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THE COUNCIL IN ACTION!

St. Thomas Aquinas Banner Installation

On January 30, 2011, after a month of selling 50/50 Draw tickets at all of the masses at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Council 1394, in procession led by Brother and parishioner Austin Rose, after the 11:00 am Mass, presented the banner (pictured at right) to Father Michael Basque and the congregation.

Brother Israel Mailloux donated his time and wood-working expertise and created two matching banner masts - one for the 1394 banner and one for the CWL of the parish. (Many thanks, Israel!)

Many thanks to all of the Brothers who helped sell tickets, and who attend the banner presentation to the church. The 50/50 Draw was so successful, the winner, Corny Holierhoek, received \$349.50, the banner and (2) masts were completely paid for and almost \$100 was left over for the St. Thomas Aquinas 50th Anniversary fund.

Hopefully, some of the other parishes will take up the challenge of installing a banner in their churches.



Council 1394 Sponsored Breakfast at St. Thomas Aquinas Church



Our Council and the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, hosted a 50th Anniversary All-You-Can-Eat breakfast in the church hall on Sunday, March 6, 2011. Brothers Des Kennedy, Brian LeBlanc, Sid Michaud and GK John Currey led the charge in organizing the event.

A special shout-out to Brother Geoff Haines who manned the grill from early Sunday morning until 11:00 am. He left early to catch a 3:00 pm plane from Hamilton to Calgary and upon arrival would have to drive another 3 hours to Lethbridge, Alberta.

Talk about commitment and a long day!

Five ladies from the CWL were on hand to provide their invaluable assistance throughout the day.

The hall went from almost empty before both Masses, to almost full after each Mass. Nothing but praise came from the parishioners who were somewhat taken aback by the wonderful variety of food and excellent service they received from our hard working crew. Net profit from the event was approximately \$538.00 and was donated to the St. Thomas Anniversary Fund. The Knights will be doing the breakfast one more time on **May 8, Mother's Day starting @ 9:00 am**. If you would like to help us out, give Brother Des Kennedy or Brian LeBlanc a call.

Congratulations to all on a very well organized and presented event!

Editor - Brian Whittaker

GENERAL MEETINGS ARE AT 7:30 PM ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH!

A Message From the Grand Knight...

Our Knight Year is drawing to a close and it has been a great and busy time for Council 1394. We have grown - eleven new members; added new leadership to our breakfast program with a newer member also assuming responsibility. We provided security lighting in our driveway; renewed our agreement with Ozanam; provided new security for the Hall with a new keying system. Euchre and Bingo nights are still ongoing. The Council organized a charity draw for a sculpture created and donated by another of our newer members. This member has also assumed leadership for our car ticket sales this year.



We have arranged for an assistant (Father Michael Basque) for our Chaplain; organized a new Council meeting arrangement; moved to better manage the internal HVAC requirements for our Hall with a new thermostat. The Council purchased new more manageable folding tables for the Hall; a new member built new chair dollies for our chairs; and we have entered into an agreement to have the floors at the Hall professionally done.

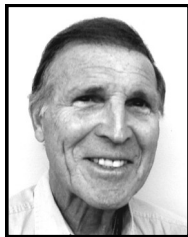
Currently, we are re-evaluating our charitable giving rationale; explored upgrading our washrooms; added a "happy buck" collection to our meeting criteria; organized a hugely successful charity dinner for Wells of Hope. Everyone enjoyed a Corned Beef "n" Cabbage evening; supported the Right to Life Dinner and the St. Vincent DePaul Dinner and attended the Ozanam volunteer evening.

A newer member assumed responsibility for a very successful Hot Dog Sale season that required the patience of Job and the bureaucracy-overcoming-skills of an expert along with the donation of a new/refurbished commercial grill by a new member; organized a Christmas Party for the Kids that gave them eyes the size of silver dollars.

Council 1394 celebrated the achievement of Honourary Life Memberships and 60th anniversaries of some of our young-at-heart members and their families; we welcomed a new Bishop to our Diocese; helped St. Thomas Parish fundraiser to celebrate their 50th Anniversary and permanently placed our Council Banner in St. Thomas Parish Church. Furnished our members special "other" with carnations and sweetheart cookies on Valentines Day; replaced the ribbons on our Council jewels of office; celebrated a special Mass for our deceased brothers; presented graduation watches to deserving recipients at our Catholic High School graduations; and had a tremendous amount of fun doing all this. Not only was it fun but we learned from our endeavours and had an extremely good feeling in our hearts and souls in what we accomplished!

