



Knights at Fatima

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Editor's Notes

Robert Haack

There were not enough news to justify an issue in November, so I've let things pile up, and this issue does double duty. Enclosed with it you will also receive a copy of our Grand Knight's Christmas Message.

You should take a good look at the Schedule of Events on p. 8, and note a number of important changes (it might also be a good idea to set aside or destroy earlier issues of the Schedule of Events, so that confusion not arise). Some are brought about by the fact that the **week-day evening Masses at OLF have been moved from 7:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**; this impacts on the **leading of the Rosary at the Knights' Masses** on the first Tuesday of each month, which will henceforth have to **start at 5:10 p.m.**; it also impacts on the **Way of the Cross during Lent**, which we will now do **after the evening Mass, starting at 6:10 p.m.** (rather than doing it before the Mass, which would have required us to start around 4:40 p.m., which is altogether too early!). You should also note that the Clergy Luncheon originally scheduled for January 2005 has been deferred to April, in order to accommodate our Pastor's schedule.

We have spoken about the electronic distribution of this Newsletter, and in fact, made available a sign-up sheet for this purpose at the General Meetings in October and November; although response has not been overwhelming to date, there is certainly potential for some cost savings in the future. There remains one obstacle, as I discovered when I sent out a number of electronic documents to the Executive - and that is that not all of you have the latest version of Acrobat Reader loaded on your computers (currently version 6.0.2, although version 7.0 is expected out any day). Since the plan is to "go electronic" with the next issue, it might be useful for you to check out what you have now, and update it if necessary.

Vivat Jesus!

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Service Program Happenings in CY 2004-05

The Editor

We as a Council have been very busy since the last issue of the Newsletter. You will remember that in late September, it was 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; these were deemed so successful that we then did the same for a couple of the morning Masses in **early October**, as well as all of the Masses on the following week-end. In the end, we did prayer services for the entire week that the Icon was with us - all in all, a very uplifting undertaking. Since we were then into the Marian Month of October, we proceeded with the usual **Marian Month Rosary** prior to each of the evening Masses; as ever, attendance was rather sparse, with very few of our Brother Knights in evidence - let us hope that we shall do better next May!

Fr. Jeff King was appointed as Chaplain in accordance with the relevant provisions of our Constitution, and attended the General Meeting in October. At that meeting, we heard presentations about the **Orange Sky Project in Bulgaria**, and about the **NET Ministries**. It was also announced that **Tom McGovern had resigned as Advocate**, and notice was given that an election to fill the vacancy would be held at the General Meeting in November. The **first Parish Breakfast**, which had been deferred in September, was done the week after Thanksgiving, and was a huge success - so much so that we may schedule it into that slot again next year! A couple of days later, we held the **Installation of Officers**, which was presided over by our new District Deputy, Joe Prince; an Honour Guard from Fr. J. L. Reynolds Assembly added colour and pageantry to the ceremony, which was followed by a reception. We tried to proceed with the teaching of the **Rosary at Notre Dame High School**, only to discover that some province-wide tests had wreaked havoc with class schedules, and left us out in the cold; no matter - the class was re-scheduled for November. We then came to the highlight of the month, **Oktoberfest**, at which we were treated to good music, good food, good drinks, and good fellowship (not necessarily in that order); the event was great fun, and was enjoyed by all.

And so we came to **November**. At the General Meeting, we were given a presentation about the situation at **St. Patrick's Home**. When came time to fill the **vacant position of Advocate**, there was such a scarcity of candidates that for a few moments, it looked as though we might have to leave the post vacant; fortunately for us, **Dick Cordick**, a Past Grand Knight of our Council, decided to step forward, and was acclaimed as our new **Advocate**. Our thanks and congratulations to him! Shortly afterwards, we held our annual **Memorial Mass**, which this year, actually fell on the 11th! We had an Honour Guard from Fr. J. L. Reynolds Assembly, while the Last Post and Reveille were ably played by our very own trumpeter, **Chris Sandes**. Due to the fact that the Parish Hall was being set up for the annual Ladies' Bazaar, it was not originally planned to have a reception - but **Terry Howard** called upon some friends at Hulse Playfair, and a small reception was held in one of their rooms. Two classes were taught the **Rosary at Notre Dame High School** (one of which was to make up the missed session in October).

