



Vermont Knights in Action



October, 2018 Edition

Vermont State Council

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Vermont State Council Officers

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From the Vermont State Deputy



Brother Knights,

One quarter of the Fraternal Year is now gone. They say time flies when you are having fun, and I will admit I am having fun. It may be difficult at time with working full time, being a Financial Secretary, and being State Deputy but it is fun and I am happy to be doing it. By now you should have read up on Faith In Action. The booklet that Grand Knights, Chaplain's, and Program.

Directors is full of very useful information regarding this program model. It outlines requirements for each of the programs listed. It also gives you timelines on when to start preparing for the events and any material that may need to be ordered. I encourage all Council's to make this booklet available to all members so everyone knows what is needed to make these events successful. While I am on this topic please, please ensure your Council's are compliant with Supreme regarding The Safe Environment Training. This year there will not be any appeals for Council's who fail in this regard. So please take the time and complete the training and background checks. If you have any questions or if you want to know if your Council is compliant please contact Bill LaCroix our State Program Director or myself as we have access to see this information. Council Grand Knights also have access to see if their respective Councils are compliant.

Membership gains so far are slow. As of the end of the month only 1 Council is within easy reach of meeting their quota set by Supreme. That Council is Norwich University and they are only 1 new member away from reaching their quota of 7. I know as well as you do there are men out there who want to join the Knights of Columbus. The easiest way to get them to join is to ask them. I know of one gentleman who when he joined, I asked him this question. "Why he hadn't been a Knight already." His response left me speechless. His response was "No one ever asked me to join until now." I should mention that he was in his seventies when he joined the Council. So, there it is. We all know men who are not Knights and all we have to do is ask them to join. If they are not sure ask them to help out at one of your events so they can see and help first hand and to learn who we are as Knights are and what it is we do and the good we do on a daily basis throughout our local communities, our State, our Country, and our World. It's time to show them that we are better Catholics, better Husbands, and better Fathers because of the Knights of Columbus.

In closing let's prepare to better ourselves, our council's, our order and OUR CHURCH. We all know we can do better. Remember BE NOT AFRAID.

Vivat Jesus!
Thomas Herbst, Jr.
State Deputy

New 4th Degree Sir Knights September 16, 2018



STATE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Greetings from your State Secretary at the end of September already !

Firstly, the good news: 25 Councils have submitted their payments for the 1st half per capita and the charity assessment; thank you to all those councils who have made those payments ! Now, the bad news: the following councils have yet to submit their payment for their 1st half per capita and charity assessment: 10241, 10830, 13574, 2284, 232, 279, 3664, 421, 6816, 7763, 810 and 9146. Please remember that this does NOT have to be warned in order to be paid by your individual councils. We, the State Council would appreciate your taking care of this matter on a timely basis, as the State Council would like to send out the checks for the various charities that you voted on at the last convention. To date, we have received \$3800.00 for the charity assessment account and we are still looking for an additional \$2200.00 so we can take care of our commitments. Thank you in advance for taking care of this.

The following list contains all vouchers written for the month of Septmeber:

Voucher 0009 – Addison County Special Olympics - \$584.00

Voucher 0010 – Winooski Special Education - \$595.00

Stephen Brown Gold Foundation - \$595.00

Michael Freeman Family - \$595.00

Voucher 0011 – Christ is Christmas - \$120.00

Voucher 12 – TRI Sales – Tootsie Rolls - \$2184.00

Voucher 13 – Gordon Stamp & Engraving - \$161.45 (Anchor Award)

Voucher 14 – Vt. State Scholastic Achievement - \$3,000.00 *

*This is a loan and a loan only from the General Operating Account to the Scholastic Achievement Account as we did not receive our annual Christopher Fund check from Supreme. We will be receiving the money for this loan next year when we make our request from Supreme and from that check, we will be depositing \$3,000.00 back into our General Operating Account.

Voucher 15 – Vt. Special Olympics - \$100.00

Abigail Rockwell Children's Center - \$457.17

Winston Prouty Center for Child & Family

Development - \$457.17

Voucher 16 – Caledonia County Special Olympics - \$578.09

As you can see from the above vouchers, the State Council is now writing the checks to the various agencies for revenue from our annual Intellectual Disabilities Program. These checks are then sent to the individual councils for distribution.

