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*January to April 2011
Events Calendar inside!*

*Brother Victor Di Vincenzo donates
his most cherished sculpture "Unity"
to Council 1394 ... Read more on Page 7!*

You are reading the first issue of our "new look" Council newsletter, **THE VANGUARD**. It will be published four times this year thanks to the participation of (14) fourteen community businesses.

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Our editor, Brian Whittaker, will have a fresh and interesting issue to you the first of each quarter: January, April, July and October in 2011. Many former articles will be joined by a four month calendar (remove it, put it on your desk or refrigerator and know what your Council is doing each day), a column by the Happy Cooker, a birthday calendar and many others. *GK John Currey*

COUNCIL COMMUNITY SUPPORT



**Brother Ted van der Zalm and Council 1394
Wells of Hope Night Fundraising Chairman
Mike Carroll ... Read more on page 7!**



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

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

As we begin a new calendar year and the next half of our Council year, I want to thank all the Brothers that have helped me in so many ways become a better person and Grand Knight. A work in progress!

We can all look at ourselves and our Council with great pride knowing all we have accomplished, such as: a very successful bingo season and the graduation watch awards to our high schools; a well organized and attended November breakfast program; a great charity event for the Wells of Hope; a super relationship with our chief tenant, Ozanam; new membership drive with four brand new members and others that were transfers; a spectacular hot dog sales program that overcame obstacles that would have stopped a less committed group with special help from a newer member; a renewed emphasis on expanding the euchre nights; a past Grand Knights and Columbus Day Dinner that was well attended; the Memorial Mass that has led to plans for a district wide Mass next year with CWL participation; the wonderful afternoon with our kids/and theirs; and having our Brothers who are less well still with us; the upgrades to the Hall with chair dollies hand fabricated by one of our newest members; and a wonderful new key system in place for the Hall that will increase our Hall security and cut the dozens of keys previously required down to ONE, (and this was done for us at *no charge* by a former District Deputy #56 son of one of our members).

We will be able to read more about our Council more often this year since our Editor has committed to issuing FOUR issues of *THE VANGUARD* in 2011. Look for your issue in your mailbox each quarter. Better yet, come to our monthly meetings and witness first hand how we are working together to become a better Council. We need everyone's help and input!

We are fortunate to have a group of elected Council officers who have tirelessly given of their time, talent and treasure, attending Executive meeting each month for the Council and the Columbus Club. The time spent by these Brothers helps our Council arrive at well researched and planned decisions.

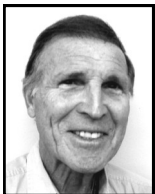
Our Hall manager, who has done such a remarkable job for us, continues to be there and everywhere taking care of our interests and problems at the Hall. Very deserving of our "KNIGHT OF THE YEAR AWARD"! Have you ever seen him without a smile?

The positive attitude that our Council exudes is very gratifying to work with and for. And we will need it with the challenges coming up: the car raffle sales program; the Corned Beef "N" Cabbage dinner evening along with all our other continuing commitments. *We are Council 1394.* It will happen!

John Currey - Grand Knight



Deputy Grand Knight's Message



As we are heading into the 2nd half of our fraternal year, we can look back with pride at the accomplishments we made in the fund- raisers, in our barbeque equipment and sales, membership recruitment and improvements in our hall, etc. We can now focus on the upcoming events in the New Year, basketball free throw, annual car ticket sales, continued membership recruitment and programs to attract Brother Knights to attend and participate in our monthly meetings and fundraising events.

Let us all make a New Year's resolution to join our Brother Knights in support of our Grand Knight John Currey and give as much time in volunteer work as we can. Join a committee, bring an idea to the table, be an active Brother Knight; the rewards are astonishing. A belated Merry Christmas and a have Healthy New Year. **Ron Adams D.G.K**

In Memoriam ...

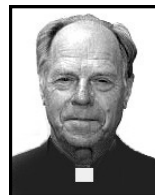
Please don't forget to pray for our deceased Brothers around the world and especially for the Brothers of Council 1394 who left us in 2010.

