KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1394

The Vanguard

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December 2019





This image represents the Divine Mercy of Christ as revealed to Sister Faustina in her convent cell in Poland in 1931. In the apparition, Faustina said that Jesus told her to paint the image with the words "Jesus I trust in You" and that it would be venerated first in her chapel and then throughout the world. In this striking image Jesus is seen standing in a heavenly landscape with flowers, trees and hills, with the red and blue rays of Divine Mercy flowing out from him.

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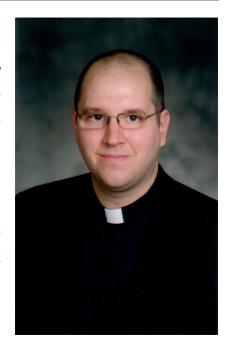
Faithful Chaplain's Message

The Vanguard – December 2019 Father Stephen Innamorati

Looking Ahead to a New Year

Niagara is perhaps known Canada-wide and worldwide for the wonderful soil and climate to grow many fruits and produce good ice wine. Farmers, growers, labourers and many others have taken advantage of the soil and climate to help maximize the yield of good fruit every year.

The book of Ecclesiastes tells us there are times and seasons to everything in our lives. There are beginnings and endings. The end of the calendar year provides a chance for many to look back on the successes and failures of the previous year and to reset with renewed focus and resolve for the new year. As we enter into a new liturgical year, this too always provides us an



opportunity to reflect on and examine this past year and to look forward with renewed fervour and anticipation for the new year. We can only achieve so much by our own effort and resolve. If we truly wish to maximize the yield of our potential as children of God, then we need only the grace provided by God augmented by our own effort. The time is ripe! We need to be the change in ourselves that we desire to see in the world. It begins with us! Our Lord has so arranged things that we are missioned to participate in what God is already doing to maximize the yield of good fruit, to restore what is sick to health and to prune those tendencies in ourselves and in our world that lead to the production of bad fruit.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, as we journey with the Gospel of Matthew in this new liturgical year, our Lord will shows us how the great events and figures of the Old and New Testaments can teach us to recognize the patterns of God's loving labours in our world. Even more, he will show us how the life, ministry, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth the Christ of God are the faithful ripening of that history. As we receive the grace-filled fruits of those labours in the Church, we are empowered to tend to the vineyard here and now, to help maximize the yield of good fruit in the coming year of our Lord.

Father Stephen Innamorati

Faithful Chaplain, Council 1394

Grand Knight's Report

The Vanguard – December 2019 Johnson Moreas

Dear Brothers;

Thank you to all my Brother Knights for re-electing me to the 2nd term as your Grand Knight for council 1394. It is such a great honour for me to serve at this council and be a part of many charity events that we host. I have learned a lot and am still learning more.

To name a few local organizations we support are: Ozanam soup kitchen, Out of the Cold, Start me up Niagara, Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, Bishops Charities, Churches, Seminarians, Right to Life and many more. All this is only possible with the kind hearted Brother Knights and their spouses we have in our Council who work relentlessly and extend their hands to make every event of our council a grand success. I can't thank you all enough as I enjoy every moment of the time spent at these events.

We have so many events that happen in our council year after year

namely: February & November breakfast, St. Patrick's Day dinner, Columbus Day dinner, Christmas party, Yard sale with Barbeque, Lapel Roses sale.

As we are nearing the season of Advent, followed by Christmas, I take this opportunity on behalf of my family wishing you and your family many blessings of Advent and a spirit filled joyous Christmas season.

Once again I thank you my brother's for putting your trust in me and I assure you of my full support at all times.

Johnson Moraes

Grand Knight, Council 1394

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

The Vanguard – June 2019 Carl G. Pearson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

It's hard to believe that the Christmas Season is once again upon us;

The past six months since our last edition of the Vanguard have come and gone so quickly, the months seem to close as if they're days and days pass as if hours. It is my hope that this newsletter will serve as a reminder of notable milestones we can celebrate as a contingent and assist in forecasting the months to come.

