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WELLS OF HOPE DINNER @ CLUB CAPRI - OCTOBER 15, 2011 WITH ELVIS!



INAUGURATION OF WATER LINE IN GUATEMALA

The Wells of Hope initiative has been blessed with many successes during the 2010-2011 season. God has once again demonstrated to us that, with Him, the seemingly impossible does become possible. Our biggest joy was to put into action the brand new drilling equipment that had been purchased with the help of Supreme and Council 1394. Before beginning our first well, his Excellency Julio Cabrera, Bishop of the Jalapa region, held a celebration and blessed the new drilling equipment, thanking God for this tremendous gift of hope! This year we were able to complete three wells at an average depth of one thousand two hundred feet per well. The new drilling equipment is designed to help us deal with the numerous complicated geological formations that we must drill through before encountering water. Once the drill stem breaks into a water-bearing zone, huge volumes of water explode from the hole to the loud and joyful cheers of the watching community!

We worked very hard with the people of four particular communities who were to share a well that we drilled last year. This well produces over 600 gallons per minute and pumped to a high elevation, the water could travel many kilometers on gravity alone! What was initially budgeted as a three-year project, we were able to finish this May in only two years time. With the collaboration of the men and women of these four communities, a huge cement holding tank was built and over 80 kilometers of trenches were dug where the water line would be buried.

800 families now have fresh, clean drinking water at their front door! During the inauguration ceremony, many women broke down in tears of joy knowing that never again would they feel the pain in their backs from carrying full buckets of water up and down steep mountain slopes. It is not possible to quantify the results of such an awesome success! Not only does the access to clean water effect the immediate population, generations to come will benefit from this mountain that God has helped us to move!

Wells of Hope hosted three teams of dentists this year who volunteered to bring their talents and meet the dental needs of the people whom we serve. Over 3,000 teeth were pulled. The children's teeth suffer severe decay due to the sugar-laced soft drinks made available at a price cheaper than water. A team of medical doctors from the Niagara Region also made up the 200 volunteers that passed through our camp this year.

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

ASSISTANT CHAPLIN'S MESSAGE



Motherhood is an idea with a confused personality. While other people may have warm and sentimental feelings towards motherhood, real mothers know it is a lot of hard work. There are clothes to be washed, meals to prepare, skinned knees to bandage and teenagers who keep you from getting to sleep at night until the last one is home safely. Today, many mothers must juggle these responsibilities with their job commitments, (because working outside the home has become a necessity), taking their kids to hockey practice or dance class, caring for aging parents and a host of other things.

October is a month which is associated with Mary, the mother of Jesus. Many Catholics view Mary's life as one of simple and placid service to God. Yet, Mary was not married when she conceived her son. Along with her husband and child, she was a political refugee. Mary worried about Jesus after he began his earthly mission and she lost her ability to protect him. She had to bury her child. The reason our devotion to Mary is so important today is not the fact she was unlike us (born without sin) but she was so much like us (living in a world permeated with sin). Her struggle to fulfill the obligations of her vocation, as a mother, is no different than ours, whatever it may be. May this month of October help us more fully appreciate the reality of our relationship with Mary.

Fr. Michael Basque, Assistant Chaplain.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

On this beautiful early Fall afternoon I made the time to share with you some of my thoughts of the day, of the season and of this time of life.

This morning my wife and I spent time at the YMCA atoning for the years of abuse we heaped and enjoyed on our bodies over the years. Returning home there were emails to be read, puzzled over and answered. Then came the phone calls asking, suggesting and demanding one thing and another. This was followed by a long overdue visit with an infirmed Brother who nearly made me cry with his welcome and wondering why it had been so long. Listening to the loneliness in his voice I again promised myself to do better.

Doing better!

That is what I came away from my earlier day with. I/we should have done better with our bodies although a sedentary lifestyle compounded by too many excellent meals and adult beverages seemed like a good and enjoyable thing at the time. I should have communicated better and there would not have been the necessity for so many emails asking for clarification. At the time however, the answers seemed good enough. The same can be said of the phone calls. But when a Brother needs someone to listen, to just share some time with I must say seeming and supposing just don't make our lives as Catholic gentlemen come close to attaining the goals of our Order. Brothers, reflect for a few minutes and ask how can I do better. The answers may/can be truly amazing.

