



Vermont Knights in Action

November, 2018 Edition

Vermont State Council

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism



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From the Vermont State Deputy



Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had a wonderful and Blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year's. Christ our Savior has been born and now we await the arrival of the 3 Wise Men.

With the new year, we come to make resolutions to better ourselves. Remember we are not perfect. We should also make a resolution or two to better Our Council's. One resolution would be to recruit a new member. Why you might ask. It's simple actually. If each member were to recruit one new member Our Council's would be able to better serve Our Parishes and Our communities. We would be able to extend Our Charitable outreach beyond what we are already doing. Imagine the impact that would have. We all get tired, it's a fact. With one or two or even three new members just think of the possibilities of the works we can do. We could have an extra dinner to support The Parish. We could hold an extra fundraiser to support Our Seminarians. We could hold another food drive to help families in need. Another resolution we could make is to give an extra 10% of ourselves. Think of what we could accomplish if we gave just a little more of ourselves. An extra hour here or there goes a long way.

Doing something that we normally wouldn't do, shows that you are committed to helping. It shows you are stepping up "to the plate" to help where you normally might not. It shows that you want to help make things better. You would be surprised at the smile on your face when you are done giving a little more of your time. I know time is precious but it is something that we need to give more of to make things better.

As of 1/1/2019 we have recruited 25 new Members into the Order. I know we can do better. Let's make this 3rd quarter of the Fraternal Year a great one. I would like to see all Council's recruiting new members. I know the Men are out there now is the time to ask them to join. I am hoping we can get at least 15 new members this month. Can we do it? I know we can. Just remember that once you get a new member, get him active immediately.

Again, I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year! I hope and pray that it is a prosperous year for all of us.

Vivat Jesus!
Thomas Herbst, Jr.
State Deputy

STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

I trust that everyone has survived the Christmas rush and are well into the year of 2019 ! Our mid-year meeting is now behind us and we had a good turn out of District Deputies and Program personnel. Lots of discussions were had and everyone left having learned something new. The Ladies had a nice program centered around Christmas decorations.

Per Capita and Charity Assessment:

The following Councils are now past 30 days for their per capita and charity assessment dues. Please take the time to take care of this as the second half

Per capita bills will be coming out in early January: Council 13574, St. Johnsbury - \$237.75; Council 297, St. Albans - \$760.38; Council 3664, Vergennes - \$371.13; Council 4684, Richmond - \$192.13; Council 6816 - \$259.50; Council 7389, Colchester - \$137.80 and Council 810, Fair Haven - \$392.88. Again, please make an attempt to get these dues paid. Thank you !

ANCHOR AWARD

To date we have only received one nomination for the 2019 Anchor Award. Please be sure to ask within your Councils if someone is deserving of the highest honor a Knight can receive for the jurisdiction of Vermont ! The cut off date is February 15th, so please send you nominations to me. My email address is:

engravingandgift@aol.com

CONVENTION UPDATE

The 2019 annual State Convention will once again be at The Essex in Essex Center, Vermont. Plans are well under way already and “credentials” will be mailed out the middle of January. Please be sure to have these filled out and don't forget to have your Financial Secretary sign them. One copy gets mailed to me at 106 Marions Way, Williston, VT 05495 and one copy you will bring with you to the Convention.

ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

At this point, I am not sure if this was premature on the part of the State Council as to date we have not received one donation towards the purchase of a vehicle (\$50,000.00) for a mobile ultrasound to travel throughout the State of Vermont. We need your input on this initiative and remember that Supreme will cover the entire cost of the ultrasound machine.

Steve Shover,
State Secretary

Members of Council 279 and assembly 1148 participate in the mass closing immaculate conception concept. On church on December 8, 2018. Two members of council 279 officially closed and locked the doors often the consolation left into sanctimony. District master George Piette and South Burlington 2106 Assembly also participated.



Members of Burlington council 279 helped out with the seminarians Christmas party hold on December 22, 2018. The members help serve the food and pick up. It starting with a mass with the Bishop and a supper. The seminarians end up with bowling after the meal downstairs in the parish bowling center.

ANCHOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

As stated in the first part of Resolution # 16 adopted at the 2018 State Convention:

Whereas, the Vermont State Council Knights of Columbus annually sponsors the Anchor Award to someone whom it deems worthy,

Be it resolved, that the recipient not be limited to the clergy or to gender, but shall be someone who has truly given of himself or herself for the betterment of mankind, which is for the Glory of God and Holy Mother Church; and

Be it further resolved, that nominations for this award be submitted from the membership at large through their Councils. These nominations shall be submitted to the State Secretary together with a summary outlining the qualifications and background of the individual no later than February 15, 2019;

For a nominee to be given all possible consideration for this prestigious award, each submission should be detailed and thorough. The qualifications for this award are limited in only that the recipient is not involved in any activity which is contrary to the teaching of the Holy Catholic Church.