Since my last report a great deal of time and energy has been donated by the membership to fulfill our guiding principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Thanks to dedicated Brother Knights and supporting family members, St. Catharines Council 1394 has stayed true to its roots; with God's grace we have and will continue to achieve many great things.



Thank you to each and everyone of you for supporting our council's initiatives.

That said, taking stock of the second half of 2019 is bittersweet, as we have celebrated the passing of some dynamic members of our council. Each gentleman listed on page 8 is a shining example of the passion we share and has left an indelible mark on our community. As an individual, and as a group walking in the footsteps of our fallen, we have some large shoes to fill.

If we are to honour the guiding principles of our order and honour our departed members, moving forward we must work together to foster participation and stimulate membership.

My family, wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous new year.

Vivat Jesus

Brother Carl G. Pearson

Deputy Grand Knight, Council 1394

Pro-Life Coordinator Report

The Vanguard – December 2019 William R. Mathie, Past Grand Knight

Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

In the several years since St. John Paul II identified the threats posed to the Culture of Life by the scourge of abortion and the growing acceptance of euthanasia, the Knights of Columbus have made the defence of innocent human life from conception to natural death a central aim of our Order. In recent years the Knights have furnished ultra-sound technology to many crisis pregnancy centres. In Canada, the Knights have helped fund the annual March for Life in Ottawa.

In the New Year, members of Council 1394 will resume their fund-raising efforts in support of the Culture of Life through the sale of lapel roses at Thomas Aquinas, Star of the Sea, St. Denis, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Alfred, St John the Theologian, St. Vincent de Paul, and St. Julia parishes. Last year nearly \$3,000 was raised in

this campaign. The funds we raised helped the St. Catharines Right to Life send several students to the March for Life in Ottawa in May and enabled our Council to make scholarship awards to pro-life student leaders at Denis Morris, St. Francis and Holy Cross High Schools. Our Council has also supported the work of Bishop Bergie's Respect Life Committee.

William Mathie

Pro-Life Coordinator and Past Grand Knight, Council 1394

Installation of the new pro-life sign (Thank you Joe!)





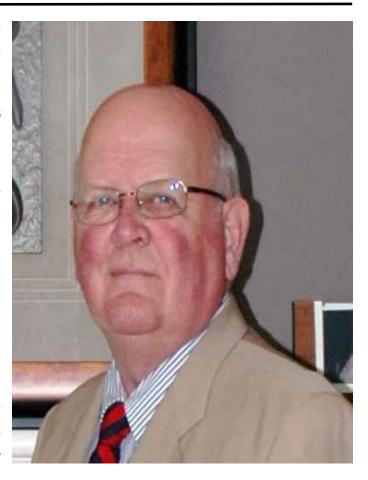
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Remembering Past Grand Knight John Currey

In November of 2011, The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League of the Diocese of St. Catharines held the first

Mass for their deceased members at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in St. Catharines. The idea of a joint celebration of the Knights of Columbus and the CWL was that of PGK John Currey, then, the Grand Knight of Council 1394, in St. Catharines. He proposed his intentions to then CWL President Wilma Vanderzwaag and when she agreed, this Mass became an annual event.

Brother John is one of the many dearly departed brothers who will be remembered as a man who successfully got things done for Council 1394. The joint Mass for deceased members of the Knights and CWL is just one example of his thoughtfulness and dedication to worthy causes. He is greatly missed by his family and Brother Knights.



Wells of Hope, Making a splash one well at a time



A testimony to the great things that God allows us to accomplish in the name of Love! Thanks to my Council for all the support and prayers over the years!.....peace......Ted V.

In Memoriam

The Vanguard – June 2019 Brian Whittaker

As a Catholic organization Our departed Brothers will also be remembered in the daily Memorial Mass at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut to commemorate all deceased Brother Knights around the world.