This will be the last complete mailing of the Vanguard. In 2012 it will be coming via email to all of those members with a computer in full colour and by mail to all others. jc



DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Our council is now in order, with the election of new officers completed and installed. It is encouraging to see a number of new faces and new ideas and energy for the upcoming fraternal year. There are many events returning such as Euchre Nights, Sunday Breakfasts, Bingo, Wells of Hope Dinner, Columbus Day Dinner and tribute night, Right to Life dinner etc. All of these events need the support and volunteer time of my Brother Knights. So lets roll up our sleeves and get ready to get busy for another successful year.

Ron Adams D.G.K.



Ron Adams, Deputy Grand Knight 1394 presents outstanding Achievement awards to graduates from Holy Cross High School at Niagara College.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY

"How Do We Recruit"

Presentation on October 24, 7:00PM at Council 1394 Hall - 235 Church Street, St. Catharines

The District Deputies of districts 6, 26 and 64 joined together to hold a "Tri District" meeting and one result of this meeting is that we have a unique opportunity of hearing a representative from Supreme make a presentation in our area. **Dan O'Hara** is the Membership and Program Consultant and he will talk about "How do we recruit".



This program deals with who the Knights are, what we are all about, why we were founded, how to approach young families, getting men engaged in activities, mentoring new members and retention. In Dan's own words, "I can guarantee you that most of what I say will be new and refreshing to all members. The training, without a break, will take two hours, a lot of ground to cover. This meeting is not only open to ALL members, I would encourage them to bring their wives along with them.

It is also a good opportunity for you to invite prospects out, so if you have any men who are not members who want to know about who we are, this is a great opportunity to do that".

Brothers, this is an excellent opportunity to brush up on our recruiting skills, develop new ones and invite new prospects to hear why our Order is the "Experience of a Lifetime". Please make sure you circle October 24th on your calendar and plan on joining us. Please advise your Grand Knight about your intentions.

Bill Amodeo District Deputy – District 6 & Diocesan Chairman

OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
Father John Buis	2nd	Brian J. Cullen	1st	C. Patrick Cline	4th
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Msgr. Anton Szymychalski	5th	Lloyd G. Drohan	8th	Anthony J. Gasparini	8th
Father Michael Basque	6th	Michael Washkevich	8th	Benjamin Muhigirwa	12th
Brian Chiavarini	8th	Stanley Chubak	21st	Natale Pischcedda	15th
Father Paul McNeil	12th	George Z. Lopinski	21st	John D. Dulong	19th
Paul J. Gillis	15th	Umberto Donatelli	24th	Michael K, Carroll	21st
Donald E. Pennell	16th	John Vanderlee	29th	Jerome E. Lalonde	25th
Keith W. Beaulieu	19th	William H. Grodesky	30th	Richard S. Snazyk	25th
Jean P. Trudeau	24th	A special birthday wish (October 1) to Msgr. Dominic Pizzacalla who was inadvertently left of this list. <small>With apologies, Vanguard editor.</small>		Msgr. Leo Clutterbuck	28th
Joseph Dwyer	30th			Alfred R. Koninghaus	31st

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!

COLUMBUS DAY DINNER AND TRIBUTE NIGHT

Council 1394 - 235 Church Street, St. Catharines, will be hosting a dinner and tribute night celebrating our order's namesake and honouring our Past Grand Knights and members with 25 and 50 years membership. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and no charge for those we are celebrating.



COCKTAILS @ 5:30 PM

DINNER @ 6:30 PM



SATURDAY OCTOBER 29, 2011

For further information, tickets and to make reservations, contact Deputy-Grand Knight **Ron Adams (905) 641-0041**

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One of the blessings that I have enjoyed over the last number of years is to be the guest speaker at the Knights Youth leadership camp held at Fraser Lake, Bancroft. As a result of these presentations, many Catholic high Schools have become part of the Wells of Hope team. This year we hosted two Catholic High Schools from Sault Ste. Marie and a Catholic high school group from Mississauga. These young Catholics get the opportunity to experience Christ while front lines serving the needs of their less fortunate brothers and sisters.

