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Letters from the Executive

Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights. This will be my last message to us as Grand Knight - I am in my third and final term. I have survived the Centennial, but not without the help of the Centennial Committee and my Brother Knights who have all worked so hard to see this project through. Our hall (chambers), have taken on a new life with all of the renovations and there are more to follow!

(Talk to us about your next event and rent our hall!)

You, my Brothers, should be very proud to belong to 1394. We are a very active Council, with many programs in place. We have been involved with our churches, schools, Right to Life, Respect Life, Wells of Hope and St. Vincent de Paul, just to mention a few.

However, the work load can be very heavy when it is carried by a few. "Brothers, we need you!" You can be our lifeline to keep our club going. You only need to supply us with just a few hours of your time when you are called upon!

I have included a questionnaire with the Vanguard. **I need everyone to please fill out the form** and return it to our hall with the appropriate answers - either "YES" or "NO" to all of the questions!

I know you are all very busy - "that's life" but, can you spare us just 24 hours a year? Please help us and help your community. Don't just be a DUES PAYING MEMBER - be an ACTIVE MEMBER!

Membership drives are in full swing. Letters of request have been sent out to 10 churches, to ask permission from the pastors to have a "drive" in their parish. We need to rejuvenate our Council. New brothers will bring new ideas, reduce work loads on the more senior members and help keep our Council in peak performance.

I ask you to please speak with your son, brother, cousin, co-worker or friend to join our great organization.

Brothers, I have another request. I would like you to forward a photo of you, your wife and your family with a little history of your family or your life. This will be placed in a time capsule to be opened 50 years and 100 years from now by future Knights. Let us not be forgotten! Help us and help the future for the bi-centennial!

This also leads to the next topic. **"The Wall of Honor"** in our foyer. Please have your name affixed to any remaining bricks

for \$250.00. Everyone entering our building will see you are a member of 1394 - **be proud to show it!**

Though my term as Grand Knight will soon draw to a close, I will remain active in the Council. I enjoy the Knights of Columbus, I enjoy my new friends and I enjoy the principles of the Order.

Please check the Vanguard for all of the upcoming events and come out and be part of the monthly meetings.

May God Bless you and your family. Keep "Christ" in Christmas. Your Brother Knight, Grand Knight Michael K. Carroll.



**Grand Knight
Mike Carroll**

Chaplain's Message

Our Pope Benedict XVI has written for us a very interesting letter, also called an "encyclical" which is titled: "Caritas in Veritate", or in English - "Charity in Truth".

It speaks about Jesus, who gave witness to us about love during his earthly life, especially through his death and resurrection. As followers of Jesus, we are called to put into practice the charity He has shown us.

For the Knights of Columbus, it is the first virtue that they are called upon to put into practice. At the birth of Jesus, the angels sang so nicely, "Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace to His people on earth". Are we in LOVE? Are we at PEACE with all people? Is the presence of Jesus in our lives to help us put into practice this charity?

May Christmas help us to meditate about these questions. May the New Year help us to do better. I wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2010.

Fraternal Night 2010



On behalf of all my Brothers at Council 4917, Our Lady of The Lake, in Grimsby, I am pleased to invite you to our 50th Fraternal Night Brothers dinner.

As we mark our **50th year as a Council**, we look forward to you joining with us for an evening of fellowship on **Thursday January 21, 2010 at the Senior Centre, 18 Livingston Avenue in Grimsby.**

Doors open at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served at 7:00 PM, and the cost is \$30.00 per person.

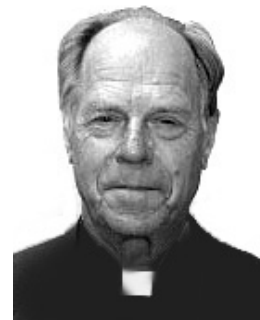
Our keynote speaker this year is Father Brian Bevan, Pastor of St. Patrick's in Port Colborne. Father Brian has been active in the peninsula for over 25 years in Parishes, with the Squires Youth Program and he is also a Chaplain with Niagara Regional Police.

I'm sure he will have a message we will all enjoy.

