

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT Greetings Brother Knights



Dear Brethren,

With another year drawing to a close, it is time to reflect on all the accomplishments our Council has made in 2014. I want to give thanks to the wonderfully dedicated volunteers we have among us, which enable us to run the various activities here at our club in Amherstburg. The Thursday night Bingos, the Friday night Fish Frys, the Monday Burger lunches, the Monday Euchre league, the Parish breakfasts, the numerous Fundraiser dinners; for example the Coats for Kids just wouldn't be possible if not for the members, and members families helping out. Our annual Columbus Day Banquet was

held on Oct. 4th .. The event saw us crown a Family of the year; Claire and Cathy Bondy, and our Knight of the year; Richard Murray. Clare and Rick go above and beyond helping out around the hall. There were several other members who received long-service and lifetime awards that evening, and of course our student volunteers also got recognition for their contribution to the club.

It is always our mission to attract new members to join the Knights of Columbus in order to keep this very worthwhile group going. If anyone has sons or nephews or neighbours that you know that may want to become a member of our club, have them contact us for an application form. In January of 2015 we have a 1st degree session going to be held here in Amherstburg on Wednesday January 14th.

A few things going on in December are:

December 2nd is our next general membership meeting. @7 p.m. Brother Court Meloche is putting on food following this evenings' meeting so please be sure and come out.

The Fourth Degree Christmas Party is Saturday Dec. 13th, so please call the club for tickets (519) 736-4870. Tickets are \$25.00 a person.

Saturday December 20th, is our member appreciation Pig Roast day. Members and their families are invited from 2p.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is a monetary or a canned good donation.

I personally would like to wish each and every one of you along with your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, New Year!

Regards
Jim Fryer
Grand Knight



Let's hope that all our brother Knights and their families have a good Christmas this year. The finances of our council have changed a bit since last report. The bingo account is doing better than ever thanks to a string of very successful bingo events. The Nevada and lottery account are about the same as they have been for the past few months. The charity account is down a bit but hopefully it will be ok. The problem we are having right now is our general account is going down. This is a result of losing members and not collecting as many dues as well as the donations from the Senior. events falling due to low turnouts. We will have to think of ways to pay for programs we run or somehow get revenue from other sources. It is important to keep the account healthy because State and Supreme councils get financial reports every year on how we are doing.

We do need help in the recruitment department. Our membership unfortunately is not holding up due to losing members from passing on etc. It is down to less than 250 members. Twenty years ago it was around the 400 mark. I have done my best to stop the slide as much as possible in the last dozen years but I obviously have no control when members pass away. That is why recruitment is so important to maintaining a healthy council.

*Fraternally,
Paul Peltier
Financial Secretary*

District Deputy's December Report

Your new District 21 1st degree team was certified on October 22nd and on November 17th we held our first 1st degree ceremony and 6 gentlemen joined our Order. On half of the team, I extend a welcome again to our newest knights in our District including brothers John Roland (2110), Jose Oliveria & Kyle Edwards (8233) and Chris Badaoa, Rafic Kairouz & Michael Saad (13797).

Lady Lori and I extend our best wishes to all the Knights and their families in your Council, a Joyous and Holy Advent and a Merry Christmas. May the anticipation and celebration of Christ's birth bring you Hope, Peace and Joy to your family and loved ones. We also pray that everyone's family has a prosperous and healthy New Year and a year filled with good laughter.

Fraternally and at your service,

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PIG DAY

Pig day this year is on Saturday, December 20. Come out and enjoy the fun and fraternity with others that day. We will be accepting canned goods and donations for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CHILLI COOK-OFF

We are in urgent need of someone to Chair the Chilli Cook-Off this coming February. We thank Mike Specht for all the years that he has organized this event.

Now we need someone else to take over the work that Mike has done. Please contact the Grand Knight, Jim Fryer at 736-4063 or leave your name and number at the hall, 736-4870. Please do so soon.

JANUARY THROUGH MARCH EVENTS

During these months many of our volunteers at Monday Burgers, Thursday Bings, and Friday Fish-Frys are on vacation in Florida or Texas. We need volunteers to sign up for these events.

If you can give up a few hours once a month to be part of a team for any of these events, please sign up. There are lists on the bulletin board at the hall that you can put your name and number on.

The Friday evening Fish-Frys help a lot of groups in the community including youth sports teams, local charitable organizations, various groups who organize for different cancer organizations and local schools. These run from 4.30 p.m. until 6.30 p.m. We need one person once a month to help work in the kitchen. This work involves mixing already made coleslaw, cutting lemon wedges and making sure that everything is available that is needed. Please volunteer.

ST. JOHN'S BOARD GENERAL MEETING

The St. John's Board meeting on Tuesday, December 30 is a General Meeting open to all members in good standing of Council 2110.

The meeting is held at our hall at 190 Richmond St. in Amherstburg. The meeting will begin after the Council executive meeting at about 8 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend as they have the right to make and vote on motions at this meeting. Members are allowed to attend other monthly meetings and participate in them.

LECTURER'S REPORT

Brother Knights,

As Lecturer of Council 2110, I would like to know why most members don't come out to meetings. It is my job to try and keep you, the membership interested in going to the meetings. If you have any ideas or if you know of someone that you think could make a brief presentation that would be of interest to the members, please let me know.

