



## *The Knightly Chatter*

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You seek  
Jesus  
of  
Nazareth,  
who was  
crucified.

He has risen!

Mark 16:6

## Chaplains Message: Fr. Dennis Wilhelm

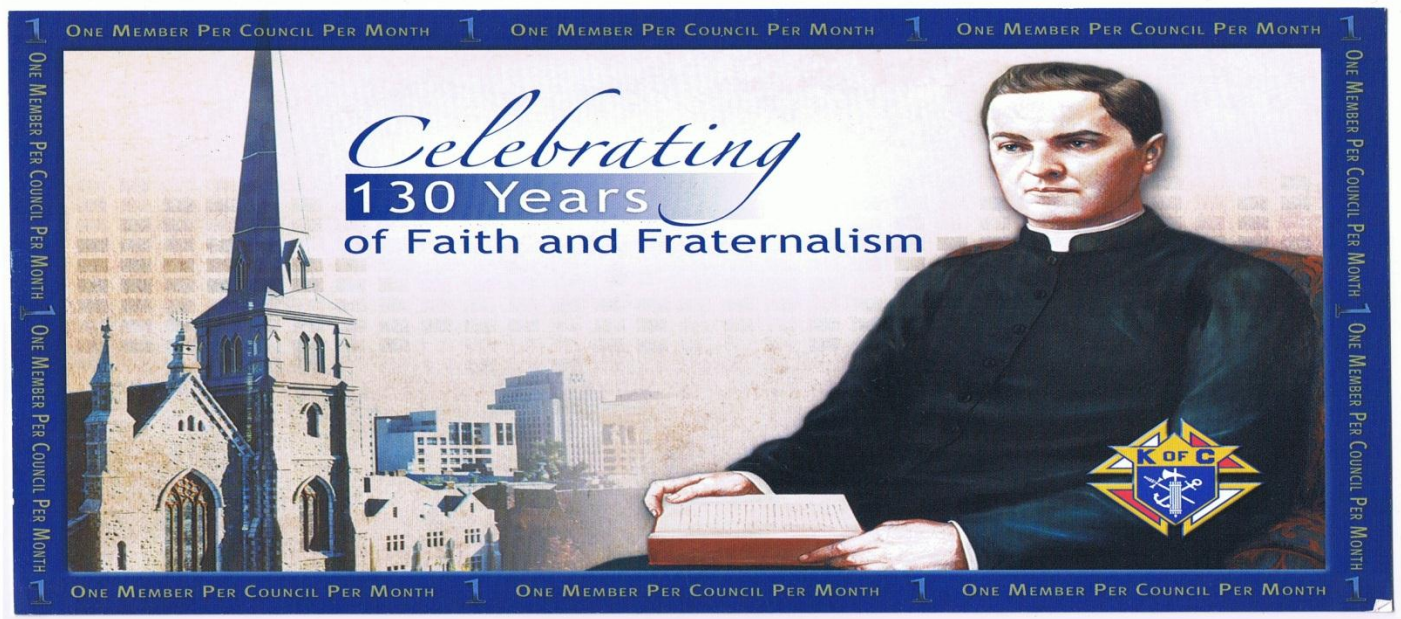


Dear Brothers;

I am writing this letter on a beautiful spring day even though it is not spring yet. We have been blessed this winter with an easy winter. It is hard to think that Easter is so close but it is.

Easter is a time of new life and a time of renewal. I think we are all in need of renewal from time to time. Lent is a time to prepare for it and Easter is a time of implementation. Just as we rejoice when a new life is born into the world, we too should rejoice in the new life that Jesus promises to give us all, eternal life. Have we prepared well? What have we done to serve our brothers and sisters? What have we done for the poor and the out casts? These are important questions we can ask ourselves. I wish all of you and your families a blessed and Holy Easter.

