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District Deputy Message

Brothers, I would like to make the announcement that I am leaving Vermont and going back home to my family in NH. I have been offered and accepted a transfer with my company and I will be the Director of Biomedical Engineering at a hospital in the North Shore of Massachusetts. I have resigned my position as District Deputy #9 effective 5/31/12. I have verbally and formally notified our State Deputy, Tom Curran and have formally notified our Supreme Secretary.

Mike Daly will be performing my duties with the Tootsie roll drive and with Care Net. The State is in the process of looking for a new DD for our district.

I have enjoyed my time here in Bennington as your Grand Knight and as your District Deputy. I will be at the May 22nd meeting. Please pray for my family for a successful move.

Vivat Jesus Peter H. Cheney, District Deputy #9
Knights of Columbus, State of Vermont
11 Center St. Bennington, VT 05201



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights, our 2012 state convention is behind us and as I was trying to think about how to summarize it, Tom Curran our worthy State Deputy sent this and he did such a wonderful job with this I thought I would share it with all of you.

"Worthy Officers and Brother Knights,

We covered a lot of ground at the convention and had some fun along the way. As part of the business of the day we passed a resolution in defense of our Catholic Liberties in opposition to the current presidential administration's efforts to force Catholic institutions to fund insurance policies that oppose our beliefs. We viewed a very informative video message from our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson regarding this urgent matter.

We also viewed a trailer for the upcoming movie "For Greater Glory" depicting the religious persecution of Catholics in Mexico. This movie is a MUST for all Knights of Columbus and their families. To make sure that this movie remains available for all to see, our Supreme Knight is asking all Knights to bring their families and friends to the opening day performance. Do not put it off for a later time. Please attend the first day to assure a great opening weekend showing.

Grand Knight's Message (Continued)

We passed resolutions which will enable the Knights of Columbus to operate in Vermont for the next year and to support our traditional gifts to charity. We did however identify a large shortfall in the funds raised this year by our charity (raffle ticket) program and the need to establish a better way to raise future funding. You will be hearing more on this in the near future.

This year we were honored with having Gary Nolan and his wife Dawn visit us from Supreme. As Vice President of Membership, Gary's visit was particularly timely for us this year. We spent a lot of time working with Gary and listening to great advice on how to turn around our declining membership. Far too many of our councils are steadily declining. Gary showed us some great tools that we will use to begin growing again. For starters we need to make the best of the short time left in this fraternal year. Our goal for the remaining two months of this year is to recruit One Knight for Each Council for Each Month. When we do this we will have turned around our declining growth and will be positioned for a strong start for the new year. Please do not wait any longer. Ask the men of your parish to join us.

At our awards banquet we thanked His Excellency Bishop Matano for his support. We took time to recognize many councils and individuals for their contributions during the past fraternal year.

On behalf of all the Vermont State Officers and our wives I thank you again for a great year and look forward to serving you again.

"Vivat Jesus," Tom Curran

In addition to this I want to let you know that I am finalizing the slate of officers for presentation to the membership at the May meeting.

The work on raising funds for the Care Net ultrasound project will be ramping up over the next few months. I will be asking each of you for a personal donation to this cause as well as voting on a donation from our council.

Remember June 9th, we discussed a group going to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy for a day long event. Please let me know if you are interested in attending so we can arrange car pooling.

Please make every effort to attend our May meeting as we have much to review and vote on.

Yours in Christ
Michael Daly, Grand Knight



Council Meeting

May 22nd - Tuesday - 7:00pm

Important Meeting

This will be the final meeting at which the proposed name change of our Council will be discussed and then voted on.

As customary light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Future Council Events 2012

- May 22nd.....Council Meeting
7:00pm 4th Tuesday
- June.....Tootsie Roll Drive
Day & time to be determined.
- June 6th.....Home Association Meeting
6:30pm 1st Wednesday
- June 26th.....Council Meeting
7:00pm 4th Tuesday
- July 3rd.....Home Association Meeting
6:30pm 1st Tuesday
- July 24th.....Council Meeting
7:00pm 4th Tuesday
- August 5.....Annual Picnic
11:45am.....Mass & Picnic
- December.....Children's Christmas Party
Day & Time TBD later

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

Home Association News

JJ Williams gave a detailed financial report at our May 9th meeting. Please review the minutes when published for details of this meeting as it includes discussion on the sale of the adjacent motel Friday, May 18. We elected to consider a sale of our property to the high bidder if advantageous.

