

December /January



The Knightly Chatter

Riverside Knights of Columbus

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This focus on the true meaning of things, on *what* we are rather than on what we do, is what the Nativity Scene is all about



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Grand Knights Message

Brothers,

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the events of the last year.

Personally, as most of you may be aware, I faced some very serious health concerns. With many prayers and good wishes, I continue my recovery and look forward to improvements in 2012.

Our council has experienced changes on the executive especially with the election of Br. Jesmond as our Deputy Grand Knight. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with him and to provide more activities for council members to enjoy during this fraternal year. Already we have gone to a Spitfires game in Sept.; a great family picnic in September; our installation of officers; and just recently a very special memorial mass and breakfast. Many who participated, enjoyed these activities and if you weren't able to take part I hope that you will take advantage of upcoming events.

On the horizon, are our annual Christmas banquet on Dec. 17/11 at St. Rose Hall, cost and details are advertised elsewhere in the bulletin. This banquet takes the place of our usual December meeting night with our wives; please purchase your tickets early from Br. Jesmond. Tickets are also available through Br. Mike La Butte at the council office. Also on Dec. 4/11 we will be hosting our annual children's Christmas party at the hall from 1pm to 4 pm. I invite all our members to come out and enjoy this fantastic family day with your fellow brothers and their families. Please make every effort to register your children or grand children prior to this day, as it makes planning go much easier.

Into the new year, we will be attending another Spitfire game and plans are underway for a special Valentine's day function.

The only thing missing to ensure the success of all these events is your participation.

During this Christmas season, we all take time out to share warm feelings of appreciation for one another. May your homes be filled with laughter, friends, family and most of all LOVE. On behalf of Sherri and myself as well as the entire Thibeault family, we wish you a joyous Christmas, and a wonderful New Year in 2012!

Vivat Jesus!

Gerald Thibeault PGK-FDD
Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knights Message

Brothers

Tis the Season of Good Will towards all men. Why is it only this season? Should we not have Good Will towards all men all year round. I for one do try to have Good Will towards all men, but I will admit it can be difficult to do so with varying opinions on how things should be run or how things should go or which team is better. So I will make a concerted effort to do so not only during the Christmas Season but all year around and I invite you Brothers to do the same. So here is the million dollar question. What the heck is Bro. Jesmond rambling about? Well this is what I'm rambling about. In the past two years we have gone through a lot to ensure the continued success of our council and thus far it has not been to bad. It could be better and it will be better. How will it be better? Well we have to all remember that a K of C Council is not about bricks and mortar, but about Fraternity, Unity and Charity. We do not need a fancy building to do be Fraternal or to Unite or to have Charity. It is you and me and all of our Brothers that make us a council. So in saying that I ask that we all put aside our differences on our current location or where we should be and work together as a council and to continue to make our council the best it can be.

As you can see from our Events Calendar we have a long list of events coming up. And the only way we will be successful in our charity work is with all of our attendance at the different functions. If there is something you would like to see done please feel free to let anyone on the executive know and we will endeavour to try and make it happen.

I would like to thank everyone who helped organize the Children's Christmas party and the member's party this year. With out your help we would not have been able to make it all come together. Tickets are still available for our members dinner and the Spitfire Game. Give me a call if you are interested in other of them at 519-970-9532 or email me at jtabone1973@gmail.com

I would like to extend my apologies in regards to the December General Membership meeting. Due to circumstance beyond my control I will not be in attendance and I will not be able to make homemade pizza. Rest assured the executive will ensure a great dinner meeting non the less. I ask for all your prayers during my absence during that meeting.

On behalf of myself, my wife Dawn and the entire Tabone family we wish you a Heart felt Merry Christmas and joyous New Year.

