State Deputy Message

My Brother Knights,

We are almost at the end of the fraternal year, and I’d like to take a moment to thank you all for the good work and dedication you’ve given to the Order. For the money you’ve raised, the food donations you've gathered and coats you’ve bought and distributed to help those in your community. Thank you for helping Seminarians and Religious in their formation. Thank you for your service to your local churches and supporting your parish Priests. Thank you for inviting good Catholic men to join your Council; all done with the goal of making our Church and communities stronger.

Our recent Convention at Jay Peak was fairly well attended, with 29 Councils represented and 7 of 9 District Deputies attending. Along with General Agent Joe Dicalogero and Field Agents Dave Giuliani and Brian Fiorenza. It was noted that your Field Agent is a true fraternalist and trained professional, and can help you succeed with your Council recruiting efforts.

Our Supreme guest Rick St. Hilaire, brought with him a 2nd class relic of our Fr. McGivney, which was placed on the altar during each Mass and Eucharistic Adoration from Friday night to Sunday morning. This was an unexpected blessing to be sure. We were also fortunate to have an icon of Fr. McGivney written especially for this Convention. During the Saturday morning business session, a Catholic family retreat was held for families and non-delegates, with age appropriate sessions focusing on the new evangelization. These sessions were led by lay volunteers, the Sisters of Life, Vocationist Sisters, Edmundite Fr. Mike Cronogue, and Franciscan Friars of the Renewal; all ending with delegates and retreat attendees coming together for Eucharistic Adoration from 11:30 to noon. There seemed to be a real desire for spiritual enrichment, with 135 people attending these retreat sessions.

In mid-May Following the Convention, the State Deputy was fortunate to learn that Fr. Gabriel O'Donnell would be spending a few days at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Monastery in Westfield, just a few minutes away. You may know that Fr. O’Donnell is the Head of the Fr. McGivney Guild, and Postulator for the cause of Canonization for the Sainthood of Fr. McGivney. The State Deputy requested a meeting with Fr. O'Donnell along with State Chaplain Fr. Tim Naples to present to him an Icon of Fr. McGivney on behalf of the Vermont Knights of Columbus. Fr. O’Donnell wishes to thank the Knights in Vermont for this thoughtful gift, and promised to keep the Vermont Knights in his daily prayers.
Fr. Gabriel O’Donnell observing the Icon of Fr. McGivney

Finally, I ask you to join me in sincere congratulations to our newly elected State Officers. These men are dedicated to the ideals of Fr. McGivney and to growing the Order in Vermont. Let us all stand with and work with our new leaders and make the new fraternal year one to be proud of.

Vivat Jesus,
Daniel McAvinney

117th Vt. State Convention

Friday night entertainment: on left are the Franciscan Friars showing some of their musical talent and on the right are the Ring Tunes playing and Theresa McAvinney and Fr. Belideau having a good time.

Awards Banquet

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YOUTH ACTIVITY AWARD
VERGENNES #3664

CULTURE OF LIFE AWARD
BURLINGTON #279

TOOTsie ROLL SALES
WINOOSKI #2284

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS AWARD
RICHMOND #4684

TOOTsie ROLL PER-MEMBER SALES AWARD
BELLOWS FALLS #753

FAMILY OF THE YEAR
WILLIAM & MICHELLE LaCROIX
KNIGHT OF THE YEAR
ROGER BROULETTE
COUNCIL #

SPIRIT AWARD
NELSON LaCHAPELL

DISTRICT DEPUTY AWARD
GEORGE PIETTE DD#2

GRAND KNIGHT’S OF THE YEAR
WILLIAM SCOTT & WILLIAM LaCROIX
VERGennes #3664 & BURLINGTON #279
Over 400 enthusiastic bingo players attended the South Burlington Knights of Columbus' annual Special Bingo held on April 12, 2015 at the Sheraton Conference Center. There were many bingo winners as well as a silent auction and door prizes awarded. The special game for a 2015 BMW did not produce a winner. However, a KofC bingo consolation prize of $2500 was awarded. A moment of silence was observed as the names were read of Camp Ta Kum Ta campers who have passed. In addition to legacy partner Camp Ta Kum Ta local charities COTS, Chittenden County Food Shelf, Warmth Program and Coats for Kids will benefit from the proceeds of the KofC Special Bingo.

