

The Knightly Chatter

Riverside Knights of Columbus Bishop John T. Kidd Council # 4924

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December/January 2013

Joy to the world the Lord has come



Please note that there are TWO VERY IMPORTANTS NOTICES in this edition of The Knightly Chatter.

Please ensure you familiarize yourself with them.

Chaplains Message: Fr. Dennis Wilhelm

Dear Brother Knights;

Hard to get a handle on writing a Christmas message. It seems that we just finished summer. First of all I want to thank you for your generous donation to have the roof of our Hall repaired. It is good to know that we are water tight. Thank you.

Christmas is such a special time in so many ways. I hope we all realize that. The most important way is that our God really wanted us to know about him in a more complete way. How did He do that? By wanting to experience our human nature. He wanted to experience everything that we experience in our everyday life. So He came into our world they same way we come into the world, as a child. Not with any fanfare or extravagance. Really He came in poverty. He came with almost nothing except the love of Mary and Joseph. So as we gather with our families to celebrate Christmas we have to be mindful of what we have and be grateful for all of it. That is God's Christmas gift to us. On behalf of myself and our staff we wish each and everyone of you and your families a very blessed and holy Christmas and prosperous New Year filled with God's blessings.

Peace

Fr. Dennis

Grand Knight Message: Gerald Thibeault

Is it just me or is it cold outside?

The fall/winter season is a sad time in a way, leaves turning brown and then falling (just daring us to rake them up?). It's also a time of renewal; the end of the current year coming quickly and then, the promise of a new year and all of the things it will bring.

Pope Benedict XVI had declared this new church year "The Year of Faith". Winter is a time to reflect and work towards what will be coming in the future. I will simply pose this question, what kinds of things are we doing to renew our faith in our daily lives.

The Knights of Columbus are an order of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, where are these ideals in our daily lives and how are these ideals leading us to stronger faith? Those who have recently participated in our degrees have this fresh in our mind. My heartfelt congratulations to all of our new members and a special thanks to all the sponsors.

There are many activities coming up in the month of December and opportunities to share in the fraternal benefits of the Knights of Columbus and Council 4924. Please refer to the notices in this edition of the Chatter.

Let's take the time to put into perspective our faith as we participate in these events together as Catholic gentleman and families. Let us further renew our faith today so that we may grow closer to God in every aspect of our lives.

Sherri and I, along with all of our families wish you our Council family all the best during this Christmas season and in the New Year!

Fraternally,

Gerald Thibeault PGK FDD

Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight: Jesmond Tabone

Dear Brother Knights

WOW Christmas is just around the corner and the 2012 will come to an end. But 2013 will be a year of faith for our Church and our Council. I would like to ask everyone to take a moment and reflect on 2012 and then reflect on what we as Brother Knights can do in 2013 to make our Church, our Council, our Order and community a better to renew our faith. I don't have an answer on what we can do, but I am sure all of us as Brother Knights can come up with something together.

On January 6, 2013 there will be a 3rd Degree at St. Theresa's Council at 1:30pm. I urge our members and executive to attend this degree to renew our faith in our council and our Order.

Please note that in this edition of The Knightly Chatter there are some important notices. Please ensure that your read them and if you have any questions please attend our December 5 meeting to bring your questions forward.

Lastly there is a optional questionnaire at the end of this newsletter. I would like to encourage everyone to complete the questionnaire and return it to the council office. This questionnaire is completely confidential and it will help us know where we can make improvements.

On behalf of myself and my wife Dawn and all our families we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year

Vivat Jesus

Jesmond Tabone, Deputy Grand Knight

District Deputy: Ver Verzosa

At publishing time, degrees scheduled for the month of October and November must have all been done. Congratulations to all new members most especially to those who came from our own District. For the whole membership, keep in mind the "Power of One" to which we are urged to recruit *one member per council per month.*

A new incentive for council participation in the K of C Food for Families program had been put on. Retro-active to July 1, 2012, like the RSVP program, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 for every \$500 or 500 pounds of food that a council contributes to a parish food pantry, community food bank or a soup kitchen for a maximum refund of \$500 per council per fraternal year.

Take note of the Third Degree to be hosted by our District and Council 9793 on Sunday, January 6, 2013. Degree starts at 1:30 pm. Candidates must be in at least half hour before.

Reminders: Substance Abuse Poster Contest must be in to the District Deputy by January 25th for judging and forwarding to the regional level.

Basketball Free Throw must be done in the Council level within the month of January. The District level Free Throw will be on February 23, 2013 at Riverside Baseball at 2:00 PM.

In behalf of my wife, Terry, and the whole family, we wish everybody a warm and Merry Christmas. Please keep Christ in Christmas.