Vivat Jesus

Jesmond Tabone

Deputy Grand Knight

Remember our fellow Brother who has gone before us and keep him 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

Edward "Eddy" Skalnek
(April 4, 1928 - November 20, 2011)



An Advent Reflection

We live in a world in which bigger and better define our expectations for much of life. We have become so enamored by super size, super stars, and high definition that we tend to view life through a lens that so magnifies what we expect out of the world that we tend not to see potential in small things. But as the prophet Zechariah reminds us (Zech 4:10), we should not "despise the day of small things," because God does some of his best work with small beginnings and impossible situations.

It is truly a humbling experience to read back through the Old Testament and see how frail and imperfect all the "heroes" actually are. Abraham, the coward who cannot believe the promise. Jacob, the cheat who struggles with everybody. Joseph, the immature and arrogant teen. Moses, the impatient murderer who cannot wait for God. Gideon, the cowardly Baal-worshipper. Samson, the womanizing drunk. David, the power abusing adulterer. Solomon, the unwise wise man. Hezekiah, the reforming king who could not quite go far enough. And finally, a very young Jewish girl from a small village in a remote corner of a great empire.

It never ceases to amaze me that God often begins with small things and inadequate people. It certainly seems that God could have chosen "bigger" things and "better" people to do His work in the world. Yet if God can use them, and reveal Himself through them in such marvelous ways, it means that He might be able to use me, inadequate, and unwise, and too often lacking in faith that I am. And it means that I need to be careful that I do not in my own self-righteousness put limits on what God can do with the smallest things, the most unlikely of people, in the most hopeless of circumstances. I think that is part of the wonder of the Advent Season.

I am convinced that one of the main purposes of the incarnation of Jesus was to provide hope. While most people today want to talk about the death of Jesus and the Atonement of sins, the early Church celebrated the Resurrection and the hope it embodied. It was a proclamation of a truth that rang throughout the Old Testament, that endings are not always endings but are opportunities for God to bring new beginnings. The Resurrection proclaimed that truth even about humanity's greatest fear, death itself.

Both the season of Advent and the season of Lent are about hope. It is not just hope for a better day or hope for the lessening of pain and suffering, although that is certainly a significant part of it. It is more about hope that human existence has meaning and possibility beyond our present experiences, a hope that the limits of our lives are not nearly as narrow as we experience them to be. It is not that **we** have possibility in ourselves, but that **God** is a God of new things and so all things are possible (Isa 42:9, Mt 19:26, Mk 14:36)

God's people in the first century wanted Him to come and change their oppressive circumstances, and were angry when those immediate circumstances did not change. But that is a short sighted view of the nature of hope. Our hope cannot be in circumstances, no matter how badly we want them or how important they are to us. The reality of human existence, with which the Book of Job struggles, is that God's people experience that physical existence in the same way that others do. Christians get sick and die, Christians are victims of violent crimes, and Christians are hurt and killed in traffic accidents, bombings, war, and in some parts of the world, famine .

If our hope is only in our circumstances, as we define them to be good or as we want them to be to make us happy, we will always be disappointed. That is why we hope, not in circumstances, but in God. He has continually, over the span of four thousand years, revealed himself to be a God of newness, of possibility, of redemption, the recovery or transformation of possibility from endings that goes beyond what we can think or even imagine (Eph 3:2). The best example of that is the crucifixion itself, followed by the resurrection. That shadow of the cross falls even over the manger.

Yet, it all begins in the hope that God will come and come again into our world to reveal himself as a God of newness, of possibility, a God of new things. This time of year we contemplate that hope embodied, enfleshed, incarnated, in a newborn baby, the perfect example of newness, potential, and possibility. During Advent, we groan and long for that newness with the hope, the expectation, indeed the faith, that God will once again be faithful to see our circumstances, to hear our cries, to know our longings for a better world and a whole life (Ex 3:7). And we hope that as he first came as an infant, so he will come again as King! (See The Second Coming)

My experience tells me that those who have suffered and still hope understand far more about God and about life than those who have not. Maybe that is what hope is about: a way to live, not just to survive, but to live authentically amidst all the problems of life with a Faith that continues to see possibility when there is no present evidence of it, just because God is God. That is also the wonder of Advent.



