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Editor's Notes

Robert Haack

As you see yet another issue, you're probably thinking "What's he doing? I haven't even had time to finish reading the September issue...". The reason is simply that the news have piled up in sufficient quantity to fill ten pages, and it's either this, or a 20-pager in November! Hopefully, you'll find the stuff interesting.

On the issue of same-sex "marriage", I noted with interest that the Province of Quebec has recently decided to contest before the Supreme Court of Canada the proposed "religious" exemption in the draft federal marriage legislation (which would permit a member of the clergy, of any denomination, to refuse to perform a marriage ceremony if such is contrary to his faith's doctrines). This challenge is supposedly based on questions of constitutional competence, and not on issues of substance -- but, if it is successful, and the Federal Government does not replace it with some other equivalent provision, this could have dramatic impact upon our Church, because our priests could not refuse to officiate at one of these. More on this aspect later, when I have done further research.

At the General meeting in September, the question of electronic distribution of this Newsletter was raised, principally as a cost-saving measure (printing and postage). I believe that I have finally overcome various problems of technical compatibility, and now have the capability of converting my documents to PDF documents, which can be read and printed (exactly as created by me) by anyone with the Acrobat Reader. Needless to say, it will be a lot of work to do these conversions, so I'll start with this Newsletter, and the Events Schedule - other documents will follow in the fullness of time. A sign-up sheet for electronic reception of the Newsletter will be made available at the General meeting in October; but, if you can't wait until then, or won't be there, you may E-mail your particulars to me at the address noted below.

Vivat Jesus!

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Happenings in Columbian Year 2004-05

The Editor

For the Members, the new Columbian Year kicked off in **September** with the first General meeting, at which we discussed the Grand Knight's objectives and priorities for the coming year, and reviewed both the proposed Plan of Activities, and the proposed Budget - in keeping with our Constitution, the latter will be considered again for final approval at the General meeting in October. It had been intended to participate in a **District-level Installation of Officers** at St. Patrick's Basilica, involving the five Councils in District 01; in the end, principally as a result of a change in those plans, it was decided **not** to proceed on that basis, and instead, to hold our own Installation Ceremony at OLF later in **October**. In the same vein, the **Parish Breakfast** which had been scheduled for the last Sunday in September had to be **cancelled**, and **rescheduled to October** as well, simply because no Brother Knight was prepared to take on the responsibility of being the **KIC** for the event. On a happier note, we launched another year of **teaching the Rosary at Notre Dame High School**, with the same format which proved so successful last year. It was also our Council's turn to receive the **Traveling Icon of the Image of Divine Mercy**, and we organized suitable prayer services for two evening Masses. Following up on work started last year by Brother Knight **Bernie Hurley** while he was District Deputy, a few of us helped out at the final recruiting and information sessions which will hopefully lead to the creation of a **new Council at Notre Dame Cathedral**. We also attended a First Degree Exemplification ceremony at the Cathedral, supposedly as observers; instead of which, horror of horrors, we found ourselves dragooned into service, and actually made to work as members of the Degree Team (because some of the members of the St. Patrick's Basilica Degree Team, which was doing the honours, fell ill, and could not be replaced on short notice). Fun and games!

In our capacity as parishioners at OLF, we all heard about the **departure of Fr. Dan Dubroy as our Pastor**; he will be replaced by **Fr. Jeff King**, currently Pastor at St. Elizabeth, effective 12 October 2004. Since Fr. Dan also served as our Council's **Chaplain**, your Officers have begun thinking about a **replacement** for him. On another front, your Editor has been in touch with Brother Knight **Bill Brine**, PGK of our Council, who moved back to Nova Scotia in January 2004 to look after his aging parents; he is doing well, but has not as yet found a congenial Council (and Assembly) to which to transfer, so that he still remains with us, at least for a while, and continues to function as our Web master (Council's web site).

