



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

BROCKVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL 1049



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**LEST WE FORGET:** Faithful Navigator S/K Len Libitz leads the Knights of the Sir Thomas J. Larkin Assembly on parade during the Remembrance Day ceremonies held in Brockville on November 11, 2008.

**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Father Tim Harrison!**

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## Feeding The Flock

By Father Tim Harrison

Have you ever seen one of those paintings that look like random dots of colour that project no image – but then as you gaze at it, suddenly something like the Eiffel Tower or the Toronto skyline come into view? Many of Jesus’ teachings seem to work this way. We often need to read and re-read some gospel passages just so that we can re-focus our minds according to God’s wisdom. That’s why it is so important to ponder the Scriptures prayerfully and not try to read them just for the “raw data” they provide. We need to experience the Holy Spirit re-orienting our perspective so that we can see through Christ’s eyes.

How can the poor and the hungry be blessed or “perfectly happy”? Of course, extreme poverty and hunger cause a human misery that must be addressed in an immediate and material way. Yet here Jesus is teaching that those who seek satisfaction through material wealth are often masking an innate longing for God. Those who admit their utter poverty apart from knowing God and, forsaking other pursuits, hunger and thirst for his Spirit – these are the ones who will be rewarded with true and lasting happiness.

To those who are weeping and mourning, Jesus does not say “get over it.” He is not advocating pragmatic resignation, for instance, to the death of a loved one. But he also assures us that those who weep with Him now will laugh with joy later, for they will be consoled beyond their hopes. Jesus knows that love demands a permanent union, and He promises that we can experience this in His kingdom.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and ... exclude and insult you” (Luke 6:22). We humans are intricately connected to each other. The slightest sour look or belittling tone from just the right person can crush us for days. How can being hated and excluded bring us perfect happiness? When we are persecuted because of Christ, it is because we are bumping up against old earthly mind-sets. This is when we should rejoice and pray for our persecutors: May they pause and wonder at our response – and perhaps turn to Christ as a result!

*“Thank you, Father, for giving me the mind of Christ. Help me today to keep my mind on the things above, where Christ is seated in glory.” ❖*

## District Deputy’s Dissertations

By S/K Alain Langlois

I think it is time now to reflect on the Knights of Columbus theme to keep “CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS”. It is too easy to overlook the importance and the implication behind the message. We are overflowed with ideas of commercialization during the season and the rush to get things ready for the festivities. The message reminds us to make time amid the hustle and to reflect on the holiday’s religious nature.

At Christmas we honour the birth of Jesus Christ, our salvation and hope. We have to understand the importance and beauty of the birth of Christ and its Divinity and what that means to humanity. Christmas is one of the few festivities that is celebrated throughout the world by people of different faiths. The holiday promotes a sensation of goodwill and fraternity amongst all.

The birth of the Christ child must remain the pivotal point of the celebration. There is no stronger tie conveying love, compassion and good things for all than the life of Jesus and his resurrection. It is truly our hope for the future and salvation for all.

Christ must remain strong and alive at Christmas for all to see. I wish the very best for you and your families as we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

VIVAT JESUS  
DD 57  
Alain Langlois.

## Q&A from Health Canada

**Q:** The Stanley Cup was recently on tour in my home town, and I kissed it. Do I have to worry about being infected with listeria?

**A:** You are safe. The Stanley Cup has not been in contact with any Maple Leaf product in over 40 years.

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**Why worry? Moses turned out to be OK and he started as a real basket case.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS

Date: January 15, February 19, March 19, 2009

Place: St. John Bosco Church

Time: Executive - 6:00 p.m., General - 7:00 p.m.

Support your brothers by coming to the meetings!

### ARTHRITIS TICKET SALES

DATE: JANUARY 15, 16 & 17/ FEBRUARY 12, 13 & 14

PLACE: 1000 ISLANDS MALL / WALMART

TIME: 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

### PALLIATIVE CARE TELETHON

DATE: JANUARY 24 & 25, 2009

PLACE: BROCKVILLE ARTS CENTRE

TIME: 30 HOURS BEGINNING AT NOON ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup>.

### BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2009

PLACE: MEMORIAL ARENA

TIME: 1:30 – 3:30 P.M. & 5:00 – 7:30 P.M.

