



# Knightly Chatter



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March-April 2020

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## Upcoming Events

**General Meeting** Wed, March 4, 7:30pm St. Theresa's,  
**Corporate Communion** Sun, March 8, 10:00am OLOG  
**General Meeting** Wed, April 1, 7:30pm St. Theresa's,  
**60th Anniversary Council 4924** Sat, April 4, 6pm Caboto Club  
**MCD 39 7th Annual Fundraiser Cancer Centre Foundation**  
 Saturday, April 18, 6:00 – 11:30pm [Average Joes Banquet Hall](#),

Check website [Calendar](#) for details

## **Message from Our Chaplain**

This Lent, we in the North Central Windsor Catholic Family of Parishes have adopted a prayer as the basis for our Lenten reflection. The prayer reads as follows: *“Always pray to have the eyes to see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.”* I pray that this little prayer may take root in your hearts – and to begin to bear fruit abundantly.

Then, as we move from Lent into Easter, I pray that you may come to experience the full joy of Jesus’ resurrection. His triumph over the grave has given us a new life that will never end. Through His tremendous sacrifice, the power of sin and death has been overcome by His transforming love. Therefore let us celebrate the Easter Season with deep joy and gratitude. He has Risen – and so shall we! Alleuia!

**Fr. Len Desjardins**

## **Message from Our Grand Knight**

Brother Knights,

The Fraternal year is almost done.

It is election time, so let’s all get out and vote your next Fraternal executive on May 6.

There are a few big events coming up. Our big event as a council is our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on April 4 at the Caboto Club. Tickets are \$50. Call Jesmond at 519-992-2014 to get your tickets now.

The second event is the Cancer Center Fundraising Dinner on April 18 at Average Joes. Tickets are \$35. This features entertainers Crystal Gage and Ryan St Denis. Let’s all get out and support this good cause. Call Trevor at 519-995-0857 for tickets.

Here is a little prayer that I found inspiring

**Heavenly Father**

**You know every decision I need to make and every challenge I face.**

**Please forgive me for the time I try to figure this life out on my own.**

**I need You. I need Your holy spirit to give me strength, wisdom and direction.**

**Amen**

Vivat Jesus

David Lee Grand Knight

The March 2020 edition of the **Columbia** magazine has published a small article about our council on page 26.

## Message from Our District Deputy

Worthy Brothers,

This month I'm sharing a message from Tom McCaffrey, VP Fraternal Mission Excellence

Thank you for your significant contributions to the Church and our Order in these challenging times. You play a critical role in shepherding our councils through very important initiatives that will motivate more men to join us and live their faith in actions. Our new ceremonial and the Into the Breach video series, described below, are extremely valuable tools to help you succeed in making your councils the very best they can be. Please take the time to personally familiarize yourselves with these powerful materials and then promote them within your councils.

Into the Breach The Knights of Columbus has produced a 12-episode video series inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation, Into the Breach written by Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix. Each episode features a man's personal story and major Catholic figures such as Dr. Scott Hahn, Father Mike Schmitz, former NFL player Matt Birk, FOCUS founder Curtis Martin and others who break down and explore the virtues of Catholic masculinity. All episodes will premiere on Ash Wednesday at [kofc.org/intothebreach](http://kofc.org/intothebreach).

Growth Three Tips to Engage Prospects at Council Events Encourage councils to have a welcoming presence at all events. Council members should be willing to invite parishioners who are not yet Knights to join their council. Below are three simple tips to make invitations at council functions more successful. 1). Develop a Plan. Membership directors should develop a plan for each council function. They should identify specific members to serve as council ambassadors at each event. Plans should be based on the type of activity. For example, at an event with food, it might be good to have KofC branded placemats, whereas at other events, you may wish to hand out the "Why Join" brochure, a KofC branded prayer card (available through Supplies Online) or CIS booklet. 2). Utilize the Online Prospect Form. Council ambassadors should keep their message simple when approaching prospects. Rather than focus on 15-minute conversations about the Knights or getting a man to complete a Form 100, he should ask for an email and enter him into the Online Prospect Form. If a man is ready to join at the event, have him sign up online ([kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus)). 3). Follow Up in a Timely Manner. A council should follow up with any interested men within 24-48 hours of an event. This follow up should include a thank you for their interest, along with an invitation to any upcoming council events. Finally, the message should mention the next steps for joining the council, including the date and time of a council's next ceremonial. Faith in Action Work with your councils to finalize their plans for the Columbian Award (Form #SP-7). A well-balanced program calendar gets more members involved and allows your council's Faith in Action to have a greater impact in your parish and community. For more information, visit [kofc.org/faithinaction](http://kofc.org/faithinaction).

