



## *The Knightly Chatter*

Riverside Knights of Columbus

Bishop John T. Kidd Council # 4924

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Website: [www.kofc4924.com](http://www.kofc4924.com)

March/April 2014



Bishop John Thomas Kidd 1868-1950



## Co-Chaplain: Fr. Matthew George

Dear Brother Knights (and families):

Welcome to Lent! While the parish will be focusing on the desert journey or “place” of the season, I want to put before our council the challenge of looking at the space of Lent in our lives. How much room do I and my family make for this holy season? I’m astonished to see the many TV shows (and professionals in our community) that are ready to help people clear out the clutter in their homes, and to see the homeowners – joyfully – rediscover their house, as if for the first time! Now, I’m not recommending that everyone throw their back out like the pain medication commercials on TV show so well; rather, I am suggesting that the question “What is going to make more room, more space in my life for Jesus and the Holy Spirit of God to act?” is an excellent starting point for discerning what my prayer, fasting & almsgiving should look like. Personally, I know I need to be more faithful in checking my email & phone messages every day (except the Lord’s Day – of course – and Monday, which we all know is National Priests’ Mental Health Day), so I am signing up for a daily meditation from Fr. Mark Barron’s Word on Fire Ministry. (Brother Knights may have heard about his smash hit series *Catholicism*, which was picked up by PBS and has really set the standard for video catechesis in our day.) If this sounds helpful for you, consider subscribing to it (for free) at <http://www.lentreflections.com/> Again, in whatever observance we take on, in whatever we get rid of in our lives, whatever we give to charity, the question for each one of us must be, am I making more space for God in my life? We’ll have a much happier, much more fruitful Lent this way! God bless you & your family.

*Vivat Jesu!*  
Fr. Matthew George,  
Co-chaplain,



## Grand Knight: Jesmond Tabone

Brothers,

As I start to write this I realize it is 3:00am. And I have no idea what to write

or say. Many of you have heard what I have to say and this edition of the Chatter shows a true store of how active our council has been and will be in the future. To keep going further we need your help. How can I help you ask? Well that is a simple answer. We can use your help at many different functions and events that we put on or you can be part of our member outreach project that is coming up soon. We will be reaching out to every single member to see what we can do to enhance our council and encourage feedback on what we can do to get brothers and families involved more with the council. So if you are willing and able to help out give me a call at 519-992-0331.

You will notice that we are much more active in the parish and I would like to thank Fr. Matt and the parish for inviting us to take part in the different celebrations that have gone on and what is coming in the future. Check out the upcoming events page for more details on what is happening at the council.

A brief update of Fr. Dennis Wilhelm. As of March 9 Fr. Dennis is doing well and is up and around walking. Please continue to pray for Fr. Dennis well being.

I have been asked why do I enjoy being Grand Knight and why do I do what I do. I would like to share a simple email from Br. Tom Ray after our Knight Night out on February 20

*“Jesmond & Dawn:*

*Marie and I would like to thank you both for setting up the Hockey Game last night. We both had a GREAT time. Again thank you for a great time.*

*Tom & Marie”*

So the simple answer is that I enjoy doing things that make people want to come out and be part of our council

A special thanks goes out to all brother knights and their lovely wives who helped out with all the events we have. I’m not going to name them all as I’m sure I will forget someone. Also thanks to the CWL for all their support in what we do. It seems that we are tied at the hip with the CWL and that is a good thing. Thanks to Br. Frank Forstner and the Ushers who helped out with the Pancake Supper

One last thing. Remember to invite your uncle, brother, son, nephew or any Catholic gentleman to join our Order.

Yours in Christ,  
Jesmond Tabone  
Grand Knight



## Deputy Grand Knight: Trevor Thomas

It's hard to believe that we are in March already. Where does the time go.

The council level basketball free throw was held on January 25 at Riverside Sport Centre. Two students from our council advanced from the district level Free Throw to the regional level. I would like to thank my wife Bonnie, son Terrance, daughter in law Jamie and our G.K. Jesmond Tabone for helping me out.

Brothers please mark your calendar for the Safety Patrol Appreciation Day on FRIDAY JUNE 20 / 2014 at LaCasse Park in Tecumseh. I will call all the volunteers in middle of April for your help.

