

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1394

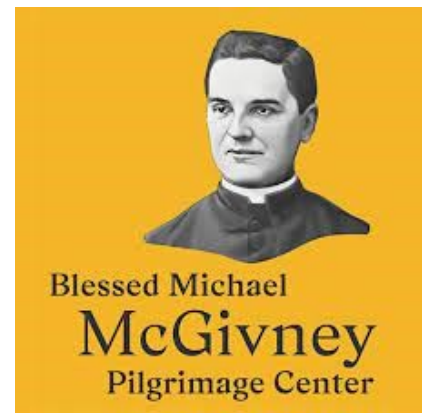
## The Vanguard

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December 2022



### Christmas in the Castle

November 11, 2022 - February 5, 2023

Migneault Gallery

Since its opening as the Knights of Columbus Museum in 2001, the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center has hosted many exhibitions showcasing Nativity scenes, working with lenders across the globe to bring these artworks to New Haven. In 2022, the McGivney Center's featured Christmas exhibition focuses solely on Nativity scenes from the collection of another museum, placing them in a special setting.

Glencairn Museum in Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania, has featured its annual Christmas exhibition, World Nativities, since 2009. The museum, housed in the former home of the Raymond and Mildred Pitcairn family, is temporarily closed to complete a comprehensive infrastructure replacement and upgrade on the historic castle-like house, and is unable to host its own exhibit this year. However, the spirit of the Christmas season at Glencairn Museum has made its way to New Haven. This exhibition, Christmas in the Castle, includes almost 50 crèches, the three-dimensional representation of the Nativity scene, from the Glencairn Museum collection in an immersive environment inspired by the museum's architecture.

<https://www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org/en/exhibits/christmas-in-the-castle.html>

**BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE 7:00 PM ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. PLEASE BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD.**

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## PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

*God of peace and justice,*

*we pray for the people of Ukraine today.*

*We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.*

*We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.*

*We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide  
their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your  
precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would  
hold and protect them.*



## Grand Knight's Report

The Vanguard – December 2022

Carl G. Pearson

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Dear Brothers and Sisters;

Since the June Vanguard, your Council has worked diligently toward opening up to the “new normal”. This is a slow process with the health and welfare of all participants in the forefront. In this, we want to ensure we are inclusive to the needs of all, so that everyone can participate.

An attempt to host our annual Yard Sale was made, but due to a variety of complications it was cancelled.

Brother Donald Mikulinski and I attended a Diocesan Association Meeting September 29th and Marcel Lemmen, Ontario State Deputy was in attendance.

On November 3rd Donald Mikulinski, Walter Cybulak, and myself conducted what we call “The TRIFECTA”... we visited and made donations on behalf of the council to: Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, Community Care, and to the Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre, During the 3 visits, Council 1394 donated approx. \$4500 in total to these worthy groups. As a result, many in Greater Niagara will share the benefits of our councils contribution.

I am pleased to share, on November 8th Bishop Bergie officiated over the Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus annual Mass for Deceased members. This event was well represented by Council 1394.

On January 7th 2023 we will host our first official dinner in 3 years, please consider reuniting with us to break bread and celebrate Christmas. *(Please refer to Page 13 for additional information)*

As we enter the season of Advent, and on behalf of Lynn, John, and myself, we wish to extend a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family.

Cheers to your health and happiness!

Vivat Jesus,

Brother Carl

Grand Knight, Council 1394



## Chancellors Report

The Vanguard – December 2022  
Geoff Haimes

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My Dear Brother Knights,

My General Meeting reports usually consist of reading notices of condolences for our exemplary Knights who have passed away. Occasionally reading of communications from grateful families who have received our official notice of Condolence signed by our senior executive officers. You should know that no Knight is ignored from this time-honored practice. Even if the Knight was not an active member, or in good standing, we honor their past service and remember them in our prayers.

Yearly we have a Mass for deceased members of the Knights of Columbus, in collaboration with the local Catholic Women's League, who remember their own deceased members. This yearly remembrance service is rotated around the Diocese and this fall was held at St Alfred's on Vine Street, on Nov 8th at 7pm. The names of each deceased Knight from the past year is read aloud and reflected on, usually by Bishop Bergie himself. It is an evening of reflection, but also of camaraderie as we join with other Knights and CWL members who we may not have seen during the past year. Refreshments and a chance to catch up with old friends follows after the Mass.