Brothers, we always look forward to your visits to Grimsby, and we hope you will make plans to join us again for this special evening.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email or give me a call. I would appreciate knowing how many people will be joining us, so please get back to me with your intentions.

I look forward to seeing you in January. Brother Bill Amodeo, Grand Knight (905) 309-0087 or mrmoores@hotmail.com



**Father John M. Buis
Chaplain Council
1394**

In Memoriam

Michael Victor Del Ben Feb. 5, 2009

Patrick Cahill Aug. 31, 2009

Thomas J. Smelle Oct. 1, 2009

Des's Corner Open House - July 26



Several citizens from St. Catharines came and visited with quite a few Brothers and their families at our Open House last July. As well as touring the premises, they were treated to some fine wines courtesy of Joseph's Winery from Niagara-on-the-Lake and goodies from Rosalie's Catering Company. Lots of new people, and several members who we had not seen for a while were all greeted by our G K Michael Carroll.

Past Grand Knight's Dinner - Aug. 22

Its always nice to see a full "House" at all events but the P G K Dinner was well attended with 12 of the 13 P G K's in attendance, Mike D'Amelio was sick at that time and was unable to attend.

A nice meal was served and everyone enjoyed some great fellowship. Every one of the PGK s spoke of their experiences with the Council and all those in attendance had a very enjoyable evening.



Elvis Was In the Building - Sep. 19



Yes Elvis was here. A packed hall was on hand for dinner and to hear Djino Lefrancois, St. Catharines' own Elvis who along with three friends kept everyone entertained all evening.

This was a **FIRST CLASS** performance and if we do it again next year we will have a sell out for sure.



Clergy Night - Nov. 4

Approximately 30 Brothers joined some 50 members of our Clergy from all over the Peninsula for a dinner at our hall. His Excellency Bishop Wingle opened and closed the evening with prayer.

This event had been in our plans for a few years and was well worth waiting for. The Bishop and all of the Priests, Monsignors and especially the Deacons were very appreciative and had a great time.





Msgr. Domenic Pizzacalla Receives his new Honorary Life Membership card from our Grand Knight Mike Carroll

Winston James - Oct. 24

This one-man-show of Music and Dance has close to 40 years of entertainment experience under his belt. He performs all over Canada and Florida where he is currently booked up until 2012. We did not have as many people present as we could have, but those who did come enjoyed the dinner and had lots of room to dance and have a great time.



100 Turkey Draw Night - Nov. 20

With a near capacity crowd in the hall, the draw for 100 turkeys started at 8:00 pm and was completed by 11:00 o'clock. The winners have all been notified by telephone and pick up details have been arranged. There were card games at most tables and the Crown & Anchor proved very interesting.

There are a lot of people to be thanked for this huge event, especially school children, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Catholic Women's League and many individuals, who helped so much by selling tickets. Thanks to the ladies helping at the hall, Ann Marie, Deena, Sharon, Gladys and Lucienne for making the "Great Chilli" that was enjoyed by many.

There were also many prizes donated by several people including Pat McConville. Mary Bak, John, Yvonne & Isobel Kennedy, Home Hardware, Bloomin' Busy, Rosalie's, Ann Marie Perry, Bannet Carroll, Merriton Community Pharmacy, Brama Leather, Chapters, Mike Tapp and of course the wonderful hand made prizes by Israel Mailloux plus many others.

The main Turkey sponsors were Metro stores with contributions from Leon's, Sobey's, Zehrs, Thorold Foodland, P.G.K. Nick Marino, P.G.K. Alfred Konigshaus, Ray Librock D.D., Ron Bak and John Fajta. Thanks to all Brothers who helped in so many ways especially Brother Brian Whittaker for keeping all the records. Final financial details will be announced at our General Meeting on January 11, 2010.
Des Kennedy



Important Event Changes

For several reasons some of the planned events have been re-scheduled. The **Children's Christmas Party** has been cancelled for this year.

The **Columbus Day Dinner** has been moved from Oct. 10 to Dec. 6th.

The **Walter Ostanek Night** has been cancelled and the **Wells Of Hope Night** will be in January or February.

