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This Knight knows that hard work can pay off ...

The second annual **KNIGHTS AT WORK AWARD WINNER**, Brother John Nixon won this year's grand **WORK** prize for his participation at a car ticket selling session at Pen Centre.



John is looking forward to taking family and friends to the **BLUE MERMAID** restaurant in downtown St. Catharines for one of their great dinners. Last year's winner,

Brother Brian LeBlanc and John were overheard comparing notes on menu offerings and some initial planning. Congratulations Brother Nixon. Enjoy your well earned reward.

The **KNIGHTS AT WORK** program will be continued for the 2012 calendar year with another Brother winning/earning this fantastic dining evening simply by volunteering his time to one or more of our worthwhile endeavors. jc

Winner of Unity Draw Announced...

The winner of the **UNITY** draw was Monsignor Leo Clut-terbuck of St. Alfred's parish.

UNITY was created by Brother Vic Di Vincenzo in honour and memory of his wife and then donated to our Council.

Brother Walt Chemerika, our Council Brother-In-Contact for St. Alfred's and Brother Vic joined Grand Knight John Currey to present the lovely piece to Monsignor in the conference room of St. Alfred's.

Monsignor Leo was so pleased to have won this very special creation of Brother Vic's and is now faced with the task of selecting a place in the main sanctuary of St. Alfred's to share the beauty of **UNITY** with all of his parishioners.

The evening of the drawing was quite a priestly affair. The tickets were loaded into our large Council draw drum, hand built by another Brother, the drum was turned to mix the tickets by Father Michael Basque, our Assistant Chaplain and the winning ticket drawn by Father John Buis, our Chaplain with the winner being Monsignor Leo, a Brother in Council 1394. Since these three Fathers regularly have dinner together on Saturday evenings with other priests in the city, there should be a lot of "ribbing" about the draw and drawers.

Congratulations Monsignor Leo and again on behalf of every member of our Council, a very special **thank you** to Brother Vic. jc **PICTURE OF PRESENTATION page 4!**



Chaplin Father Buis, Grand Knight Currey & Assistant Chaplin Father Basque ready to draw the winning UNITY ticket!



*Yes, Virginia,
there is a
Santa Claus!
See Page 5
For more ...*

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

Assistant Chaplin's Message

Baptism is the sacrament which defines our identity. Experience teaches us how important it is to prove our identity. When we travel our passport identifies us as citizens of Canada. At the bank our client card enables us to access our accounts. While in our car our driver's licence indicates to a police officer we have a right to be behind the wheel. Anyone who has ever lost one of these documents knows the problems which arise when we cannot prove our identity.

Baptism establishes our identity as Catholics. By washing away Original Sin, it indicates we are freed from the bondage of evil. Through making us part of the body of Christ, it identifies us as having a relationship with Jesus and the Church. In causing the gifts of the Holy Spirit to enter us, it provides us with the tools needed to build a Christian life.

Yet, do we protect this sign of our identity as well as we guard our passport or driver's licence? How easily do we give up our freedom from evil to pursue a higher standard of living? How quickly do we distance ourselves from Church teachings when it might cause social embarrassment? How often do we allow our gifts of the Holy Spirit to be dulled by a lack of use? Baptism is not an event which happened years ago but an identity we must maintain daily.

Can we really afford to lose it by neglect?

Father Michael Basque, Assistant Chaplin



A Message From Our Grand Knight

Welcome to the first part of a great new opportunity calendar year!

We've just experienced a great first half of our Fraternal Year and are looking at all the possibilities and challenges of the concluding portion. Our Brothers have pitched in, worked hard and more importantly worked smart to make our fund raising events into the revenue generators that allow us to do the good work in our communities that we have become expected to provide and to do new things also. If it were not for the Brothers working a tremendous amount of hours making our Breakfast Program, Euchre Night, Bingo Night, Unity Draw, 50/50 Draws, Happy Buck story sharing, Recognition Dinners, Hall Rentals, Hall Work Days all a success we'd be in a world of messiness. As is, we are in a world of opportunity with more smart/hard work necessary in the coming months to continue our growth and success so we can continue Council 1394 "good things"! You've made my job easy - thank you! Now jc



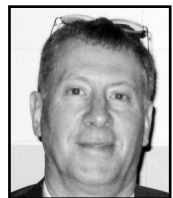
Deputy Grand Knight's Message

It is hard to believe that we are half way through our fraternal year. Our council has been extremely busy with our regular events - Bingo, Euchre, Sunday breakfasts etc. Now we are gearing up for car raffle ticket sales under the guidance of our new Brother Knight Don Mikulinski, let's give him all the help we can.