In the last few months, a number of our Members have had to **move** for one reason or another, and will perforce be **transferring to other Councils**: **Larry Kavanagh** has moved to the **southern end of Ottawa**, and will transfer to **St. Andrew's Council 13416**; **Daniel Susanto** has moved to **Winnipeg**, and will transfer to **Our Lady of the Prairie Council 5264**; **Ernesto Ordonez** has moved to **Victoria**, and will transfer to some as yet unspecified Council; Jim Code has moved to **Pembroke**, and will transfer to **Pembroke Council 1531**; **Earl Hanratty** will be moving to the **Fallowfield end of Ottawa**, and will transfer to **St. Patrick's (Fallowfield) Council 11271**; and finally, **Mike Crowley**, our former Financial Secretary, has transferred to **St. Patrick's Basilica Council 12158**. We **thank these Brother Knights** for all their **contributions to our Council** in the past, and **wish them every success in their new surroundings**.

Did You Know That ... (Interesting Tidbits re the Order)

The Editor

The Order, like all other large organizations, **uses a lot of acronyms** which look just like **alphabet soup to the uninitiated?** Most are quite familiar - **GK** for **Grand Knight**; **FS** for **Financial Secretary**; **DD** for **District Deputy**. Others are less so - **CY** for **Columbian Year** (01 July to 30 June), and **FY** for **Fraternal Year** (same thing), although the latter tends to get confusing in a Government town where FY tends to mean the Government's Fiscal Year (01 April to 31 March). In the past year, our Council has coined two new ones - **KIC** for **Knight-In-Charge** of an event or activity, and **DKIC** for **Deputy Knight-In-Charge**!



Grand Knight's Perspective

Brian Marley-Clarke, GK

A Letter to Brother Knights on "Meditation" et alia

Dear Brother Knights:

Firstly, I should like to thank you all for the good turnout at our first General meeting of this Columbian Year 2004-2005 on Tuesday, September 14th – this despite the final game of the World Cup of Hockey running concurrently with our monthly meeting, which Canada won against another great northern hockey nation, Finland.

Our direction this year is simply to enhance our devotion to Almighty God, His Son Jesus, and Our Lady, the mother of Christ; as well as to continue to follow the example of Our Founder, Father McGivney. We can and will do this by supporting our Priests, other Religious and Catholic organizations that support the unborn, youth and the elderly, both here and abroad.

In the current issue of 'Columbia', September 2004, on page 30, under the heading "Meditation" there is an instructive story on "A Saint for Saints", which I believe strongly supports our mission as a Council. Permit me to quote:

"...A number of these detailed revelations (to St. Brigid of Sweden) focus specifically on Knights...and instruct, admonish and console Knights in ways that are meaningful today. They direct Knights to obey God and the leading civil authorities of the age, to defend the Church against its enemies, and to help widows and orphans. They caution them never to do anything contrary to the Church or the Faith..."

Sound familiar? Isn't this the charge issued all of us by our Founder?

"More than 600 years have gone by since St. Brigid completed her earthly pilgrimage... and like all of us she was called upon to be faithful to the Church during times of turmoil (somewhat coincidental!), generous in helping the poor, astute in her dealings with government leaders...and realistic in accepting her own limitations."

This aptly-headed article certainly gave me food for thought and a focus for meditation.

I look forward with joyous anticipation to serving you my Brothers and Council 9742 in what I know will be a rewarding and successful Columbian Year!

Vivat Jesus!

Did You Know That ... (Interesting Tidbits re the Order)

The Editor

In Ontario, we have only about 9,200 Sir Knights (Members of the Fourth Degree)? Since the total membership of the Order in Ontario is slightly over **55,000 Brother Knights**, this represents a **participation rate of about 16.7%**, i.e. **only one in six** of us who has **decided to sign up, and walk, with the Fourth Degree**. It does not look like a particularly good percentage, until one does an **Order-wide comparison** - about **279,000 Sir Knights**, out of a membership of about **1,670,000 in total**, for a **participation rate of about 16.7%**. Surprising, eh? So, in **comparative terms**, we in Ontario are **doing no better, and no worse**, than the rest of the Order - but in **absolute terms**, it does not strike me as a particularly high number. In view of the fact that the Fourth Degree is our highest and most prestigious Degree, not to mention the most visible as well, **why is the participation rate so low?** There is clearly work to be done on this front... (By the way, have **you**, Worthy Reader, ever given it any thought?)



