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COUNCIL 1049



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Merry Christmas + Happy New Year!

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Grand Knight's Report

By S/K Larry Judge

Dear Brother Knights,

Hopefully, everyone and their families had a very safe and enjoyable Christmas season. In keeping with our "Keep Christ in Christmas" program, this is the first year the Knights have been more formally involved in the Christmas Masses at our churches. This is a tradition we will hopefully continue for years to come. Thank you to those Knights who participated.

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Feeding The Flock

Submitted By Father Tim Harrison

Have you ever thought about ways you might limit God? Of course, we all confess that he is perfectly just, completely powerful, and all-loving. But what about his mercy – and not just in abstract, theoretical terms, but in the nitty-gritty of our lives? How easy it can be to think that God will forgive certain sins, but that there are others that are just too evil! Think about such sins as child abuse, abortion, mass murder, or torture. Have the people who have committed such atrocities forfeited any ability to receive God's mercy? Have they gone so far out of the way of holiness that there is no hope?

Amazingly, the answer is no! In fact, Jesus told the parables in the Gospel to show that God wants everyone to turn to him and that he actively seeks those who have wandered from him – no matter how far their sins have taken them. No sin, no matter how appalling, is greater than God's capacity to forgive.

We ourselves may have committed sins that fill us with shame and guilt. We may have done something that makes us wonder if God could ever take us back. It may not be something particularly evil, either. It just may be something that we have done over and over again – a habit of lying, of gossiping, or lusting, or of overeating. But Jesus wants us to know that he loves sinners; that he seeks out those who seem so far away from him. No sin can separate us from the love of God if we turn to him in humble repentance.

Is there some unconfessed sin that you would like to be free of? Don't hesitate! Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is out there right now, looking for you. Let him find you. Take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and be free of the sin at last! Nothing can compare with the complete freedom that God can give to those who turn back to him. So let him pick you up and carry you home!

Council 1049 Monthly Meeting Attendance

November = 24

December = 27

Next meeting is January 21, 2010 at St. John Bosco parish at 7:00 p.m.

District Deputy's Dissertations

By S/K Alain Langlois

Welcome my brother Knights to the New Year. I am looking forward to working with you all. Recently coming back from the mid-year district deputy meeting, I found three important points worth mentioning:

1. RECRUITMENT
2. RETENTION
3. COMMUNITY AND VISIBILITY

We must ensure the growth and well being of the council by having a recruitment program in place to continue bringing in new members as the years progress. Be ready at all times for recruitment, be visible at church and in the community, and always have a Form 100 available to you for fast recruitment at all Knight events throughout the year. With your priest's permission, make up large posters with contact names and numbers to be visible at church entrances. Each council should have two or more Knights keeping an eye on new prospects and ensuring the proper follow-up is done.

Membership retention is another area of importance that needs to be addressed. In many cases, retention surpasses recruitment, thereby creating a negative result in the roster. So please, let's ensure that a proper retention committee is set up so that in-active members are kept informed of the council events and that new members are made to feel welcome in the council. Members that are in suspension should be contacted prior to the District Deputy being informed, so that retention of these members might be possible.

Last but not least, we must discuss our community works and visibility. This is an area that needs continuous attention throughout the year. We must ask ourselves if our programs and events are serving the community with the proper visibility. People need to know who we are. Everywhere I go, the same question comes up. "What is the Knights of Columbus? Is it like the Water Buffalo Lodge in the Flintstones?"

Let's go out there in the community and show what the Knights of Columbus is all about. Do not be afraid to wear your identification tags, make up large posters at community events, set up information booths at fairs, etc.

In closing, I will ensure that two first and second degree combination ceremonies will be available during the fraternal year. Next one will be in April 2010.

Thanks and Happy New Year to all!

Vivat Jesus!
Alain Langlois
DD# 57

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS

Date: January 21 February 18, March 18, 2010

Place: St. John Bosco Church

Time: Executive 6:00 p.m.; General 7:00 p.m.

