

**K of C Council 10241
Bethel / Rochester
December 2020**



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Statement from Supreme

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL STATEMENT-SUMMARY AND PAYMENT									
DATE	ST	COUNCIL	LOCATION		QUOTA	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AT
11/01/20	VT	10241	BETHEL	MEMBERSHIP	3	0	0	0	
				INSURANCE	0	0	0	0	
STEPHEN B DAY PO BOX 82 BETHEL VT 05032-0082				IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR COUNCIL STATEMENT PLEASE CONTACT FOR <u>MEMBERSHIP</u> : (203) 752-4210 FOR <u>BILLING</u> : (203) 752-4392					
COUNCIL STATUS: IN GOOD STANDING									
SUMMARY		MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY					INCLUDED IN TOTAL		
MEMBER INFORMATION	DATE	ASSOC	INS	INACT	TOTAL	HON	HL		
MEMBERSHIP TOTALS	11/01/20	17	13	0	30	1	6		
SUMMARY		ACCOUNTS							
FINANCIAL INFORMATION	DATE	PER CAPITA	CATHOLIC ADV / CULTURE OF LIFE	SUPPLIES	TOTAL				
AMOUNTS DUE	11/01/20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				

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Dues Bills will be mailed out this Month. (Approximately Dec 15)

Along with the Bills the ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET will also be sent out so that you can fill in your numbers so that the council's *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (# 1728) can be filled out.

We are also looking for everyone's current E-Mail. This is especially true for the members that we don't have listed, so you can start receiving the Monthly Newsletter and other information of Council Activities throughout the year so please return enclosed form with dues.

Report of Vouchers November

Member/Payee / Address				
Voucher Date	Account: Sub Account	Event	Description	Amount
	Date Processed: 11-24-2020			
11-24-2020	Stephen B Day			
	Po Box 82 / Bethel, VT 05032-0082			
	Church Activities	First Communion	Gift	14.74
11-24-2020	Keith E Grimes			
	69 Elephant Ln / South Royalton, VT 05068-5302			
	Community Activities	Turkeys Food Shelf		57.69
Grand Total of Report of Vouchers:				72.43

Report of Receipts - November

Member/Payor				
Account: Sub Account	Event	Description	Amount	
Date Processed: 11-11-2020				
Stephen B Day				
Community	Turkeys Food Shelf	Donation CDA	50.00	
Grand Total of Report of Receipts:				50.00

November 3 Meeting Highlights

OLD BUSINESS

1. Coin Drop: We collected \$580.52. Thank you for all involved!
2. 12 month plan during Fr. Gratton's deployment: We discussed preliminary ideas of how we can sustain the Faith during Fr. Gratton's deployment. These ideas include monthly Holy Hours/Rosary, leading Stations of the Cross during Lent, and showing the Into the Breach series on a periodic basis. We could also consider working on spiritual reflection/retreat. Fr. Gratton also mentioned that there are priest less adorations that we might consider during Holy Hours. Doug will finalize a draft 12 month calendar with these activities.
3. Statewide Day of Prayer for the Clergy: This will be held on Saturday, November 7 from 1-2 pm at St. Anthony Church. We will follow the suggested program provided by the Vermont State Knights of Columbus

Program Update

Faith: We will sponsor a Holy Hour before our meeting on December 1.

Family: Doug has reached out to the Bethel Food Shelf to see how we can assist. He is working with Paul Boynton

Community: We have ordered the coats for the Coats for Kids program and they have arrived. Steve has reached out to the school nurse in Bethel and they are definitely interested in coats. We have also reached out to the school nurse in South Royalton.

Life: Fr. Gratton suggested contacting Jim Kirkpatrick in Randolph to learn about the Life programs they are participating.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Christmas Turkeys: Keith Grimes reported on the general turkey pricing at Hannafords, BJ's, and Shaws. Turkey prices are going to be significantly increased this year. It may be difficult to donate 10 turkeys this year. It was suggested that we should explore collaborating to the Catholic Daughters of America. Doug will discuss with Mary Ann Church.
2. Christmas Party: Fr. Gratton will host the Christmas party this year. Details will be forthcoming.

FROM THE DESK OF TREASURER BILL LYNCH

Bal 30 Sept	1128.16
Deposits from coin drop	583.50
Balance Oct 13	1711.66
Oct15 correction to	
Coin drop deposit.	-2.98
Balance.	1708.68
Interest rec Oct 15.	.05
Balance end Oct.	1708.73

COATS FOR KIDS

As the weather started to get cold, the Knights of Columbus in Bethel VT heated up their commitment to the community with the necessity of a warm winter coats.