Awards from State and Supreme

The Editor

As you probably know, **Ontario State** gives to **Councils** a number of **awards** each year, in **various categories** - **Membership Recruitment; Best Council; Best Project** (within each Program area of Church, Community, Council, Family, and Youth); **Basketball Free Throw; Substance Abuse Poster Contest**; and **Best Bulletin** (newsletter). There are also a few awards for **individuals**, particularly the **Membership Incentive Program** (for Recruiters), and the **Family of the Year**. The **ultimate accolade** to a Council from State is the **Trillium Award**, which requires a **whole bunch of things**: that a Council have participated in a wide range of **program activities** (Vocations program or other Church programs; Rose Sunday or other pro-life program, Basketball Free Throw; Arthritis Car Raffle; Substance Abuse Poster Contest or other Youth program; Family function; Senior Citizens' or Widows' program; financial support to Arthritis Society); that a Council have **increased its membership** by a set percentage, and similarly that it have **increased its Insurance membership** by a set percentage; and finally, that a Council meet a number of **administrative requirements**, including the production of a raft of reports on a timely basis (I shall spare you the gory details...). *En passant*, there is a popular misconception regarding the Trillium Award, to the effect that it's given out strictly on the basis of filling in requisite paperwork - nothing could be further from the truth! A Council actually has to **do** something as well!

For CY 2003-04, we received an **Award for Membership Recruitment**, thanks to Don Yantha's tireless efforts on that front. We also received the **Trillium Award**, **reflecting our excellent performance on both substantive and administrative fronts**. You should note that out of the 502 Councils in Ontario, **only 111** were given the Trillium Award, i.e. about one in five, so we have nothing to be ashamed about.

Turning to **Supreme**, there are **three awards** available to **Councils**: the **Founders' Award**, for achieving its **quota of new Insurance members**, and for sending in some paperwork on a timely basis; the **Father McGivney Award**, for achieving its **quota of new Members**, and for sending in some paperwork on a timely basis; and the **Columbian Award**, for conducting a **minimum of four (4) events or activities within each of the five (5) Program areas** (Church, Community, Council, Family, and Youth), and for sending in some more paperwork on a timely basis (including the famous Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities). Each year, **only between 20% and 30% of all Councils** qualify to win one or more of the above awards. **If a Council has qualified to win all three of these awards**, that Council is given the **Star Council Award** (instead of being given the three other plaques). Note that as for the Trillium Award from State, this requires a combination of top-notch performances on both program and administrative fronts.

For CY 2003-04, we received, yet again, the **Star Council Award**. Out of the 12,500 active Councils in the Order, **only 1,541 qualified for the Star Council Award**, i.e. one out eight; **in Ontario**, out of the 502 Councils, **only 47 Councils** (including us) received it. **In the Ottawa area, only 7 other Councils** received the Star Council Award: **Orleans Council 5925** (Orleans); **Divine Infant Council 7873** (Orleans); **Good Shepherd Council 9005** (Gloucester); **St. Anthony's Council 11726**; **St. Patrick's Basilica Council 12158**; **St. Maurice Council 12296**; and **St. Andrew's Council 13416** (Nepean). **Our heartiest congratulations to all our Brother Knights in those Councils.**

We in Council 9742 should also take this opportunity to **congratulate each other**, and pat each other on the back. Our **thanks** go as well to all of last year's **Officers, Service Directors, Activity Chairmen, and Knights-In-Charge (KICs)** of events. After all, it is only through the **devoted and dedicated efforts of us all** that our Council was able to accomplish what it did in the last Columbian Year, and in the process, to win **both the Trillium Award** from State and the **Star Council Award** from Supreme - which puts us in **elite company** indeed, the **best of the best!** **Let's keep up the good work for CY 2004-05! Let's do all we can to win these awards again next year!**



KofC Fraternal Benefits

Robert Haack, DGK

TFMM ...Do you remember the watchword spoken by the Worthy Chancellor during your Exemplification into the First Degree? Do you remember the words spoken subsequently by the Worthy Deputy Grand Knight? If you don't remember them clearly, or worse yet, not at all, it is perhaps time for you to assist again (as a Member, of course) at some upcoming First Degree Exemplification. I bring up **TFMM** in order to remind you that since our Order's founding in 1882, one of our **primary missions** has been to **protect our families** against financial ruin caused by the death of the breadwinner. To that end, the **Insurance Program** of the Order, which includes a wide variety of life insurance products, can do exactly that for those Brother Knights who choose to take advantage of it. It is our greatest fraternal benefit, and one that should be seriously considered by each and every one of us, regardless of whatever coverage we may possess through our current employers, or indeed, elsewhere.

