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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 279

Jan. / Feb. 2014

Business Meetings are held the first Tuesday and Officers meetings the third Tuesday at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Jan Events

- 1/07 - DeGoesbriand Council Business Meeting (6pm Cathedral)
- 1/11 - Vocations Committee Meeting (8am Cathedral)
- 1/18 - Rally for Life (Mass, 10:45am meet behind city hall, 11:00am March to State House steps; 11:15 proceed to House Chambers for Guest Speaker Serrin Foster: The Feminist Case against abortion, 1:30pm refreshments in State House cafeteria)
- 1/21 - DeGoesbriand Council Officers' Meeting (6pm Cathedral)

Jan - Council audit by trustees
Degree Ceremonies - TBA

Feb

- 2/04 - DeGoesbriand Council Business Meeting (6pm Cathedral)
- 2/08 - Vocations Committee Meeting (8am Cathedral)
- 2/18 - DeGoesbriand Council Officers' Meeting (6pm Cathedral)

Degree Ceremonies - TBA

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

On behalf of our Bishop DeGoesbriand Council 279, we wish all of our brother Knights and their families a Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas Season!

The past two months of November and December were very special and very busy for our council. We sponsored and participated in many wonderful activities which help serve our Burlington Parishes and surrounding communities.

I would like to report on several of our activities:

Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign! Hopefully most if not all of us agree that this was one of our most successful KCIC campaigns. We started the campaign with our annual Christmas card sales. These wonderful Christmas cards were a great way

to spread the 'true meaning of Christmas'. We had over 17 Knights from 279 council participating in this fund raiser which occurred over 3 weekends in 3 of our member Parishes and raised over \$530 in net profit for our council!!

The KCIC Signs are amazing! One can not drive for more than 10 minutes in Burlington without coming across one of our signs. Several Knights were responsible for making this happen but I want to personally thank Brother Knight Bill LaCroix for putting so much time into this and putting up the signs with assistance from his wife Michelle! Thank you Bill and Michelle! We had 8 signs posted with additional requests for several more (for next year).

On 12/3 we had our annual Christmas Ceremony with wonderful Mass by Msgr Routhier, Tree Lightening blessing and an excellent Pot Luck Meal which was coordinated by Brother Knight Larry Fortier. We

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The following brother Knights have birthdays coming up in January and February, please wish them a Happy Birthday.

January

Richard Dion, John Lancaster, Rev. Msgr. Peirre LaVallee, Eugene Morrissey, Yohane Ntrundenga, Antonio Pomerleau 1st, Clement Martel, Joseph Solomon 2nd, James Brosseau, Paul Joidoin 6th, William Smith, Jr. 11th, Michael Haggerty 13th, Terrence Lynch 20th, Michael Maher 21st

February

Paul Meacham 1st, Bonaventure Bigirimani, Shawn King, Patrick Stackpole 2nd, James Hance 4th, Lawrence Cross 12th, Rev. Msgr. Peter Routhier 14th, Leo Abair, Rev. Mr. William Glinka, Gerald Soturiere 16th, Francis Cain 20th, John Vincent 26th, Lawrence Fortier, Francis LaPointe, Travis St. Peter 28th

Vocations

(RSVP) Founded by a parish priest, the Knights of Columbus has always worked hard to encourage young men and women to consider God's call to service in the priesthood or religious life. In keeping with Knights of Columbus tradition, an attractive new vocations tool has just been released that should serve as the centerpiece of your council's vocations programs. The DVD - "Everyone Has a Vocation to Love. What's Yours?" (#50046) - combines five Knights of Columbus vocations films onto one digital video disk. Featured are The Vocation to the Priesthood, The Vocation to the Religious Life for Men, The Vocation to the Religious Life for Women, The Vocation to Marriage and the recently completed, The Vocation of the Laity.

Although the focus of the Order's vocations programs is on encouraging men to consider the priesthood or religious life and women to consider religious life, the DVD also includes films on the lay vocations to underline the fact that everyone is called through their Baptism to serve God, the Church and their neighbors.

The heart of the Order's vocations effort continues to be the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) by which assemblies; councils and Squires circles provide monetary and moral support for seminarians and postulants who are preparing for the priesthood or religious life.

. DeGoesbriand Council 279 is in our 33rd year of providing support to our seminarians and religious postulants through our Refund Support Vocations Program.

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had approx 60 Knights and family members in attendance. All our Knights and fellow Parishioners are always welcome and invited to this event.

Our council was further blessed during the Christmas timeframe with two special events... Our council's Marian Icon and Prayer Mass and the State Marian Icon and Prayer Mass which was also celebrate by as Bishop Matano.

The Council's Marian Mass on Sunday 12/8 had our 4th degree Honor Guard, Rosary (prior to Mass) and Reception in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral. A lot of planning and preparation went into that and I thank the many Knights who participated!

Our State Marian Icon Mass was also celebrated at the Cathedral on 12/9. We had State Officers, Burlington Diocese Priests and many Religious in attendance. It was a packed church. The reception following the Mass was very special as it was a nice way for many of us to say goodbye to our Bishop!! Special thanks (many) go to Michelle LaCroix for her many hours of preparation and arrangements.