We are in lent and lent we should give something up to bring us closer to our Lord and Saviour. It's not the time for the great slim down. I encourage you all to take an extra 5 to 10 minutes a day for some silent reflection during lent on how you can be a better Catholic Gentleman and Brother Knight. I myself will be making this extra effort.

As always myself and your District Warden Bro Ray are here to help you.

Fraternally yours  
Jesmond Tabone PGK  
District Deputy 39

## From the Desk of the Treasurer

Approved Charity Items from General Meeting held on January 08, 2020

Most Precious Blood Council Annual Pig Roast cost \$110.00

St. Peters Seminary Appeal, Funds to assist Seminarians with Education Donation \$600.00

Mother Teresa Council 12494 Sunday Brunch, cost \$48.00

St. Theresa Council 9793 Annual Chilli Cook-off cost \$40.00

Sub- Total \$798.00

Sub-Total for Bills Paid \$1,038.02

Total Expenses for Month of January \$1,836.02

The General Meeting of February 05, 2020 was cancelled to allow 4th Degree Brother Knights to attend Visitation and Pray Service for Father Cartier who was Chaplain for Rt. Rev. Wilfred Langlois Assembly 1789.

Submitted by John Pawlowski, C.E.T.

## Ontario State Chaplains Bursary - Deadline May 1

The Knights of Columbus in Ontario recognizes the importance of Post-Secondary School education so the Ontario State Chaplains Bursary program was established to award to 5 successful applicants each year a Bursary of \$1,000.00 each. This program is available for **YOUTH** and **ADULTS**. It provides a bursary to assist Knights and members of their families entering the *first* year of a post-secondary education.

There are links on the [www.kofc4924.com](http://www.kofc4924.com) website Members page on the left under Forms to two bursary programs.

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## Upcoming Bingo Dates: at



Thurs Mar 12 8:45am - 10:45 John M & Trevor  
Thurs Mar 26 12:45pm - 2:45 Manuel & John B  
Sat Apr 11 12:45am - 2:45 Rheel & Ray  
Wed Apr 22 10:45am - 12:45 Manuel  
Sun Apr 26 12:45pm - 2:45 Ray & Cindy

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. Jesmond Tabone 519-992-2014

## Life Matters...

### Andrew J. Despins, Knights of Columbus Insurance

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New members are the life blood of our Order!

I think everyone agrees with that, don't you? New members give the council they join more manpower to accomplish the good works that the Knights are known for across the world. It gives the new member an opportunity to give back to his community and help his fellow man and maybe just as importantly, it infuses the council with new and fresh ideas.

Our approach to membership can be summarized in four points:

**Lead with Faith**—becoming a better Catholic man, father, and husband through prayer, study and encouragement from fellow brother Knights. Right here in this council you have a number of programs that speak to that.

**Serve Others**—This is where many of our councils excel...they do so much to support the local community needs. Councils like this one also help support our larger initiatives for the Order nationwide...even worldwide. Special Olympics, Coats for Kids, Global Wheelchair Mission...it's a long, long list!

**Defend Your Values**—From the March for Life to Christian Refugee Relief to the Ultrasound Program, new members can get involved in issues that are close to their hearts and have a dramatic impact on our hurting world.