Regardless of whether you are currently an Insured Member or an Associate Member, I strongly encourage you to **review your personal situation**, so as to refresh your memory regarding the terms of any existing policies, their diminution (if any) with time, your designated beneficiaries, etc... From there, I suggest that it would be useful to **visit the Order's Web site** (at www.kofc.org), to check out the wide array of things available in the Insurance Program (note also that the Web site is packed with all kinds of other useful and interesting information regarding the Order, and it's well worth a few hours' browsing at your convenience). Also available on the site is an **"Insurance Calculator"**, which allows you, in the privacy of your own home, to answer some basic questions regarding assets, debts, existing coverage, etc..., and then calculates where you stand in regard to your life insurance portfolio. That should give you a rough idea of where you stand. What then?

I am not an expert in these areas, and will therefore not even pretend that I can describe to you all of the pros and cons of term insurance versus whole-life insurance, and the various variants in between - not to mention additional wrinkles such as "Single Premium Life", "Twenty Pay Life", and "Life Paid Up at 65". So your **best bet is to call in the expert** -- our Order's **Agent** (also known as Fraternal Counsellor), whose job it is to provide each of us with the information on all of these products, and to give us advice tailored to our own particular circumstances. Tell him that you have been on the site, and what you have found -- and he'll be happy to meet with you, and do a more thorough needs analysis (at no charge, of course).

In addition to life insurance, the Order also has available a variety of **other financial products**, including Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs), Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs), retirement annuities, and long-term care insurance, to mention but a few. You will find on the next page an article from the Agent assigned to our Council, Brother S/K Chuck Larer. He's got various initials after his name, so, anticipating the inevitable questions, here are the answers - the F.I.C. stands for Fraternal Insurance Counsellor, which is not a title, but is actually a professional designation earned through studies and examinations; similarly, the E.P.C. stands for Elder Planning Counsellor, a professional designation earned through studies aimed specifically at the needs of elderly citizens. He fooled me by throwing in the C.D.I. at the last minute - I have no idea what that stands for!

Keep in mind that all these things are run by the Order - **we are the insurance/trust/financial company**; also, **all of the Agents are Brother Knights** in the Order. If I may paraphrase the American Declaration of Independence, what we have, therefore, is:

Insurance of the Knights, by the Knights, for the Knights.

All of us should take advantage of these fraternal benefits!



Fraternal Counsellor's Corner

Chuck. R. L. Larter, EPC, FIC

New Beginnings

A new fraternal year is upon us! This often means several things to our Councils and Members. We have new goals, new committees, new charitable endeavours and hopefully several new members to our ranks. I wanted to keep the membership that I represent up to date on some developments that occurred during the summer hiatus.

Most significantly was the passing of General Agent Robert (Bob) W. Fitzgerald, peacefully on July 3, 2004 at the age of 61. For those Members who did not know him, Bob was the General Agent for Eastern Ontario Councils for over 29 years. He was the most significant factor in the growth of Knights of Columbus Insurance throughout Ontario. For those who knew Bob, they knew an often excitable and fervent individual who had a huge heart and an awesome devotion to the Knights of Columbus. I ask you to keep Bob and his family in your prayers. He will be missed dearly.

With Bob's passing there was a need to appoint a suitable individual to step into the role of General Agent of Eastern Ontario. I am happy to announce that Supreme Office has made an excellent choice in selecting Marc Madore BA CFP CLU Ch.FC RHU. Marc started his career with the Knights of Columbus as a Fraternal Counsellor in 1992. Marc is not only the most credentialed member of our Agency ranks, but he fosters an environment of continuing education, assistance and service. I have had the pleasure of working side by side with Marc since I began as a Fraternal Counsellor with the Knights in 1994, and am glad that he is now at the helm. I have been asked by Marc to let our Members know that if he can ever be of assistance, please feel free to contact him at the regional office at (613) 729-8978 or by email at madoreagency@bellnet.ca.