I urge my fellow Knights to attend this service each year as we respect our lost fellow Knights.

On a lighter note, whilst browsing through the latest issue of Columbia, our KOC issued magazine, I came across a page headlined by MDRT. Apparently this stands for Million Dollar Round Table, and is recognition of the top 1% of Financial Professionals in the World. The Knights of Columbus has an amazing 382 KOC Field Agents on this exalted list and running my finger down the list I duly came across our own Agent, Jay Nelligan and so I would like to add my congratulations to Jay on his achievement.

These are truly devoted men who put into action Father McGivney's Mission of helping Brother Knights.



Also this month has of course Remembrance Services across our country and so we should all pause on Nov 11th, at 11am and say a prayer for the repose of the souls of those who gave their lives for our freedom, and pray for all those who still serve to uphold our privileges of Freedom that Canada earned by their noble actions.

*(Chancellors Report continues on Page 5)*

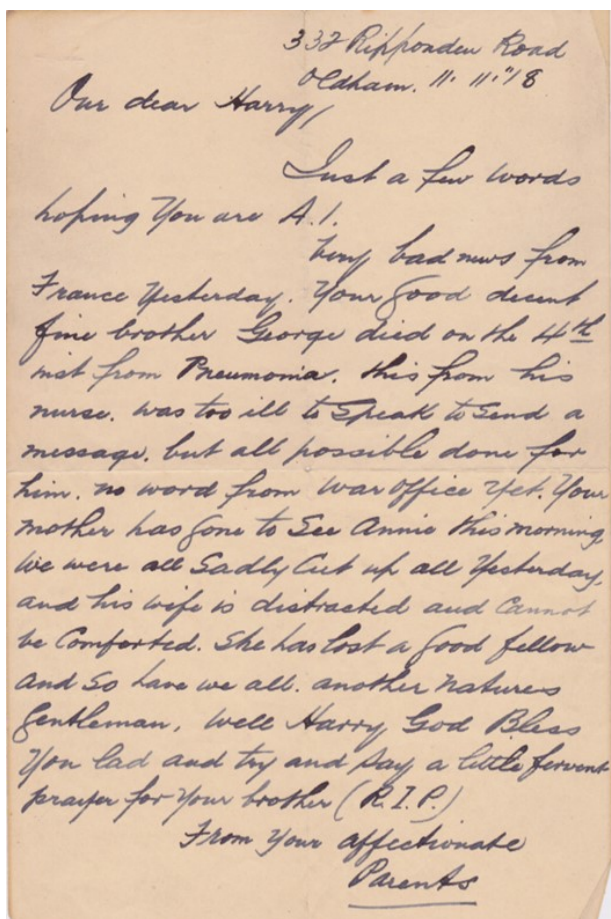


## Chancellors Report—Continued

The Vanguard – December 2022  
Geoff Haimes

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On a personal note I have attached a copy of a letter that is very important to our family. It was written to my Grandfather to notify him of the death of his brother George in France. Notice the date of the letter is 11/11/1918.....



332 Ripponden Road  
Oldham, 11. 11. '18

Our dear Harry,

Just a few words  
hoping You are A.I.

My dad news from  
France yesterday. Your good decent  
fine brother George died on the 11<sup>th</sup>  
inst from Pneumonia. His from his  
nurse. was too ill to speak to send a  
message. but all possible done for  
him. no word from War Office yet. Your  
mother has gone to see Annie this morning  
we were all sadly cut up all yesterday  
and his wife is distracted and cannot  
be comforted. She has lost a good fellow  
and so have we all. another nature's  
gentleman, well Harry God Bless  
You lad and try and say a little fervent  
prayer for your brother (R.I.P.)

From your affectionate  
Parents

Finally I have created another challenge for my Brother Knights, following on from the last edition that contained a Knight themed Crossword puzzle. This edition contains a quiz related to our Council 1394, more Columbus questions and other Catholic related questions. Please use your phone or I pad browser to check for answers and then send me your answers via E-mail to [gbhaines@gmail.com](mailto:gbhaines@gmail.com) . Since this edition is due out in December I will announce the winners at the January General Meeting at the Hall. Winners will be awarded prizes of FREE 50/50 tickets. 1st gets 3, 2nd gets 2 and 3rd place gets 1, based on best answers. Good luck and I hope you find the searching interesting and informative. (Please see Page 15 for K of C Quiz)

God Bless,

Geoff Haimes

Chancellor, Council 1394

## Trustee's Message

The Vanguard – December 2022  
PGK Johnson Moraes

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Dear Brothers;

I was very fortunate to visit St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal this last June and I can vouch for this place that if you ever get a chance please visit. I attended a mass at the Oratory and now that they have a hotel of their own, I got to book in and stay there which is just at the beginning of the Mount. Here below is a small article I was able to grab.