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is a competition designed for players to demonstrate the most basic soccer skill – the penalty kick. Open to all boys and girls in your community, ages 9-14, where each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal). Winners progress to the district, state and international levels.

The Supreme Council has printed and promotional items available designed to enhance the council, district, and state competitions. Many of the printed items are included in the Soccer Challenge kit (#SC-KIT); and the promotional items are ideal to distribute to participants at the various level competitions; present to winners; and assist in conducting the competition.
Family of the Month

Family of the Month GOAL:
At least one family submission per council per year.

Family Goal:
Teach your family the Faith. We cannot pass this responsibility to others.

The following Four (4) councils submitted a "Family of the Month" to Supreme for the months of March 2015:

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April 2015 Family of the Month submission cutoff is May 15th:

Pope Francis' prayer intentions for the month of May:
- Universal: That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.
- Evangelization: That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

A Blessed Pentecost to everyone. May the Spirit move us to constantly form our consciences in the Faith.

Vivat Jesus!
Bernie
Bernard J. Perron
Family Director
802-877-3971 H

State Charity Raffle winners

- Michael Mpambazi, Burlington $1,000
- Beverly Marois, Randolph $500
- Fr. Daley Council # 642, $500
- Richard Isabelle, Derby $250
- Tom Carpenter, Rutland $250
- Rutland Council # 232, $100
- Geoff Corey, Johnson $100
- Fr. Ladislaus Mwelinde, Troy $100
- Denis Bourdreau, Morrisville $100
- John James, Bellows Falls $100

300 Club week 20 winners

- Bernie Druke, #7 Brattleboro #917 $1000.00
- Jim Snyder, #258 Winooski #2284, $500.00
- David Root / Doug St.Amour, #294, Richmond #4684, $275.00
DISTRICT #1

Priest Appreciation Dinner and Dance

Vermont Knights of Columbus District #1 hosted a priest appreciation event on the 17th of April, 2015 at St. Albans, VT. Ten priests were recognized at a gathering of over 220 people. District Deputy Ed Nuttall and State Deputy Daniel McAvinney presented certificates “In Solidarity with Our Priests, the Year for Priests” in appreciation for dedicated and devoted service to our Church and Councils. Councils 297 of St. Albans, 2610 of Richford, 7669 of Swanton, 10417 of Milton and 10830 of Fairfax planned the $10/person roast beef buffet. The originator of this idea, Brother Nelson Lachappelle, was the Master of Ceremonies. VT District Master, Tom Curran, read a letter from The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, Bishop of Burlington, offering his sincere gratitude and appreciation for devoted and selfless priestly ministry. The following priests were recognized: Fr. William Giroux, Fr. Maurice Roy, Fr. Brian O’Donnell, Fr. Leo Laroche, Fr. Karl A. Hahr, Fr. Roger Charbonneau, Fr. Luke Austin, Fr. John G. Feltz, Fr. Lawrence Ridgley and Fr. Henry P. Furman. Additionally three deacons and two Sisters were recognized. A thunderous applause was rendered! Additionally, along with a 50/50 ticket raffle over $2200 was collected to support the Carmelite Nuns of Lowell, VT. (Carmelites were extremely happy with their Knights in Shining Armor.) At the conclusion of the ceremonies the band, The Ringtunes, provided music for dancing. A great time was had by all.

Left to right: Fr. Furman (Chaplain, Council 10830 of Fairfax), Fr. Feltz, (Chaplain, Council 10417 of Milton), Fr. Charbonneau (Enosburg), Fr. Laroche (St. Albans), Fr. Austin (Chaplain, Council 7669 of Swanton), Fr. Hahr (Chaplain, Council 2610 of Richford), Fr. O’Donnell (St. Albans), Fr. Roy (St. Albans), Fr. Giroux (Chaplain, Council 297 of St. Albans), District Deputy Nuttall, MC Lachappelle, State Deputy McAvinney

Presentation of funds to Carmelite Nuns.

Left to Right: State Deputy Dan McAvinney, Sister Suzanne, Sister Diane, Dick Pepin (Past Grand Knight Council 10417 of Milton), Ed Malila (State Membership Director)
THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!!

