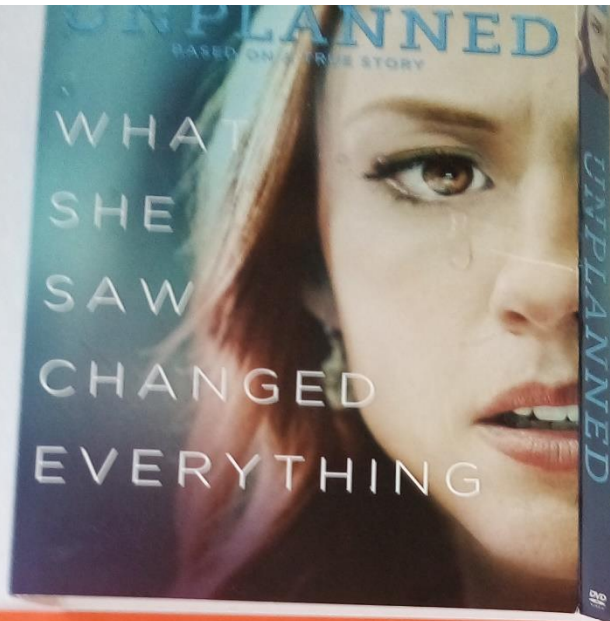


PICTURED ABOVE L to R: Helga Nuttall, Ed Nuttall, Trustee/Lecturer; Mike Cross, Inside Guard, Jim Groseclose, Trustee; Sally Billado, Keith Billado, Past Grand Knight/Trustee/District Deputy #1; Fr. Henry Furman, Chaplain/Recorder; Patrick Queor, Deputy Grand Knight and son Joseph; Laurie Queor, Sophia Redding, Lucas Redding, Chancellor; Skyler Billado, Warden; Ashley Billado, Jim Blais, Outside Guard; Juanell Blais



Fair Haven Council 810 and the American Legion team up and donate 24 coats to Fair Haven Concern for delivery to local kids in need.

Fair Haven Council 810 sponsors a special FREE SHOWING of the MOVIE "UNPLANNED" on September 25th at St Mary's School in Fair Haven.



"UNPLANNED" THE MOVIE: FREE Special Showing

St. Mary's school, Fair Haven -Wed., Sept. 25th at 6pm.

A movie about transformation, abortion and Planned Parenthood "All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Until the day she saw something that changed everything." Sponsored by Fair Haven Council 810, Knights of Columbus and Our Lady of Seven Dolors Catholic Church.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Bishop Robert F. Joyce
Council 10535**

FALL 2019 UPDATE

A Message from Grand Knight David Lathrop

Fellow parishioners, thank you all for your ongoing prayers and support that allow us to maintain our mission of supporting our community. It is truly inspiring. Please remember that the Knights are here to be of service to the community. If you have a worthy initiative or event that you need assistance with, especially if its manpower, let us know and we may be able to help out. Likewise, we ask you to consider attending our functions such as the upcoming fall spaghetti dinners which allow us to continue our mission of service. Please keep our council and parish community in your prayers as we head into the holiday season. God bless and enjoy the rest of 2019!



July 4th Strawberry Shortcake on the Park

Thank you to all who visited the Bristol Green on the 4th of July to support our strawberry shortcake fundraiser! A few statistics:
360 shortcake biscuits
36 gallons of vanilla ice cream
150 lbs of strawberries
Together, we raised over \$1600 to be put toward various Knights causes. A special thank you to the spouses and families that provided extra assistance in the preparation for this event. We couldn't do it without you! This is the largest fundraiser on the Knights' calendar



and we were thrilled to again be serving this delicious summer treat to our community. See you next year on the park for more!

Tootsie Roll Take

Through efforts at Shaws on MAUHS graduation Saturday and the Masses of the same weekend, the Council raised nearly \$900 with our Tootsie Roll distribution. These funds are dedicated toward assisting those with intellectual disabilities, mainly the Special Olympics of Addison County.