At our next meeting, we will begin nominations for officers for the next Council year. What we accomplished in the past year is just a prelude. What we learned must be built on and improved. Please read the responsibilities of each of the offices in the Council, if you feel you have a special gift to offer your Council, discuss it with your Brothers and current officers. Determine in your mind and with your family that you can and will commit to attend the regular monthly meeting and will have prepared for your part in the meeting; will commit to attending the monthly executive committee meeting and will have prepared for it also and that you will consider volunteering to be the champion or assistant champion of at least one aforementioned Council activity. And if you know of another Brother who can help us move the Council forward, talk with him, get his commitment to the above and bring his name to the floor.

Your Council is only as good as you want and work for it to be. Your Council needs you! Remember, in the Knights you ALWAYS take away more than you invest. It is a challenge, it is fun, and it is extremely rewarding! jc



Deputy Grand Knight's Message

Here we are already into the second addition of the Vanguard which now is published 4 times a year through the stellar editing of Brian Whittaker, congratulations. The Knights of Columbus Basketball Free-Throw was held on January 22, 2011 at Holy Cross High School and was hosted by 9222 Cathedral Council. A large turnout of competitors and family members were on hand for this annual event.

Free throw director Gilles Laroche and his team had a successful program and a enjoyable Council 9222 luncheon following the competition for the staff, completed a successful day. Please see the photos on page 6.

Ron Adams D.G.K

Assistant Chaplain's Message

Lenten Message

Lent is the liturgical season which needs a public relations consultant. I know few Catholics who look forward to Lent. The weather is lousy, the days are still too short, and we long for spring. We also associate Lent with giving up something, giving alms and offering extra prayers. Lenten devotions like the Stations of the Cross focus on Christ's suffering and death.

None of this makes Lent an appealing season.

However, as the Ash Wednesday readings which begin the season indicate, having the right attitude is essential. All of us have a drawer or closet that is crammed full of junk. We know we need to clean it out; but we procrastinate. The same is true with our spiritual lives. We need to look at the ways in which we put other things ahead of God in our lives.

Through prayer we can ask God's help to identify these things. Through fasting, we remind ourselves that we eat to live and not live to eat. Through almsgiving we place the needs of others and God before our own.

May this Lenten season be a time of clearing away our clutter and finding the treasure in our lives.

Fr. Michael Basque, Assistant Chaplain.

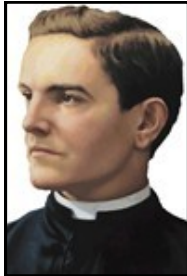


KNIGHTS AT WORK

After a very successful first year the Council has approved continuing our **Knights At Work** program for the calendar year 2011! As you will recall for every event you attend or participate in you will receive one **Knights At Work** coupon that will be placed in the **KNIGHTS AT WORK CHAMBER**. At the last meeting of the year, on December 12, one coupon will be drawn by our Chaplain and the winner will receive a \$300.00 gift certificate for fine dining at **THE BLUE MERMAID** restaurant here in St. Catharines! You and your guest/s will enjoy fine dining with exquisite hospitality from the owners and their families.

Last year's winner, Brother Brian LeBlanc and his wife Dena, had planned to enjoy their certificate on Valentines Day but other events forced them to change their plans. Talk with Brian and Dena and see how they enjoyed their efforts at helping the Council at bingo; breakfasts; hot dogs; clean-ups; car raffles; euchre and many other events requiring member help. *jc*



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	George D. Stafford	

Happy Birthday
 To all of our Brothers
 who are celebrating
 that special day in
 these months of 2011.



Please don't hurt yourselves blowing out all of those candles!

In celebration of their 50th Anniversary, St. Thomas Aquinas Church with the help of the Knights of Council 1394 and the parishioners will be hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast in the church's hall on Sunday, May 8, 2011 - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Knights from this parish are calling upon all of their Brothers to lend a hand on these two days. Contact Des Kennedy (905) 227-4392 or Brian Whittaker (905) 688-6327 if you wish to help!

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Council 1394 Helps Build A Culture Of Life



On February 26th our Grand Knight and several members and wives attended the Annual St. Catharines Right to Life Dinner—the biggest ever. Guest Speaker Melissa Ohden was the survivor of her mother's failed abortion thanks to a caring nurse who discovered that she was still alive. Melissa, herself now a mother, devotes much of her time to awaking students and others to the horrendous results of abortion. She also spoke to nearly 7,000 high school students in Niagara in the week of the Dinner as the guest of the Catholic School Board and the St. Catharines Right to Life. The Right to Life is supported by Council 1394.