Fr. Dennis



# Grand Knight Message: Gerald Thibeault



## ARE YOU A FAN OR A TEAM PLAYER?

Many of us follow sports teams of many types; whether they be professional or amateur. From the Detroit Tigers down to you grandchild's T-ball team. The interesting thing for me is that a team is responsible not only for playing the game, but preparing, by practicing and training for the competitions ahead. Each participant plays a role in the team's success by scoring goals, making saves, catching the ball etc. Again each player shares in the failings; the losses, missed saves, errors on the field of play. As the saying goes "We win as a team and we lose as a team".

On the other side of the sports arena are the fans. They are the people who buy tickets, support the concessions and wear the uniforms of their favourite players.

Most importantly, they cheer for their favourite teams. It's interesting to note that the fans support their team when they are doing well and are quick to point out when the

team is failing. Everyone seems to have an idea as to what they would do better or different had they been part of the team or the coach.

Fans however, don't score goals, or for that matter take penalties. Unlike the members of the TEAM, fans don't play a direct role in the wins and losses, the success or failures of the team.

Just as in sports, the Knights of Columbus has a team. Lead by the executive officers from the Grand Knight to the Guards, we each play a role in the success of our local council and by extension the order as a whole. An integral part of the team are our program directors, who are responsible for assisting the executive with providing programs and services to the membership, as well as the community at large. Members who come to meetings also have a role to play on the TEAM; they are like the assistant coaches and advisors who keep the executive and directors on task and focused on our virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Bishop John T. Kidd Council 4924, is blessed with many supporters (dare I say FANS?) of our council. They are out there dutifully paying their annual dues and proudly calling themselves members of the Knights of Columbus. They are in the community looking to us for support of their programs and services. The problem is the fans don't play a direct role in the daily, weekly and monthly running of the council. A sports team needs its fan base to confirm that they are on the right track and doing well; the Knights and our council also need the support of our "fan base" to ensure the continued success and growth of the order and our council.

I would like to invite our fans to come out and support your team! Bring your ideas to the executive and the meetings. Let us know what you would like to see the council doing and what role we can play as part of the parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Your involvement will assure the continued existence and growth of council 4924.

In the coming months, the council and building committee will be holding elections for the new executive for 2012-2013. Elsewhere in this issue you will see a proposed list of nominees for the various positions on the council executive. If your name appears there, please consider running for that position or another one. If you are not successful, let me assure you that there is ample opportunity for you to participate in the various programs offered by the council, as well as other programs that we could offer if we had more members of the TEAM.

So the question begs, are you a FAN of the Knights of Columbus or do you want to be a part of the TEAM? Please give this some thought and I look forward to seeing you at our next meetings on April 4th, May 2nd and June 6th.

Fraternally,

Gerald Thibeault PGK FDD

Grand Knight

## Deputy Grand Knight: Jesmond Tabone



Spring has final Sprung. Spring is the time of year where we start to spring clean around the house and start new projects around the house and more often Spring is also a time of change and reflection. What kind of change are we talking about; well the change in the current guard may be one thing to think of. In May we have our annual elections and I encourage those who have been nominated for a position to give it some serious thought and stand for election. I know over the past few years there has been a ton of change, and we all know change is a part

of life that we have to deal with every day. So please consider taking a seat at the executive table and if you are unable to take a seat at the executive table there are many other things you can do around the council and I urge you to step forward. The success and survival of our council is all of our responsibility.

Last evening I attend the information session at Our Lady Guadalupe, and it sure was an eye opener. Just to summarize what was presented, the Parish is in need of repairs such as the roof and windows. There will be a town hall meeting on April 18, 2012 and I will be in attendance that evening to represent of interest. Know I have given you a very brief summary of what is needed. So I strongly urge everyone to avoid any rumours and speculation on what is going on until the Parish has a final plan in place. From what I have seen it looks like a great plan and we as a council will do what we can based on the input from our members. At this time I ask that we pray for a sound plan and pray for those who are tasked to design and deliver the plan to the parish.

