



# the Crusader

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1049**



## From our Grand Knight

*S.K. John McGeough*

Greetings to the Brockville K of C members and your families. Welcome to the re-launch of our council newsletter – The Crusader. Thanks to our new editor Roger Duchesne for spearheading this project.

I am newly in the position of Grand Knight, so I haven't met all of you yet. However, I had the pleasure of speaking with many of you over the phone last fall, as I was thinking about the upcoming council structure and activities for 2019/20. Some of you told me that you had lost touch with our council's activities and personnel over the years.

So far, I have been trying to improve that with regular council email messages and invitations to all members. Other members that I spoke to were surprised that the majority of our activities are organized and manned by a fairly small group of members. I'm hoping that, with your involvement, at least one of our council activities will resonate with you and compel you to become involved in it.

Our council and organization provides many opportunities to join in, including community events, fundraisers, and parish support functions. The more you participate, the more you will feel camaraderie, commitment to good causes, and a sense of belonging to our council. I don't imagine that any of us joined the Knights just so we could attend meetings, but attending some council meetings provides opportunities to find out about council activities, provide input, and meet and get to know other like-minded folks.

I encourage all members to make an effort to attend one or two council meetings in the New Year. We generally meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of each month until July.

Vivat Jesus!

John McGeough

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## Editor's Notes

As this is our first newsletter after a few years sabbatical, I wish to welcome back all our members and family readers. Anyone interested in contributing to the Crusader with a subject of interest, cartoon, poem, pictures, reporting on a particular event or help the editor bring this newsletter to press, is quite welcomed. I will endeavor to publish at least three issues during this year, maybe more if time is available and as materials come in the be published.



Roger Duchesne

## from our Council Chaplain

*Father Jacob Chelamootil*

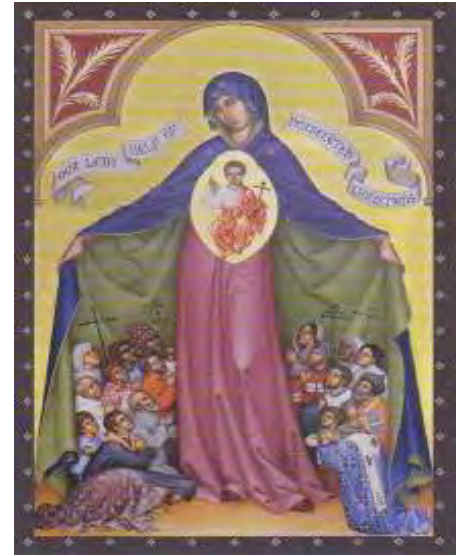
Please refer to Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto regarding the Introduction of Bill C-7: An Act to amend the Criminal Code in medical assisted in dying. He states:

*"The Federal government has introduced new legislation expanding the eligibility criteria for euthanasia. The inaccurate term, medical assistance in dying (MAID), is currently used to describe what this law will allow, but this process is more accurately called euthanasia or assisted suicide. Pain mediation and other resources and procedures can be used effectively to medically assist people who are dying, but that is not what MAID means. IT MEANS GIVING A LETHAL INJECTION TO PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT DYING, SO THAT THEY WILL DIE.*

*Those who opposed euthanasia expressed concern in 2016, when it was first legalized, that once the state legally provided death for some, it would only be a matter of time before the criteria for that would be expanded. This was dismissed as a slippery slope argument; we were told that "safeguards" would protect the most vulnerable. Now less than four years later, we are far down the slope, and the criteria for euthanasia have been radically expanded.*

*There is no longer a requirement that the person receiving euthanasia be terminally ill. Under this legislation, any serious incurable illness, disease, or disability would render one eligible for euthanasia where consent is obtained by an advance directive. THIS IS A NEW CHAPTER OF DEATH ON DEMAND. **Canada has cast aside restrictions at a far quicker pace than any jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia.***

*As our legislators and country consider the legislation presented this week in Parliament, we should be mindful of the following: found on page #3 of this newsletter.....*



### MARIAN PRAYER PROGRAM

Prayer For Persecuted Christians

O God of all the nations,  
the One God who is and was and always will be,  
in your providence you willed that your Church  
be united to the suffering of your Son.

Look with mercy on your servants  
who are persecuted for their faith in you.  
Grant them perseverance and courage  
to be worthy imitators of Christ.

Bring wisdom upon leaders of nations  
to work for peace among all peoples.

