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GRAND KNIGHTS' REPORT



Brother Knights,

As we embark on a new fraternal year and as your new Grand Knight I would like to start by introducing myself. I am Kevin Meloche I originally joined this council in 1983 I became active again a few years back once the kids were grown and became more self-sufficient.

My first order of business is to thank Camillo our immediate past Grand Knight for his 4 terms of service and his continued support as I learn the job. Camillo and his wife Lori have committed a great deal of time and effort to this council and continue to do so.

This is a very special year for us. This is our 100th fraternal year. With planning already underway on May 9, 2020 we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of our charter.

As we progress through the fall and winter months there is lots to be done. One of our main focuses needs to be on membership. We have not signed a new member in quite some time. We have many events requiring volunteers that are being handled by a small percentage of our membership base. To continue to be able to celebrate milestones, service the parish and the community we need to grow our numbers. That's numbers of active members and numbers of volunteers. Our weekly fish fry's and bingos continue to be the cornerstone of our charitable capabilities. There are however many other opportunities to jump in get involved and be a part of the great work we do. I would love to see new faces at the meetings. Our general membership meetings are at 7:00 pm the first Tuesday of every month. Come out to a couple meetings a year. Share what interests you. It may be an initiative we need help with or want to take on. Recommend membership to a friend or family member.



Fr. Bernard O'Donnell Council
#2110
Executive 2018 – 2019

Grand Knight - Kevin Meloche

Deputy Grand Knight -

Chancellor –

Recorder - Kari Alhonen

Advocate - Mike Specht

Warden – Albert Colombe

Lecturer — Lawrence Beneteau

Inside Guard — Dick Pilluti

Outside Guards -
Wayne McKinnon and
Camillo D'Alimonte

Financial Secretary - Paul Peltier

Treasurer - Dan Laing

Trustees:

3 year Court Meloche

2 year Jim Fryer

1 year Bill Lavigne

We can explain all of the benefits. I am asking you to put your faith in to action. The best way for anyone to contact me with questions recommendations or just to share your email address so you are made aware of what is going on is to email me at gk2110@ontariokofc.ca

*Fraternally,
Grand Knight, Kevin Meloche*

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT



Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a nice summer. Now that fall is approaching, we are back to work. Our membership has held steady with only one lost member. However we need to clear up any members who still have outstanding dues. I am no longer allowed to contact members for retaining their membership for outstanding dues due to Supreme's laws. So a retention member will now need to do that. We must clear them up because they are a drag on our council's funds. We are forced to pay \$27 a year per person in assessments or lose our charter if we refuse to pay them. Getting all the fraternal benefits without paying for them is also plain just not right so that situation needs attention. We need to get this cleared up to make us financially stronger.

Financially we are doing fine but I noticed our general account is down somewhat from before (dues does affect that account). All the other registered accounts are holding their own which is good. One very good bit of news we got from the Ontario government is they are no longer collecting a tax on the Nevada tickets. That will mean around an extra \$2,500.00 a year for us. Even though the money must be used for charitable purposes, it will help with the Senior events to enable us to have no strings attached (within reason) on what we serve for the meals. We have had some good bingos, so that account is healthy and the lottery account is holding steady. The registered charity account is critical to us because it allows us to write receipts that are valid to use when you file your income tax. If you want to make a charitable donation and use it as a deduction on your income tax, we can do that. There are not too many councils that can brag that they can do that, so we are lucky there.

Lastly, if anyone has any free time and would like to help out with anything that we do, please call the hall and give us your name and number. Please let us know what you are interested in as well. Even if it is only one thing every so often, it will be greatly appreciated. We do a ton of work for our community, church etc. so any help is appreciated.

May everyone stay healthy and take care, God bless.

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

*Paul Peltier, PGK, PFN
Financial Secretary*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Columbian Day Banquet

Our Columbian Day banquet is on Saturday October 5th. 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 \$30.00 minus the discount makes it just \$25.00 per ticket. Please also remember to show your membership card. (\$25 is the cost of the meal etc.)

Coats for Kids Pasta Fundraiser

Sunday September 28th from 4:30 to 6 p.m. At our hall at 190 Richmond St.

Cost is \$10, Kids 5 – 10 \$5, under 5 no charge.

Proceeds will help St. Vincent de Paul buy coats for the less fortunate in our community

Please come out and support this event

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Help Wanted At Hall

DESPERATELY NEEDED

We are in need of a new Burger Monday team. Two people are needed for this team.

It consists of making hamburgers and french fries and putting out the condiments.

If you can help, please call the hall at 519-736-4870 and leave your name and phone number..

Please help us out. Thank you

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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**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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Don't Crowdfund Your Family's Future There is a new phenomenon sweeping the internet: crowdfunding. Pioneered by organizations like GoFundMe, crowdfunding allows anyone to donate to a project or cause online. Crowdfunding is increasingly being used to raise funds for grieving families. Chances are you've seen this more than once. Someone passes away, and within a day or two a representative from the family opens a crowdfunding page to raise funds to pay for funeral expenses and medical bills. Without question, crowdfunding is a great way to harness the power of the internet for charitable ends, but it is often insufficient. Recent studies show that the average crowdfunding memorial page raises \$2,000-\$2,200 — far below the average cost of funeral services.¹ Grieving families are left to deal with the shortfall as well as the additional stress of soliciting donations, figuring out how to access the money and calculating platform fees. September is designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's a great opportunity for you to evaluate your life insurance coverage and make sure your family's future will not be left up to a crowdfunding page. Since life insurance guards against one of life's only certainties, it's a product that nearly everyone needs. The question is not "Do I need life insurance?" but rather "Who should I get it from?" For us Knights, the answer is easy. Every life insurance company sells life insurance. There are hundreds of them in North America. But there's only one life insurance company that belongs to you. From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been determined to offer insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights and to uphold the Catholic commitment that has animated our Order since Father McGivney's time. So, as we observe Life Insurance Awareness Month, don't leave your family's future to chance charity. Protect your family with the safety and guarantees of life



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DISCOUNT COUPON



Knights of Columbus

Present this coupon or show your current membership card for Council 2110 and receive a \$5.00 discount for each ticket to the Columbian Day Banquet on October 5th.

Coupon Expires October 5, 2019

Our annual banquet is being held on October 5th this year. The price had to go up from last year. The last increase was at least eight years ago. The banquet is not a money making event (we will loose money on this event) but rather an event for our members, their wives, friend, family, etc.. Just print up and bring the coupon in at the hall, where the tickets are sold for the discount. The regular price of the tickets is \$30.00 minus the discount makes it just \$25.00 per ticket. Please also remember to show your membership card. If you can not print up this coupon, just show your current membership card.

Please take advantage of the discount coupon before it expires and get your tickets now.