I look forward to seeing everyone in May for our steak dinner and elections. Dinner will be at 6pm and the cost will be \$15.

Wishing you all a happy and holy Easter Season

Vivat Jesus

Jesmond Tabone  
Deputy Grand Knight

Congratulations to Brothers Gord Meloche, Roger Seguin and Leo Laforet for being Knights of the Month for January, February and March respectively. Photos of our Knights of the Month will be in our next edition of the Chatter.



### 7 Ways to Make Lent Joyful

- Start all prayers with praise
- Take time with God in a beautiful place
- Don't carry the world's pain on your back
- Fast for the sake of richer food- the daily Eucharist
  - Take flowers and a smile to a sick person
  - Reconcile with an estranged friend
- Complement someone for making the world better

## Pro-Life Directors report – Jerome Tshirhart

Our 40 days For Life Campaign has commenced from Feb 22 until April 14. Consisting of Prayer & Fasting & constant vigils to end abortion.

To continue with our series of articles regarding the tide turning in the battle for life

Over half of the United State abortion clinics have closed since 1993. No matter how much money, political strength, and media access the abortion movement has built up, they have not succeeded in removing the indelible stigma that is attached to abortion. In fact, the abortion industry's greatest fear is not the reversal of the laws legalizing abortion (or in Canada no law at all). But there won't be any doctors to do it. Few and fewer doctors want to perform the procedure. They consider abortionists to be the losers of the medical profession.

As abortion mills are closing, the pregnancy resource centres continue to open that go beyond pregnancy testing and includes their services of fully licensed medical clinics with profession standard of care and training to make sure everyone knows exactly where to turn for alternatives to abortion. There is a group in Windsor raising funds to establish one in our hometown. More on this later.

Yours for Life

*Jerome Tschirhart*

*Pro-Life Director*

### **Knights of Columbus Museum exhibition combines writings of Pope with paintings of Yale alumnus**

The Knights of Columbus Museum, in cooperation with the William G. Congdon Foundation, presents an exhibition of paintings by American artist William Congdon, together with a series of Lenten meditations written in the 1960s by Father Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI.

The Sabbath of History: William Congdon – Meditations on Holy Week opened Feb. 22 and continues through Sept. 16, 2012.

William Congdon (1912-1998) is regarded as one of the foremost painters of his generation. In the 1950s, his expressive images of urban landscapes caught the attention of critics and artists alike, who praised the intensity of his vision and his unique form of abstraction. For Congdon, painting was a form of theology and an activity through which religious devotion could be enacted.

The exhibition is the most comprehensive overview of Congdon's art to date, with more than 65 works ranging from drawings the artist made during World War II to abstract paintings he completed in the final months of his life.

Pope Benedict XVI was born in Bavaria in 1927 and ordained a priest in 1951. He served as a theological advisor of Cardinal Joseph Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, during the Second Vatican Council (1962-65). It was soon after that he authored, for Bavarian Radio, the meditations featured in the exhibition.

"The Knights of Columbus takes pleasure in presenting the artwork of William Congdon, who studied here in New Haven at Yale University," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "His themes show a deep introspection and an appreciation for the transcendent. Together with the reflections of Pope Benedict, The Sabbath of History offers both an educational and inspirational exhibition

c/o [http://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/william\\_congdon.html](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/william_congdon.html)

## District Deputy: Shawn Robinson



I would like to extend my thanks to the brother knights who were able to come out and help with the District Free-throw competition last month. Below is a list of the winners of the substance abuse contest as well as the free-throw competition, good luck to the winners in the next level.

Councils should be starting to go over their nominations for the coming elections, if nominated please think about standing. Remember the strength of a council not only relies on new members but also the current members

taking an active role in its future. On behalf my family and I we wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter.