For two consecutive week-ends, we sold the traditional **Christmas cakes** from the Cistercian monks at Oka Abbey, the proceeds being divided between the monks and Campaign Life Coalition. We have, however, received a number of complaints regarding the quality of the monks' cakes, and plan to try out cakes from a commercial supplier in December. On the last Saturday of November, we held a **Spaghetti Dinner**, as an event aimed at those parishioners who go to the Saturday afternoon Mass (and hence do not have the opportunity to attend our Parish Breakfasts, which are always held on Sundays); the food was great, attendance was well beyond expectations, and everyone enjoyed themselves. The event was a huge success, to the point that there is now demand for another one (or even two) later in the year! A grand idea, but there is one small problem, in that our Schedule of Events is already very full, and it is not going to be easy to fit in yet another event, let alone two. A good time may be right after Easter, which is very early this year. We shall have to see...



Grand Knight's Perspective

Brian Marley-Clarke, GK

Greetings brother Knights! I wish to thank all those Ladies and Gentlemen who made our Installation of Officers evening such a resounding success. We estimate that just under 50 Knights and their wives participated. A special 'Thank you' goes to our District Deputy, Joe Prince, and his District Warden, Michael Ferrigan, for the conduct of a flawless ceremony.

The Installation in our Parish church was particularly significant this Columbian Year as Father Jeff King is both our new Pastor and Chaplain of Our Lady of Fatima Council 9742. We are most grateful to Father King for his participation and support, confirmed by his attendance at the October 12th General Meeting, the very first day that Father King officially started his pastoral mission at Fatima.

In keeping with our Council's goal of encouraging priestly vocations, our Pastor announced that several priests will be active in the Sacramental life of the Parish. How blessed we are as Knights to be able to participate rigorously in our Faith in our own church and Council at Our Lady of Fatima.

I would like to encourage all of my brother Knights to attend monthly General Meetings as we, your Executive, have designed a program for CY 2004-2005 that is accountable to the membership. Monthly meetings always allow for reports from recipients of our Good Works, be they in India, Bulgaria, the Ottawa Valley, the City of Ottawa, or here in our parish community.

The Church Director, Max Ulyett, is responsible for much of the spiritual activity that takes place in our Council, and I am requesting that those of you who can help Max organize events like the Way of the Cross, the Rosary during the Marian month of May, and the Mens' Communion Breakfast, among others. Please identify yourselves to Max as helpers as soon as possible so these events can be planned, scheduled and executed.

We have a solid program, designed by your Executive, for CY 2004-2005, and it is up to us to SHOW UP and BE COUNTED!

Vivat Jesus!

Chaplain's Reflections

Rev. Jeffrey L.D. King, Q.C.

The "Year of the Eucharist", which runs from 10 October 2004 to October 2005, began in Guadalajara, Mexico, in response to the proclamation of Pope John Paul II made on the Feast of Corpus Christi on 10 June 2004. As defined and proclaimed at the Second Vatican Council, the Eucharist is the source and summit of the life and the union of the Church.

The Pope said in his proclamation that this Year should go beyond acts of Eucharistic Devotion. He wants all the faithful to focus our lives on the person of Jesus Christ, and to realize that it is Jesus himself who gives real meaning to our lives as Christians.

We Knights of Columbus know that Jesus in the Eucharist is both God and Man. Jesus is God who lives on within the human condition. It is Jesus in the Eucharist, our Brother and Saviour, who constantly renews, transforms, and changes us.

As Knights of Columbus, we are dedicated to doing charitable activity for one another and for the community in general. But in being renewed by Christ in the Eucharist, we become Christ's instruments of peace, joy, and understanding in our families, in the Church, and in the world.