Fraternally, Ver Verzosa, DD District #39

If any Brother Knight or if anyone knows of any Brother Knight that is interested in joining the Rt. Rev. W.J Langlois Assembly and has not been through the 4th degree exemplification please contact the Worthy Faithful Navigator Br. Tom Ray at tomray1944a@yahoo.ca or 519-948-7964.

District Warden: Jules Santarossa

DEAR BROTHER KNIGHTS

MY WIFE LYNN AND I WANT TO WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

REMEMBER THE POWER OF ONE, ONE NEW MEMBER EVERY MONTH. THE NEXT THIRD DEGREE IS JANUARY 6, 2013 AT ST. THERESA CHURCH, CANDIDATES AT 1:00 PM, DEGREE AT 1:30 PM.

Fraternally yours, Jules Santarossa District Warden

Pro-Life Directors report – Jerome Tshirhart

We delivered 1,025 defund abortion pamphlets covering eight streets in the Riverside area. Special thank to fellow Knights, Real Garon and Trevor Thomas who spent 2.5 hours of their time getting the message out. Also thanks go out to Michael and Jeannie Cowan and Bill Kowaliw who were part of our team. Another pro-life motions in before Parliament, Motion 408 which condemns' discrimination against females occurring through sex selections pregnancy terminations (abortions), an environics poll showed 92 percent of Canadians thought is should be illegal.

The next series of articles will focus on the strategic thinking of the pro-life movement.

Jerome Tshirhart Pro-Life Director



On October 6, 2012 Members, family and friends of Bishop John. T Kidd Windsor (Riverside) under the direction of Br. Jerome Tschirhart Pro-Life Director delivers 1025 defund abortion pamphlets as part of our pro-life campaign.

Above photo left—right

Michael & Jeannie Cowan, Bill Kowaliw , Real Garon and Trevor Thomas

Fraternal Advisor Report: Eric Sylvester

What happens to my RRSP or RRIF if I die?

When you die, the value of the funds in your RRSP will be included in your income and will be taxed when your final tax return is filed at your marginal tax rate. However, if you have a surviving spouse, the RRSP may be rolled over tax free to the survivor, who then becomes the annuitant or holder, of the RRSP.

If there is no surviving spouse, a tax-free rollover may be made to a <u>dependent</u> child or grandchild, who may use the funds to purchase an annuity with a term not exceeding 18 years, minus the age of the child.

What does this mean to you? It means that close to half of your RRSP or RRIF money will be paid in taxes, before your children even see one cent. Many members are shocked to see how their final estate will be whittled down by probate, capital gains and other estate taxes. The Knights of Columbus, has been providing Estate Planning solutions to it's members for decades and makes this advice available free to all members. Let me help you plan for the future so you can minimize the effect of the "tax-bite" that the government has planned for your estate. With a simple, informal visit I can help you uncover potential tax implications in your program, and assist you in planning a proactive plan of action. As a Member this advice is free and with no obligation to you.

If it concerns you that the taxman in Shawinigan will see more of your estate than your children...call me! If you are not sure if you will have a tax implication upon death...call me! If you are concerned that you will leave debt rather than an estate to your family...call me!

Call me anytime to discuss your situation. I want to hear from you.

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PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.
THEY NEED US. WE NEED THEM.
Vocations Are Everybody's Business

JESUS NEEDS YOU,
DON'T SAY NO!!
Vocations Are Everybody's Business

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 519-970-9532 or email me at kofc4924@gmail.com. When contacting me please let me know who you are and who is not getting the Chatter and please include a 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 As always if you wish to something in particular please let us know.

Please note the urgent notice regarding The Knightly Chatter later in this edition.

Yours in Christ

Jesmond Tabone

The Knightly Chatter Editor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2012 Dates:

<u>Sunday December 2:</u> Children's Christmas Party Noon St. Rose Hall. Deadline to register children is November 18 Contact Mike LaButte at 519-944-2658 or mlabutte@cogeco.ca

<u>Wednesday December 5:</u> General Membership meeting 7:30pm. Christmas Social and Fraternalism after the meeting. Don't forget your can goods.

Saturday December 15:

Christmas Turkey and trimmings Dinner. St. Rose Hall. Cocktails 6:00pm. Dinner: 7:00pm. Cost \$20.00. Limited number of tickets will be sold. Deadline to purchase tickets is December 7th Contact Jesmond Tabone at 519-970-9532 or jtabone1973@gmail.com

Wednesday December 19: Building Corporation, Charities and Executive Meeting. 7:00pm

2013 Dates

<u>Wednesday January 2:</u> General Membership pizza dinner meeting. Dinner at 6:00pm \$5.00 per person. Meeting at 7:30pm. Don't forget your can goods.

Wednesday February 6: General Membership meeting at 7:30pm. Don't forget your can goods.

