



## DECEMBER 2009



### GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

#### Greetings Brother Knights

Once again we are rapidly approaching the end of our calendar year, but just as quickly we are nearing the new "Birth of our Lord Jesus". I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our current fraternal year is progressing rapidly as well, so I would like to update you on a few things. Our annual Columbus Day Banquet was held on October 3. I would like to congratulate all of this year's award winners, including Br. John McLaughlin as **Knight of the Year**, and Br. Scott Brown and Cathy as **Family of the Year**. Congratulations to you and thank you to all in attendance. Let me congratulate a couple of members who recently completed their 2<sup>nd</sup> degrees. Congratulations to Br Luigi Dipierdomenico , Br Lloyd Jenereaux and Br Brent Bastien for completing their 2<sup>nd</sup> degrees. Also congratulations to Br. Lloyd Jenereaux, Br. Brent Bastein and Br. Kari Alhonen on completing their 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees. This year a third degree was held in our hall on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Brothers who helped to make this event a success. We hope and encourage you to take the next step into full Knighthood by joining the fourth degree. The next exemplification is scheduled for June 2010 in St Thomas and June 2011 in Leamington. Hope to see you there.

Any Brothers wishing to pay your dues for the upcoming fraternal year, please see Br Paul Peltier, he has the cards

available for you.

Brothers I am in need of a couple of volunteers for some upcoming projects. I am looking for fellow Brothers to act as chairmen for the following event's . (1) the K of C Soccer Penalty Kick Competition, (2) Substance Abuse, (3) Special Olympic Tootsie Roll Drive, and (4) 2010/2011 Kof C New Year's Eve Party. If you are interested in helping to chair any of these events, please let me know. We have done well with some of these so let's keep them going, and the new ones need someone to start them off on the right foot. So let's get started early.

I want to thank Br Pat Higgins for taking on the Arthritis Charity Raffle for this year. If you need tickets contact Br Pat, and let's sell out our allotment this year. Also a big thank you to Br Court Meloche for helping to make this years Cursillo weekends, (both men's and women's) a big success by sharing his expertise in the kitchen. Thank you Brothers for a job well done. Just a request Brothers - let's all take the time to look for a new prospect to join our ranks. Since I have taken the position of Grand Knight I have not had the opportunity to read any form 100's. I am just as guilty, so let's get out and recruit a new member. This year Supreme has set out quota at 20. Let's at least try for a few new members.

**Reminder-** our December dinner meeting has been **changed** to December 8<sup>th</sup> after the senior's party. We will delay the start of the meeting for this month for those who wish to attend. This change is to accommodate anyone wishing to attend the parish mission on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Fraternally,*

*Leonard Tetreault*

*Grand Knight*



## **FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

It is coming up to the end of the year. This means Christmas is coming up. It also means membership dues need to be paid. It is very important for the

council and hall that everyone keeps up their membership. Please remember the dues must be paid by the beginning of February to qualify for the draw. We have had members in the past lose out on the draw due to the fact their dues were not paid up in time. Please do not hesitate to get the membership dues in and qualify for the draw.

*Fraternally*  
*Paul Peltier*  
*Financial Secretary*

## **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

### **Hello Brothers.**

The months of October and November have been busy with lots of positive activity in our Council. We held our Columbus Day banquet in October and shared in our fraternity and many thanks to the Lord for the fellowship and good times had by all that attended this event. A great job was done by the Council members that made this event a success and special thanks to our Grand Knight Leonard Tetreault for his work and leadership. Other activities include the Sunday breakfast buffets done at the hall in October and November and the hard-working members and volunteers that donate their time and energy to their success under the leadership of Treasurer, Paul Peltier. Thank-you Paul.

The St. John's Board hosted a fundraising event for the hall repairs on November 7, 2009 and it was under the leadership of John McLaughlin who put in long hours for its success and high turnout. Also, thanks to our members from the Amherstburg Fire Department, all the volunteers and members for their work in providing the delicious steak B.B.Q. and the music that followed the meal. Thank-you, John, for your hard work and dedication and all that helped make this event a success. Your attendance at these events is what makes each of them successful. This year the St. John's Board is planning some fund-raisers dedicated strictly to raising money for our hall. Please support these events.

There are 1st and 2nd Degrees being held on November 22nd at the LaSalle Council at Sacred Heart parish at 1:00 p.m. We have two new members; Lloyd Jenereaux and Brent Bastien are candidates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree so please come out to show the support of the Council to our new members.