Please check your Church Bulletins for this date and please plan to attend this event for sure.

Centennial Closing Event

The final event of our Centennial Year will be a **Euchre Card Party on New Years Night** starting at 7:30 pm and ending in 2010!

There will be LOTS of prizes, food and fun (and perhaps music). Please get a few friends together and come join us.

Wells of Hope & Cycle for Hope



Nathan Srigley is a young Niagara cyclist who rode his bike over 2,000 km across Ontario from Kenora on the Manitoba border to Niagara-on-the Lake.

The purpose of Nathan's journey, which is called 'Cycle for Hope', is to assist in the raising of funds for the new rig. Local businesses are being canvassed for financial sponsorship as well as donations of cycling and camping equipment.

Wells of Hope has currently raised the down payment for new drilling equipment. In the photo above, Nathan joins the rig on its journey in St. Catharines, and escorted it to Niagara-on-the-Lake, where a celebration of their arrival was planned.

Congratulations Nathan on a job well done!

Saturday Night Euchre

Brother Knights and Ladies, I would like to thank you for your support at our monthly euchre party. We all look forward to our next get-together for socialising and fellowship. Please mark the **FIRST Saturday of the month** on your calendar and hopefully we can interest more Knights and friends to join us.

PGK Bill Perry

Car Ticket Sales

A special thanks to all of those Brother Knights - especially **Past Chairman Walter Chemerika** - who were able to come out help and support our Car Ticket Sales. We are currently looking for Knight to step forward and take over as **Car Ticket Chairman**, otherwise we may have to cancel an important fundraising event that is very profitable to our Council.

Membership Report

Congratulations to Sir Knight Edwin King and Sir Knight Victor DiVincenzo who were exemplified into the fourth degree of our order.

The exemplification was held on Saturday, November 7, 2009, at "Father Funcken Assembly 866" in Kitchener Ontario. The next exemplification will take place on May 8, 2010 in Ajax Ontario's Conference Centre.

Membership Blitz

Saturday, November 14 and Sunday, November 15, 2009 were marked as a Membership Blitz at all 5 masses at St. Alfred's Church. I am extending a sincere thank you to all the Brother Knights who were so helpful at each mass to hand out flyers and literature to prospective new members of the parish.

This was a real Round Table effort with cooperation from Council 9222 and our own Council 1394. Although, the list would be too long for naming every Brother available at every mass, kudos go to Tom Baker, Ray Cadorette, Renaldo Disanto, Bill Grodesky and Carl Pearson for reading the "Pulpit Announcement" after each communion. They gave an excellent, professional delivery. This Blitz was a real joint effort and team work from both councils.

Jack Konst - Membership Chairman

Financial Secretary's Report

Brothers: It's that time of the year again when Regular and Honorary members have to pay their dues. Billings will go out with the Vanguard. Most of our members pay for the full year at one time, but if you wish to make it in two payments or even monthly, feel free to do so, but please keep your dues current.

This might be a good time to let everyone know that I'll be resigning at the end of June after 9 years of service. It is time for a break, and I'm hoping that someone will step forward and be willing to take over. At this time we have 80 regular, 72 Honorary Life, and 4 Honorary members for a total of 156 members on our roster.

On behalf of Gladys and myself, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Michael Tapp
Financial Secretary

Editor's Comments



Brian Whittaker
Editor & Webmaster

What a Centennial year it has been! Hats off again to the **Centennial Chairman Des Kennedy**, our **GK Mike Carroll** and the **Committee** for all of their hard work. Since June, our hall has been host to many successful events.

We hosted a **Past Grand Knights' Dinner**, **Elvis** made an appearance in September, **Winston James** delighted the crowd, **Clergy Night** was Council 1394's way of showing solidarity with our Bishop, Priests and Deacons. The **Columbus Day Dinner** has been moved to **December 6 @ 5:30 PM**. For the first time in our Council's history and to celebrate our Centennial, we raffled off **100 turkeys** during our **Turkey Night on Nov. 20th**. Many of the Catholic schools in the area were on board and willing to sell tickets.

