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**Merry
Christmas
Happy
New Year
2012!!!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS

Date: February 8, 2012

Place: St. John Bosco Church

Time: Executive 6:30 p.m.; General 7:00 p.m.

Support your brothers by coming to the meetings!

Brockville Blood Donor Clinic

Date: February 24, 2012

Place: St. Lawrence College
Parkdale Road Campus

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

K of C Regional Basketball Free Throw Contest

Date: March 3, 2012

Place: St. Mary Catholic High School
40 Central Ave.
Brockville, ON

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



It's hard work being so angelic!

Grand Knight's Report

By S/K Rick Fraser

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

Matthew 25: 40

Brother Knights, as we passed through the Advent season, I continued to be reminded of this passage from Matthew's Gospel. Allow me to illustrate how I believe Knights help to fulfill the Gospel message. Too often, members are participating in events around our communities and don't always get the recognition they deserve. That includes those that volunteer at Loaves and Fishes, help out at Harvest Sharing, distribute communion and visit at the Lodges and Homes. It's those Brothers who visit older Knights at home, who are unable to get out but still want to know the activities of our Council. It's those who offer rides to members to appointments when available. These and many more help us to fulfill the Gospel and the mandate of the Knights of Columbus:

In Service to one - In Service to all.

As we progress through our fraternal year, we continue to look for new and creative ways to raise funds in order to share with our Communities. We are always open to suggestions. As always, I remind members to continue looking for new candidates to join our Order and pass the names onto membership Chair Jack McNamee.

A reminder we will be hosting the Regional Free Throw competition on March 4 at St. Mary Catholic High School in Brockville and will need volunteers for this event.

In addition, we are looking for someone to Chair the Priests and Ladies appreciation dinner. Please think about volunteering to be on this worthwhile committee.

Our next meeting will be on Feb. 8, 2012 at St. John Bosco Church. We will have our Executive Meeting at 6:30 p.m. followed by the General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

I trust all are adjusting to the new Mass Ritual. I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2012.

Vivat Jesus
Rick

SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND ...

News from our Membership Director

I want to thank the members of the Knights and our Priests for helping to recruit three new members that will be taking their first and second degree in the New Year. In addition, we welcome two transfer members from joining us from Ottawa and Florida.

Thanks for your help!
Jack McNamee

Dues, Gentlemen please!

Brother Knights, please renew your membership for the period ending December 31, 2012. Membership dues are as follows:

Associate Members \$35.00
Honorary Members \$17.50

Please make cheques payable to: Knights of Columbus Council 1049 Brockville. Please pay your dues at the next General Meeting. Thank you for your prompt action in this matter.

Fraternally yours,
John McGeough

Arthritis Ticket Update

I want to thank the 15 members who helped sell tickets at the Wal-Mart door on December 8, 9 and 10, 2011. Although competing with the Salvation Army kettle drive, we sold approximately \$400.00 of the tickets over the three days. Our Valu-Mart sales went well on the January 12, 13 and 14, 2012 thanks to General Manager Gary Brett. Finally, we have booked the east end of Wal-Mart on January 26, 27 and 28, 2012. We must sell \$2500 worth of Arthritis tickets before the end of May. Please contact me if you wish to volunteer or buy tickets.

Arthritis Ticket Sales Co-ordinator
Jack McNamee

After living in the remote wilderness of Kentucky all his life, an old hillbilly decided it was time to visit the big city. In one of the stores he picks up a mirror and looks in it. Not ever having seen one before, he remarked at the image staring back at him, "How about that! Here's a picture of my daddy."

He bought the mirror thinking it was a picture of his daddy, but on the way home he remembered his wife didn't like his father. So he hung it in the barn, and every morning before working, he would go there and look at it.

His wife began to get suspicious of these many trips to the barn. One day after her husband left, she searched the barn and found the mirror. As she looked into the glass, she fumed, "So that's the ugly tramp he's runnin' around with."

Brother Knights:

I promised to share stories and information that you can use for your Council bulletins. Recently, I read the following story in a Council bulletin, and asked the author if I can share this with others. Our insurance program is a great asset, and the long term care product is something that, as the article notes, is an asset protector. Brother Kevin Ready is a Fraternal Benefits Advisor in the Madore Agency, and I thank him for allowing me to share this article with our membership. On a personal note, I have mentioned before that, if this product had been available when my parents were alive, I would have purchased this for my father, and avoided the many of costs that came with his care when we placed him in a nursing home.