The State Council had their meeting in September and there was an enormous amount of information and discussion on a wide variety of topics. We realize that the State Convention is still seven months away, but this was an area of concern for your State Officers. One of the major concerns that seems to crop up every year is

how to make the State Convention affordable to all delegates and one area that we all seem to lack in is the sale of space in our Annual Convention Booklet ! We all have to remember and keep in mind that this is OUR/YOUR State Convention and ALL of us need to “chip” in to help sell ads in our booklet. For the longest time it seems as though we all take a back seat and let the hosting District do 100% of the work to organize and execute the annual State Convention. This is simply not fair to that district that has had meeting after meeting planning out the Convention each year. As I stated earlier, this is OUR/YOUR State Convention and we ALL need to step up to the plate and do our part. We all have friends and associates that own various businesses throughout the entire State of Vermont – the ads are NOT that expensive to participate. I challenge each and every District Deputy, each and every Grand Knight and each Knight that is reading this, PLEASE help your State Convention by selling at least one or two ads for the 2019 State Convention ! Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

Your State Council had a bit of a “hiccup” dating back to our most recent convention in Essex this past April. Our State Membership Director had a variety of ‘gift cards’ to distribute to the top recruiters in the State for our last fraternal year and for some unforeseen circumstances, these gift cards did not make it to the convention. Steps are in place as of this writing to get that “hiccup” rectified and all those top recruiters should be receiving their gift cards in the very near future. On behalf of the entire State Council, we apologize to you for being so late with this. Our hats are still off to you for a job well done !

Congratulations are in order for Brother Bernie LaRoque on receiving the Anchor Award in St. Albans last Saturday night. Bernie had family that flew in from California to witness this event. Bernie was very humbled to receive the Anchor Award and spoke eloquently upon receiving it, even quoting Fr. Maurice Boucher, SSE, a very good and long time friend of Bernie’s! Our next State Council meeting will be taking place in the very near future, so if you have any issues or topics that you would like brought up, please contact State Deputy Tom Herbst, or myself.

Thanks for taking the time to read this – till next time.

Steve Shover
State Secretary

Worthy Sir Knights,

As I enter my 3rd year as your District Master, I STILL LOVE THIS JOB. Our participation requirements have been many, and I don't see them slowing down as we start preparing for our upcoming holidays.

We just completed another superb Exemplification although, I would have enjoyed a larger class, we advanced 12 new Brother Sir Knights. To you, my Brother Sir Knights, CONGRATULATIONS. The cable of 5 Assemblies just got stronger. The honoree was PFN/FDD Paul A. Jarvis. A 4-year U. S. Navy Veteran and a 38-year Life Time member of the Order with Michaud Council 2025 and Michaud Assembly 1229, White River Junction. Brother Paul is also a recipient of numerous Council, Assembly, State Council, and Civic Awards for his many hours of charitable hours given to the Spirit of Special Olympics, the Spirit of Caring and Community Service to the needy of Upper Valley area and the Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services and earning him the "Sir Knight of the Year" Award for 2000.

For 38 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, I thank you, WE thank you for all you have done and continue to do for the Order, your Council and most especially, for your Assembly.

Our next Exemplification is already in the works as a Bishop James A. Healy Province Exemplification for June 15, 2019 in recognition of Flag Day in Manchester NH. The Exemplification will include the 6 Jurisdictions within the Province, i.e., Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. I NEED your help to get the word out. I NEED your Assembly to talk it up within your Councils. You should all be striving to reach your Membership Goal. Stay tuned for more information as we proceed forward.

As we prepare to observe our name sake's national holiday established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt 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.

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.

Brothers, I ask you keep our Vice Supreme Master, Sir Knight William McCarthy and His Family, in your daily prayers as he continues to fight a severe medical issue.

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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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:

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|---------------------|---|------------------------|
| • 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.

VERMONT 2018 STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE

It is my honor to announce - finally - that we have a date, time, and place certain for the Vermont 2018 State Soccer Challenge:
October 13

9:00-11: a.m. at MSJ's Abatiel Field, Meadow Street, Rutland, VT.

The winners of each category will receive gift certificates/gear (still being determined) and will be put into two hats (one boys, one girls) for a chance at the grand prize: 4 New England Revolution tickets for their game against the Montreal Impact on October 28th.