Vivat Jesus

Shawn Robinson PGK

District Deputy #39

### Alcohol Abuse Awareness Winners

John Fishfish Age 8-11

Samantha Reneaud Age 12-14

### Drug Abuse Awareness Winners

Christina Middlemore Age 8-11

Taraleigh Luchner Age 12-14

### District Free-Throw Champions

Jasmine Atherton Age 10 St.

Christopher School

Alex Drouillard Age 10

St. Christopher School

Jerika Honsberger Age 11

St. Jules School

Mike McDonald Age 11

O.L.P.H

Natalia Glaz Age 12

St. Christopher School

Devin Davies Age 12 O.L.P.H.

Carla Colomba Age 13 O.L.P.H.

Jared Beens Age 13 St. Rose.

## District Warden: Ver Verzosa



Remember that our membership campaign is ongoing based in the 365 Program of the State Council, but this time of the fraternal year is the busiest regarding recruitment and retention. Plan ahead and give our friends and relatives a little talk about joining the Knights. Follow those prospects up as they may be waiting for you.

Remember that recruiting a new member per month will entitle you to receive a Blessed John Paul II Medallion for that month, or a

minimum of 4 new members will entitle you with the limited edition of the same Medallion with display stand. Degree dates will be announced later. Keep up the good work and let us open our eyes. A lot of Catholic gentlemen are just waiting for us. And lastly, Holy Week is upon us. Do not forget our obligation as Catholic gentlemen and families. So, in behalf of my wife, Terry and my whole family, I wish you all a Happy Easter.

Vivat Jesus,

Ver Verzosa, DW, PGK

### Renew what's important to you

Spring is a time for renewal. Trees and plants will soon be blooming, and many animals will shake off the cold and become active again. As the winter doldrums end, you'll be ready to get outside with your family, too, and be part of this renewal.

It is also a perfect opportunity to take a few moments to consider your goals and what's important to you and your loved ones. Are you planning to welcome a new child or sending one to college? Are you looking forward to retirement? Will you have enough money to accomplish these goals? What would happen if something happened to you?

What if a disability prompted you to take time off work?

Whether or not you have life insurance with the Order, I'll be happy to meet with you and examine how you can meet your needs and goals. If you've had any life changes since you last bought a policy (marriage, new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. Maybe an annuity, long-term care or disability plan appeals to your situation. Whatever the case, I'll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford.

When we meet, you'll discover that the time we spend together will be a commitment to your future and your family's well-being. Let's get together soon to renew your financial goals with the stable backing of the Knights of Columbus.

I'm at 519-257-5513 or 519-915-0566

Call me – let's talk.



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### ***"Be Not Afraid!"* Membership Campaign**

We are conducting the ***"Be Not Afraid!"* Membership Campaign** in honor of the Beatification of Blessed John Paul II. Participating in the campaign is easy! Every member should participate; all he has to do is **recruit new members!**

#### ***"Be Not Afraid!"***

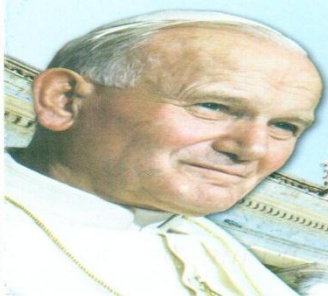
**Membership Campaign in Honor of the  
Beatification of Blessed John Paul II**

**Starts: December 1, 2011**

**Ends: June 29, 2012\***

Recruit 1 new member per month and receive a  
Blessed John Paul II Medallion for that month.

Recruiters that recruit a minimum of 4 new members  
will receive a large specially struck limited edition  
Blessed John Paul II Medallion with a display stand.



\*All Form 100s must be received at  
the Supreme Council Office by  
Noon on June 29, 2012.

