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Prayer for Canonization of Father McGivney.

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



Grand Knight William Mathie admires the statue of Father McGivney at McGivney Hall on the Campus of Catholic University of America. McGivney Hall is the home of John Paul II Institute for the Study of Marriage and the Family. The Institute is funded by the Knights of Columbus. Below is the Basilica National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at the University, the largest Catholic church in North America. The bell-tower on the left was a gift of the Knights. So were its bells.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers,

I write as one Fraternal year ends and another begins. A poet once said that "last thinking should be thanking." So my last thoughts for the year are mostly thanks.

I thank those who served the Council so well as officers in 2013-2014 and welcome newly elected and re-elected members of our executive. I thank Keith Beaulieu for maintaining the dignity of our ceremonial ritual, and for fetching pizza when form gives way to fellowship. I thank Carl Pearson for returning to the role of Recording Secretary in our time of need. I thank our Chaplain, Father Hugh Gibson, for all he has done for us, and said to us, as our spiritual leader and adviser, for celebrating Mass in our Hall, and for welcoming our Council so warmly at St. Alfred's whether we were recruiting members or raising money to support the Culture of Life. I thank him, too, for his "Danny Boy" and the other Irish tunes he has sung for us.

I thank John Nixon for coordinating our efforts to preserve the Culture of Life through the lapel rose campaign, the Culture of Life Awards at our Catholic high schools, and our participation in the pro-life workshop last October. Thanks also to Joe Karabinos, Bill Walters, Walter Chemerika, and Mike Coakley who organized the rose campaign in their parishes and to all who helped sell roses at those churches. Thanks to John, too, for organizing our Columbus Day Dinner, presiding over our February breakfasts, and for assisting me in so many ways over the course of the year.

I thank Don Mikulinski, our Financial Secretary, for all he does to manage the business of our Council and fulfill our obligations to State. And for his help in areas too many to count -- selling roses, flipping pancakes, organizing our Council's Coats (and mitts and scarves) for Kids program etc., etc., etc. I thank Des Kennedy for a very successful turkey raffle that hugely benefited the hungry and homeless and our Catholic schools, and those who helped him. Thanks to Des, too for organizing our coffee hour for members who cannot always get to our meetings. I thank Mike Carroll for organizing our fund-raising dinner for Ted van Der Zalm's Wells of Hope. And Brother Ted for allowing all of us to help in a small way in his very large and heroic works of charity in Guatemala. We thank Mike too for his efforts as Advocate to keep us on our toes-- literally.

I thank our treasurer Joe Karabinos helping us arrive at a good sense of where we stand financially and how we can best fulfill our duties in charity. I thank PGK Ron Adams for heading our Degree Team and for our 4th Order Assembly. I thank Mike DeRose, Don Mikulinski, and Peter Uko for directing the State Charity Raffle. I thank Bill Perry for presiding over our November breakfasts and organizing our Bingo team. And I thank Bill and his friends for the down home music they so often supply, I thank Mike Jackowitz for his work on bingo, for organizing our high school wrist watch awards, and for setting up the senior blossom bus tour using the proceeds from our bingo work.

I thank Jack Konst for his work as our Lector and Admissions Director-- helping us attract 15 or more new members this year. And for maintaining email communications with our members. I thank those who spoke to us "for the Good of the Order": Carl Pearson, Rob Hendricks, Walter Chemerika, and Fathers McDonald and Choly (who also filled in for Father Gibson when he was unable to join us). I thank Joe Dwyer for his tireless efforts to keep in contact with ailing and bed-ridden brothers. I thank Carl Pearson and Mike Coakley for their willingness to take up this work for our Council. I thank Rev. Msgr, Anton Szymchalski for welcoming us to a celebration of the Divine Liturgy at St. John the Theologian and for feeding us like kings after the ceremony.

I thank John Currey for establishing and maintaining our phone committee. And for presiding over the Columbus Club's negotiation of a new lease with the Ozanam centre. I thank Ron Adams, Walter Chemerika, Bill Walters and Don Mikulinski for their contribution to the basketball free-throw competition. I thank Walt Cybulak for his work for us as President of the Columbus Club that looks after our Hall and especially for his good sense and efficiency in dealing with crises-- like the death of our furnace last winter, and the failure of our air conditioner in summer. I thank Brian LeBlanc, our Hall Manager. I thank him especially for his taking charge of another successful St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

I thank John Murray and Art Edralin and their wives for organizing a very successful Christmas Party for the children and their parents and grandparents. I thank Edwin King and Peter Uko for producing three issues of our newsletter, The Vanguard. I thank Bill Amodeo for all he has done for our Council and our Order as our District Deputy. I thank him especially for organizing our Mass for the Deceased in November.