### THE GREAT SAINT OF EVERYDAY LIFE

Saint Joseph can be seen as the saint of everyday life, to whom one turns for help with both minor worries and at life-defining moments. Saint Brother André had boundless trust in Saint Joseph, his friend and guide. His dream was to build on Mount Royal a chapel dedicated to Saint Joseph – an oratory for prayer to him. Crowds soon flocked to the place.

Following Brother André's recommendation, the great saint is invoked here because, according to him, "He lets no one fall by the wayside." Traditionally, one confides to the care of Saint Joseph issues related to family, work, health, death and material needs. Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal, founded in 1904, is the largest shrine in the world dedicated to him.

PGK Johnson Moraes  
3-Year Trustee, Council 1394



## Canadian Citizenship—Congratulations!

The Vanguard – December 2022  
Johnson Moraes, Past Grand Knight

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My Brother Knights,

It was a profound happiness when I received a call from "Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada" (IRCC) somewhere end of May 2022 that my application for citizenship is accepted and approved and I am on the way to taking a Oath of citizenship in the next few days. In few days I received my invitation package for the Oath ceremony and how I have to prepare myself for that big day. Sadly, it was virtual and had to be done via Zoom. July 4th was that big day where I took the Oath along with about 100 other candidates in the presence of an Immigration Judge. I was then conferred as the Citizen of Canada once the Oath was taken and the national Anthem "O Canada" was sung by all the candidates.



I was honored to have Sir Knight Mike Coakley and Sir Knight Gregg Sunstrum who came to stand by me as my support during the prestigious ceremony.

Thank you to both Sir Knights. I am now a proud Canadian Citizen as of July 4th, 2022. Thank you to all my brother knights for your best wishes and greetings and welcoming me into this beautiful country. I was also fortunate to go for my first municipality election and vote in October that made me so proud that I did my due diligence as a Canadian. Thank you all very much!