Thaddeus F. McCarthy	19-Jun-2010
Reginald A. Elliott	23-Mar-2010
Gasper L. Bering	11-Jan-2010

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



Chaplain's Message



By the time you read this bulletin, we will have celebrated Christmas. I hope, that you have been impressed by the Son of God's coming into this world; who received his human life through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Knights of Columbus have always worked hard to keep Christ in our Christmas celebrations. It begins with our assistance at the Midnight Mass and by wishing you a joyful celebration. Then comes the New Year.

Many of us have decided to put Charity into practice. Wouldn't it be nice, if all the Knights and their families really tried to do so - life would be so much better.

If Jesus would have lived in the 20th Century, I am sure HE would have put into practice: Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Did Christ's birth change you a little? Did you and your family have a joyful celebration? Have you started a Happy New Year?

May our Council have a great influence in all of our parishes and may God bless you all. See you at the meetings!

Fr. John Buis, Chaplain.

WE HAVE NEW CHAIR DOLLIES!

When our Council selects new members we are fortunate to get practical, practicing Catholics plus talented hands that work for the Council.

Brother Rob Ksiazek, one of our newest members, rose to the challenge when at his first meeting he heard of the need for "expensive" chair dollies for our Hall chairs. Brother Rob literally jumped up from his chair and said, "I can do that!". He did, and at material cost only!

Drop by the Hall or at our next meeting note how much his contribution of time, talent and treasure has added to the neatness and efficiency of the hall. Pictured here is what Rob has done!

Thanks Brother Rob!

"I can do that!"



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		TAPP, MICHAEL J
		WOOD, ROBERT A

Happy Birthday
 To all of our Brothers who are celebrating that special day in the first three 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 (2) breakfasts in the church's hall next year. The dates are as follows: Sunday, March 6, and Sunday, May 8, 2011 - 9:00 to Noon. The Knights from this parish are calling upon all of their Brothers to lend a hand on these two days. Contact Des Kennedy or Brian Whittaker if you wish to help!

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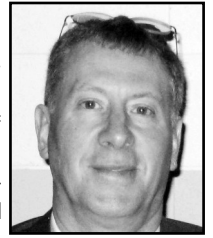
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Editor's Message

This is the new and hopefully improved Vanguard for 2011. As you will notice, we now have sponsors who are advertising with us and because of them, we are able to bring you this newsletter. Please, try to support our sponsors whenever you can, we owe them our thanks.

The contributors and I will try to provide you with the most up-to-date and complete information and because of 4 issues per year, we will be able to do that more often! Thanks you to all the contributors of articles and photos.

Our Grand Knight John Currey is working hard with the Executive Committee in trying to promote not only - **Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism** but also - **GROWTH, SUCCESSION and SERVICE**. To do this, we need the help of all of our Brother Knights.



As you know, we have raised a lot of money over the last few years for hall renovations and upkeep. Our costs continue to climb, but our revenues continue to be pressured. We are always looking for new ways to fundraise. Your ideas are most welcome. Even if you do not wish to chair an event, please seriously consider helping out. Take a look at the list of events on the calendar that are planned for 2011. You will definitely get more out of volunteering than you expect.

Thank you to all the Brothers who have worked so hard all year selling car tickets, working the bingo, hosting the monthly breakfasts, the Christmas Party, coming out to meetings and assisting at all of the other events, your presence and support are always greatly appreciated. Let's make 2011 a year to remember!

St. Thomas Aquinas Church with the help of Council 1394 and the parishioners, will be hosting (2) breakfasts (March 6 & May 8) and on June 26, 2011 a special Mass and Dinner at Club Capri as part of the parish's **50th Anniversary Celebrations**. The Knights will also be hosting a 50 / 50 draw to raise funds throughout January to pay for the new Council 1394 banner at the front of the church.

An online version of the Vanguard is available on the website. If you would rather see it online and not have a copy mailed to you let us know!

Brian Whittaker Chancellor, Vanguard/Website Editor

St. Patrick's Day Dinner 2011

Thanks to the nimble fingers of our Grand Knight John Currey and his computer, I now have 88 tickets for sale for our 31st Annual CORNED BEEF "N" CABBAGE DINNER at our hall on Saturday March 19, 2011. Tickets are \$20 per person.

The BAR will open at 5:00 PM and DINNER will start at 6:00 PM. If you buy a table of ten, for (\$200.00) you will be given the opportunity to select your table from all that are available at that time.