<u>Thursday February 21</u>: Windsor Spitfire Game. \$55 per person get you tickets to the game suite and appetizers. Game time 7:00pm

<u>Saturday March 2</u> Fundraiser (Charity TBA) St. Rose Hall. Cocktails 6:00pm. Dinner: 7:00pm. Cost \$20.00. Limited number of tickets will be sold. Deadline to purchase tickets is February 16

<u>Saturday April 13:</u> Members Appreciation Dinner St. Rose Hall Time TBA.

A sincere thank you to Our Lady of Guadalupe C.W.L for taking care of preparing and setting up of the wonderful desserts for bout our Installation of Officers and Memorial mass.



Upcoming Bingo Dates: at



December 2nd – Sunday - 10:45pm to 12:45am

December 6th - Thursday - 10:45 pm to 12:45am

January 5th - Saturday - 6:45pm to 8:45pm

January 19th - Saturday - 6:45pm to 8:45pm

January 30th - Wednesday - 10:45pm to 12:45 am

We are in need of volunteers to help work 2 hours at a bingo session. Working these sessions are not like they used to be. The work is very minimal. If you are able to help please contact Bro. Bill Demers at 519.974.0081. Without these Bingo date there are many programs and projects that we would not be able to have. Your help would be truly appreciated.

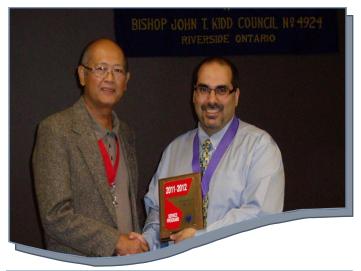
GOD CALLS US TO SERVE HIM

Vocations





On October 14 we held our annual family picnic at St. Rose Hall. Special thanks to Br. Mike LaButte and his wife Cathy for all their hard work and imagination in putting this years event together. Everyone had a great and scary time. Also thanks to all the Brother Knights and volunteers who helped out.



At our October General Membership meeting our Worth District Deputy Ver Verzosa presented the Columbia Award for 2011-2012 Fraternal Year.

Accepting the award is DGK Jesmond Tabone



At our October General Membership meeting Brother Trevor Thomas chairperson of the Safety Patrol Appreciation Day presented our council with a certificate of appreciation for our donation to the event.

Accepting the award is DGK Jesmond Tabone



It was an honour for DGK Jesmond Tabone to present Br. John Mcfadden with Knight of the month for October. Thank you John for all your hard work and dedication to our council



It was an honour for GK Gerald Thibeault to present Br. Mike LaButte with Knight of the month for November. Thank you Mike for all your hard work and dedication to our council

Memorial Mass was celebrated on Sunday November 11th 2012

OUR LADY of GUADALUPE CHURCH 834 Raymo Rd.

MASS Was Celebrated by: Chaplain Fr. Dennis Wilhelm

Since our Memorial Mass of 2011, we have lost 9 Brother Knights

DEPARTED BROTHER KNIGHTS

Gary Proulx December 11,2011

Victor Bourdeau February 4, 2012

Charles Ouellette March 14, 2012

Andre Roy April 8, 2012

Rolland Breault April 11, 2012

Peter Bedard April 15, 2012

Ray Renaud June 28, 2012

Ron Atcheson September 14, 2012

Amedee Janisse October 19, 2012



<u>WE HAVE LOVED THEM IN LIFE: LET US NOT FORGET THEM IN DEATH!</u>

URGENT NOTICE REGARDING THE KNIGHTLY CHATTER

At the November 7th, 2012 General Membership Meeting a motion was put forward and passed by all in attendance that Effective the July 2013 edition of the Knightly Chatter will not be mailed out to members unless requested to. The Knightly Chatter is available online at www.kofc4924.com or you can receive it by email or by coming out to our general meetings to pick one up. This motion was put forward in an effort to cut cost's for our council.

Please select one of the options below.

- I would like to receive The Knightly Chatter by email. (please email us at kofc4924@gmail.com with your name and email address)
- I would like to continue to receive The Knightly Chatter at home. (please complete the form below and return to the council office at Bishop John T. Kidd Council 891 St. Rose St. Windsor On N8S 1X4 attn.: Jesmond Tabone

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Old Calendar: The Nativity of Our Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Birth of Jesus Christ, the first day in the octave of Christmas. Throughout Advent the Church longed ardently for the coming of our Savior. Today she celebrates His birth with unrestrained joy. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." The Son of God became man to give us a share in that divine life which is eternally His in the Blessed Trinity. Christmas time begins on December 24 with the first Vespers of the feast and ends on the feast of the Baptism of Christ. White vestments reappear in our churches as a sign of joy.