PGK John Currey, deceased July 20, 2019 - worthy member for 32 years.

William "Bill" Walters deceased July 18, 2019 worthy member for 27 years.

Joseph" Leon" Forgeron, deceased July 9, 2019 worthy member for 12 years.

Theodore "Ted" Trojanowski deceased June 27, 2019 worthy member for 60 years.

PGK Angelo"Tony" Gazzola, Deceased April 21, 2019 - worthy member for 69 years.

Wlliam Davey, Deceased March 21, 2019 worthy member for 34 years.

Umberto "Bert" Donatelli, Deceased February 21, 2019 worthy member for 45 years.

Rev. Deacon Robert Wood, deceased February 18, 2019 worthy member for 20 years.

Israel "Issy" Mailloux, deceased January 27, 2019 worthy member for 45 years.

Jean Trudeau, deceased December 20, 2018 worthy member for 20 years.

Lloyd Drohan, deceased December 18, 2018 worthy member for 56 years.

Donald Wiley, deceased November 5, 2018 worthy member for 64 years.

Nicholas Marino, deceased August 18, 2018 worthy member for 59 years.

Joseph Karabinos, deceased May 15, 2018 worthy member for 26 years.

Austin Rose, deceased January 23, 2018 worthy member for 61 years.

Joseph Dwyer, deceased January 6, 2018 worthy member for 74 years.

William Fischer deceased October 5, 2017 worthy member for 24 years.

Joseph O'Brien, deceased June 26, 2017 worthy member for 65 years.

Rev. Father Trevor Plug, deceased June 13, 2017 worthy member for 2 years.

Wilfrid LaBelle, deceased May 22, 2017 worthy member for 56 years.

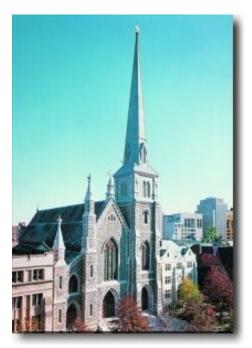
PGK Charlie Therriault, deceased August 28, 2016 worthy member for 42 years.

Patrick White, August 27, 2016 worthy member for 62 years.

John Vanderlee, deceased March 3, 2016 worthy member for 57 years.

Francis Dwyer, deceased January 17, 2016 worthy member 67 years.

VIVAT JESUS



Knights of Columbus Activities at Council 1394

The Vanguard – December 2019 Michael K. Carrol, Past Grand Knight

Brother Knights;

I would like to take this opportunity to inform our membership of the importance of our work performed at our property at 235 Church Street, known as the Columbus Hall.

We have approximately 25 very active knights and their wives, and we have accomplished great rewards for our community!

Besides our calendar of events, please note our involvement:

- 1. Delta Bingo Hall, 3 bingos a month, 12 months a year
- 2. Sale of lapel roses at our local churches
- 3. Annual Respect for Life mass
- 4. Annual mass and dinner for our deceased members
- 5. Stations of the cross at St. Thomas Aguinas Church
- 6. Executive and General Business meetings, 1st and 2nd Mondays each month
- 7. Attendance at 4th Degree functions at least once a month
- 8. Set up, and clean up our hall, after events
- 9. Seniors coffee, last Thursday of each month at 2:30 at the hall
- 10. Tuesdays, old time fiddlers, and games of chance night, 6-10pm
- 11. Brothers with their severs certificates, (operate the bar)
- 12. Brothers with their food handlers certificates, (operate the kitchen)
- 13. Brothers with Heart Savers certificate, Heart and Stroke Foundation
- 14. Annual ticket sales on paintings created by brother Joe Pizzatti
- 15. Sponsor of the Youth, at some events, for their volunteer hours
- Support Special Olympics, year long bottle drive
- 17. Annual fraternal night, Grimsby
- 18. Publication of the Vanguard
- 19. Annual sale of religious calendars

The Columbus Hall is also used by:

- 19. Niagara Training, once a month
- 20. Niagara Positive Living, every 2nd month
- 21. Our Philippine Community, once a month
- 22. The International Group, twice a year

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^{*} Plus showers, stage and does, birthday's, and much more!!