The women of Guatemala have a very difficult life. A large number of women are either widowed or abandoned due to the extreme poverty they are enslaved to. These women are left with five or six young children and no place to live. They are forced to find shelter in walls of dried cornstalks cover with a plastic sheet to act as a roof. During the rains, the whole family huddles in a corner with no choice but to get soaked as they endure the night. Wells of Hope was able to build six homes that now provide shelter for some of these families.

As well as building bridges over dangerous creeks, building smokeless, wood efficient stoves, supporting the local orphanage and nutrition center, Wells of Hope is also beginning construction on a nine classroom elementary school. Teams of volunteers will travel to Guatemala this year to complete construction of this educational facility in a very poor area of Jalapa.

All of these successes could not have been possible without the Hand of God present. I would like to thank my brother Knights who have supported the efforts of the Wells of Hope team. The needs of the poor are great but our God is even greater! Lets continue in faith and continue to confirm the presence of Christ by successfully taking on, and completing, the seemingly impossible!....peace.....Ted van der Zalm

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1394
2ND ANNUAL DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT**



Knights Of Columbus Council 1394 will hold the 2nd Annual Dinner and Entertainment night in support of **WELLS OF HOPE** on Saturday October 15th at 6:30 pm at Club Capri Thorold. This promises to be an excellent evening featuring St. Catharines' own Djino Lefrancois as **ELVIS** who has recently returned from his successful tour of Australia. There will be the usual excellent food by Club Capri and Door prizes too. For tickets, (**\$25.00 each**) call **Mike at 905-682- 5216**. Order yours soon as there are only approximately 125 left!

NOVEMBER BREAKFASTS



RALPH

Our Council **BREAKFAST** program for November is in the planning stages and will be ready for our guests on November 6, November 13, November 20 and November 27 with the first sitting at 9:00am after the 8 o'clock Masses and running until 12:00 noon.

On October 30, we will be having the free breakfast for members and spouses, but of course, everyone is welcome. Brothers Bill Perry and John Nixon will be in charge of the November and February sessions again this year with Brother Perry looking for some Brothers to step up and assume the job he has so ably done, for 2012.

Please call Bill, 905-687-1753 or John, 905-646-5701 and offer your time and talent to help them make this year's **BREAKFASTS** the best ever.



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KNIGHTS AT WORK - UNITY TICKET SALES

The sale of **UNITY** raffle tickets is going well. Of course we need more of our members buying and selling them in order to realize a maximum dollar return on Brother Di Vincenzo's wonderful gift to the Council. As an added incentive for each of us to sell more of them we will be issuing ONE **KNIGHTS AT WORK** coupon for each **UNITY** ticket that a member sells.

If you have already sold a book of tickets see John Currey for **KNIGHTS AT WORK** coupons to complete and put in the **KNIGHTS AT WORK** box. Be sure to tell your spouse about this added opportunity to win a \$300 gift certificate to the **BLUE MERMAID** for an evening of fine food and great surroundings. She will want to take a book of the tickets and sell to her friends as well! 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

Welcome back to all my Brother Knights, to our new Fraternal year 2011 - 2012. I am honoured and flattered that you have re-elected me to the Treasurer's position for this coming year. Congratulations also go out to this year's Executive Committee. I look forward to working closely with each and every one of you.

We are starting the year with a very comfortable financial picture. As usual, the Council has many various fundraising events planned, and with every Brother's help and cooperation, it will only serve to enhance our available disposable income. Again, welcome back.

Joe Karabinos - Treasurer

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. 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!

COLUMBIA MAGAZINE - Another life"!

Brother Joe Dwyer has suggested our Council give our subscriptions of **COLUMBIA** magazine another useful "life".

He wants us to bring our last issue to each Council meeting where it will have a label affixed indicating the issue was donated by Council 1394 to the students of our Diocese.

These issues then would be given to the Catholic High Schools in the Diocese to be used by the libraries and or religion teachers with their students. What better way to let our Catholic youth know what the Knights are about that through "used" issues of **COLUMBIA**.

Bring your old issue to the next Council meeting and give it to Brother Joe to help him connect with out potential members! jc

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MORE THAN JUST PRINTING!

MEMBERSHIP

Our Council quota for new membership for 2011 is eleven. A challenge but certainly attainable.

Two of our newest members have already qualified for the SHINING ARMOR AWARD from Supreme by completing all requirements during the first year of their membership.