If you know any young catholic gentlemen like your son, son in law, nephew, neighbour or some one at your parish who have not joined the Knights of Columbus please bring them to one of our charity events or the safety patrol appreciation day if they see what we do for our community they might like what they see and join.

Faternally yours

Trevor Thomas

Deputy Grand Knight



## District Warden: Jules Santarossa

Dear Brothers,

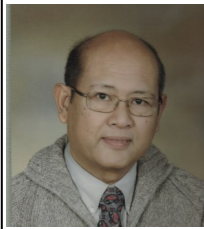
Keep up doing your programs and invite families to these programs and show the community what the Knights of Columbus are about.

This way we can increase our membership as men will join to be a part of us when they realize all the good we do in the community.

Our next first and second degree is Sunday March 16, 2014 at Father Victor C. Cote Council 9671 , candidates at 1:00 PM degree at 1:45PM

Jules Santarossa

District Warden



## District Deputy: Ver Verzosa

We, Knights, have an important obligation to our fellow Catholic men and their families. We are the visible example in the church and in the community so let

us keep this impression that we are good defenders of our faith and brave soldiers of charity. Through these, we can easily invite those men in joining us and show them the feeling of helping our neighbours.

It is now confirmed that Council 5350 will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on March 30, 2014 at the K of C hall, 62 King St. E, Harrow. All 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree members who had not taken the Third degree must be ready for their full Knighthood as we don't know the next schedule in our area. All councils must now line up the candidates.

The Ontario State Convention is fast approaching. Submit or apply all the necessary applications for the event. The recognition and awards are the pride of the council that can be a tool in attracting new members. So one, be one of those best performers in the province of Ontario.

It is now the time to look around who will be the next executives of the councils. Every position is important in running the programs, managing the council and planning events. Give it a point to be part of it. Do not be afraid as everything can be learned and former officers can help a lot in guiding you. We do not want to leave an empty chair this coming May elections.

Reminder that the London West Diocesan Association's bi-annual meeting will be hosted by Council 7744, St. Mary Parish, 95 Malborough St. in Blenheim. Representation of every council is very important.

Come March 5<sup>th</sup> will be the start of the Lent . Do not forget our obligation during this season and in behalf of my wife, Terry and my whole family, I wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Ver Verzosa, DD

District #39

### Members who are not well

Brothers if you are not well or know of a member who is not well please contact GK Jesmond Tabone at 519-992-0331 or Chancellor Jerome Tschirhart at 519-945-3177 and we will arrange a visit or prayer service.



## Pro-Life Director: Jerome Tschirhart

As a Lenten Project we are having our "Bottles for life" campaign again commencing with our March 5 General meeting. The home for women is now built and fully furnished, but requires for all other upkeep items. This could count as our community outreach project for "40 days for life"

Fr. Matt our Co-Chaplain has requested the Knights be involved in the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25. This would consist of Mass at 7:00pm and refreshments in the hall after mass with a short Pro-life talk.. This counts as our prayer project for "40 Days for Life"

Finally this Lenten Season with "40 Days for Life" with prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach commencing from March 5 to April 13, Abortion will end when hearts are converted to the gospel of life. Two of the above projects are part of the above Pro-life project.

Jesome Tschirhart  
Pro-Life Director

## REGISTRATION FORM

On Sunday May 4, 2014 at 11:00am Fr. Matthew George will celebrate a Marriage Renewal Ceremony for all married couples at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Personalized certificates from The Knights of Columbus and Fr. Matthew George will be distributed after the Mass in the Parish Hall .

**Please complete and return this form to the parish office by April 25, 2014 or complete the online form at [www.kofc4924.com](http://www.kofc4924.com). Any question please call Grand Knight Jesmond Tabone at 519-992-0331**

Print clearly the name of the couple, as it will appear on the certificate in one of the following formats.

**Please use proper names, no nicknames.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Format: Mr. & Mrs. John and Jane Smith

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years Married

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Province & Postal Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone#



"A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person."

*Mignon McLaughlin*



## Fraternal Advisor Report: Eric Sylvester

The promises of Million Dollar Round Table agents

I am proud to be a member of the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT), the leading association of life insurance and financial services professionals. A mere 6 percent of life insurance professional in North America can qualify to join this elite organization. Their Code of Ethics calls for member agents to “always place the interests of their clients above their own interests,” and to “give the best possible advice to clients by seeking to maintain and improve professional knowledge, skills and competence.” MDRT expects of their members exactly what you expect of me: exemplary sales practices, outstanding service and high ethical standards.