I hope District Deputies will be able to get word to their Councils of this event, and please let me know which Councils plan on participating and get me in touch with them if there is anything I can do to help.

When I met with you at our organizational meeting, I realize there is one thing I forgot to do - I forgot to ask for your prayers in this endeavor. More than ever, I realize I need them.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments regarding this event.

Sincerely,

Elijah LaChance
State Youth Coordinator

Vermont State Council



Knights of Columbus

2018 Anchor Award



Bernard LaRocque



St. Edmund of Canterbury Council #7669
65 Canada Street, Swanton, VT 05488

Nomination for 2018 State Council Anchor Award

It is with great pleasure that Council #7669 nominates
Brother and Sir Knight Bernard G. LaRocque of Swanton, VT to be recipient of the Anchor award.

Brother Bernard LaRocque is an honorary Life member of our Council and the 4th Degree as well. Bernie was born in Swanton almost 92 years ago and has been a lifelong resident there. His wife of 63 years, Terri, passed away in July 2015. With a big hole in his heart he has carried on quite well. He has remained active with the Council and his church and daily life.

Bernie is our most active elderly member of the Council. He attends nearly every monthly meeting and is always available to help for most of our fundraisers. At age 92 most members would be content to let others do the hands on work, but that's not Bernie. He is a great inspiration for those of us who are much younger and hesitate to volunteer.

Bernie and Terri raised seven (7) children. They have twelve (12) grandchildren, twenty-two (22) great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. He has many relatives in Canada and through out the US. Family has always been important to him.

Over his many years Bernie has been involved in his community, his church and his Council,

A master woodworker, as a hobby, Bernie has made many different items for friends, family and the church. He has a professional wood working shop in his basement.

He has built many items for the Nativity Church. Many years ago he built and installed 180 book racks for the missiletes and song books. Over the years the racks have gotten damaged or broken. He took it upon himself to refurbish all those same 180 book racks. Over many long hours, he removed each of the racks, made them larger, stained each piece, reassembled them and reinstalled each one. He had some help but mostly did all the work by himself. A daunting task for anyone much less a man of his age.

Bernie built an adjustable book stand for the Sanctuary at Nativity Church and a Crucifix stand for St. Joseph Mission in Isle La Motte. These are only a few of the items he has made over the years.

Bernie takes time to visit the sick, home bound and those in nursing homes. He invites others to join him on those visits. He supports handicapped folks by taking them to lunch or other affairs. He also offers to bring several widows to Mass and other events.

Bernie has several cousins in Canada, some of them operate truck farms. In the fall he gets free vegetables and delivers them to the Nativity Church food sheff.

Bernard LaRocque

Bernie served in the Army Air Force during World war II as a crew member on transport aircraft. Fortunately he did not have to serve in combat areas. After his service he returned to VT and attended and graduated from St. Michael's College. He had a career with Union Carbide as a supervisor and retired from there.

Education has been a passion of Bernie's throughout his life. He served as chairman of the board for the Catholic school in Swanton for several years. He spearheaded a vocational training program during his work life at Union Carbide to assist young employees to improve their skills.

In the past few years he set a personal goal to raise \$10,000 for our Council's scholarship fund. Bernie has made many ties with local business leaders in the area throughout the years. Since Bernie is not a shy fellow he approached many of these contacts and requested that they consider becoming a "benefactor". In 2017 he reached and surpassed that \$10,000 goal. Not only did he succeed in that goal but he also convinced another Knight to take over the project and personally introduced him to each benefactor.

Bernie takes special interest in former Catholics and works with them helps them to return to the Faith. He helped to establish meetings for them to meet the Pastor. He attends the meetings and makes the introductions and helps in any way that he can. He does not give up on them very easily.

Bernie was a founding member and manager of the 26 member choral group known as the "Grandmas and the Grandpas". The group traveled the state of Vermont providing free shows at nursing homes and Senior centers and as Bernie would say "anywhere they would have us sing for free". Bernie served as manager for 25 years, stepping down when his voice began to fail. Without Bernie the group disbanded. Their financial support for expenses came from donations from the organizations they sang for.