Hats off to our Worthy Grand Knight for the introduction and planning of the Mass for the Deceased Brothers and CWL sisters, great job! John's initiative on the Roman Missal project for six of our parishes was very well received by the churches involved. The children's Christmas party was a great success thanks to Carl Pearson - Ho Ho Ho. In closing I would like to wish all of my Brother Knights and their families a Happy and Safe New Year. **Ron Adams D.G.K.**



Editor's Message



Where did the year 2011 go? Our Council has had another very busy year. But as always, the Executive Committee is always preparing for the future. **Car ticket sales** are about to start again and at the end of the month, we are having our **Ninth Annual Sponsored Walk-a-thon**.

This year we are trying something different with the Vanguard. Those members with internet access will be receiving this and future Vanguards by email. All others will receive them via Canada Post. As always, letters and articles for the Vanguard are always welcome. I would like to express my gratitude to our Worthy Grand Knight John Currey for all of his help in getting the Vanguard to press. Also, **Thank You** to the Vanguard advertising sponsors, your support is greatly appreciated. As a way of showing your appreciation, support them with your business when you can. For those of you with internet access, go to our website **www.kofccouncil1394.org**, for photos and other information. My wife Diana and I wish you and yours a very happy, safe and prosperous New Year.

Brian Whittaker Vanguard Editor/ 1394 Webmaster

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Roman Missals

Council 1394 presented six **ROMAN MISSALS** to our member attended parishes at Advent. Fathers: Basque at St. Thomas; Gillen at St. Patrick's; Moser at St. Julia; Twumasi at St. Denis; Kasza at St. Vincent DePaul and Monsignor Clutterbuck at St. Alfred's were happy to receive this new book of prayers for their parishes. This book reclaims its name from the early 1600's. A special thank you to all the Brothers who attended the presentation ceremonies at their parishes for this special gift to our member parishes. jc



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DI VINCENZO, VICTOR 03	JOSEPH GROSSE 09	FAJTA, JOHN 09	WHITE, GORDON 02
DOMINICK, STEVE 03	KURAITIS, DR VIKTOR 09	SARANCHUK, GEORGE 09	DOLISZNY, BENJAMIN 03
MOST REV. BISHOP GERARD P. BERGIE 04	BUIS, PETER 10	STACK, JAMES 13	NIXON, JOHN 04
O'BRIEN, JOSEPH 04	VAN HAL, WILHELMUS 13	TAPP, MICHAEL 14	WALTERS, WILLIAM 05
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PERRY, WILLIAM 20	GRANT, EAMON 29	CADORETTE, RAYMOND 18	PONTELLO, ANGELO 30
GAZZOLA, ANTHONY 21		PUCHALSKI, LEONARD 19	
WILEY, DONALD 23		DE LUCA SR. RALPH 21	
RODRIGUES, JOSE 24		HOLLA, JOHN 25	
BALSOM, JOHN 27		MAC DONALD, DAVID 25	
MICHAUD, ALCIDE 30		LA BELLE, WILFRED 28	
ONGCANGCO, RENE 31		BULANDA, EDWARD 30	

Happy Birthday
To all of our Brothers
who are celebrating
that special day in the
first four months of
2012.



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L- R: "Unity" sculpture creator and Council 1394 Knight, Victor Di Vincenzo,

Unity draw winner and Council 1394 member, Pastor of St. Alfred Church Monsignor Leo Clutterbuck, and

Brother Walt Chemerika, Council 1394 Brother-In-Contact for St. Alfred's parish.

Treasurer's Report

We are now closing in on the end of the first half of our 2011/2012 Fraternal year. During this time, we have established a working budget, which will help us monitor and control our ongoing revenues and expenses. We have also successfully completed our November Sunday morning breakfasts. Our bank balance as at the end of November was healthy. During the second half of our Fraternal year, we will be tackling our signature fundraising event, the sale of draw tickets for cars, vacations and cash awards. With the help and cooperation of all our Council and Club members, I am sure that we will again be financially successful. On behalf of my wife Jacqueline and myself, I want to wish all of my Brother Knights and their families, a very Happy Healthy and Prosperous New year.