Our Blood Donor Program is doing very well. Last year, I pledged on behalf of our Council to have 30 units of blood donated. So far we have 24 and I want us to have 30 donations before Christmas. The next Blood Donor Clinic will be on December 17TH at the Libro Centre. I have appointments available for this so you can call me at 519-736-5653 or e-mail me at lbeneteau@xplornet.com and I will try to take care of this for you or you can call 1-888-2 DONATE to make your own appointment.

I would like to thank ALL of the donors that come out and donate the Gift of Life.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Fraternally,

Lawrence Beneteau PGK, FDD, PFN

Worthy Lecturer

IMPORTANT Notes From the London West Diocesan Association Meeting

The London West Diocesan Association is part of the Knights of Columbus organization in Ontario.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is declining in the Knights of Columbus in Ontario (this includes our council as well). There are councils folding because of this reason!

Because of this, The LWDA is forming a strike team. They will be first targeting councils who have not recorded any new members in the last three years. After that, they will be targeting councils with a negative growth (lost more members than they have gained) in the last three years. When they visit a council, they will expect results after they leave. This team can recommend removing council officers to the State Board if they do not get co-operation.

Our council falls in councils with negative growth. We must make every effort to retain the members we currently have and get new members.

K OF C ONTARIO LOTTERY

This year we will have 1 car added to the prize board. It is said to be a Mustang convertible. It is extremely important to support the lottery because it will show the Ontario and Canadian government that the Knights of Columbus is a charitable organization. Our hall in particular can not exist without our councils charitable status due to all the charitable events we hold there. We are asking all members to help sell tickets if they can or at least buy them. They will be going on sale by the beginning of next year. We had winners from the tickets we sold last year and lets have winners this year as well.

SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

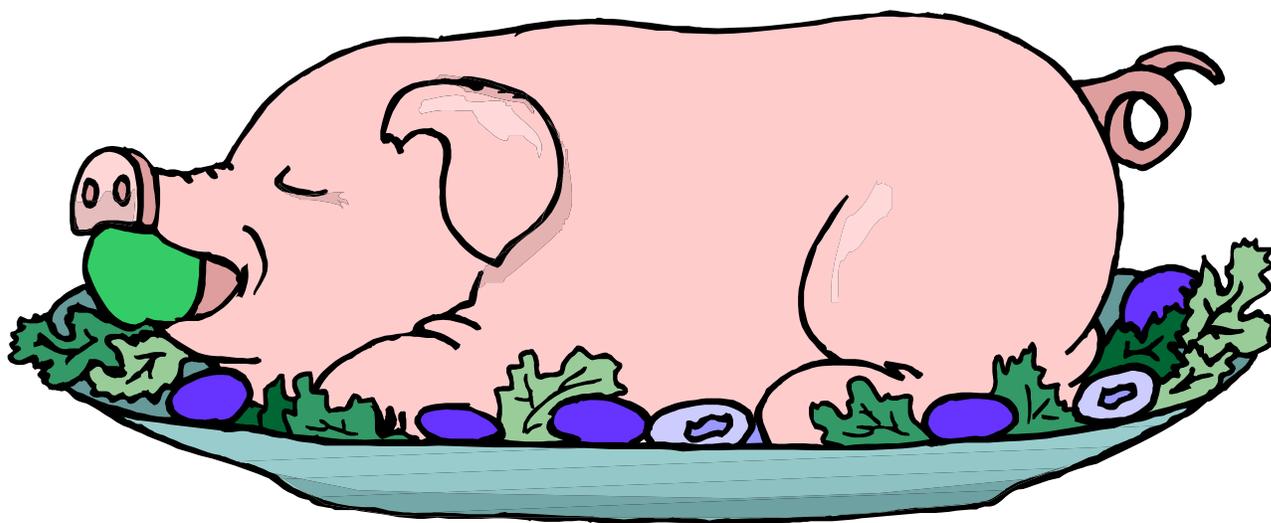
It is important to support charities in our community like the St. Vincent de Paul. These charities that help the less fortunate in our community are vital to the fabric of our town. This organization is critical to a lot of the people of the Town of Amherstburg for what they provide them. Our council supports organizations like St. Vincent de Paul and have members who belong to St. Vincent de Paul. If you can help them, or even better yet, join their team I am sure that it would be greatly appreciated.

It is also important to support other programs within our community. It lets the people of Amherstburg see us as a caring and charitable organization. It lets everyone know that the organization known as The Knights of Columbus is a vital service organization to the community it is in.

4th DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The 4th Degree Knights are referred as the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus. Some of the members have uniforms and participate in parades, wakes, masses etc. This lets them be seen in our community as Knights of Columbus members that support our community. The 4th degree is the Patriotic Degree of the order where we learn the importance of the support of our country. In the United States, their members are extremely loyal to this degree because it represents support of their country. It would be nice if we had that loyalty over here for our country. The 4th degree usually makes a donation upon the death of one of their members which is why they are referred as the Chalice Society. The membership in the 4th Degree consists of members from different councils within our area. It is a good way to meet other members of our organization and to develop new friends. We hope that you would consider joining the 4th Degree if you are a current 3rd degree member.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 2110



PIG DAY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20

2.00 P.M. - 5.00 P.M.

DONATION OR CANNED GOODS
FOR ST. VINCENT de PAUL

ALL MEMBERS ,
COLUMBIAN LADIES AUXILIARY AND
SPOUSES WELCOME