



The Bulletin



Knights of Columbus - Rideau Council No. 2444
Smiths Falls, Ontario

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It was my pleasure as the Grand Knight for this fraternal year to make the presentation of a congratulatory certificate to Brother Sir Knight Blair and Lady Arlene Bingley on reaching their 60 Wedding Anniversary in July this year.

[From left to right: Glenn Kerridge, Arlene Bingley, Blair Bingley and Fr. Rod McNeil]

The new season of dinners at the Knight's Hall has kicked off, thanks to the leadership of Dave Ryan and his team. Here are several photos of the Roast Beef Dinner from last month:



Chaplain's Report

"Chaplain on Ice"

For your reflection, brother Knights, I am offering you a few thoughts from a recent article I submitted to the St. Luke newsletter. The School Board theme for the next two years is "Witnesses to Hope":

"Hope is the thing that gets us out of bed in the morning. Hope is the thing that enables us to tackle new challenges. Hope is the thing that helps us learn from our mistakes and that enables us to forgive others for their mistakes, and to pull ourselves together and start over when we fall short of our goals. Hope enables us to believe that this world is good and that it can be better, and that we can make it so. Hope empowers us to believe that each of us is passionately loved by God and destined to be with God one day in heaven. Hope is why we get married and have babies and go in the Terry Fox Run (and join the K of C!). Hope is why some people continue to cheer for the Toronto Maple Leafs! When you think about it, hope is behind everything that is good and worthwhile in

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† Charity † Unity † Fraternity † Patriotism †

this world. If you see someone who is down and out, chances are they've lost hope. Why not reach out to that person? Why not offer them friendship? Why not become a Witness to Hope?"

Pretty much describes our mission, eh?

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Rod McNeil



Grand Knight's Report

Dear Brother Knights

I am constantly reminded of the power of prayer! When I accepted the role of Grand Knight I prayed for guidance, and the support from Past-Grand Knights has been invaluable. When a new Deputy Grand Knight was required I prayed for a swift replacement – and at that very meeting Brother David Lutes stepped up to support me in my endeavors. Each day as I balance work commitments with both family and the essential duties of Grand Knight I pray that I can continue to stay ahead of the curve, and so far so good. My constant prayer is for Brother Knights within our Council to step up and take a more active role in our mission – even if only for one or two hours each month. I remain hopeful that more Brothers will come forward over time.

My theme for this fraternal year is: "If not me then who?" Our membership drive will be focused on the need to "let our light shine"; to accompany faith with good deeds; and to remember that we will be judged on how well we lived up to the call to charity: *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."* [Matthew 25]

When was the last time you did this to the least of your brothers and sisters?

Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight – Glenn Kerridge

Rideau Council # 2444, Smiths Falls, Ontario



Deputy Grand Knight's / Lecturer's Report

Brother Knights

Autumn is a season of mysterious and miraculous changes that entertain our senses. On a weekly basis we perceive nature's subtle, almost secretive transformation. It happens so unhurriedly we sometimes take no notice of it, becoming customarily familiar with nature's seasonal shift.

Then something dramatic, breathtaking, even divine stops us. A special moment of rare beauty happens upon us that reminds us of the perfection of creation and the goodness of a loving Creator.

This time of year always invokes my personal recollection of when I was young, living in a rural area of

North Gower. The memory is so animated and so tangible, that I can almost feel the chilly air, smell the moist leaves on the ground and recall the silence of grey cloudy afternoons. But the most intimate reminiscence is the aroma of the spices in the spaghetti sauce my mother (rest in peace) was cooking. It would drift into the air around the doorway as I walked toward our little 60 foot trailer home. The warmth of supper would steam up the little windows, and dimly I could hear familiar sounds of the CFL football game my dad was watching. Entering my home I transitioned from tired and cold to rejuvenated and warmed – elated by the cozy and intimate familial environment my parents had lovingly fashioned.

In my next message as Lecturer, I will continue the theme of transformation; of discerning the dramatic, breathtaking and even divine moments that literally stops us in our tracks and allows us to reach out to God. Using this voyage through “mother nature’s” seasonal changes, I will continue to parallel spiritual changes in us as we move into the Church’s seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum (The peace of the Lord be with you always)

Deputy Grand Knight – David Lutes
Rideau Council # 2444, Smiths Falls, Ontario



District Deputy’s Report

Brother Knights of Council 2444

With summer now behind us and Fall upon us, let us take a moment to reflect on those blessed souls in need in our Parishes.