What does “exemplary sales practices” mean for you and your family? It means that I won’t simply try to push a policy on you. I’ll take the time to review your current coverage with you. I’ll ask questions about your needs, goals and budget. I’ll recommend a plan to help you meet your needs and move toward accomplishing your goals. Most importantly, I’ll answer your questions. I want your purchase to be an informed one.

The promise of “outstanding service” is not common in our service-driven world. Whether or not you purchase life insurance coverage through the Order, our relationship won’t end. Things like needs, goals and budgets change over a lifetime. What is an appropriate amount of coverage today may not be appropriate tomorrow. I’ll meet with you annually to make sure you and your family stay adequately protected.

Above all, our professional agents are held to the highest ethical standards. We are held to these by MDRT, by the Order and by ourselves. In a culture where big business ethics are often questionable at best, isn’t it reassuring to know that you can trust your insurance agent? As a brother Knight, I have the best interests of you and your family at heart. I’ll render that service, which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.

I’m at 519-257-5513 or [eric.sylvester@kofc.org](mailto:eric.sylvester@kofc.org). Call me – let’s talk.

Fraternally,

Eric Sylvester FIC

Member of MDRT

## Council Basketball Free Throw



**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**

# Notice of Executive Election

Please Read Carefully

Wednesday May 7, 2014 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 decision 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 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?

Brothers, 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 or the Financial Secretary prior to the meeting.

## **Building Corporation Report**

At the 2014 General Meetings, there will be nominations for the Building Corporation to fill three (3) opening to complete a five man board. The position 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 is 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 officers will take place on Wednesday June 4th, 2014

Sincerely yours

Bill Demers, President

## Nominations Committee Report for 2014-2015

### **Grand Knight**

Jesmond Tabone  
Trevor Thomas

### **Advocate**

Roger Seguin  
Tom Ray  
Reg Deshaies

### **Warden**

John McFadden  
Tom Ray  
Reg Deshaies

### **Deputy Grand Knight**

Trevor Thomas  
John Pawlowski  
Jerome Tschirhart

### **Recorder**

Terry Benn  
Real Garon  
Terrance Thomas  
John Pawlowski

### **Chancellor**

Jerome Tschirhart  
Gordon Meloche

### **Treasurer**

Bill Demers  
Joe Doumani

### **Guards**

John Pawlowski  
Danny Deshaies  
Gordon Meloche  
Roger Lapointe  
Reg Deshaies

### **3 Year Trustee**

Michael Shannahan  
Roger Lapointe  
Frank Forstner

## 2013– 2014 Executive

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Grand Knight	Jesmond Tabone	Dawn	519-970-9532H 519-992-0331C	<a href="mailto:jtabone1973@gmail.com">jtabone1973@gmail.com</a>
Deputy Grand Knight	Trevor Thomas	Bonnie	519-944-1880H 519-995-0857C	<a href="mailto:trevorthomas@gmail.com">trevorthomas@gmail.com</a>
Chancellor	Jerome Tschiriart	Judy	519-945-3177	n/a
Advocate	Roger Seguin	Lily	519-944-4212	n/a
Treasurer	Bill Demers	Claire Marie	519-974-0081	<a href="mailto:billdemers@primus.ca">billdemers@primus.ca</a>
Recorder	VACANT			
Financial Secretary	Mike LaButte	Kathy	519-944-2658	<a href="mailto:mlabutte@cogeco.ca">mlabutte@cogeco.ca</a>
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Warden	John McFadden	Brigitte	519-948-5466	<a href="mailto:brigittemcfadden@cogeco.ca">brigittemcfadden@cogeco.ca</a>
Guards	John Pawlowski	Vicki	519-944-6710	<a href="mailto:jpawlowski5@cogeco.ca">jpawlowski5@cogeco.ca</a>
Guards	Danny Deshaies		519-988-1416	
Guards	Gord Meloche	Shirley	519-979-9395	
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Trustee 2 year	Val Hompoth	Linda		<a href="mailto:balint47@aol.com">balint47@aol.com</a>
Trustee 3 year	Gerald Thibeault	Sherri	519-567-4924	<a href="mailto:gtibo56@hotmail.com">gtibo56@hotmail.com</a>

### Family Program

Just a reminder to bring canned goods to our general membership meetings. All can goods will be donated to the St. Vincent De Paul Society at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. Your support is truly needed.