Bernie enjoys attending the St. Michael's Summer Playhouse. He usually takes a leaf peeping trip during foliage season with friends. Going out to lunch or dinner with friends is also part of his monthly routine. He is still a good driver in spite of his age. Many people are surprised when they find out his age. At 92 he still looks many years younger (some times he doesn't act his age either). Bernie has a great sense of humor and has many stories to share.

For all these reasons we are proud and honored to nominate Bernard G. LaRocque for the state Council's 2018 Anchor award. He is truly an anchor for our Council and the community.

His address is:
Bernard G. LaRocque
39 Spring Street,
Swanton VT 05488

Respectfully submitted



Luc Dupuis
Grand Knight



2018 Anchor Award

Program

6:00	Social Hour	Cash Bar
7:00	Opening Prayer and Grace	Fr. James Zuccaro, Council Chaplain
7:05	Pledge of Allegiance	George Piette, District Master
7:10	Dinner	
8:30	Acknowledgements and Introductions	Dominic DiCicco, Emcee
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Head Table• Nomination Committee	
8:40	Introduction of Anchor Award Winner Bernard LaRocque	
	Luc Dupuis, Past Grand Knight, Swanton Council 7669	
8:55	Award Presentation	Thomas Herbst, State Deputy
9:05	Thanks & Acknowledgement	Bernard LaRocque, Honoree
9:20	Comments and Remarks	Thomas Headley, Grand Knight
9:25	Final Prayer & Adjournment	Fr. James Zuccaro, Council chaplain

God Bless America



Brother Bernard LaRocque accepting award from State Deputy Thomas Herbst

HOLY^{HAIL} QUEEN

HAIL HOLY QUEEN, MOTHER OF MERCY,
OUR LIFE, OUR SWEETNESS AND OUR HOPE!

TO THEE DO WE CRY,

POOR BANISHED CHILDREN OF EVE;
TO THEE DO WE SEND UP OUR SIGHS,
MOURNING AND WEEPING
IN THIS VALLEY OF TEARS.

TURN THEN, MOST GRACIOUS ADVOCATE,
THINE EYES OF MERCY TOWARD US,
AND AFTER THIS OUR EXILE,
SHOW UNTO US THE BLESSED FRUIT
OF THY WOMB, JESUS.

O CLEMENT, O LOVING,
O SWEET VIRGIN MARY!

PRAY FOR US, O HOLY MOTHER OF GOD,
THAT WE MAY BE MADE WORTHY OF THE
PROMISES OF CHRIST.



Fair Haven Council 810 hosts the Holy Family ICON during Mass at St. John's in Castleton VT and Our Lady of Seven Dolores in Fair Haven.



Knights of Fair Haven Council 810 set up for Feast Day celebration of Our Lady of Seven Dolores on Rectory lawn- EAT WAY TOO MUCH FOOD -

Council #10417 Knights assisting BirthRight in Moving to their New Offices

Brother Knights of Council #10417 assisted BirthRight in moving into their new office on College St in Burlington on September 12 and 14. Four Knights worked on Wednesday, and then I joined that same group of hard working Knights today to nearly complete the job. Many thanks from BirthRight and from me for all of the hard work.

Peter Lavallee
GK Council #10417

PS: As the truck rounded the corner and descended College Street the carpet donated by Lacey's Carpets through Knight Kevin Barron, decided that it had gone far enough and tried to escape.



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*

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PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD This billboard in Waco, Texas, has quite the message.



Bob & Judy Sekerak
Culture of Life Couple

CHILDRENS CARNIVAL AND CHIKEN BAAREQUE OF 9 SEPTEMBER 2018

Here's the story of the Chicken Barbecue:

- Vince Redding gets Council authorization to spend \$125 on prizes. *(\$120 was spent on food and prizes for carnival. As it is never intend to make money, this year there was a profit of \$58, which will be added to the donation to Friar Suppliers.)*
- Laurie Queor draws up a flyer for the Carnival and barbeque and posts at the church.
- Peter Fitzgerald makes an announcement at the 4 p.m. Mass 8 September 218 and Sally Billado at the 1030 Mass 9 September about carnival ad barbecue
- Bob Thompson, Keith Billado and Peter Fitzgerald load up sections of the dunking booth and other board games onto Pete's hay wagon after Ed Nuttall leads the repair of one piece of the booth. Pete drives the wagon to St. Luke's. It's Saturday 8 September 2018.
- Bob Thompson and Peter Fitzgerald unload hay wagon.
- Vince Redding, Guy Vanzo, Bob Thompson and Mike Cross assemble the dunking booth. It's 0900 9 September 2018.
- Guy Vanzo and Vince Redding put air into Bob Thompson's portable tire cart using Vinnie's car compressor.
- Guy Vanzo and Bob Thompson connect the water hose to the hot water connection to the washing machine of S. Luke's Rectory. Ed Nuttall joins in to assist with laying out the hoses to the dunking booth.
- Bob Thompson locates carnival items in the attic above the garage and passes them to Guy Vanzo, Jim Larose, Vince Redding, Ally Redding, Mike Cross, Skyler Billado and Ed Nuttall who carry them down the stairs to the field.
- Bob Thompson notices half of the survey stakes are missing. Ed Nuttall volunteers to go to J&L Hardware where he purchases a bundle of 3' stakes for \$17.
- Peter Fitzgerald, Doug Lantagne and Tom Fontaine from Milton Council prepare 75 chickens purchased from Steeple Market in Fairfax on the barbecue pit. *[70 were sold and with some cash donations. Proceeds (\$859) went to Friar*

Suppliers. Thanks to Peter & Karen Fitzgerald, Vince & Marybeth Redding, and Bob Thompson for supplying all the food for the BBQ.)

- Jim Larose and Skyler Billado, Bob Thompson put up the bouncing house rented from Supersounds in Jericho for \$150.
- Ashley Billado and Cheyenne Long fill up the turtle with water.
- Games are put into place after Bob Thompson, Jim Larose, Guy Vanzo, Ally Redding, Jim Groseclose and Skyler Billado block off game areas with survey stakes and orange tape. The games are:
 - Golf – Jim Larose
 - Ring and peg – Mike Cross
 - Whiffle ball and jar – Mike Cross
 - Tire and stake – Ed Nuttall
 - Bowling – Keith Billado
 - Bean bag – Patrick Queor
 - Darts – Skyler Billado
 - Crochet – Skyler Billado
 - Stacked containers – Olivia Redding
 - Football toss – Billado
 - Floating object retrieval from turtle – Maria Redding
 - Dunking booth – Bob Thompson, Lucas Redding, Bob Bessette
 - Bouncing house – Ashley Billado
- Bob Bessette, dressed as a clown, arrives for dunking booth duty. Keith Billado, as back-up, is dressed as a penguin.
- “Kids Need You” table is set up, manned by Jennifer Lussier
- Sally Billado sets and mans the entry table.
- Vince Redding and Jim Groseclose put up carnival sign.
- Jim Larose and Mike Cross make lemonade. Vince Redding and Jim Groseclose assist.
- Vince Redding cooks hot dogs for sale and serves workers. *(Food items were hot dogs, rolls and drink mixes. Mary Beth Redding made some cookies that were sold as well.)*
- It’s 11:30 a.m. and the kids arrive. Tickets are priced at \$12. 65 were sold.
- Kids select a game and receive 1-6 tickets for playing, which they exchange for prizes. Mary Beth Redding takes charge of the exchange. *(Prizes were purchased through Oriental Trader and are typically a mix of gender neutral prizes and then some traditional “boy & girl” focused prizes.)*

- Chickens are ready. Karen Fitzgerald arrives and helps out.
- Carnival ends at 1330.
- Mike Theoret and Laurie & Joseph Queor assisted the above in clean-up.









DD#1 AND STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISIT COUNCIL 10417



On 4 August 2018 Officers of Council 10417 of Milton assembled for this picture at the council meeting.



State Membership Director Ed Nuttall presents Grand Knight Paul Lavallee with a KofC Notebook. Chaplain Fr. John Feltz looks on.

Barre Council 399 Aids St. Monica Parish Picnic

August 26, 2018



Left to Right - Mark Alger, Nick Conti, Danny Rodriguez and Bill Robie

Council 399 members arranged for donations to provide everything from hamburgers, hotdogs, charcoal and even the talent to man the grill. Note Bill Robie's two-handed gunslinger grilling style.



Clockwise top middle, Joe Kelly, Fr. O'Leary, Danny Rodriguez, Richard Beach and Bill Robie.