Remember that this is the highest award given by the Vermont State Knights of Columbus, and it would be great if there were many nominations to choose from.

Please don't delay and if possible, please read this at your next Council meeting.

Fraternally,

Steve Shover

Steve Shover, State Secretary

ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES / FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS / BURSARS

Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 20__.

Forward a worksheet to every member on your current roster or include a copy in your next bulletin. Each member can individually identify the number of volunteer hours he expended in community service projects. You only need to collect and tabulate the council/ assembly/ circle results for completion of the 20__ Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report due at the Supreme Council office by January 31, 20__.

20__ ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

1. Number of visits you made during 20__ to:
 - Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals
 - Bereaved — visits of condolence
2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 20__
3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 20__:
 - Faith Activities — service in all Church related activities
 - Family Activities — service in all youth related activities
 - Community Activities — service in all community related activities
 - Life Activities — service in all related projects
 - Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above
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 - Sick/disabled members and their families — household chores, transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc.

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Worthy Sir Knights,

Retha and I wish you, your families and your Assembly a Blessed New Year 2019. While we recover from the holidays and start working on new resolutions, AGAIN, we need to say “good-bye” to 2018 and “hello” to 2019 and not bring the “baggage of 2018” which weighted heavily on our shoulders into this new year.

The following is a repeat from my January 2018 letter I feel needs to be repeated... I know how routine we see or hear about our faith as we get older. We allow “routine” phrases, prayers or images fly right by without a second thought. I have always heard the phrase you are never too old to learn something new. Phew, pretty profound words. Have you ever wondered why the Baby Jesus lying in the manger is reflected with out-reached hands? I never paid much attention until this Christmas Vigil and Christmas Mass and I **finally** listened to the homily.... Jesus’ out-reached hands are begging each of us to come to Him, to give Him a hug. He is saying, not with vocal words but with the unspoken image of out-reached hands, “I am here for you, I am here to carry you through all that baggage you are carrying”. While I was listening to the homily, the parishioners were asked if they had taken a shower before coming to today’s celebration.... WHAT!!! Yes, the Shower of Confession.... A clean heart and soul, a feeling of refreshment on what the season is all about.... No baggage, no weight.... What a moving homily, it will definitely not be forgotten.

Worthy Sirs, we have 6 months left to wear the former regalia. I ask you not allow your negative feelings dictate your actions whether to purchase the new official uniform or not. I ask you to consider all the positives we demonstrate when asked for our Honor Guard support. Was it the regalia or our presence that demonstrated who we are?

During a recent Council meeting I asked the question, “Why are we having the Diocesan Synod now? How unfortunate, only 2 members understood the reason. If this is the same within your Council or Assembly, I ask you to become knowledgeable, it might just open doors in helping you meet your membership goals and your mission.

I wish to thank DeGoesbriand Assembly 1148 for spear-heading the Honor Guard requirement for the closing of the former Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. It was a somber reminder of what our future of the church could hold if WE don’t take action now.

The following was omitted from your December Newsletter, please use this aide in determining your volunteer hours:

Calculating Volunteer Hours of Service - Example

• 10 members + 5 family members + 5 Parishioners (Not Members) visit a nursing home for 2 hours, visiting, playing games, singing songs, etc...

How many hours should be calculated and reported on your Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728/1728A)? $10 + 5 + 5 \times 2 = 40$ hours of volunteer service.

Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Vivat Jesus!

George Piette

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State Chaplain's Visit to St. Mary's Church, New Haven, CT
The birth place of the Knights of Columbus, and the K of C Museum



Fr. Tim Naples in St. Mary's Church (left).

Photo of an original prayer card made for the funeral of Fr. McGivney (right)

The sarcophagus and tomb of Father Michael McGivney, housed in the body of St. Mary's Church, New Haven, CT, at which Fr. Naples offered prayers for the Knights in Vermont. (left center).



Knights of Columbus Museum
 Pictures c-clockwise, from bottom left

Large Mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe given to the K of C by Pope John Paul II.

K of C Flag given by the Vermont State Council for the States' Gallery in the K of C Museum.

The gavel used by the first Knights of Columbus Council

Memorial display of the uniform of Military Chaplain Rev. John B. Devalles, part of the World War I exhibit.



Ever Read a Penny?



You always hear the usual stories of pennies on the sidewalk being good luck, gifts from angels, etc.

This is the first time I've ever heard this twist on the story. Gives you something to think about.