There will be five tables down each side of the hall and the center of the hall will be left for the performances by the **Taylor & Bryant Irish Dancers**. You can get your tickets anytime. As usual, there will be **NO reserving of tickets** and any unsold tickets will be made available to the general public through Church bulletins from Sunday February 6th, and at the February Breakfasts. I look forward to seeing all of our supporters at this annual event. Thank you. *Des Kennedy - Dinner Chairman*



Columbus Club Report

The Columbus Club has renewed its lease for the Hall with the Ozanam Centre for three more years.

We are presently looking at installing motion activated lights on the driveway side of the hall.

Snow removal for the hall will now be handled by Aaron Newhouse.

When funds become available, the ladies wash-room will be renovated to handicapped specifications.

Joe Dwyer - Columbus Club President

From the Hall Manager...

The hall was rented 9 times in 2010. We replaced cupboards and the countertop plus all of the plumbing in the kitchen. Cupboards were also installed in the cloakroom and ladies powder room.

Monthly fire alarm tests were started in April. In November, new locks and a new keying system were put into place.

Brian LeBlanc - Hall Manager

Don't be disappointed! Get your tickets early for the Corned Beef "n" Cabbage Dinner!



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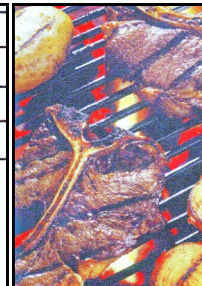
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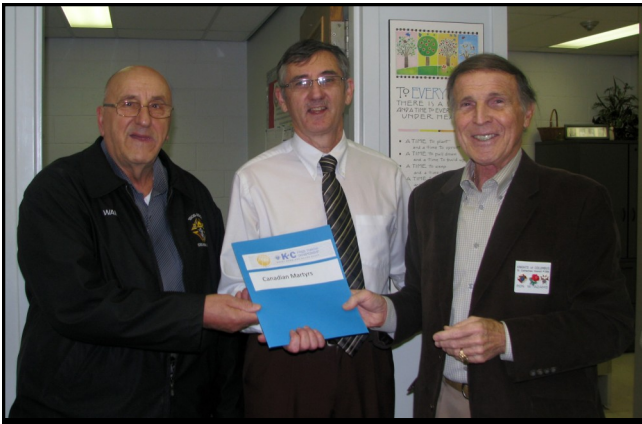
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Deputy Grand Knight Ron Adams and brother Knight Walt Chemerika present Brian Lavell principal of Canadian Martyrs School with the Knights of Columbus basketball free throw information package. This was one of the 11 schools sponsored by council 1394.

Membership Report

I am pleased to congratulate the following two new members, Keith Beaulieu and Sid Michaud, who took their first degree on November 15, 2010 in Welland.

The next day, November 16, 2010, Keith Beaulieu, Sid Michaud, Markus Kopper and Robert Ksiazek were exemplified into the second degree of our Order of the Knights of Columbus in Niagara Falls. Both, exemplifications were held in honour of Brother Andre Besette. We also welcome home, a former member of our Council, brother Tony Lipiec.

We all know the Knights motto: "In Service To One In Service To All".

To fulfill that service, our Council depends on growth in order to meet our obligations to serve our Church and community. We cannot rely on only one source "The Membership Committee".

It would be a real challenge to bring in new members so that our council can flourish with its new members and ideas. I am asking you to give me just "one name" of a friend, neighbour, son, or a family member, or perhaps the guy next to you in church, one who is a Catholic gentleman just like you.

I am hopeful that every brother Knight of our Council comes forward with "just one name". That is all I am asking for. You may call me at (905) 685-4749 or by Email: jack.konst@gmail.com any time. I wish all my brother Knights and their families, "God's Blessings and a Happy New Year". **Jack Konst - Membership Director**

Treasurer's Report

My Brother Knights, I am deeply honoured and flattered that you have elected me to the Treasurer's post for the coming year. I know that I will have to fill the very big shoes of my predecessor, Brother Des Kennedy. Rest assured that I will do my utmost in doing so.

As this is my very first message in The Vanguard, I wish to congratulate our Grand Knight, Brother John Currey, and the rest of our elected officers. I look forward to working closely with all of them. I hope all of my Brother Knights and their families, had a Blessed and Holy Christmas. All the best for 2011!