### Ladies' night out.



Join us for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on Friday May 2 All ladies are welcome and need not be wives of Knights. We'll meet at Our Lady of Guadalupe hall at 6:00 pm for a social hour where light refreshments will be served. Then we'll carpool together and go to The Chrysler Theatre. For tickets and pricing information, call Dawn Tabone at [\(519\) 970-9532](tel:5199709532) or Brigitte McFadden at [\(519\) 948-5466](tel:5199485466).

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Membership Dues

The 2014 dues are being collected now

The dues schedule is as follows:

Regular.....\$55.00

Retiree.....\$45.00

(not employed on a part time basis)

Honorary Member.....\$20.00

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 or email [mlabutte@cogeco.ca](mailto:mlabutte@cogeco.ca)

### Prayer for Seminarians

Lord, bless those preparing for the priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of London.

May their hearts overflow with love and generosity, as they grow in wisdom and faith.

May their example inspire others to hear and answer your call.

Guide them as they discern and prepare for a life of service to your people.

Fill our seminarians with your peace and joy as they prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Mary, Mother of priests, pray for us  
St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests pray for us

[www.dolvocations.dol.ca](http://www.dolvocations.dol.ca)

### IMPORTANT:

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

Make cheque payable to :

K. of C Council 4924

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address, phone # and email address:

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Please Remit membership dues to:

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

Yours in Christ

Jesmond Tabone

The Knightly Chatter Editor



## UPCOMING EVENTS. JOIN US!!!!

Tuesday March 25: Solemnity of the Annunciation and Pro-Life Talk

March 29—April 2 Parish Mission Speaker Fr. Matthew George. Fr. Matt will speak at all the weekend masses Mon. Tues, & Wed. he will speak at morning mass with coffee and discussion to follow in the hall. Evening sessions at 7:00 p.m. and reconciliation on the last night.

Sunday May 4: Marriage Renewal Ceremony 11:00am Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. See Registration form on page 3.

May 11—15 :Icon of the Immaculate Conception will be here. More info to follow on services

May 10 & 11th: Rose Sunday.

Wednesday May 7 Steak dinner/Elections( members only) \$15.00 St. Rose 6:00pm.

Saturday May 24: Member Appreciation Dinner St. Rose Hall. Dinner at 7:00pm

Saturday June 7. Wine Tour and Dinner \$60 per person. Wine Tour and Dinner. Trolley leaves Our Lady of Guadalupe at 11:30am Sharp. Dinner at 6:30pm. Those who wish to attend dinner only cost is \$15. For more information contact Jesmond at 519-992-0331

### Bingo Dates

March 11th Tuesday - 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm

March 26th Wednesday - 8:45 pm to 10:45 pm -

Come out and support our council at Paradise Gaming Centre. If you are able to assist in working Bingos please contact Bill Demers at 519-974-0081.

### General Meetings

Wednesday Apr 2

Wednesday May 7

Wednesday June 4

### Executive Meeting 7:30pm

Wednesday Mar 26

Wednesday Apr 23

Wednesday May 28

Congratulations to Tom Ray, Bill Demers and Jerome Tschirhart for being awarded Knight of the month for January, February and March.



Congratulations to Mike & Kathy LaButte, Peter and Bev Lemon and Reg & Barb Deshaies for being awarded Family of the month of January, February and March.



Wishing all our brother's a happy and wonderful Birthday. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you.



### March Birthdays

John F Dolan  
 Jerry T Mascarin  
 Joseph A Glazewski  
 Robert R Henry  
 Fred J Martin  
 John Pawlowski  
 Robert Liburdi  
 Edward H Jewell  
 Richard J Morand  
 David L Couvillon  
 Peter C Gervais  
 Vincent J Liptok  
 Donald H Strong  
 Maurice A Desmarais  
 Philippe C Alexander  
 Joseph P Kriz  
 Raymond J E Lussier  
 Joe Stenger  
 Raymond H Bourdeau  
 James G Shaheen  
 Jeffrey M Bianchi  
 Ronald P George  
 Shawn P Boutette  
 Patrick J Chenard  
 William J Demers  
 Melvin J Kwiatkowski  
 Joseph Ernest  
 Robert K Grondin  
 Louis J Saddy  
 William Dunbar  
 Joseph Fata  
 Edward J Yardy  
 Dorval Cadieux  
 Steve J Repmann  
 Daniel Bianchi  
 Earl G Campbell  
 James T Sullivan  
 David F Cecile  
 Larry F Attard  
 James E Farrar  
 Terry C Benn  
 Joseph Bianchi  
 David J Quesnel  
 Glenn Norval Le Capelain  
 Albert J Sasso