The grills were brushed several times. K of C members had previously policed the area around the cooking pits. About 11:15 we lit the charcoal to prepare for cooking the meat.



Fr. Romanus shows Bill Robie his style with the hot dog fork.

Members of the parish started arriving until nearly 12:30, Fr. Peter and Fr. Romanus said grace and we served approximately 160 members of the St. Monica Parish. Leftovers were sent to the Good Samaritan Haven.

COUNCIL 10535

BRISTOL

Charity at work

In August our Council 10535 in Bristol joined forces with Council 3664 in Vergennes to design and construct a handicap ramp for a local parishioner. The design was done, materials ordered, and a date was set to do the construction. We had a total of 6 members from both councils on site to construct the ramp on a Saturday morning. The project went very smoothly and turned out great. It took about 5 hours to construct the majority of the ramp. A member from each council returned to the site on the following Monday evening to put the finishing touches on the ramp. The owner of the new ramp was very pleased and appreciative of the new ramp. It was a big success and a great joint effort between our 2 councils.



Dave Lathrop

Grand Knight





STATE DEPUTY AND STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISIT COUNCIL 2285

On 18 September 2018 State Deputy, Tom Herbst Jr., Acting District Deputy #2 George Piette, and State Membership Director, Ed Nuttall, visited with Grand Knight, Maurice Brasseur, and Officers of Gibbons Council 2285 at Edward's Parish Hall, Derby Line, VT.

SMD covered the following on increasing attention to membership:

1. CONDUCT A DVD ADMISSION DEGREE AT COUNCIL MEETING
 - a. RE-INVIGERATE INTEREST IN RECRUITING
 - b. RECALL the "PRINCIPLE of CHARITY"
 - c. REAFFIRM "THE OATH"
 - d. SAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN
2. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
 - a. COMPOSED OF DGK/TRUSTEES OR ASSIGNED BY GK
 - b. GK MUST GIVE GUIDANCE AND ASK FOR FEEDBACK
3. **ENERGIZE MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING**
 - a. **START WITH A PROSPECT**
 - *Coordinate with Parish Priest and Develop a 5-prospect list*
 - *Coordinate with Membership Director and add to/refine list*
 - *Focus the Council's attention on the list*
 - *Assign a two-man recruiting team to each prospect*

- *Get Forms 100 and brochures ready*
- *Make a house call*
- *Have prepared notes in hand*
- *Be prepared to address "I don't have time"*
- *Suggest prospect investigate "Online Membership" program*

b. **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- *Get announcements into the Parish Bulletin, weekly, about the Knights of Columbus in general. Use the booklet "These Men Called Knights" as the source.*
- *Make sure everyone who has email is getting "VT State Newsletter".*
- *At the Council meeting deviate from the normal agenda and have a "breakout session" with small groups discussing membership.*
- *Implement the "phone tree" or develop one and call the membership to get them excited about the push.*
- *Dangle some awards to reward success.*

c. **IMPLEMENT/CONTINUE TO USE THE IN-HOUSE OPEN HOUSE CONCEPT**

- *Invite a small group (3-5) to your house or gathering place*
- *Socialize and bond*
- *Collectively strategize the membership push*
- *Invite prospects*
- *Ask Deputy Grand Knight, Trustees, Chancellor and Membership Director to carry ideas forward by themselves conducting an In-House Open House*

4. **SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING REQUIRED FOR GK, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, FAMILY DIRECTOR AND COMMUNITY DIRECTOR. BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED FOR FAMILY/COMMUNITY DIRECTORS.**



Bishop Rice Council #2946

Holy Family/St. Lawrence Faith in Action committee

Co-hosts of annual St. Lawrence Feast day church picnic



William and Rose Gilbert, Polly and John Truax taking a break to enjoy the meal



GK Len Noel and Roger Perrault, Dennis Berthume demonstrating multiple talents

Approximately 20 members of the Bishop Rice Council family helped out the St. Lawrence Faith in Action committee from Holy Family/St. Lawrence parish with putting on the annual St. Lawrence feast day BBQ held on August 11, 2018. The meal was pot luck combined with the roasting of a 190lb pig and 4 turkeys. The event was attended by over 100 parishioners. The Knights provided the muscles for set up and breakdown of a huge tent, multiple tables and chairs, serving and clean up. Gk Len Noel and PGK Roger Perrault provided the musical entertainment. This was the first time that the council was involved with this event. The hope is that going forward the Knights will continue working this fun event.

