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Miracle Approved! Father McGivney to be Beatified!

The Vatican announced that Father McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood

ROME – The Vatican today (May 27) announced that Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia.

The pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.

Read more, the above is an excerpt from:
https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/for-the-media/michael-mcgivney-closer-to-sainthood.html?utm_source=aristotle-knight-line&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=aristotle-knightline-2020-05-29



Portrait of Father McGivney by Chris Fagan

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

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Please Note: Information listed on our June to November Calendar (Page 18 - 20) is only tentative and subject to change. Gathering of large groups will only transpire following permission from government and Knights of Columbus decision makers. Our council will resume operation according to prescribed guidelines as the "new normal" is introduced.

Faithful Chaplain's Message

The Vanguard – June 2020
Father Stephen Innamorati

Our Lord's Presence in these Difficult Days

What comes to mind when we hear the words plague or pestilence? Such terms not only imply a disease with deadly consequences but a disease that is mysterious, unknown and without human control. What about the word pandemic? It sounds worse in every way. The term describes not a disease itself but how extensive and prevalent the appearance of the disease is geographically. Governments like ours in Canada is responding to the guidance of health care specialists by giving us practical guidelines to protect people from contracting Covid-19 and from passing it on to others. Unfortunately there is no effective antidote and all we can do is take measures to enhance our ability to avoid it or reduce the likeliness of passing it on to others.



The pandemic has brought forth so many challenges to us on so many levels. It is easy to become hysterical and fearful in the midst of so much uncertainty. It is precisely at a time like this that we need to renew our relationship to God and to share with him our anxieties and our need for his intervention. There is so much we have no control over at a time like this. Many of us are used to being in control but the pandemic that has befallen us has thrown that control out of whack. What do we do? We need to pray. We need to deepen our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ and his Church. It is vital to tell our Lord our fears, implore both his intervention to take our anxieties and fears away and ask for the grace to accept His will and see this crisis through the eyes of faith. What did our Lord tell us? "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

The age of the Internet has provided us a plethora of healthy and solid spiritual aids. I am grateful via the St. Alfred's Parish YouTube livestream to celebrate Sunday and weekday Masses for our faithful. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction is livestreamed six days a week from Monday to Saturday. The rosary is said immediately after weekday Mass and before

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Benediction and reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All of this provides a great deal of comfort that we are able to do all we can to pastorally guide and reassure people in these extraordinary times.

Let us refocus and deepen our faith while renewing our conviction in the redemptive love of our Saviour Jesus Christ whose love overcomes all fear. He has conquered all of this and invites us to share more deeply in his redemptive work. I pray that we continue to grow in our love of God, our love of the Saviour and our love for each human being in our world.

- Saint Alfred Roman Catholic Church website: <https://www.stalfredcatholicchurch.ca/>
- Live Stream Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kh1uxJHOkVY>

Father Stephen Innamorati
Faithful Chaplain, Council 1394



Ontario Roses for Life program - Council 1394 Donation to Respect Life



In December 2019, Past Grand Knight and Pro-Life Coordinator, William Mathie, presented a cheque to Most Reverend Bishop Bergie on behalf of Council 1394. Thanks to the hard work of our Roses for Life Committee and generosity of our many supporters, we were able to make two donations: one to the Bishop's Respect Life Committee and the other to St Catharines Right to Life; a cheque for \$1500.00 was given to each in support of the great work they do!

Why Can't We Love Them Both?

ChooseLife.ca

Grand Knight's Report

The Vanguard – June 2020
Johnson Moraes

Dear Brothers;

I hope and pray that everyone of you and your families are safe and healthy.

This is a challenging time for us and how this pandemic has taken a toll on all of us. We are all doing our best to overpower this crisis and looking forward to the day when all of this will be put behind us and we will come back to normalcy. Its slowly but surely coming. Our Frontline workers are doing an excellent job and I thank them immensely.



Our council could not meet for our usual meetings, but we did great by conducting a virtual meeting over emails. We also conducted our nomination over the email and we did very well. We hope and pray the economy opens up fully and that we get a green light to conduct our meetings as usual at the hall in June so that we are able to commence our final election in the presence of our members.

This year due to social distancing in place we had to cancel our annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner, we may also have to postpone our annual yard sale if permissible.

At present and approved by the supreme board all exemplifications for the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd degrees are conducted online and it happens literally every Thursday of the week.