Where does our charity money go??

- 1. Currently we contribute to the support of three seminarians
- 2. Sponsor awards for our youth, two watches presented at each our three Catholic high school graduation ceremony's: St. Francis ~ Denis Morris ~ Holy Cross
- 3. Sponsor the soup kitchen at our Columbus Hall 5 days a week
- 4. Contribute to Start Me Up Niagara
- 5. Provide sponsorship to the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate
- 6. Participate and contribute to Niagara Rite to Life
- 7. Participate and contribute Respect Life
- 8. Participate and contribute to our Bishop's Charities
- 9. Donate to St. Vincent de Paul
- 10. Donate to Hotel Dieu Shaver Hospital
- 11. Donate Coats for Kids 24 new coats in November 2019
- 12. Support our seniors Blossom Bus Ride and ice cream

The Columbus Hall is the "glue" that keeps us all together. To better our community as well as ourselves. Without this building, we would have nothing to offer, and would be unable to perform our good deeds. However, this comes at a cost:

- 1. Replaced new furnace and air conditioner
- 2. Replaced hot water tank
- 3. Replaced fridge, coffee maker, and toaster
- 4. Replaced the back door

AND we have a Wish list:

- 1. New roof
- 2. Upgrades to our bathrooms
- 3. Driveway and parking lot
- 4. Sewer system needs upgrades

"Brothers", the ball is in your court. Just imagine what we could accomplish with 50 ACTIVE Knights.

What we had to give up because our present volunteers, are overworked, and Why we need you to be more active !!!!!! even a few hours would help !!!!!

- 1. Annual children's Christmas party
- 2. Annual turkey raffle
- 3. Annual Wells of Hope dinner
- Annual car ticket sales
- 5. Annual Sponsored work
- 6. Weekly Euchre night

If you are interested in any of these functions. Please let us know.

We do need the income, to help support our charities, as well as our hall.

Thank you!

Michael K. Carroll, Past Grand Knight, Council 1394

November Breakfasts

During the month of November our council hosted its annual breakfasts. Each Saturday morning during the month, the hall is set-up and meat items are pre-cooked. On every Sunday the doors opened at 8:30 a.m. and we serve over 150 meals inside a 4 hour period. Thanks to participating Brother Knights, their family members and students requiring volunteer hours we are successful in serving over 600 breakfasts during the month of November.

Thank You to all our volunteers!



In Honour of 100 Years - Poem by Author Joseph Pizzati

The Knights of Columbus

Has such dramatic ideals

And where else can fellowship find

So many men from distant shores giving of their time.

Having now reigned for one hundred years With virtues of charity-unity and fraternity Your past successes and future endeavours From the inspiration of Father McGivney.

Each contribution remains highly relevant With your patriotism of community giving In a loving manner of courage and hope You've showed the value of living.

Author Joseph Pizzati To a dear friend Des Kennedy November 4, 2009

DELTA BINGO AND GAMING

The Vanguard - December 2019

Through our partnering with Delta Bingo, the OLG and other participating organizations in the Niagara Region we have raised an outstanding 22 million dollars since March 2015. Council 1394 is proud to be one of the organizations in St Catharines to share 4.4 million dollars locally. All of our shared dollars are distributed to local charities that are helping those in need and local churches that we support.

Donation to the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate





Grand Knight Johnson Moraes and Deputy Grand Knight Carl Pearson present a cheque for \$1000 to the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate at our October 2019 Columbus Day Dinner.