The lives of many who suffer give quiet testimony to what Pope Francis writes in *Lumen Fidei*: “Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey. To those who suffer, God does not provide arguments which explain everything; rather, his response is that of an accompanying presence, a history of goodness which touches every story of suffering and opens up a ray of light” (57).

Last year, the Knights of Columbus as a whole once again set new records in charitable giving. According to our 2012-13 Survey of Fraternal Activity, we provided more than \$167 million and more than 70 million hours of service to our neighbors in need. These statistics testify to the fact that millions of lives have been touched for the better by the Knights of Columbus.

This was accomplished because so many brother Knights determined to make a gift of themselves to their neighbors — a gift of their time and hard work.

Our principles of charity, unity and fraternity have guided us for more than 131 years. To those who suffer, the Knights of Columbus has been “an accompanying presence... which touches every story of suffering and opens up a ray of light.”

This was the vision of our founder, Venerable Michael McGivney.

It remains our legacy and mission today.

Vivat Jesus!

Sir Knight – Dan Dean
District Deputy - District 30



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Fraternal Counselor's Report

Greetings Brother Knights

[New Deposit Rates effective October 1, 2013 is 2.15%]

Annuities: More flexible than you might think

Annuities are easily misunderstood, in part because of their name. When you “annuitize” the money you’ve paid into an annuity (plus the interest it has earned), you’ve chosen to receive monthly payments for life or for a fixed period.

However, annuitizing this money isn’t your only option. You may also treat an annuity something like a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC). That is, you use the annuity as a way to accumulate savings and earn a steady interest rate. You can make withdrawals from the annuity for any reason, although you may then owe income tax on some or the entire withdrawal amount. If you do choose to annuitize, you also have several payout options. The point is this: these products are flexible enough to serve a variety of needs.

Insured Annuity: This option maximizes the benefit of accessing monies that have been saved and also saving any taxable amount upon death. The option is extremely critical for widows and widowers who have registered money on deposit at time of death. The full amount of those registered funds are taxable and become part of the estate settlement. Please let me help you send more of your hard earned cash to the family and not the taxation department.

Contact me if you’re interested in setting up an annuity as an RRSP, spousal RRSP, RRIF, an Insured Annuity, a non-registered account, or a TFSA account.

God Bless

Fraternally Yours,

Sir Knight - Paul Porter F.I.C.

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*** Special Note: Please remember to visit the sick and elderly. And especially remember the widows and widowers who have lost a very important part of their lives. Now more than ever, we need to take care of our widows and orphans. Please give someone a call.

Congratulations:

To our Past Grand Knight, Daniel Dean, and the Executive Leadership over the last fraternal year for winning a 2012/2013 Columbian Award!

To Brother Sir Knight Jim and Lady Joan Finn on their 64th Wedding Anniversary.

Dates for your Diary



Council 2444

Next Dinner at the Knights Hall – October 23rd at 5:30pm - this month it is roast pork.

Next Council General Meeting (meal @ 6:30pm followed by the meeting @ 7:30pm) – November 13th

Mass for Deceased Brother Knights – 7pm November 6th at St. Francis de Sales Church. Please pass on this information to all Brother Knights and widows of deceased Knights.

Smiths Falls evening Christmas Parade – November 23rd - we need some Brother Knights to volunteer to assemble the “Keep Christ in Christmas” float.

Retreat Day - 9am to midday – scheduled for November 30th from 9am to midday.

Christmas Party Pot Luck & Carol Singing – Sunday December 15th from 4pm to 7pm

Membership Drive – Brothers Bob D’Alessio, David Lutes and I plan to present together, along with a 4th Degree Honor guard, at Masses in Lombardy, Merrickville and here in Smiths Falls. The Masses are listed below under the 4th Degree section.

It would be great to have a few Brother Knights available at the back of the church at these Masses – please consider staying a few minutes after Mass to speak to anyone interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus.

Volunteers needed for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign – the dates are as follows:

November 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th and 30th

December 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 23rd and 24th

If you can help on any of these dates please contact Debbie Lafleur on 613-283-3563



4th Degree - Assembly 2483 (including Honor Guards Dates)

The next Assembly Meeting is Tuesday November 5th, 7:30 at the Knight’s Hall in Smiths Falls.

