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Christmas Message

As we approach Christmas, we continue our journey and prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the birth of our Saviour. The story of Christmas offers the hope of salvation and joy for all humanity. Pope Francis reminds us that "joy, prayer and gratitude are the ways that prepare us to experience Christmas in an authentic way". We are so blessed, privileged and thankful to be able to worship our Lord and celebrate His coming.

On behalf of the executive officers, we sincerely wish all our families the hope, promise and anticipation of the coming joy and peace of Christmas.

May God bless you with a safe,
peaceful and restful holiday
Larry Lamont GK



District Deputy Report for December 2020



Reverend Father, my Brother Knights; I bring you Greetings from Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, the Supreme Officers, the Board of Directors, and Our State Deputy, David Peters.

I HOPE THAT EVERYONE DOING OK DURING THIS PANDEMIC.

The Supreme Council has issued new guidelines for council meetings that are effective immediately. Significant changes include a new, streamlined agenda and detailed suggestions on best practices for meetings that members will find rewarding, informative, and enjoyable .

Please register for the webinar on Dec. 17, 2020 at 8:00 pm EST where you will receive detailed training on implementing the new guidelines and hosting fantastic meetings.

January 1,2021-Supreme Assessments Waived Knights of Columbus are offering FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP IN COMMEMORATION of our BELOVED FOUNDER FR. Michael J. McGivney . Please promote this gift of free first-year membership to all potential members between now and December 31th 2020. Interested prospects should simply visit Kofc.org/joinus, complete the membership application and enter code MCGIVNEY2020.

I would like to wish everyone and your families a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021,please stay home and stay safe during this Coronavirus Pandemic.

Thank you for all you do for your members and for your church and our order.

VIVAT JESUS!

MICHEL SASSINE

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Deputy Grand Knight' Report

My fellow brother Knights,

I wish all of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a safe happy healthy new year.

This year has certainly impacted all of our lives. We are now going into our 9th month of pandemic living. This year has brought words like: Coronavirus, social distancing, Zoom meetings, sustainability, outbreak, quarantine, lockdown and many others to the forefront of our lives

and has forced the postponement \ cancelation of many things.

As we enter into the Christmas season...It is important to remember that not everyone is surrounded by large wonderful families. Some of us have problems during the holidays and some of us are overcome with great sadness when we remember the loved ones who are not with us.

Many people have no one to spend these times with and are besieged by loneliness. Now more than ever we all need caring, loving thoughts, reach out to those around you, call them, send them a words \ messages of encouragement wherever possible. Be the shining example that you wish to see in this world.

We are asked "to give up one's self – to think of others to treat our fellow humans with compassion, respect and understanding, For it is not what's under your tree that matters most, but rather everyone' who is around it, including all those who forever reside in our hearts .

Merry Christmas stay healthy and safe.

DGK Justin Artale.

Treasurer's Report



A warm hello Brothers, I hope you and your families are well and keeping safe at this strange time we are going through. I want to let you know that our council is ongoing in our mission of Charity. We may not be able to do our face to face Fraternity, but this too will change, hopefully in the New Year.

This past year we have donated to the following charities during the Covid 19 pandemic; ALS , Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Kids Help Phone Line, Downtown Mission (food bank and Thanksgiving) , Unemployed Help Centre (food bank), United Way (food bank), Victoria Manor Women's shelter, Children's Aid Society, Second Chance Ministry (downtown tent city), Welcome Shelter, Alzheimer's Society, Windsor Homes Coalition (food bank), Life After Fifty, Good fellows (food bank), Windsor Residence for Young Men, Windsor Fire Dept (sleeping bag program), On Track To Success (high school student work help), Right to Life (general program). Corpus Christi SVDP. We were not able to have our Rose Sunday at the church so in lieu we donated to their general program.

This year we also saw a change in our Chaplain position with Fr. Christian Amogu being reassigned to St. Alphonse Church. Our new pastor Fr. John Pirt has agreed to take on the role of Chaplain. We also saw the retirement of Fr. Jim Roach from Corpus Christi.

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The Friday Night Dart League started in September and we were able to play 5 weeks before being closed down due to Red status. We have been playing at the Legion 594 hall on Howard this year with 18 of our 32 players returning. Hopefully we will be able to resume in 2021.

We also awarded a \$500 bursary to Christopher Colautti, son of Brother Dean and Sandra for his excellent application for same. He will be pursuing schooling at St.Clair College.

