

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



**Building a better world one council at a time.** Everyday Knights all over the world are given opportunities to make a difference – whether through community service, raising money or prayer. We celebrate each Knight for his strength, his compassion, and his dedication in building a better world.

**October Statement from Supreme**

DATE	ST	COUNCIL	LOCATION		QUOTA	GAIN	LOSS	NET	ATTAINED
10/01/20	VT	10241	BETHEL	MEMBERSHIP	3	0	0	0	0.00 %
				INSURANCE	0	0	0	0	0.00 %

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING  
YOUR COUNCIL STATEMENT PLEASE CALL:

FOR MEMBERSHIP: (203) 752-4210

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*COUNCIL STATUS: IN GOOD STANDING*

SUMMARY		MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY				INCLUDED IN TOTAL		
MEMBER INFORMATION	DATE	ASSOC	INS	INACT	TOTAL	HON	HL	EXM
MEMBERSHIP TOTALS	10/01/20	17	13	0	30	1	6	0

SUMMARY		ACCOUNTS			
FINANCIAL INFORMATION	DATE	PER CAPITA	CATHOLIC ADV / CULTURE OF LIFE	SUPPLIES	TOTAL
AMOUNTS DUE	10/01/20	0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00	0.00

ORDER SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER KIT USING FORM NO. SA-KIT.  
ORDER CATHOLIC CITIZEN ESSAY CONTEST KIT USING FORM NO. EA-KIT.

SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONEL REPORT(F365)- RECEIVED

SEMIANNUAL AUDIT FORM NO. 1295 - RECEIVED.

**From the Desk of Treasurer Bill Lynch**

Balanced of Aug			1138.11	
Int rec Sept 15	.05	Bal.	1138.16	
Check for			10.00	Mass for Father McGivney
Bal end of Sept.			1128.16	

## **October 6 Meeting Highlights**

**Day of Prayer for Clergy:** November 7 is the State-Wide Day of Prayer for Clergy. NOTE WELL: In support of our clergy, our Council has signed up for an hour of prayer at St. Anthony Church **between 1PM and 2PM** on that Saturday.

**Deployment:** Father Gratton confirmed that his name is on the list of Chaplains who will be deployed in February. When Recorder Frank Russell asked Father whether his VTARNG unit and the Army needed him as a chaplain more than our two parishes and the Church in Vermont needed him as a priest, he replied, "There is a very great need for Catholic chaplains in the Army." By way of explanation, he provided some basic information: 50% of the men and women in the Army are Catholics. Catholic priests make up only 5% of the Chaplain Corp. There is one Catholic priest for every 10,000 soldiers in the Army.

**Twelve Month Plan:** Father Gratton asked Council members (and he will make a similar request to Catholic Daughters and the Parish Council) to give thought to and be able to contribute to the development of a Twelve Month Plan which would provide on a month by month basis continuity and predictability of prayers, devotions, programs, events, fundraisers; and which would continue and increase the connections among our parishioners, and increase the connections between our parishes and between these parish organizations.

**Grand Knight Workshop:** District Deputy Richard Powell commended our Council that both Grand Knight Doug Parr and Financial Secretary Steve Day attended the October 3 Grand Night's Workshop at the Chaplain Valley Fair Grounds. As Grand Knight Parr reported: Regional Membership Director Ken Latham's talk was well received; focusing on Faith in Action, his message to the Knights was: "We are our programs." State Deputy Steve Shover indicated that at each Council meeting Knights needed to view a 12 minute segment of the *Into the Breach* video. State Director Shover communicated to the Knights his conversation with Bishop Christopher Coyne, in which the Bishop expressed his concerns about upcoming food shortages

**Faith in Action:** Council members were in agreement with Grand Knight Doug Parr's recommendations under the four Faith in Action categories: Holy Hour under Faith, Food for Families under Family, Coats for Kids under Community, Ultrasound Initiative under Life. (See attachments accompanying Grand Knight Parr's October 4 email.)