On behalf of the 117th Vermont State Convention Committee, I thank each and every one of you and your lovely wives for your great support. Without you, we could not have done as much as we did. Your presences met a lot to all. Your donated raffle baskets were superb. District 2 is ready and standing by to support the 118th Convention Planning Team. To our newly elected State Officers, we wish you a great upcoming fraternal year. To our Worthy State Deputy and lovely wife, Theresa, we “THANK YOU” from the bottom of our hearts for your Time, Talent, Treasurers, and most of all, your friendship.

R/George
DD#2
117th Convention Chairman

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Fr. Martin F. Clancy Council #6816

Council 6816 here in Manchester Center had interviewed a dozen local high school candidates who plan on continuing their studies at a college. There are six who will receive $1500 each and one student who will receive $1000 in honor of Ed Sossi, our recently deceased brother who gave so much of himself. The latter senior will devote his energy in a trade school. We wish them all the best as they continue their development.
Vermont State Council
Knights of Columbus

Scholastic Achievement Awards Committee

April 16, 2015

James P. Candon
Scholastic Achievement, Chairman

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS 2015

Stephen Karl Anderson
73 Sunset Drive
Rutland, VT 05701
Rutland HS
Rutland Council # 232
M/M Karl Anderson
Roderick Marcotte Memorial Award

Megan E. Eaton
15 Tuttle Meadow Drive
Rutland, VT 05701
Mt. St. Joseph Acad.
Rutland Council # 232
M/M Aaron Eaton
Gerald Morrissey PSD Memorial Award

Kaitlyn Grace Gaboriault
3729 Crown Point Road
Bridport, VT 05734
Middlebury UHS
Father Daley Council # 642
M/M Paul Gaboriault
Msgr. Wendell H. Searles Award

Rachel Ann Lavallee
328 West Milton Road
Milton, VT 05468
Milton HS
Pope John Paul II Council # 10417
M/M Peter Lavallee
William Hebert PSD Memorial Award

Brendan Terence Wright
54 Bellevue Avenue
Rutland, VT 05701
Rutland HS
Rutland Council # 232
M/M Richard Wright
Fr. Joseph Campbell Memorial Award

First Alternate
Rachel Marie Johnson
623 Abbott Road
Randolph UHS
M/M William Johnson
George F. Johnson #10241

Second Alternate
Christopher Thomas Tyl
23 Victor Place
Rutland HS
M/M Stephen Tyl
Rutland Council # 232
Did you know?

18 days: A baby’s heart begins to beat.

43 days: Brain coordinates movements.

8 weeks: All organs are functioning.

9 weeks: Has permanent, unique fingerprints.

10 weeks: Sense of touch (comfort/pain).

12 weeks: A baby can smile, suck his/her thumb, make a fist, and more. (See link be-low*)

Adoption: Over 2 million couples wait to adopt, And that includes children of all races and those with special needs.

Any medical textbook will confirm what every doctor knows:

LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION!

(National Right to Life News, May 2015, p.6)

Bob & Judy Sekerak
Culture of Life Couple
Four Ramp Projects
Vergennes Saint Isaac Jogues’ Council #3664 modified an existing ramp for Jack Spahn this Spring to allow easy access by a stretcher. This has been the 4th ramp project this fraternal year - a new venture for the council. The council designed and built three other handicap ramps to ADA standards.

Substance Abuse Poster Contest
Vergennes Saint Isaac Jogues’ Council #3664 participants in this year’s Substance Abuse Poster Contest. This involved the local schools with strong support from the Vergennes Police Chief, George Merkel; himself a Knight of Columbus. This project earned the State Youth Project of the Year at the Convention.

2015 Convention
Vergennes Saint Isaac Jogues’ Council #3664 members and wives attend 2015 State Convention at Jay Peak.

Scout Breakfast for Scouts Blue and Gold Ceremony
Vergennes Saint Isaac Jogues’ Council #3664 provide, prepare and serve a complementary breakfast to local Scouts, and their family, at the Saint Peter Parish Hall.

Food For Families
Vergennes Saint Isaac Jogues’ Council #3664 collected and distributed/donated 3847 pounds of food and $922 to needed families over Christmas and the Vergennes Community Food Shelf, combined. Parishioners and community members' contributions help make this an annual success. Included in the money donated to the Food Shelf was the $500 earned from Supreme for the previous year's Food For Family participation.
The goal for the 20014-2015 fraternal is to continue support for all of our seminarians through the R.S.V.P. Vocations Program and have as many councils as possible promoting and supporting programs to the priesthood and religious life.