Unfortunately we were not able to have our annual member's turkey dinner in December, but we are hoping to host a BBQ in the summer and the turkey dinner in December 2021.

Remember to check your emails for news of our virtual Zoom meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Brother Shawn Jones has been setting up these meetings and it is nice to see our members on the computer if not face to face.

We will miss seeing our members at our Annual Polar Bear BBQ in January. Hopefully it will resume in 2022. At some point we will be able to have our fund raiser events again.

Don't forget to pay your dues to help us continue to be able to donate to our charities. You can pay by cheque, cash or e transfer. You can also put your dues in an envelope and put in collection basket at Corpus Christi if you are attending mass.

To all our Brothers and their families have a safe and happy Christmas holiday.

Brother Gary Norman PGK (Treasurer),
Rosemary and all the Norman family

Virtual Council Meeting Guidelines

On March 13, 2020, in response to COVID-19, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council issued guidance strongly recommending that local councils temporarily cease in-person events and continue operations without face-to-face contact. With these emergency restrictions in place, the Supreme Council authorized councils to operate using virtual, electronic methods for meetings and the conduct of regular business. Councils were encouraged to use the technologies that worked best for their members.

A series of webinars were conducted to highlight the features, advantages, and disadvantages of these virtual tools and procedures.

These webinars remain available online for review at KofC.Org/Webinar. In general, a virtual meeting follows the same agenda as a regular meeting for content and sequence of events. However, members will likely be seated the

whole time, so there is no need to gavel them to sit and stand as done in-person.

The following general practices will enhance the conduct of virtual meetings:

1. Test the meeting platform in advance Before hosting a virtual meeting, test the online meeting platform with council officers.
2. Setup where Wi-Fi is strong Set up the laptop or PC where the wireless router signal is strong. Consider using a hard-wired connection to assure uninterrupted internet access.
3. Appoint a member to oversee the meeting platform and technology Designate a technology expert to operate equipment, assist virtual attendees, manage electronic voting, and other technical issues that arise. This will allow the Grand Knight to focus on running the meeting.
4. Use headphones with a microphone or a Bluetooth headset. Built-in computer audio is not optimal.
5. Mute when not speaking To reduce interference and background noise, it is best to have all attendees mute themselves when they are not speaking. Unmute only to speak.
6. Look at the camera when speaking Look directly into the camera when speaking to maintain the attention of those on the other side.
7. Raise hands and use chat features If a member has something to add or ask, he should raise his hand or use the chat feature of the platform. This will draw the presenter's attention without disrupting his remarks by having two or more people speaking at once.
8. Ask for thumbs up and thumbs down when seeking group consensus, the presenter should ask for a thumbs up or a thumbs down from the attendees. This will give him a quick visual answer.

Join a Zoom Meeting

You will be notified by email about the date and time of the meeting. Just follow the link.

Example:

Link—[https://zoom.us/j/5854962751?](https://zoom.us/j/5854962751?pwd=NW96LzM5ZnZjVTNvTUtaWJVeWlmZz09)

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Meeting ID: enter ID

Pass code: enter pass code

Remembering our Brothers who passed away in 2020

Herbert Seguin
4/15/2020

PGK Harrison Waugh
5/18/2020

Dominic Donofrio
9/15/2020

Robert Stalmach
9/17/2020

Leo Santamaria
10/18/2020

Sam Roberts
10/25/2020

Prayer of Widows and Widowers

Lord Jesus Christ, during Your earthly life You showed compassion to those who had lost a loved one.

Turn Your compassionate eyes on me in my sorrow over the loss of my life's partner. Fill this emptiness until we are together again in Your heavenly kingdom as a reward for our earthly service.

Help me to cope with my loss by relying on You even more than before. Teach me to adapt to the new conditions of my life and to continue doing Your will. Enable me to avoid withdrawing from life and make me give myself to others more readily, so that I may continue to live in Your grace and to do the task that You have laid out for me.

Strong Councils

Strong councils hold good meetings that members enjoy. Section 124 of the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus requires each subordinate council to hold at least two regular meetings each month. One is a Council meeting for all members.

The purpose of this meeting is to build fraternal spirit, to share information, to strengthen formation in the faith, and to present matters that require the vote of council members. The other monthly meeting is an Officers' Planning meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to plan programs, develop budgets, pay approved bills, prepare motions, discuss new ideas, and deal with other necessary matters.