As noted earlier in the Vanguard, the **Christmas Party has been cancelled for this year**. Perhaps it will resume next year - depending on the number of children able to attend and discussion on the party's format. Everyone please try to come out to the **New Year's Eve Bash and Card Party**. This will be the last event of this fantastic Centennial Year.

Also, there are a number of our **Brother Knights who are ill and unable to attend our functions**. Please try to touch base with them if you can - either through a visit or even a phone call. This way our Brothers can stay in the loop and feel more a part of our Council.

On behalf of my wife Diana and myself, I wish you and yours a Blessed, Safe and Happy Christmas Season and a very prosperous New Year.

A Note from the Deputy Grand Knight

Brother Knights, we are now half way through the fraternal year 2009-2010. We have had many outstanding Centennial events set up by our Centennial Committee and directed by our Worthy Grand Knight Mike Carroll and Chairman Des Kennedy.

The second half of our year still has challenges for all of our many Brother Knights. This gives us all a chance to fulfill our commitments as Knights of Columbus to the service of our communities.

I wish all my brother Knights and their families the blessings of the Holy Season and good health for the coming year. Vivat Jesus!



Ron Adams
Deputy G.K.

Calendar of Events

JANUARY TO JUNE 2010

Thu.	Dec. 31	Centennial Year Closing Event and Card Party 7:00 pm to 2010
Sat.	Jan. 02	Euchre Night @ 7:00 pm
Mon.	Jan. 11	Business Meeting @ 7:30 pm
Wed.	Jan. 20	4th Degree Dinner Meeting
Thu.	Jan. 21	Grimsby Fraternal Night
Sat.	Jan. 23	Delta Bingo @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sat.	Jan. 23	Ted and Miriam van der Zalm and Wells of Hope Meet & Greet @ 7:00 pm
Wed.	Jan. 27	Centennial Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Sun.	Jan. 31	Sponsored Walk @ 1:30 – 3:30 pm
Sat.	Feb. 06	Euchre Night @ 7:00 pm
Sun.	Feb. 07	Breakfast 9:00 am - Noon
Mon.	Feb. 08	Business Meeting @ 7:30 pm
Sun.	Feb. 14	Breakfast 9:00 am - Noon
Wed.	Feb. 17	4th Degree Dinner Meeting @ 1394
Sat.	Feb. 20	Delta Bingo @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sun.	Feb. 21	Breakfast 9:00 am - Noon
Wed.	Feb. 24	Centennial Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Sun.	Feb. 28	Breakfast 9:00 am - Noon
Sat.	Mar. 06	Euchre Night @ 7:00 pm
Mon.	Mar. 08	Business Meeting @ 7:30 pm
Sat.	Mar. 14	St. Patrick's Day Dance 5:30 pm \$20
Wed.	Mar. 17	4th Degree Dinner Meeting
Sat.	Mar. 20	Delta Bingo @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sat.	Apr. 03	Euchre Night @ 7:00 pm
Mon.	Apr. 12	Business Meeting @ 7:30 pm NOMINATIONS FOR NEW EXECUTIVE
Sat.	Apr. 17	Delta Bingo @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Wed.	Apr. 21	4th Degree Dinner Meeting
Sat.	May 01	Euchre Night @ 7:00 pm
Mon.	May 10	Business Meeting @ 7:30 pm GENERAL ELECTION NIGHT
Sat.	May 15	Delta Bingo @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sat.	May 15	HOTDOG SALES @ SUPERSTORE
Sun.	May 16	HOTDOG SALES @ SUPERSTORE
Wed.	May 19	4th Degree Dinner Meeting
Sat.	Jun. 05	Euchre Night @ 7:00 pm
Sat.	Jun. 12	Delta Bingo @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Mon.	Jun. 14	Business Meeting @ 7:30 pm
Wed.	Jun. 16	4th Degree Dinner Meeting
Sat.	Jun. 19	HOTDOG SALES @ SUPERSTORE
Sun.	Jun. 20	HOTDOG SALES @ SUPERSTORE

SAT. JAN. 23, 2010 @ 7pm
"WELLS OF HOPE NIGHT"

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