Joe Karabinos - Treasurer

Columbus Club Report

The Columbus Club held a meeting October 12th. I was welcomed as the new president. Edwin King will serve as Secretary. We were informed that our present FURNACE has reached the end of it's service. If it breaks down, we can not get parts. Therefore, we need to make provisions to have it replaced. We need to start a special account/fund that will look after the cost when the time comes to have it replaced. Any suggestions?

Walter Chemerika - Columbus Club President

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.

Joseph E. Gallant	25-Oct-2011
James P. Skehin Sr.	13-Sep-2011
William C. Clifford	06-June-2011
Rev. Paul J. Curley	27-Apr-2011
Victor M. Baraniuk	04-Apr-2011
James P. Heysel	17-Jan-2011



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

Breakfasts, Euchre and 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 2012 until May. They occur on the first Saturday of the month.

Our next Euchre Night is on **Saturday Jan 7, 2012.**

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. **Next bingo is January 21, 2012.**

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. **Program Director PGK William Perry**



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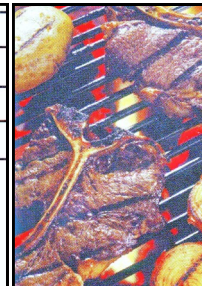
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Mass for the Deceased

Brothers from all Knights of Columbus Councils and women from all Catholic Women's League of the Diocese of St. Catharines as well as parishioners, over 180 in all, came together to sponsor the inaugural Mass for the Deceased honoring their members at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in St. Catharines, November 16, 2011.

His Excellency, Bishop Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines was presider of the Mass and con-celebrants were; Chaplin Father John Buis, Assistant Chaplin and Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas, Father Michael Basque, Past Chaplin Father Randy Gallant and Deacon George Newman all members of Council 1394. The honour guard was formed from Monsignor Morris Assembly #0864.

The event was organized by 1394 Grand Knight John Currey, William Mathie of Council 1394 and Wilma Vanderzwaag, President of the St. Catharines Diocesan CWL. The Mass and reception were well attended and very positive comments were received.

We hope this very special event and others will encourage further shared cooperative events among the Councils of the Knights and CWL within the Diocese.



The next Annual Mass for the Deceased is planned to be held on November 15, 2012 at a parish (TBA) in the diocese.

Everyone is welcome.

Editor

Children's Christmas Party

It was a BIG success. Approximately 23 children registered with parents and grandparents. A great time was had by all. Special thanks to organizer Brother Carl Pearson for a job well done, to Santa and his helpers and to the generous donations of food and supplies by the sponsors listed below:

- Robert and Wendy Dumas - Subs Plus - 173 Queenston - Christmas Cake.
- John Zroccoli - Tim Horton's - 177 Queenston - Fresh Tim Bits can of coffee.
- Reno Mancini - Pete's Pizza - 6 Pleasant Avenue - 8 Pizzas.
- Todd Marr - Marr's Foodland, Thorold - Gift Certificate for pop, water, chips.
- Valerie Clark - Zehr's Pen Centre - Gift Card for Cheetos and candy canes.
- Diane Moffatt - Real Canadian Superstore \$20 gift certificate to the council.



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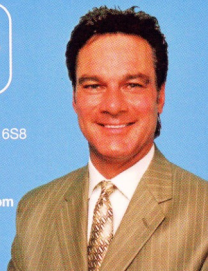
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Rose for Life Campaign

This year Council 1394 raised funds for the **St. Catharines Right to Life** and the **Diocesan Respect Life Committee** at Star of the Sea, St. Denis, St. Alfred's, St. Julia's, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Patrick's through the sale of Lapel Roses. We raised a total of \$2,163.23, with every dollar donated going to these organizations. Thanks to all those who helped with the sales and to the generous parishioners.