### April Birthdays

Richard H Bondy  
 Lloyd C Dunn  
 Richard D Hebert  
 Constantine Bach  
 Mike T Mc Cann  
 Gerald Plante  
 Richard O Gagnon  
 James Cheslock  
 Wilfred Rivait  
 Terence H Tuer  
 Michael R Hebert  
 Gilles R Parent  
 Roger J Lapointe  
 Wasim Matlub  
 Richard W Stooke  
 Bob T Gilbert  
 Julien Deshaies  
 Michael J Hello  
 Randy T Reaume  
 Joseph M O Brien  
 Timothy M Dube  
 Donald A Cote  
 Ferris T Gauld  
 William D Mc Guire  
 Jack M Dupuis  
 Eric Sylvester  
 Kevin A Abbott  
 Larry J Levesque  
 Rustam N Thomas  
 Kenneth J Ouellette  
 Lawrence S Savard  
 Ronald L Cullen  
 Leonard Pare 04  
 Dino Paul Salvador  
 Robert H Mayea  
 Gerald L Parent  
 Leo L J Savard  
 Patrick J Caulfield  
 Henri Marchand



***Come Wine and Dine with us.***

***When:*** June 7

Trolley to Depart OLOG Hall at 11:30am

Dinner at 6:30pm

***Where:*** OLOG Hall

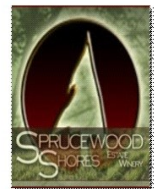
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Essex County Wineries

***Cost:*** \$60.00 Tour and Dinner

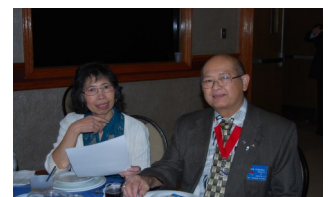
***Dinner only*** \$15.00

For tickets call Jesmond Tabone at 519.992.0331



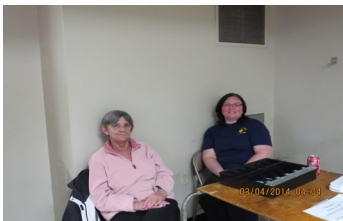
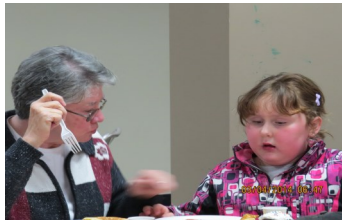
Teacher: Can you see God?  
 Class: No  
 Teacher: Can you touch God?  
 Class: No.  
 Teacher: Then there isn't a God!  
 ..... "Student raises their hand"  
 Student: Can you see your brain?  
 Teacher: No  
 Student: Can you touch your brain?  
 Teacher: No.  
 Student: oh okay, so you don't have a brain?

On March 1, 2014 a wonderful evening was had this past Saturday at the SOLD OUT Knights of Columbus Multi-Council District 39 Dinner Fundraiser. The dinner was hosted by three K of C Councils: Bishop John T. Kidd, St. Vincent de Paul and Fr. A. Nolan. \$3700 was raised for the Foundation's Patient Assistance Fund! Many thanks to everyone who attended and to the event committee





On Tuesday March 4, 2014 The Council along with the Catholic Women's League and The Ushers Club of Our Lady of Guadalupe held a pancake supper to raise funds for Our Lady of Guadalupe Building fund. We had over 100 people come through and we raised a total of \$410 for the building fund. Thank you to everyone who came out.





## Introduction to the Annunciation of the Lord:

The feast of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrates the angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:26-38), his announcement that the Blessed Virgin had been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord, and Mary's *fiat*—her willing acceptance of God's holy plan.

### **Quick Facts**

**Date:** March 25, unless that date falls on a Sunday in Lent or at any time during Holy Week. **Type of Feast:** Solemnity.