May 12, Annual March for Life in Ottawa. Last year 12,500, including many Knights, attended. Dan Heffernan, who has held several positions on the State Board, has been named an organizer of the March. Local schools and the St. Catharines Right to Life are sending buses. For information on buses and accommodation call 905-684-7505.

Council 1394 will sell lapel roses to support pro-life activities at St. Denis on May 28-29 and at St. Alfred on June 18-19. If you can help, please call me @ (905) 684-7569.

William Mathie (Right to Life Director)

St. Patrick's Day Dinner 2011



The 30th Annual St. Patrick's Day dinner was, as usual, a complete sell out and was enjoyed by all present. The food was of the usual highest standard and was ready on time at 6:00 pm.

Some 28 dancers from the Bryant and Taylor School of Irish Dancing, entertained with distinction and was much appreciated. This had been their 19th performance during the St. Patrick's Day week.



In addition this year, Ann Marie Perry produced a "Mock Irish Wedding", which contained nine performers. The bride (played by PGK Mike Carroll) was driven off in a "wheelbarrow" by her original husband PGK Bill Perry. Two other Brothers, GK

John Currey dressed as a Brides Maid and Des Kennedy as a Leprechaun, took part to the delight of the crowd.

Thanks to the kitchen crew of John Dulong, Walt Chemerika, Geoff Haines, Sid Michaud, Edwin King and Des Kennedy who were assisted by PGK Charlie Therriault, Kate Michaud, Bernadette Haines, Corry Vanderlee, Connor Ivanchuk and Desmond Kennedy 3rd.

The "Bar" was operated by Bill Walters and PGK Mike Carroll. Sunday's clean up was



headed by Bannet Carroll and assisted by Walt Chemerika, Des Kennedy and PGK Mike Carroll.

John and Des Retire

This was PGK John Dulong's last time to cook the Corned Meat, his 30th. John along with deceased Brother Doug Luey started this tradition and is retiring from duty with honours, and Des Kennedy also retires after 24 years. They both hope to attend the future dinners with their wives and families for many years to come.

Des Kennedy - Dinner Chairman

Annual Sponsored Walk-a-thon

My Brother knights. I would like to thank those who participated in the annual Walk-a-thon. We raised approximately \$1000.

The guys will tell you, easy money...

Next year, we hope to move the event to The Pen Centre, to help generate more interest. Hope to see you all there.

I know this is early, but **October 15th** is the next **Wells of Hope Dinner**. Please mark your calendar now and come out and support your Brother Knights, to support those in need!

Your brother in Christ.

PGK Mike Carroll



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Pot of Gold Report

Give me 266.5 reasons to attend our Council meetings! How about 266.5 reasons in just nine months? Read on and ask:

Brian LeBlanc	Jun 13	\$ 28.00
Corry Vanderlee	Jul 12	\$ 23.00
Edwin King	Aug 9	\$ 54.00
Joe Karabinos*	Sep 13	\$ 26.00
Vic DiVincenzo*	Oct 25	\$ 25.50
Brian LeBlanc*	Nov 8	\$ 32.00
Ron Bak	Dec 13	\$ 26.00
Pat McConville	Jan 10	\$ 31.00
Joe Dwyer	Feb 14	\$ 21.00
TOTAL REASONS		\$266.50

Yes, these Brothers took home or donated (*) their winnings to the St. Thomas Banner Fund during the last nine months. Add your name to this list by attending and making the POT OF GOLD draw work for you and for your Council! *jc*



Unity Sculpture Draw

1,250 tickets have been printed for the drawing of a magnificent sculpture donated to Council 1394 by Brother Vic Di Vincenzo. Over 300 of them are already out with Brothers to sell at \$5.00 each.

We have until December 12, about one a month per member, to sell all these tickets and then have the drawing by our Chaplain at our final General Meeting of 2011 and some lucky person will be able to take this fantastic sculpture home and prominently display it. One Brother told us a person bought a ticket and said if they won they would be donating it to their Parish for display for the many members there. That person could also receive a very nice tax deduction for their generosity!

Please see John Currey (905) 938-5000 and take a book of 10 tickets to sell to your friends and acquaintances and help our Council take advantage of Brother Vic's extreme generosity! *jc*



Treasurer's Report

As we rapidly approach the end of the 2010 / 2011 Fraternal year, I would like to give you a brief update on the financial status of our Council bank account.

When I took over the Treasurer's position on July 1, 2010, our bank balance was just over \$1,500.00. As of March 8, 2011, our bank balance was \$10,822.77 (excluding car ticket sales).

This favourable result can be attributed entirely to you, my Brother Knights, for your fine work and contribution to our various fundraising events, such as the Euchre parties, the Rose campaigns, the Walk-a-Thon, the November and February breakfasts, the St. Patrick's Day dinner, the Happy Bucks program, and the annual renewal of your membership dues.