**Protect Your Family**—This includes the Consecration to the Holy Family, our Family of the Month and Year and of course the protection afforded by our Order's highly rated insurance and saving products. Just last month I met with several of this council's members to update their Family Service Record and make sure their family is secure no matter what situation they face.

With so much good, why can membership be a challenge? Maybe it's been my approach. I often assumed other men would want to join to help us, the council. But shouldn't I be inviting men to join to help them? Help them along in their faith journey...help them discover the joy of being of service to others...help them become a better Catholic man?

So, the next time I ask a Catholic man about joining the Knights, I'm going to tell him about why I joined, what it's meant to me, how I'm better for it and how I hope I've made the world just a little bit of a better place because of my membership in the Knights. Then I'll ask him what he's looking for...I think no matter what he says, I'll have a solution for it...right here in this council.

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# What's My Vocation

Every Catholic has a vocation. In fact, as a member of the Church, every Catholic participates in the reality of “vocation” in three distinct but related senses.

First, there is the common Christian vocation that comes in Baptism. Our fundamental vocation, or call, is to be holy – to become saints! This can be expressed in various ways, but in general terms it means loving and serving God and neighbor and helping to carry on the mission of the Church.

Vocation also refers to a “state in life” or a way of being Christian – priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, and dedicated single life. States in life are the special, lifelong settings in which people live the baptismal vocation and their call to holiness.

Finally, there is personal vocation. The personal vocation of each one of us takes shape in the unique combination of talents, personal characteristics, relationships and life circumstances – including both our common Christian vocation and our state in life – that point to the special role God wants us to play in his redemptive plan.

When people speak of “vocation,” they usually mean vocation in the second sense – state in life. Most Christians are called by God to the married state, and some are called to the state of single laypersons living in the world. But Jesus also chooses certain men to act in his Person through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and the other sacraments; they are called to be priests. Others are called to a ministry of service as permanent deacons. And still others, both women and men, are called to what is known as consecrated life – a way of life marked by the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience – whose most familiar expression is religious life.

*"A vocation is a fruit that ripens in a well cultivated field of mutual love that becomes mutual service, in the context of an authentic ecclesial life. No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love. Did not Jesus say: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35)?*

*Let us dispose our hearts therefore to being "good soil," by listening, receiving and living out the word, and thus bearing fruit. The more we unite ourselves to Jesus through prayer, sacred Scripture, the Eucharist, the sacraments celebrated and lived in the Church and in fraternity, the more there will grow in us the joy of cooperating with God in the service of the Kingdom of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. And the harvest will be plentiful, proportionate to the grace we have meekly welcomed into our lives."*

*Pope Francis  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
May 11, 2014*

## Vocation Word Search Worksheet

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- 1) Baptism
- 2) Mystery
- 3) Pray
- 4) Grace
- 5) Celibacy
- 6) Purity
- 7) Promise
- 8) Talents
- 9) Discern
- 10) Apostle
- 11) Nun
- 12) Peace
- 13) Priest
- 14) Deacon
- 15) Brother
- 16) Sister
- 17) Serve
- 18) Gospel
- 19) Listen
- 20) Response
- 21) Anoint
- 22) Obedience
- 23) Poverty
- 24) Psalm
- 25) Chastity
- 26) Choice
- 27) Docile
- 28) Epistle
- 29) Vocation
- 30) Courage
- 31) Revere
- 32) Kneel
- 33) Pope
- 34) Gift
- 35) Bible
- 36) Love
- 37) Hope
- 38) Faith
- 39) Marriage
- 40) Vows
- 41) Zeal
- 42) Assent
- 43) Free
- 44) Joy
- 45) Act
- 46) Holy
- 47) Seed
- 48) Sanctity
- 49) Glory

# Supreme Knight Anderson's eulogy for Virgil Dechant

2/22/2020

## **Eulogy for Past Supreme Knight, Virgil C. Dechant**

**Delivered by Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson**

**Church of the Nativity**

**Leewood, Kansas**

The best tribute to Virgil Dechant can be found in the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel: "Well done good and faithful servant."