### WIVES AND PRIESTS APPRECIATION SUPPER

DATE: MARCH 12, 2009

PLACE: ST. JOHN BOSCO CHURCH

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

### FOUNDER'S DAY MASS

DATE: MARCH 29, 2009

PLACE: ST. JOHN BOSCO CHURCH

TIME: TBA

### *Thinking ahead:*

**The Good Samaritan Project and Priests' Retirement Fund hockey game is slated for March 1, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at the Memorial Centre. Cheer for your favourite priest in net. Please contact Robin Reil for more information at 613-345-4354. See you at the game!**

## Grand Knight's Report

By S/K Larry Judge

Dear Brother Knights,

Our council has been busy. In October, we had our first John Sands Concert, chaired by Al Minifie. It was so successful that many of the attendees asked us to do it again next year. I believe we are tentatively setup for sometime in late August. On November 1, we had our second annual Ham & Turkey Raffle, chaired by Alex McLeod. Again it was very successful with our proceeds almost doubling last year. In November, we held our new member drive with presentations made at all Masses of both Churches. We also participated in the local Remembrance Day parade and the Local Santa Claus parade on November 29. Finally, we are being asked to help with the Brockville Senior games this winter.

One of the State objectives this year is the "Keep Christ in Christmas" theme. As a result, we will handout 1000 "Christ is Christmas" pins between the two churches. Some Knights have also purchased lawn signs printed with "Keep Christ in Christmas".

As mentioned in the September newsletter, our theme this year is participation and, so far, I think we are getting quite a few Knights and their families involved. This makes the load a lot easier. Thank you for your support.

May you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Merry Christmas!  
Larry Judge  
Grand Knight

### Council 1049 Monthly Meeting Attendance

October = 30

November = 26

December = 29

## Get To Know Your Brothers

This column is intended for all members to get to know more about their brothers. Submissions including oddities and unique experiences are most welcome; they are wonderful to read. Please submit articles using a “Top Ten” format. Enjoy!

### Andre Seguin

1. Andy was born May 16, 1955 in Montreal – East, Quebec. He is the eldest of six boys and three girls. His claim to fame is a tenor voice that apparently sounds like John Lennon.
2. His hometown was Green Valley, Ontario. He attended Glengarry District high school in Alexandria.
3. Andy accepted a position with the Ministry of Revenue Property Assessment Division in Brockville in February 1977 after graduating from St. Lawrence College in Cornwall, ON.
4. He has held various positions for 20 years with the local Ontario Public Service Employees Union executive, including Treasurer and Vice-President.
5. Andy has coached and umpired minor city baseball for 13 years.
6. He is an active member of both St. John Bosco and St. Francis Xavier parishes and three prayer groups.
7. Andy was the group leader on nine pilgrimages to the apparition site of our Lady Queen of Peace in the 1990's to Medjugorje, Bosnia Herzegovina.
8. He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1996 and served as Recorder for four years and Deputy Grand Knight for four years. He was part of the team that placed 8<sup>th</sup> in Ontario membership recruitment in 2003.
9. He supports three Catholic foster families in India and volunteers for local community and church campaigns.
10. Andy was awarded an early retirement package in February of 2007 after 30 years of service. His interests include hockey, fishing, golf, swimming, skiing and cycling. He is always willing to lend a helping hand!

### Stan Balemba

1. Stan was born in Poland and immigrated at the age of six with his father to Canada. He was raised by his father and grandparents in Hamilton after his mother passed away giving birth to him.
2. In 1974, Stan married his gorgeous child bride, Donna, and began his OPP career at the Burlington Detachment. They moved to Geraldton, northeast of Thunder Bay, for five years. They adopted their son Lucas (five weeks old) before Stan was transferred to the Guelph Detachment.
3. The Balemba welcomed the births of their two lovely daughters during the next five years. In 1987, Stan was transferred to Bancroft Detachment where he retired from the OPP after 32 years of service.
4. After 15 years as a teacher in Bancroft, Donna became the principal of Our Lady of Mercy School.
5. In September 2007, Stan went back to school at Sir Sanford Fleming College in Peterborough to obtain his Court and Tribunal Agent (Paralegal) Diploma. He finished the program in one year with high honours.
6. While living in Peterborough, Donna applied for a job with the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario and was hired to be the principal at St. John Bosco School in Brockville beginning February 1, 2007.
7. Stan and Donna are proud of their family. Lucas is married with two boys and two girls, lives in Bancroft, and runs his own internet service. Chrissy graduated from Sir Sanford Fleming College with a Computer Security Investigations diploma, works for DriveWise, and lives in Midland with her OPP boyfriend. Samantha graduated from Carleton University and attends Simon Fraser University in B.C. for her Masters in Criminology.
8. Stan returned to work on a part time basis as a Provincial Prosecutor for both the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville and the Crown Attorney. He's the guy who prosecutes the traffic charges in Court.
9. Donna and Stan enjoy their new life in Brockville by exercising regularly, eating right, attending Mass every Sunday morning, reading and watching police shows on television.
10. Stan enjoys working on computers (building systems, Photoshop CS3, video programs, and games), and serving in many capacities as a Third Degree Knight with Brockville Council 1049.