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the water-way, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. The husband's employer was quite generous as a host, and took them to the finest restaurants.

Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband. He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment. Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny.

He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection, and asked if the penny he found had been of some value.

A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see.

She had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this?

"Look at it." He said. "Read what it says."

She read the words "United State of America."

"No, not that; read further."

"One cent?" "No, keep reading."

"In God we trust?" "Yes!" "And?"

"And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin I see that inscription.

It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it!

God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him?

Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray, I stop to see if my trust is in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him.

For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up, and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I can not change.

I read the words, "In God We Trust," and had to laugh. Yes, God, I get the message.

It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful!...

....And, God is patient...

Author Unknown

Order your 4th Degree Official Dress Uniform

Where can I buy the new uniform?

The uniform can be purchased at knightsgear.com or by calling 1-855-GEAR-KOC (855-432-7562).

Please get professionally measured by a tailor prior to ordering. You will be contacted for payment when your uniform is ready to ship. No payment information is necessary when placing your order.



How will rank be distinguished?

Colored patches will be worn on the beret behind the Fourth Degree emblem as follows:

Dark Blue	—	Supreme Master
Light Blue	—	Vice Supreme Masters
Gold	—	District Masters
White	—	Faithful Navigators
Green	—	District Marshals
Purple	—	Color Corps Commanders

Those not holding office (who formerly wore red capes) will wear berets with no patch.

MATER DEI PARISH



Fr. Rijo Johnson, SDV, Pastor Mater Dei Parish, Newport, became a U. S. Citizen on November 29, 2018 in Paramount Theatre Rutland VT. CONGRATULATIONS FATHER RIJO. He was 1 of 36 Candidates from 22 countries.

Administration of Oath was given by Honorable Colleen A. Brown.

Presentation of Certificates from Honorable Brown and representatives from the U.S. Marshall Service, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, VT League of Women Voters, Congressional Delegation Representatives from Senators Patrick Leahy and Bernard Sanders' Offices, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31, Daughters of the American Revolution, and United States Passport Office.



This is an invitation to participate in a fundraiser for the repairs of our historical and iconic church in Newport, St. Mary, Star of the Sea. The church was built in 1909 and had been the beacon of our community.

This is what Our Parents and Grandparents had sacrificially given from their hearts, to build "this Beacon "in our community. It is our turn to share some of our time and effort to preserve it. What we raise from this "Car Raffle – 2019" won't be enough, but it is the beginning of a great effort that we can do for our children and grandchildren.

We love our church and we want to preserve it for future generations as did our ancestors when they invested their sweat and blood in it. St. Mary's is where we kneel and pray to worship our only God; this is where we become children of God through baptism; this is where we prepare ourselves for our eternal reward.

Extend your hands to help St. Mary's now:

Contact: George Piette, District Master—802-323-2470



10th Year of Vocationist Fathers in Mater Dei Parish

CAR RAFFLE - 2019

Funds raised for repairs of the roof at St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Newport—Church was built in 1909.

Winning Ticket will be drawn on Sunday, August 11, 2019 at the Parish Picnic sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Make checks to:

Mater Dei Parish Car Raffle

191 Vermont Terrace, Newport, VT 05855



\$40.00 - Per Ticket

3 Tickets for \$100.00

Only 1,200 Tickets available

CAR RAFFLE — 2019

Donation: \$40.00

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

Drawing Date: 08/11/19

Mater Dei Parish: St. Benedict Labre, St. James the Greater, St. Edward the Confessor & St. Mary, Star of the Sea Churches
 The winner will be responsible for all state and federal taxes. Ask for more info if needed.



“I CHOSE YOU OUT OF THE WORLD”

JOHN 15:19

— PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS —



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MONTPELIER RALLY FOR LIFE AND GOSNELL MOVIE SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019

Join us for the Annual Rally for Life in Montpelier featuring guest speaker Ann McEliheny. Ann along with her husband, Phelim McAleer, produced the movie *Gosnell: The Trial of Americas Biggest Serial Killer*, based on the New York Times bestseller book.

The Rally will be followed by the first showing of the Gosnell movie *anywhere* in Vermont, at the Capitol Theater in Montpelier beginning at 2:30 pm..

You can view the movie trailer [here](#). The movie is rated PG-13

Details for the Saturday, January 26, 2019 Rally for Life:

*10:00am - Warm up at St. Augustines Church Hall with coffee and doughnuts. Everyone welcome.

*10:45am - Gather outside behind City Hall at 10:45am for the March to the Capitol signs provided by VRLC those who do not wish to participate in the March are welcome to go directly to the State House and take a seat in House Chambers.

*11:30am Gather for photo of participants on State House steps.