Support your brothers by coming to the meetings!

PALLIATIVE CARE TELETHON

DATE: January 30 & 31, 2010

PLACE: BROCKVILLE ARTS CENTRE

TIME: 30 hours beginning at noon.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

DATE: February 19, 2010

PLACE: St. Lawrence College

TIME: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. & 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

WIVES AND PRIESTS APPRECIATION SUPPER

DATE: TBA

PLACE: St. John Bosco Church

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

FOUNDER'S DAY MASS

DATE: MARCH 29, 2010

PLACE: St. John Bosco Church

TIME: TBA

Grand Knight's Report Continued from Page 1

Our December meeting was held at St. Lawrence Lodge. Having brother Knights come to the lodge meant a great deal to the Knights who reside there. It would be nice to make this an annual event as long as we have brothers in the lodge.

The next few months we will have plenty to keep us busy; I am sure our Program Chairman will share these events with you in his report. We have a committee set up to run a new event this fraternal year. Council 1049 will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 13, 2010. I encourage everyone to start talking to your friends and relatives and get a group together to attend this event. Let's do our best to make this a very successful venture. We discuss at our meetings that we would like to do more, but we have to raise the funds in order to take on new programs.

Let us not forget to keep our priests in our prayers, as this is the year of the priests. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate on our meeting nights and we can continue to have good attendance at our monthly meetings. For those heading south for the winter (lucky people), we look forward to your safe return. Thank you again for all of your support and I wish you and your family a very healthy and prosperous New Year.

Vivat Jesus!
S/K Larry Judge

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband when suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen.

"Careful," he said, "CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my GOSH! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my GOSH! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!"

The wife stared at him. "What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry eggs?"

The husband calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving."

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!

These two Brothers had their Profiles published some years back, but are being updated for the benefit of our newer members in appreciation for their contribution to and longevity in the Knights of Columbus.



Brother John Davis

1. John was born in August of 1936 at Chaffey's Lock and was the third born in a family of three girls and four boys. He had his elementary education at Chaffey's Lock and completed his education at Elgin High School. He attended St. Columbanus Church and was very involved in the church, having served as an altar boy for seven years.
2. After High School, he took a job with Bell Telephone, moved to Kingston and lived in a boarding house. It was while he was here that his cousin introduced him to his future wife Margery, who also lived at the boarding house. The rest is history.
3. They were married 46 years ago at St. Mary's Cathedral in Kingston on September 14, 1963. They have been blessed with five children (Patrick, Stephen, Peter, Elizabeth and Michael) and eight grandchildren.
4. John's career with Bell began as a lineman for customer's services. He retired as a Supervisor of repairs in 1994 before working as a dispatcher at the PUC (1 year) and Beaver Lumber (4 years).
5. John was heavily involved in volunteer work serving as a St. Francis altar boy in his youth and retirement, parish council member for six years, Mass reader for 30 years, founding Board member of the Margarieta Apartments (20 years), Development & Peace (20 years), and Diocesan Chairman.
6. John was also involved with several service agencies: Boy Scouts (30 years), Telephone Pioneers (15 years), and the VON (4 years).
7. John was honoured by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation in 1999 in recognition of his 30 years of volunteering at St. Francis School and St. Francis Xavier Church ... an honour well deserved!
8. John has been an extremely active Knight for 19 years. He has held many positions on the Executive (including Grand Knight) and was involved in most all council activities and functions. Since his recent stroke, John and Margery have decided that he needs to take a step back ... but very reluctantly!
9. John was asked what he had learned from life or would like to see as an epitaph. He replied, **"I Feel Good To Know I Was Needed."**
10. Margery succinctly summed it up by referring to this bible verse: (Matthew 25: 35, 36, 40)

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat ...
I was a stranger and you invited me in ...
I needed clothes and you clothed me ...



Brother Carl Bondi

1. Carl was born into a good Italian Catholic family on April 14, 1915 in the town of Kincardine, Ontario. He was the only son and the oldest of three siblings. His family moved to Hawkesbury where Carl grew up and was educated.

