



The Knightly Chatter

Riverside Knights of Columbus

Bishop John T. Kidd Council # 4924

891 St. Rose St Windsor On N8S 1X4

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February/March 2013



Dear Lord, As we enter this Solemn and Holy Season, we pray that you would send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might prepare ourselves for these coming 40 days of Lent. Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth and ashes, we do seek to humble ourselves so that we can understand the magnificence of Your Love for us as You humbled Yourself and gave Your Life on the Cross that we might receive the gift of Eternal Glory with You. AMEN.

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Chaplains Message: Fr. Dennis Wilhelm

Dear Brother Knights;

I hope all survived the holiday season and also hope that it was a time of blessings and grace for you all. I wish to thank the Knights for your generous gift to me at Christmas. It was greatly appreciated. It will be Lent in just less than a month. We are once again asked by the Church to prepare for this Holy season. The preparation is a bit different in that this time we prepare to enter into a more somber time, a time to share in the Passion of the Lord in a very real way. Many of us have crosses to bear in this life and some are very heavy. This is how we share in the Passion of Christ. How we carry our crosses is of great importance. Do we carry them in dark despair, and hopelessness or do carry them in the hope of the Resurrection? I pray that we all see the value in the suffering that we do. It is not in vain. God bless you all and your families.

Fraternally

Fr. Dennis

Grand Knight Message: Gerald Thibeault

Happy New Year!

So, what does 2013 have in store for us? Oh so much can be had if we just let it...may the spirit of the Christmas season just celebrated, remain in our hearts throughout each day of this year.

Our annual Christmas dinner was a great success. There were so many people out to enjoy this event. The meal was fantastic, and the mood jovial. Congratulations to our Knight of the Year Br. Gord Meloche and our Family of the Year Trevor and Bonnie Thomas. Thanks and a great job to the coordinators of this event and anybody who helped in any way.

The Children's Christmas party was very well received with over 60 children and families attending. . Br. Mike and Kathy LaButte organized an afternoon of crafts and fun activities enjoyed by all, ending with a visit from that Jolly Old Elf himself... SANTA CLAUS!!!! The children took turns sitting on Santa's knee and we enjoyed listening to the many different requests for Christmas. Santa gave each and every child a toy and some sweet treats. Nobody was disappointed. Thank you at all who helped with this event.

The major groups using the hall at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church met in December. With the changes happening with the St. Rose site it makes perfect sense to put a plan in place to relocate the council hall and office activities to the Guadalupe site. We will keep the membership informed as we get closer to putting a plan in place to make this happen. More details to follow.

I truly hope that many of you Gave and received the gift of Forgiveness for Christmas. I ask you to continue to practice, Patience, Tolerance and forgiveness in the upcoming year.

Please continue to support your council and our activities.

Pray for vocations and for our deceased members.

Fraternally,

Gerald Thibeault PGK FDD

Deputy Grand Knight: Jesmond Tabone

Dear Brother Knights

Happy New year all. Cannot believe Christmas is behind us and soon we will be in the Lenten Season. During the Lenten Season I would like to challenge everyone to find a way to spend more time with God. I know we all try and give something up like fast food, chocolate or something like that. Just remember that Lent is not the great slim down time. It is a time for all of us to make a sacrifice and become closer with our Lord and Saviour. I for one will do my best to meet this challenge.

As for council business we have a lot going on, please refer to the Mark your calendar page in this edition of The Chatter to see what is going on. I would also like to thank all brother knights who have helped out the council in one way or another. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Lastly we are closely approaching the end of our 2012-2013 Fraternal year and we will have elections in May for a new executive. I ask that everyone think seriously of sitting on the executive to help move our council forward in this new era we find ourselves.

Vivat Jesus

Jesmond Tabone, Deputy Grand Knight

District Deputy: Ver Verzosa

Congratulations to fully-invested Knights last January 6, 2013. Active involvement is the best way to know more of what the Knights of Columbus is. Give a small part of your time and donate a little of your energy and you will discover the true feeling of charity.

This year was proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI the Year of Faith. This is the opportunity to show that faith through charity. Everyone has the role of making our programs successful and to attain more success we have to bring more members. The more hands joined together, the easier our duties will become.

From now through June 30, 2013, each council will receive a \$9.00 credit for each member recruited. The same incentive applies for reinstatements and reactivations of members suspended prior to January 1, 2013. So with additional members, you don't only help the council grow but add more financial support for its projects.

I will announce further dates for 1st and 2nd degrees as a Third Degree is coming up this Spring. More charity programs not only help the people in need around us but also a tool for other men to join our honored organization.

Vivat Jesus,

Ver Verzosa, DD



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.

Called by Name

Prayer for Vocations

Compassionate Heart of Jesus, Graciously listen to your prayers. Give us generous hearts to respond to your call in our lives. Lift up courageous men willing to follow after your heart as priests. Help parents and teachers to share the faith and to encourage young men to explore priestly vocations. Guide all people, Lord, in your ways of compassion, truth and peace, that we may find happiness in fulfilling our vocations. Amen.