Thank you again for all your fine efforts. *Joe Karabinos - Treasurer*

Hot Dog Sales

The Knights of Columbus Council 1394 is at it again this summer. We will be out, feeding the hungry (for a reasonable price), at the Real Canadian Superstore across from Canadian Tire in May, June and August.

Please join your Brother Knights for a morning or afternoon shift, Saturday or Sunday on any of the following weekends:

May 14th and 15th
 June 18th and 19th (Father's Day)
 August 27th and 28th

Bring your children along on Father's Day. It's a great outing, the kids (and dads) eat free, and high school students can use the time against their community service requirement. We will be out, rain or shine, in front of the Superstore at 411 Louth St. from approximately 10:30 AM until we run out of food or around 4:00 PM.

Call John Nixon at (905) 650-2847 to volunteer or if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing you all there for another successful summer. *John Nixon*

Financial Secretary's Report

I hope everyone has been enjoying the lovely winter that we have been experiencing, but I am sure most of us are ready for spring!

Brothers, most of us have submitted our dues, but there are still some members that have not paid up for 2011. Dues are still \$48 for Regular and \$9 for Honorary Members. Please try to find the time to send in your money, and save your Council some time and effort to collect it.

At this time we have 84 regular, 73 honorary life, and 3 honorary members for a total of 160 members on our roster. Welcome to our four newest members, George Newman, Matthew Harris, Rene Ongcangco, and the Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines. *Corry Vanderlee - Financial Secretary*

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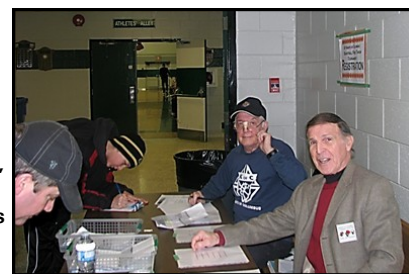
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MORE THAN JUST PRINTING!



Girls in the age 12 category practicing for the free throw event.

Ron Adams DGK Council 1394, and John Walsh DGK Council 8378 registering all participants of the free throw.



Knights at Play - District Free Throw Event



Giles Laroche Director of the free throw competition and Jason Lalonde Council 9222 presenting winning trophy to winner of girls age 13 category.

Bill Keogh, Council 8378, and Walt Chemerika Council 1394, score keepers.



An Update From Guatemala ...

Hello Everyone,

Just a quick note from Guatemala. Our first well with the new drilling equipment has been completed at 1,040 feet! This well will service a minimum of four communities adding up to thousands of people receiving fresh, clean drinking water right to their doorstep for the next number of generations to come!

An incalculable gift to our sisters and brothers whom we serve! Our first thanks is to God, for it is through Him that the impossible will become possible! Then thanks to all of you for your collaboration!

My son has posted some awesome video footage on his Facebook page.

In order to view this footage, please log on to Facebook josh_vans@hotmail.compeace.....**Ted van der Zalm**



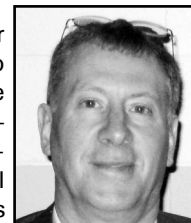
Editor's Message

Spring has sprung! Here we are again with another edition of the Vanguard. The last few months have kept our Council hopping. Car ticket sales, February breakfasts, St. Thomas Aquinas 50 Anniversary celebrations just to mention a few endeavours are Brothers have been involved in. At our upcoming General Meeting on April 11, we are holding our nominations for officers for 2011- 2012. I know there are some of you who may be a little apprehensive about running for office. Don't be. When I became Chancellor, I was very uncertain of what was expected of me. But the members of the Executive Committee are very supportive of one another, we work well together and the Grand Knight is great at guiding us. In no time, everyone eased into their positions - the agendas were planned and we got down to work.

If you would like to be nominated, seek out a Brother and chat with him. If you are not sure of what each position entails, consult your green membership directory. At the back is a listing of what the different officers do or ask one of the current officers.

Serving the council is a fulfilling opportunity to be an active participant of the Knights of Columbus. As always, I encourage all of the Brothers to attend our monthly General Meetings on the second Monday of every month. I wish everyone a Peaceful and Holy Easter. Get out there and enjoy the Spring weather.

Brian Whittaker - Vanguard/Website Editor



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| Ralph DeLuca, Jr. | Brian Whittaker |
| Ted Van der Zalm | Carl Pearson |

Thanks to these dedicated Brothers for putting in the time, treasure and talent to give our Council the certified servers we are required to have. jc

Columbus Club Report

The Columbus Club had motion activated lights on the driveway side of the hall installed as well as a new thermostat for the furnace.

