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# Today's Knights

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Newsletter of The Knights of Columbus ~ Council 279

Mar./ Apr. 2013

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

## Mar. Events

- 5 - DeGoesbriand Council Business Meeting (6pm Stations of the Cross- Dinner - Meeting)
- 8 - Stations of the Cross - St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral 5:15 Mass
- 9 - Vocations Committee Meeting (8am at the Cathedral)
- 16-17 - Membership drive at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral & Cathedral of Immaculate Conception
- 19 - DeGoesbriand Council Officer Meeting (6pm at the Cathedral)
- 24 - Palm Sunday
- 31 - Easter Sunday
- Degree Ceremonies - TBA

## Apr. Events

- 2 - DeGoesbriand Council Business Meeting (6pm Mass-Dinner-Meeting)
- 6 - Vocations Committee Meeting (8am at the Cathedral)
- 16 - Officers Meeting
- 25-27 - 115th Annual State Convention of the VT Knights of Columbus (Stowe-flake Resort)
- Degree Ceremonies - TBA
- St. Mark's Social (Pizza/Bowling) - TBA

## Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

I hope everyone is staying warm and healthy!

The DeGoesbriand Council #279 has been very active as usual. Here's a quick review:

Our Basketball Free Throw Shooting Contest which was held on 1/11/13 at the Burlington Boy's and Girl's Club was a LOT of fun. Many of the children participate year after year, not only in our Free Throw Events but our Soccer Penalty Kick Shoot-Outs as well so it is always nice to see their smiling faces again. We had 41 participants (including a 14 out of 15 consecutive made free throws by one participant!) and another 20 or so students cheering them on! The Center's Youth Director mentioned to me that the children greatly look forward to the KOC events and he appreciates all the time and programs that we. We provided them with our KOC trophy plaques for the winners of each age group (boys and girls) and

certificates for all participants.

The Substance Abuse Poster Contest is wrapping up over the next few weeks. We will be announcing the winners shortly. Thank you to Edward Alonzo for chairing this program. This is the first time our council has sponsored this program.

Our St. Mark's Pancake Breakfast went well and the food was great! Our program chair estimated about 65 attendees. This was a bit lighter in attendance than we hoped but we're already looking forward to the next event at St. Mark's (Pizza and Bowling anyone?). Thank you to all of the Knights who volunteered and supported this event, especially Larry Fortier, Gerry Bean and Dave Ely who were in the kitchen cooking for about 4 hrs. Also, thanks goes to Knight Rich Shea for serving as our program chair and to Mike Haggerty, Mike Couture, Gene Clowers, Steve Sweeney and of course Father Nadeau!

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## Seminarians for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington 2012-2013

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## Vocations

Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)

We are pleased to be able to give financial support to our Seminarians and those studying for Religious Life. Through our Holiday appeal and other fund raisers through the generosity of our members and families

In the past 31 years DeGoesbriand Council has donated over \$285,000.00 to 311 seminarians postulants/Novices studying for the priesthood & religious life.

But I also want to mention the other very important part of the Vocations program the moral support. Brother knights and their families have become more involved in the vocations effort, through correspondence, visits to the seminary, and summer outings with the seminarians, We want our Priest, Religious, Seminarians and Postulants to know that they have our support. This year we plan on visiting our seminarians at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, MA this Spring and The Sisters of the Imaculet Heart of Mary in Westfield, VT in May.

Our Vocations program was started not only to present scholarships to our seminarians and those studying for the religious life but to honor and thank our dedicated priest and religious sisters and brothers who have given so generously of themselves for our spiritual good.

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Most of our youth events require \$ and resources from our council. Thus, membership dues, fund-raisers and volunteer time is greatly needed and appreciated!

I also would like to thank those of you who were able to contribute to the DeGoesbriand Council's Annual Vocation Appeal. Many thanks to Larry Fortier our Vocation's chair for driving this appeal.

I would like to call attention to a wonderful Brother Knight who has given us many years of service and dedication, especially for the Sick and Vigil Program -- Brother Knight Dick Dion. Due to his health concerns he has asked to step down as our Sick and Vigil Program Chair. I can fill several newsletters with how wonderful he has been and the lives of those he has touched on behalf of the Knights of Columbus! Brother Knight Dick's Sick and Vigil program has been a true blessing for our Council and our Order! Rich Shea has graciously volunteered to chair this program.

