

General Report District 2:

District 2 wishes to thank all of our State and Council Officers for their tireless commitment and support to the Order. District 2 Councils have all strived to meet their goals established by the Supreme Council, State Council and their own Council, unfortunately, we have encountered many stumbling blocks which have prevented us from reaching those goals. We have not given up!!! District 2 truly believes in the works of our Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney as reflected in my synopsis of my District.

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP:

| COUNCIL | | QUOTA | ADDITIONS | LOST |
|---|------------|-------|-----------|------|
| Sheridan Council 421 – St. Johnsbury | Membership | 8 | 2 | 23 |
| | Insurance | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Brownsen Council 1568 – Hardwick | Membership | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | Insurance | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Gibbons Council 2285 – Newport | Membership | 14 | 1 | 5 |
| | Insurance | 5 | 0 | 3 |
| Fr. Pierre Boivin Council 5041 - Morrisville | Membership | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| | Insurance | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| St. Theresa-St. John Council 7763 - Orleans | Membership | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | Insurance | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Fr. Meany-Fr. St. Onge Council 7943 - Troy | Membership | 5 | 0 | 3 |
| | Insurance | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| St. Elizabeth Council 13574 - Lyndonville | Membership | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| | Insurance | 3 | 0 | 0 |

COUNCIL OVERVIEW:

Council 421: Under the leadership of Second Year Grand Knight, Jim Lanctot. The Worthy Grand Knight has continuously promoted Supreme recommended programs supporting each program 100% through fund raisers and Council sponsorships. The membership celebrates Holy Mass before each monthly meeting. Sheridan Council is the home of Past State Deputy, State Newsletter Editor and Sheridan Assembly 1152 Faithful Navigator, Maurice Noel. During the Fraternal year, the Council sponsored the Vermont State Bowling Tournament.

Council has the only District 2nd Degree Team and conducted two 2nd Degree Exemplifications.

Sheridan Council reflects the true meaning of our Order's core principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Council 1568: Under the leadership of Four Year Grand Knight, Joseph Young. Worthy Grand Knight Joe has a knack at getting his Council Officers and members to work as a unit hosting or supporting chicken barbeque fund raisers, parish picnics, supporting a District level sponsored Family Retreat Day, and a Holiday Turkey Drive. A Council member volunteers to provide a meal for the members before each monthly meeting.

The Council hosts Brownson Assembly 1155 under the leadership of FN Richard Brochu.

The Council supported the Supreme Council's call to support our persecuted Christians in the Middle East with the Solidarity Cross Campaign Program.

An Officer Installation Ceremony was conducted.

Council 2285: Under the leadership of Second Year Grand Knight, Maurice Brasseur. Worthy Grand Knight Maurice has worked hard in keeping the Council active. Home of Gibbons Assembly 1157 Faithful Navigator, Stephen Wheeler. The Council members attend Holy Mass before each monthly meeting. GK Maurice accepted the Grand Knight position after the previous Grand Knight step down prior to end of tour. Gibbons Council is the "Grandfather" of 5 area Councils. The Council has maintained the spirit of Columbianism and continues to work towards achieving set goals.

Gibbons Council provides tuition assistance for Council members whose children attend St Paul's Catholic Elementary School.

Gibbons Council in conjunction with students from North Country Union High School volunteered their time, talent and treasurers during a recent major landscaping program around St. Edwards Catholic Church property in Derby Line. Majority of the project was performed by 5 students which involved moving 15 yards of mulch, 8 tons of stone, new plants, 130 man-hours in 8 days. The Council provided a gift certificate of appreciation valued at \$100.00 to each student. A true reflection of the meaning of our principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Gibbons Council hosted a District 1st and 3rd Degree Exemplification and a District Deputy Meeting.

An Officer Installation Ceremony was conducted.

Council 5041: Under the leadership of First Year Grand Knight Walter "Sonny" Ward.

After each monthly meeting's opening prayer and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the Grand Knight shakes everybody's hand welcoming them to the meeting which is followed by everyone in attendance going around the hall welcoming all.

The Program Director posted proposed activities for the year in each of the Order's Council Program activities, i.e., Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family, and Youth for all, as an activity is completed it is checked for all to see.

Council supported the Supreme Council's call to support our persecuted Christians in the Middle East with the Solidarity Cross Campaign Program.

The Council hosts Fr. Pierre Boivin Assembly 2312 under the leadership of FN Roland Lajoie.

Council hosted a District 2nd Degree Exemplification.

An Officer Installation Ceremony was conducted.

Council 7763: Under the leadership of First Year Grand Knight, Christopher Poginy. St Theresa- St John Council has been struggling to meet its goals which has been very challenging for the Grand Knight and his Council leaders. Home of our State Chaplain, Fr. Timothy Naples.

Council supported the Supreme Council's call to support our persecuted Christians in the Middle East with the Solidarity Cross Campaign Program.

The Council supports and volunteers at St Paul's Catholic Elementary School with a yearly chicken barbecue cook out and Lenten Fish Fries.

An Officer Installation Ceremony was conducted.

Council 7943: Under the leadership of Two Year Grand Knight, Jacques Couture. The home of Past State Deputy Daniel McAvinney. This Council is very active within the parish and the surrounding community. The members attend Holy Mass before their monthly meeting.

Fr Meany-Fr St Onge Council sponsors a yearly Holiday Meals for the Community. Holiday raffle tickets are sold with over 50% of the proceeds returned during ticket drawings. The comment was this was the biggest meal served they could remember.

The Council supported the Coats for Kids Program and the Supreme Council's call to support our persecuted Christians in the Middle East with the Solidarity Cross Campaign Program.

The Council supports and volunteers at St Paul's Catholic Elementary School.

An Officer Installation Ceremony was conducted.

Council 13574: Under the leadership of Second Year Grand Knight, Jacob King. The youngest Council in the District. Council Members pray the Rosary before each monthly Council meeting.

Highlights of the Council were supporting the Feed the Family Program, Coats for Kids Program and the Supreme Council's call to support our persecuted Christians in the Middle East with the Solidarity Cross Campaign Program.

There was no Council Officers Installation Ceremony conducted.

It has truly been my pleasure to represent the District as their District Deputy. Each Councils have always made me feel as if I was one of their members when attending meetings. Although I do not foresee any Council making "Star Council", WE have not given up. I want to thank each Grand Knight for their dedication, hard work and persistence. The only words of support to each is, "COMMUNICATION, COMMUNICATION AND MORE COMMUNICATION".