The Christmas feast is a festival full of joy. The Eternal Word has become Man and dwells among us. The longings of the patriarchs and prophets are fulfilled. With the shepherds we hurry to the manger and

adore the Incarnate Son of God, who for us and for our salvation descended upon earth. The purpose of the Christmas feast is beautifully expressed in the Preface of the Nativity: "For by the mystery of the Word made flesh the light of Thy glory hath shone anew upon the eyes of our mind; so that while we acknowledge Him a God seen by men, we may be drawn by Him to the love of things unseen."

During the Christmas season there is an extensive exchange of greetings and good wishes among friends. These greetings are a reminder of those "good tidings of great joy that shall be to all the people, for this day is born to you a Savior Who is Christ the Lord" (Lk. 2:11). They are a reminder, too, that all blessings and graces come to us from Christ: "Hath He not also with Him given us all things?" (Rom. 8:32).

During the Christmas season there is also an exchange of gifts. This custom should recall to us that on this day God Himself gave to us the greatest of all gifts, His beloved Son: "God so loved the world as to give His only begotten Son" (John 3: 16).

The Christmas tree, of which the first-known mention was made in 1605 at Strasbourg, was introduced into France and England in 1840. It symbolizes the great family tree of Christ which through David and Jesse has its roots in Abraham, the father of the chosen race. It is often laden with gifts to remind us that Christmas brought us the priceless gifts of grace and of eternal life. It is frequently adorned with lights that recall to us that Christ is the Light of the world enlightening those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Though not entirely unknown before, the custom of the Christmas Crib was adopted by St. Francis of Assisi at Greccio, Italy, on Christmas 1225. It is a concrete and vivid way of representing to ourselves the Incarnation and birth of Christ. It depicts in a striking manner the virtues of the newborn Savior, especially His humility, poverty, and charity.

Article borrowed from http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2012-12-25

Knights of Columbus 2013 Annual Charities Raffle tickets for the Arthritis Society are now on sale. Tickets are sold as follows. Tickets are \$2.00 a piece or 3 tickets for \$5.00. If you wish to buy your tickets please contact the office at 519-948-8282 or email us at kofc4924@gmail.com. Tickets will be available at all our meetings and functions. The draw will be held on May 19, 2013 6:00pm at the Annual State Convention.

URGENT. Proposed Change to membership dues Third Notice. This proposal was approved at the September 5 General Membership meeting.

To ensure the council meets its financial obligations the Executive is in support of the following changes in membership dues.

Regular Associates/Insured members \$55 from \$50

Retirees \$45 from \$40

Membership Dues

Honorary \$20 from \$10

Changes will be effective January 1, 2013 once passed by the membership.

Membership Dues	Please Remit membership dues to:						
The 2013 dues are being collected now	Bishop John T. Kidd Council 4924						
The dues schedule is as follows:	Knights of Columbus						
Regular\$50.00	897 St. Rose St.						
Retiree\$40.00	Windsor On						
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Honorary Member\$10.00	M .						
25 years of uninterrupted membership at age 65	NOTICE:						
Honorary Life MemberNo Fee							
25 years uninterrupted membership at age 70.	membership fees will apply effective January 1, 2013						
Any questions please call the Financial Secr							
Mike La Butte at 519-944-2658 or email m	labutte@cogeco.ca						
IMPORTANT:							
Notify The Financial Secretary promptly in case of	change of address.						
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Council Assessment Form

Please complete this questionnaire to help assess member satisfaction with our council's activities and projects. Please return completed forms to:

Jesmond Tabone DGK, 891 St. Rose St. Windsor On N8S 1X4.

All responses are confidential unless you choose to provide your name.

1. Do you feel welcome in the Knights If no, why not? (Please mark all that ap		□Yes □ No		
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2. Are various professions, ages, and e	ethnic backgro	unds represente	ed in the council?	☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Do you feel comfortable sharing ide		ns with council	leaders?	☐ Yes ☐ No
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☐ I have not been a member long enough				,
☐ I do not want to be perceived as a con		rtable approach	ing council leaders).
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Program Development and Planning	☐ Excessive	☐ Adequate	☐ Insufficient	
Public Awareness	☐ Excessive	☐ Adequate	☐ Insufficient	
Fundraising	☐ Excessive	☐ Adequate	☐ Insufficient	☐ Not Aware
Spirituality	☐ Excessive	☐ Adequate	☐ Insufficient	☐ Not Aware
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☐ Increased variety of topics at me		Fewer projects More social time			
☐ More volunteer opportunities ☐ More leadership opportunities		More willingness	to try new appro-	aches	
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13. Is there anything else you wou	ld like to see ch	nanged?			
If you would like to be contacted to	discuss your res	sponses (optional)	, please provide y	your name and contact info	ormation

Thank you for taking the time to complete this assessment and for your commitment to improving our council.

Please return completed forms to:

Jesmond Tabone DGK, 891 St. Rose St. Windsor On N8S 1X4 or email kofc4924@gmail.com_.



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.

Return to: Bishop John T. Kidd K of C Council 4924

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