



September 2018



Brother Knights,

I hope all of my Brother Knights and their families are having a wonderful summer.

It has been quite some time since our last council bulletin. I had hoped to have a couple of reports published since the end of the fraternal year however, due to some hall issues and personnel issues it was not possible. Reports had been prepared but not issued. The circumstances to date highlight a couple of issues that I must deal with. With the passing of Brother Ted Diesbourg and the recent illness of Brother John McLaughlin , the preparation and distribution of a council bulletin has been difficult. I will attempt to get bulletins out on a timely basis. The problem is the distribution of information to members. Any report sent by mail costs the council hundreds of dollars. Information, events etc. come to my attention weekly. Mailing is not a viable option. We do not have the resources to call every member weekly and not all members attend the hall regularly. Attendance at meetings is slim at best and I have less than 20% of membership emails. It is impossible for me to convey Council, Church or community events we Knights participate in on a timely basis. I am pleading for you the members to provide email addresses to our executive. This would alleviate the problem. I am hopeful, with the help of my executive, to contact each member and obtain an email address which would only be used to pass important information timely and quickly.

I have attached at the conclusion of this report a condensed version of two reports not distributed, for your review.

The July and August fish fries have continued in an effort to support our hall and in particular, to help pay the cost of the hall roof repair. I thank all members, families and friends who have volunteered to make our summer fish fries successful. I would also like to give special thanks to Brother John McLaughlin, who has fallen ill, for spear-heading this fundraising event. Please keep Brother John in your prayers.

I hope all of you have received and read the recent issue of Knightline sent out by Supreme. There are 2 key points to note that pertain to council activities. First, E Membership. To assist in recruitment, Supreme has implemented a program wherein candidates seeking membership can do so simply by registering on line (electronic filing). This seems to be the way of the future and allows Supreme to convey information inexpensively and quickly. Secondly, Supreme is emphasizing a new council agenda entitled "Faith In Action". This program offers a stronger call to action; better inspiring Knights to lead their families and

parishes in quality faith filled family programs. The program strongly emphasizes Faith, Family, Community and Life issues. These will be topics at future General meetings.

Our first General Meeting of the 2018-19 fraternal year is on Tuesday September 4, 2018 at 7pm. Please make an effort to attend. Become better informed, provide your ideas and opinions and help strengthen our council. I realize there are a lot of opinions, ideas and rumors floating around the hall and in the community. Attending meetings and voicing your views is more likely to lead to something being done. We have a General Meeting on the First Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

The new fraternal year is shaping up to be a busy one. In addition to the scheduled hall events, Brother/Deacon Len is holding the KofC Holy Family and Rosary prayer program (date to be announced for late September). Our New Coats for Kids Pasta fundraiser is scheduled for September 23. Our 99th fraternal Columbus Day Award Banquet is scheduled for Saturday September 29. Tickets will be available at the hall. I hope to see you there.

God Bless,

Fraternally,

Camillo D'Alimonte, Grand Knight

CONDENSED REPORT

I thank all members who attended the special meeting regarding our council executive in February. As I indicated, positions on the executive must be active and ever changing. In order to be a strong council membership participation on the executive is imperative. Having said this, a lot of members had concerns regarding the Hall. Let me be clear, the hall is owned by the St John Building Corporation (not the Knights of Columbus). Since the Hall's existence over 70 years ago, the incorporating documents require K of C participation on the Corporation's Board. Simply put, without a K of C executive, we have no council and without a council the Corporation's Board loses its legal identity (legally it cannot exist). Further, without the K of C council the charitable designation is lost. This puts most Hall activities in jeopardy (bingos, fish fries.....). Our council has existed for 98 years and our Church and community depend on us. I would ask all members to reflect on these facts and discuss the issues amongst yourselves and within the community. Membership participation at the executive level is essential.

Having said this, we have had an extremely successful year and are poised to receive another Columbian Award. In reviewing Council's efforts in the areas of Church, family, community, Right to Life and youth participation we are excelling.

During my tenure as Grand Knight our activities appear to be on the rise. I thank all who actively participate.

To all members, as a point of clarification, I am the Grand Knight of Council 2110. I am in charge of Council activities, finances, reports to Supreme and State etc. I am not in charge of issues regarding the Hall. The Hall is operated by the St John Building Corporation Board headed by Brother John McLaughlin. Hall issues should be directed to Brother John. Council 2110 has meetings the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm (no general meetings July or August). The Board has meetings the last Tuesday of every month, at 8pm. I invite all members in good standing to attend these meetings.