**Coats for Kids:** As we had done last year, at the October 6 meeting our Council approved a motion to purchase two cases of winter coats (12 coats for boys, 12 coats for girls) through the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program. The most suitable means or agency for distribution of these coats to school age children in the Bethel-Rochester area will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

**Coin Drop:** Trustee Dick Church provided a detailed overview of his effective organization of the Coin Drop scheduled for 8-11 on October 10 on Church St in front of the White Church. Council members' responses indicated that we would have enough volunteers to make the fundraiser a success.

**Don't Worry, Retire Happy Webinar:** District Director Richard Powell encouraged Council members to register for the Knights of Columbus-sponsored Tom Hegna *Don't Worry, Retire Happy* webinar on October 13 at 7PM. The October *Vermont Knights in Action* State Newsletter, which Financial Secretary Steve Day had provided to Council members, alerted Knights to this webinar and contained registration information.

## Council 10241 Coin Drop

Bethel-Rochester Council 10241 completed a successful Coin Drop on Saturday, October 10 between the hours of 8AM and 11AM on Church St. in Bethel. The foundation for the success of this fundraiser was, of course, Trustee Dick Church's effective and thorough organization and attention to details: securing of approval of the fundraiser on that date through the Bethel Town Clerk's office, provision of proof of insurance, contact with the Town Garage (traffic cones, reflective vests). He and Catholic Daughter wife Mary Ann brought two wooden, wind gust-proof *Knights of Columbus Coin Drop* signs with sand bags and four collection buckets. Council members effectively represented the Knights of Columbus charitable activities, as well. Asked what this Coin Drop "was for," our Knights collecting donations in their buckets responded: "Coats for Kids." Grand Knight Parr was unable to be present at this fundraiser, due to his need to participate online in a required pharmacy re-certification webinar. However, Deputy Grand Knight Keith Grimes provided leadership and, of course, "led by example." Leaving no detail unattended to, Trustee Dick Church appropriately sported a K of C *Leave No Neighbor Behind Covid 19* mask, as he collected donations. For visibility (and because, he explained, it was bow-hunting season, after all), Recorder Frank Russell wore under his reflective vest a bright orange zip up sweat shirt. Profiting from past experience, our team of volunteers stationed Treasurer Bill Lynch strategically between the two Knights facing oncoming traffic in each direction. Treasurer Lynch apparently knows everyone in the area; he has a ready wave, a sunny personality, and a "gift for gab." Thus, a motorist who hadn't given a donation initially, would usually respond to these attributes by stopping to place a donation in his bucket. And by no means least: Financial Secretary Steve Day also faithfully reported to the Coin Drop, unfolding in the parking lot his card table and chairs so as to be able to provide a surface for sorting, counting and placing in their rolls the coins Knights would soon be dropping off. Fortunately, lessening his labors, motorists traveling up and down Church St. in Bethel between 8 and 11 that morning understood that during a Coin

Drop one could also donate folding money. Our Council could perhaps have received more donations by extending the hours for the Coin Drop beyond 11AM. But ending at 11 allowed Knights and their families to participate at Noon on October 10—for Our Lady's intention of "helping the world"—in the recitation of the four mysteries of the Rosary on the lawn outside St. Anthony's Church in Bethel and St. Elizabeth's Church in Rochester. At our October 6 meeting,



mindful of the Community component of Faith in Action, our Council approved the purchase of two cases of winter coats (12 coats for boys, 12 coats for girls), through the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program. During the Coin Drop we had responded to motorists that the purpose of the fundraiser was "Coats for Kids." We are happy to report that the \$583.50 we collected in donations of coins and bills at the Coin Drop is more than enough to cover the purchase of these winter coats. Financial Secretary Steve Day informs that that he has already ordered these coats through the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program.

## COATS FOR KIDS

We again will be participating in this program. The goal of the Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child goes without a coat during the winter season. Through the dedication of councils across the United States and Canada, hundreds of thousands of new winter coats have been distributed to children since program's inception.