Our 2013/2014 Vocations Committee kicked off our annual appeal this Christmas season as well! We appreciate any contributions you are able to provide. This funding goes directly to our seminarians and religious who are in school and helps them with their personal expenses as they study and attend school.

I am very proud of our KCIC Campaign this year. I believe we had more Knights participating then ever before and had many events. However, those wonderful activities

Illness & Prayers

Let us continue with our prayers for our sick brother knights and families and their caregivers.

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were not the only event occurring... One of my favorite events is the Joseph's House 'Breakfast with Santa'. This occurred on Saturday 12/7 and has become a traditional fund raising event that we volunteer and support in conjunction with the Joseph's house. Over 12 Knights and several family members participated and many put in lots of hours. I want to thank Brother Knight Peter Beauregard for serving as our liaison to the Joseph's house. Peter mentioned that the Joseph's House was able to raise over \$13K. This is the 'greatest amount raised in the 4 years that the event has been put on!'. Those of us who were able to participate were extremely proud to be a Knight of Columbus and were recognized by the Joseph's House during this event with a standing ovation. We expect this event to only grow in the years ahead.

As part of the Knights of Columbus State convention fund raising, we sold 16 \$50 tickets. In addition to our Vocation Appeal which is ongoing, we will also begin the State Charity Raffle Ticket sales within a few months.

I would like to thank and recognize Michael Allen for continuing to serve our council as the Culture of Life chair. He was recently appointed as the Vice Chair for the Chittenden County Right to Life!! Congratulations Michael and thank you!!

Lastly, I have some general Grand Knight messages... Please send me an email address if you wish to be included in our event notifications, meeting agendas, etc. I use our list at least once a week. Similarly, many of our Brother Knights 'winter' out of state. Please let me know when you have an address change. I usually get about 5 to 6 newsletters returned each time due to 'temporary away'. This is an added cost to our council. If you would like to participate, suggest an event/activity or have any questions about our council, please don't hesitate go contact me or any Officer.

The months of Jan and Feb will be especially focused on Membership Recruitment so I ask and thank you in advance for any effort our Brother Knights can put into that.

Thank you and Vivat Jesus,

Jim Michael (Grand Knight of 279)

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Michael GK

Sick and Vigil

Deaths: Rev. Msgr. John McSweeney, 26 OCT 2013; George Jette, 17 OCT 2013; John Nadeau, 10 NOV 2013 (brother of Rev. Fr. Thomas Nadeau). Kenneth Pecor 10 DEC 2013.

Illness: David Ely had bypass surgery two months ago, is recovering well, says he can return to work 10 JAN; Larry Fortier and Al Charron are recovering from bypass surgery; Ed Lumnah fell and spent some time at Birchwood but is home now. Paul Meacham is in Birchwood and loves to have visitors. Anyone knowing of other Knights ill, recovering or in nursing homes, please let me know (rleos@fastmail.fm / 862-0321)

Forming of First Degree Team

We now have some progress to report! come and see us at a bussiness meeting or call / email or show up to learn more. we are still developing more pieces, but things are starting to come together and take a shape now.

We can still use more people to be involved, this is YOUR council! please ask any officer or contact me for more info.

Thanks! Mike McGarghan

Adoration

Thank you and God Bless to all Brother Knights who continue to be part of our council's Eucharistic Adoration Hour each Saturday from 11 to Noon in the St. Mark's Adoration Chapel. We are always looking to add a member Knight or spouse to our rotation... even if it is for one time only. If you are interested, please let me know: Jim Michael 864-7457 or jrmichael@burlingtontelecom.net

Schedule

Peter Beauregard – Jan 4th
 Fr. Dallas St. Peter – Jan 11th
 Mike Haggerty – Jan 18th
 Bill LaCroix – Jan 25th

Rich Shea – Feb 1st
 Al Charron – Feb 8th
 Steve Sweeney – Feb 15th
 Mike McGarghan – Feb 22nd

Seminarian Bio

Mr. Curtis A. Miller
 Second Theology
 Saint John's Seminary



Curtis Miller is a seminarian for the Diocese of Burlington. Curtis is in Second Theology at St. John's Seminary, Brighton, MA. His home is in Colchester, Vermont with his parents and sister. Our Lady of Grace is his home Parish, where he has been an altar server for many years. Curtis says he is very grateful to the Knights of Columbus Councils who have supported him throughout these past five years with their generous scholarships and especially their prayers. Please be assured of my prayers for each of you and for your wonderful service to the Church.

Vocations (continued)

Our (RSVP) Scholarship money is used by seminarians and those in religious formation for books, car insurance and maintenance, travel during vacations, clerical clothing, emergency expenditures and other living expenses.

In November we mailed out our annual Holiday Appeal for our Vocations scholarship program. We want to Thank all those that have responded to our appeal and if you have not yet responded please consider doing so. Only with your help and monetary support are we able to continue our Vocations program.

Anyone who would like to donate to our Vocations Scholership program may send a check made out to DeGoesbriand Council 279 Vocations Fund, P.O. Box 5534, Burlington, VT 05402.

Priests, Brothers, Nuns...They need us, we need them...Vocations are everybody's business. Pray for Vocations.

Vivat Jesus

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