Two Cases of Coats (1 Case of Boys Coats and 1 Case of Girls Coats) a total of 24 Coats had been purchased through the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program to distribute to children in the area. Money raised at an October 10 Coin Drop was more than enough to cover the purchase of these winter coats.

Working closely with School Nurse Danielle Isham RN, BSN, at the White River Valley Bethel Campus the number and sizes of coats that were needed were determined and 18 coats were donated

Putting their faith into action, Knights of Columbus councils have handed out more than 500,000 coats to children throughout the United States and Canada through the Coats for Kids program. Council 10241 in Bethel is one of 17,000 Knights of Columbus councils that make up the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded in 1882 to assist working-class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, today the approximately two million members of the Knights put their faith into action through a broad range of charitable causes locally, nationally and internationally with financial contributions and hands-on service.

Pictured below from Left to Right Danielle Isham (School Nurse) Doug Parr (Grand Knight), Father Scott Gratton (Chaplain) Keith Grimes (Deputy Grand Knight / Trustee) Steve Day (Financial Secretary) and Dick Church (Trustee)



The remaining coats were donated to WRV Schools South Royalton Campus.

STATE DAY OF PRAYER FOR CLERGY

We held a statewide day of prayer on November 7 for the clergy between 1 and 2 PM at St. Anthony's Church in Bethel. . We know there is a shortage of priests in Vermont, which Fr. Gratton has emphasized at our meetings. Knights of Columbus councils in Vermont each had one hour for prayer. It could be an hour of silent vigil, or rosary, adoration, etc. The program was as follows: Opening greeting, Opening prayer Quiet reflection Contemplative reading, Rosary for clergy, Meditation with the Lord, and Closing prayer. Attending this service was Grand Knight Doug Parr, Treasurer Bill Lynch, Trustee Richard Church and his wife Mary Anne and Financial Secretary Steve Day and his wife Cathy.

The State of Vermont K of C WEBSITE

WEB SITE: The State of Vermont K of C WEBSITE has been resurrected by our IPSD Tom Herbst after many hours and weeks of tidying up things, the site is now up and running: www.vtknights.com Please take a minute or two and check it out.

An appeal from the State Chaplain (on behalf of the State Council):

Dear Brother Knights in Vermont,

I ask if you would help me spread a new Go Fund Me campaign for individual donations for the Mobile Ultrasound Project. If you do not recall the details of this project, please see the information on this page of my Blog as State Chaplain: <https://ubipetrusvt.com/knights4life/mobile-ultrasound-fund/>

We are absolutely committed to reaching the State Council's public solicitation phase goal of \$50,000, and we are so close!

Some people might want to give to the project at this time, but not through Go Fund Me. The same blog page above has reminders that donations can always be made out to the State Council for this cause, and simply mailed to State Deputy Steve Shover (106 Marions Way, Williston, VT 05495).

I thank you all, brother Knights, and keep you in prayer, as I hope you do for me.

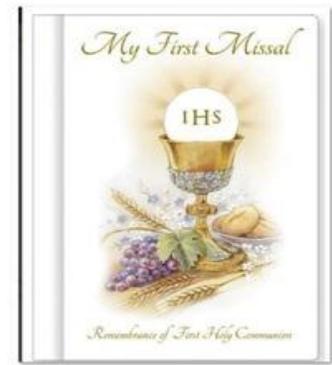
Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Tim Naples, SC

(Direct Go Fund Me link: https://www.gofundme.com/f/aspire-together-mobile-ultrasound-program?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=p_cf%20share-flow-1&fbclid=IwAR3IVdsHULqBMW4ri_HJJ5mreQWTPjMMcy6_yrBXlOkT_TELDbOGsPtsOJQ)

First Communion

We will be celebrating this wonderful Sacrament early this year so Father Gratton can be the celebrant. It will either be the Sunday after Christmas or New Year's Day. We have one young lady to receive this Sacrament, Addison Donahue. The Council as we have done in the past purchased a gift for her from The Catholic Company.