The VT Knights of Columbus 41st Annual Scholastic Achievement Awards Program (aka College Scholarships) Applications were due by 2/15. Good luck to our Council's applicants!

I encourage all our brother Knights to please promptly pay their membership dues, participate in the state charity raffle if you can and let any of our Council Officers know if you would like to volunteer for an event/program, have an idea or would just like to catch up on our council's happenings.

Congratulations to our Council's January family of the month -- Richard and Michele Shea. December family of the month was the LaCroix Family.

Lastly, we are trying to keep our council's email distribution list current. Please send me your email address if you wish to be included in council information, events and notifications. (Jrmichael@burlingtontelecom.net)

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Michael GK

## Council 279 Newsletter

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What we have to Remember is that : (Vocations are Everybody's Business.)

We all stand firm behind the Knights of Columbus motto:

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

And In Solidarity with our Priests and Bishops.

These are the principles that we as members of the Knights of Columbus are committed to.

Our Council Vocations Chairman, Larry Fortier is undergoing Rehab at Fanny Allen Hospital for a Heart condition please keep him in your prayers.

Each issue of our news letter we will have a bio of one of our seminarians.

Fraternally,

Jerry Bean, PSD, FDM

Larry Fortier

State Vocations Chairman Council Vocations Chairman

### 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

Gerry Bean	03/02
Bill LaCroix	03/09
Jim Michael	03/16
Al Charron	03/23
Dave Ely	04/06
Mike Haggery	04/13
Juan Martinez	04/20
Steve Sweeney	04/27

## Illness & Prayers

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



Todd E. Thibault



Todd is in his Second Year of Theology at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, MA. He is a former employee of the Diocese of Burlington-- working in the Tribunal and with the Bishop's Fund. Todd is a graduate of Champlain College and a lifelong member of St. Francis Xavier Church in Winooski. His home is in South Burlington, VT.

## From our Chaplain' Monsignor Ruthier

- During the month of March we are fortunate to be celebrating the 'Year of Faith' with Fr. Marc R. Montminy. Fr. Montminy will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington from March 2nd thru March 6th. He will preach at all the weekend Masses at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and at St. Joseph's during the weekend of March 2nd and 3rd.
- Additionally, Fr. Montminy will preach DAILY at 12:05 at the Cathedral and 7pm at St Joseph's. Reconciliation will be offered each evening from 5:45 to 6:30pm at St. Joseph's.
- There will be three Themes during the week:
- Monday 3/4 -- FAN OR FOLLOWER? -- Living in mediocrity or in the fullness of life?
- Tues 3/5 -- WHAT'S FAITH GOT TO DO WITH IT? -- The Creed: More words or an honest diagnosis?
- Wed 3/6 -- AN AFFAIR OF THE HEART: Come apart and rest awhile -- faith or fortune?
- I encourage all Knights of Columbus to attend as many of these wonderful Masses/Discussions as they can during this 'Lenten Time' and 'Year of Faith' week.
- Additionally, I encourage member Knights to attend one or more of the 'Station of the Cross' Prayerful reflections during the Lenten season.
- I'm looking forward to the Knight of Columbus Membership drive on March 16th and 17th and hope God will bless this effort. Lastly, Bishop Montano has asked and challenged his Brother Knights to learn to recite the Nicene Creed.

## Fundraising State Charity Raffle and 300 Club Tickets

The State Charity Fund raffle tickets have been sent to each member Knight. A book of tickets (6 tickets) cost \$10 with individual tickets selling for \$2. This is the ONLY fundraiser with proceeds going to our council's Charity Fund. This fund helps sponsor community and youth events as well as Knight of Columbus charities. For every \$10 book of tickets we sell our Council keeps \$5 of the money. Please try to purchase or SELL whatever you can... One does not have to be a Knight to purchase (or win) a raffle ticket. Also, if you can help sell tickets following a Sunday mass please contact me.

Extra books available to those who want more. Please contact me if you want more tickets

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Fraternally,

Bill LaCroix Treasurer and PGK  
 State Charity Raffle and 300 Club chairman