*Noon Guest speaker in House Chambers.

*Refreshments to follow in the State House cafeteria ~ bring family and friends ~ there is NO CHARGE to attend, but donations are always welcome.

*Everyone is invited to attend the first showing of Gosnell the Movie in Vermont at the Capital Theater on State Street immediately following the refreshments. Information on how to book your seat will be forthcoming. Tickets will be \$10.00 a piece.

Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

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November 15, 2018

Dear Worthy State Officers, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, and State Program Chairmen,

The Vermont State Council of the Knights of Columbus has recently announced the 49th Annual Scholastic Achievement Awards Program for 2019 and is seeking to contact all eligible applicants.

To qualify an applicant must be a son or daughter of a Knight of Columbus in good standing in a subordinate Council within the Vermont jurisdiction. Sons or daughters of deceased members are also eligible if their father was in good standing at the time of his death. An applicant may be a member of the Knights of Columbus and a high school senior qualifying to graduate in June 2019.

We have enlisted the power of the press, all Vermont subordinate Councils, local high schools, and ask for your assistance in reaching potential candidates. We ask you to make the program known as the occasion arises over the next few months.

I am enclosing a copy of the application. Please feel free to duplicate it as many times as necessary. If you have questions, please refer them to the local Council or you may contact me directly at one of the addresses above.

The Committee is most appreciative of your assistance in the past and solicits your continued support in this matter.

Fraternally,

James P. Candon II
Chairman

Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

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November 15, 2018

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO APPLICANT

To qualify you must be a son or daughter of a Knight of Columbus member (paternal or legally adopted) in good standing in a subordinate Council within the Vermont jurisdiction. Sons or daughters of deceased members are also eligible if their father was in good standing at the time of his death. An applicant may be a member of the Knights of Columbus or a member of a Columbian Squires Circle, in the jurisdiction of Vermont and a high school senior qualifying to graduate in June 2019.

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

Applications must be returned to the Chairman, at the address above, **by March 10, 2019** to qualify for an award.

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

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

Failure to hand-write the essay may also result in the application being invalidated.

Scholarships not claimed by February 1, 2020 will be forfeited and the prize will be given to the next alternate on the list.

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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

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

Applicant's full name _____
 First Middle Last

Address _____

City or Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Date of Birth _____

School you now attend _____

School's Address _____

Name of School's Principal _____

Father's Name _____

Number of siblings also attending a post-high school program _____

Council # _____, Knights of Columbus, _____ VT.

Give the name of the Council's Financial Secretary _____

Home Parish _____

How did you learn about this scholarship program? _____

In your own words and **handwriting**, please summarize your chief interests in school, your participation in school activities, your chief out-of-school interests and hobbies, your summer or part-time employment, and your plans for the future.

Please include a list of colleges or schools to which you have applied for admission and the names of any that have accepted you.

Please include any other information and letters of recommendation that you feel is important to your application. **Candidates are strongly encouraged to include letters of recommendation from a non-relative who can address your particular qualifications and financial need.** Use the reverse side for your summary. Please be sure to sign and date the application and mail to the Scholarship Committee Chair **by March 10, 2019**, to the above address.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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Application for VT Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Part II: Applicant's Personal Record

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

Applicant's Full Name _____

First Middle Last

Address _____

City or Town _____

To School Personal:

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

March 10, 2019.

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

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

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

	Average	Above Average	Superior
A. Social Adjustment	_____	_____	_____
B. Maturity	_____	_____	_____
C. Integrity	_____	_____	_____
D. School Citizenship	_____	_____	_____
E. Achievement related to Ability	_____	_____	_____
Current Rank in Class: _____ in a class of _____		Highest CEEB Scores CR _____ M _____ W _____	

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

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISITS COUNCIL 7843 IN TROY, VT



PICTURED ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT: Dan McAvinney, Grand Knight, Council 7843; Ed Nuttall, State Membership Director; Fr. Tim Naples, State/Council Chaplain; Norman Piette, Warden; Richard Morrissett, Deputy Grand Knight; George Piette, District Master, Chancellor, Past Grand Knight; Jacques Couture, Treasurer; Gerard Robin, Recorder



On the 6th of December 2018, State Membership Director, Ed Nuttall, outlined a membership strategy that the Council could follow on a path to Star Council.

- The importance of the Membership Committee being in place was emphasized along with a running weekly message in the church bulletin about the Knights of Columbus.
- Gathering ideas on how to recruit starts with a list of prospects. From there the GK must keep the focus on recruiting by assigning proposers to prospects.
- It was highly recommended the Council advertise the On-Line Membership Program, which is currently in place.
- It was suggested Past Grand Knights be called upon to form a committee to review the Former Member List provided by Supreme and come up with some ideas to get these men to come back.

