



the Crusader

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1049



From our Grand Knight

G.K. John McGeough

Being joyful at this time of year is a normal Christmas tradition, but 2020 has been anything but normal. However, let's not recount our difficulties, as we surely have all experienced them in varying degrees during the past 12 months.

Instead, let's think about, and be thankful for, our blessings throughout the year. This newsletter contains stories of some of our council's accomplishments and joyful events, and enjoyable times working alongside our brothers, and doing God's good work for our parishes and our community.

All of us have the means to reflect on our lives and recount our blessings, be it good health, loving families, vibrant parishes, good friendships, comfortable homes, delicious foods, or other blessings.

About 25 years ago at our home, I started a Christmas tradition of recounting our annual family blessings and writing them in a Christmas card to my wife. I'll be honest, this takes some effort to do every year, but it is well worth it, for the way that it makes us feel when we remember how fortunate and blessed we are.

Going forward, I look forward to seeing all of our brothers participate in future endeavours of our vibrant Knights of Columbus Brockville council.

Merry Christmas, and may the peace of the Christmas season be with you and your family!

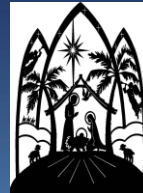


Vivat Jesus!

John McGeough

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Editor's Notes

Well two Crusaders is better than none after the year we had with the shutdowns and other COVID protocols that no one saw coming upon us. Despite all this, our Council survived another term, due to the efforts and imagination of our Council Executive body led by our Grand Knight, John McGeough. Bravo everyone! Our jobs are not done and we must keep on forging ahead into the future challenges that await us. God bless each and everyone. I decided to feature last year's Christmas Parade photos again for good cheer. Roger Duchesne



from our Council Lecturer

Roger Duchesne

If you are at all like me, it happens that you sort of lose control of your life at Christmas time. It's strange but it happens.

Each Year, we tell ourselves it will NOT happen this year; things will be different we say. No, I'm not just going to reorganize myself, I'll get my affairs together real good, so I won't be in the bind I was last Christmas. I'm going to schedule my time more closely, spread out my calls, touch base earlier on all those preparations.

And what happens? Well, I think you know. But do you really know what happens?

LIFE is what happens to us while we are making plans, and as I said, life around Christmas time is awfully hard to control.

Well, we can relax and not feel so bad about it, because it's been happening for 2,000 years or so. It was the same at the first Christmas! Shepherds had to leave their flocks unattended at night, and left their sheep dogs in charge (that came in handy).

Wise men very unwisely made a trip right out of their country in the middle of winter, and most important of all, an expectant mother was forced to travel 90 miles to Bethlehem where there was no room at the Inn. But happy and fortunate for all of them, the shepherds, the wise men, the expectant mother, and happy for us too that they put aside their own plans to take an unexpected journey.

Why? Because it gave God the opportunity to leap down from His Royal Throne and allow Jesus to be born in our midst. So, cheer up, and don't mind if things get out of control, because Jesus continues to be born in our hearts when we let God break in on our plans with his invitation.

Have a lovely Christmas with your families following the protocols of the pandemic, for the time being.



A FIRM FOUNDATION

Our Order's Symbol

Designed by James Mullen, Supreme Knight in 1883 in New Haven Connecticut.

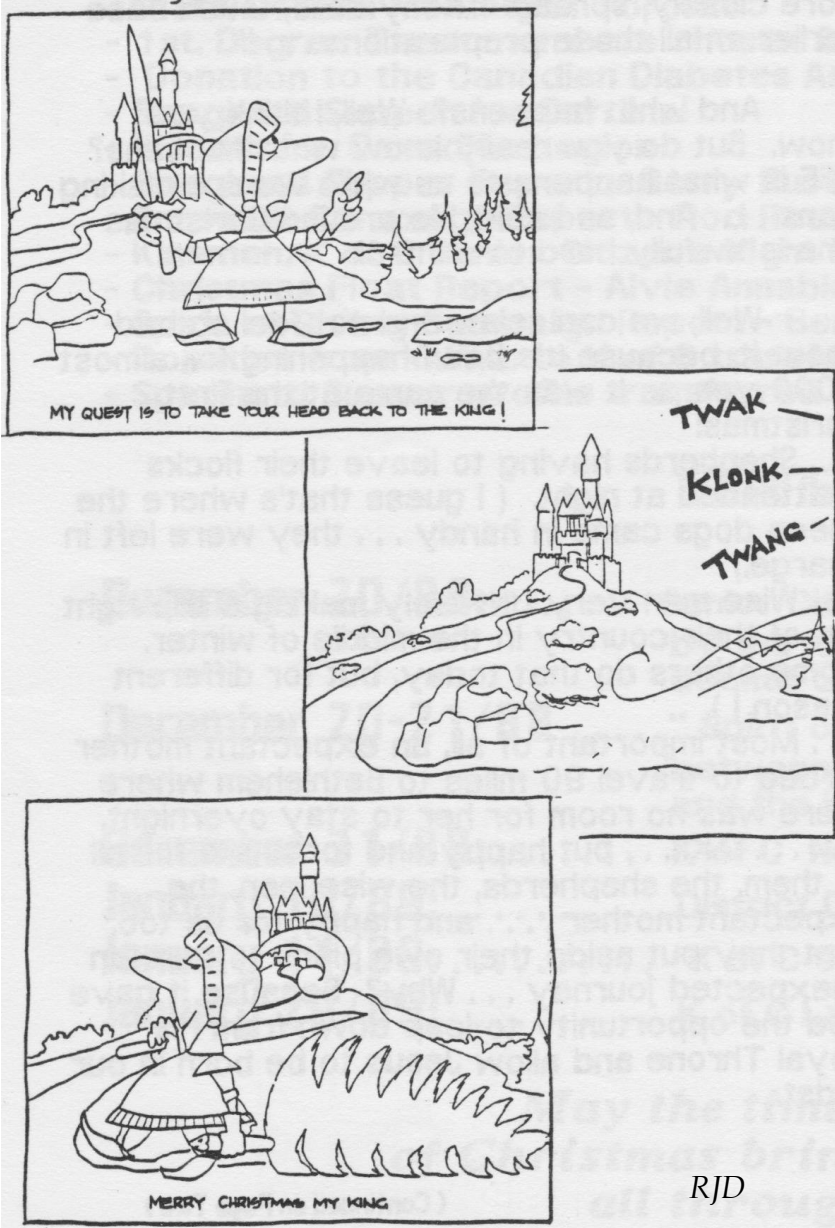
The outline for the Knights of Columbus emblem is a shield imposed upon a Maltese-like cross signifying the general symbol for Catholic Knighthood. Within the shield are placed the specific symbols: a vertical mace representing the ideals of unity and authority, with an anchor and a sword crossed behind it, emblematic of the Order's patron, Christopher Columbus, and the knightly virtues of honour and mercy. "K of C" is placed on the bar at the top of the shield.