## Talkin' Turkey

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who assisted with this year's turkey and ham raffle by selling tickets, picking up door prizes, and, of course, volunteering to work the raffle. Our attendance and sales were well above last year, and I am happy to report we raised nearly \$2,000.00 for our charities. This event is only possible with your assistance. It is reassuring to have such a wonderful, thoughtful, and giving team of individuals helping with every aspect of making the raffle a success year after year. This year's council theme of "participation" was certainly heeded by the following brothers:

S/K Len Libitz, S/K Jack Bolger, S/K Dave Crawford, Jack McNamee, Lloyd Cameron, Stan Balemba, Rick Fraser, Andre Seguin, Ray Brennan, James MacKenzie, Remi Ouellet, Jason Ouellet, Bob Visneski and his wife Susan.

Many positive comments have been received. Let's make the 2009 Third Annual Turkey and Ham Raffle Night a huge success. Tell all of your friends and get your tickets early!

S/K Alex McLeod  
Chancellor

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Pictured above are S/K Al Minifie and John Sands.

## John Sands Concert

Fans of John Sands were pleased to hear his performance at Saint John Bosco Church on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The two hour concert included an eclectic programme of instrumental music including Celtic, light Classical, Sacred and popular songs from various hit shows.

John Sands great love for music and warm personality resonated throughout the concert. Thank you to S/K Al Minifie and Jack McNamee for their hard work in organizing this event. Some of the proceeds from the concert were donated to the Priests' Retirement Fund.

### Council 1049 Newsletters Available in Colour!

If you wish to see a colour version of our newsletter, simply contact the editor with your email address. A colour pdf version will be emailed to you.



**R.R.S.P.'s - R.R.I.F.'s – Non Registered Funds**

**K of C Annuity Interest rate ranging from  
3.75 %\* to 4.00%\***

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*For prompt, courteous and professional service, contact your field agent*  
**Jamie A.B. Lepper (613) 325-9203**  
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Institutions	1 year GIC	2 year GIC	3 year GIC	4 year GIC	5 year GIC
Bank of Montreal	1.50	2.00	2.25	2.40	2.60
Bank of Nova Scotia	1.50	2.00	2.25	2.40	2.60
CIBC	1.50	2.00	2.25	2.40	2.60
TD Canada Trust	1.50	2.00	2.25	2.40	2.60
Royal Bank	1.50	2.00	2.25	2.40	2.60

Data supplied by Fiscal Agents and last updated December 10, 2008



\*This offering is made to members and spouses. The 3.75% and 4.00% effective annual yield is on new payments and depends on the size of deposit and length of term. Early withdrawal is subject to a reducing surrender charge. Annual withdrawal of principal up to 10% of the accumulated value is permitted with no surrender charge, providing the accumulated amount is in excess of \$5,000.00. After the initial period, interest rates are set at the highest rate consistent with absolute safety of principal but in no case ever less than 3.0% on new issues and 3.5% on policies issued before July 1, 2003.

## Message from your Fraternal Counselor – Jamie Lepper

Christmas Greetings from my family to yours! May you enjoy the peace on earth with your family during the upcoming holiday season. We can all use a break and a little quality family time.

1. The KNIGHTS have a fantastic new life insurance product as of November 15, 2008. It is called a **Graded Death Benefit**. If you or a family member has ever been turned down for life insurance, you need to call me NOW about this. Even if you have been declared un-insurable, this product can offer your family protection where other commercial insurers cannot. Call me for further details; I am in this fraternity to protect you and your family.

2. Our new **Tax Free Savings Account** is coming on line January 1, 2009 and it has to do with the recent legislation passed by our government regarding a \$5000 per year tax protected instrument. I am sure many families will want to take advantage of this tax free savings account. The most striking feature of the TFSA is that withdrawals can be made at any time, at any age, and for any reason and the interest is always tax free.