I also remain at your service. If you have questions with regards to your current life insurance coverage (with the Knights or not), estate planning, budgeting, Long Term Care Insurance or Investment planning, please do not hesitate to call anytime. I look forward to our new fraternal year together.

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Did You Know That ... (Interesting Tidbits re the Order)

The Editor

Quebec is the biggest State in the Order, with over 106,000 Members? Close behind are the States of **New York** (102,000) and **Luzon** [Philippines] (99,000), followed more distantly by **Texas** (77,000), **Illinois** (71,000), **Michigan** (69,000), **New Jersey** (65,000), **Pennsylvania** (64,000), **California** (60,000), **Ohio** (59,000), and **Mindanao** [Philippines] (59,000). **Ontario**, with 55,000 Members, **ranks 12th out of 69 States**. At the other end of the spectrum are the **small States** - the **littlest is Guam** (900), followed by **Hawaii** and **Prince Edward Island** (1,000 each), **Dominican Republic** (1,200), and **Alaska** (1,500). The other 52 States obviously fall in between, ranging from 2,000 to 45,000 Members.



District Deputy's Overview

Joseph V. Prince, PGK, DD

(Our new District Deputy had agreed to provide some words of wisdom to mark the start of his term. Unfortunately, the pressure of other commitments prevented him from doing so. The header has been retained as a place marker for future contributions. Ed.)

The Fourth Degree

Robert Haack

Resulting from the above, I had some white space to fill - and so, looking at this issue, and its two predecessors, I discovered that we did not have much by way of news from the **Fourth Degree**. The thought crossed my mind that it might be good to have a permanent "piece" for this purpose, which could be entitled "**Fourth Degree - Master's Musings**", to be authored by our Worthy Master, S/K Dick Cordick! How about it, Worthy Sir? Just say the word, and this will become an integral part of the landscape of this Newsletter, along with the "**Grand Knight's Perspective**", and the "**District Deputy's Overview**". As an added **enticement**, I'll even give you **your very own page**, so you won't have to share!

That's for next issue...; today, some history. The idea of adding new degrees to the Order's original three (Charity, Unity, Fraternity) first arose in 1886, with a suggestion to form one or two "Knight Commander" degrees; there were also suggestions to form a "Uniformed Legion" - all of this arising from a growing sense of "nationalism" in the United States. The Supreme Knight of the day (James T. Mullen) appointed a committee to look into this, but in the end, nothing happened at that time because there was not enough widespread interest in creating additional degrees. In addition, the Order's leaders also balked at the idea of a "Uniformed Legion" for the simple reason that the cost of the uniform and accoutrements would have been well over \$100.00 (which was a small fortune in those days), and they feared the "Legion" would cause a "class" split between wealthier and poorer members of the Order.

Immediately following the Spanish-American War of 1898, and largely in response to the social and political climate prevailing in the United States at the time, it was decided that **one** new Degree should be added, based on the principle of "**Patriotism**". In 1899, newly-elected Supreme Knight Edward L. Hearn appointed a committee to establish and format the new Degree, to be awarded the following year. In order to qualify for this Degree, each Candidate had to be a Third Degree member of the Order, in good standing for three years; show evidence of distinctive service to the Order, the Church, and the community; and produce a letter from his priest affirming that he had received Communion within the past two weeks. The first Exemplification of the new Degree was held in New York City on 22 February 1900, with over 1,100 Candidates "taking the Fourth"; a second Exemplification followed shortly thereafter in Boston on 08 May 1900, with some 750 Candidates joining the ranks of Sir Knights. The **Honour Guard**, later re-styled as the **Colour Corps**, was officially formed in 1902 for ceremonial purposes.

In the early years of the Fourth Degree, Members met as part of their Third Degree Councils, albeit separately after the General meetings of their Councils. In 1910, as part of a **reorganization** of the Order's leadership, the position of **Supreme Master** was established to lead the Fourth Degree internationally; Vice Supreme Masters would lead "Provinces", and Masters would head "Districts"; further, Fourth Degree Members were henceforth grouped separately into "Assemblies". This system has endured, and today, the **Fourth Degree** is organized into **22 Provinces**, comprising **115 Districts**, some **2,500 Assemblies**, and about **279,000 Sir Knights**. The most visible part of an Assembly (and of the Order) is the **Colour Corps**, whose members wear full regalia and sword when they march in parades, or participate at funerals, wakes, and other religious ceremonies.