Brother **Keith Beaulieu** and Brother **Rene Ongcangco** have not only fulfilled these requirements but both have accepted roles as officers of the Council, Keith as Chancellor and Rene as an Outside Guard.

Furthermore, Brother Rene has brought in not only one new member but three new members and one of those new Brothers has already accepted a key committee chairmanship.

If each of us looked at these accomplishments as a personal challenge, our membership would grow to great heights.

Look at the Catholic Gentleman sitting next to you at Mass this week, next week and the following ones, turn to him and invite him to join you/us in this wonderful Order of ours, The Knights of Columbus. jc



COOKING WITH THE KNIGHTS

Brothers, some of you may have already heard that I intend to organize and publish a "Recipe Book" for Council 1394. This book will be made up of recipes that you all have and treasure, so please let me have them and they will be recorded and enjoyed by all members, families and friends.

We will accept recipes from all members spouses and family members, *BUT*, each one must have the name of the Council member "chef" which will also be printed. It would be nice to have a colour picture of your "special" but this is not necessary. We would like this to be completed by next Fall, so please send them to me as soon as possible. The more I get, the larger the book will be and the more "supporters" we will be able to enroll - that takes time.

Brothers, it would be GREAT to have one recipe from each member! Send them to me in whatever way you want, by e-mail at despk@hotmail.com by phone at (905) 227 4392 or by mail c/o 235 Church St. St. Catharines ON L2R 3E8.

I look forward to hearing from you real soon.

Des Kennedy

Brother Des Kennedy has suggested we put together a *Knight's Cook Book* AND he has volunteered to lead the project! This is a great way for us to share our kitchen secrets with each other, with the community and to broaden general knowledge about our society.

During the next year Des proposes to collect favourite recipes from all our members – over 170 of us – with pictures if you have them, edit them, test them (no salt/sugar errors) and design and publish our very own 1394 Cook Book.

You will be hearing more from Des about this as we proceed. So, begin to think about your favourite family recipe for a dish, get it down on paper and let's all make this a total Council project!

The Happy Cooker

BINGO REPORT FOR THE Fraternal YEAR 2010-2011

Brothers, we have just concluded our 21st year of Bingo, which allows us to continue to help the youth, seniors and needy of our community.

Donations for 2010/11 were \$4,651, compared to \$6,983 for 2009/10 and \$11,681 for 2008/09. Our main recipients this year were St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, the Carmelite Residence (Blossom Bus Tour) and our Catholic High Schools, where Knights of Columbus watches were presented once again.

Declining 'pooled' income from our monthly bingos has taken its toll on what we can do.

On the positive side, nearly \$240,000 has been injected into our community since the our Bingo began. But we can always use more help.

Thanks goes out to those dedicated members who support our monthly bingos. Without you, none of this would be possible. To the others out there....we still need you! It's only an hour or two of your time, every fourth Saturday....a small sacrifice we all can afford to make.

May God bless us all as we strive to help others.

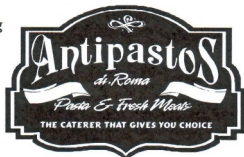
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Congratulations to Bill & Anne Walters on their 45th Wedding Anniversary on October 29th.

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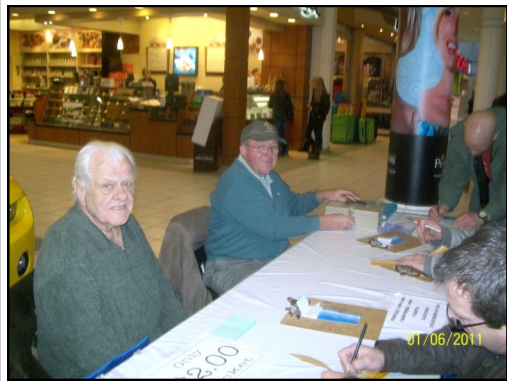
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VOLUNTEERING/CAR RAFFLE TICKET SALES

Meet a new member, First Degree June 16, 2011, who stepped forward, asked what he could do to help his Council and readily accepted the challenge of Chairmanship of our 2012 Car Raffle Ticket program – **BROTHER DON MIKULINSKI!**

Brother Don will be filling the big shoes left by Brother Vic Di Vincenzo who has stepped down to take time to recoup his health. We owe Brother Vic a standing ovation – **AGAIN** – for the outstanding job he did last year as we welcome Don!