December 4 Members Children's Christmas Party 1:00pm

December 7 General Membership Pizza 6:00pm: Dinner Meeting:7:30pm

December 17 Christmas Banquet Cocktails 6:00pm Dinner 7:30pm \$15.00

All are welcome

December 21 Charities, Building Corporation and Executive meeting

January 4 General Membership Dinner: 6pm Meeting 7:30pm

(come out and watch the Deputy Grand Knight flip some pizza.)

January 15, 2012 1st & 2nd Degree's at St. Therese

January 15, 2012 Council Free Throw Championship 1:30pm -4:30pm

January 19 Spitfire Game 7:05pm

January 25 Charities, Building Corporation and Executive meeting

February 1 General Membership Meeting 7:30pm

February 25 Valentines Day Dinner Fund Raiser for Heart & Stroke

Tickets \$15.00

February 22 Charities, Building Corporation and Executive meeting

March 7 General Membership Meeting 7:30

March 11 Corporate Communion Mass 9am at Our Lady of Guadalupe

March 28 Charities, Building Corporation and Executive meeting

April 4 General Membership Meeting 7:30

District Deputy's Report

The Christmas season is fast approaching. A time to appreciate the ones we love and what we have. Take time to look around see if there are those in the community that you can help in some way. A random act of kindness during the holidays means so much to those who otherwise may not have been able to have an enjoyable holiday. As you read this we have wrapped our Coats for Kids program and hopefully we were able to provide some of the area children with a warm jacket to wear this winter. As we end the year I hope for great success to all the councils in 2012 and hope everyone has a safe holiday. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from my family to all of yours.

Vivat Jesus

Shawn Robinson

District Deputy #39

District Warden's Report

Congratulations to all candidates who underwent their First and Second Degree last Oct 23rd. Welcome to our Catholic fraternity and be an active participant and contributor to the Council and the Knights of Columbus at large.

Third Degree is scheduled for November 24 at Holy Name of Jesus in Essex, 146 Talbot St. S. at 7:15 P.M. Make sure to be there to attain your full Knighthood of the Order.

By the time of printing, a big preparation is undergoing for the pasta dinner for Coats for Kids. Your cooperation is highly appreciated and we thank the company in Leamington who donated the pasta for the event.

In behalf of my wife, Terry and the whole family, we wish every one of our brothers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Remember our obligation during the season and the responsibility of asking new members to your respective Councils.

Yours in Christ,

Ver Verzosa, DW, PGK

Knights of Columbus 4924 Mixed Bowling League started September 12th from 6:30 pm – 9:00pm at the Super Bowl. Spares are still needed.
Call Cathy Mc Guinness at 519-945-7663.



A Message From Your Fraternal Counselor:

Brothers, fall is almost over and as we approach this winter. I thought it might be a good idea to summarize some of the fantastic things going on in the Knights of Columbus financial side of things. I plan to visit your Council this year to describe these as well as the other benefits of the Knights in greater detail.

LIFE INSURANCE - The Knights of Columbus currently has one of the top ranked insurance programs in North America. We have outstanding Term, Whole Life, Mortgage & Estate Planning insurance, with some of the lowest premiums in the industry. If you are currently holding life insurance with any other company or are currently looking for insurance, give us a call...you will not be disappointed.

GUARANTEED INVESTMENTS - The Knights of Columbus are in a position to offer members RRSP, RIF, Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA) or Non-Registered investments on a GUARANTEED basis. We are currently paying a **MINIMUM lifetime guaranteed** rate of **3.00%** for 1 year. These investments are creditor proof and probate free as well.

LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE - (LTC) is a program that pays for nursing care in your own home, assisted living facility or nursing/long term care facility. The strained Canadian health care system is not able to fully provide for seniors who are faced with the enormous cost associated with a long term care disability (whether physical or a cognitive impairment). Now the Knights are in a position to help when a Brother or his spouse find themselves in this unfortunate situation. Our program is considerably less expensive and is significantly more comprehensive than the commercial companies' policies.