We have lost a few brother Knights recently who went to the Lord. May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and may God grant them strength to bear this irreparable loss.

Lastly, I wish everyone a wonderful summer and may God bless you and your dear and near one's abundantly.

Vivat Jesus

Johnson Moraes

Grand Knight, Council 1394

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

The Vanguard – June 2020

Carl G. Pearson

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

The year 2020 started out with great success for our council as we hosted and participated in many events. Members, spouses, and friends attended our annual Christmas Dinner; Seniors Coffee on the last Thursday of each month; supported our February Breakfasts; broke bread at our Knights at Work Dinner; supported Start Me Up Niagara at their Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser, among many other notable gatherings.

With Father McGivney's core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism in the forefront, our contingent raised funds and supported many worthy causes. Some initiatives were more financially successful than others, but each provided opportunity to work, play, and pray together with unified purpose.

Thank you to all for your participation!



As snow turned to rain and trees began to bud, we entered spring with the CoVID-19 pandemic upon us. Social distancing blossomed to physical distancing and masked interaction became the socially acceptable norm. The current state of affairs has challenged our brotherhood to find new and innovative ways to function as a charitable organization. That said, under the current circumstances focus has shifted to an emphasis on Unity and fraternity as we endeavor to stay apart together.

Moving forward we face many unknowns, but with strength in our faith we will survive this pandemic and once again be reunited.

Stay healthy friends!

Vivat Jesus

Brother Carl G. Pearson

Deputy Grand Knight, Council 1394

Pro-Life Coordinator Report

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William R. Mathie, Past Grand Knight

Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

What has the Covid-19 pandemic and the present lock-down of social and economic life meant for those of us committed to the protection of innocent human life from conception to natural death. Much of our own pro-life work as Knights, including our parish lapel rose campaign is on hold, as is the work of our friends in the local Right to Life Association. The Association is seeking new ways to advance the pro-life message through social media and in other ways. Though working from home, the Right to Life staff continue to take calls from women facing crisis pregnancies and considering abortion.



Meanwhile, the federal government introduced Bill C-7 with changes in our 2016 Euthanasia and assisted suicide that would undermine many of the safeguards in that law and greatly increase the number of Canadians likely to die at the hands of doctors moves forward.

We learn from our military who have come to the help of elderly residents of senior care facilities of the very poor care so many of our fellow citizens have received there.

I would urge brother Knights to check out the very good on-line work of fellow Knight Alex Schadenberg, Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, on the faults of Bill C-7 and on the horrors recently discovered in our senior care homes.

Alex Schadenberg's Blog:

<https://epcc.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c4218a139fe9dbfe81cc08de8&id=e4627f995c&e=eb32d489c2>

Please refer to information and links regarding Bill C-7 on Page 8

William Mathie

Pro-Life Coordinator and Past Grand Knight, Council 1394

Pro-Life Coordinator Report

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William R. Mathie, Past Grand Knight

On February 24, the federal government introduced Bill C-7 in response to the Quebec Superior Court decision that struck down the requirement in the law that a person's "natural death must be reasonably foreseeable" before qualifying for death by lethal injection.

What does Bill C-7 do?

- 1.** Bill C-7 removes the requirement in the law that a person's natural death must be reasonably foreseeable in order to qualify for assisted death. Therefore, people who are not terminally ill can die by euthanasia. The Quebec court decision only required this amendment to the law, but Bill C-7 went further.
- 2.** Bill C-7 permits a doctor or nurse practitioner to lethally inject a person who is incapable of consenting, if that person was previously approved for assisted death. This contravenes the Supreme Court of Canada Carter decision which stated that only competent people could die by euthanasia.
- 3.** Bill C-7 waives the ten-day waiting period when a person is deemed to be "terminally ill." Thus a person could request death by euthanasia on a "bad day" and die the same day. Studies prove that the "will to live" fluctuates.
- 4.** Bill C-7 creates a two track law. A person who is deemed to be terminally ill would have no waiting period while a person who is not terminally ill will have a 90 day waiting period before being killed by lethal injection.
- 5.** Bill C-7 falsely claims to prevent euthanasia for people with mental illness. The euthanasia law permits MAiD for people who are physically or psychologically suffering that is intolerable to the person and that cannot be relieved in a way that the person considers acceptable." However, mental illness, which is not defined in the law, is considered a form of psychological suffering.

Why should I be concerned?