If **you** feel a "**call to Patriotism**", please speak to any of the Fourth Degree Members in the Council.



Program Director's Pearls

Robert Haack, DGK

The **Parish Breakfast** scheduled for Sunday, 26 September 2004 **had to be rescheduled, because no Brother Knight was prepared to take on the responsibility for the event as KIC** - disappointing, to say the least, particularly so since it is events such as these which raise the funds for our charitable endeavours! The **Installation of Officers** was also deferred, for reasons which will be explained at the upcoming General Meeting. We are also proposing to hold a **Council Spiritual Renewal Day** (i.e. Council Retreat), tentatively scheduled for Saturday, 15 January 2005 - this will be discussed at the General Meeting as well.

As stated in the previous Newsletter (No. 02), we still have a few **vacancies** on the **Service Program Personnel roster**; we are also in need of **KICs for upcoming events**. To quote our Worthy Membership Director and PGK, Don Yantha, the organization is called the "Knights of Columbus", and not the "Knight of Columbus". It's **your** Council, **your** programs, **your** charitable donations! There are all kinds of opportunities for you to step up to the plate, and make a difference - all you have to do is call me, and tell me of your interest in a particular slot!

As we focus on our various activities and events, it is easy to overlook the work being done on an almost "invisible" basis by a number of our Brother Knights - the **Corps of Senior Altar Servers**, ever present at weekday Masses and on special occasions; the **"Money Counters"**, who spend a chunk of each Monday morning sorting out all the donations and collection envelopes, and readying the bills and coins for deposit in the bank; and the **"Parish Envelope"** gang, who will soon be springing into action to stamp all those multi-coloured envelopes, and organize them neatly into envelope boxes for our use next year. **To all these generally-unknown and unsung contributors to the cause, thanks for all your efforts.**

If you're connected to the Internet, I recommend that you check out both the Web sites for Supreme (www.kofc.org) and for State (www.osc-koc.org) - both are filled with all kinds of information on the Order, its programs, etc...; they also provide links to all kinds of other information, and in the case of the State Web site, links to a number of other Councils and Assemblies in Ontario. Good stuff to browse through whenever you've got an hour or two to spare.

Coming Attractions

The Editor

Rosary during Marian month of October - before each evening Mass, starting Tuesday, 05 October 2004. It will be led by one or two of our Brother Knights starting at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Meeting - Monday, 04 October 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

General Meeting - Tuesday, 12 October 2004, at 7:35 p.m. Major item on the agenda will be the approval of the Budget for CY 2004-05.

Parish Breakfast - Sunday, 17 October 2004, after all Masses (rescheduled from September).

Installation of Officers - Tuesday, 19 October 2004 (see Events Schedule for details).

Oktoberfest - Saturday, 30 October 2004.

Did You Know That ... (Interesting Tidbits re the Order)

The Editor

Each Council is "affiliated" with an Assembly of the Fourth Degree? We (Council 9742) are **affiliated** with Fr. J. L. Reynolds Assembly No. 1670.



Good of the Order

The Editor

We note the following **Brother Knights' Birthdays**, which fell in **September**: **Harry Abbott, Hector Burton, Ernest Charron, Jim Code, Peter Cromwell, Frank Dalton, Larry Ellis, Jean-Marc Guibord, Ron Hartman, Denis Hill, Alan Knoll, Peter MacDonald, Gerard MacKinnon, James Michaud, and Frank Simpson**. Our belated **congratulations**, and **best wishes** for health, happiness, and prosperity in the coming year.

We further note the following **Brother Knights' Birthdays, upcoming** during the month of **October**: **Len Bisson, Brian Cadieux, Socrate Constantine, Leo Cooney, John Corston, Al Guard, Randolph Hudson, Larry Kavanagh, Oliver Locke, Dillon O'Connor, John Sullivan, and Greg Vaughn**. Our **congratulations**, and **best wishes** for health, happiness, and prosperity in the coming year.

Also, our apologies if we have inadvertently omitted your name - we're only as good as our records, so if you've been left out, please let me know (September and October people only!).