# Upcoming Events



- March 28 Charities, Building Corporation and Executive meeting
- April 4 General Membership Meeting 7:30pm
- April 18 Charities, Building Corporation and Executive meeting
- May 3 Steak Dinner, General Membership meeting and elections 6:00pm \$15.00
- May 23 Charities, Building Corporation and Executive meeting.
- June 6 General Membership Meeting 7:30pm

Remember our fellow Brothers who have gone before us and keep them in our prayers. God of power and mercy, you have made death itself the gateway to eternal life. Look with love on our dying brothers, and make them one with Your Son in His suffering and death, that sealed with the blood of Christ, they may come before you free from sin. Amen



Joseph Victor "Vic" Boudreau 1925-2012



Message from the editor.

I hope that everyone is enjoying this and past editions of The Knightly Chatter. If you know of someone who is not receiving The Chatter please feel free to call me at 519-970-9535 or email me at [kofc4924@gmail.com](mailto:kofc4924@gmail.com). When contacting me please let me know who you are and who is not getting the Chatter and please include their mailing address or email.

To help keep costs down we ask that if you are able to receive the Chatter electronically (email) please contact me at [kofc4924@gmail.com](mailto:kofc4924@gmail.com) and I will add you to my list. As always if you wish to something in particular please let us know.

Yours in Christ  
Jesmond Tabone

# Brother Knights of Bishop John T. Kidd Council 4924

# NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2012 is the night of the General Meeting and Election of Officers for the coming fraternal year.**

On this date you will be making the most important decisions affecting Bishop John T. Kidd Council, and that is to cast your vote to elect the council executive officers. I URGE YOU TO ATTEND AND TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.

I would suggest you think of nominating very carefully. First ask the brother Knight if he wishes to run for a position. This not only saves time, but also saves the brother Knight embarrassment.

If you are going to run for office, think about it! Do you really have time? What does your family think about it? Can you give 100 percent and then some?

Brother, there are more than just two meetings a month. There are area meetings, seminars, working committees, public appearances on behalf of the council, visiting the sick, attendance at wakes and many other requests of your time. If you stand and are successful, you must be prepared to do the above.

If you plan to run, but are unable to attend this meeting, then you must have a "LETTER OF INTENT" submitted to the Grand Knight of Financial Secretary prior to the meeting.

## Building Corporation Report

At the April 4<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 General Meetings, there will be nominations for the Building Corporation to fill two (2) openings to complete a five (5) man board. The positions will demand sincere participation in all matters of the Building Corporation. If you wish to nominate a brother Knight to this office please ask him first if his intentions are to stand or decline. Don't nominate him for the sake of placing a name on the floor.

Also nominations and the election of officers will take place on Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The reason why the Building Corporation is having their elections a month later than normal is because the executive have to change their elections a month early so it can coincide with the rest of the councils in this district.

Sincerely yours  
John Bedard, President

## Nomination Committee Report for 2012-2013 Executive

Grand Knight  
Gerald Thibeault  
Jesmond Tabone

Recorder  
Bill Demers  
Val Hompoth  
Gil Bastien  
Keith Wilbur

Warden  
John Mcfadden  
Marek Tomczyk  
Reg Deshaies

Trustees  
Joe Doumani  
Bill Demers Jr  
John Bedard  
Phill Marcotte  
John Abbott  
Terry Benn

Guards  
Al Yaeck  
Jerome Tschirhart  
Leo Laforet  
Frank Maheux  
David Mailloux  
Marek Tomczyk  
Bob Ducharme

Deputy Grand Knight  
Jesmond Tabone  
Trevor Thomas

Treasurer  
Real Garon  
Bill Demers

Chancellor  
Gord Meloche  
Jerome Tschirhart

Advocate  
Roger Seguin

The above listed brother Knights have been nominated by the Nominating Committee. If you are unable to attend and wish to stand for office, a letter of intent must be given to the Financial Secretary or Grand Knight prior to the May 2<sup>nd</sup> general meeting. There will also be nominations accepted at the April 4<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings.

**YOU'RE VOTE COUNTS! YOUR SERVICE IS REQUIRED!**

# Good Friday in Canada

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Good Friday occurs two days before Easter Sunday. It is the day when Christians commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, which plays an important part in the Christian faith. It is also a statutory holiday in all Canadian provinces and territories except Quebec, where it is partially observed.