Arthur Peters

The Story of Ray and Gilby

Ray is a retired Montreal Police Officer in his mid 70's. There are hundreds of Knights of Columbus members in the Montreal Police Department, and so throughout his career, he was often asked by his colleagues to join the Order. Ray always resisted, insisting that he's not a "joiner". He was active singing in the Montreal Police Choir and that was enough. Ray retired quite young and he and his wife Gilby, enjoyed travelling to Europe every couple of years, and visiting with family members all over Quebec. Life was good!

Around the time that Long Term Care Insurance became available, his son-in-law, who is a Knight, encouraged him to join the Knights of Columbus and therefore become eligible to gain access to Long Term Care Insurance. His son-in-law explained that the Long Term Care Insurance is an "asset protector". If either he or Gilby require extended care in their later years, the Long Term Care Insurance would cover it and his retirement funds would be unaffected. Again, Ray resisted.

A couple of years went by and eventually their daughter, Annie, noticed that her mother, Gilby was becoming forgetful and generally not as mentally sharp as she had been. Annie encouraged her parents to have her Mother assessed. A short time later, it was discovered that she was in the initial stages of Alzheimer's. This certainly got Ray's attention, and so he asked his son-in-law about the Long Term Care coverage that the Knights of Columbus offered its members. In fact, he decided that he would join the Knights of Columbus to get access to it. His son-in-law explained that it would be too late now because Gilby's illness would be a pre-existing condition, therefore making her ineligible.

Gilby's condition worsened very quickly and soon Ray started to see the financial implications of Gilby's illness. He served as her care-giver for as long as he could but it took its toll. His daughter, Annie said he was "aging by the day". Eventually, Ray sold his home and scaled down to a condo, which was a good move because the house was too big for just the two of them anyway. When it became too much for Ray, he had no other choice but to place Gilby in a Nursing Home.

Ray always worried about money, and he was shocked to learn that the monthly cost of Gilby's care was \$2,650/month. Paying over \$30,000/year for Gilby's care is a worrisome proposition. Gilby was 78 when she was placed in a Nursing Home and in her large family of 12 siblings living into their 90's is common. Ray could be paying for Gilby's care for many years. He's facing a financial crisis.

If Ray had joined the Knights of Columbus when he was asked those numerous times, he could have gotten Long Term Care Insurance. The cost of Gilby's care, \$2,650/month, under a Long Term Care contract would have cost Ray only \$207/month. So, by not acting on his son-in-law's advice, he's paying over ten times more than he needed to. That's why Long Term Care insurance is seen as an "asset protector".

I know this situation very well. You see, I'm the son-in-law who encouraged Ray to join the Knights of Columbus. Their daughter, Annie, is my wife. We've been in the middle of a situation that could have been avoided. So, I tell this story to encourage members to be more proactive than Ray was.

As members of the Knights of Columbus, you can avoid the financial and emotional turmoil that is all too common with this type of situation.

LEST WE FORGET



Our local Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus were honoured to join the Legion Colour Party to remember our fallen heroes.

Pictured above is the contingent of local Knights marching to the Brockville cenotaph led by the Master of the First Ontario District Tony Noonan and Faithful Navigator Len Libitz.



To the far left are members of the Fourth Degree marching party at the ready for the parade.

Viewing the parade were brother Dusty Miller and friend.

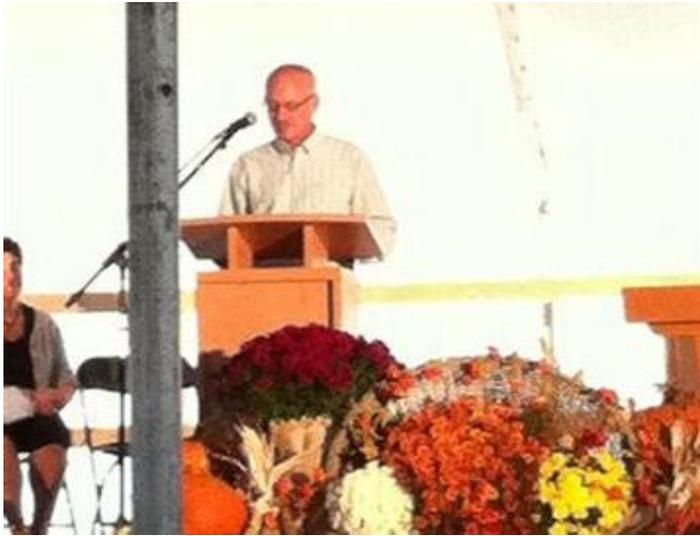
Larry Judge and Alain Langlois proudly carry the colours with the Legion Colour Party.