I am pleased to report that all the Vermont seminarians have been supported both with moral and financial support and also a number of Religious Postulants.

I would like to give recognition to the following councils for their participation in the Refund Support Vocations Program by providing scholarships and moral support to the seminarians, through visits to the Seminary and, hosting activities for the seminarians:


Total amount = $13,600.00. God Bless all of you for your dedicated work for Vocations.


"Please Pray for Vocations, Vocations Are Everybody's Business."

Fraternally Yours;

Gerald F. Bean
Gerald F. Bean, PSD, FDM
State Vocations Chairman

On Saturday July 11, 2015 at 10:00am, Rev. Mr. Scott Gratton will be Ordained to the Priesthood and Seminarian Curtis Miller will be Ordained a Transitional Deacon at St. Joseph’s CO-Cathedral.

Bio for this month is for:

Reverend Mr. Scott A. Gratton
Rev. Mr. Scott Gratton – from Newport Center, graduated in 2009 from Middlebury College, majoring in Italian and Religious studies. Home parish is St. Mary Star of the Sea in Newport. He is completing his Fourth Year of Theology at The Pontifical North American College, Vatican City State Europe. Scott will be Ordained to the priesthood on Saturday July 11, 2015 at St. Joseph’s CO-Cathedral.

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Rosary Council #4684 in Richmond, Vermont, under the leadership of Grand Knight Mat Robinson, includes Knights from both Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish in Richmond and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Williston. Both parishes are pastored by Fr. Lance Harlow with the assistance of Fr. Gerry Leclerc who is semi-retired and lives in the Richmond rectory.

The Rosary Council has always been known for its very successful fund-raising breakfasts and dinners conducted regularly throughout the year from the parish hall in Richmond. These “seasoned” Knights, like Brothers Vince Palermo and Ray Desilets, know how to cook and, with a little help from some of their wives, provide meals that the whole community looks forward to attending.

The Rosary Council is also renowned for being very involved in community service activities like those led by Brother Marty Corbett who works closely with the American Red Cross to help facilitate regular blood drives in both the Richmond and Williston areas. Donor participation is ever-increasing as both Knights and community members join together to “give life” to those in medical need of blood. During the past couple of years, the Rosary Council has been blessed with many new members from Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Parish. These new Knights have brought with them a lot of talent and enthusiasm which has helped the council reinvigorate its recruitment and retention programs and innovate the way it communicates using email and social media. For instance, Sir Knight Bill Fahy, an experienced senior management professional, volunteered to start a “Recruitment Committee” working group that met at his house monthly to discuss creative ways to attract new members and better serve the parish. These discussions led to many great initiatives like the organization and sponsorship of two enlightening men’s spiritual development programs open to men from all the area parishes. In close collaboration with Council Chaplain Fr. Lance, these special Catholic formational events were just one way the Rosary Council has expanded its vision of charity by helping meet the spiritual needs of Catholic men. Fr. Lance has also been instrumental in guiding the spiritual development of all the Knights by conducting a special presentation regarding issues of faith at most monthly meetings and disseminating a monthly prayer calendar to all the members so they can strengthen each other through daily prayer. In keeping with the spiritual focus, the council received recognition for their outstanding work on the 2014 “Keep Christ in Christmas” campaign chaired by Brother Joe Bouchard. Thanks to the inspiration of one of the newer Knights, Brother Carl Maklad, the council now has a public webpage on Google+ where they posts pictures from past events, notices about upcoming activity calendar which anyone can reference to get the most meetings and other important events.
Brother Knights

I would like to thank all of the Councils that have sent me articles for this letter.

THAT’S WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT ONLY YOU CAN MAKE THIS A SUCCESS

I ask that all of you District Deputies and Grand Knights to PLEASE read this newsletter at your Council meetings and visits.

I also ask you for your continued information (Events, Birthdays, and Anniversaries) anything you would like to share because I can’t do this without it.

Send to msnoel @charter.net

NEXT ISSUE DUE JULY 1st

YOUR STATE OFFICERS

Left to right; SC Fr. Tim Naples, IPSD Tom Curran & Nancy, SD Dan McAvinney & Theresa, SS Peter Laramie & Beth, ST Matt Reveal, SA Michael Patnode, SW Steve Shover