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Knights News

January 2019

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights & Ladies

It is so easy to follow along in the commercial 'seasons' that are presented to us one after another. Halloween, Black Friday, Cyber Monday, Christmas spending, soon to be followed by Valentine's Day. The message that material gifts will bring happiness is everywhere.

We are well in to the Advent season and hopefully we have time to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ. Will we be seen as people of hope, people willing to share our time and energy to help others?

I believe that members of our council do set a good example. In 2018, we gave \$24,215 to various charities. This money came from the work members do throughout the year... bingos, sale of State Charity tickets, Rose Sunday, delivery of Beacon Herald phone books, Boston Pizza nights, ham sales and other fundraisers.

We have manned the Salvation Army kettle, prepared meals at the summer Bible camp, parish picnic, the Relay for Life fund raiser, euchre nights, family skate and Shrove Tuesday, run the Basketball Free Throw competition for our elementary schools, supported Special Olympic programs and contributed in several other ways in the community.

Thank you to everyone who works to make this Council an important part of the community and thank you to Fr. Bester, our chaplain, who supports and guides us. Merry Christmas.

Your Grand Knight
Ken Gaffney

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of Sheila Sullivan, sister of Brother Patrick Murphy, and Scott Bannister, brother-in-law of Brother Joe Dewan and for their families.

Sick and Shut-ins

Our prayers are requested for the following Knights who are either sick or shut in: Brothers Gary Birmingham, Father Richard Tremblay, Harry Thomas, Eugene Hagen, Al Grant, Marco Eusebi, Dave Franks, Frank Krauskopf, Steve Voros, Leo Stock, Dennis Jimenea, Giuseppe Eusebi and Leo Tovenati.

Also for Theresa Kelly, Debbie Mahood, Shirley Reeve, Abigail Gregory-Mooney, Betty Dubrick, Mary Lou Palleschi, Myrna Hagen, Joyce Eusebi, and Cathy Henderson

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

By the time you receive this bulletin, we will be very close to Christmas. I want to thank you for bringing The Scott Woods Band to our cluster. This certainly was a festive evening that put us in the Christmas spirit. What talent this Band brings collectively. Thank you for the monies that were raised from this event which will go to the Restoration Fund at St. Joseph's. This was an event that was enjoyed by all.

As we approach the great feast of Christmas, I bring to your attention our schedule of confessions for Christmas and New Years which you will find in the church bulletin. We have a number of opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. What better way to make paths straight for the Lord.

When the angel Gabriel met Mary, he told her of God's plan to birth the "Son of the Most High". This plan must have seemed like a nightmare to Mary, but she responded with the words "May it be done to me according to your word". Mary had no idea where her yes would take her, but she moved with faith. The same God speaks to us in our lives. May our response be the same as Mary's.

At this time, I wish all of you and your families a Merry Christmas, and every blessing in the New Year. Thank you for all that you do for our Church and the wider community.

Your Chaplain,
Fr. Dick Bester

Bingo Schedule

December 19	Team 1	January 16	Team 1
December 26	Team 2	January 23	Team 2
January 2	Team 3	January 30	Team 3
January 9	Team 4	February 6	Team 4

Anniversaries

Eugene & Myrna Hagen January 17 55 years

Council Social Media
Facebook.com/kofc1431

Breakfast at Immac's
Every Thursday

Donations

St. Joseph's Restoration Fund	\$5000
CJCS-Kiwanis Christmas Basket	\$1000
L'Arche Stratford	\$800
Simple Dreams Stratford	\$500
Salvation Army Stratford	\$500
House of Blessing	\$800
St. Peter's Seminary	\$500
Alzheimer Society	\$100

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- Our council has received the Fr. McGivney Award for having have reached the assigned membership quota and the Founder's Award which recognizes excellence in promotion of the insurance products available to members of the order.
- The Basketball Free Throw competition for our elementary schools will be held January 23 at St. Michael CSS. Lorne Twamley is looking for volunteers for that night.
- Please reserve our hall for your 2019 celebrations. Rental cost is \$140. Sunday bookings are available only from 1:00 p.m. onwards. Phone the hall at 519-272-9700 or Harry at 519-271-1653
- Guess who is now an honorary Life Member?



- New Year's Eve and nothing to do? Monday Dec. 31. New Year's Eve Pot luck and card party. 6:00 p.m. cocktails, 7:00 p.m. dinner.
- John Price, Tony Hunter and Larry McCabe are in charge of the distribution of Beacon Herald phone books. Saturday Dec. 1 was a great start with many helpers. There is still over half the books to be delivered. Keep coming out to help.



Thank You

- Boston Pizza night on November 19 netted \$850 that will go towards our donation to the Kiwanis Basket fund. Thanks to Mike Lobsinger for organizing this and other BP nights.
- Hams continue to be picked up. Thanks to John Price and Jeff Smith for their organizing of these sales and to Harry for getting \$2500 in orders.
- Thanks to Ken Gaffney Jack Palleschi, Bernie Van Herk, Tom Gould, and Dave Franks for manning the Salvation Army kettle at Sobeys.
- Thanks to Mike Lobsinger for a great Christmas meal prior to the December Council meeting.



- About 50 people enjoyed the annual family skate on November 25. Thanks to Mike Lobsinger for organizing the event with helpers Tony Vigar, Tyler Natywyry, John Price, Fred Dubrick, Shawn Raiman, Martin Switzer, Catherine Lobsinger and Isaac Lobsinger.



- Scott Woods Band a great Christmas event! A sold-out crowd of about 300 enjoyed the evening. Thanks to Mike Lobsinger and assistants Fern Pereira, Fred Dubrick, Dave Franks, Gregg Bentley and sponsors Swanson's Jewelers and Henry's Barber Shop.





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