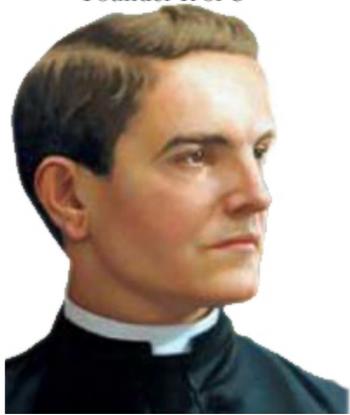


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Merry Christmas

Monthly Council Bulletin

December 2018



Brother Knights.

Brothers, we are now well into the season of Advent and the year is quickly coming to an end. I hope all are doing well and I wish the best for you and your families.

Since the last bulletin we held our 99th Member's banquet. The event was well attended and I hope all had a good time. The Knight of the Year was awarded to Brother Wayne McKinnon and the Family of the Year was awarded to Brother Courtlyn Meloche and Family. Congratulations to all. Please note that in addition to next year's member's banquet we will be holding a 100 year anniversary in May 2020. Let us all make an effort to attend this historic event. Our years of service to our Church and Community is a true testament to the dedication and faith of our membership.

In October, we participated in a District wide Church recruitment drive over a 2 week period. Our efforts were fruitful in spreading the word about our council and the works we do. These efforts will be followed up in the New Year with a more organized and extensive recruitment drive. We are always looking for help to man the doors after mass and provide informational pamphlets. Let me know if you are interested. Having said this, I would like to remind each member that recruitment is all of our responsibility and is absolutely crucial for our future success. Also in October/November we held fundraisers for the Hall, Father Donato's charity, Hope of St Joseph and Father Nick's charity, Unity in Christ. Thank you to all who assisted with these events.

In addition we participated in a district wide fundraiser for St Peter's Seminary to assist them with much needed renovations. We are committed to further fundraisers in the New Year. We have also been



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#2110
Executive 2018 – 2019

Grand Knight - Camillo D'Alimonte

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Warden –

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Inside Guard — Manuel Doforno

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Wayne McKinnon and Dick Bondy

Financial Secretary - Paul Peltier

Treasurer - Dan Laing

Trustees:

3 year Jim Fryer

2 year Bill Lavigne

1 year Court Meloche

selling the popular “Keep Christ in Christmas” lawn signs at the hall. All proceeds are directed towards local charities.

On December 1 we held our Annual Pig Day at the hall in support of our local St Vincent de Paul Society. Special thanks to Brothers Larry Bertrand and Rick Murray for their efforts in ensuring the event was a success.

On Sunday December 30 Deacon Leonard will be hosting a Knights of Columbus Holy Family Prayer and Rosary program at our Parish. Make an effort and attend this program. There is no better publicity than to be active in our parish. The New Year will be a busy one. In addition to our regularly scheduled programs (Bingos, Burger Mondays, Fish Fries etc.) we have the following events coming up:

January 22, 2019—Basketball Free Throw competition - January 2019—sponsoring Parish program “Alpha”

February 2019—District Euchre begins; a signup sheet for those interested in playing will be posted at the hall

February 9, 2019—Brother Jim Fryer is holding a Chicken and Rib hall fundraiser; Mark this date in your calendars and make an effort to attend. Tickets will be available at the hall

March 2019—Stations of the Cross at the parish

March 5, 2019—Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner at the hall; all welcomed

March 2019—Chili Cook-off; tickets will be available at the hall

Please note, as New Years Day falls on Tuesday January 1, 2019 (first Tuesday of the Month), our first General Meeting of the New Year will be on Wednesday January 2, 2019 at 7pm. All subsequent General Meetings will be the first Tuesday of the Month.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*God Bless,
Fraternally,
Camillo D'Alimonte, Grand Knight*



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT



Brother Knights,

I hope everyone has a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our membership has held steady since the last report. However we could really use some new members to help us out with all our work we do for the church, community and all the other things that we do. The one problem we have is I am no longer allowed to be involved in the retention of members. We have a few members with outstanding dues and if State or Supreme knows I am involved in retaining these members, we have to start the process all over again from scratch which takes a lot of time. Our accounts are doing ok and we have been able to sponsor a lot of groups at our hall for fundraisers. In the past few years we have given away \$50k per year sponsoring fundraisers for charitable groups, sports teams, health groups and our church groups. We can thank the bingos we hold for the donations we are able to give out. Thanks to Court Meloche for organizing the bingos and other members who handle the fundraisers. It is a lot of work but it is rewarding knowing all the good work we do is appreciated. The notices are out for dues and I hope everyone can clear them up asap. It is a lot of work doing the notices and I hope that I do not have to keep sending them out. We have a fantastic council and are one of the most active around here.

The only thing that stops us from getting the prestigious Star council award is not getting new members and getting them insured. All the other requirements are there and usually exceeded. All our members should be proud of what we have done and continue to do throughout the year.

I hope everyone keeps well, stays good and God bless.

Paul Peltier,
Financial Secretary



ST. JOHN'S BUILDING REPORT:

I hope everyone has a nice Christmas and a good New Year. For me, this is the last report I will write as Rick Murray has taken over as chair of the board. This will free me up somewhat so I can concentrate on what I was doing in the past. It has been a challenging time for me the last few months with finally getting the new roof on after delay after delay. It took about 2 months to complete the project after they started. My focus was to run the hall under the assumption that John would be back to take over. However John resigned in favour of Rick taking over. I am sure Rick will be very capable of handling this role as being in charge is nothing new to him. John is now home but still needs some work to get back to walking normal again and cannot do all the things he use to do before. We hope he gets well.