In the coming year, we hope to add two churches to our list. In the past year, we also participated in the **March for Life** in Ottawa in May - (the biggest turn-out yet) and in **Life Chain** in Niagara Falls in October. This year's **Right to Life banquet** will take place at John Michael's Banquet Hall on February 25th. This year's speaker will be Scott Klusendorf, an outstanding champion of the case for the unborn.

Dates for this year's lapel rose sales are yet to be confirmed except in the case of St. Alfred's. I hope to approximate the 2012 schedule but need to talk to the clergy or parish assistants - will try to do so in the next few days - or better yet, have those who took leadership in each parish to do so. The suggested dates below range from the same 2 weeks after Easter to the approximately same date in May.

Star of the Sea April 21/22 or 28/29 or May 5/6
St. Alfred's June 16/17
St. Julia's October 6/7



St. Denis June 2/3
St. Thomas Aquinas September 8/9
St. Patrick's October 20/21

William Mathie - Right to Life Director

GRIMSBY COUNCIL 4917 FRATERNAL NIGHT

- Date – Monday, January 16, 2012 Cost \$30.
- Time – Doors open at 6:00PM – Dinner at 7:00PM
- Location – Grimsby Senior Centre, 18 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby
- Guest speaker will be Past State Deputy, Arthur Peters.
- Bill Amodeo, PGK, 905-309-0087, email mrmoores@hotmail.com
- Paul Chiarcos, DGK, 905-218-6621, email pchiarcos@gmail.com

Annual Sponsored Walk-a-thon

Once again, Council 1394 will be hosting our Annual Sponsored Walk on January 29, 2012. This event is an easy and enjoyable way to generate funds for our Council. Please plan to participate. Your support is important. Contact Walk-a-thon Chairman **PGK Mike Carroll - (905) 682-5216** for more information and pledge forms.

Recognition Night - Columbus Day Dinner

Last October our council held a very special dinner evening to honour: our Founder, Christopher Columbus's birthday; our Council member Bishops, Monsignors and Deacons; our Past Grand Knights; our members receiving their Honourary Life Membership certificates and cards and our special members celebrating their 25th year as Knights and our 50 plus year members.

Over 60 members were present to honour these special Catholic Gentlemen and to help them celebrate their achievements.

Our Hall manager, Brother Brian LeBlanc and his able staff of helpers – Dena LeBlanc, Ann Marie Perry, Ellie Adams and Coral King along with Brother Sid made the Hall into a luxuriously appointed dining room where our Deputy Grand Knight Ron Adams presented us with a tasty meal.

If you weren't there, you missed a chance to be the winner of the \$70.00 + 50/50 draw and to get your name in the KNIGHTS AT WORK box; but most of all, you missed a great evening with our special Brothers! jc

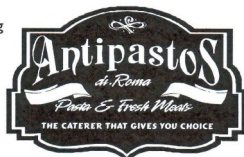


L-R: Deacon G. Newman, GK J. Currey, PGK A. Reyes

Just a reminder ... your 2012 Membership Dues should be paid as soon as possible. Help the Council save time and postage by paying your dues promptly! Thank you!

Wishing all of you a Safe, Healthy and Prosperous 2012 !

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Membership Report

Membership is the Lifeblood of our Council. Therefore, and first of all I must thank Keith Beaulieu, Art Edralin and Rene Ongcangco for their effort in sponsoring new members. Growth in our council is important!

Last night I went over our membership list and counted 42 brother Knights who are in their eighties or nineties. Unfortunately, our order does not recognize early retirement. My question is, who is going to replace you when you are on the highest level of the "Golden Age?" Growth in our Council is important. The answer is simple!

We need new ideas, new members and fresher growth so our programs succeed and therefore, we do not become stagnant. Bringing in new members is always a challenge, but without them and their new ideas, our council cannot flourish. Membership is the responsibility of all our members.

I offer you this challenge. If you provide me with a prospect's name, address and phone number, I will make the necessary contacts and register you as a proposer. Then we enter your name in our annual draw, "Knights at Work", a dinner for two at the Blue Mermaid. Let us continue to work as a team and witness our Council's growth as we continue to support our Church, Community, Family and Respect for Life Activities. "Yes, we can and we will make a difference!"

