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

November

Giles Zeno 7th
John Barry 9th
Everett Kimbal 10th
Stephen Sweeney 12th
Mark Kennedy, James White 15th
Andrew Peters 18th
Douglas Handy 20th
Thomas Godbout, William Riley 21st
William McHugh 25th
Vernon McGuire 26th

December

Rev John Sweeney 1st
Patrick McManamon 4th
John Gravel, Rev Mr. Louis Meunier 8th
Patrick Danaher, Noel Mukiza 9th
Bill LaCroix, Edgar Lumnah 10th
Michael Boucher 11th
Sean Starfighter 12th
Stephen Bernardini 13th
Daniel O'Brien 15th
Robert Reuschel 17th
Alan Charron, Edward Morin 22nd
Philip Thibault 23rd
Gerald Bean, Claude Trahan 27th
Paul Franz 31st



Today's Knights

"Lady of Victory, Pray for Us."

Serving Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, St. Joseph's Co-cathedral, St. Mark's, Christ the King and St. Anthony Parishes.

Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 279

Nov / Dec. 2013

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

Nov Events

- 11/05 – DeGoesbriand Council Business Meeting (6pm Cathedral)
- 11/07 – Membership Committee Meeting (6pm Cathedral)
- 11/09 – Vocations Committee Meeting (8am Cathedral)
- 11/2-3 – Keep Christ in Christmas – Christmas Card Sales (IC, St. J, St. Mark)
- 11/8-9 – Keep Christ in Christmas – Christmas Card Sales (IC, St. J, St. Mark)
- 11/15-16 – Keep Christ in Christmas – Christmas Card Sales (IC, St. J, St. Mark)
- 11/19 – DeGoesbriand Council Officers' Meeting (6pm Cathedral)
- Nov – Keep Christ in Christmas Signs posted in front of member parishes (TBD)
- Degree Ceremonies - TBA

Dec Events

- 12/03 - DeGoesbriand Council Tree Lightening / Pot Luck Dinner (6pm Mass)
- 12/05 – Membership Committee Meeting (6pm Cathedral)
- 12/07 – [Breakfast with Santa \(Joseph's House Fundraiser\) \(8am – Noon\) St. John Vianney Hall](#)
- 12/07 – 13th Immaculate Conception Marian Prayer Program
- 12/08 - Mass at 10:30am Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- 12/14 – Vocations Committee Meeting (8am Cathedral)
- 12/17 – DeGoesbriand Council Officers' Meeting (6pm Cathedral)
- Degree Ceremonies – TBA

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Our next two months are going to be very busy and have lots of opportunities for Brother Knights and their families to participate in events and hopefully have lots of fun.

Starting in early November we will begin our annual [Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign \(KCIC\) with a Christmas Card Sale fundraiser for the council](#). I like to thank Michael McGarghan and Mike Dorr for chairing this campaign this year. We will be selling the cards following most weekend masses at St. Joseph's, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and St. Marks, over the first 3 weekends in Nov (just around the corner!). Also, if any parishioner from our other parishes such as Christ the King, St. Anthony and Newman Center are interested, just give me or any officer a call or email and we can make arrangements. In this day and age rather than send a 'status' email or standardized letter to family and friends, please consider sending a Christmas

Card that reminds all of us about the true meaning of Christmas.

Our council will also be organizing a KCIC Banner day where we will place the KCIC signs in front of our Parish Churches (with our Priest's approval of course).

On Tues December 3rd, the DeGoesbriand 279 council will be having our annual Tree Lightening and Pot Luck Dinner Ceremony. All are welcome to attend... and the more the merrier... Mass will be held at 6pm at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral followed by a pot luck supper. Feel free to show up... and bring your family!

[Saturday, 12/7 is the Joseph's House Breakfast with Santa fundraiser](#). This is a major fundraiser for the Joseph's House and our council is proud to support them as much as we can. If you are interested in volunteering for this event (8am to about noon Sat 12/7 or if you can assist with request/picking up food/supplies from local businesses and vendors) please contact our Recorder – Peter Beaure-

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Vocations

DeGoesbriand Council 279 is in our 32nd year of providing support to our seminarians and religious postulants through our Refund Support Vocations Program.

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

We Knights provide more than financial support, through members writing letters to students, sponsor dinners for them, invite them to join the Order and, most importantly, pray for vocations. We also support the national college for priestly training in Rome: the North American College.

Our Vocations program besides monetary support involves prayer and moral support. Our vocations committee makes at least one personal visit to the seminary to visit with each seminarian, we send letters – i.e.: birthday, Christmas, Easter, – each fraternal year.

We encourage members and their families to keep seminarians or postulants in their prayers and send communications throughout the year – i.e. birthday, Christmas, Easter greetings. Our Vocations committee meets the 1st Saturday after our regular council meeting at 8:00AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

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gard. Also, this is a really fun event and I encourage families, especially those with small children to attend this wonderful event. There are two seating's and it fills up!

The Immaculate Conception Icon which is part of the Knights of Columbus's Immaculate Conception Marian Prayer Program will be hosted by our Council during the week of 12/7 to 12/13. Msgr Routhier will have a mass on 12/8 at the 10:30am Immaculate Conception Church to celebrate the Immaculate Conception.

Lots of events! Please contact myself or any DeGoesbriand 279 Officer for more information.

Finally, I like to congratulate our newest 1st degree member Knight – Dan St. Hilaire.