DGK John Nixon and I attended the State Convention in April. Our resolution in support of Ted's Wells of Hope was approved. And we won an award for our Culture of Life Program, and recognition for the Bottle Drive Sid Michaud organized in support of the Special Olympics. We also won a Trillium Award for our overall success as a Council.

Sadly we recall the members of our Council who died in the past year: Father Buis, Msgr O'Donohue, David MacDonald, Jim Stack, PGK Alfred Konigshaus, Ralph DeLuca, Grant Johnson, and Joseph Grosse. We pray for them and give thanks that we have known them.

William Mathie
Grand Knight

MARCH FOR LIFE

This year three buses carried students and others from St. Catharines and area to Parliament Hill where they joined the 20,000 assembled there to protest Canada's failure to restrict abortion. Council 1394 helped make this possible for our students. Our Order continued to be a major supporter of the March for Life. Our photo shows students from Holy Cross at St. Patrick's Basilica on the day of the March.



DONKEY AT PALM SUNDAY AT ST. ALEXANDER CHURCH

St Alexander's parish in Fonthill this Easter celebrated Palm Sunday with an unusual twist. Reverend Father Mitch arranged for a local parishioner to bring along to the church before the commencement of Mass, a young donkey in an expression associated with the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem seated on an ass immediately preceding His Passion.

The children who gathered with interest before Mass were quite fascinated with the donkey which was a young animal and quite friendly. Parents too were excited to see this interesting association with the Easter Liturgy.



From left to right: Deacon Michael Anthony, donkey owner Missy Wilson, Fr. Mitchell Kasza and Mason Mastroianni welcome the arrival of a donkey at the 11am Palm Sunday Mass at St. Alexander Church, Fonthill in celebration of the beginning of Holy Week 2014.

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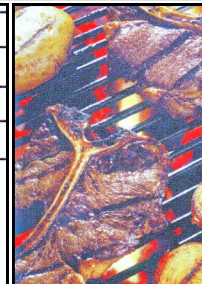
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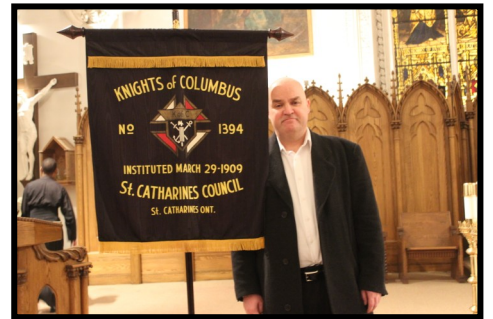
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RESPECT LIFE MASS



On March 25th Bishop Bergie celebrated the Solemnity of the Annunciation and the Annual respect Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. Bishop Bergie began his homily by quoting a priest's answer to the question of what is the difference between the Annunciation and the Incarnation. The answer is "about three minutes." That the life of our Lord began at the moment when the Virgin Mary assented to the angel's message that she was to bear God's son showed, the Bishop said, how right it is that we should acknowledge the life of the child in the womb at the moment of conception and rededicate our selves to the protection of that life at this Mass.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

St. Patrick's Day Dinner was organized by Brian LeBlanc to support the Club. The dancers are from the Taylor Academy of Irish Dancing. The event was on March 15th at the Hall.



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PERSONALITY PAGEWilliam (Bill) Perry

William was born on Prince Edward Island and came to Ontario in 1958 at the age of 17 when he came to work in the chrome plating industry. He was married in 1961 and has five daughters. His first wife passed away in 1993 and in 1996 he was married to Anne Marie his present wife.

Bill enjoys a good relationship with his daughters and has 16 Grandchildren and 9 Great grandchildren. Bill has been a member of our council since 1972 and a member of Monsignor Morris Fourth degree assembly since 1979. In addition he has occupied almost every position on the executive and served as Deputy Grand knight from 1981 to 1982. In 1983 to 1985 he served our council as Grand Knight.

He led the Fourth degree assembly as Navigator during 1990 and 1991 and still serves as a member of the Fourth degree Assembly Advisory Committee. William has also served on the Arthritis Society as a volunteer representing our council with the United Way. He was instrumental working with Tony Gazola to secure our liquor license at our hall, and securing our license to participate in the Bingo project in which he has been involved for some 25 years.

In addition to being the driving force in our February and November Breakfasts for over seven years, Bill has served as president and director of the Niagara Olde Tyme Fiddlers who provide entertainment at many of our functions.

The general impression which many of our members express of Bill is his friendly and cheerful attitude toward all with whom he works in our council and in particular for the welcoming attitude which he always displays toward new members.