2. Twelve years later during the depression, his father moved the family to Brockville and started a business of Wholesaling Fruits and Vegetables throughout southern and central Ontario. Carl was required to leave school after grade 8 to help support his family and never got to finish High School. This didn't stop him from becoming a successful businessman. He took over the family business in 1948 and ran it until 1974 when the warehouses were destroyed in a fire.

3. He was married to Josephine in 1946 at Hornell, New York. He tells the story of how he met his wife like this: his cousin Sam had earlier talked him into accompanying him to Hornell in search of "girls". They did this and began dating sisters. Carl got his girl, but Sam didn't! Carl says it was love at first sight; a love that is still in sight 63 years later.

4. They have been blessed with a family of three daughters, two sons and nine grandchildren. The two sons are Brother Knights like their father (no doubt influenced by Carl).

5. After the warehouse fire and when semi-retired working for Hall Apple Orchards, Carl finally got some time to enjoy the finer things in life! By the way, this job was only to help the Halls out for two weeks and lasted seven years until he ultimately "retired" in 1981.

6. During all of this time Carl served his country, got married, helped raise a family and still had time to become a Knight. He joined the Knights in 1938.

7. Carl served in the Army Motor Transport Division where he attained the rank of Corporal in charge of recruit instruction in the use of army vehicles at the training camp in Brockville.

8. Carl always has that big smile like the one in the photograph. When asked what he attributes to his pleasant demeanour and healthy looks at 94 years of age, his reply is, "My good wife Josephine, her cooking and hard work."

9. Carl can lay claim to being our oldest and longest serving member at the young age of 94. As a member of Council 1049, he is quickly approaching his 72nd anniversary as a Knight.

10. Carl's nickname is "The Banana Man"; this comes from his days selling fruit and vegetables.

Both Carl and John reside in St. Lawrence Lodge and would love a visit from brother Knights.

Thank You!

Brothers, my father (Carl Bondi) is a member of Brockville Council 1049 and has been a Knight for somewhere around 72 years. He has progressed through life to the point where both he and my mother are living in a nursing home. He called me tonight and was quite excited to explain what had occurred. A couple of members showed up at his room and requested that he go with them to the meeting room. When he got there, he found most of the council in attendance; to his surprise, it was the monthly general meeting which was followed by supper. Since he was not able to go to them, they went to him for their December meeting. I will just say he was very moved by the kindness of his council and leave it at that. Prior to his stay in the nursing home, members took turns picking him up and taking him to the meetings.

This is a lesson to me in what our order means by Fraternity. Thank You to the council for the kindness always shown to my father. It is appreciated by all of our family.

Brother Frank Bondi

Program Director's Report

By Dave Cody

Brothers,

We are into the last half of our fraternal year and we are on a roll with over a dozen programs concluded, including some very successful fund raising events. The Car Raffle was initiated in December 2009. The Palliative Care Telethon is scheduled for the last weekend in January and your council will be making a donation on air and manning the phones. Please plan to call in at our assigned time. Details are to follow in the church bulletins.

We have a big event in March as the council is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Dance at the Brockville Legion Hall on Saturday, March 6. The Alexander Big Band will be providing the entertainment. Plan to bring your friends and make this first time event a success. The CWL will provide a late lunch as part of the event.

Come to our January meeting and get more information on our upcoming programs (Basketball Free Throw, Bingo, Degrees, etc.).

Dave Cody, PGK
Program Director
Knights of Columbus Council 1049

We Don't Have A Winner!

For the first time, we actually do not have a winner of the CDSBEO Gift Bag offered by Robin Reil in the Fall 2009 issue. For the curious out there, Mike Fisher is the Ottawa Senators player who displays the Bible verse Roman 12:12 above his locker in the Senator's dressing room. Thanks to all those who entered. Happy New Year!