Prior to the membership briefing a DVD on the Supreme Convention was played as it contained important direction from the Supreme Knight.

Additionally, the Grand Knight was presented with a KofC Notebook by the SMD.

The GK was provided with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation.

ST. NICHOLAS VISITS ST. LUKE'S CHURCH ON 10 DECEMER 2017

Everybody knows Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, children, brewers, and pawnbrokers. Further, people know that the historical Saint Nicholas was born at Patara, Lycia in Asia Minor (now Turkey) around **270-280AD**.

But did you know that In 325, he was one of many bishops to answer the request of Constantine and appear at the First Council of Nicaea? As the 151st attendee he was listed as "Nicholas of Myra of Lycia". There, Nicholas was a staunch anti-Arian, defender of the Orthodox Christian position, and one of the bishops who signed the Nicene Creed.

Nicholas also had a reputation for secret gift-giving, such as putting coins in the shoes of those who left them out

for him, a practice celebrated on his feast day, 6 December.

In his most famous exploit, Nicholas aided a poor man who had but could not afford a proper dowry for them. This meant that they unmarried and probably, in absence of any other possible would have to become prostitutes. Even if they did not, unmarried days would be assumed to be prostitutes. Hearing of the girls' plight, to help them, but being too modest to help the family in public (or humiliation of accepting charity), he went to the house under the window opening into the house.



three daughters, would remain employment, women in those Nicholas decided to save them the cover of night and through the

One version has him throwing one purse for three consecutive nights. Another has him throwing the purses over a period of three years, each time the night before one of the daughters comes of age. Invariably, the third time the father lies in wait, trying to discover the identity of their benefactor. In one version the father confronts the saint, only to have Nicholas say it is not him he should thank, but God alone. In another version, *Nicholas learns of the poor man's plan and drops the third bag down the chimney instead; a variant holds that the daughter had washed her stockings that evening and hung them over the embers to dry, and that the bag of gold fell into the stocking.*

St. Nicholas, played by Ed Nuttall of Council 10830, relayed these stories as he entered the church Maria Redding, gifts to the children Henry Furman

Ed noted Santa the story of the



and while his assistant, passed out candy and attending Mass. Fr. welcomed St. Nicholas.

Claus has its origins in "Three Daughters"

St. Nicholas entering the Mass with his helper elf while relating the history of this Saint.



Bisschopswijn (Dutch Bishops' Wine)

- 1 liter red wine
- 1 lemon
- 1 orange
- 20 cloves
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 cinnamon stick
- a pinch of mace and saffron (optional)

Wash and dry the lemon and orange. Insert 10 cloves into each. Put the wine, sugar, lemon, orange and cinnamon (and the mace and saffron tied in muslin, if you are using them) into a pan. Cover and bring slowly to the boil. Turn down the heat and allow the wine to simmer very gently for approximately 1 hour. Remove the spices and the fruit. Heat the wine again, but do not let it boil. Serve in heat-resistant glasses.

Saint Nicholas Cocoa Mix *cocoa or hot chocolate is said to be St. Nicholas' favorite*

- 8 cups (20 ounces) powdered milk
- 1 (16-ounce) package instant cocoa
- 1½ cups powdered sugar
- 10 ounces (2½ cups) powdered non-dairy creamer
- 8 ounces (4 cups) miniature marshmallows
- 6-8 ounces finely crushed peppermint candy
- Candy canes, optional

Combine powdered milk, cocoa, powdered sugar, creamer, marshmallows and peppermint candy; mix well. Store in an airtight container.

St. Nicholas Candy



- 4 tablespoons gelatin
- 1 cup cold water
- 1½ cups boiling water
- 4 cups granulated sugar
- Red and green food coloring
- 1 teaspoon extract cloves
- ½ teaspoon extract peppermint

Soak gelatin in cold water 5 minutes. Add boiling water and stir until completely dissolved. Add sugar and boil slowly 15 minutes, stirring constantly. Divide mixture into two portions. When somewhat cooled add to one red coloring and extract of cloves. To the other green coloring and extract of peppermint. Turn into separate pans wet with ice water to inch depth and chill over night. Turn out next day, cut in squares and roll each in sifted granulated sugar.

KNIGHTS AND PARISHIONERS GO CAROLING



PICTURED ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT: Elizabeth Parker, Ed Nuttall, Skyler Billado, Peter Matte

On 15 December Council 10830 of Fairfax invited parishioners from St. Luke's to participate in a Christmas Caroling event. The Carolers knocked on house/apartment doors and sang carols from sheet music provided by Ed Nuttall. Scheduled to meet at 1730 St. Luke's parking lot, the carolers walked along Main Street visiting three apartments and ten houses. On one occasion a woman leaped out of her door entrance and gave "Big Ed" a bear hug. What a surprise that was!