May your Spirit open conversion  
for those who contradict your will that we may  
live in harmony.

Give us the grace to be united in truth and  
freedom, and to always seek your will in our  
lives.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians,*

*Pray for us.*

*Prayer composed by*

*Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain*

*of the Knights of Columbus*

1. In 2016, the government indicated that before any new legislation would be introduced, there would be a thorough five-year review of the impact of euthanasia in Canada – **no such review has taken place**. Yet the government moves forward without such critical analysis, even though it is reported that since 2016 at least 13,000 people have died from lethal injection.
2. Where is the political will to push forward on palliative care for all Canadians? Only 30 per cent of Canadians have access to quality palliative care even though we know that pain and loneliness are among the biggest fears of those who are suffering. Palliative care can address these issues. If all Canadians had access to quality palliative care, fewer would seek lethal injection. **Instead of developing an overall culture of care, we are rushing towards death on demand**. The same doctors who are trying to care for their patients will now be called on to endorse euthanasia for them.
3. Under the proposed legislation, disabled Canadians with no terminal illness will now be eligible for lethal injection. People with disabilities already face substantial challenges relating to employment, housing, appropriate medical care and support. **Their lives matter. They should never be seen as a burden to our society**. We should be alarmed that those who have struggled for decades to be treated with equality may well be pressured, whether from family, friends or even their own health care professionals, to “ease their burden” and end their lives. **These people need assisted living, not assisted death**.

I invite all Canadians concerned about this legislation to contact their Member of Parliament to voice their concerns. We should also take time to be truly present to those who may feel that they are on the margins in our community. **Those who feel that their life no longer has value must be assured by all of us that this is absolutely not the case – there is dignity within each human life, not just when we are young, healthy and able, but even more so, when we are fragile and vulnerable.**

**It is up to every Canadian to foster a culture of care and love for one another. The answer is not assisted death in its many forms; it is accompanying our family, our friends and even strangers to assist them in life, recognizing the inherent dignity of every person."**

**Cardinal Thomas Collins**

February 25, 2020

Be mindful that this **evil** legislation will affect all of us, Now and in the Future, regardless of your age, gender, race, religious affiliation, or status in life.

Thank you for your response.

Editor Roger Duchesne

Sir Laughsalot (our new Knight)



HEARRR YEEEE! BRING FORTH THE SQUIRE CANDIDATES



ER ... I JUST REMEMBERED I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO DO ... BYE

IN MEMORY OF - *Alvie Annable*

Long time, respected and loved, Fourth Degree Knight, and resident of Prescott, **Alvie Annable**, entered into eternal life on January, 23, 2020. Numerous Knights were present at the funeral home and at St. Mark's Church funeral Mass celebrated by Father **Andrew Shim** of Kemptville, held on January 28. Members of the Fourth Degree Knights were present as an Honor Guard and the Prescott Fire Department members were pallbearers.

Al was originally a volunteer Fireman in Prescott, and was known for his quick wit humor and his craftsmanship in woodworking. The seven-foot wood cross he fabricated 10 years ago for the Prescott Council Chamber was standing in the Sanctuary for his funeral Mass.

Al will be long remembered for his generosity, his sense of humor, his woodwork, and fraternal love. May he rest in the peace in the Lord.

*reported by the Editor*

**FOOD for THOUGHT**

**WHO IS TO BLAME?**

We read in the papers, we hear on the air  
Of killing and stealing and crime everywhere,  
We sing and we say as we notice the trend,  
"This young generation, where will it end?"

But can we be sure that it is their fault alone?  
That most of it is really our own?  
Too much money to spend; too much idle time;  
Too many movies of passion and crime.  
Too many books not fit to read;  
Too much evil in what they hear said;  
Too many encouraged to roam,  
By too many parents who won't stay at home.

Kids don't make the movies, they don't write books  
That paint a gay picture of gangsters and crooks.  
They don't make liquor, they don't run the bars,  
They don't make the laws and they don't drive the  
cars,

They don't make drugs that addle the brain,  
It's all done by older folks, greedy for gain.  
Thus in so many cases, it must be confessed,  
That label 'Delinquent' fit older folks best.

*From the LES WAKEHAM collection*

**COMING EVENTS**

**Station of the Cross  
and Soup Lunch: March 06, 2020**

Others event will be announced later.



## COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

### 2019 KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS PARADE



INSET: SANTA'S ELF  
**Art Psiuk**

from Left to Right:

**John McGeough, Tim Glashan, Art Psiuk, Kevin Frech, Karen McGeough, and Karen Frech**

On December 3, 2019, a small group of Knights and their wives braved a chilly evening to bring some Christmas Cheer to hundreds of men, women, boys and girls who lined the streets of Brockville for the Annual Santa Claus Parade. Brother **Tim Glashan** was the organizer for the Knights' participation in the event again this year.

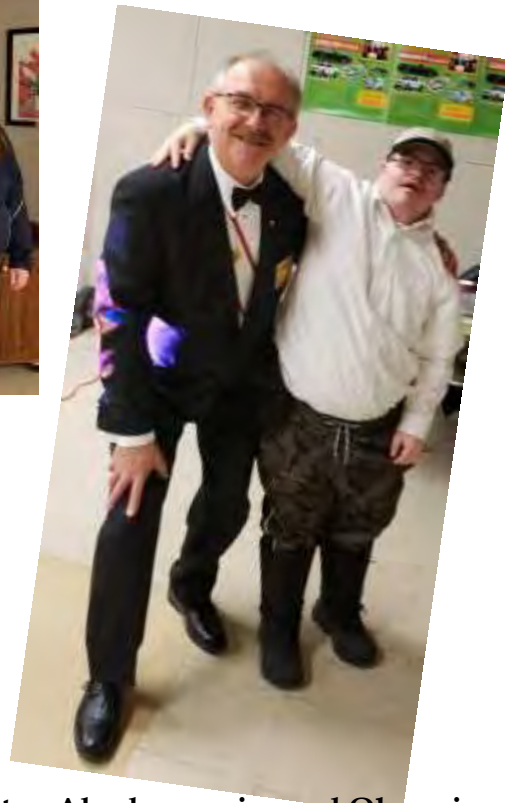
Our "FLOAT" was a nicely cleaned and decorated pickup truck owned and driven by Santa's Chief Elf, Brother **Art Psiuk**. We had lots of candy canes to hand out to children along the parade route, thanks to Brother **Rick Gibbs** successful canvassing of local stores for donations.

*As reported by John McGeough*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLAG



OLYMPIANS



Br. Stan Abrahamowicz and Olympian



L. to R. Cmd. S.K. John McAuley, Cons. Foster, S.K. Tony Boileau, RCMP Cons. Alex Young,  
S.K. Richard Bérubé and Cons. Kelso

*FLAG RELAY (cont'd.) As reported by our Master of Ceremony, John McGeough*

John welcomed everyone to the Annual Special Olympic Flag Relay hosted by the Knights of Columbus Councils and Assembly of our District, namely Brockville, Prescott, South Mountain, Iroquois/Morrisburg and Finch.

The purpose of this event was to raise awareness of Special Olympics, and to support the athletes in communities throughout Ontario.

The Special Olympic Flag, the Athletes, the Coaches and the Volunteers in our communities were all welcomed and led in the Prescott Legion Hall by bagpiper **Ed Bush** for the opening Ceremony. The flag bearer was our Knights of Columbus District Deputy, **Bruce Purcell**, and District Warden, **Wayne Moore**.

Following this, our dignitaries were all introduced and called to the front of the Hall as follows: RCMP Constable **Alex Young**, **Michael Barrett** MP for Leeds Grenville, Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, **Brett Todd**, Mayor of Prescott, **Jason Baker**, Mayor of Brockville, **Patrick Sayeau**, Mayor of Edwardsburg/Cardinal Township, **Doug Malanka**, Mayor of Augusta Township, **Judy Brooks**, Special Olympics Co-Coordinator, OPP Constables **Kelso** and **Foster** and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 97 President, **Eric Place** who permitted this facility to be used for this event.

MP **Michael Barrett** addressed the audience and following him, **Brett Todd** said a few words as well. He was followed by **Eric Place** for his welcome to the Legion and for congratulations to all the Special Olympians, their coaches, and volunteers.

All the Athletes were then applauded by the audience. Two Athletes representing all local Athletes lead a Special Olympic Oath promoting fitness, courage, joy and fair play.

The Olympians did a photo presentation after the ceremony during the lunch of Chili and Hot Dogs prepared by the Knights of Columbus and their wives.

Knights of Columbus Ontario Charities Program supports annual donations to the Special Olympics. S.K. Stan Abramowicz pictured below.