Treasury Chest

Notes from the Exchequer

As of Christmas, we had approximately \$7,000.00 in the General Account, and approximately \$2,350.00 in the Bingo Account. Both figures are unaudited and subject to further actions on the accounts. We are in the midst of assembling the paperwork for our annual year-end audit.

In closing, I would encourage all members involved with handling money to observe a very important rule: ALWAYS have it double-checked to ensure accuracy.

Vivat Jesus!
S/K Rick Fraser

Dues, Gentlemen please!

Brother Knights, please renew your membership for the period ending December 31, 2010. Membership dues are as follows:

Associate Members \$35.00
Honorary Members \$17.50

Please make cheques payable to: Knights of Columbus Council 1049 Brockville. Mail your cheques to Paul Kundlacz at either of the following addresses:

3138 Parkedale Avenue
Brockville, ON
K6V 3G6

OR

75 James Street West
Brockville, ON
K6V 3Z9

Alternatively, please pay your dues at the January general meeting. Thank you for your prompt action in this matter. Fraternally yours,

Paul Kundlacz

Arthritis Ticket Update

Thanks to 16 members of our council, we have sold a total of \$6,500 of arthritis tickets in the month of December at WalMart and the Thousand Island Mall. Plans are being made to book the Superstore and/or ValuMart in January 2010. We have decided to sell the tickets 6 for \$10 a book for 3 for \$5.00 a book. This pricing has proven to be very popular.

On a personal note, I want to thank my fellow Knights for their prayers while I have been taking cancer treatments in Kingston. The cards of sympathy to Barb and I for the loss of a wonderful sister in-law due to cancer in December are also very much appreciated. I hope everyone had a very happy and holy Christmas.

Ticket Chairman Co-Ordinator & Chancellor
Jack McNamee

SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND ...

News from our Membership Director

As I embark on my first campaign as Membership Chairman, I would like to thank all the members who helped recruit new members during the fall session. I would also encourage all members to continue to look for potential candidates. I am willing to speak with any person regarding the Knights. Feel free to call me at 613-345-4542.



Welcome to our four newest members who took their first and second degrees on November 25, 2009: Joey Visneski, Chris Poulsen, Paul Cosgrove, and Art Pullan. Brother Rick Gibbs joined the group for his second degree later the same evening.

Our current membership is officially 112 as of December 1, 2009. This does not include our new members. Keep an eye out for dates of the upcoming Third Degree.

Vivat Jesus!
S/K Rick Fraser

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.



Council 1049 presented cheques to Brockville's Food Bank and Loaves and Fishes. Pictured above are (l to r): Diane Smith, Rev. Myra Garvin, Larry Judge, Irene Selkirk and Deacon Hank Gray.



At left, Brother Al Minifie presented Father Tim Harrison a cheque for the Priests' Retirement Fund on November 22, 2009.

Above are participants in the Brockville Santa Claus Parade from the upcoming February show of Cinderella at the Brockville Arts Center. See Dave Cody for more details.



Congratulations to the St. John Bosco Parish convert class of December 2009! Pictured above (l to r) are: Deacon Bill Heasley, Father Tim Harrison, Pam Quine, Kathie Heasley, Floyd Burtch, Christopher Wade, Gerry Crooke, Deborah Crooke, Tysen Crooke (son - just baptized), and Christina Eady. May God Bless you in your journey of faith. Welcome aboard!



It was a very busy Advent this year! Father Tim welcomed Sheila Fraser's Grade 3 class to the annual blessing of the Advent wreaths (above left).

St. Mary CHS demolished their previous record of food bank contributions for the Christmas season. Their new amazing record is 36,209 items donated in just four weeks! Pictured above are Cordon Purcell, Sam McCrae and Jessica Jonker (Campbell Soup Chicken playing guitar) busking for cans as they perform seasonal favourites outside ValuMart.

Pictured at left are participants of the St. John Bosco Youth Café. This year, they made rosaries for Christmas gifts.



Happy Birthday Father Tim! A special thank you to the CWL for the grand party!

Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is a husband.

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