District Warden: Jules Santarossa

I HOPE THE NEW YEAR HAS STARTED OUT WELL FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

WE MUST REMEMBER THE DIRECTIVE FROM SUPREME. THE POWER OF ONE. ONE NEW MEMBER A MONTH FOR THE YEAR

IT WAS A PLEASURE TO ATTEND THE LAST 3RD DEGREE HELD AT ST. THERESA COUNCIL AND WATCH 18 NEW KNIGHTS RECEIVE THEIR THIRD DEGREE. MAKE SURE YOU ATTEND THE NEXT ONE IN YOUR AREA.

Fraternally yours,

Pro-Life Directors report – Jerome Tshirhart

With this year's March for Life in the United States they are expecting 500,000 people. Our Canadian rally in Ottawa will be on May 9, 2013. With the approval of our executive I have many ideas for pro-life activities. Stay tuned!!

Now we examine what I believe should be the strategic thinking of the pro-life movement. Since 15 to 20 percent of the public opinion is consistently pro-life and about 15 to 20 percent is firmly pro-abortion, that leaves 60 to 70 percent is conflicted. By definition the conflicted believe abortion is a bad thing, but they believe it must remain legal (at least in general) because they fear the consequences of ending legal abortion. The conflicted know it is bad for the babies, but they think it is somehow good for the mothers. Therefore pro-life groups must engage in the task of making clear that abortion is never truly necessary showing that abortion is worse than the alternatives and providing the kind of service that demonstrates that the needs of the mother and child can be served together and in fact reinforce each other. One of the strategies that accomplishes this is an educational legislative and legal approach that reveals that the real conflict is not between mother and child, but rather between the family on one side and the abortion industry on the other. With legislation and education about a woman's right to know about the development of her child and the alternatives to abortion this helps achieve this goal and place us on the side of women and against the abortion industry. This will help move public opinion in the right direction.

(To be continued)

On Wednesday January 23, 2013 I presented an idea on how we can help the pro-life movement in our community. With the executive's approval we will be launching a pro-life activity.

Sister Linda Dube is establishing a home for women with a crisis pregnancy. We will be commencing a Lenten project called "Bottle for Life" Baby bottles will be passed out at the February General Meeting the request that fellow Knights fill up the bottle with loose change and return them to myself. If you require a receipt please place your name and address on a piece of paper and attach it to the bottle with an elastic band. . The name of the Charity that we will be supporting in this activity is Our Lady of Guadalupe home for mothers". This program is supported by Bishop Fabaro and the Windsor Denary. I hope to see as many knights take part of this activity.

Thank you all in advance.

Jerome Tshirhart

Fraternal Advisor Report: Eric Sylvester

Teach your children well

Raising children is probably the hardest job you'll ever take. It requires you to wear more hats than you ever thought possible. Cook, chauffeur, nurse, counselor and many more... and that's often in one morning. One of the most important roles you accept as a parent is that of a teacher. Before they even get to school, you'll teach your children so much, and before they get out into the world, you'll instill values that they will carry with them.

Sometimes the values you want to impart (respect, compassion, accountability, financial responsibility, etc.) often run counter to what our instant-gratification driven society values. So, we strive to teach by example.

This is one good reason to carry enough life insurance to protect your family. This one simple act can show what you value. You'll show them that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. You'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

It will teach them about priorities. Sure, it may not sink in at the time, especially if any of the sacrifices made prevent them from filling what they see as their immediate "needs" (really things they want, not need, like the newest DVD, video game or article of clothing). In the long run, they will learn from what you do and what you don't do. Only you can choose the lessons you will teach.

Let's meet to review your existing coverage. My needs analysis, provided free, will help teach you where your coverage may be lacking. We can plan today to secure your family's future and set in motion lessons that will last a lifetime.

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THEY NEED US. WE NEED THEM.
Vocations Are Everybody's Business**

**JESUS NEEDS YOU,
DON'T SAY NO!!
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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!

2013 Dates

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

Thursday February 21: Windsor Spitfire Game. \$55 per person get you tickets to the game suite and appetizers. Game time 7:00pm contact Jesmond Tabone at 519-970-9532

Saturday March 2: Fundraiser for the Windsor & Essex County Cancer Foundation Cocktails 6:30pm. Dinner: 7:00pm. Cost \$20.00. Limited number of tickets will be sold. Deadline to purchase tickets is February 22. Dinner will be at Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall. There will be great prizes for the silent auction. Thanks to our main sponsors Porter Airlines and Via Rail

Wednesday February 27: Building Corporation 7:00pm. Charities 7:30pm. Executive meeting 8:00pm

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

Sunday March 10: Corporate Communion 11am mass. Coffee and pastries after mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall.

Wednesday March 27: Building Corporation 7:00pm. Charities 7:30pm. Executive meeting 8:00pm

Wednesday April 3: General Membership meeting at 7:30pm. Don't forget your can goods.