DISABILITY INSURANCE- Our Brand new Income Armor program will replace income to Member families in the event of a disability. If you are NOT covered by your employer or are a contractor, entrepreneur or self employed you should seriously consider income protection insurance.

ASSISTANCE SERVICES- Do you have questions about an impending retirement or about a potential estate tax liability? These are all areas that I can help you with and I provide these services to Members and their families for FREE! We also assist in your time of need if there is a death in your immediate family. We can and will assist in several ways here are just a few:

I will assist, if needed, with funeral arrangements.

I will notify the Council so they may assist you and the family.

If needed, I will assist in any financial matters.

I will assist in filing claims with all companies if you wish.

I will submit on your behalf for all pertinent CPP survivor benefits, Old Age security benefits or any Veterans benefits if applicable.

We will do all of the above as an absolutely free fraternal benefit. All that is required is that you or your family request assistance.

Please remember, this is YOUR fraternity. We were established in 1882 to protect our Members and their families in their time of need. We are still here 129 years later doing just that. If you have not met with me in the past or if it has been a while, give me a call and take advantage of all your fraternity has to offer.

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Chancellor Report

I would like to thank all those who participated, attended and cooked at our Annual Memorial Mass on Sunday November 20th at OLOG Church with a breakfast that followed at St. Rose Hall. A special thank you goes out to St. Yvonne Parent for a very inspiring talk after our breakfast.

This even is getting more poorly attended each year, and we may have to reconsider whether we continue with it. It's a lot of work for everyone involved for so little participation. Please think about this for next year's ceremony. Thank you.

Gord Meloche Chancellor

Brother Roger Seguin Candle lighter and Brother Gord Meloche at the Memorial Mass. (below)





Saturday December 17, 2011. All are welcome

Riverside Knights of Columbus Council 4924

891 St. Rose St.

Cocktails 6:00PM and Dinner 7:00PM

Cost is \$15.00 per person

Menu

Turkey

Potato

Veggies

Bread & Butter

Dessert



Music and dancing after dinner.

Please contact Jesmond Tabone at 519-970-9532

or at jtabone1973@gmail.com for tickets.

Deadline is December 10, 2011

***Christmas comes but once a year
Let's get together for some holiday cheer***

***We will Eat, Drink be Merry!
to celebrate the holiday season***

Chaplains Message

Dear Brother Knights;

It's the beginning of November and find it very strange that I am writing you a Christmas message. Why would I find it strange in writing about the birth of our Saviour at any time of the year? It should be a joy to write to you about such an event and it is. Whenever something significant happens in our lives or our world, it has an effect on us. With happy occasions we celebrate and with not so happy events we empathize. The Birth of Our Saviour certainly is a happy event and the world rejoices, at least most of it. We have been given a great gift, a gift that will last forever. As Catholic men, how do we receive this gift and what do we do with it. Hopefully we express gratitude for it and we share it with others. That is what Christmas is all about and that is what I encourage you to do with this incredible gift. I wish to express my gratitude for all that you do that is charitable and good and wish each and every one of you and your families a very blessed and holy Christmas.

Fraternally yours,
Fr. Dennis

Membership Dues

The 2012 dues are being collected now

The dues schedule is as follows:

Regular.....\$50.00

Retiree.....\$40.00

(not employed on a part time basis.

Honorary Member.....\$10.00

25 years of uninterrupted membership at age 65

Honorary Life Member.....No Fee

25 years uninterrupted membership at age 70.

Any questions please call the Financial Secretary

Mike La Butte at 519-944-2658

IMPORTANT:

Notify The Financial Secretary promptly in case of change of address.