More on reverse!

**We look forward to welcoming you to our upcoming
Knights in Italy Spaghetti Dinners!**

October 4 & November 1 | 5:00-7:00pm | St. Ambrose Parish Hall

Advanced Degrees

Congratulations to the following Knights who, in the last 6 months, advanced their membership degree within the Knights:

Paul Audy
Pat Paquette
Tim Paquette
Gerry Tetrault

Annual Ministries

Each year, during the July Totus Tuus week, the Knights host a barbecue lunch for all of the participants. With a few hours and a little grilling finesse, council members served campers and staff a delicious lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs.

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As the months get colder, the need for childrens' winter coats grows. The Knights purchase 24 coats of varying kids sizes and colors every year and distribute them to the local elementary schools where the staff there, better knowing the needs of their students, can give them out as needed. Of course, 24 coats does not cover the whole need. If you have kids winter coats collecting dust, reach out to your school to see if they have a need!

Who are the Knights?

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

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

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

Upcoming Events

October 4, 5-7pm
Knights in Italy Spaghetti Dinner
St. Ambrose Parish Hall
All-you-can-eat pasta with sauce, garlic bread, salad, and dessert. What more can you ask for?! Proceeds support disaster relief efforts, including recent hurricanes.

October 20, 9am
KoC-Sponsored Coffee Hour
St. Ambrose Parish Hall
Come downstairs after Mass for a bite to eat, a cup of joe, and some friendly Sunday morning camaraderie to start the day.

October 26, 6pm
Day of Prayer for Priests
St. Ambrose Parish Hall
Join us in the parish hall before the 6:30 Mass to pray the Rosary for Fr. Yvon, the priests of our diocese, and priests around the world.

November 1, 5-7pm
Knights in Italy Spaghetti Dinner
St. Ambrose Parish Hall

November 17, 9am
KoC-Sponsored Coffee Hour
St. Ambrose Parish Hall



Knight Light

Andrew Rainville on why he values being a member of the Knights: *"Being a part of our Knights of Columbus Council has connected me to other men of faith who I likely never would have otherwise approached. This group has also offered me many ways to serve my community and support our neighbors. These two aspects have certainly contributed to a growth in faith and my desire to continue seeking out opportunities for service. In addition to giving back to those around me, it's also a lot of fun and I look forward to more!"*

How do I join?

There are three prerequisites to joining the Knights of Columbus:

- 1) male
- 2) at least 18 years old
- 3) a practical Catholic
(practical meaning practicing/living out the faith)

Upon satisfying all of these requirements, you should contact any of the Knights (membership list on front) and express your interest. They can answer (or find the answer) to any questions that you may have and direct

you to the proper channels to join. The Knights operate on a degree standard - first through fourth. Knights may progress through the degrees as they are able and willing. Degree ceremonies are held on a regular basis throughout the year so there is no specific time of year that you need to join. Whenever you feel the calling works!

Don't meet the requirements?

Anyone can volunteer to help us at any of our events and functions. We welcome you to join us in lending a hand.

Worthy Brothers; I apologize for the short notice, but do to scheduling conflicts of myself and other members of the team as well as the fact that I have not heard from any council regarding whether they have any candidates. I have decided to postpone the degree scheduled for this Thursday September 26. I would like to shoot for Thursday October 10th.

Vivat Jesus
DD1 Keith Billado

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STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISITS BELLOWS FALLS



PICTURED ABOVE KNEELING: Charles Pavlovik

PICTURED ABOVE STANDING L to R: Fred Waryas, Trustee; James Charuhas, Trustee; David Sines, Treasurer; Tom Ronning, Grand Knight; Ed Nuttall, State Membership Director; Matt Kopij, Financial Secretary; Ryan Coyne

State Membership Director, Ed Nuttall, visits Council 753 in Bellows Falls on 10 September 2019. Some of the highlights from the two PowerPoint Presentations – On Line Membership and Retention Strategy included:

- A review of last year's Associate Member and Insurance Member recruiting success.
- Status the council as of 10 September
- District Performance Council assigned top
- Status of Leadership workshop
- Councils having had no recruiting success FY 2018-19
- Membership Committee
- Change in membership strategy
- What the prospect sees on the Webpage
- The application process to on-line membership
- FAQ about e-membership
- How does the council fit in
- Suggested article for the church bulletin
- What are the state incentives
- What's the suggested degree schedule
- Where are the Formation Degree Teams
- How do I get a 3rd (Knighthood) Degree team to come to my district
- Where are the Ceremonial Admission Degrees located by district and what's their schedule

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR AND DISTRICT DEPUTY #9 VISIT COUNCIL 307



PICTURED ABOVE FRONT ROW L to R: Jeff Fortier, Treasurer and Peter Laramie. District Deputy #9

PICTURED ABOVE BACK ROW LEFT to RIGHT: Fr. Hugh Cleary, Chaplain; Dave Clark, Grand Knight; Dan Amidon, Financial Secretary; Ed Nuttall, State Membership Director; Jay Brunell, Recorder; Michael Daly, Chancellor.

On 24 September 2019 State Membership Director, Ed Nuttall, and District Deputy #9, Peter Laramie, visited Council 307 in Bennington, VT. A PowerPoint presentation on “Membership Strategy 2019-20” and “Retention Strategy 2019-20” were delivered.

- Recruiting emphasis is now oriented towards the digital age
- Focus is on 18-40 age group
- Know what the prospect sees when he enters KofC.org/JoinUS Webpage link. Check it out!
- Hand out the pocket-size card “YOU ARE BORN A MAN. YOU BECOME A KNIGHT” #10536 7-17. Keep copies on your possession.
- Use the PowerPoint as a handy reference tool to answer questions.
- When the State Membership Director, State Online Membership Chairman or State Deputy notifies the DD or Grand Knight of a new Online Member sign-up, take immediate action to make contact.
- The applicable District Deputy will also recommend a council for the new member to be assigned.

120TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

On September 20th, Sheridan Council 421 celebrated its 120th anniversary. 19 members attended along with their spouses. Some of the memorabilia that was presented were the actual Constitutional Roll from 1899 and also a book of the minutes from 1910 meetings on.



Top photo are members attending.

Left photo are all Past Grand Knights attending



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DISTRICT 2 COUNCILS #421 & #13574



Front row L-R: chaplain Fr Robert Little, Gk Joe Simard, GK Stan Baranowski, warden Vinney Matteis, Chaplain Fr. Karl Hahr

Second Row L-R: DD32 Maurice Noel, Trustee Bill Young, DGK Kevin Aremburg, Treasurer Ray Bailey, Recorder Denis LaBounty, VDM George Piette

Third Row L-R: FS Dick Barrett, DGK Bob Blodgett, Recorder Jim Lanctot



COLUMBIAN AWARD

Sheridan Council Grand Knight Stan Baranowski presented the Columbian Award from FDD#2/VDM George Piette.

Sheridan completed all requirements in 2018 to be awarded this from Supreme.

Congratulation !!!!

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DISTRICT 2 COUNCILS #7763, 7943, 2285



Front row: GK Dan McAvinney, GK Gilles Berard, Chaplain Fr. Samaya Paul, Chaplain Fr. Curtiss Miller
Deacon Ward, Gk Maurice Brasseur

Second Row: DW Stan Baranowski, DD#2 Maurice Noel, DM /Chancellor George Piette, Trustee Denis
Comeau, Warden Ronald Bergeron, Recorder Gerard Raboin

Third Row: Treasurer Adam Messier, DGK Richard Morrisette, Treasurer Jacque Couture, FS Don
Vanesse, Trustee Marc Nadeau, Advocate Fred Barker, Trustee Bruce Pion

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR AND DISTRICT DEPUTY #1 VISIT COUNCIL 7669