**Readings:** Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

**Prayers:** The Hail Mary; The Angelus

**Other Names for the Feast:** The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### History:

Originally a feast of our Lord, but now celebrated as a Marian feast, the feast of the Annunciation dates back at least to the fifth century, and the date of the feast, which is determined by the date of Christmas, was set at March 25 by the seventh century.

The Annunciation, as much as or even more so than Christmas, represents Christ's Incarnation. When Mary signaled to Gabriel her acceptance of God's Will, Christ was conceived in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit. While most of the Fathers of the Church say that Mary's *fiat* was essential to God's plan of salvation, God foresaw Mary's acceptance of His Will from all eternity.

The narrative of the Annunciation testifies powerfully to the truth of the Catholic tradition that Mary was indeed a virgin when Christ was conceived, but also that she intended to remain one perpetually. Mary's response to Gabriel—"How shall this be done, because I know not man?" (Luke 1:34) was universally interpreted by the Fathers of the Church as a statement of the Mary's resolution to remain a virgin forever.

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## Annunciation Definition and Summary

The **Solemnity of the Annunciation** commemorates the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary that she would conceive Jesus, and the conception of Jesus by the Holy Spirit. The feast is March 25th, 9 months before Jesus' birth at Christmas.

The **Annunciation** falls exactly nine months before Christmas

The Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary dates back to at least the 6th century, and is mentioned between AD 530 and 533 in a sermon by Abraham of Ephesus. In the West, the first authentic reference is in the *Gelasian Sacramentary* in the 7th century. The tenth Synod of Toledo (AD 656), and Trullan Synod (AD 692) speak of the Annunciation feast as universally celebrated in the Catholic Church. In the Acts of the latter council, the feast is exempted from the Lenten fast. The oldest observance of the day is on March 25, although in Spain the feast was at times celebrated on December 19 to avoid any chance of the date falling during the Lenten season. March 25 is obviously 9 months before Christmas, the birth of Jesus. Scholars are not completely sure whether the date of the Annunciation influenced the date of Christmas, or vice-versa. Before the Church adopted fixed days of celebration, early Christians speculated on the dates of major events in Jesus' life. Second-century Latin Christians in Rome and North Africa tried to find the day in which Jesus died. By the time of Tertullian (d. AD 225) they had concluded that he died on Friday, March 25, AD 29 (incidentally, this is an impossibility, since March 25 in the year AD 29 was not a Friday). How does the day of Jesus' death relate to the day of his conception? It comes from the Jewish concept of the "integral age" of the great Jewish prophets. This is the notion that the prophets of Israel died on the same dates as their birth or conception. Therefore, if Jesus died on March 25, he was also conceived that day. The pseudo-(John)Chrysostomic work *de solstitia et aequinoctia conceptionis et nativitatis nostri Iesu Christi et Iohannis Baptistae* accepts the same calculation. St. Augustine mentions it as well. Other ancient Christians believed Jesus was conceived on March 25th for another reason: they believed (based on Jewish calculations of the period) that the creation of the world occurred that day. Thus, it was fitting that the one who makes us new creations was conceived on the day the world was created. For more information on this subject check out *Choosing the Date of Christmas: Why December 25?*, by the author of this web page,



EXEMPLIFICATION: MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 in St. Thomas,  
Ontario

**Reasons for joining the Fourth Degree**

There are many good reasons to become a **Fourth Degree**. It is a means of showing deeper commitment to the Order and of practicing and expressing patriotism, which is the principal focus of the **Fourth Degree**.

Membership is also an outward sign of expressing commitment to civic endeavour and of the Church, our bishops and priests. As well as supporting the families of the deceased members. Additionally, becoming active in the **Fourth Degree** provides new opportunities for assuming leadership roles in the Order. The **Fourth Degree** offers members throughout the Order the opportunity to become role models of respect to one's nation. An example of this is the yearly participation of our assembly in Canada Day Parades and in Remembrance gatherings at local cenotaphs. (We are typically invited to join R.C. Legion Br. 261 for Remembrance Day activities). Membership as was mentioned, offers knights a very special means of displaying pride in the Order through the color guard...with it's swords, capes and chapeau. The color corps of Assembly 1789 is invited to many functions where it's presence contributes to the status of the occasion, not the least of which is the fraternal gathering at the wakes and funerals of our deceased members.