In April and May we held our Executive nominations and elections. I thank all members who attended. I have accepted the position of Grand Knight for 1 more year and I commend Brother Kevin Meloche for stepping up and accepting the position of Deputy Grand Knight.

The Executive for the 2018-19 year is as follows:

Grand Knight—Camillo D’Alimonte	Inside Guard—Manuel Doorno
Deputy Grand Knight—Kevin Meloche	Outside Guards—Wayne McKinnon and Dick Bondy
Chancellor – John McLaughlin	Financial Secretary—Paul Peltier
Recorder—Kari Alhonen	Treasurer—Dan Laing
Advocate—Mike Specht	Trustees— 3 year Jim Fryer
Warden—	2 year Bill Lavigne
Lecturer—Lawrence Beneteau	1 year Court Meloche

The Installation of Officers for the 2018-19 fraternal year took place at the Hall on June 5, 2018.

The Warden’s position is vacant and we need to work on filling it. In addition, the positions of Chancellor and Advocate are positions that ultimately require the members to progress in the ranks. New member participation at these positions is important for the future of our council. Attend meetings, get involved at the executive level. In all honesty, it does not require a lot of your time.

The passing of Brother Ted Diesbourg has left a tremendous void in our council and has affected hall operations. We are adjusting to the loss and are slowly but surely working through any problems that arise. Ted will be greatly missed. Be patient.

Our council has been busy. I will attempt to highlight events on a month by month basis. In April we held 2 extremely successful church fundraisers for Unity in Christ and St Vincent DePaul Society. Special thanks to Brothers Ron Fryer and Court Meloche who headed the cooking teams. Brother Paul Peltier and I attended the State Convention on April 20-22 in Toronto. Recruitment was a highlight at the Convention and Supreme will be focusing on pilot projects to assist councils in their efforts to recruit. At the local level our District Deputy Dan Orawaski is assembling a recruitment team consisting of members from each council in the district to assist with Church recruitment drives. Also in April, Brother/ Deacon Len concluded the Holy Family Prayer Program (K of C sponsored event). Thank you all members who attended and participated.

On May5-6 we conducted our Annual Rose Sunday collection at our parish. All funds raised were supported our local the Windsor Essex Right to Life Association. I would like to thank Brothers Bill Radigan, Mike Specht, Paul Peltier, Jim Fryer, Dan Laing and their spouses for making our efforts a success. On May 13 we held a successful Mother’s Day Breakfast Fundraiser. Thank you to all Brothers and their spouses who assisted in the kitchen and at the hall. Special thanks to Brother Paul Peltier who chaired the event. A 3rd degree was held on May 17 at the Church of the Atonement in Windsor. We had four members receive their 3rd degree (Knighthood); Brothers Dan and Rob D’Alimonte, Daniel Meloche and Greg Shier. On May 27 a District fundraiser for St Peter’s Seminary was held in Harrow. On May 30 the popular parish program Alpha began at the hall and will run for 11 consecutive weeks. Special thanks to Brother John McLaughlin for chairing the event.

On June 10 we supported and assisted with the Annual Parish Picnic at Toddy Jones Park. Thanks to Brothers Mike Specht, Dick Pilutti, Jim Fryer, and Paul Peltier for your efforts in preparing the food and cooking. Despite bad weather the event was well received by our Parish community. On June 16, Brother Ron Fryer held a Chicken and Rib fundraising dinner. All proceeds are being directed to assist with upcoming Hall Roof

repair expenses. I was somewhat disappointed in the lack of membership participation during this fundraiser. Please make note that Brother John McLaughlin, on behalf of our council, has agreed to oversee and continue Fish Fries during the summer. All proceeds from July and August fish fries will be directed towards hall roof repair expenses. I am pleading for membership support. Please make an effort to attend these fish fries. In addition, Brother John McLaughlin is looking for members and their spouses to assist with this fundraising effort. Please make an effort to assist wherever possible.

God Bless
Fraternally,
Camillo D'Alimonte - Grand Knight

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT



I hope everyone is doing well. The council has been holding up well since the last report. Membership has had no significant changes despite the passing away of a couple of members. Our members are not getting any younger and 1/3 of the membership is 65 or older. We need to recruit new members to keep our council strong. We will need some members to want to take on officer's positions so they can eventually move up the ladder. We were fortunate enough to get a Deputy Grand Knight and Our Grand Knight agreed to stay one last year.