We entered the Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 26, 2011. Remi Ouellet volunteered again this year to pull the float. These are some pictures of the volunteers that took part. Our float has finally won a prize! For the first time, our float placed third out of 70 entries in the float competition. Thanks also to Andy Seguin for getting all the candy and organizing things.

Thanks to our Brockville Radio stations and Cogeco Cable (Channel 10) for the great publicity. It is very much appreciated by our Council.

Jack McNamee



(Above left) Council 1049 Grand Knight Rick Fraser addresses the entire Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario during the employee's Faith Day at Upper Canada Village last September.

(Above Right) Grand Knight Rick Fraser presents the Past Grand Knight Pin to S/K Alex McLeod.

IN MEMORIAM

"Jetty" McQue - wife of the late John McQue (past Faithful Navigator of Assembly 1893) passed away at the age of 91 in Estevan, Saskatchewan. Jetty's funeral will be in Prescott.

Bill Cameron - brother of S/K Neil Cameron. Funeral was held in Batawa with Father Stéphane Pouliot presiding.

Pat Chartrand - sister-in-law of Dorothy and S/K Deacon Bill Heasley. Funeral was held at St. John Bosco Church in Brockville.

May all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

An extremely modest man was in the hospital for a series of tests, which had left his bodily systems extremely upset. After many false alarm trips to the bathroom, he decided to ignore the next episode and stayed put. He suddenly filled his bed with diarrhea and was embarrassed beyond his ability to remain rational. In a complete loss of composure he jumped out of bed, gathered up the bed sheets, and threw them out the hospital window.

A drunk was walking by the hospital when the sheets landed on him. He started yelling, cursing, and swinging his arms violently trying to get the sheets off, and ended up with the soiled sheets in a tangled pile at his feet.

As the drunk stood there, unsteady on his feet, staring down at the sheets, a hospital security guard who had witnessed the whole thing barely contained his laughter walked up and asked, 'What the heck is going on here?'

The drunk, still staring down replied, "I think I just beat the crap out of a ghost!!!"



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Patrick Lamon, *directeur*

Dear Neighbour,

Académie catholique Ange-Gabriel (A.C.A.G) has recently developed an initiative known as *The Focus Program*. Incorporating ten high school students along with their supervisor, Mr. Etienne Langlois, this program extends the opportunity to acquire real life experience while exploring a multitude of skilled trades: plumbing, electricity, carpentry and masonry are but a few among many more. After already having completed two classes in construction, this initiative will grant these students time to perfect these valuable skills in addition to fostering habits and managerial proficiency essential to their future endeavours in such domains.

This is a non profit organization focusing on the practical education of our community's youth and creating hands on learning environments comparable to that of workplaces within our community. Our goal is to provide concrete support to individuals with a financial need. Such involvement requires projects to accomplish, as well as the community's participation to cement the learning of Brockville's aspiring tradesmen and women. Our proposal is simple; if you are in need, or know someone in need, of any simple construction or property maintenance tasks suited to amateur carpenters, please consider us for your future home improvement. We offer free labour and economical materials. Please contact us to complete a request form at the school. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The students of A.C.A.G



Grand Knight Rick Fraser thanks Mr. Etienne Langlois for his presentation to Council 1049.

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NEWSFLASH!!!

A reminder of the change in circulation for the Council 1049 newsletter. A few black and white copies will be made available for those who do not have access to a computer. For those who have a computer, all newsletters from now on will be published to our Council 1049 website. Go to:

<http://kofc1049.ca>



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They're depending on you.

Knights of Columbus life insurance can provide the protection your family needs. Whether it's whole life or term insurance, our top-rated products allow you to breathe easier, knowing that their futures are secure whatever might happen to you. Make an appointment with me soon, for *their* sake.

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