Next HA meeting will be moved to Wednesday, June 6th at 6:00 pm due to Little League Baseball.

A Spring Work Project - sprucing up the hall will be held on Saturday, May 19th from 8:30 - 12:00 noon. We'll be setting up the "barbie" and make as many improvement as time and manpower allows. Please help with the Spring Project and RSVP for food count.

Robert L. Kobelia, HA President
802-442-4749
robertkobelia@yahoo.com



2012 Tootsie Roll Drive:

The Tootsie Roll drive will be in June and we are looking for volunteers for this. If you are interested in helping please contact Dan

Amadon (442-6654) or Henry Maynard (447-8370.)

~ Quote of the Month ~

You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them. ~Desmond Tutu

Council Officers 2011 - 2012

- Grand Knight Michael Daly
- Chaplain Fr. John Britto Antony
- Deputy Grand Knight Bill Center
- Chancellor Gerry McMurray
- Recorder Dale Palmer
- Financial Secretary Dan Amidon
- Treasurer Jeff Fortier
- Advocate Dan Lucy
- Warden Bob Kobelia
- Inside Guard Henry Maynard
- Outside Guard Michael Downey
- Trustee - 1 Year John Zink
- Trustee - 2 Years Robert Hannan
- Trustee - Past Grand Knight PGK Peter Cheney

Home Association Officers 2012 - 2013

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



Scout Troop 353

Troop 353 is happy to report Kenn Nelson earned his gold eagle palm prior to aging out (18 years old.) This is highest rank of any recent era troop 353 scout. Congrats Kenn.

In April the troop went to Half Moon State Park for the spring camporee. At the camporee scouts learned merit badge skills such as Pet Care, Photography, Theater, Orienteering, Soil and Water Conservation, Fishing, Cooking, Fingerprinting, Pioneering and Fire Safety.

In May, the troop plans on bridging new scouts from Elks, Pack 367. The troop also is planning on supporting it adopted Lake Shaftsbury State Park with a full day of service.

Forward thinking: June 17th, Fathers Day brunch (Firehouse) and Court of Honor, Willow Park, Summer Camp at Camp Rotary in NY, Summer Appalachian Trail trail 50 mile hike, Battle Day Parade, Garlic Festival fund raising, Summer Court of honor, Fall Camporee, Battenkill River cleanup, Lake Shaftsbury button up, Eagle projects, and the Klondike Derby in February at Willow Park.

Respectfully submitted,
Brother Scott P. Malinowski, Scoutmaster Troop 353

Congratulations to Brother Scott Murphy on being selected as the Town Manager for Wilmington, VT. We wish him well in his new position.



For The Good Of The Order

Remember in your prayers Brother Knight Robert Myers, all others who have been Born to Eternal Life and any Knights who are ill or on the mend that we are not aware of.



Email Addresses

The council is continuing to update its Email address database. If you have an email address would you send it to **benningtonkoc307@gmail.com**. We are sending out bulletins and updated info electronically For those who do not have an Email address, we will continue to use the US Postal Service for bulletins.



Any information that you wish to have printed in the monthly bulletin, contact Brother Knight Tony Tomasi at 447-7724 or email to **benningtonkoc307@gmail.com**. Information must be submitted by the 14th of the month to be in the bulletin, for that month's meeting.



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JUNE 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 BSA 7:00 pm	5	6 6:00 pm HA Meeting	7 Best Friends Day	8	9
10	11 BSA 7:00 pm	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16
17 Father's Day	18 BSA 7:00 pm	19	20 Summer Solstice	21	22	23
24	25 BSA 7:00 pm	26 6:30 pm Mass & Council Meeting	27	28	29	30

Birthstone: Pearl

Flower: Rose

JULY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Canada Day	2	3 6:00 pm HA Meeting	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 Chocolate Day
8	9 BSA 7:00 pm	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 BSA 7:00 pm	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 BSA 7:00 pm	24 7:00pm Council Meeting	25	26 Summer Olympic Opening Ceremonies	27	28
29	30 BSA 7:00 pm	31 Mutts Day				

Birthstone: Ruby

Flower: Larkspur or Water Lily