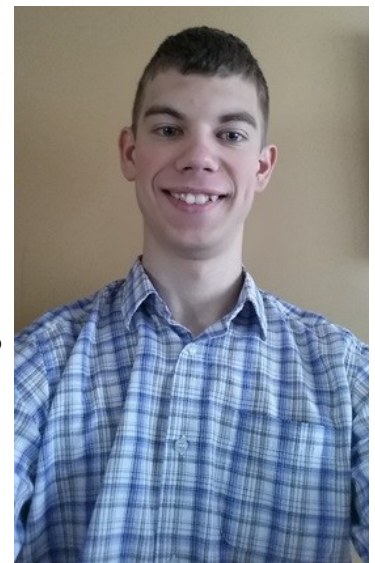
Michal Wieczorek

Michal Wieczorek one of the newest members of our Council having recently completed his induction into the Third Degree of Council 1394 and his indemnification into the Fourth Degree Assembly of Msgr. Morris. He is at present a student at Brock University where he is studying for a degree in business administration.

Like so many Canadians of our time he has had a decidedly colourful background; born in Canada he was from the age of 3, raised and educated in Poland until the age of 11 years. He spent a year in Lublin, three years in Koprzywnica, one year in St Edith and 3 years in Iona.

At the age of 16 he joined the K of C Squires and participated in this discipline quite ardently. In addition he has orchestrated a freelance group who render computer assistance to the elderly. He has obtained a life guarding license and assists in this field. He also participates in Polish Folk dancing.

During the latter part of high school Michal participated in Leszek Dziadecki's Advantage Group of Finance in furtherance of his ambition to enter the world of business administration. He is also a member of the Brock University Entrepreneurship Club and the Brock Financial and Investment Group. Michal is a director of the Columbus Club in our Council.



JUNE, 2014

1 Ascension of the Lord	2	3 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions	4	5 St. Boniface	6	7 Abortion Vigil 3 pm.
8 Pentecost Sunday	9 General Meeting 7 pm.	10	11 St. Barnabas	12	13 St. Anthony of Padua	14
15 The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	16	17	18	19	20	21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga
22 The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	23	24 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	25	26	27 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	28 St. Irenaeus
29 Saints Peter and Paul, Apostle s)	30 Installation of Officers					

JULY, 2014

		1	2	3 St. Thomas	4	5 Abortion Vigil 3 pm.
6 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7	8	9	10	11 St. Benedict	12
13 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	14 No General Meeting.	15 St. Bonaventure	16 Fourth Degree BBQ@ St. Mary's.3rd Degree Members Welcome.	17	18	19
20 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	21	22 St. Mary Magdalene	23	24	25 St. James	26 St. Anne and Joachim
27 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	28	29 St. Martha	30	31 St. Ignatius of Loyola		

AUGUST, 2014

					1 St. Alphonsus Liguori	2 Abortion Vigil 3 pm.
3 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 St. John Mary Vianney	5	6 Transfiguration of the Lord	7	8 St. Dominic	9
10 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11 No General Meeting. St. Claire	12	13	14 St. Maximilian Kolbe	15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	16
17 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	18	19	20 St. Bernard	21 St. Pius X	22 The Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary	23
24 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time	25	26	27 St. Monica	28 St. Augustine	29 The Passion of John the Baptist	30
31 22th Sunday in Ordinary Time						

SEPTEMBER, 2014

	1	2	3 Executive Meeting. 7pm St. Gregory the Great	4	5	6 Abortion Vigil 3 pm.
7 23th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 General Meeting 7 pm. The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9	10	11	12	13 St. John Chrysostom
14 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	15 Our Lady of Sorrows	16 St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian	17	18	19	20 St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang
21 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	22	23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina	24	25	26 St. John De Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues and Companions	27 St. Vincent De Paul
28 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	29 St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael	30 St. Jerome				

BUS TOUR FOR RESIDENTS OF MOUNT CARMEL HOME

Our council once again arranged a bus tour for the residents of Mount Carmel home in St. Catharines. This event has been organised for some considerable time by stalwart Joe Dwyer who himself is a resident there.

As Joe labours under the vagaries of encroaching age he has now invoked the help of Brother Brian Leblanc who, assisted by the ever helpful Dena, his wife, is taking over this great project.

On this occasion 26 seniors were accommodated, accompanied by

four of the Nuns who are responsible for the operation of this great institution which cares for the aged.

All set out from the location in St. Catharines on to Mount Carmel Spiritual centre in Niagara Falls, to the Dufferin Islands, the falls and thence to a rest stop at the floral clock on the Niagara Parkway.

From there to the quaint village of Niagara on the Lake and eventually to the high light of the tour, ice cream for all at the Avondale facility.

This tour is accompanied by an informative commentary by a professional guide. Council members are encouraged to join this tour for some moral support and perhaps some physical assistance for the elderly and less agile. It will be found to be an enjoyable experience and there are mostly several empty seats to accommodate interested helpers.