## What do people do?

Christians may attend special church services, even if they do not attend church regularly during the rest of the year. Good Friday is a day of mourning and quiet prayer among many Christians. The candles are often extinguished and statues, paintings and crosses may be draped in black, purple or gray cloth. Some Catholics observe a partial fast on Good Friday and do not eat any meat.

Hot cross buns are a traditional treat on Good Friday. These are small bread-like buns, made from dough that contains raisins, currants and other dried fruit. The top of a hot cross bun is marked with a cross and covered with a sugar glaze. The cross may be cut into the bun or marked with a special dough that remains pale even after it has been baked. Hot cross buns may be eaten as they are, split and spread with butter or toasted.

For Canadians who are not Christians Good Friday is the start of a three or four-day weekend. This is a welcome spring break, which some people use to visit family or friends. It is also a popular time to take a short vacation.

## Public life

Good Friday is a public holiday at a national level in Canada. Schools and many businesses and organizations are closed and many people have a day off work. Post offices are closed and in some areas, particularly in the provinces of Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador, stores are closed or have restricted opening hours. Public transport services many run to their usual or restricted timetables. In rural areas, public transport may close down completely.

In Quebec, Good Friday or Easter Monday are a statutory general holidays at the option of the employer. Schools and post offices are closed. Public transport services many run to their usual or restricted timetables. In rural areas, public transport may close down completely.

## Background

Good Friday is the day when Christians commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. This is an important event in Christianity, as it represents the sacrifices and suffering in Jesus' life. The crucifixion was the culmination of a number of events in Holy Week, including: the triumphal return of Jesus to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus; and the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday. [The Easter date](#) depends on the ecclesiastical approximation of the March equinox.

On Good Friday in 1964 (March 27), a large earthquake occurred when a fault between the Pacific and North American tectonic plates ruptured. The epicenter of the earthquake was near Prince William Sound in Alaska, USA, but also caused a tsunami. This damaged or destroyed more than 400 homes in communities on the west coast of Vancouver Island, including Port Alberni and Zeballos.

## Symbols

The most important Good Friday symbol is the crucifix, or cross, which represents the way Jesus died. Some crosses bear a figure of Christ. Other symbols of Good Friday include black cloth used to cover the cross, paintings and statues in churches and some homes to signify mourning. In addition, some people deliberately create a bare appearance in their homes and churches by removing all flowers and shiny objects.



Fun pictures from our Heart and Stroke Fundraiser on Saturday February 25. We raised a total of \$560 for Heart and Stroke. A cheque was presented by the Deputy Grand Knight Jesmond Tabone to Michelle Allan who was our guest speaker that evening. Lots of fun was had by all. A special thanks to all those who helped out.



Photos from our Annual Corporate Communion on March 9. We had coffee and doughnuts after mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall. Special Thanks to Dean Langlois Assembly for providing the Colour Guard. After mass there were lots of good conversation and lots of laughs. Also some recruiting started to take place with The Grand Knights Grand Son....He is eager to become a Knight like Pepe.



### Why become a Knight?

In today's world, many Catholic men are looking to fulfill their desire to spend meaningful time with their family, to serve their community and their Church, and to grow in their faith. Joining the Knights of Columbus provides these men and their families with volunteer opportunities and activities that accomplish these goals. If you are such a man who is dedicated to making a difference, then membership in the Knights of Columbus is for you.

Additionally, the Knights of Columbus also offers a portfolio of top-quality life insurance, long-term care, and annuity products exclusively for members and their families.

### Who are the Knights?

Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church.

Knights share camaraderie with men who hold values similar to yours. Knights are involved with your community; they support your local Catholic Church and its causes, while deepening their faith; and they believe in protecting and enhancing their family life.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic lay organization with more than 1.7 million members in 13,000 councils located throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Poland, and several other countries.