Euthanasia (MAiD) was legalized in June 2016. From that date until December 31, 2019, there have been more than 13,500 MAiD deaths in Canada, with more than 5400 in 2019 alone.

Bill C-7 expands the law to permit anyone who considers their physical or psychological suffering to be intolerable to qualify for death by lethal injection, even if effective medical treatments for their condition exists. Bill C-7 allows medical homicide for people who need treatment and care. (Link to Bill C-7)

Sign the petition: Reject euthanasia Bill C-7 Link: <https://citizengo.org/en/177328-reject-bill-c-7>

Please contact your member of parliament and state your opposition to Bill C-7 and any expansion to the already dangerous euthanasia regime in Canada.

List of Members of Parliament: <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en/search>

117th Ontario State Convention—May 2, 2020

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Newly Elected Ontario State Board Officers:

State Deputy
David Peters

State Secretary
Marcel Lemmen

State Treasurer
Bruce Poulin

State Advocate
David Gelinas

State Warden
Joe Bodnar

PGK Ron Adams and DGK Carl Pearson participated on behalf of Council 1394 at the "K of C 2020 State Convention"; forum was "Virtual" taking place via phone on May 2nd, 2020
In total, this event included of 373 voting delegates/participants.

State Board Elections:

- State Deputy – David Peters, Elected with 359 votes cast.
- State Secretary – Marcell Lemon, Acclaimed.
- State Treasurer – Bruce Poulin, Elected with 354 votes cast.
- State Advocate – David Gelinas, Elected with 357 votes cast.
- State Warden – Joe Bodnar, Elected with 355 votes cast.

All brothers elected to the Ontario State Board are incumbents.

Resolutions:

- Resolution No. 1 to 12 passed without opposition
Resolution 1 to 8 are Congratulatory Resolutions (Feel good resolutions)
 1. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Leader of our Church:
 2. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Pope Emeritus:
 3. In recognition of the Spiritual Leadership and Dedication of our Supreme Chaplain:
 4. In recognition of Cardinal Collins' Inspiration, Governance, and Ardour for the Church:
 5. In Support of our Bishop, Priests and Clergy who Serve us in all Jurisdictions:

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6. With Humble and Respectful Gratitude to our Supreme Knight and Board of Directors:
 7. Support for the Cause for Canonization of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney:
 8. Support for Armed Forces, Veterans, and First Responders:
 9. Request to Host Supreme Convention in 2025:
 10. Opposition to the Supporting Children, Youth and Families Act, 2017 Revisions to Child Protection Proceedings:
 11. Supporting Parental Rights on Sexual Education Curriculum in Schools:
 12. Opposing the Expansion of Medical Aid in Dying and Enhancing the Availability of Palliative Care:
- Resolution No. 13 was withdrawn
 13. Releasing All Programs in Four Official Languages:
 - Resolution No. 14 was recommended not to be adopted
 14. Amending the Standing Rules Governing the Election of State Officers:318 of 373 Delegates rejected this Motion.
 - Resolution No. 15 was withdrawn by the group that submitted this Resolution
 15. Amending the Constitution and Making Two Votes Per Council the Ongoing Rule:

NOVENA PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF VAILANKANNI

Most Holy Virgin, you were chosen by the most adorable Trinity from all eternity to be the most pure Mother of Jesus. O tender Mother of the afflicted, grant me under my present necessities, a special protection. Relying on the infinite mercies of your Divine Son, and penetrated with confidence in your powerful prayers, I most humbly entreat you to intercede for me, I beg you to obtain for me the favours which I petition for in this novena, if it be the Holy Will of God to grant them; and if not, to ask for me whatever graces I most stand in need of.

