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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 279

Jan./ Feb. 2013

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

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## Jan. Events

- 8..... **COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING**, Cathedral, (6:00 pm. Mass - Dinner-Meeting)
- 11..... **BASKETBALL Freethrow Contest**, 4:00 pm., Boys and Girls Club Burlington
- 12..... **VOCATIONS MEETING**, Cathedral, 8:00 am.
- 19..... **ESSEX KofC Annual Game Supper**, St. Pius Parish Hall, (Contact. Barry Corbin at 878-8314 for info/reservations)
- 22..... **OFFICERS MEETING**, Cathedral, 6:00 pm.
- 27..... **Pancake Breakfast** St. Maks Social Hall, 8:00 am. to Noon
- TBA . Degree Ceremonies**  
**Mid Jan.. Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest**  
Council judging

## Feb. Events

- 5..... **COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING**, Cathedral, (6:00 pm. Mass - Dinner-Meeting)
- 9..... **VOCATIONS MEETING**, Cathedral, 8:00 am.
- 27..... **Pancake Breakfast** (4th Degree sponsored), Christ the King Hall
- 19..... **Scholastic Achievement Award**, Applications Due
- 19..... **OFFICERS MEETING**, Cathedral, 6:00 pm.
- TBA . Degree Ceremonies**

## Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

On behalf of the DeGoesbriand Council #279, I hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas Season and are in good health and happiness as we enter 2013. Happy New Year!

The DeGoesbriand Council #279 has had a lot of wonderful events in the past two months and has several exciting events planned in the next two.

We are proud to announce that our council's 'Tootsie Roll' Fundraiser which our Warden Steve Sweeney announced as \$451.5 (See Sept Newsletter) is part of the VT State Knights of Columbus contribution of \$2605.09 which will be applied to the Council 'James O'Hagan Camp Fund'... This is included in the VT K of C Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

I am proud to say we had 6 Knights from our Council and several family members

participate in the Joseph's House 'Breakfast with Santa' Fundraiser on Dec 1st. This event has now become a family favorite in my household... My youngest kids loved participating... and my two oldest had a blast volunteering. This is the most important fundraising event for the Joseph's House as I've been told. We're already looking forward to next year's event. I like to thank Knight Mike McGarghan for serving as our council's focal point!

Our 'Keep Christ in Christmas Program' enjoyed another successful year. Many thanks to Warden Steve Sweeney who once again spearheaded this campaign. We concluded the program with our Council's traditional Pot Luck Dinner and Tree Lightening Ceremony on 12/4. This was possible due to the efforts of many people including Msgr Routhier who provided a wonderful Mass prior to the Pot Luck, our Treasurer Bill LaCroix and his wife Michelle who spent many hours before and

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## Vocations

(RSVP) Refund Support Vocations program

Under the motto "Keep the Faith Alive," DeGoesbriand Council 279 has a number of programs based on prayer and designed to reach the hearts and minds of young people, as well as to provide financial support during their years of seminary training or religious formation.

It also tells us that priests are needed to offer Mass to keep Christ's presence, his Real Presence, living and active in the world. Without a priest, there is no Mass and no Eucharist. The need for priests could not be clearer, or more urgent.

Please support our seminarians through our RSVP program which is both moral and financial support. Under this program, our council through your generous support has been able to give annual scholarships for the past 31 years to all of our seminarians and also to postulants studying to become Religious Brothers or Sisters

RSVP 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.

Vivat Jesus,  
Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM  
State Vocations Chairman

Larry Fortier, Council #279  
Vocations Chairman

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after the event to assure it went smoothly and to our Chancellor Larry Fortier for doing an excellent job organizing the dinner. I also like to thank Steve Sweeney and Ben Flynn for selling our Christmas Cards following Mass over several weekends.

So what else is happening over the next few months??

From a program and event perspective, we've ended the year by kicking off our first ever 'Substance Abuse Poster Contest'... We're going to start small this year but hope to expand and include the Burlington Police Dept for next year. Knight Edward Alonzo has been coordinating our poster contest thru Christ the King School's Health Education Class. Also, the Burlington Boys and Girl's Club is expected to submit several posters for judging as well. This event will come to close in Jan... We're looking forward to submitting the winning Council Posters to the State and International K of C contests. If you know of any children interested in drawing up a poster, please contact myself or Edward Alonzo. There will be an award (TBD) presented to each of the winners.

I also like to announce our annual K of C Basketball Free Throw Shooting Contest! This event is a blast and we will once again have it at the BTV Boys and Girls Club. The contest will be 4pm to 6pm on Friday 1/11/13. We need many volunteers... I was recently informed by the Boys and Girls club youth director that the kids look forward to this event and have been asking him about it since October. I will be sending out emails soon, providing more information and asking for volunteers from our Council. BTW, in case any older kids need community service hours for their school commitments... we're more than glad to have their help!