Afterwards they visited Grand Knight Keith and Sally Billado's annual Christmas social where food and drink were provided. As a special treat, Helga Nuttall provided two half-gallon jugs of a German concoction called "Gluhwein", which is heated red wine with secret ingredients designed to get you in the mood.

The following announcement was published in the St. Luke Church Bulletin:

Knights of Columbus Christmas Caroling



As we prepare for the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, please consider joining the Fairfax Knights of Columbus Council members, and their families, for an enjoyable evening of Christmas Caroling, as a gift to our local neighbors.

It is so heartwarming to see the smiles on so many faces, especially when our little ones sing with such joy the beautiful Christmas Carols of old!

Date and Time:

December 15th: Meet at St. Luke's Parking Lot at 5:30pm

Questions, please contact – Edward Nuttall -
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STATE DEPUTY AND STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISIT COUNCIL 5041



PICTURED ABOVE SITTING LEFT TO RIGHT: GK Cliff Randall, Chaplain Fr. Francis Prive, OG Dennis Smith

PICTURED ABOVE STANDING 1ST ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Middle: Trustee Garland Ingalls, Paul Cano, Joe Betts, Recorder Roland Lajoie, Advocate Tom Cooney, DGK Bo Nacklie

PICTURED ABOVE STANDING BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: SD Tom Herbst Jr., FS Richard Champagne, Treasurer Terry Fox, Trustee Sonny Hill, SMD Ed Nuttall

On the 12th of December Tom Herbst Jr., VT State Deputy, and Ed Nuttall, VT State Membership Director, visited Council 5041 in Morrisville, VT.



The SMD presented the Grand Knight, Clifford Randall, Jr., a K of C Notebook then preceded to give a presentation that outlined a recruiting strategy as follows:

- 1. Have a strategy session between District Deputy and Grand Knight on how to recruit and retain new members. (This presentation fulfills that requirement)*
- 2. Form a membership committee and provide guidance and direction to its members*
- 3. Develop a prospect list in cooperation with Chaplain and Council members*
- 4. Start recruiting*
- 5. Show The Admission Degree DVD at a Council Meeting before business begins.*
- 6. Use the church bulletin to the fullest extent possible to advertise the Council's activities and information about K of C.*
- 7. Link proposer of a new Knight with the "Shining Armor Award"*

The SD discussed the importance of safe environment training to be completed by the Grand Knight, Program Director, Community & Family Directors and background checks for Community and Family Directors. The State Deputy cancelled his challenge to the Council of "Plus One Membership Goal" simply stated last year's membership gain plus 1. Instead of this challenge, he challenged them to the "Brian's Bag" Challenge. He noted that the Council would soon be engaging in the "Brian's Bag Program" whereby paper bags are filled with "goodies" and distributed to those in need. The Council was challenged to write articles highlighting this activity for inclusion in the Church Bulletin and State Newsletter with a submission to Columbia Magazine. The State Deputy cannot wait to hear of all the good news this challenge to the Council has and will do to the Council and Community. He also made mention of the new Icon coming around starting mid-January.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISITS COUNCIL 4864 RICHMOND



PICTURED ABOVE SITTING LEFT to RIGHT:

Fr. Dan Jordan (Chaplain), Bill Rensch (GK) , Thomas Herbst Jr. (SD), Chris Poirer (DD #4)

PICTURE ABOVE STANDING FRONT ROW LEFT to RIGHT:

Chris Braves, Paul Niekrewicz (DGK), Clem Duquette (W), Spike Robinson (FS), Gaitan Mathieu, Thomas O'Neil (T), Joe Bouchard (C) .

PICTURE ABOVE STANDING BCK ROW LEFT to RIGHT: *Lou Niggel, Wayne Lefebvre, Bill Rivers (A), Randy Bernard (OG), David Hodge, Doug St Amour (R), Marty Corbett*

On the 5th of December the State Deputy, Tom Herbst, Jr., and State Membership Director, Ed Nuttall, visited Council 4864 in Richmond, VT. District Deputy #4, Chris Poirier, was in attendance.



Grand Knight, William J. Rensch, was presented a K of C Notebook followed by a presentation which provided a strategy on membership. Highlighting the importance of organizing Council assets towards that end was the central theme.

