



# Knights of Columbus Bennington Council 307

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## **Grand Knight's Message**



Hope everyone has been able to enjoy the beautiful weather that we have had lately.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon was displayed at Sacred Heart St. Francis DeSales church in December and we held an Adoration and Benediction service at that time.

I received many positive comments on how nice it was to have Knights saying the Rosary. Thanks to those knights present; Joe Anton, David Clark, Bill Center, Bill Murray, Gerry McMurry, and I attended this beautiful service. Henry Simpatico led us in singing Our Lady of Guadalupe song.

Fr. Will Persia C.S.C. added a great deal to the Novena by leading us in the Benediction and gave a beautiful homily.

January is here and it's time again for the Knights to record the many volunteer hours they contribute to the parish and to the Bennington area. You may have already received information on this from Brother Tomasi so please make sure you complete the form and send it back as instructed as soon as possible.

We are actively looking to recruit new members to our council. If you know someone that you think would be a good candidate please either give them an application or let me know and I will contact them to give them more information and an application.

The annual Rally for Life will be held in Montpelier this month and there is more information in the Church bulletin. Please consider joining us on the trip to Montpelier.

Fraternally yours in Christ

Michael Daly, Grand Knight

## **Knights of Columbus Council 307 Make Generous Gift to Care Net Pregnancy Center**



Grand Knight Mike Daly presenting the check to purchase an Ultrasound machine to Noreen Gardner, Care net executive Director. From Left to right are John Zink, Mike Daly, Noreen

Gardner, Jeff Fortier, and Donald Nolan. Members of the ultrasound fundraising committee not in attendance were Gerald McMurray, and Peter Cheney.

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Bennington council is proud to be the first in the state of Vermont to provide the funds needed to purchase an ultrasound machine for our local pregnancy center. Bennington council with the support of members across the state raised \$13,480.00, and Supreme provided half of the purchase price of \$11,150.00 for a grand total of \$24,630.00 more than enough for the purchase of the ultrasound machine.

After more than a year's worth of fund raising, Bennington Council 307 through the leadership of its Grand Knight Mike Daly surpassed its goal in raising half of the purchase price for an ultrasound machine to be given to our local Care Net Pregnancy Center. Supreme council through a program developed in 2009, provided the second half to allow the pregnancy center to purchase the ultrasound and provide this additional service to expecting mothers.

The Knights of Columbus ultrasound program was developed on January 22, 2009, the 36th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion on demand, the Knights of Columbus launched a new initiative aimed at providing women considering abortion a new way of viewing the life within them.

On that day, the K of C Supreme Council matched funds raised by Knights in Florida and Iowa to provide two pregnancy care centers complete funding for the acquisition of ultrasound machines that will help the centers to provide for the health of both mother and child. Since then, funding has been provided for the purchase of machines in several other jurisdictions, with many other state and local councils launching fund raising campaigns for ultrasound machine purchases in the near future.

Ultrasound exams, which are medically indicated throughout pregnancy for a variety of diagnostic reasons, use ultrasound waves to scan a women's abdomen, creating a picture or "sonogram" of the baby in her uterus. Without K of C support, most pregnancy care centers would be unable to purchase the ultrasound machines, each costing tens of thousands of dollars. Reports indicate that up to 90 percent of women considering an abortion choose to have their baby after seeing an ultrasound image. They hear their baby's heartbeat, they see their baby's head and fingers. They know it is a child, not a "choice."

We thank God for our Care net Pregnancy Center which was established in 1985 as a non-profit organization to serve as a resource center for individuals facing crucial decisions surrounding an unplanned pregnancy or other related concerns. We pray that with the ultrasound machine, mothers to be will see the sanctity of life in their unborn child, and share in our belief that life is precious even in the womb.



### Council Meeting

February 25th - Monday - 7:00pm meeting  
As customary light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

### Future Council Events 2013

- February 4th .....No Home Association Meeting
- February 25th .....Council Meeting  
7:00pm 4th Monday
- March 4th .....Home Association Meeting  
To Be Determined
- March 25th .....Council Meeting  
7:00pm 4th Monday
- August 4th .....Annual Picnic  
11:45am Mass & Picnic
- December 7th .....Children's Christmas Party  
11:30am - 2:00pm

Boy Scout's Troop #307 Meetings.....7:00 pm Mondays



### A BIG THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly #1150 held a dinner on October 13, 2012 to benefit the local Veterans Outreach Center. This dinner raised \$740 for this veteran's organization!