Brother Don's phone number is 905-684-6917 and his email address is bevmik@cogeco.ca. Give him a call or drop him an email and thank him for stepping up to this challenge **AND** while you are on the phone offer your help to him in selling the raffle tickets this year.



As Grand Knight I want to ask for your help this year in Don's task of finding volunteers for time slots selling these tickets. In the past we have called to find two Knights for each time slot. I want you to this year take it upon yourself, when you accept the responsibility

for a time slot, to choose another member or your wife (if you want) to fill that slot with you. Each of you know the members that you most would enjoy three hours of companionship with and it would make the time go faster and help Brother Don immensely!

Also this year we have been told our number of weeks and days at the two Malls will be cut from two weeks to only three days once. This requires us to find additional locations! It also would help Don if you would suggest other locations to him when you call to congratulate him. **AND** since our time is reduced we will have to add a time slot of from 6pm to 9pm to our selling time.

Car Raffle Ticket sales are an excellent source of funds for the good things we do at Council 1394. We do hope you understand the changes above, step up to the challenge - as Don has done - and help us succeed! jc

Please check the enclosed calendar for upcoming events. If you are available to help, please let the Event Chairman or Grand Knight know, you will be glad you volunteered!

BROTHERS IN CONTACT

Joe Dwyer has volunteered to chair a group of Brothers to visit and communicate with our members who are infirmed, hospitalized or simply need contact.

Nine Brothers have volunteered their time to be the Parish contacts for this committee.

We know there are members who are not able to get out of the house, are in retirement residences, hospitalized or just in need of a friendly phone call or personal visit.

These nine Brothers and Joe will try their best to fill these needs. The nine Brothers will be the eyes and ears of the Council in their respective Parish and let Joe know of any Brother/s in need of a friendly visit or phone call. Joe will talk with them and determine how best he and the Parish contact can help the Brother/s in need.

Each of the nine should contact and let his Parish Priest know of Council 1394's efforts and organization and ask the Priest to let them know when a Brother/s is in need.

These nine are by no means the end all. Every Council member should always be alert to a Brother in need and do what he can and also let Joe know about the need.

The nine Brothers names and phone numbers are listed below.

Thank you for volunteering your time for this very charitable program! jc

BROTHERS IN CONTACT COMMITTEE

PARISH:	CONTACT BROTHER:	PHONE NUMBER:
Cathedral	Joe Dwyer, Chairman	905-684-1433
Star of the Sea	Joe Karabinos	905-688-8420
St. Patrick	Ron Bak	905-684-5495
St. Julia	John Fajta	905-682-7865
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THE HAPPY COOKER

If you have a good Green Grocer pick up some late season Vidalia Onions and get the main ingredient for an absolutely fantastic side dish for any dinner menu. This is another Southern dish that came from a Southern girl who has been transplanted to a Chicago Suburb, Winnetka, Illinois, Susan Fraley.

VIDALIA ONION CASSEROLE

INGREDIENTS:

2	Large
1	Stick
125g	
2	Tbsp
1/2	Box

Vidalia Onions
Butter, salted
Parmesan Cheese
Brown Sugar
Ritz Crackers

PREPARATION: Cut off the top and bottom of the Vidalia Onions and peel and slice them thinly. Separate into rings. Melt one half stick of butter in a heavy skillet and sauté the Vidalia Onion until they are translucent. Finely crush the bag of Ritz Crackers and mix with the other one half stick of softened butter. Mix until moist, adding more butter if necessary. Place the sautéed onions into a casserole that has been sprayed with Pam, then sprinkle the brown sugar over the onions and cover with the Parmesan cheese and add the Ritz Cracker/butter mixture evenly over the top. This recipe can be doubled

or tripled by simply adding two onions for each increase and increasing each of the other ingredients by half.

COOKING: Place the uncovered casserole into a preheated 350°F oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until it bubbles. Cooking time remains the same for larger amounts. Cooking time may be longer if the Vidalia onions are exceptionally fresh and have a greater water content.

PRESENTATION: Serve directly from the casserole with any entrée desired. Serves two Vidalia onion lovers or three to four light eaters.

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