Financially the hall is doing well and is slowly recovering from the expensive roof repair. The two things we lost paying for the roof was our GIC and almost of the money in the building maintenance account. Our general account is getting back up there and hopefully will get back to the level it was before soon. I need to thank Brad Amlin, Freddy, Larry and anyone else who helped fixed up our men's bathroom ruined from the leaky roof. They did a very good job getting it back to normal. I would like to thank Rick for organizing the schedule for the fish fry, Burger Monday and all the cooks etc for their work. Also thanks to Mark Girard and all the members who help with the maintenance around the hall. Thank you very much.

Our pig day was a success and thanks you to everyone who came out for that event and supporting it. We are planning a hall fundraising event in the New Year so we can paint the hall outside come this summer. Please support us for this event. The other events we have are the Bingos every Thursday at 7pm. The fish fry is every Friday from 4:30 to 6:30. These two events have enabled us to keep the hall afloat for the last few years so support of both these events is critical to the hall. We are hoping to get email addresses of as many of the members as possible to inform them of events when they come up.

As a member of our council and you need to rent the hall or games room for an event, you are entitled to a discount on the rental. We try to help the members of our council for hall usage however if we occur unavoidable charges per your request, we do have to pass them on. Please remember that membership dues do not go to the hall so the hall is not benefiting from them. However the council does play a key role in enabling the hall to stay afloat in other ways so membership is still important. The council must also stay in good standings as well for the existence of the hall. Everything is looking good right now so we should not have any worries for the time being.

Lastly, I thank you for your support the last few months and I will still be around helping out so you will still be seeing me. God bless, take care and I will see you around.

Paul Peltier
Former chair, St John's Board



LECTURER REPORT:



Brother Knights,

Now that the cold weather is here I hope that we can all get more involved in Council functions.. I know that our Grand Knight Camillo is working very hard to get things done but we all need your help him in achieving his goals.

Our next Blood Donor Clinic will be on Dec. 19TH at the Libro Centre. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to donate. I've been talking to the ladies at Canadian Blood Services and I get thanked for the donations of blood from all of the people that donate. I hope that you realize that this is the GREATEST gift that we can give. I want to thank all of the donors that give an hour of their time to give the GIFT OF LIFE. THANK YOU!!!

I hope that you all have a Very Blessed Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

VIVAT JESUS!!!

Brother Lawrence Beneteau
PGK, FDD, PFN



DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT:

Brother Knights,



By the time this is being read or ignored, we will be in the season of Advent, which will begin on December 2nd this year. The word 'Advent' is from the Latin 'Adventus,' which means 'coming.' Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated. Advent is a season for preparation, a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater; the annual celebration of the birth of Christ, and for the time when Christ will come again. **My Prayer** is that we

ALL take time and reflect upon what we are called for as Catholics, as Catholic Men and as Knights of Columbus - and then to be such people.

Now on a different and very interesting subject; the "Heart of a Priest" nationwide relic tour of the incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney, Curé of Ars, the patron of priests, fittingly launched at St Mary Church in New Haven, Connecticut, on Nov. 16th to 18th with a "Triduum of Purification."

Check for frequent updates, as new stops are added constantly at the Knights website www.kofc.org/vianney. If you have a chance and the relic tours close by, I would recommend a visit to wherever it will be shown; it will be well worth it.

Another month has come and gone and another chance to add to Our Membership has passed ALL of us by. I again, had to cancel the November 20th Degrees as we had NO CANDIDATES.

That now makes a perfect year so far - NO DEGREES AND NO CANDIDATES, since June.

I am asking each Member to reach out to someone that is a Practical Catholic and ASK HIM TO JOIN - one is never too old and never too busy to be a Member.

We still have degrees scheduled for, December 18th, and January 15th, 2019, let us add MEMBERS to our Councils.

Just another reminder to ALL Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, PLEASE when submitting forms to State or Supreme - PLEASE cc me as well. THANKS.

Diane and I wish, ALL the MEMBERS and THEIR FAMILIES of ALL the COUNCILS in DISTRICT 21, A VERY HOLY and MERRY CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR.

Vivat Jesus

Dan Orawski, District Deputy, District 21



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Help Wanted At Hall

We need a person or team that can set up tables for events and be able to rearrange them for the next event. They need to do any cleaning that might be necessary for the next event as well. The pay is based on the service charges for the particular event. If anyone is interested, please leave your name and number at the hall so we can contact you.

Safe Food Handling Course

Our hall is sponsoring a safe food handling course. If you have anything at all with handling food at the hall, it is important that you take the course. This is a government mandatory course for all food handlers that deal with the public and not just for people who work in our hall. There is a sign-up sheet at the hall and all expenses for members and others who work at the hall are covered. The course is on January 29 and is an all day course. Please remember that the last thing we need is to be shut down because of a violation not handling or storing food properly.

Council Bulletin Online

Brother Knights, Please seriously consider receiving your bulletin online I will also send it as an email attachment. The cost of mailing the bulletin 170 of them is a big expense for the Council. Please send me your email address and I will add you to the email list. This would be a great cost savings for the Council. Send your email address to kofctim@gmail.com Thank you, Tim Lauriault Bulletin Editor.

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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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