We still need to get some dues taken care of. The council has to pay out over \$25 in mandatory charges from Supreme, State and LWDA charges. The council cannot keep supporting these members and let them keep all their fraternal benefits for free. It is not fair to the other members who are paying their dues.

We also need to get more members to the general meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. (except July and Aug. no meeting). We make important decisions and the majority of people attending general meetings are the executive members themselves. The executive can only make recommendations at their executive meetings and then must bring the recommendations to the general meeting for the members to make the final decisions. Right now we are more or less rubber stamping the decisions made by the executive at our general meeting.

Our finances are holding up very well for the council. The charity account is a little low but the other accounts are doing fine right now. We had some good bingos a while back which put some extra funds in that account. That was good because we needed those funds for some large sponsorship payouts that will be occurring later.

If you look at the overall picture of the council, it is doing very well. We give out a lot of donations for events that help to keep the hall going. We have a lot of programs throughout the year. We just need a better way of informing every one of the events. We are helping the community and our church by events, donations etc. We manage to get the Columbian award every year for all the programs we run. The majority of councils cannot make that claim so we are doing really well in that respect. I am sure we could do even more with more manpower so if you are available, please let us know.

In finishing, I hope everyone had a nice summer, God bless and take care.

Paul Peltier,
Financial Secretary

St.JOHN'S BUILDING REPORT:

We finally have a new roof on the remaining two sections of our hall. I can assure you that was a lot bigger challenge that I ever expected. Unfortunately there were and are additional expenses that will be costing us thousands more that we had not planned on. We had no choice but to put new roofs on because of all the leaks. Thanks to the maintenance money that we are allowed to take out of the bingo account each month, it will cover around one third of the cost and the GIC will make up some more of the cost. There is some general account money that can be borrowed from the council account and the rest will be needed from the hall account. We will need to keep an eye on the hall account after that because it will take a lot of money out of the hall account. Hopefully with a successful year, we will be able to get some of the money back into the hall account. This is why it is so important to have money in reserve because these roofs were leaking so bad, they had to be replaced.

Other things we would like to do is repaint the exterior and repave the parking lot. The exterior will have to wait until we get more funds. The parking lot is going to be so expensive it will take a very long time to get that money. We will need to look at alternative ways to obtain money if we have any hope of getting that done in the near future. The office needs to be redone but with help, that should be a minor expense. Someone mentioned the bar and games room could use a bit of sprucing up to attract more people. We could easily find other stuff but it will all take time and money.

One thing that came up from the health unit is that if you are working in the kitchen, you will now need to take a safe food handling course. Now I know that this is a bit controversial because we have had members working in the kitchen for over 30 years and they know what they are doing. Even so, this is yet another government mandated rule that big brother is requiring us to follow. I don't mind if you vent your frustration with me but please do not get upset at me. I am only delivering the message and letting everyone know what they have to do. Please remember that the health unit has an unbelievable amount of power and can shut an establishment right down on the spot if they feel it is necessary so we have to take them seriously. More information is at the hall about this.

Lastly I hope everyone is keeping our fearless leader for our hall, John McLaughlin in their prayers. He has been in the hospital for a while now and may be in for a while longer. He will be needing physio therapy before he gets out as well. However, when he does get back to us, he will not be able to do all of the physical things he was doing in the past. Even so, he will still be a valuable asset in assisting in whatever capacity he can. So we will still be needing members to help out to do a lot of the things that John was doing. I am trying my best to keep things going in his absence and would like to thank everyone who has stepped up to help out. Without the help everyone has put forward, the hall would likely be in a bit of trouble. There is a lot of work, especially behind the scenes, to keep things running smoothly at the hall.

One thing I would like to mention is to thank Court Meloche for taking care of the bingos for the council. I do not know where we would be without the bingos. They are indispensable for both the hall and council in their own separate ways. Thanks to Christine for help with the Fish fries this summer. We needed that extra money the fish fries took in. Once again, thank you to all the people (too numerous to mention them all) who have helped in keeping the hall and its events running smoothly. We could not do this without you and all the help is greatly appreciated.

*Sincerely Paul Peltier,
Acting Chairman in John's absence.*

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT:



Brothers, we are already almost at the end of August, and again I ask where has the time gone?