Holiday Turkeys

Special thanks to Keith Grimes for arranging with the Manager at Hannafords in West Lebanon to purchase 12 turkeys 10-14 lbs. at 37 cents a pound and delivered them to the Bethel Food Shelf for \$57. Thanks also to the CDA who donated \$50 to help defray the cost of the Turkeys



Keep Christ in Christmas



Tom Hegna *Don't Worry, Retire Happy* Webinar

by Frank Russell, Recorder, Council 10241, Bethel/Rochester, VT

Brother Knights:

After being reminded of this webinar by District Deputy Richard Powell at our October 6 Council meeting, I did sign up for it. But at the same time thinking to myself "I'm already retired, and I think my wife and I are pretty well set up financially. I also think that we already have all the insurance we need."

Well, in hindsight I conclude that I was wrong about two of those statements.

The hour I spent with this webinar was broadly informative about retirement matters, it did prompt me to re-examine my wife's and my current retirement plan, it made me feel good about good choices we had made, it alerted me to specific gaps in our planning, and it encouraged me to schedule a conversation with a financial planner or an insurance advisor (such as, of course, our Council's field agent Dave Giuliani).

The spine of the talk was Tom Hegna's "7 Steps to Retirement Security," all of which are contained in detail in his book Don't Worry, Retire Happy. As for the "take aways" that come to mind as I type: "Your retirement strategy should provide for increasing income during retirement, guaranteed and tax free income." "What provisions have you made for Long Term Care?" "Don't leave your kids money, leave them insurance." "Relying on assets like your house or a pile of money does not amount to a successful retirement strategy."

Flipping through the pages of notes I took: At one point in the webinar, Tom Hegna pointed to three circles: Social Security, Pensions, Annuities. Three sources of guaranteed retirement income. Both my wife and I didn't begin to draw on Social Security until age 70, and we both have dedicated pensions. We both have life insurance policies (I vaguely remember payout amounts) and cost of funeral policies. But clearly this third source needs attention, even at this late date when my wife and I are each over a decade into retirement. Attention from someone, of course, who could look with us at our whole financial situation, including property.

Another broadly informative retirement matter I took notes on comes from two questions Tom Hegna asked: How much guaranteed lifetime income do you have? What key retirement risks have you taken off the table? As to the second question, he proceeded to list and discuss ten key retirement risks: longevity, deflation, market, withdrawal rate, sequence of returns, long term care, mortality, inflation, regulatory, and taxation. I still don't understand "sequence of returns risk," but the most significant retirement risk, he told his listeners, is the longevity risk, because it is a risk multiplier.

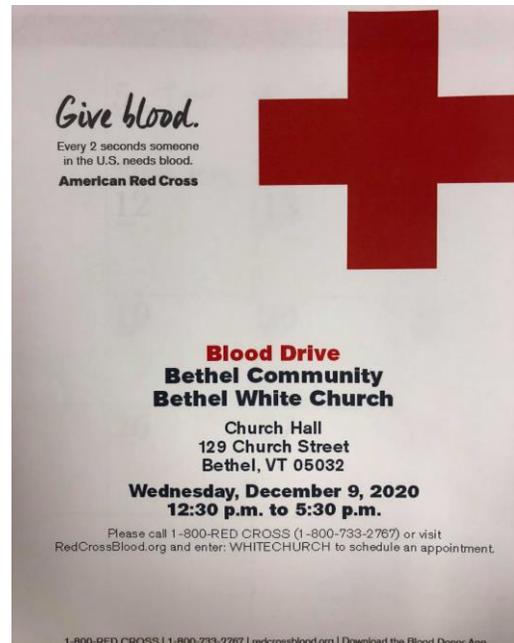
SO and in sum: this webinar was well worth the hour I spend listening and taking copious notes; I have to thank the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring it; and having listened to webinar should prompt Knights to make an appointment with their field agent.

Happy Birthday to the following Council Members celebrating upcoming Birthdays.

11-Dec Chris Thompson
12-Dec Paul Landry
6-Feb Theodore Krackowski
17-Feb Richard Bryfogle

Calendar

Nov 26 Thanksgiving
Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent
Dec 1 Council meeting
Dec 1 6:00 PM Mass Deacon Robert Murphy
Dec 8 Feast of Immaculate Conception
Dec 9 Blood Drive Bethel
Dec 25 Christmas
Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Jan 5 Council meeting
Jan 5 6:00 PM Mass Deacon Robert Murphy



All are reminded that this is your Newsletter. All Officers, Directors, Project Chairmen and Members can contribute. Deadline is 10 Days Prior to Monthly Meeting. Please send any articles to s1day@aol.com

Next scheduled meeting is December 1 in St. Anthony's Church Hall following the 6 PM Mass using the Guidelines for Social Distancing.

Please Remember all are invited prior to our meeting:
5:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM - Holy Mass