Membership Dues Increase for 2005

Brian Marley-Clarke, GK

As you may recall, at the beginning of this Columbian Year 2004-2005, at our September meeting we approved a draft budget for final approval at our October meeting. At this time a zero-summed budget received Council acceptance by formal vote. In order to continue on a path of fiscal responsibility, it is my further intention, with the Council's approval, to move toward a balanced operating and administrative budget annually commencing now.

At the November General Meeting, the Council approved a dues increase from \$30 (which had been in effect for 16 years since the Council's creation in 1988) to \$50. This was an increase of \$20. Had our dues remained at \$30 per fee-paying member, we would only have covered 50% of our operating and administrative costs this year. Had our Council not moved in the direction of a balanced operating budget we would increasingly have to raise operating funds by holding events, the proceeds of which could otherwise have been used for our charities and other "good works" programs, including donations to the Parish.

However, with the approved dues increase, we now will cover 70% of our costs. Although still some way from a balanced budget, we are certainly moving in the right direction. Where could this direction lead us next year? Some scenarios to consider:

a. we could increase membership by 40 members and break-even next year, keeping fees at \$50 per member;

b. we could reduce operating costs by \$2,000 and leave the fee at \$50 per member, thereby balancing the operating budget; or

c. we could increase our dues paying members by 15, increase our fees by \$5 to \$55 per member, giving us a membership revenue of \$6,325 and reducing our operating costs by \$675 a year by increased use of E-mail, thereby reducing printing and mailing costs.

By adopting the third option, we can succeed in achieving a balanced operating budget by next year. This is the scenario I would like the Executive and the Council to consider, and eventually approve. In addition, I would ask that all of us concentrate our efforts immediately on recruiting 15 additional members this year! We can do it!

I hope that the rationale described above goes some distance towards explaining why a dues increase is imperative now rather than later.

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

The Editor

The "Agency" side of the Order is a substantial operation? There are about **1,400 Fraternal Counsellors** (like Chuck Larter), grouped into some **140 "Agencies" headed by General Agents** (like his boss, Marc Madore). These are supervised by **8 Field Directors**, who report to a **Vice-President at Supreme**. On average, each Fraternal Counsellor has to look after a flock of about 1,200 Members and their families - a substantial workload indeed! Notwithstanding their efforts, only some **550,000 of us**, out of a total membership of almost 1,700,000, have chosen to avail ourselves of one or more of the insurance and/or other financial products of the Order, i.e. **one in three**. It is evident that the charge given by the Deputy Grand Knight at First Degree Exemplifications is either not registering on the minds of our Members, or if it is, is not being acted upon...



The Fourth Degree - Master's Musings

Dick Cordick, PGK, FDD, PFN

(Sir Knight Dick Cordick, a member of our Council, is currently Master of the First Ontario District, Cardinal McGuigan Province, Fourth Degree. Ed.)

The First Ontario District of the Fourth Degree held an Exemplification for new members on October 23 and 24, 2004 in Belleville, Ontario. On this occasion, 95 candidates completed their journey in the Knights of Columbus by becoming members of the "visible arm of the Order". The City of Belleville extended the warmest of welcomes to about 350 Knights and their families, even to declaring the days of October 22, 23, and 24, 2004 as Knights of Columbus Days in the City. Deacon Michael Doherty was the only candidate from Our Lady of Fatima Council in this year's class.

The candidates were informed that their decision to walk with the Fourth Degree at this time was most appropriate in consideration of a recent release by Pope John Paul. The Holy Father has requested that there be more commitment, on the part of Christians, to give witness with more force to the presence of God in the world. He stated: "Let us not be afraid to speak of God, and to carry on high the signs of faith". The Pope's directive is for every Catholic; however, we in the Knights have already renewed our commitment to our faith, and through the Order, we have the avenues to proudly display our beliefs.

We as Knights have a responsibility to take our religion, our faith, and our beliefs outside of the Church and the parish. For some of us, that will be reintroducing God and our faith into our homes where, because of busy schedules, this message has been allowed to slip. By our actions and our attitudes, our faith will be easily recognized in the work place, and this is where the Holy Father is asking for a real effort from the Catholics of the world.