Jack Konst - Membership Director e-mail: jack.konst@gmail.com



Sheila & Bill

On October 15, Council 1394 hosted a Wells of hope Dinner & Fund-raiser at Club Capri in Thorold. This well attended event was organized by PGK Mike Carroll and marks the second time we have hosted this event. Entertainment was provided by Djino Lefrancois "aka Elvis". There was dancing, a 50/50 Draw and a table full of door prizes. A special thank you to Bernie and his staff at Club Capri for the wonderful meal and atmosphere and Mike for all of his efforts. The event raised \$1,700 - thanks to everyone for their generosity!

The Editor



Vern Dell, Grand Knight of Grimsby Council 4917 presents Brother Ted Van der Zalm of Wells of Hope with a donation. To the right, is Event Chairman PGK Mike Carroll.

Another example of how the seemingly impossible becomes possible when enough people come together under the banner of "Love your Neighbor"! On November 11th, the Wells of Hope hosted a fundraising concert, held at the Shaw Theatre in Niagara on the lake, featuring Jann Arden. The event sold out one month before the actual concert!



Ted & Miriam at Shaw Festival with musical guest Jann Arden

With the organizational skills of the dedicated members of the Wells of Hope team, over \$12,000 was raised to help pay off the principle still owing on the new water well drilling equipment that is already at work in the poor mountain communities of Jalapa, Guatemala. This state of the art drilling machine comes to the Wells of Hope organization at a cost of 1.3 million dollars! An incredible mountain stood before us. Together with the contributions of Supreme Council, my brothers in Council 1394 we have taken huge steps in successfully moving this mountain!

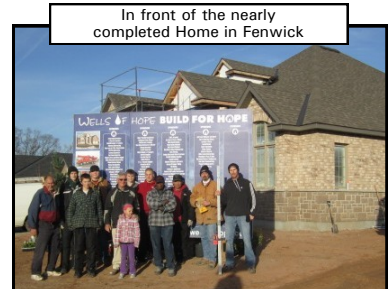
By attending this concert, many people from outside the Niagara Region have been made aware of the wonderful things that God is doing through the Wells of Hope. Our sincere prayer is that numerous hearts have been touched as a result of the concert and in turn, those capable, will provide the much needed funds in order for the Wells of Hope to continue serving our less fortunate sisters and brothers.



On November 19th, numerous people gathered around a new home in the final stages of being built in Pelham. This new house has been erected through the generous contributions of the contractors and suppliers of the Niagara building

community, at little to no cost to the Wells of Hope. This house is now for sale on the open market and all the proceeds realized with the purchase of this home will almost totally clear the principle owing on the drilling equipment.

Ben Obdeyn of St. Ann's parish in Fenwick (also a founding member of the Board of Directors of Wells of Hope), together with Ron Hendriks of St. Hellen's parish in Beamsville, and Frank Memme of Mountainview Homes, have been the front runners of organizing and realizing this tremendous "Build for Hope" fundraising initiative! Once again, it is an incredible, living example, within our own Diocese, of the great things that our Lord will help us to accomplish in His name. With God at our side, we have nothing to fear!



In front of the nearly completed Home in Fenwick

Peace **Brother Ted van der Zalm**

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THE HAPPY COOKER

A decadent chocolate dessert to, I was going to say die for but.. let me say - end a perfect day with, especially a perfect golfing day. This recipe came from that wonderful golfing region of Pinehurst, NC, and the golf course and fine restaurant there. CHOCOLATE (Soft Centre) CAKE/s—PINEHURST

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INGREDIENTS:

10	Oz.	Dark Chocolate, Semi Sweet
18	Oz.	Butter, Unsalted
2 1/2	Oz.	Cocoa Powder
10	Oz.	Liquor Ribbons, Unsweetened
1	Pound	Sugar

PREPARATION:

Melt together first five ingredients in double boiler over medium heat. Add the eggs and yolks and mix until smooth and silky, being careful not to cook eggs. Sift the bread and cake flour together with the baking powder. Next add the chocolate/egg mixture, being very careful not to over mix.

Bake at 350°F for 8 to 10 minutes.

The cakes can be served in the ramekin or unmolded while still warm.

Serving with fresh whipped cream, a scoop of ice cream or a berry or vanilla sauce adds just the right finishing touch.

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This recipe was given to the Happy Cooker by Chef Todd Richter from the Pinehurst Golf Lodge in November 2000.

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