That is how I will always remember Virgil.

A good and faithful Catholic man, husband and father who touched the lives of millions, a man who by hard work and example helped show millions more the light of faith.

Many of us have known great men over the years. But Virgil stands out: he brought together the ability and vision to lead with a concern for those utterly forgotten.

For Virgil, loving God and neighbor were not abstractions. They were a rule of life that he lived concretely every day.

It is hard to encapsulate nine decades of life in just a few minutes. It's even harder when those nine decades were lived by Virgil Dechant.

What he accomplished was a testament to a life lived faithfully—to a great return on the talents God gave him, and to what we mean when we say "faith in action."

I would like to focus on just a few aspects of his legacy.

Virgil did many things for the Order—growing its membership and business, and making it a key partner in major Vatican restoration projects.

But for the Order, I think his most enduring – and endearing – legacy was his success—not as a businessman—but as a Catholic man who intuitively understood what was necessary to sustain this great brotherhood of Catholic men that is the Knights of Columbus.

The first was his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary—prayerfully bringing her image to millions through our pilgrim Icon program, introducing her Rosary into the ceremonials of the Order, and giving every new member a Knights of Columbus rosary.



“Mary with her knights... what challenge can we not face?” These words inspired a generation of knights—especially those committed to defending the sanctity of human life before birth.

The second is Virgil always remembered his studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum and his time there marked him with a special reverence and respect for the priesthood—there was no more heartfelt expression of his leadership as a layman in our Church and devotion to its sacraments than the phrase, “In solidarity with our priests.”

And third was a change which today is taken for granted but at the time was quite revolutionary: his work to shift the Knights of Columbus from a too inward looking men’s organization to one focused increasingly on strengthening Catholic marriages and family life. He was very proud of the changes he made to include our wives in so many Knights of Columbus activities.

Virgil understood a profound truth: no knight, whether in medieval times or in our own, can be all that he can be without his fair lady by his side.

So often when I have been asked about women joining the Knights of Columbus, I wanted to say, “Would you please just look at Virgil and Ann—how they are together? Do you not see that asking Ann to become a member would actually be a step back?”

That was the example that Virgil and Ann set and together they changed the course of the Knights of Columbus.

For Virgil, like Father McGivney before him, it was all about family. He cared deeply for his own family, for the family of the Knights of Columbus, for the Catholic family, and for the human family.

There are so many corporate accomplishments of which Virgil was rightly proud: professionalizing our agency force, putting our insurance products on a sound actuarial basis, modernizing our investments and securing a superior level of financial strength for the Knights of Columbus.

But on this day, at this hour, in this place we apply a different measure: one not bound by time or space.

We apply the measure of St. Paul.

Did he fight the good fight?

Did he run the race to the end?

Did he keep the faith?

In Virgil we saw a man with courage to defend those with no protector; a man with compassion for the poor and suffering—and a man who was true to those to whom he had pledged faithfulness or who were entrusted to his care.

In these ways and in many others, Virgil raised a standard to which every Catholic man could aspire—a standard that today shines brightly—and one that will continue to shine for many years to come.

Today, we pray that Virgil will be one of those of which the Prophet Daniel spoke. We pray that he will shine “like the stars for ever and ever” (Dan. 12:3).

Virgil is now at rest in the Kansas he loved so well.

But may we be forgiven if for a moment we think of Virgil as already enjoying a homecoming—being welcomed by friends who have gone before him such as Count Enrico Galeazzi, Cardinal John O’Connor, Mother Teresa, John Paul II and by millions of others who he never knew in his lifetime, but whose lives were changed for the better because of him.

O Lord, grant Virgil—who did so much for so many—eternal rest in you.



Here is a link to 14 minute video of his accomplishments including the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary convention with a US President and Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Casaroli, [https://players.brightcove.net/802593642001/y6FLila0f\\_default/index.html?videoid=6134254541001](https://players.brightcove.net/802593642001/y6FLila0f_default/index.html?videoid=6134254541001)