3. Carl Anderson, our fraternal leader, has issued a statement about the Knights involvement in the recent financial turmoil. In short, we are NOT materially involved in the sub-prime mortgage fiasco south of the border. This is not to say we will not all be affected as the effects will be felt for some time around the world. Go to our website [kofo.org](http://kofo.org) to view his statement in full. We still have \$14 billion in assets, and have received top ratings from Standard & Poor and from A. M. Best.

Call me for further information on any of the above issues. I am here to serve the membership. Tempus Fugit! Fraternaly,  
Jamie Lepper (613-325-9203)

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### Treasury Chest By Paul Kundlacz

Many thanks to all the respondents for my e-mail address updates. The list has grown to over 30 right now ... so if you haven't remembered to update yours, please send an e-mail to [gagarinpk@aol.com](mailto:gagarinpk@aol.com) with "address update" in the subject heading. I will add you to the list when I receive your email.

We have had some good support for our fundraising events this fall:

1. The Seminarian Dinner fared very well with over \$1,200 raised from the St. Francis Xavier seminarian collection and another \$1,300 from the event itself. The lions share was donated by Council 1049 to the Kingston Diocesan Association and the remainder was shared between two seminarians and Anne Norton who was travelling to the U.S. for discernment.
2. The John Sands Concert raised over \$1,300.
3. The Ham and Turkey Raffle raised \$1,488 for Palliative Care. 125 people attended the raffle and almost 1600 spin tickets were sold at a cost of \$2.00 each. It was a great night for the Kundlacz family as we went home with a ham and two door prizes.
4. The Christmas card sales are ongoing as I write. Thank you to those who have purchased cards from us.
5. We are delighted with the response to the "Christ is Christmas" buttons that council members have been giving away just before Masses at both churches for the past three weeks.
6. Like some other Knights, we have a Christmas lawn sign in front of our home which was purchased from the Knights of Columbus in Kingston.

Please keep in mind the New Year brings with it membership renewal and the Financial Secretary semi-annual audit. If you have any outstanding bills or receipts, please get them to me as soon as you can.

With very best wishes for the Christmas season,  
Paul Kundlacz

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

Currently, there are seven members who are board members of the Building Association. According to the Charter for the Building Association, all Members in good standing of Council 1049 may be members of the Building Association, but they must make application to the Board of Directors. There are a number of Building Association Board members who would like to resign because they feel they have been on the board for far too long (since 1995).

The Building Association Board is seeking anyone who would like to sit on the Board, or who has interest in the building located at 75 James Street. All interested parties are asked to please fill out the information at the bottom of the page and return it to the Board no later than January 31, 2009. The Board will review the submissions and hold an election meeting to replace those Board members wishing to resign.

The next opportunity to make application to the Board will not be until the Annual General Meeting in June or July of 2009. Applications may be mailed to 75 James Street West, K6V 3Z9, or presented to Grand Knight Larry Judge at any meeting prior to the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Only members whose applications have been accepted are eligible to sit on the Board and vote on matters concerning the property owned by Council 1049 located at 75 James Street West in Brockville Ont. The bylaws of the corporation may be reviewed, upon request, at 45 Purvis Street by calling me, Chris Houle, evenings only before 9:00 P.M. at 613-342-1527. I will also try to make them available at all meetings prior to the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Please direct any questions you may have to me.

Thank You,  
Chris Houle, P.G.K, Chairman Building Association, Council 1049.  
613-342-1527  
[choule@xplornet.com](mailto:choule@xplornet.com)

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**Application for Membership to the Building Association**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number (found on Membership card): \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for becoming a member of the Building Association:

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## SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND ...

News from our Membership Director

We had our fall membership drive in the five parishes within our council district. Please welcome our newest member, Brian Hart. He received his First Degree in late October. In addition, we have two members transferring from Ottawa to join our council in the New Year. A second membership drive will begin in the fall of 2009.

Thanks to Grand Knight Larry Judge for promoting our membership drive at St. John Bosco.

Jack McNamee  
Membership Chairman

## Program Director's Report

Dear Brothers,

Here we are half way through our fraternal year and Council 1049 has been active to say the least. We hosted the Seminarian Dinner for the Diocese and it is said the event was one of the best in a long time. We thank our Fourth Degree Sir Knights for their co-sponsorship of this great event.