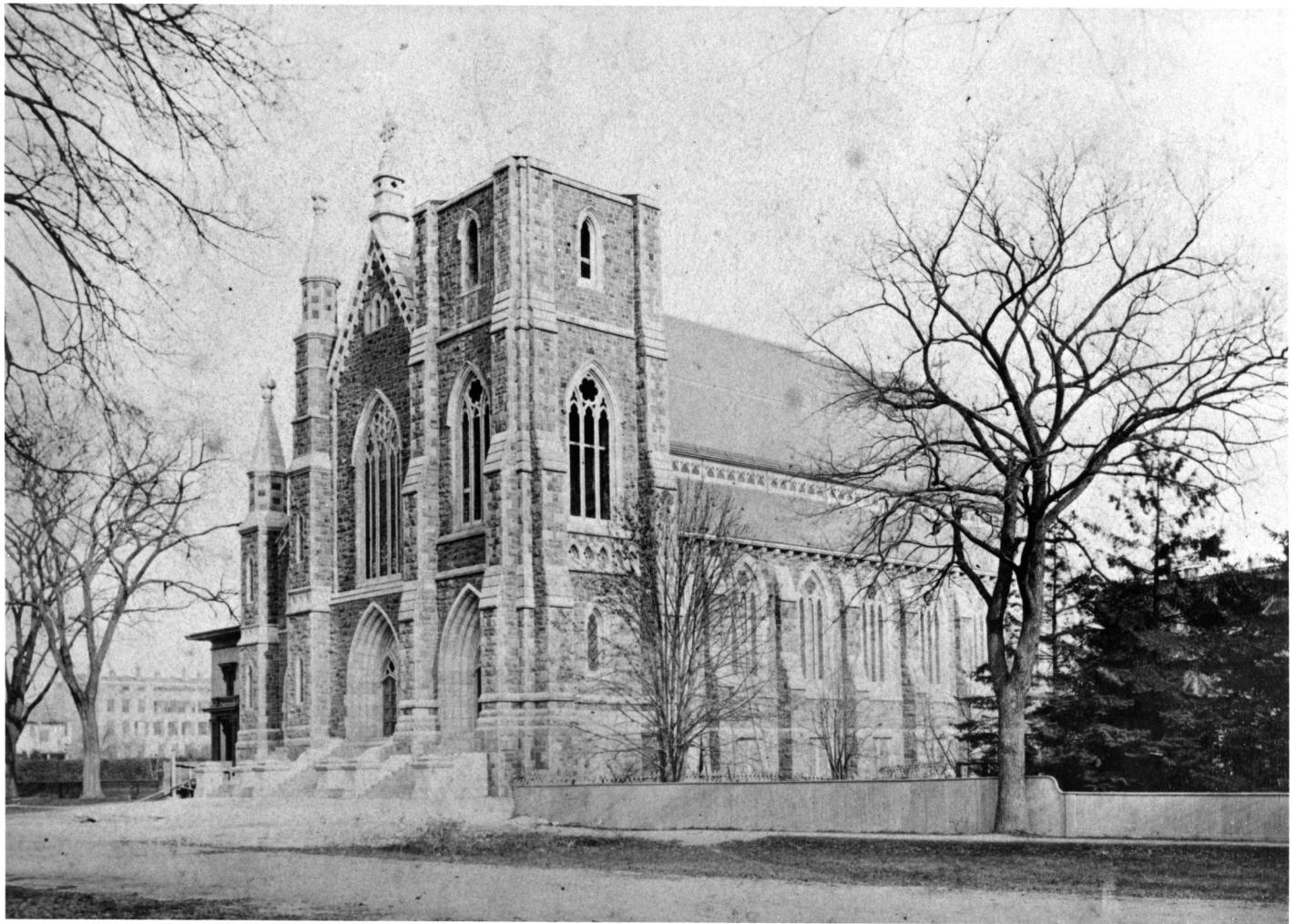
Amen



In Memoriam

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Brian Whittaker



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.

PGK Frank Cunningham, deceased April 17, 2020 - worthy member for 60 years
(Frank Cunningham was a PGK of our Council, at time of his passing Frank was a member of Council 8378)

Patrick McConville, deceased April 10, 2020 - worthy member for 28 years

PGK Michael D'Amelio, deceased March 27, 2020 - worthy member for 20 years

John Balsom, deceased February 5, 2020 - worthy member for 68 years

VIVAT JESUS

New Road Sign for our Council

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We proudly introduce you to “Columbus Hall”



In the Fall of 2019, your Executive Committee was tasked with the responsibility of changing our building name. This signage change was a result of a Supreme Council order. Moving forward all Columbus Club owned buildings are not to be associated with the Knights of Columbus as building owner. Special thank you to Brother Joseph Pizzati of Pizzati Signs for assisting our council with this endeavor. Joe, we couldn't have completed this change without your assistance!

Joseph Pizzati - Thank You Sign



If you have driven past 281 Lake Street in the past while, you will notice a sign raised at Brother Joe Pizzati's residence. Joe has included our council in thanking our front line workers for the sacrifices they continue to make during these challenging times. Beyond our essential services, community has realized the important contributions made by many that we simply can't live without.