In the Fourth Degree, every time a member participates in an Honour Guard, our religion is physically displayed in our dress. Sometime the Fourth Degree members may be a bit too quick to say no when asked to participate in a Guard. Perhaps our responses will be better; there will be more saying yes, when we stop to realize that the Guards provide a very visible confirmation that we are Catholics, and very proud of our beliefs.

Vivat Jesus!

District Deputy's Overview

Joseph V. Prince, PGK, DD

(Joe Prince, a member of St. Patrick's Basilica Council No. 12158, is the District Deputy of District # 01, which includes our Council. Ed.)

I congratulate all members of your Council for receiving the "Star Council Award", the highest honour awarded by the Supreme Council for overall excellence in programming, and for membership and insurance growth. Perhaps more importantly, it symbolizes the commitment of the Knights of Our Lady of Fatima and their Families to carry forward the dream of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

It was a privilege and an honour to install your newly elected Officers and new Chaplain. Like many Councils in the Ottawa area, the membership is aging, and to ensure your Councils' existence in the future, we must recruit new members. The biggest reason that most Catholic gentlemen do not belong to the Knights of Columbus is that nobody has ever asked them to join.

I look forward to working with the Officers and Members of your Council during this Fraternal Year.

Fraternally Yours in Christ



Fraternal Counsellor's Corner

Chuck R. L. Larter, EPC, FIC

Demystifying Social Services

I recently read an article in 50Plus written by Margaret Negodaeff. It was titled "Demystifying Social Services", and I thought it was worthy of mentioning to my brother Knights and their families. Anyone who receives this magazine can find the whole article on pages 9 & 10 of the October 2004 issue. Here is some of the information it contained.

Where to start? Your local Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) is a source for all your needs, unless you are hiring private help (for which you will pay through the nose). Call the centres directly, and they will arrange an interview with you. **Services offered by CCAC** include arranging nursing, homemaking, physiotherapy, speech therapy; and other care; helping to rent or buy mobility aids, bed and bath rails, and prostheses; arranging for admittance to nursing homes, or obtaining palliative care; referrals to other community agencies and services; and paying for transportation to medical appointments, ambulances, and portable oxygen.

Long Term Care - CCAC has lists of all long term care facilities in and around your community, including the number of beds and space available. You pay the full amount if you can afford it, but the government will contribute if your income is low. The cost of Long Term Care today in Ontario ranges from \$2,500 to \$6,000 a month. Can you afford this on your own?

In-Home Care - CCAC can provide in-home care if you are not ready for long term care. They can provide in-home-nursing, personal care and housekeeping. The services **in-home nurses** can provide are changing and refilling intravenous medications; changing dressings and cleaning wounds; administering enemas, and changing colostomy bags; checking vital signs; administering drugs; and providing end of life care. **Homemakers** can provide bathing, hair and skin care; housekeeping; and shopping and meal preparation assistance.

Here is how to **contact** the Ontario CCAC:

Ontario info line 1-800-268-1154

(Internet) www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/contact/ccac/ccacloc_mn.html

For your Long Term Care Insurance needs, the Knights of Columbus has developed an extensive plan for the Members and their spouse. It was developed to fit everyone's budget. Call me for an interview and to be brought up to date on our newest member benefit.

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

The Editor

We have almost 2,000 Members in Cuba? We also have about **170 Members in Panama**, about **110 in Guatemala**, and about **100 in the Virgin Islands**. These jurisdictions are "Territories", headed by a "Territorial Deputy", as described in a "Did You Know That ..." in an earlier issue. It makes one wonder, though, why Cuba is not a "State", since it has more Members than Guam!