We have filed reports on other successful programs to date including: the John Sands Organ Recital, the Ham and Turkey Raffle, the Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony, the Mass for Deceased Brothers, and the Santa Claus Parade. All were in the forefront showing our council involvement. Many long standing programs supporting the church and council occur monthly including Mass servers, degrees, funeral assistance, etc.

Your Council is active ... Are You? Despite the activities, we are yet to see the involvement of more Knights. The average attendance at our monthly meetings since September is only 28 members. Fortunately, one out of four members is taking the opportunity to have their voice heard. Unfortunately, three out of four are effectively silent. All of the aforementioned activities have seen poorer member attendance than the average number of members who attend our meetings. Your executive is compiling surveys and reports for the Supreme Council semi-annual audit this month. We will be reporting back to the membership. We have hundreds of hours of volunteer time which makes our Council shine in comparison with many others in Ontario. We can be proud!

However, we can do more. Help lighten the load. If every member participated in two or three programs, it would make a tremendous difference. You don't have to work in every event, but you can bring your family and friends to help build participation in many ways. There are plenty of family and social events waiting for you.

Upcoming in the New Year is the Car Draw Raffle, Basketball Free Throw, Palliative Care Telethon, Appreciation Dinner, Spaghetti Dinner, Blood Donor Clinic and many more to come in the spring.

Help keep your council, your church, your parish and your community strong. PARTICIPATE!

Brother Dave Cody, PGK  
Program Director  
Deputy Grand Knight, Council 1049

## Congratulations Bill and Alex!



Congratulations to S/K Alex McLeod and S/K Deacon William (Bill) Heasley! They recently joined the ranks of the Sir Thomas J. Larkin Assembly as Fourth Degree members. The above photographs were taken shortly after the conclusion of the exemplification.

# The Fourth Degree ... The Patriotic Degree

Congratulations to the newest Fourth Degree members of the Sir Thomas J. Larkin Assembly ... please welcome S/K Alex McLeod and S/K Deacon William (Bill) Heasley!

On February 22, 1900, the first Exemplification of the Fourth Degree was held in New York City. Patriotism was added to the three original principles of the order: charity, unity and fraternalism. The focus of the fourth degree is on patriotism - an abiding love for devotion to one's country. The primary purpose of the fourth degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to each knight's respective country through active membership in their local fourth degree assembly.

The fourth degree hierarchy is as follows:

1. Supreme level: The Supreme Master and the Supreme Board of Directors,
2. Twenty provincial structures,
3. Each province has a Vice-Supreme Master and is divided into districts,
4. Each District contains a number of Assemblies lead by a Faithful Navigator,
5. A Master is in charge of a District and usually has a District Marshall to assist him.

Certain members of the fourth degree serve as colour guards and honour guards at civic and religious functions. Worldwide recognition of the Knights of Columbus has been achieved through this active service in the community. The Master wears a gold cape and chapeaux while his District Marshall wears a green cape and chapeaux. The Faithful Navigator of an assembly wears a white cape and chapeaux while his commander wears a purple cape and chapeaux. Finally, all other members wear a red cape and white chapeaux.

When the public sees the Knights of Columbus on parade, they see the visible arm of the church. When we attend wakes and funerals of our deceased brothers, the community sees the visible Knights of Columbus. So, come and grow along with us.

Vivat Jesus.

S/K Len Libitz

Faithful Navigator - Sir Thomas J Larkin Assembly

## ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES!

Our Knights of Columbus Council 1049 is sponsoring the February 25, 2009 blood donor clinic at the Memorial Centre. Clinic hours will be from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

**Canadian Blood Services** will now be coming to Brockville once a month with clinics. Below are the dates confirmed for upcoming blood donor clinics. To date, the Knights are slated to sponsor **February 25, April 22 and September 21**; however, we have been asked by Jolene Maxwell of Canadian Blood Services to help sponsor as many as possible. All of the clinics will be held at the **Memorial Centre** and the hours will be from **1:30 - 3:30 p.m. & 5:00 - 7:30pm.**

**Wednesday, April 22, 2009**

**Wednesday, June 17, 2009**

**Friday, August 28, 2009**

**Thursday, May 28, 2009**

**Monday, July 27, 2009**

**Monday, September 21, 2009**



## Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Father Tim Harrison!