## K OF C #1049 COUNCIL PROGRAM

Our Knights of Columbus Council Program includes Family, Community, Youth, Council and Church categories of Service. Each is headed by a Director and overseen by a Program Director.

The Program Director: **Stu Glashan**,  
 Community Director: **Shawn Souder**,  
 Family Director: **Joe Frendo-Cumbo**,  
 Council Director: **Stan Abrahamowicz**,  
 Church Director: **Rick Fraser**,  
 Youth Director: vacant at this time.  
 Retention Chairman: **Tim Glashan**

The Family and Community Directors had to take a special "Safe Environment Program" certification course, taken on line, and also had to comply with a Security Check to satisfy the Liability Insurance. Both have a compliant rating for their categories.



CHARITY - UNITY - FRATERNITY - PATRIOTISM

*reported by the Editor*

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of our long time Brother Fourth Degree and past Grand Knight of Prescott Council **Alvie Annable** (as mentioned earlier in this publication).

We found out recently that Sir Knight **Maurice Bélec** of our Council and his wife, Lady **Madelaine**, have been admitted to the General Hospital for unknown reason at this time. A visit to this Faithful Knight and his wife would certainly be appreciated, if possible. Let us pray for both our Parishioners of Saint John Bosco for their prompt recovery.

Also remember to keep in your prayers Brian Fraser, son of Sir Knight Rick Fraser, for his complete recovery as well.

## COUNCIL BUSINESS TOPICS

- Marian Hour of Prayer Icon (see page 2).
- K of C Council #1049 Webpage.
- Service Program Directors.
- Liability Insurance.
- Blood Donor Clinic.
- Insurance Agent's Report
- Special Olympics Flag Relay
- K of C Bursary Award Criteria Review
- Ontario State Insurance Quota Program
- Home and Hospital Visiting Teams
- Remembrance Day Parade.
- Coffee Social after 10:00 Mass on Sunday
- Christmas Card Sale.
- Basketball Free Throw.
- Spaghetti Dinner.
- Safe Environment Program.
- Palliative Care Fund Raiser Telethon
- Medical Assistance End-of-Life.
- K of C Recruitment Program.
- Saint Vincent de Paul





The K of C Blood Donor Clinic Day was held on February 03, 2020, at the Brockville Memorial Centre in the Banquet Hall. Serving the donors were Stan Abrahamowicz and Joe Frendo-Cumbo on the 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. shift and Jean-Paul Chapdelaine and Roger Duchesne on the 4:00 to 7:00 Shift.

This event saw around 115 people who donated blood to save a life. Thank you all.



**K of C  
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NOODLES**

A good crowd of Parishioners and Knights attended this year's Spaghetti Supper held at Saint John Bosco Church on February 19, 2020.

We managed to keep all customers happy and coming back for more. A young and energetic gourmet cook by the name of Stu Glashan filled the Chef's Hat ,along with Scott and Mary MacDermott, Marc Dennis, John McGeough, Dave Cody, Tim and Christina Glashan, Joe Frendo-Cumbo and Art Psiuk to satisfy taste buds in the Brockville and the surrounding area.

It was a great overall team effort, and the profit of \$356.00 went to Loaves and Fishes.

Thank you all for your support!



The team of JOHN McGeough, KICK FRASER and Stan Abrahamowicz sat at the phones during our hour-long shift on Saturday night, February 22, to make the money numbers increase along with the many other teams to raise the funds for this community.

Thanks to all the Knights that have responded to the calls of our three Brothers on Saturday night.

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

**-JOINT EFFORT-**

Another delicious event was held on February 25, 2020, at our Saint John Bosco Church in the form of delicious Pancakes/Sausages and real Maple Syrup, to kick off our Lenten Season.

A combination team of **Knights** and the **Men's Fellowship Group** members joined to serve our Parishioners and family and friends, a great sweet supper, with coffee, tea, juices and the other beverages.

Master Cook was Stu Glashan with his team: Emilio and Jose Bracamonte, Art Psiuk, Ken O'Grady, Roger Duchesne, Pamela Marchand, Phyllis and Marc Dennis, Tim and Christina Glashan, Chris Andress and Shawn Souder.

Everyone enjoyed this delicious meal and many came back for a second serving, especially for the sausages. It was a great team effort, which made \$500.00 for our Parish Funds. Thank you everyone!

Vivat Jesus!



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