



## Bishop James A. Healy Province – Jurisdiction of Maine 2017 Patriotic Exemplification



The 2017 Patriotic Exemplification was held on 03 June at Mount Merici Academy in honor of Father Chris Piselli. It was hosted by St. John the Baptist Council 7300 (Winslow), Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 11303 (Fairfield), Holy Spirit Council 13486 (Waterville) and the Waterville Assembly 0341.



The Patriotic Degree Team arrived at Mount Merici early Friday afternoon to conduct a full dress rehearsal of the exemplification that would take place there the next day.

Following that, Waterville Council prepared a spaghetti & Alfredo meal with garlic bread, salad, dessert and refreshments at Notre Dame Church for the Degree Team, State Officers, visiting dignitaries and wives.



A luncheon was served to the ladies by the Winslow Council followed by a tour of Colby College Art Museum.



On Saturday, over 100 Sir Knights participated in the exemplification (43 of which were candidates).

The Fairfield Council prepared bag lunches for all the attendees.



After the degree, the parade started. The sun was out with light winds. It was a beautiful day for marching.



The Color Guard led the parade with dignitaries behind them. (R to L: District Master of Maine Phil Lizotte, Vice Supreme Master Michael Donnelly, and District Master of Vermont George Piette.)



After the Dignitaries, were the State Officers (R to L: State Treasurer John Deetjen, Jr.; State Deputy Norm Gray; State Warden Michael Giroux and State Advocate Jon Harvey)



Following the Officers were the District Marshals leading the new Sir Knights. The Knights on Bikes brought up the rear.



A special 4 p.m. Mass was held at Sacred Heart Church. District Friar Father Renald Labarre and Honoree Father Chris Piselli concelebrated. Deacon John Guerin of Holy Family Parish (Greenville) & Deacon Jeff Lewis of St. Michael's Parish (Augusta) assisted on the altar.



Host Faithful Navigator Mike Hammond welcomed everyone at the banquet. Following that, District Master Phil Lizotte awarded Michael (and Waterville Council 13486 Grand Knight Dan Henyan and State Warden Michael Giroux) with a plaque honoring their work.



Phil honored Father Labarre for his 17 years as District Friar. He retires as of 30 Sep 2017.



VSM Michael Donnelly honored Ray Sargent with a plaque for his 4 years of service as District Master. Thank you Phil & Deb Lizotte and congratulations to all who attended the event & our new Sir Knights !!!