Council officers, directors, and chairpersons are required to attend this meeting. This meeting is open to any council members who wish to attend. In addition to guidance on running these two types of meetings, a guidebook contains a section on virtual meetings and the conduct of business by virtual means. (See; Virtual Council Meeting Guidelines p 3)

Meeting Guide book is now available on line to all council officers.



Financial Secretary's Report



Dear Brothers, I pray every day that everyone is safe and healthy.

We Value Your Membership, as with most organizations membership requires a commitment, and an annual payment of dues. Council 4386 depends on the prompt payment of dues from its members.

Thank you to all who have paid their 2021 dues. As you may know dues are the prime income source for our Charity programs.

Because of the pandemic, Supreme and State Councils are giving us a break on the per capita tax.

If you are having a problem paying please, call me at 519-948-2196 we can always work something out.

At this time my family and I would like to wish every brother and their family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in good health. Be safe.

Wayne Talford Fin. Sec. PGK



*Knights of Columbus Ontario
State Council is inviting you to a
scheduled Zoom Rosary on
Saturday December 12, 2020 at
8:30 am.*

Join Zoom Meeting

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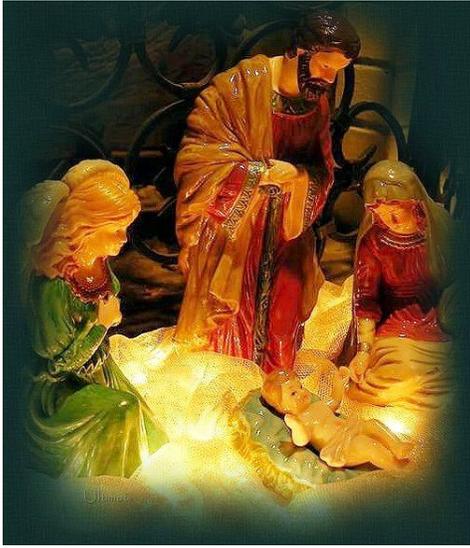
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it's in you to give



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

THE REDEEMER IS BORN



ADVENT; a time of prayer and reflection to appreciate the meaning of Christ's coming at Bethlehem.

CHRISTMAS; the story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of our Savior and Redeemer in a stable.

Who would have thought?

Yet there He is, the newborn Child, our Redeemer. Is He still here 2000 years later? Truly here? That is the Question.

I've been taught through my Catholic upbringing that the Son of God died on the cross for my sins and will return to judge the living and the dead. Is He waiting in Heaven for that awesome day- waiting, but not here on earth?

The reality is Jesus is with us still in the humblest of our fellow human beings. He is present in every Sacrament and when 2 or 3 are gathered in His Name.

That is hard to realize when we live in a secular world, a world where we try and separate ourselves from Religious or Spiritual connections or Influences until we need them.

We have **GOD IN A BOX!** Only open in case of an emergency!!! Live without all forms of religious faith and worship and you become **UNSPIRITUAL**.

ADVENT is the time to embrace the Word made flesh of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, **TO RENEW OUR SPIRIT**.

We must open up and **HEAR**, not just **LISTEN** to the **WORD** made **FLESH**.

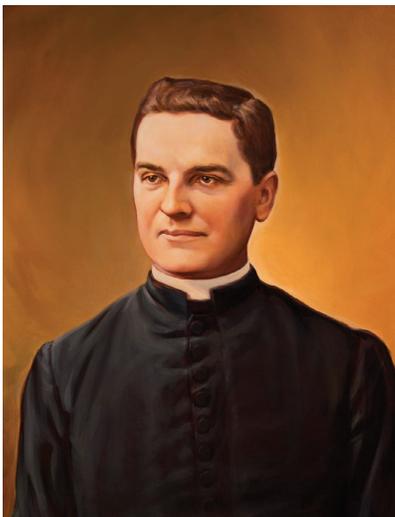
We stand in **AWE** of **GOD** and are **HUMBLE** in **HIS** presence. We must love our neighbours as **GOD** Loves all His sons and daughters. We must feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick, worried and imprisoned.

GOD allows us, asks us, to be Jesus to others. If we do this **JESUS IS STILL HERE WITH US!!!**

We must clear our minds and our hearts and welcome **GODS** gift of the **REDEEMER** being born on Christmas Day. When we open that present, **OUR LIVES WILL CHANGE FOREVER**.

The GIFT of LOVE, The GIFT of PEACE, The GIFT of HAPPINESS May all these be yours at CHRISTMAS

Vivat Jesus



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.