

## VT KOC District 3 Fraternal Year 2015/16 Report



### Greetings!

State Officers, State Chaplain, Chaplains, Council Officers, District Deputies and Brother Knights,

On behalf of VT District 3, may God Bless you and your families and I hope you have a great convention.

This has been a very active year in D3! Our focus per our district organization meeting last summer has been to focus on the following: 1. Membership – both growth and retention, 2. Develop more synergy between councils in order to support one another and leverage our combined resources! 3. Support the State and Order as best we can.

I like to give a shout out to my awesome Grand Knights and to thank them for a stellar year! The time and dedication each of them put into the Knights of Columbus is very high and the passion and excitement each of them always has for our Order is exemplary.

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279 Burlington DeGoesbriand - GK Bill LaCroix

2284 Winooski – St. Stephen's – GK Greg Clairmont

7525 South Burlington St. John Vianney – Bernie Hemond

Finally, one item I like to mention is that the councils of District 3 have done an outstanding job of gaining positive visibility into the surrounding community! It is

always a great feeling when attending a Lake Monster baseball game and having the announcer thank the KOC over the loud speaker and acknowledge our presence at the game. Similarly, it is a great feeling when attending a Lake Champlain Leadership Conference and area Directors (e.g. Director Hattie from Camp Ta Kum Ta or Chelsea from the Joseph's House) thank the Knights of Columbus for our chartable support. Within the city of Burlington, one could not drive for more than 5 minutes without seeing one of the 9 Keep Christ in Christmas Signs posted at intersections and busy corners! The Knights of Columbus are a very important and involved Catholic Fraternal Organization in the Burlington – Winooski – South Burlington area!

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Michael (District Deputy #3)

### **Membership Summary for District 3:**

New Members: 6

Membership drives: 9 (several drives included churches without a council affiliation)

1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremonies Hosted: 4

2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees Ceremonies: 3

3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees Ceremonies: 2

Round Table Events: >12

District 3 comprises 8 Churches plus the UVM Newman Center

### **Retention/Events:**

Councils have organized and hosted many events for families, Knights and the surrounding community which include: Joseph's House – Breakfast with Santa, Monsignor Ball Golf Tournament, Camp Ta Kum Ta Super Bingo, Lake Monster Family Nights (plus 50-50 raffle), Dinner and Dance Night Out in the St. John Vianney Council Hall, Pancake Breakfasts, Right to Life Marches, Dinners and Silent Auctions, Holy Family and Silver Rose Icon Mass(es), Weekly Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour, Comfort and Congratulations events and recognition, Basketball Free Throw Contests, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosaries, Christ the King School Clean-up and Set-up, etc. etc.

### **Charities/Vocations:**

District 3 Councils have helped RAISE over \$25K in charity funds and have donated an additional \$9K to local charities and VOCATIONS.

Additional many events where supported by Councils 279, 7525 and 2284 which support the Burlington Food Shelf, Camp O'Hagan, Camp Ta Kum Ta, Ronald McDonald House, Joseph's House, Boys and Girls Club of Burlington, Persecuted Christians in the Middle East Fund, etc. etc.

Our Vocation committee has visited several Seminaries in the New England area and continues to support scholarships for Vermont's seminarian students. Please join the council 279 Vocation's committee this June for a BBQ event to meet and greet our VT seminarians at the UVM Newman Center. (see Dave Ely our vocation's chair)