The essence of the strategy centered on these points:

- *First and foremost – conduct a membership strategy session with GK/DGK*
- *Secondly – develop a list of prospects. Assign members to specific prospects*
- *Thirdly – conduct a church drive in October OR ONE THEREAFTER*
- *Fourthly – work up recruitment/activity announcements for the church bulletin*

Showing the Admission Degree DVD before a Council meeting helps to

- *Re-invigorate interest in recruiting*
- *Recall the “Principle of Charity”*
- *Reaffirm “The Oath”*
- *Remind yourself to say the rosary as often as you can.*

The comment “I don’t have time” should be met with the response “Can you make 24-hours a year available?” as described below:

- *12 hours a year reading bulletins, magazines*
- *2 hours volunteering*
- *2 hours attending with family prayer services*
- *2 hours on a council-sponsored event*
- *2 hours attending council meeting*
- *4 hours enjoying social events*

To help retain new members the proposer, as listed in “block 5” of form 100, should encourage the participation in the “Shining Armor Award” program. To qualify for the Shining Armor Award, during the fraternal year, brother Knights must:

- *Be involved in at least 3 council service programs.*
- *Attend at least 3 council business meetings.*

- *Receive their Second (Formation) and Third (Knighthood) degrees.*
- *Meet with your council's insurance representative.*
- *Recruit at least one new member.*

Advertise the State recruiting awards program. It consists of:

- *TOP RECRUITER from 1 Jul to 31 December*
- *TOP RECRUITER from 1 January to 30 June*
- *FIRST 5 TO RECRUIT 3 NEW MEMBERS; \$50/\$80 if achieved before 31 October*
- *FIRST 5, OTHER THAN TOP 5, TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS: \$30/\$60 if achieved before 31 October*
- *ACHIEVING "Shining Armor Award": \$30*
- *Recruiting One New Member: Certificate*

The State Deputy reviewed the "Safe Environment Training", shown below, noting if the Council had any hope of receiving awards compliance was necessary.

He also reaffirmed his challenge to the Council of "Plus One Membership Goal" simply stated last year's membership gain plus 1.

The State Deputy also made mention of the new Icon coming around starting mid-January.

He also noted that it was great to hear of everything the Council had done so far this year and he looks forward to seeing and hearing of all the other activities the Council has planned for the remaining part of the Fraternal Year.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING PROGRAM 2018-19

WHO	TRAINING	BACKGROUND CHECK
Grand Knight	YES	NO
Program Director	YES	NO
Family Director	YES	YES
Community Director	YES	YES

Charles W. Jasman Assembly 1151



Sir Knight Richard Beach serves as Lector at the Memorial Mass. Pictured left to right, Faithful Navigator John Santorello, Sir Knight Richard Beach, Faithful Friar Father Romanus Igweonu.

On November 19, 2018 the Sir Knights of Charles W. Jasman Assembly 1151 held a Mass of Souls for our Brother Knights who have passed away. The Mass was attended by Knights and family members and was held at St. Monica Church, Barre. During The Prayer of the Faithful , each Parish represented by the Charles W. Jasman Assembly was read followed by a moment reflection.

Reverend Father Romanus Igweonu, the Assembly's Faithful Friar, presided at the evening service. The Sir Knights of Assembly 1151 intend to make this an annual November service.



RUTLAND COUNCIL 232

Member Mike Lannon winning a gift certificate for recruiting 4 new members last year.

All men are invited to a special spiritual development workshop on recognizing modern heresies in a world of relativism

Saturday, January 12, 2019
8:30 ~ 10:30 am

Immaculate Heart of Mary - Parish Hall
Williston, Vermont

Heresies Hiding in Plain Sight

and how to combat them

with Fr. Matthew Rensch



Schedule of Events

8:00 am	Registration
8:30 am	Workshop
10:30 am	Closing

Refreshments Provided



Men's Spiritual Development Program Sponsored by:
The Knights of Columbus - Rosary Council #4684

For More Information Contact

Bill Rensch (802) 872-8063
goodrench.vt@gmail.com

ROSARY COUNCIL #4684

1) Fr. Matthew Rensch will be presenting a men's spiritual workshop on Heresies Hiding in Plain Sight and How to Combat them. -- **Saturday January 12** Registration 8AM Workshop 8:30 - 10:30.

2) Several Knights helped dig a trench for underground electrical wiring in order to install additional Handicap Lighting at IHM in Williston. Approximately 30 ft , 18 inches deep - -- not too difficult after breaking though the first two inches of frozen ground.