Joe Karabinos - Treasurer



Three of our hard-working Brothers during November Breakfasts

Financial Secretary's Report

As the new guy in this position of your Financial Secretary, I would like to thank everyone for their help, and patience, while I have been settling into this role. I would especially like to thank Brother Mike Tapp for making this transition of Financial Secretaries as easy as it could possibly be. Due to his meticulous record keeping, I hardly ever found it necessary to call him up for help in my new role. I also appreciate the detailed notes of explanation accompanying most of the monies that I receive from our different functions.

Brothers: It's that time of the year again when Regular and Honorary members have to pay their dues for 2011. Dues are once again, \$48 for Regular and \$9 for Honorary Members.

Most of our members pay for the full year at one time, but we are flexible, just please keep your dues current. At this time we have 92 regular, 73 honorary life, and 3 honorary members for a total of 168 members on our roster. Welcome to our two newest members, Alcide Michaud and Keith Beaulieu, and welcome back to Tony Lipiec.

On behalf of Lois and myself, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. **Corry Vanderlee F.S.**

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From the Insurance Corner!

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from Knights of Columbus members. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your dependent, minor children.

The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a brother Knight's widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members. If a member has not availed himself of our top-rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of the member's minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things. First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service, to assure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.

As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility.

I'm at 905-384-1050 or email eddie.wright@kofc.org Call me - let's talk. **Eddie Wright**



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MORE THAN JUST PRINTING!

To chair or not to chair...

Our hall, like any other hall, is a business. We can not depend upon our rental income to pay our bills. We have financial obligations, and we are also a charitable organization. The Knights of Columbus supports many people and organizations in our community.

Yes, we are active... But we can not depend on the same few Knights to carry the load. We should all stand up and place our name forward, to chair just [one] of these projects. Please call our Grand Knight and say yes! Your brother in Christ! **PGK Michael Carroll**

As you are well aware, we are a very busy council. Here is a list of some of our many projects:

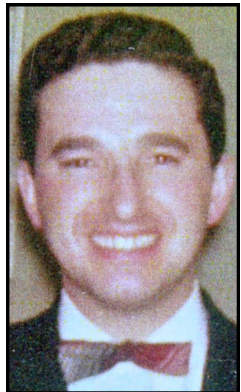
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| Hot dog weekends | Grand Knights BBQ | Monthly Bingos |
| Monthly Euchre Parties | PGK / Columbus Day Dinner | Turkey Raffle |
| Basketball Free Throw | Memorial mass | February & November Breakfasts |
| Children's Christmas party | Car Raffle Ticket sales | St. Patrick's Day |
| Sponsored Walk | | Corned Beef "n" Cabbage Dinner |

Grimsby Fraternal Night

Our Lady of the Lake Council 4917 Grimsby, is again hosting a Fraternal Night on Monday, January 17, 2011. Cost is \$30.00

Doors open @ 6:00 PM and Dinner is @ 7:00 PM. Location: Grimsby Senior Centre, 18 Livingstone Avenue in Grimsby. The guest speaker will be Mr. John Crocco, Director of Education / Secretary Treasurer of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Call or email Bill Amodeo PGK, (905) 309-0087 - mrmoores@hotmail.com to reserve a spot. You can pay at the door. Council 1394 attendees will car pool from the hall @ 5:30 PM. Let our Grand Knight John Currey know if you wish to go.



PGK Anthony Gazzola

Congratulations on the **60th anniversary** of becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mar 7, 2010

With love, from your family!

Annual Sponsored Walk-a-thon

Once again, Council 1394 will be hosting our Annual Sponsored Walk on January 30, 2011. This event is an easy and enjoyable way to generate funds for our Council. You will find a pledge form inside this Vanguard. Please plan to participate. Your support is important. Contact PGK Mike Carroll, Walk-a-thon Chairman for more info!

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Brother Knights,

Our God is awesome! Over and over again, the Wells of Hope team is witnessing the great things that the Lord will allow us to do in his name! The Gospels truly come alive before our eyes. With the help of my Brother Knights, we get a deeper understanding of the perfection of God's plan as to the power of the Body of Christ when numerous people come together under the banner of loving your neighbour as yourself. Mountains can be moved! Together with the generosity and efforts of our Council 1394, the Wells of Hope has been blessed with numerous successful fundraising efforts that have generated some of the desperately needed finances that allow us to answer the prayers of our sisters and brothers who cry out to us in thirst.