I would like to thank my brother 4th degree Knights & their spouses who helped, also my fellow 3rd degree brothers from Bennington Council #307 who helped. This event also had help from many other parishioners and groups from our church, the Hospitality Committee and the Ladies of St. Anne.

Our chartered Boy Scout Troop #353 had their leader, Josh Carvajal, and parents – Kim & Larry Wick, who helped with the boys that came to serve and cleanup. Even John Miner, from the Veterans Outreach Center, and his family came to help serve! Thanks to Tom & Dotti DePollo for their ads that they put in the paper to help promote and for their time involved that showed their determination in making this as successful as possible.

For all who donated to this, either in kind or in financial support, I am deeply grateful for your efforts. This could not have been a success without you!

If you would like to be more active in your community and be part of the Knights of Columbus, please contact Mike Daly at 447-1892 or myself at 447-3751.

Sincerely,  
Bill Center, Faithful Navigator & Deputy Grand Knight



### Council Officers 2012 - 2013

- Grand Knight . . . . . Michael Daly
- Chaplain . . . . . (Vacant)
- Deputy Grand Knight . . . . . Bill Center
- Chancellor . . . . . (Vacant)
- Recorder . . . . . Dale Palmer
- Financial Secretary . . . . . Dan Amidon
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- Trustee - 1 Year . . . . . John Zink
- Trustee - 2 Year . . . . . Robert Hannan
- Trustee - 3 Year . . . . . Tony Tomasi

### Home Association Officers 2012 - 2013

- President . . . . . Robert Kobelia
- Vice President . . . . . Justin Kobelia
- Treasurer . . . . . Dennis Candelora
- Secretary . . . . . Tony Tomasi
- Trustee . . . . . John Zink
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- Trustee . . . . . Gene Rowley
- Ex-officio (Grand Knight) . . . . . Mike Daly

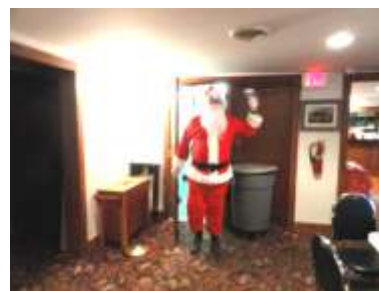
### Home Association News

1) First call for 2013 HA Officers to be elected in April. I specifically need a new Treasurer with Dennis now in Rhode Island.

2) Meetings if called, will be on on Mondays January - March to save energy costs. Right now the HA winter meetings are set to be held only on a "as need basis" - using the email to notify. Call me if you want a phone call if a meeting is forthcoming because you don't get email.

3) Under new business on 12/04, was a discussion to proceed with the orderly sale of the building and contents and a review of options available for future K of C functions and/meetings. A vote of confidence granting the HA Board complete control over the methods and final sale price of our property was passed by a wide margin at this meeting. We fully expect this to be a long steady process that is appropriate for our organization at this time. As the saying goes, we will keep you posted.

### Christmas Party



The childrens Christmas party was a great success attended by children, parents and grand parents. Santa (Gene Rowley) was there to hand out the presents to the children. I would like to extend a big thanks to Bob Kobelia, Justin Kolbelia, Jeff Fortier, and Tony Tomasi for

their help to make this day special.

For more photos go to our web page [www.koc307.org](http://www.koc307.org)

Robert Kobelia, HA President



**For The Good Of The Order**

Remember in your prayers all those who have been Born to Eternal Life. Keep Rene Cassano any other Knights, that we are not of aware of, who are ill or on the mend in your prayers.

**~ Quotes of the Month ~**

"I think that I shall never see a billboard lovely as a tree. Perhaps, unless the billboards fall, I'll never see a tree at all."  
-Ogden Nash



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 	4 HA Meeting TBD Watch Email 7:00 Boy Scouts	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Lincoln's Birthday  7:00 Boy Scouts	12	13 	14 	15	16
17	18  7:00 Boy Scouts	19	20	21	22  Washington's Birthday	23
24 Oscar night 	25 7:00 Council Meeting & Boy Scouts	26	27	28		

Birth Stone: Amethyst

Flower: Violet

# MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 No HA Meeting  7:00 Boy Scouts	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Lincoln's Birthday  7:00 Boy Scouts	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18  7:00 Boy Scouts	19	20 Spring (Vernal) Equinox	21	22	23
24 	25 7:00 Council Meeting & Boy Scouts	26	27	28 	29 	30
31 	Birth Stone: Aquamarine					Flower: Jonquil