Members are reminded that this charitable service has been and continues to be financed by funds provided by Mike Jackowitz from funds generated by the Bingo project.



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CELEBRATION OF THE DIVINE LITURGY AT ST. JOHN'S THE EVANGELIST

On Saturday May 10th 2014, Father Anton, Pastor at the Parish of St John the Evangelist in Lakeshore Drive invited the Knights of Columbus in our Diocese to attend a celebration of the Divine Liturgy at the Parish which follows the discipline of the Eastern Rite of our Catholic Faith. The event was well attended and our photographs reflect a number of the members of our council who attended.

The Mass was a wonderful enlightenment of the Eastern Liturgy and was somewhat reminiscent the time before Vatican II when in the Western Rite the Epistle and Gospel were either recited or sung in Gregorian Chant at Mass in the original Latin. Father Anton and his parishioners invited all Knights to a wonderful gratuitous supper provided by their own kitchen which was really well received and enjoyed. This was a wonderful experience and if it is repeated next year members of our council are exhorted not to miss it.



FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Monsignor Morris Assembly of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus 70th anniversary dinner dance was held at Club Capri on May 3rd 2014. The event was attended by Bishop Gerard Bergie and a number of the members of our council. Depicted in these photographs are our council members together with their wives. Also in attendance were members from State council.

Live music was provided and even some of our oldest members such as Tony Gazzola and his wife are seen on the dance floor. The event was a resounding success and those members of our Council who have considered becoming Fourth degree members are encouraged to do so in order to enjoy participation in this fellowship.



Ron Adams presenting 4th degree 25 year service certificate to Nick Marino



Jack Konst, Gerardo Del Priore, Fr. Gibson, Michal Wieczorek, Robert Ksiazek, Johnson Moreas



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WELLS OF HOPE



On April 12th Council 1394, under the leadership of PGK Mike Carroll, held a dinner in support of Brother VanderZalm's Wells of Hope. We raised almost \$3000 for Brother Ted and his team who drill wells for the thirsty in Guatemala. The Wells of Hope have also built schools and homes and brought a large dental team to Guatemala along with many students from our high schools. Shown is the Club Roma choir who entertained at the Wells of Hope Dinner under the direction of Brother Michael Inneo. In the photo (on the left) Hall Manager Brian LeBlanc and PGK Bill Perry are shown distributing cake and prizes at the Wells of Hope Dinner.

SENIORS COFFEE

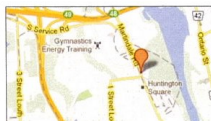


On the "Last Thursday" of every month we seniors from Council 1394 meet at 2-30 in the Food Court at Fairview Mall for a Coffee, a Muffin and some great FELLOWSHIP. Everyone pays \$2.00 and the change is going to be given to OZANAM at the end of the year -- it won't be much as we have only about \$35.00 so far but it's better than nothing. Each month we have a little prize donated by a different Brother and it's always well accepted. It has also been agreed at a General Meeting of our council that all attending will have their names entered into the annual \$300.00 "Knights at Work" draw. We call it "Seniors Coffee" but you don't have to be a senior to come out and enjoy the company of a Brother who can't make it to the General Meetings for various reasons. So please mark your calendar for the last Thursday each month and join us. Our numbers increase each month. (Des Kennedy)

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THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF COUNCIL 1394 FOR 2014-2015



The newly elected officers of Council 1394 for 2014-2015 assembled in front of our Hall after their installation to be photographed by Brian Whittaker.

Left to right: Bill Perry (4th degree Honour Guard), Walter Cybulak (Trustee, 3 Year), John Currey (standing in for Geoff Haimes, Chancellor), Johnson Moraes (Outside Guard), Ron Adams (Past Grand Knight and Trustee, 2 Year), Jack Konst (Lecturer), Don Mikulinski (Financial Secretary), Sid Michaud (Inside Guard), John Nixon (Deputy Grand Knight), Father Hugh Gibson (Chaplain), William Mathie (Grand Knight), Rene Ongcangco (Recorder), George Saranchuk (Trustee, 1 Year), Joe Karabinos (Treasurer), Art Edralin (Outside Guard), Eduardo Frei (standing in for Mike Carroll, Advocate), Bill Amodeo (District Deputy), Deacon George Newman, Keith Beaulieu (Warden) and Sean Innamorati (4th degree Honour Guard.)

The Columbus Club Executive for 2014-2015 was also elected at the May meeting of Council 1394: Michael Wiczorek (Director 3 Years), Walt Cybulak (President and Director 3 Years), Des Kennedy (Director 2 Years), John Currey (Director 2 Years), Edwin King (Director 1 Year), Joe Dwyer (Director 1 Year), Don Mikulinski (Treasurer), William Mathie (ex officio as GK), Brian LeBlanc (Hall Manager).

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