PGK Johnson Moraes

3-Year Trustee, Council 1394

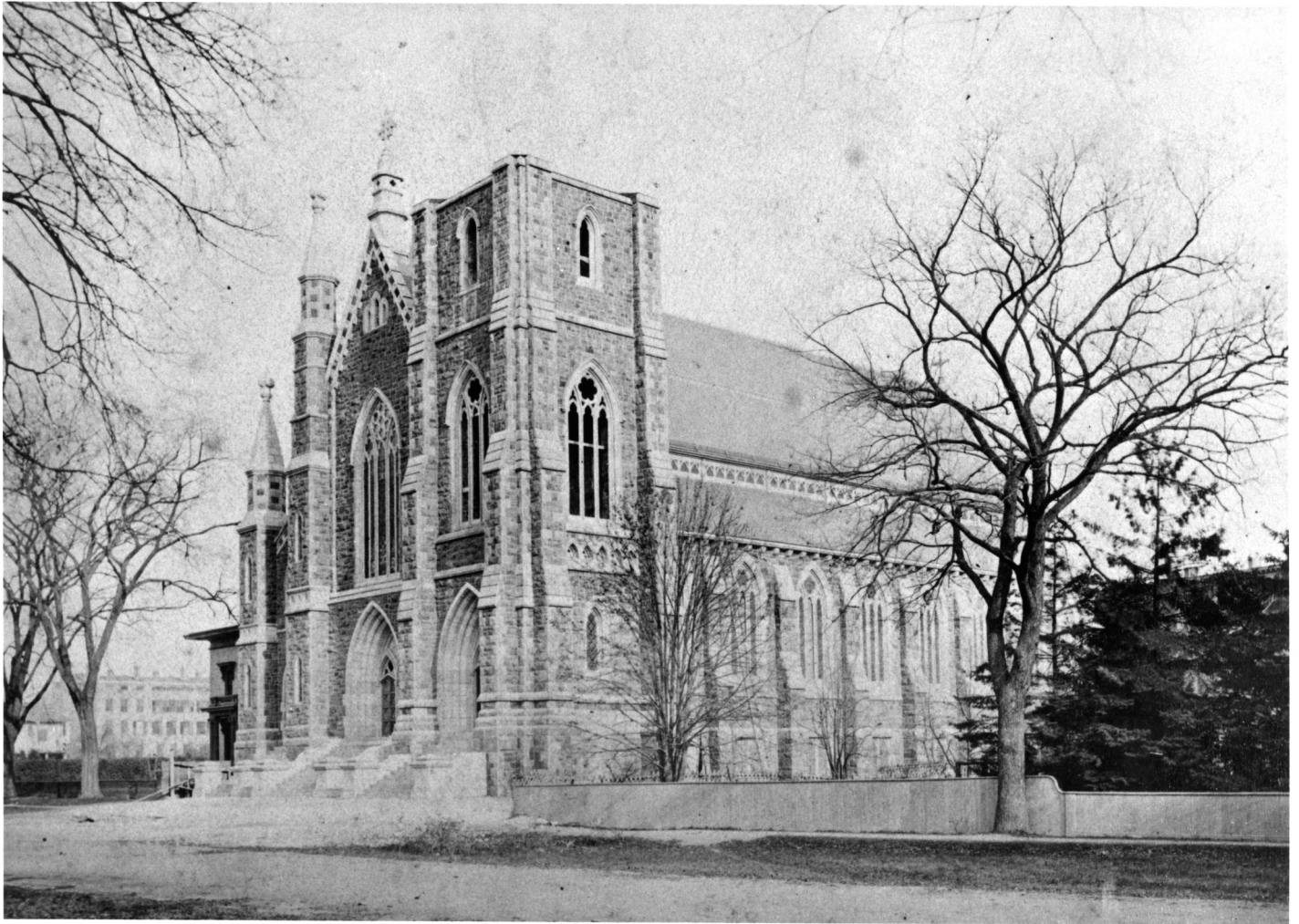


## Council 1394 - In Memoriam

The Vanguard – December 2022

Brian Whittaker

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**As a Catholic organization, departed Brothers are remembered daily in a special Mass offered for the repose of the souls of all our Brother Knights at St Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Order, in New Haven Connecticut.**

*Benjamin W. Doliszny, Deceased January 30, 2022 worthy member for 64 years.  
Most Reverend, Bishop John A. O'Mara Deceased February 16, 2022 worthy member  
for 45 years.*

*Gordon C. White Deceased April 21, 2022 worthy member for 48 years.*

*Pieter D. Buis Deceased May 20, 2022 worthy member for 57 years.*

*Frank B. Dombek, Deceased May 22, 2022 worthy member for 66 years.*

VIVAT JESUS



## Our Lady of Lourdes Convent—Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate

The Vanguard – December 2022  
Carl G. Pearson

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On November 3rd Brothers' Donald Mikulinski, Walter Cybulak, and Carl Pearson visited Sister Marie Therese, Sister Mary Isidore, and Sister Margaret Mary at their convent. We presented a gift of \$1000 on behalf of Council 1394 to support their great works.



## Council 1394 - Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids

The Vanguard – December 2022

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### Community Care

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November 2nd, 2022

Knights of Columbus Council 1394  
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St. Catharines, ON L2R 3E8

Dear Mr. Walter Cybulak,

Thank you for your thoughtful and very generous donation of 96 beautiful children's coats! What a wonderful gift!

As we move through this beautiful season of autumn with its stunning colours and panoramic scenery, we can't help but reflect on supporters such as yourself who truly keep us going! You give us the ability to make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

The need has continued to be great with our numbers escalating and exacerbated by the increased cost of living, soaring food prices and supply chain problems. We are seeing more than 100 households per day for food security with days above 140. Thank you for being there for our clients and for Community Care!

With sincere appreciation,



Betty-Lou Souter, OMC, LLD, BAS

Chief Executive Officer



## Council 1394 - Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids

The Vanguard – December 2022



We are thankful this Thursday!!! ❤️

Don, Walter, and Carl from the Knights of Columbus Council 1394 dropped off 96 brand new winter jackets in different sizes for youth 😊😊 Don's wife also knitted us some beautiful winter hats!