Thanks go to our 4th degree Honor Guard and all member Knights who participated in the Right to Life March from St. Joseph's to the Cathedral prior to the 10:30 Sunday Mass. Over 100 people participated in the march.

Lastly, as part of our Orderwide Outreach Week, our council collected about 40 lbs of canned goods and non perishable food for the Cathedral's Food Shelf. We are still looking into a project helping St. Ann's Shrine.

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Michael GK

Illness & Prayers

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

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In November we will be mailing out our annual Holiday Appeal for our scholarship program. It is only through the support of our members and families that we are able to continue this very important program.

Our Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We would like to wish all our Brother Knights and Families a Very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving and a special Merry and Blessed Christmas.

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

Vivat Jesus

Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM Larry Fortier
State Vocations Chairman Council Vocations Chairman

Breakfast with Santa

is the biggest fundraiser for Joseph's House, an emergency outreach center in the Old North End of Burlington. Tickets are \$10/ person and that includes a continental breakfast as well as the following activities; picture with Santa, Christmas card decorating, make a Christmas ornament, storytelling with Mrs. Claus, holiday manicures, face painting, letter to Santa, and cookie decorating. All proceeds go to our Direct

Aid program. It is through this program that we assist families with utility disconnects, back rent, food, laundry, diapers and much more.

To Register And For More Info Visit
www.josephshousevt.org

Forming of First Degree Team

We are planning on the next few membership and admissions meetings to include an update on the status of the council's 1st degree team we are in the process of establishing. At this time we almost have enough members to start the team, but are still looking for alternates to help us with the team and support.

Please direct your questions to me or come to a meeting. Any brother who has made his 1st degree can and should see the degree again and can even join the team! There has been many changes over the years, and you may not recognize things from when you experienced your first degree so why not come see what we are trying to do!

Thanks!
Mike McGarghan

As Superintendent of Mount Calvary Cemeteries and 4th degree brother Knight I would invite everyone to visit our Catholic cemeteries located at 207 Archibald St., 55 Pomeroy St and 57 Plattsburgh Ave. Each year we host several Masses at New Mount Calvary on Plattsburgh Ave. These are great outdoor masses for the whole family to come to. This winter we will be starting the process of creating a Master Plan for landscaping and management of the trees we currently have at the locations. If you would be interested in taking part in this process, please contact me. We may be putting together a sub committee to serve as advisers in developing this forward-looking plan. We have created a Facebook page to keep our families informed of events and news about our cemeteries and the subject of eternal resting in general.

Please join today.

Peter Beauregard!

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

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Schedule

Mike Haggerty -	11/2
Al Charron -	11/9
Jim Michael -	11/16
Steve Sweeney -	11/23
Mike McGarghan -	11/30
Juan Martinez -	12/7
Dave Ely -	12/14
Jim Michael -	12/21
Jerry Bean -	12/28

Culture of Life

Brother Knights, I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to Chair our Council's Culture of Life Committee. Protecting the Sanctity of Life, from Conception to Natural Death, is one of the most important causes we take on as Knights of Columbus.

We have an important mission working to save the unborn in Burlington, as unfortunately there is a large, high volume Planned Parenthood facility located at 183 Saint Paul Street in Burlington. It is estimated that the Burlington Planned Parenthood performs 15 Abortions per week, and provides large quantities of Abortifacients and Contraceptives. Please join us on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10 AM – 11 AM in supporting Chittenden County Rite to Life's Peaceful and Prayerful Protest at the Burlington Planned Parenthood located at 183 Saint Paul Street. We meet up in the parking lot across the street on the corner of Saint Paul and King Street, and we spend an hour holding pro-life signs and silently praying along the sidewalk opposite Planned Parenthood. This is a simple, yet highly effective way to show your support for defenseless unborn babies. Please do not underestimate the power of simply being present to show your support for the unborn. Every little bit you can do make a difference, please do what you can.

Unfortunately, Vermont Law now permits Physician Assisted Suicide. This Legislation is of grave concern to the Pro-Life Community in Vermont. It is currently unclear how exactly this going to affect our community. It is vitally important that you, and your loved ones, prepare a Catholic Advance Directive to make sure your personal desires are clearly known to Medical Providers and Family Members if you become ill. The Vermont Catholic Advance Directive is available from the Diocese of Vermont at VermontCatholic.org, or call (802) 658-6110.

Please contact me if you would further information at 802-825-9124 or

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Vivat Jesus!

Michael Allen

http://vermontcatholic.org/index.php?sid=5&pid=582&subnav_id=95

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

Let me begin by thanking all who participated in the Procession for Life which took place on Sunday, October 6. Your public witness and prayer for the protection of all life was truly edifying to all.

As we near the end of the Year of Faith, may we rejoice in our Lord's great love and mercy shown to each one of us. To strengthen us in our preparation for the great solemnity of the Birth of Christ, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in each Catholic Church throughout the Diocese of Burlington on the following Wednesdays: December 4th, 11th and 18th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. I would encourage you to come as a family to celebrate God's great mercy and tenderness. As our Holy Father, Pope Francis has indicated many times; we should not be fearful of this Sacrament of Mercy but rather embrace it as a celebration of great healing and love. What better way to prepare for the birth of our Savior than to come with our hearts filled with the grace of God. May you have a most Blessed Christmas and New Year!

Msgr. Peter A. Routhier

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/cis/devotionals/2075.pdf>