Two Cases of Coats (1 Case of Boys Coats and 1 Case of Girls Coats) a total of 24 Coats has been purchased to distribute to children in the area.



**The Billing Information entered with this order follows:**

\$517.77 will be billed to Select Cost Center/Payment Method: COUNCIL: Bill to Council Member Number:

**Your order included the following items:**

Item #	Description	Back Order	Order Qty	Unit of Measure	Pieces Ordered	Price
80000	Standard Youth Boys Jacket	No	12	1	12	\$237.84
70000	Standard Youth Girls Jackets	No	12	1	12	\$237.84

Sub Total: \$475.68  
 Freight: \$12.79  
 Tax: \$29.30  
 Handling: TBD  
 Total: \$517.77

### Statewide day of prayer on November 7 for the clergy

There will be a statewide day of prayer on November 7 for the clergy. We know there is a shortage of priests in Vermont, which Fr. Gratton has emphasized at our meetings. Knights of Columbus councils in Vermont will have one hour for prayer. We can manage our hour of prayer as we see fit. It could be an hour of silent vigil, or rosary, adoration, etc. I have reserved the 1-2 pm slot.

Let us all remember on Oct 31 the Mass "In Gratitude of Father Michael J McGivney" @ St. Elizabeth's Church 4:00 PM

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF  
THE VENERABLE SERVANT OF GOD  
MICHAEL MCGIVNEY  
*Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

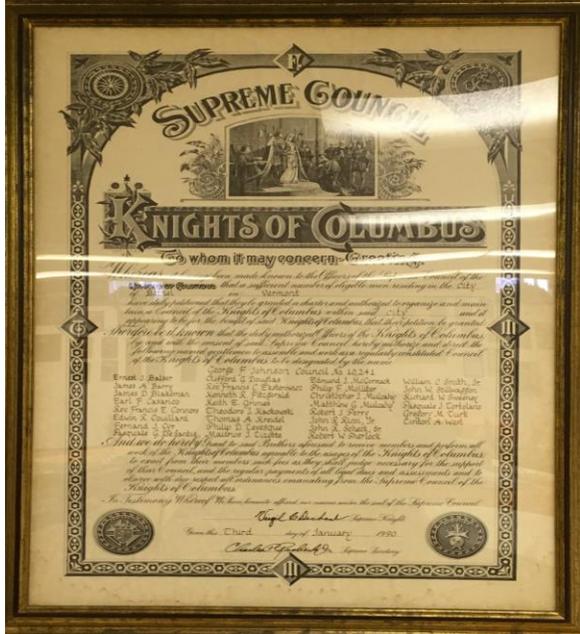
God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please report all favors received:  
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### CHARTER MEMBERS



At present time 4 Charter Members still remain as members of this Council. Keith Grimes and Greg Turk are very active while Theodore Kackowskie and Thomas Kreidel are members on paper only. not having their dues paid in years.

Happy Birthday to the following Council Members celebrating upcoming Birthdays.

30-Oct	Noe Ilano
3-Nov	Sean Patrick
15-Nov	Frank Russell
24-Nov	Rev Kenneth Ekekwe
11-Dec	Chris Thompson
12-Dec	Paul Landry

#### Calendar

<b>Oct 31</b>	<b>Beatification of Father Michael J McGivney</b>
<b>Oct 31</b>	<b>Mass "In Gratitude of Father Michael J McGivney" @ St. Elizabeth's Church 4:00 PM</b>
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 1	Daylight Savings Ends
Nov 1	All Saints Day
Nov 2	All Souls Day
<b>Nov 3</b>	<b>Mass for Intentions of Seminarian Robert Murphy</b>
<b>Nov 3</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>
Nov 3	Election Day
<b>Nov 7</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus State Council Day of Prayer (1-2 PM at St. Anthony's)</b>
Nov 11	Veterans Day



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](mailto:s1day@aol.com)

Next scheduled meeting November 3 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**

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