Except for later innovations in colours and shading, Mr. Mullen's design is still the official emblem of the Knights of Columbus.

This information is found in Christopher J. Kauffman's FAITH & FRATERNALISM: THE HISTORY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 1882-1982.



Sir Laughsalot



RJD

COMING EVENTS

Blood Donor Clinic: January 04, 2021 Held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, Brockville

Resumption of Regular K of C Meetings: on line via Teams Conferencing, January 12, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

FOOD for THOUGHT

FRIENDLY OBSTACLES

For every hill I've had to climb
 For every stone that bruised my feet,
 For all the blood and sweat and grime
 For blinding storm and burning heat,
 My heart sings but a grateful song...
 These were the things that made me strong!

For all the heartaches and the tears,
 For all the anguish and the pain,
 For the gloomy days and fruitless years
 And the hopes that lived in vain,
 I do give thanks to God, for now I know
 These were the things that made me grow!

'Tis not the softer things in life,
 Which stimulates man's will to strive;
 But bleak adversity and strife
 Do most to keep man's will alive.
 O'er rose-strewn paths the weakling creep
 But brave hearts dare to climb the steep.

From the LES WAKEHAM collection

IN MEMORIAM

On November 25, a Mass for deceased members of the K of C and CWL was celebrated at St. John Bosco church by Fr. Jacob. We remembered especially the recent Knights who died specifically: Paul Fournier, Gerald Anderson, David Crawford and Stewart Couperus. May they rest in eternal peace with the Father.



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

COUNCIL BUSINESS TOPICS

1. New K of C meeting virtual environment with Video Conferencing.
2. Leave No Neighbour Behind, K of C initiative.
3. Cemetery Flower Project.
4. Nominations and Election of Officers.
5. Charitable Donations to Food Bank, Loaves and Fishes, and St. Vincent de Paul Backpacker Program.
6. Fraternal Benefit Program.
7. Arthritis Raffle Ticket Sale.
8. Deactivation of Prescott Council.
9. Council Exemplification Team.
10. Christmas Card Sale.
11. Future Palliative Care Support.
12. Beatification of Father Michael McGivney.
13. Field Agent Insurance Report.
14. Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign.
15. Blood Donor Clinic.
16. Recruitment of 4 New K of C members.
17. K of C Abuse, Discrimination & Harassment Policy 2020.
18. Mass for deceased members of K of C.

For details on these topics, consult the Meeting Minutes of K of C Council #1049.

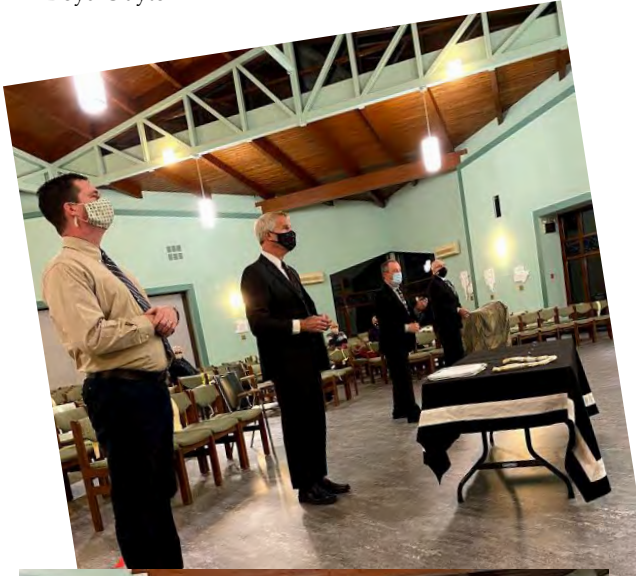
Candidates

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Clancy MacDonald
Alain Cyr
Peter Verhoeven
Lloyd Clayton

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

AT SAINT JOHN BOSCO CHURCH - Friday November 20, 2020

Grand Knight - John McGeough



Alain Cyr

Peter Verhoeven

Treasurer - Rick Fraser

Peter Verhoeven

Lloyd Clayton



Stan Abrahamowicz



Father Jacob Chelamootil



Tim Glashan



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