Perfect timing as the weather is beginning to drop and the requests for coats are increasing. We have many newcomers to Canada and clients who struggling to make ends meet with these rising prices who can't afford to purchase their kids a good quality winter coat. These new coats will be a blessing for many families this winter! Thank you again 😊



## Council 1394 - Hotel Dieu Shaver Hospital Donation

The Vanguard – December 2022  
Carl G. Pearson

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### *Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre*

Today we had a special visit from Executive Members from Knights of Columbus Council 1394 bringing a gift of \$1,400 for the purchase of 15 transfer boards for our Physiotherapy Department.

Thank you so much for this generous donation - these boards are vital in helping our patients on their rehabilitation journey!

The Knights of Columbus Council 1394 would like to especially thank Delta Bingo Sponsors Association of St. Catharines for their support with this gift.



## Council 1394 - Christmas Social

The Vanguard – December 2022  
Carl G. Pearson

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***Knights of Columbus  
Council 1394, Christmas Dinner  
Saturday January 7th 2023  
at Columbus Hall  
235 Church Street, St. Catharines***

***Doors open @ 6:00pm***



***Cost is \$20.00 per person***

*Bring a spouse, friend, everyone welcome*

*Tickets Are sold in advance*

*To get your tickets from:*

*Carl Pearson*

*email [c.pearson@cogeco.ca](mailto:c.pearson@cogeco.ca)*

*or*

*Johnson Moraes*

*Tel: (289)-968-5646 or*

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## Council 1394 - Knights of Columbus - Quiz

The Vanguard – December 2022  
Geoff Haimes

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### **Knights of Columbus Quiz for Council 1394**

#### **Googling is allowed!**

1. Where was Christopher Columbus born and what year?
2. What year did he die and where is his resting place?
3. Which of these places are named after him?
  - a) District of Columbia, USA ?
  - b) British Columbia, Canada ?
  - c) The country of Columbia, South America ?
  - d) City of Columbia, Capital of South Carolina ?
  - e) All of the above ?
4. Approximately how many KOC Councils are there around the world?  
9,000, 16,000 or 20,000, ?
5. Women may participate in the Knights of Columbus in an Auxiliary group named Columbiettes. When was the first Auxiliary founded and where?
6. Name the three ships that took part in Columbus's first voyage to America in 1492.
7. What is the name of the largest unfinished catholic cathedral, in Barcelona. ? What year did construction begin ? The chief architect was buried in the crypt in 1926. What was his name?
8. What was the name, when built, of the first Catholic church built in St Catharines? What year did it open? What was later built on the same site?
9. What # was the very first Council of the Knights of Columbus in Canada? Where was it initiated and in what year?
10. Council #1394 St Catharines received its charter on what date? Who was our first Grand Knight? Where did we hold the first meetings?



### **Officers for 2022 - 2023**

Chaplain: Rev. Father Chad Grennan  
Grand Knight: Carl G Pearson  
Deputy Grand Knight: PGK Ron Adams  
Financial Secretary: Don Mikulinski  
Treasurer: Derek Pavlakovich  
Recorder: Vivian Pereira  
Warden: Frank Koch  
Advocate: PGK Mike Carroll  
Lecturer: PGK William Mathie  
Chancellor: Geoff Haimes  
Inside Guard: Open  
Outside Guard: Walt Chemerika  
Outside Guard: Stephen Pluhar  
3rd Year Trustee: Johnson Moraes  
2nd Year Trustee: Brian LeBlanc  
1st Year Trustee: Walter (Walt) Cybulak

### **Columbus Club 2021 - 2022**

President: Walter (Walt) Cybulak  
Secretary: Brian Leblanc  
Treasurer: Don Mikulinski  
Director (3) Years: Brian Leblanc  
Director (2) Years: Frank Koch  
Director (1) Year: George Saranchuk

### **Committees**

Bingo: Walter (Walt) Cybulak  
Columbus Club: Walter (Walt) Cybulak  
Membership: PGK Ron Adams  
Pro-Life Coordinator: William Mathie  
Senior's Coffee: Des Kennedy, PGK Mike Carroll  
Upcoming Degree Ceremonies: PGK Ron Adams  
Vanguard: Brian Whittaker, GK Carl Pearson  
Visitation: Stephen Pluhar

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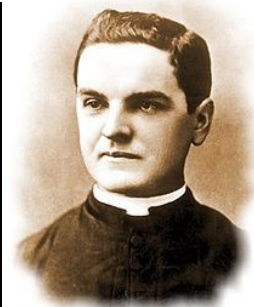
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**Sincerely,  
Your Vanguard Committee**