If any Member **changes his address or his telephone number**, he should immediately communicate this to the Financial Secretary, Peter Cromwell - tell him if you see him at a meeting; phone him (829-4295); send him an E-mail (pcromwell@fishersci.ca); or write him a note and drop it off at the Parish Office. It is very hard to get information out to you if the Post Office keeps returning the stuff marked "Addressee Moved - Address Unknown"; ditto for the phone ("The number you have dialed is no longer in service").

If any Member know of a Member of our Council, or spouse or child of a Member of our Council, who is seriously ill, in hospital, or in need of prayers for any reason, please notify the Fraternal Services Director, Joe Sprigings (728-3233).

If any Member hears of the death of a Member of our Council, or that of the spouse or child of a Member of our Council, please contact immediately the Grand Knight, Brian Marley-Clarke (721-8114), or the Deputy Grand Knight, Robert Haack (828-7824), providing whatever information you may have, including next of kin. It is the **policy** of our Council to **gather as a group at the wake for prayers**, but **only with the approval of the next of kin**. (In this regard, it would be beneficial if all Members would advise their next of kin as to the manner in which they wish the Order to be involved at their wake or funeral - as with many things, it is probably best to put your plans and desires in writing).

Did You Know That ... (Interesting Tidbits re the Order)

The Editor

Retired "senior" officers can continue to use their title, with a suitable prefix to indicate that they no longer occupy the position? Section 94 of the Constitution provides that a **Supreme Knight, State Deputy, or Grand Knight** is entitled to the **title and privileges of their former office** with the prefix "**Past**"; in similar fashion, Section 45 of the "Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree" does the same for a **Faithful Navigator**. Note that all of these are **elected** positions. For senior positions which are not elective, but rather are **appointive**, the prefix "**Former**" is used upon retirement (although it is not clear to me whether this is just courtesy, or custom, or whether it's officially sanctioned - I could not find any documentation on this aspect; matters not, I suppose, since we do it!). So, this explains why the **Third Degree** has titles such as **Past Grand Knight (PGK), Former District Deputy (FDD), and Past State Deputy (PSD)**; while the **Fourth Degree** has **Past Faithful Navigator (PFN), Former Master [of a District] (FM), Former Vice Supreme Master [of a Province] (FVSM), and Former Supreme Master [of the Fourth Degree] (FSM)**; and let's not forget the most senior of all, **Past Supreme Knight (PSK)**.



Events Schedule for October to December 2004

Revised as at 01 October 2004

October 2004 (Marian Month)

- 04 Monday Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m.
05 Tuesday Knights' Mass - Rosary 6:30 p.m.; Mass 7:00 p.m.
07 Thursday Rosary 6:30 p.m.
12 Tuesday Columbus Day (No special events planned by Council)
Rosary 6:30 p.m.
General Meeting 7:35 p.m.
14 Thursday Rosary 6:30 p.m.
17 Sunday Parish Breakfast No. 1 (after all Masses)
19 Tuesday Rosary 6:30 p.m.
Installation of Officers – Dress 6:00 p.m.; Rosary; Mass 7:00 p.m.; Installation; Reception
21 Thursday Rosary 6:30 p.m.
26 Tuesday Rosary 6:30 p.m.
28 Thursday Notre Dame High School (Rosary) 10:30 a.m.
Rosary 6:30 p.m.
30 Saturday Oktoberfest - Social 6:00 p.m; Dinner 7:00 p.m.

November 2004

- 01 Monday Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m.
02 Tuesday Knights' Mass - Rosary 6:30 p.m.; Mass 7:00 p.m.
09 Tuesday General Meeting 7:35 p.m.
11 Thursday Knights' Memorial Mass 7:00 p.m.
18 Thursday Notre Dame High School (Rosary) 10:30 a.m.
27 Saturday Parish Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 p.m. (after Mass)
29 Monday Christmas Crèche Set-up 9:00 a.m.

December 2004

- 06 Monday Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m.
07 Tuesday Knights' Mass - Rosary 6:30 p.m.; Mass 7:00 p.m.
Light-up for Christ - 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)
11 Saturday Children's Christmas Party 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Council Christmas Dinner - Social 6:00 p.m.; Dinner 7:00 p.m.
14 Tuesday General Meeting 7:35 p.m.
20 Monday Christmas Trees in Church (Set up) 9:30 a.m.
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