Coats for Kids Presented to Community Care



Grand Knight Moraes, Deputy Grand Knight Pearson, and Financial Secretary Mikulinski presented coats to Betty Lou Souter of Community Care on behalf of Council 1394 in November 2019.



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Spotlight on Brother Joseph Pizzati



In July of 2019 some brother knights gathered to install a new Pro-Life sign on the west side of the Columbus Hall (Facing the old Delta Bingo complex). The sign contains a photo of an expecting mother with the caption "Why Can't We Love Them Both?" Again, Brother Joe shared his expertise and generosity by donating this sign and artwork to the Columbus Hall.

Council 1394 replaced our road sign in November of 2019. Reason for this update was two pronged: first, the original sign was near the end of its lifecycle and second, the new sign conforms to new regulations implemented by supreme. We also have the fringe benefit of having a hall rental advertisement. Brother Joseph Pizzati came to our aid by donated the new road sign and artwork.





Brother Joseph Pizzati is a professional sign maker and very active member of Council 1394. In his spare time Brother Joe also likes to unwind by painting with oils. In this, we are fortunate to be benefactors of a very unique fundraiser that Brother Pizzati runs by himself annually. For instance, the painting to the left was created by Joe this year and is his most current donation to the council. Brother Joe not only donated his time to paint this lovely piece of art, he also donates his time to operate the fundraiser.

Joe, **Thank You** for sharing your very special talent!

Installation of Officers 2019-2020 (June 7, 2019)

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Procession of the Icon - St. Thomas Aquinas Church (June 9, 2019)













Columbus Day Dinner (October 26, 2019)

The Vanguard – December 2019



Annual Soup and Games Night

This event will take place at the Columbus hall, at 235 Church Street, on Thursday April 2nd, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. with doors opening at 6:00 p.m.

The idea is for participants to bring a pot of soup (6-8 servings) plus your favourite game. Should you have a crock pot, please bring it to keep your soup hot.

Contact Mike Carroll at (905) 682-5216 and reserve your spot no later than March 28th, 2020

No other costs!

Come out and enjoy the night!

Mike Carrol

Past Grand Knight, Council 1394



DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
I	2 Council 1394 Officers' Meeting 7:00 pm	3 Card Night: 6:00 pm	4	5	6	7
8	9 Council 1394 General Meeting 7:00 pm	I O Poker Club Christmas Dinner, Emerald Chinese Restaurant 6:00 pm	П	12	13	14
15	16	I 7 Card Night: 6:00 pm	18	19 Christmas Social, Monsignor Morris Assy. 0864, Club Roma 6:00 pm	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

JANUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			I New Year's Day	2	3	4 Council 1394 Christmas Dinner 6:00 pm
5	6 Council 1394 Officers' Meeting 7:00 pm	7 Card Night: 6:00 pm	8	9	10	Н
12	13 Council 1394 General Meeting 7:00 pm	I4 Card Night: 6:00 pm Old Time Fiddler's 7:00 pm	15 Monsignor Morris Assy. 0864, Monthly Dinner Meeting Club Roma 7:00 pm	16	17	18
19	20	21 Card Night: 6:00 pm Old Time Fiddler's 7:00 pm	22	23	24	25 Basketball Free-Throw 8:00 am Registration 8:30 am Start
26	27	28 Card Night: 6:00 pm	29	30 Council 1394 Seniors' Coffee 2:30 pm	31	
		Old Time Fiddler's 7:00 pm				Page 17

FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						l Breakfast Set-up 9:00 am
2 Council 1394 Charity Breakfast 9:00 am – Noon	3 Council 1394 Officers' Meeting 7:00 pm	4 Card Night: 6:00 pm Old Time Fiddler's 7:00 pm	5	6	7	8 Breakfast Set-up 9:00 am
9 Council 1394 Charity Breakfast 9:00 am – Noon	10 Council 1394 General Meeting 7:00 pm	Card Night: 6:00 pm Old Time Fiddler's 7:00 pm	12	13	14	I 5 Breakfast Set-up 9:00 am
16 Council 1394 Charity Breakfast 9:00 am – Noon	17 Family Day	18 Card Night: 6:00 pm Old Time Fiddler's 7:00 pm	19 Monsignor Mor- ris Assy. 0864, Monthly Dinner Meeting Club Roma 7:00 pm	20	21	22 Breakfast Set-up 9:00 am Coldest Night of the Year Walk 4:00 pm Team Council 1394
23 Council 1394 Charity Breakfast 9:00 am – Noon	24	25 Card Night 6:00 pm Old Time Fiddler's 7:00 pm	26	27 Council 1394 Seniors Coffee 2:30 pm	28	29 Right to Life Annual General Meeting and Dinner 4:30 pm Holiday Inn Parkway, 327 Ontario St.

MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
I	2 Council 1394 Officers' Meeting 7:00 pm	3 Card Night: 6:00 pm Old Time Fiddler's 7:00 pm	4	5	6	7
8	9 Council 1394 General Meeting 7:00 pm	Card Night: 6:00 pm Old Time Fiddler's 7:00 pm	П	12	13	14 Council 1394 St. Patrick's Day Dinner 6:00 pm
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APRIL 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			I	2 Council 1394 Annual Soup and Games Night 6:00 pm	3	4
5	6 Council 1394 Officers' Meeting 7:00 pm	7 Card Night 6:00 pm	8	9	I 0 Good Friday	П
12	I3 Council 1394 General Meeting 7:00 pm	14 Card Night 6:00 pm	15 Monsignor Mor- ris Assy. 0864, Monthly Dinner Meeting Club Roma 7:00 pm	16	17	18
19	20	21 Card Night 6:00 pm	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Card Night 6:00 pm	29	30 Council 1394 Seniors Coffee 2:30 pm		

MAY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Council 1394 Officers' Meeting 7:00 pm	5 Card Night 6:00 pm	6	7 National March for Life Parliament Hill Ottawa	8	9
10	II Council 1394 General Meeting 7:00 pm	12 Card Night 6:00 pm	13	14	15	16
17	18 Victoria Day	19 Card Night 6:00 pm	20 Monsignor Morris Assy. 0864, Monthly Dinner Meeting Club Roma 7:00 pm	21	22	23
24	25	26 Card Night 6:00 pm	27	28 Council 1394 Seniors Coffee 2:30 pm	29	30 Council 1394 Yard Sale 8:00 - 2:00 pm
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Officers for 2019 - 2020

Chaplain: Father Stephen Innamorati

Grand Knight: Johnson Moraes
Deputy Grand Knight: Carl Pearson

Financial Secretary: Don Mikulinski

Treasurer: Derek Pavlakovich

Recording Secretary: Peter Quashigah

Warden: Frank Koch

Advocate: PGK Mike Carroll Lecturer: PGK William Mathie

Chancellor: Geoff Haimes

Inside Guard: Alcide (Sid) Michaud

Outside Guard: Joe Pizzati

Outside Guard: Stephen Pluhar

Trustee: Walt Cybulak Trustee: Brian LeBlanc

Trustee: William Grodesky

Columbus Club 2019 - 2020

President: Walt Cybulak
Secretary: Brian Leblanc
Treasurer: Don Mikulinski
Director (3) Years: Frank Koch

Director (2) Years: George Saranchuk

Director (1) Year: Brian Leblanc

Committees

Bingo: Mike Jackowitz

Columbus Club: Walter Cybulak

Membership: Mike Coakley

Pro-Life Coordinator: William Mathie

Senior's Coffee: Des Kennedy

Upcoming Degree Ceremonies: PGK Ron Adams

Vanguard: Carl Pearson & Brian Whittaker

Visitation: Stephen Pluhar

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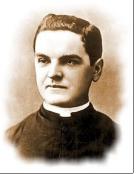
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