The Saint John Bosco congregation attending the 10:00 a.m. Mass on December 14, 2008 was treated to a very special Coffee Sunday by the Knights of Columbus Council 1049 and the Sir Thomas J. Larkin Assembly. As Mass concluded, the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Father Tim Harrison began with the ceremonial presentation of the cake by S/K Alex McLeod & S/K Al Minifie accompanied by a Knights of Columbus honour guard.



Faithful Navigator Len Libitz delivered a heartfelt speech outlining the many accomplishments Father Tim has directly promoted, guided, influenced and led at St. John Bosco parish during his five year tenure.

Father Tim was pleasantly surprised by the presentations and the unexpected attendance at Mass by his mother and extended family.

Pictured at left are two girls from Saint Francis Xavier School who presented Father Tim with a stack of birthday cards created by their classmates.

Thank you to Tait's Bakery for supplying Father Tim's birthday cake.

Many happy returns Father Tim!

Three old mischievous Grandma's yelled at an old Grandpa walking outside at the nursing home, 'Bet we can tell exactly how old you are.' The old man said, 'There ain't no way you can guess it, you old fools.'

One of the old Grandmas said, 'Sure we can! Drop your pants and under shorts, jump around three times and we can tell your exact age.' Anxious to prove a point, he dropped his drawers. The grandmas said, 'You're 87 years old!'

Standing with his pants around his ankles, the old gent asked, 'How in the world did you guess?'

Slapping their knees, all three old ladies happily yelled in unison ... 'We were at your birthday party yesterday!'

## Help Sell the Arthritis Society Tickets for 2008 - 2009!

Grand Knight Larry Judge asked me at the November meeting to lead this year's arthritis canvassing drive. To date, we have raised \$230 after Gary Brett gave us permission to sell tickets at ValuMart on December 4, 5 and 6, 2008. Thanks to Bill Heasley, Tom Leeder, Dusty Miller, Andy Sequin, Ray Brennan, Gerry McNamee, Maurice Belec, Lloyd Cameron and Pat Donovan for helping to sell tickets. I have booked the 1000 Islands Mall free of charge for January 15, 16 & 17, 2009 and, with the help of my brother Knights, would like to exceed our sales of \$2200 last year for the Arthritis Society. Contact me to sign up for a shift if you can. Spread the word and let's exceed our goal!

God Bless our membership.  
Jack McNamee

### Faithful Navigator's Charting

It is with great pleasure and pride that I take pen in hand to say a few words on this new venture of our assembly's newsletter. I must first take a tip of the chapeaux to brother S/K Bernie Currier for helping to spearhead this venture. It has been discussed and a decision has been made to publish three times in this our first year. It will depend on the officers of the assembly and the Grand Knights of the district to make sure their input reaches Brother Bernie for publication. Last and most importantly, it is important that you, as members, also have the opportunity of writing for the newsletter of our assembly.

Our assembly keeps growing at a steady rate and is the envy of many assemblies of similar size. At the recent exemplification in Cornwall, I was asked many times what I as the faithful navigator do to get such enthusiasm among the Sir Knights. My reply was simply that we are a family of men and their ladies. Just as a side note, it was certainly an honour and pleasure to entertain our Past State Deputy Armond and Bishop Jean-Paul. Bishop Jean-Paul's playing and singing was a most welcome treat.

We are busy at home at this time of year. In the council and in the assembly, we find the fortitude to participate in the honour guards for Remembrance Day. Our Faithful Friar, Father Apeleman, extended sincere thanks at the recent Confirmation for our continued presence at the special functions of the church. Our next guard will be at the cathedral in Kingston when we join with our brothers from other assemblies to help celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

On November 29, we will again be hosting our ladies for our annual Christmas dinner. This will be our last assembly activity until our meeting in January. The January meeting will be a dinner meeting at beginning at 6.00 p.m.

In closing Sir Knights, we have a challenge in our society today to keep Christ in Christmas. Wish people you come in contact with a Merry Christmas and not "happy holiday". Our mandate is to do what we can verbally in greeting and in action. For example, ask for the Nativity scene when buying stamps for Christmas cards.

I would ask each and every one of you and your family to remember in your prayers the service men and women stationed throughout this world ... that they may come home safely.

From my wife Bev and me, we wish each and every one of you and all of your families a happy and Holy Christmas season.

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# BROCKVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1049

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Trustee 2 year	S/K Ron Wardle
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Outside Guard	Raymond Brennan
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