PICTURED ABOVE L to R: Keith Billado, District Deputy #1; Harvey Gagne, Ben Deziel, Trustee; Roland Laroche, Program Director; Don Lefebvre, Luc Dupuis, Treasurer; Marcel Moreau, Recorder; Bruce Spaulding, Bernard LaRocque and Ed Nuttall, State Membership Director

Brother Bruce Spaulding gave a presentation on a significant topic: cleaning the headstones of veterans buried in cemeteries located in Swanton and surrounding communities. So far he has hand-cleaned 56 stones on his own initiative - of course he is a veteran himself! He pleaded for assistance for 3-4 Knights to join him whom he will train on proper and effective cleaning procedures, and he will provide the special solution at no cost for Veterans only; for other headstones he will make it available for costs. He was advised to coordinate with the Council and submit a write-up to the VT State Newsletter and a follow-on submission to "Columbia Magazine". Brother Bernard LaRocque provided a copy of a Swanton "invitation-to-Join" card, which was unique and impressive.

The new pastor, Fr. James Zuccaro, is unavailable to attend a 4th Thursday Council meeting so it was recommended a "day change" be initiated without further delay.

State Membership Director Ed Nuttall, visiting Council 7669 of Swanton on 26 September 2019, gave a presentation on both a Membership and Retention Strategy and provided 100 copies of the "YOU ARE BORN A MAN. YOU BECOME A KNIGHT" card 10536 7-17.

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISITS COUNCIL 7525



PICTURE ABOVE FRONT ROW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: WFN, PFN, Sir Knight Rick Gravelin, WFS, Sir Knight Charlie Brown, WTR, Sir Knight Richard Lebreque, WL Bernie Prendergast, Brother Tom Westrupp, WCH, PFN, PGK, Sir Knight Richard Stevens, Sir Knight Ray Neuman.

PICTURED ABOVE BACK ROW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: DGK Stephen Savoy, WR, PFN, PGK Ray Michaud, PGK, Sir Knight Brad Chenette, WC Fr. Steven Marchand, GK Tom Gravelin, Sir Knight David Martin, WT, Sir Knight Ted Barrett, WSC, Sir Knight Fr. Tim Naples, WT, Sir Knight Ali Nasab, Sir Knight Bob Wilkens, WG, Sir Knight Dinh Dang, SMD Ed Nuttall

On 12 September State Membership Director, Ed Nuttall presented both a membership recruiting and retention strategy. 100 pocket-size On-Line recruiting cards **“YOU ARE BORN A MAN. YOU BECOME A KNIGHT”** 10536 7-17 were delivered.

The pathway to membership through the OnLine process was explained as the prospect would see it after visiting KofC.org/JoinUs on the Web.

Once the prospect is accepted, the State Membership Director (Ed Nuttall), State OnLine Membership Coordinator (Chris Poirier) and State Deputy (Tom Herbst, Jr.) are notified of this event via EMAIL. One of these three will immediately make contact with member and welcome him to the Vermont State Council. The appropriate District Deputy encompassing his location will be notified along with nearest Council. If the new member decides to join a Council, the Grand Knight will arrange for an Admission Degree upon completion of which the OnLine member now becomes a Council member. The Council Financial Secretary submits a Form 100 after which the Council gets credit for a new member.

After transitioning to a local council, the member would retain his online access to the Knights of Columbus membership experience, but cease paying his membership dues online (\$30), and instead begin to pay his local council's membership dues. The receiving council would receive the member's dues adjustment for the fraternal year.

On the retention strategy the concept of the “Buddy System” was explained. This is where the active members are paired off with the inactive members. The active member take responsibility for keeping his “buddy” informed of Council activities and meetings. He also tries to uncover the reasons for the member not being involved, specifically looking for health, family and financial issues. After identifying the causes to the problem, he seeks resolution through the Council at large.