**Thank you to everyone providing value added
service during this pandemic.**

Thank You!

Christmas Dinner (January 4, 2020)

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Knights at Work Dinner (January 25, 2020)

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On January 25th, Council 1394 hosted a Thank you Dinner at Swiss Chalet for all our Volunteers. **Our Team continues to make Council 1394 a great success!**

Basket-Ball Free Throw (January 25 and February 8, 2020)

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Brother Knights From District 113 joined forces to host our annual Basket-Ball Free Throw competition. Boys and Girls from the area came out to compete for supremacy on the court and have some fun!

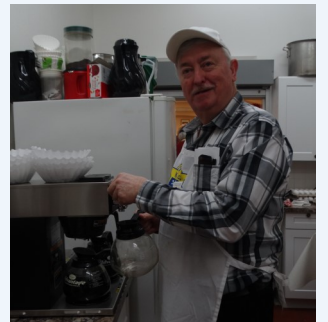


February Breakfasts

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During the month of February, 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 served 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 February.

Thank You to all our volunteers!



Start Me Up Niagara, Coldest Night of the Year (February 22nd, 2020)


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Start Me Up Niagara hosted its annual “Coldest Night of the Year” event on February 22nd, 2020 and Council 1394 participated. Our team consisted of the following Brother Knights: PGK Michael Carroll, PGK William Mathie, Brian LeBlanc, Vivian Pereira, Derek Pavlakovich, and Carl Pearson. Un-official fundraising total for our team amounted to \$2188.00.

Thank you to all supporters of our Team!



JUNE 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Council 1394 Officers' Meeting 7:00 pm	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Council 1394 General Meeting 7:00 pm	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 4th Degree Meeting Club Roma 7:00 pm	18	19	20
21 	22	23	24	25 Council 1394 Seniors Coffee	26	27
28	29	30				


JULY 2020

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AUGUST 2020

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SEPTEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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13	14 Council 1394 Officers' Meeting 7:00 pm	15	16 4th Degree Meeting Club Roma 7:00 pm	17	18	19
20	21 Council 1394 General Meeting 7:00 pm	22	23	24 Council 1394 Seniors Coffee 2:30 pm	25	26
27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Council 1394 Officers' Meeting 7:00 pm	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving 	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Council 1394 General Meeting 7:00 pm	20	21 4th Degree Meeting Club Roma 7:00 pm	22	23	24 Council 1394 Columbus Day Dinner 6:00 pm
25	26	27	28	29 Council 1394 Seniors Coffee	30	31 Breakfast Set-up 9:00 am Halloween

NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Council 1394 Charity Breakfast 9:00 am – Noon	2 Council 1394 Officers' Meeting 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6	7 Breakfast Set-up 9:00 am
8 Council 1394 Charity Breakfast 9:00 am – Noon	9 Council 1394 General Meeting 7:00 pm	10	11  Remembrance Day	12	13	14 Breakfast Set-up 9:00 am
15 Council 1394 Charity Breakfast 9:00 am – Noon	16	17	18 4th Degree Meeting Club Roma 7:00 pm	19	20	21 Breakfast Set-up 9:00 am
22 Council 1394 Charity Breakfast 9:00 am – Noon	23	24	25	26 Council 1394 Seniors Coffee 2:30 pm	27	28 Breakfast Set-up 9:00 am
29 Council 1394 Charity Breakfast 9:00 am – Noon	30					

Officers for 2020 - 2021

Chaplain: Father Stephen Innamorati
Grand Knight: Carl G Pearson
Deputy Grand Knight: Fred Gratton
Financial Secretary: Don Mikulinski
Treasurer: Derek Pavlakovich
Recording Secretary: PGK John Nixon
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
3rd Year Trustee: Walter (Walt) Cybulak
2nd Year Trustee: Vivian Pereira
1st Year Trustee: Brian LeBlanc

Columbus Club 2020 - 2021

President: 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: Mike Jackowitz
Columbus Club: Walter Cybulak
Membership: Fred Gratton
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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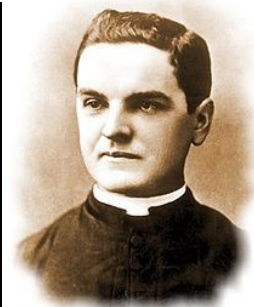
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Sincerely, your Vanguard Committee.