Essex Jct. Bishop Rice Council #2946

Brothers in Action

PGK Scott Turnbull and GK Len Noel worked together to clean the ceiling fans in Holy Family church and Parish Center in Essex Jct., VT. The fans were approximately 25 feet up. The task was made much simpler by the council renting the lift that was able to go up to 30 feet if needed. The biggest challenge was getting the 800lb lift out of the truck. It was actually easy once you took the time to figure out the physics of it. Fortunately for the council we had a member that was an experienced rock climber and therefore did not have a fear of heights. Thank you Brother Scott. That came in very handy. Rest assured the big guy stayed on the ground!



VOCATIONS

A Higher Purpose

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

The Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through this program, council and parish families will raise funds to support seminarians in their area. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported. Though financial support is vitally important, it is not the only aspect of RSVP. Councils are also called to provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success.

- Set an annual goal for your RSVP program.
- Identify individuals that the council will sponsor. You can obtain these names by contacting me as your State Vocations Chairman.
- Conduct various events in your parish and community in order to reach your goal! Potential activities include:

On the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, ask the pastor to allow a second collection earmarked to support seminarians and your council’s RSVP efforts

Conduct a Seminarian Breakfast after Masses on a given Sunday. Invite the seminarians supported by your council to attend the event, meet the parish, participate in the celebration, and pray together.

Build public interest for your program! Promote each event in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts: Bulletin announcements, Pulpit announcements.

Post on your council and parish website / social media pages

- On the day of each event, wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have
- a fellow Knight or community member photograph the event.

As a featured program, RSVP counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award.

Please contact me for information on a seminarian or seminarians to support or men and women who are novices or postulants in religious orders or religious communities.

You can E-mail me at gfbean44@yahoo.com Or call at 862-8581.

”Vocations are Everybody's Business” Pray for Vocations.

Vivat Jesus

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State Vocations Chairman



“I CHOSE YOU OUT OF THE WORLD”

JOHN 15:19

— PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS —



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STATE DEPUTY, DISTRICT DEPUTY AND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR VISIT COUNCIL



307 BENNINGTON

On 25 September 2018 State Deputy Tom Herbst Jr., District Deputy #9, Peter Laramie, and State Membership Director, Ed Nuttall visited Bennington Council 307 at the Sacred Heart Saint Frances de Sales Church Parish Hall. Business meeting was preceded by a DVD Admission Degree at 6 pm at which one new member was brought into the Council.

At the Business Meeting the State Membership Director presented a PowerPoint analysis on membership and retention while at the same time offering ideas to get these programs back on tract.



GK David Clark opens the business meeting

Rev. Hugh Cleary delivers a Chaplain's Report

Listed below is a summary of that presentation:

1. CONDUCT A DVD ADMISSION DEGREE AT COUNCIL MEETING
 - a. RE-INVIGERATE INTEREST IN RECRUITING
 - b. RECALL the “PRINCIPLE of CHARITY”
 - c. REAFFIRM “THE OATH”
 - d. SAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN
2. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
 - a. COMPOSED OF DGK/TRUSTEES OR ASSIGNED BY GK
 - b. GK MUST GIVE GUIDANCE AND ASK FOR FEEDBACK
 - c. HAVE THE COMMITTEE RESEARCH THE BEST WAY TO RECRUIT
3. ENERGIZE MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING
 - a. START WITH A PROSPECT
 - *Coordinate with Parish Priest and Develop a 5-prospect list*
 - *Coordinate with Membership Director and add to/refine list*
 - *Focus the Council’s attention on the list*
 - *Assign a two-man recruiting team to each prospect*
 - *Get Forms 100 and brochures ready*
 - *Make a house call*
 - *Have prepared notes in hand*
 - *Be prepared to address “I don’t have time”*
 - *Suggest prospect investigate “Online Membership” program*
 - b. PUBLIC RELATIONS
 - *Get announcements into the Parish Bulletin, weekly, about the Knights of Columbus in general. Use the booklet “These Men Called Knights” as the source.*
 - *Make sure everyone who has email is getting “VT State Newsletter”.*
 - *At the Council meeting deviate from the normal agenda and have a “breakout session” with small groups discussing membership.*
 - *Implement the “phone tree” or develop one and call the membership to get them excited about the push.*
 - *Dangle some awards to reward success.*
 - c. IMPLEMENT/CONTINUE TO USE THE IN-HOUSE OPEN HOUSE CONCEPT
 - *Invite a small group (3-5) to your house or gathering place*
 - *Socialize and bond*
 - *Collectively strategize the membership push*
 - *Invite prospects*
 - *Ask Deputy Grand Knight, Trustees, Chancellor and Membership Director to carry ideas forward by themselves conducting an In-House Open House*
4. A RETENTION STRATEGY
 - a. DISCOVER WHAT’S DRIVING THE LOSS
 - **SEEK FEEDBACK AND INVESTIGATE**
 - **SURVEY THOSE WHO ARE LEAVING**
 - **INITIATE A LETTER/CARD OF CONCERN**
 - **INVITE THEM TO A GROUP SESSION**
 - **QUESTIONS TO THOSE LEAVING**
 - **WHY DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE?**
 - **WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST OF ALL?**