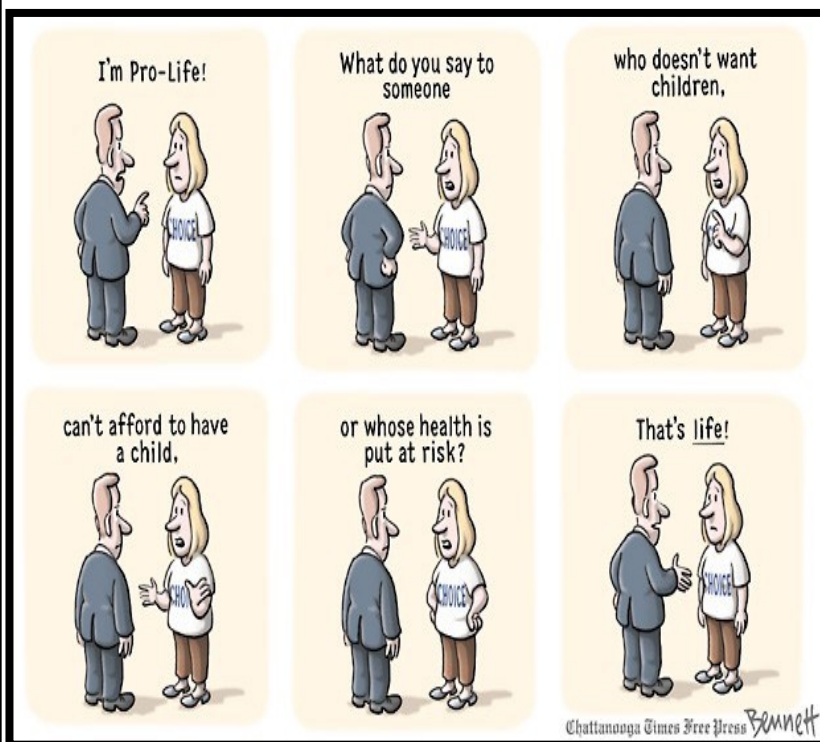
In addition to exhibiting patriotism and pride in our Order, the **Fourth Degree**, through the honor guard, is an outstanding means of publicly displaying solidarity with the Church, our bishops and priests.

Councils and assemblies remain close and enjoy greater co-operation when members of the **Fourth Degree** continue their active participation in their councils. Over the years, it has almost become accepted fact that the **Fourth Degree** members contribute to the stability and solidarity of the Order as a whole. A Knight may be active in the Fourth Degree and not be a member of the color guard. In my view, the camaraderie and social opportunities that emanate with the **Fourth** are additional valid reason for participation.

The next local opportunity to join the Fourth is the forthcoming Exemplification on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the St. Anne's Church/Centre in St. Thomas Ontario. Bring your spouse and make a memorable weekend of it. The Exemplification Chairman is Robert 'Bob' Beausoleil who hails from Tecumseh. For further information kindly call Faithful Navigator Denis Boivin at 519-735-9402, Jerry Marcotte, Trustee, at 519-735-8451 or any member of the executive who you may know. Registration deadline is April 10, 2014.

Stand up for your beliefs ... join **the Fourth Degree!**

(submitted by S.K. Jerry Marcotte, Dist. Warden of 76)



## Prayer For Vocations

O Father, raise up among Christians  
abundant and holy vocations to the priesthood,  
who keep the faith alive and guard the blessed memory of your  
Son Jesus through the preaching of his word and the administra-  
tion of the Sacraments,  
with which you continually renew your faithful.  
Grant us holy ministers of your altar, who are careful and fervent  
guardians of the Eucharist, the sacrament of the supreme gift of  
Christ for the redemption of the world.

Call ministers of your mercy,  
who, through the sacrament of Reconciliation,  
spread the joy of your forgiveness.  
Grant, O Father, that the Church may welcome with joy the  
numerous inspirations of the Spirit of your Son  
and, docile to His teachings, may she care for vocations to the  
ministerial priesthood  
and to the consecrated life.

Sustain the Bishops, priests and deacons,  
consecrated men and women, and all the baptized in Christ, so  
that they may faithfully fulfill their mission  
at the service of the Gospel.

This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.  
(Pope Benedict XVI, March 5, 2007)



#### 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.

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