Picture **IHM_lighting_A** - Fr. Dan Jordan and Jacob Niekrewicz (Paul's Son)

Picture **IHM_lighting_B** - left to right Lou Niggel, Joe Myers (KOC council 7525), Bill Rensch (GK), Paul Niekrewicz (DGK) , Jacob Niekrewicz

3) A large Christmas Creche was constructed over the summer and erected on the 1st Sunday of Advent with the help of IHM parishioners following the 10:30 mass. The Creche is a modular design (by Lou Niggel) and will remain up throughout the Christmas Season. The following Knights contributed to the effort :

Joe Myers, Doug St Amour, Bill Rensch, Dave Hodge, Randy Bernard, Bill Rivers, Dan Novembrino, Gaitan Mathieu ,Clem Duquette, Lou Niggel, Paul Niekrewicz and Pat Claussen



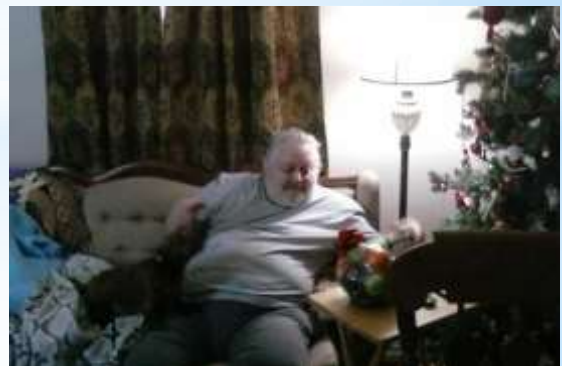
FAIR HAVEN COUNCIL 810



- Keep Christ in Christmas poster,
- Washington Street Fair Haven



Knights at the Re-Grand Opening of local hardware store cooking and playing Santa to raise money for our 42nd Toys for Joys give-a-way.
Setting up for the Toy give-a-way held on December 16th and 17th



Then We visited a few disabled Knights and presented them with a gift from them council.

COUNCIL #5041 DONATES "BRIAN'S BAGS"

Borrowing an idea from the December issue of "Columbia" magazine, Fr. Boivin Council #5041 of Morrisville is participating in the "Brian's Bags" program. Funds were allocated at the December 12 meeting and members quickly set out rounding up donations and purchasing needed supplies. Members gathered just before Christmas to assemble 20 bags with the supplies obtained at that point. These bags were presented to a temporary homeless shelter in Morrisville on Christmas Eve, and more will later go to a shelter in Hyde Park. As more supplies become available, more bags will be filled.

Council #5041 would like to challenge all councils in the state to participate in this very worthwhile program.



Program Chairman Deacon Tom Cooney and Grand Knight Cliff Randall show off one table of items collected by Brother Joe Betts, and many purchased by the Council.



Members filled 20 bags with the collected items.

Pictured: GK Cliff Randall, PGK Dennis Smith and Joe Betts



Another table of snacks and personal items to fill the bags.



GK Cliff Randall prepares the bags for travel to the local shelter.

KoFC Youth Horizons

Worthy Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! And with a new year comes resolutions. My resolution for this year is to increase communication about youth events in Vermont. Here is what we have going on currently:

Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest:

There are four divisions for the poster contest this year: 8-11 Alcohol Awareness, 8-11 Drug Awareness, 12-14 Alcohol Awareness, and 12-14 Drug Awareness. Please have all entries to me by February 28, 2019. Here is the link for the entry form:

http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/youth/poster/entry_form.pdf

Free Throw Competition:

January is the month for local Councils to have their free throw competitions! Please coordinate with your DD's to arrange District competitions in February. Winooski will host the big kahuna on March 17th at Winooski High School. All kids ages 9-14 are invited to participate in their local shootout! Please let me know if you need any assistance from me to make your event a success.

Listening Tour:

Starting this last month, I have been crisscrossing the state to visit Councils and listen to feedback on how the State can assist Councils with youth programming and the direction local Councils want to see youth programming go. If you have feedback for me, or if you would like me to visit your Council, here is my email address:

elijahlachance@gmail.com. Otherwise, I hope to see you on one of my trips!

Vivat Jesus!



Elijah T. LaChance
State Youth Director



300 Club winners

Thank you everyone.
“ALL TICKETS WERE SOLD AGAIN THIS YEAR”

WEEK #1	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	113	Rutland council #232	232
\$75.00	99	Spike Robinson/Mat Robinson	4684
\$50.00	291	Fr. Daley Council # 642	642
WEEK #2	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	67	Paul H. Jodoin	279
\$75.00	184	Katrina Clark	232
\$50.00	92	Brochu Citgo Service	1568
WEEK #3	# DRAWN	NAME	Council #
\$100.00	177	Council #10535 Executive Officers	10535
\$75.00	265	Dave McAvinney	7943
\$50.00	194	Robert F. Ose	421

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 PLEASE forward this newsletter at your Council members. Send articles to msnoel @charter.net

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