b. WHAT ARE WE HEARING?

- NOBODY CARES ABOUT ME
- I FIND THE MEETINGS BORING AND LENGTHY
- WHEN I FAIL TO SHOW FOR A MEETING NO ONE CALLS
- NO ONE HAS ASKED ME WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE/DO
- I DON'T SEE THE STATE OR COUNCIL NEWSLETTER
- I CAN'T GET THERE
- I DON'T FEEL USEFUL

c. SO WHAT'S THE FIX?

- START WITH A PHONE TREE
- ORGANIZE A GROUP OF MEMBERS WITH GOOD TELEPHONE PERSONALITIES
- DEVELOP A SCHEDULE OF VISITS: CAR POOL
- SEND OUT THE MEMBERSHIP INTEREST SURVEY FORM 1842
- SCHEDULE SOME 'IN-HOUSE' OPEN HOUSE EVENTS
- LOOK FOR SIGNS OF HEALTH AND FINANCIAL ISSUES
- BUDDY UP
- USE THE LECTURER - DRAW ON CREATIVITY, IMAGINATION
- PROMOTE THE 4TH DEGREE
- HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

d. SOME TOOLS

- SHARE A RIDE
- PULL TOGETHER A COMMITTEE TO GET IDEAS
- ESTABLISH A WELCOMING COMMITTEE
- GET THE STATE NEWSLETTER OUT TO EVERYONE
- RECOGNIZE BIRTHDAYS W/EMAIL CARDS
- REWARD AND RECOGNIZE
- SHINING ARMOR AWARD AND PROPOSER
- LECTURER
- PRESENT HATS, EMBLEM T-SHIRTS, LAPEL PINS
- USE PAST GRAND KNIGHTS

e. RETENTION LEADERSHIP

- Give a new Knight responsibilities and assign him to program committees
- Establish a retention committee to examine reasons why Knights become inactive and let their membership lapse. *Work the issues as they occur.*
- Track New Members and Proposers using *Shining Armor Award*.
- Keep council meetings interesting and relevant
- The Grand Knight should refer any nonessential matters to the appropriate committees
- Grand Knights should be familiar with parliamentary procedure
- Encourage a free exchange of ideas on council programs and business during council meetings
- Make sure the council remains focused on the issues under discussion



SMD Ed Nuttall Presents GK David Clark with a KofC Notebook



State Deputy, Tom Herbst Jr. Discusses Upcoming ICONS

5. **State Deputy discussed the following points:**
 - a. **What's on the cover of the latest Columbia Magazine?**
6. **State Deputy discussed the importance of compliance for the Council with Supreme regarding Safe Environment Training**
7. **State Deputy mentioned information pertaining to the new Program Model "Faith in Action"**
8. **State Deputy discussed the requirements for Supremes' "Super Programs" and the required programs to qualify for the Columbian Award this year.**
9. **State Deputy thanked the Council for everything they have been doing over the years and said he is looking forward to hearing of all the good the Council has planned for this year.**



300 CLUB SALES

How are those sales doing ???

Have you chosen a Chairperson yet ??

Only 10 weeks before the first drawing !!!

SELL, SELL, SELL SELL !!!!

Brother Knights

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

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