Good of the Order

The Editor

We note the following **Brother Knights' Birthdays**, which fell in **November**: **Michael Adibe, Bill Brine, Stephen Burns, John Davidson, Paul Finn, Earle Hanratty, Curtis Ogilvie, Frank Opisso, and Daniel Susanto**. 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 **December**: **Gib Ducharme, Corey Hill, Bernie Hurley, Robert Kyte, Brian Marley-Clarke, Rev. Gerry McCormick, Max Ulyett, and George Veitch**. Our **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 **January**: **Ed Bisson, John Cappiello, Rev. Michael Doherty, Gerry Flemming, Patrick Kelly, Joseph Pilon, Donald Rochon, Chris Sandes, Robert Shalla, and Ron Strittmatter**. 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 (November, December, and January 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).

Coming Attractions

The Editor

Executive Meeting - Monday, 03 January 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

Knight's Mass - Tuesday, 04 January 2005; Rosary at 5:10 p.m., Mass at 5:30 p.m.

General Meeting - Tuesday, 11 January 2005, at 7:35 p.m. Important item on the agenda will be the election of Delegates (2) and Alternates (2) to the State Convention in May.

Council Spiritual Renewal Day - Saturday, 15 January 2005.

Parish Breakfast - Sunday, 23 January 2005, after all Masses.

First Degree Exemplification at OLF - Monday, 24 January 2005 (provided renovations are completed).



Events Schedule for December 2004 to March 2005

As at 15 December 2004

December 2004

- 16 Thursday Council Christmas Dinner - Social 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 6:30 p.m. (at Villa Lucia)
20 Monday Christmas Trees in Church (Set up) 9:30 a.m.

January 2005

- 03 Monday Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m.
04 Tuesday Knights' Mass - Rosary 5:10 p.m.; Mass 5:30 p.m.
10 Monday Crèche and Christmas Trees (Take down) 9:30 a.m.
11 Tuesday General Meeting (Election of Delegates to State Convention) 7:35 p.m.
12 Wednesday Notre Dame High School (Rosary) 10:30 a.m.
15 Saturday Council Spiritual Renewal Day – Details TBD
23 Sunday Parish Breakfast No. 2 (after all Masses)
24 Monday First Degree Exemplification at OLF - Candidates 7:00 p.m.; Ceremony 8:00 p.m.
31 Monday Executive Meeting (for February) 7:00 p.m.

February 2005

- 01 Tuesday Knights' Mass - Rosary 5:10 p.m.; Mass 5:30 p.m.
08 Tuesday General Meeting 7:35 p.m.
10 Thursday Way of the Cross 6:10 p.m. (after Mass)
12 Saturday Ladies' Appreciation Night - Social 6:00 p.m.; Dinner 7:00 p.m.
15 Tuesday Way of the Cross 6:10 p.m. (after Mass)
16 Wednesday Notre Dame High School (Rosary) 1:45 p.m.
17 Thursday Way of the Cross 6:10 p.m. (after Mass)
21 Monday First Degree Exemplification at OLF - Candidates 7:00 p.m.; Ceremony 8:00 p.m.
22 Tuesday Way of the Cross 6:10 p.m. (after Mass)
24 Thursday Way of the Cross 6:10 p.m. (after Mass)
28 Monday Executive Meeting (for March) 7:00 p.m.

March 2005

- 01 Tuesday Way of the Cross 6:10 p.m. (after Mass); Knight's Mass 5:30 p.m.
03 Thursday Way of the Cross 6:10 p.m. (after Mass)
08 Tuesday Way of the Cross 6:10 p.m. (after Mass)
General Meeting (Establish Nominations Committee) 7:35 p.m.
10 Thursday Way of the Cross 6:10 p.m. (after Mass)
15 Tuesday Way of the Cross 6:10 p.m. (after Mass)
17 Thursday Way of the Cross 6:10 p.m. (after Mass)
19 Saturday Knights' Communion Breakfast - Mass 9:00 a.m.; Breakfast following Mass
22 Tuesday Way of the Cross 6:10 p.m. (after Mass)
24 Thursday Way of the Cross 6:10 p.m. (after Mass)
29 Tuesday Founders' Day (No special events planned by Council)