Honor Guards have been requested for the following dates when our Council will be holding its Membership Drive:

- Blessed Sacrament, Lombardy at the 9am Mass on Sunday November 3rd
- St. Ann, Merrickville at the 5pm Mass on Saturday November 9th
- St. Ann, Merrickville at the 11am Mass on Sunday November 10th
- St. Francis de Sales, Smiths Falls at the 5pm Mass on Saturday November 16th
- St. Francis de Sales, Smiths Falls at the 11am Mass on Sunday November 17th

2013/2014 Executive

Grand Knight	Glenn Kerridge (Yvonne)
Chaplain	Fr. Rod McNeil
D. Grand Knight	David Lutes (Debi)
Chancellor	Calvin Prince
Financial Secretary	William G Evoy (Josephine)
Treasurer	John F Curran (Carol)
Advocate	Alfred Coyle
Recorder	Un-Assigned
Warden	Alex Frey
Trustee 1	Bob D'Alessio
Trustee 2	David G Ryan (Theresa)
Trustee 3	Robert J Drapeau (Mary Ellen)
Inside Guard	Gerald H Covell (Bonnie)
Outside Guard	George Harry Brennan (Diane)
Lecturer	David Lutes (Debi)

2013/2014 Service Program Personnel

Program Director	David Lutes (Debi)
Church Director	James R. Jenkins (Helen)
Vocations Chairman	Un-Assigned
Community Director	Un-Assigned
Pro Life Couple	Robert J Drapeau (Mary Ellen)
Health Service	Un-Assigned
Council Director	Un-Assigned
Public Relations	Un-Assigned
Family Director	Robert J Drapeau (Mary Ellen)
Youth Director	Un-Assigned
Columbian Squires	Un-Assigned
Membership Director	Bob D'Alessio
Retention Chairman	Un-Assigned
Insurance Promotion	William G Evoy (Josephine)
The Bulletin Editor	Glenn Kerridge (Yvonne)

November 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Lombardy Membership Drive	4	5 4th Degree Meeting at 7:30pm	6 Mass for Deceased Brother Knights	7	8	9 Merrickville Membership Drive
10 Merrickville Membership Drive	11	12	13 Council General Meeting at 6:30pm	14	15 Christmas Kettle Campaign	16 St Francis Membership Drive
17 St Francis Membership Drive	18	19	20	21	22 Christmas Kettle Campaign	23 Smiths Falls Christmas Parade
24 Brunch at Hanley Hall (10 to 1:30pm)	25	26 Executive Meeting @ 6:30pm	27 Dinner at Knights Hall at 5:30pm	28 Christmas Kettle Campaign	29 Christmas Kettle Campaign	30 Retreat Day - 9am to midday

December 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 4th Degree Meeting at 7:30pm	4 Christmas Kettle Campaign	5 Christmas Kettle Campaign	6 Christmas Kettle Campaign	7 Christmas Kettle Campaign
8	9	10 Christmas Kettle Campaign	11 Christmas Kettle Campaign	12 Christmas Kettle Campaign	13 Christmas Kettle Campaign	14 Christmas Kettle Campaign
15 Christmas Party Pot Luck & Carol Singing	16 Christmas Kettle Campaign	17 Christmas Kettle Campaign	18 Council General Meeting at 6:30pm	19 Christmas Kettle Campaign	20 Christmas Kettle Campaign	21 Christmas Kettle Campaign
22	23 Christmas Kettle Campaign	24 Christmas Kettle Campaign	25 Have a wonderful Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Pro Life

[Rob and Mary Ellen Drapeau are the Council 2444 Pro-life couple]

Prayer for Pro-Life

LORD, through the Holy Spirit, Mary brought forth the Baby Jesus. We bring forth your creation of human life that we may live in Your image. Protect the innocent babies so mercilessly being murdered by abortion. Give us courage to oppose those who peddle death for profit and convenience.

We ask this in Your Name - Amen.

Please keep the Pro-life movement in your prayers.

Prayer for the New Evangelization – Year of Faith

“‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent?”
Romans 10: 13-15



Heavenly Father,

Pour forth your Holy Spirit to inspire me with these words from Holy Scripture.

Stir in my soul the desire to renew my faith and deepen my relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ so that I might truly believe in and live the Good News.

Open my heart to hear the Gospel and grant me the confidence to proclaim the Good News to others.

Pour out your Spirit, so that I might be strengthened to go forth and witness to the Gospel in my everyday life through my words and actions.

In moments of hesitation, remind me:

If not me, then who will proclaim the Gospel?

If not now, then when will the Gospel be proclaimed?

If not the truth of the Gospel, then what shall I proclaim?

God, our Father, I pray that through the Holy Spirit I might hear the call of the New Evangelization to deepen my faith, grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel and boldly witness to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.