



New Hampshire State Council Knights of Columbus

State Advocate's Annual Report



Brothers:

Another year is winding to its inevitable close. This year has seen less of the Strum and Drang of previous years regarding trade-name ownership (limited to use with permission of Supreme) and publicity issues. Only minor personnel issues developed and were disposed of without incident. Still outstanding and holding New Hampshire back are compliance issues regarding the Office of Youth Protection. Emerging issues that may affect and even effect us are anti-Catholicism (and general anti-Christianity) arising in NH along with antisemitism, anti-zionism, anti-islam, and general xenophobia. Other issues include the crying need for more political activism on issue of morals and even allowing Catholic teaching. I would comment that both the NH and US Constitutions affirm freedom of religion, not freedom from religion!

Working with Supreme (well, they did the work, the State Deputy and I gave input) two important actions occurred. A gaming guide was produced and distributed to the State Council membership as a guide for participation in charitable gaming. Please follow that guide if you want to get involved in that project. Be-aware, however, that substantial changes are coming in that arena. Ancillary to that work the issue of trade name usage was reportedly resolved. In brief it goes this way: **NO Council shall be registered as a corporation in NH!** Council may register the Council's name as a Trade Name to satisfy certain Banks (who apparently cannot read State Law) and the Lottery Commission requirements. To reiterate: NO to Corporations; Yes to Trade Names, if needed.

Regarding the OYP problems. A different person is required for each required training position. One person cannot hold all the offices. Training is open to all Council Members and is suitable for Diocese training requirements. Each Council needs four trained Members. Without those Members a Council is not eligible for any awards. The training is required to protect the Councils, its Members and the Order from law suits resulting from either malicious charges of the very rare malfeasance by a few. **It must become routine to get this done when paperwork is filed with Supreme every May-June.**

Regarding political action: You will, hopefully, remember that our Order does not engage in partisan politics. Our Order does actively engage in the public policy (political) sphere, however. The Order fights in the political arena on policy or issue grounds.

The Order was a leader in the fight to add "under God" to the pledge. **Our Order encourages and supports the peaceful mass demonstration every January in defense of life.** Our Order speaks out against denigrating the name of Christopher Columbus. Our order supports: legal immigration; support for the legitimately needy, freedom of religion, religious education and freedom of education, repeal of the anti-Catholic so-called Blaine Amendment, equal treatment under law (not discriminatory equity). Councils are invited to make space available for all persons to make their positions known so that every voter is aware of a candidate's position on an issue.

We **DO NOT ENDORSE** any candidate and use of the phrase:

"I am a Knight and I support Joe Sixpack" is not appropriate.

Inviting candidates who happen to crisscross NH seeking to promote themselves can be a way to advertise the good works of the Council, but EVERY candidate must be given the same opportunity regardless of affiliation. I will note that I had this very discussion with my classmate, Abbot Mark, when Hillary spoke at St. Anselm College. Councils are urged to engage in policy issue discussions either in meetings or in a public forum such as a Town Hall program sponsored by a Council (A Community project).

Be on the look out for anti-Knight or anti-Catholic behavior in communities. For example, I have been called a White Supremacist for sponsoring legislation to teach Martin Luther King's vision in schools as part of social studies. I have also been called a "Race Traitor" for the exact same thing. Interesting, but The envelop received at the State House came from a group of anti-fascists (using historically fascists tactics [I do not think these fools know what fascism means, to paraphrase the Princess Bride]), just for the record. The issue of bathroom usage by whomsoever (if you can't figure out how to pee before Kindergarten, there seems, to me anyway, to be an issue) continues to be disruptive. Publicly teaching that same-sex orientation is acceptable, as opposed to being understood, is a direct attack on Abrahamic

religions [Genesis 5:2]. We, as the Strong Right Arm of Holy Mother the Church, need to be seen as supporting our Sisters, Brothers, Deacons, Priests and Bishop in proclaiming our faith.

Enough; pray for more vocations, families strong in the faith, more members and peace in the world. Blessed Michael McGivney, Pray For us and for the US;

Christ Lives, Christos Rey, Vivat Jesus!

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