I am hoping that by now the Grand Knights have received a hard copy of the new initiative that we will be following called **“Faith in Action”**. We have all heard the expression “what is new is old and what is old is new”, that is exactly how to explain the new program. We will be going back to a Faith based organization and focussing our energies in a direction that will lead us all back to the Church, Faith, Parish, Families, and Communities.

There was a CHURCH RECRUITMENT DRIVE training session held at the Columbian Centre in Kingsville on August 2nd; we only had 3 out of the 9 that wished to have training. I will try and have another session in early September - remember all you need is a willingness to participate.

In last months DD report I mentioned the new recruitment initiative, I am hoping that these incentives will bear fruit.

Remember that there will be Church Drives this October.

I have constantly asked ALL Councils to complete their forms, I remind them of the forms that are due at both the State and Supreme levels, and to also cc me with anything that they submit to them both. Please continue your good work - I Thank you - you will be rewarded.

As usual, I THANK ALL the Members of each Council Executive for their co-operation and also THANK ALL the Membership of the Councils in the District for all their good works.

As I have mentioned many times I have been and will be here for you, if there are any problems PLEASE remember that we have a chain of command - PLEASE do not by-pass me when there are issues; because when questions are asked and I have not been involved, what am I to say?

Now I wish to inform ALL that I have again and for the last time gone back to work the tomato season - we are already 9 days into a 50 some days season. I am still always available, just leave me a message at my home phone 519-733-4183 or email me, I will get back to you.

Vivat Jesus
Dan Orawski
District Deputy, District 21

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a GREAT summer.

Now that fall is on the way, it is time to start meetings again and get back to work,.

I wish to thank all of you that have donated blood in the past although many can't do this anymore.

I urge anyone that can donate to either contact me to make an appointment or call 1-888-2DONATE to book it yourself.

You can also call to find out if you are on medications if you can donate.

We are always looking for anyone to come out and give an hour of your time for this worthy cause.

Fraternally,
Lawrence Beneteau
Lecturer - PGK, FDD, PFN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

COATS FOR KIDS



PASTA DINNER

September 23

Sponsored By

The Knights of Columbus
Fr. Bernard O'Donnell Council 2110

Proceeds raised will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to purchase the coats for the needy children in our community.

Location - Columbus Community Hall
190 Richmond St. Amherstburg

Time - 4:30 pm. to 6:00 pm. | Ticket Price - \$10.00

Pasta, Salad, Buns, Coffee and Tea

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Columbian Day Banquet

Our Columbian Day banquet is on Saturday September 29th. We are sending you this notice and this discount coupon in case you and your wife, etc. would like to go to the banquet. Just bring the coupon in at the hall, where the tickets are sold for the discount. The regular price of the tickets is \$25.00 minus the discount makes it just \$20.00 per ticket. Please also remember to show your current membership card as well. If you cannot print up this coupon, there will be more available at the hall.

Discount Coupon



Knights of Columbus



Annual Columbian Day Banquet

Present this coupon and show your current membership card for Council 2110 and receive a \$5.00 discount for each ticket to the Columbian Day Banquet on September 29th.

Coupon Expires September 24th, 2018

Monday Night Euchre begins on September 24.

Hope of St. Joseph Shelter for Fr. Donoto

Chicken Parmesan meal for \$20

October 21 at 5PM

Tickets in advance. Call Larry at 736-6731

October 24, Amherstburg Community Services Pizza Challenge night

More info will be in the paper

November 14 is the Unity In Christ fundraiser for Fr. Nick

4th Degree Christmas Party is December 8.

There is no better time to join! The 4th Degree

Fr. Louis Boué Assembly #2355 will cover your costs for registration approx. \$110.00 per candidate.

4th Degree 40th Exemplification November 17th St. Thomas Ont.

No need for a tuxedo, the Degree can be taken in a dark suit white shirt and dark tie, and still comply with apparel requirements of the Degree.

If interested you can contact Tim Lauriault Faithful Navigator Louis Boué Assembly kofctim@gmail.com or any 4th Degree member can assist you.



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Protecting Widows – A Founding Goal

As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on the spouse's contract in the event of the insured's death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur.

Our products are designed with your needs and budget in mind. With a solid portfolio of life insurance, long-term care, disability income and retirement products, the Knights of Columbus can help you meet all of your financial goals. To learn more about these solutions, contact me today.



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