Saturday April 13: Members Appreciation Dinner St. Rose Hall 6:00pm cocktails 7:00pm dinner

Wednesday April 24: Building Corporation 7:00pm. Charities 7:30pm. Executive meeting 8:00pm

Wednesday May 1: General Membership meeting at 7:30pm. Don't forget your can goods.

All general membership meeting are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Please attend. Building Corporation, Charities and Executive meetings held on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Br. Gord Meloche and Br. Rheal Garon at our Memorial mass in November. We remembered our Brother Knights who have gone before us.



Upcoming Bingo Dates: at



February 22nd - Friday - 10:45 pm to 12:45 am T

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March 8th - Friday - 6:45 pm to 8:45pm

March 23rd - Saturday - 10:45 pm 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



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 us at kofc4924@gmail.com or any executive member. 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.



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



It was an honour for GK Gerald Thibeault to present Br. Michael Shannahan with Knight of the month for January. Thank you Michael or all your hard work and dedication to our council.



At our December 15 Christmas Banquet Br. Gord Meloch was honoured as Knight of the Year.



At our December 15 Christmas Banquet Br. Trevor Thomas and his wife Bonnie were honoured as Family of the Year.

DEPARTED BROTHER KNIGHTS

WE HAVE LOVED THEM IN LIFE: LET US NOT FORGET THEM IN DEATH!



Joseph Cassar November 8, 1948—December 4, 2012



Terance Panter February 2, 1924—December 4, 2012

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

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.

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Ash Wednesday by James Akin

Q: What is Ash Wednesday?

A: Ash Wednesday is the day Lent begins. It occurs forty days before Good Friday.

Q: Why is it called Ash Wednesday?

A: Actually, Ash Wednesday is its colloquial name. Its official name is the Day of Ashes. It is called *Ash Wednesday* because, being forty days before Good Friday, it always falls on a Wednesday and it is called *Ash Wednesday* because on that day at church the faithful have their foreheads marked with ashes in the shape of a cross.

Q: Why do they have their foreheads marked with a cross?

A: Because in the Bible a mark on the forehead is a symbol of a person's ownership. By having their foreheads marked with the sign of a cross, this symbolizes that the person belongs to Jesus Christ, who died on a Cross. This is in imitation of the spiritual mark or seal that is put on a Christian in baptism, when he is delivered from slavery to sin and the devil and made a slave of righteousness and Christ (Rom. 6:3-18).

It is also in imitation of the way the righteousness are described in the book of Revelation, where we read of the servants of God (the Christian faithful, as symbolized by the 144,000 male virgins):

"Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God upon their **foreheads.**" (Revelation 7:3)

Q: Is there another significance to the ashes?

A: Yes. They also symbolize death and so remind us of our mortality. Thus when the priest uses his thumb to sign one of the faithful with the ashes, he says, "Remember, man, that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return," which is modeled after God's address to Adam (Genesis 3:19; cf. Job 34:15, Psalms 90:3, 104:29, Ecclesiastes 3:20). This also echoes the words at a burial, "Ashes to ashes; dust to dust," which is based on God's words to Adam in Genesis 3 and Abraham's confession, "I am nothing but dust and ashes" (Genesis 18:27). It is thus a reminder of our mortality and our need to repent before this life is over and we face our Judge.

Q: Where do the ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from?

A: They are made by burning palm fronds which have been saved from the previous year's Palm Sunday, they are then blessed by a priest -- blessed ashes having been used in God's rituals since the time of Moses (Numbers 19:9-10, 17).

Q: Is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation, that is, a day on which we are required to go to Mass?

A: No, it is not a holy day of obligation. However, it is strongly advisable since it is fitting to mark the beginning of penitential season of Lent by going to Mass. The formal, corporate worship of God is a good way to get a good start to the season. Also, even though it is not a holy day of obligation, it is a day of fast and abstinence.

Q: Why isn't Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation?

A: Holy days of obligation are either commemorations of particular events (such as the birth of Christ or the presentation of Jesus in the Temple), particular people (such as Jesus' earthly father, St. Joseph), or important theological concepts (such as the Kingship of Christ). Ash Wednesday does not commemorate any event (nothing special happened forty days before the crucifixion -- at least not that we know of), and could only be said to indirectly commemorate a Person (Christ) since it is the beginning of preparation for the greater celebrations of Christ's saving work, which follow, and although Ash Wednesday is a day of penance (like all of the days of Lent except Sundays, which are feast days no matter when they occur in the liturgical calendar since they celebrate Christ's resurrection), the Church has never chosen to make it or any other specific day the definitive commemoration of the concept of repentance.



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Riverside K of C 4924 Golf League

Organizational Meeting

Saturday April 13, 2013 at 1:00pm

Average Joe's 1286 Lauzon Road

Agenda

Election of 2013 Executive

League & Green Fees

Rules Review

New Business

New Golfers Welcomed

Knights of Columbus International Golf Tournament

Sealy Texas June 2013

For Information Contact:

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