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISITS RUTLAND COUNCIL

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PICTURED ABOVE SITTING L to R: Tony Merchand, FS; Sean Reilly, GK; Bob Harger, Louis Weirzbicki, Warden; Tom Carpenter, Jim Candon, State Scholarship Director

PICTURED ABOVE STANDING L to R: Ed Nuttall, State M Membership Director; Dr. Martin Carmody Trustee; Bob Rauch, David Perry, William Gower-Johnson, Chancellor; Frank Marshall, DGK; Daniel Read, Leo Fairbanks, Treasurer; Msgr. Bernard Bourgeois, Chaplain; Alberto Aguilar; Thomas Berry, Inside Guard; Ed Clark, Elijah LaChance, Recorder; Michael Lannon FN; Dave Giuliani Field Agent

On 5 September 2019 State Membership Director, ED Nuttall visited Council 232 in Rutland, Vermont. PowerPoint presentations were delivered on "Strategies for Membership and Retention". Copies of the On Line Membership information card 10536 7-17 "YOU ARE A MAN. YOU BECOME A KNIGHT" were provided.

Grand Knight Sean B. Reilly and his Officers were explained the process of OnLine Membership as a prospect would view it after entering the link KofC.org/JoinUs on the Web.

NEWS FROM ROSARY COUNCIL 4684

Rosary Council 4684 hosted a **Men's Spiritual Development Workshop** on Saturday September 21st given by Fr. Henry Furman (Pastor St Luke and Ascension parishes). Fr. Henry provided some powerful arguments and constructive advice pertaining to the current social trend to redefine marriage. He began with a passage from Scripture (Matthew 19:3-5) where the Pharisees came and tested Him by asking "*Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?*". Jesus' response concludes with "*.... Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.*"

Fr. Henry provided background on how public opinion as been swayed, the sad statistics of the breakdown of the family today, disregard for children's rights and the two marriage definitions under debate. 1) Marriage is the public recognition of a relationship between any two adults for their fulfillment. 2) Marriage unites a man and a woman with each other and any children born from their union. Note, Definition 2 revolves around man, woman, procreation, children and family. Definition 1 is about individual fulfillment and happiness.

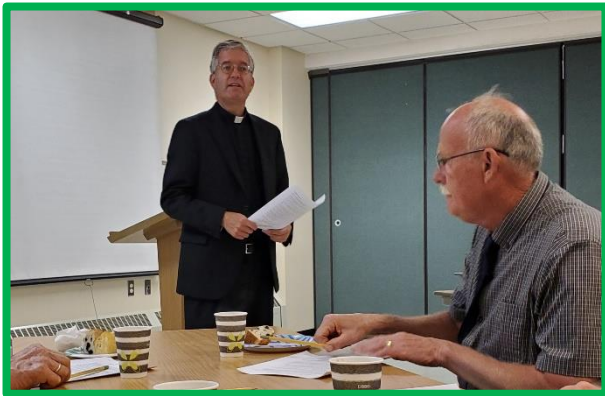
Some common questions that come up in the marriage debate were discussed such as :

Why do you oppose "same-sex marriage"? Answer : I don't oppose "same-sex marriage"; I oppose redefining marriage to accommodate same-sex couples. There is a big difference.

Same-sex couples don't want to redefine marriage; they just want to participate in it. Answer: Same-sex couples cannot participate in marriage unless it is redefined.

Pictures from the event;

Picture 1 - Fr. Henry Furman , Rosary Council Secretary Doug St.Amour



Picture 2 : Fr. Henry Furman answering a question from Bill Rensch, GK Rosary Council (standing).



Please consider attending future Men's Development Workshops hosted by Rosary Council to be advertised in the State Newsletter and on the Diocesan website calendar

: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/events/>

State 300 Club

The 2019-2020 300 Club tickets have all been mailed out. They have been mailed to the current Grand Knights on the latest Directory list.

I ask that the Grand Knights appoint a Chairman to actively pursue the selling of these ticket.

We have sold all of the tickets the past 2 years. Lets keep it going.

First drawing will be on December 21, 2019

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

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