With the deeply rooted confidence that nothing is impossible with God, we have undertaken two more great initiatives. Wells of Hope is calling out to the Niagara Region to come together and help us perform a modern day miracle. Following the example set for us by Jesus at the wedding in Cana, we will change the blessings of the Niagara wine industry into water for the poor! Stoney Ridge Estate Winery in Vineland has produced a Wells of Hope wine in both red and white. Whenever a bottle of the Wells of Hope wine is sold, three dollars will automatically go to our water drilling efforts in Guatemala. The wine can be bought from the Stoney Ridge retail store or from their online website.



This Spring, the builders of the Niagara Region are bringing together their gifts, talents and finances to build a home in Niagara. The materials and labour for the home will be completely donated by the independent contractors of the Niagara Region. The home will then be sold on the open market and 100% of the profits will support our water program.

As we lift up our prayers to our God of Love to end world hunger and to bring peace to this broken world, our Lord turns around and calls through our hearts to be His hands and feet and to be the answer to these prayers. I encourage my brother Knights to never tire or retire from doing the Lord's work. God's greatness will be revealed to the world through the courage and faith of those who believe! Peace..... **Brother Ted van der Zalm**

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.

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 into 2011 until May. They occur on the first Saturday of the month. There will be **NO** euchre on Saturday Jan 1, 2011.

Bingo nights are going well and we are always looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested call Jim Stack or myself. See the enclosed calendar for bingo night dates.

In February, 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 Grand Knight or me a call. **PGK William Perry**

Roses for Life Campaign ...



In 2010 Council 1394 sold lapel roses for life at St. Alfred's where we raised \$745, St. Patrick's \$164 and at St. Thomas Aquinas \$245.

The \$1154 we raised will support the St. Catharines Right to Life and the Diocesan Respect Life Committee. Council 1394 has been a major supporter of the annual pro-life bulletin inserts.

In 2011 we hope to include St. Denis, St. Julia's, St. Vincent de Paul, and Queen of Angels in our fund-raising efforts. Thanks to all who helped in 2010 and assisted us in "Building a Culture of Life".

William Mathie (Right to Life Director)

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THE HAPPY COOKER

The original "Happy Cooker" was a Brother from the JFK Council in Mississauga. After he passed away it seemed he had a great idea for sharing his favourite recipes with others. I do hope he approves the continued moniker use!

ITALIAN BEEF

10	Pounds	Round of Beef
2	Bulbs	Garlic, Peeled
2	TBSP	Salt
1 1/2	TBSP	Pepper, Fresh ground
1/4	TSP	Red Pepper
2	TBSP	Parsley flakes, heaping
1	TBSP	Rosemary
1	TBSP	Garlic powder, heaping
3	TBSP	Oregano, heaping
1	TBSP	Basil
2	TBSP	Thyme
15	Leaves	Bay
10	Cubes	Bouillon, Beef

PREPARATION: With a knife, make deep holes all over the piece of beef and insert a peeled clove of garlic in each. Put the beef in a large heavy pan, sear the beef over high heat then cover with water, add all dry ingredients, bring to a rapid boil then reduce heat and cover pan with lid.

COOKING: Cooking time will vary from four to six hours or more. It will be done to perfection when the meat falls apart when forked. Remove meat from liquid and shred beef, pour liquid through strainer.

STORING: Place meat and liquid in a stainless steel or plastic container, cover with the cooking liquid and refrigerate or freeze. Serves 10 to 12.

SERVING: Heat beef and liquid and serve on Italian bread or rolls with generous sides of chips & pepperoncinis. Try a hearty red wine or dark beer.

The above recipe came from THE LITTLE VENICE RESTAURANT in Charleston, IL and was given to the Happy Cooker in April 1986 by the former owners. Many Eastern Illinois University students looked forward to an evening at the Little Venice with friends and dates where this sandwich was a favourite. Try it. This has become the recipe of choice for Super Bowl Sunday at our house. A word of warning about preparation of this dish! Your kitchen and probably entire house will not support vampires for days after preparation. "The Happy Cooker"

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