At the present time, there are no repairs or renovations scheduled.

When funds become available, the ladies washroom will be renovated to handicapped specifications. When new items are presented, they will be reviewed and recommendations will be made.

Joe Dwyer - Columbus Club President

Health and Visitation Report

Ian MacDonald is recovering at home after a recent time in the hospital.

Bill Walters is making great progress after a recent major operation.

Plans are in the works to increase the Health and Visitation Committee by adding a few more members. If you would like to on the Committee please contact GK John Currey (905) 938-8000 or let me know (905) 684-1433.

Joe Dwyer - Health and Visitation Chairman

**A few comments from Program Director -
Breakfasts, Euchre Nights, Bingo**

I would like to thank everyone who has assisted and participated in the breakfasts, Bingo and Euchre Nights throughout the year.

Euchre nights will continue in 2011 until **June**. They occur on the first Saturday of the month. There will be **NO** euchre from July to September and will resume in October. Please come and join us for a night of fun.

Bingo nights are going well and we are always looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested call Jim Stack (905) 934-0101 or myself (905) (905) 687-1753. See the enclosed calendar for bingo night dates.

In the fall, we will continue to have our very popular Sunday Breakfasts. Again, if you would like to help with cooking, clean-up, serving etc. please give the John Nixon (905) 646-5701 or give me a call (905) 687-1753.

PGK William Perry

UNITY!

"After my wife's death, I had to come to terms with what had happened. I needed an outlet to let her know how much she really meant to me! Over the years, I could not decide what to do with 'Unity'.

Somehow, I wanted to thank all of my family and friends who supported me and my children during the tough times.

It came to pass, after joining the Knights of Columbus, that it was finally time to fulfill the destiny of my sculpture.

I found that now, is the proper time to donate 'Unity' to a wonderful organization that supports many worthy causes.

'Unity' encompasses all the attributes that are instilled in the Knights of Columbus - **CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY and PATRIOTISM.**"

Victor Di Vincenzo

Brother Victor, an award winning sculptor, has graciously donated one of his cherished and precious works to the Council to raise funds for any of the projects we will undertake in the future.

Draw tickets will be printed and sold throughout the year and we will keep you posted on further details in one of the next newsletters.

Thank you so much Brother Vic for your selfless generosity.

In Memoriam ...

Please don't forget to pray for our deceased Brothers around the world and especially for the Brothers of Council 1394 who left us in 2011.

James P. Heysel 17-Jan-2011

Also, please pray for all of Brothers who are ill, in hospital or who are home-bound! Visit or call them when you can!



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THE HAPPY COOKER

Need a great meal for guests at a special family or friends breakfast. Here's a Southern one from Jeannie Scott in Dunwoody, GA during the 70's.

EGG SOUFFLE

INGREDIENTS:

8 Slices Day-old bread, buttered.
2 Cups Cheddar Cheese, sharp/grated.
5 Eggs
2 Cups Milk
Dash Salt
Dash Pepper, white
1/2 tsp. Mustard, dry
3 - 4 Dashes Worcestershire Sauce
Dash Tabasco

PREPARATION: Trim crusts from bread, butter both sides and arrange in a 9 X 13" Pam coated Pyrex dish. Spread grated cheese over the bread, combine all other ingredients and pour over the bread and cheese layers. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. Serves 6 to 8 guests.

COOKING: Bake in a 325°F preheated oven for 35 minutes. Serve **IMMEDIATELY** after removing from oven.

SERVING: We enjoy this with Country Ham, impossible to find in Canada but if you are going "Across the river" it can be purchased at the Buffalo Cracker Barrel Restaurant otherwise plan a trip to Virginia. You can also enjoy this with nice slices of Canadian bacon, yet another Canadian scarcity, but thick slices of peameal bacon fried to your taste will do just as well, almost. Bake a dozen or so of your favourite biscuits (this is another Southern Recipe) along with a steamy pot of grits (don't forget them while "Across the river") and you are almost at breakfast heaven.

Now there is just one more special item to complete this breakfast special and that is a spicy Bloody Mary. The ingredients for this is started by rimming a tall glass with coarse salt after wetting the rim with a slice of lemon. Add one or two shots of Tanqueray Gin, celery salt to taste, as many dashes of Tabasco Sauce as you can take and as much Worcestershire Sauce as you want and stir. Then add thick tomato juice until the glass is about two thirds full and top up with ice cubes and a stalk of celery. Stir again.

In fact, one or two of these for each guest before sitting down to your Southern Breakfast will qualify you as the "host of the season".

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