Make cheque payable to :

K. of C Council 4924

Name _____

Amount \$ _____



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Knight of the Month

It was the privilege of the Grand Knight Bro. Gerald Thibeault to honour our brothers for all the selfless and hard work they put in for our council and the good of the order.

October Knight of the Month Brother Reg Deshais

November Knight of the Month Val Hompath

Congratulations Brothers don't stop doing the great work that that you are doing for all of us.

May God Bless you all.

We apologize that there are no photo's of the Knight of the month recipients. They will be in the next edition of The Chatter.

Pro-Life Report

Over 2000 people attended a defund abortion rally at Queens park. Over 80 million dollars a year in Canada is spent on abortion and indirect costs are probably ten times that amount. With those direct funds we could have hired 1066 additional nurses, 533 doctors & 53 MRI machines. Why are we paying public funds for personal choices?

The flow of Conversations

It is going from pro-abortion to pro-life there is, for example, an international organization of former abortions providers-doctors, nurses, technicians, security guards who repented of their killings and become pro-life. They are called the society of centurions. The late Bernard Nathanson one of the founders of the abortion industry in the USA. Became an outstanding pro-life advocate. Norma McCoruey, the Jane Row of Row vs. Wade (The law used to legalize abortion in the states) converted.

With the notable exception of some politicians , individuals notorious for abandoning their principles for votes or praise from the media elitists. The flow of conversions is in one direction--- that is from death to life. There is great hope as we approach the season of hope. Keep Christ in Christmas. Merry Christmas

Jerome Tschirhart

Pro-life Director

Saturday February 25, 2012. Valentines Fundraiser for



HEART &
STROKE
FOUNDATION

Riverside Knights of Columbus Council 4924

891 St. Rose St.

Cocktails 6:00PM and Dinner 7:00PM

Cost is \$15.00 per person

Menu

Roast Beef

Roasted Potato

Veggies

Bread & Butter

Dessert

Silent Auction

Guest Speaker

Please contact Jesmond Tabone at 519-970-9532
or at jtabone1973@gmail.com for tickets.

Deadline is February 18. 2012



Congratulations to all our Brother Knights who were installed to our Executive on October 16, 2011. Here are a few pictures from the installation



Council Free Throw Championship

January 15, 2012

1:30pm-4:30pm

Riverside Baseball Centre

Volunteers Needed please contact Trevor Thomas at 519-944-1880





RIVERSIDE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BISHOP JOHN T. KIDD COUNCIL 4924

**Presents
Windsor Spitfire Game
Thursday January 19, 2012**



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**The cost is \$55.00 each which includes
ticket in a**

Luxury Suite, Snacks and Soft drinks

Contact

**Jesmond Tabone at 519-970-9532 or
519-257-0442**

Email jtabone1973@gmail.com

**All are welcome
Deadline is January 10th 2012**

Golf League Information

K of C 4924 Golf League

2012 Organization Meeting

Saturday April 14, 2012

1:00p, Tecumseh K of C

Lesperance Road

Agenda:

Elections 2012 Executive

Green Fee, League Fees

Rules review/changes

Other Business.

Golfers intending to play please attend .

New Golfers Welcome

The 44th Annual International

Golf Tournament

June 10 thru June 15, 20102

Northern Kentucky, Greater Cincinnati area.

Host Hotel- Cincinnati Airport Marriott

Entry Deadline- April 15, 2012

Information Contact

Fred Martin 519-948-0843 or Peter

Lemon 519-948-4674

Note from the Editor:

Time are changing and we must move forward into the future! Some of our member would like to receive the Chatter to their email. Anyone wishing this means can forward their email address to me, jtabone1973@gmail.com. This would save the council some money in the cost of printing and also for postage. You will be taken off the mailing list and you must inform me of any changes. Also if you know someone who has not been receiving the Chatter due to a change of address (member or widow) please have them contact me or the Financial Secretary to update their address.

Also check us out on Face book. Up coming events and information about our council will be posted there on a regular basis.

Thanks everyone for your support.

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