Speaking of older kids... The Knights of Columbus are announcing our 41st Annual Scholastic Achievement Awards Program (aka College Scholarships) with 8 \$600 scholarships this year. Please contact me (Jimgmich@us.ibm.com) if you are interested or need more

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information. The deadline to submit an application is 2/15/13.

Our Knights of Columbus Department of Fraternal Services (Supreme) has asked each council to sponsor events in support of the Culture of Life. While our council has participated in several events in the past 6 months, we like to create and organize additional events for 2013. Please contact me or any of the #279 Council officers if you have any ideas.

Lastly, we are hoping to sponsor a Pancake Breakfast at St. Mark's Church in late Jan or early Feb. Stay tuned for details.

I'll conclude my Grand Knight's report by thanking everyone who has been able to volunteer for our events, participate in fundraisers including Christmas Cards, Vocations, '300 Club' Tickets, State Charity Raffle (upcoming), etc. and will continue to invite DeGoesbriand Council Knights to attend our monthly business meetings and engage with their council.

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Michael GK

## Seminary

Robert M. Little  
Second Year College  
Our Lady of Providence Seminary



My name is Robert Little and I am a seminarian at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence in Providence, RI. I am studying philosophy and theology at Providence College, also in Providence. I entered the seminary in 2011, shortly after graduating from Burlington High School. I am a parishioner at Saint Mark's Parish in Burlington, where I have served in many different functions for many years prior to entering the seminary. I am the older of two children, and am very glad to have a family that is very supportive in my vocation. I am a member of the Knights of Columbus DeGoesbriand Council 279 in Burlington and I am very

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thankful to the Knights of Columbus for all of their work with vocations. Please pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations for the Diocese of Burlington!

### A 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.*

## Adoration

Our council (#279) sponsors a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration at 11am (11am to Noon) every Saturday in the St. Mark's Adoration Chapel. The chapel is located off of North Ave in Burlington's North End. We would love to add another Knight (or spouse) Adorer into our 2 to 3 month rotation or even for just a one time adoration hour. This is a very special way to spend an hour of your time every 3 months! Please let me know if you or your spouse would be interested in participating... whether for one time or as part of our rotation... (Jim Michael 864-7457 or Jrmichael@burlingtontelecom.net)

### Schedule

Al Charron	01/05
Dave Ely	01/12
Mike Haggerty	01/19
Steve Sweeney	01/26
Juan Martinez	02/02
Fr. Dallas St. Peter	02/09
Rich Shea	02/16
Mike McGarghan	02/23

## Illness & Prayers

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

## DeGoesbriand Council # 279 Contributions to Charities & Programs

- St Joseph's Co-Cathedral
- Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- Monsignor Ball Golf Tournament
- James O'Hagan Camp for People with Intellectual Disabilities
- Burlington Diocese Vocations (Scholarships, Seminary visits, etc.)
- Knights of Columbus State Council
- Vermont Right to Life
- Chittenden County Right to Life
- Newman Center – UVM
- K of C Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign
- Boy Scouts of Vermont/America
- Camp Ta-Kum-Ta Children's Oncology Camp
- Parish and Community Youth Events
  - Soccer Penalty Shots and Basketball Free Throw Contests
- St. Joseph / Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church Bulletin

## Fundraising State Charity Raffle and 300 Club Tickets

The 300 club tickets are all sent in, we sold all but one of our tickets, for a total of 17 including one for the council. The weekly drawings begin 12/15/12 every week winning tickets are drawn for three prizes in the amount of \$100, \$75, and \$50 weekly for 19 weeks. The 20th week drawings are \$1000, \$500, and \$275.

The State Charity Fund raffle tickets will be going in the mail the last week of January or 1st week of February. I will send out the appeal letter and 1 book of tickets with each the tickets cost \$2.00 each or a book of 6 for \$10.00. This is the ONLY fundraiser that we do that the proceeds go to our Charity Fund. We have other raffles for Vocations committee and the Tootsie Roll drive, but the proceeds of those go directly to those committees. For every \$10 book of tickets we sell our Council keeps \$5 of the money. As mentioned earlier, I will mail out 1 book of tickets with each letter, but we should think about trying to sell some outright as well. You need not be a Knight to buy these tickets. We could really raise some good money with minimal effort, maybe each member could try and sell a book or two. We can also ask our Chaplain, or the priests of the Parish we belong to if there is an opportunity to sell tickets after mass, with an announcement, perhaps?

Either way, I will have extra books available to those who want more. Please contact me if you want more tickets

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Fraternally,

Bill LaCroix PGK  
State Charity Raffle and 300 Club chairman