The following Sunday, November 29, 2009 these two new members and Brother Kari Alhonen will be raised to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at the Amherstburg Council. There are a number of new members from other District Councils that are also attending for their 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and we ask for your support. Under the leadership of Brother Knight, Lawrence Beneteau, a steak B.B.Q. dinner is to follow and we know that it will be a great success.

Join me in congratulating Brother Knight, Luigi DiPierdomenico, for completing his 2nd Degree on November 8th at the Kingsville Council and to our Grand Knight, Brother Leonard Tetreault, for accompanying Luigi at this Degree. Remember, membership in the Knights of Columbus is encouraged and what makes our Council the success it is today. Membership is open to any Catholic male, 18 years or older, so if you know of anyone that would like more information, encourage them to come out and join us; have them contact me at 519-736-1651 for more information. Remembrance Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> services were held at the Amherstburg Cenotaph and the services were a tribute to the all those men and women that served and are serving in our Armed Forces in distant lands and the sacrifices made by each of them. I ask that we continue to pray for them and are protected from harm and that they be returned home safely to their loved ones. Also, remember in your prayers those people who are sick in our parish and community.

*Fraternally,*  
*Scott Brown*  
*Chancellor*

### **REMINDER - BLOOD DONORS**

This is just a reminder that there will be a Blood Donor Clinic at the hall on December 16th. Our quota for the year is 25 donations and we already have 31. Thanks for the support in this very important program.

*Fraternally,*  
*Brother Lawrence Beneteau*  
*PGK, FDD, PFN*

### **K of C TV RAFFLE TICKETS**

On sale each Saturday at No Frills (November) and Walmart (December) 2 for \$5.00. 46" Sony Bravia LCD.

### **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER COOKS AND SERVERS**

The November Steak BBQ and Dance was a sell-out and was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Another fundraiser is planned for the end of April or beginning of May. Our members who volunteered their services and their skills in making this event such a great success are to be applauded for their leadership and dedication. Unanimous praise for the quality of the meal was earned by the people listed below. On behalf of all of us, thanks to these members and the Church Youth Group volunteers who served and cleaned under the terrific leadership of **Stephanie Masse**.

#### **INSIDE COOKS**

**Court Meloche**  
**Elso Pontini**

#### **SALADS**

**Scott Brown**  
**Dan Laing**

#### **OUTSIDE ON THE BBQ**

**Mark Bastien**  
**Mark Girard**  
**Glen Murray**  
**Rick Murray**  
**Randy Sinasac**

#### **CHURCH YOUTH GROUP**

**Amanda Rehel**  
**Jessica Sellacek**  
**Sarah Semienick**

### **THANKS TO THE LADIES AUXILIARY AND THEIR DELICIOUS PIES**

Our Columbian Ladies Auxiliary members volunteered to bake pies which were sold as an optional dessert at the November fundraiser. The pies were sold out. The \$240 raised from the pie sale was complete profit thanks to the generous donation of the pies by the ladies who baked them. This very important group of people have been major supporters of the Knights of Columbus for many years and we take this opportunity to thank them publicly for their continued assistance and support. On this occasion our piemakers were:

**Forchie Bacilatta**  
**Bella Bondy**  
**Cathy Bondy**  
**Eva Castellon**  
**Annette Colombe**  
**Barb Deneau**

**Dolly Deslippe**  
**Dolores Duby**  
**Veronica Laing**  
**Nancy Langlois**  
**Guagene LaPointe**  
**Sue Lister**

**Marcie Meloche**  
**Marilyn McLean**  
**Joan Paquette**  
**Dorothy Thrasher**  
**Marilyn Thrasher**

Office space for rent in great South Windsor location (300 Cabana Rd. E.).  
\$500 a month includes utilities, hi-speed Internet, large common area, shared washrooms and more. Call 519-966-0676 to schedule a walk-through.

(300 Cabana is the location of our Knights of Columbus Insurance)



## NEWS RELEASE

For immediate release:  
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### **Knights of Columbus Insurance Receives Highest Ratings**

(NEW HAVEN, CT) — Two top rating firms have reaffirmed giving their highest ratings for the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Both A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's concluded this week that the 127-year-old Catholic fraternal order's financial strength and stability remains strong despite a slumping economy.

This marks the 34th consecutive year in which the Knights of Columbus has earned A.M. Best's A++ (Superior) rating, and the 17th successive year the Order has earned the AAA (Extremely Strong) rating from S&P.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson declared that renewal of the Order's top ratings is especially significant in the current economic environment. "Our history of careful management and our conservative investment practices made all the difference when last year's severe downturn punished virtually every financial services company. The wisdom of that approach is now affirmed by the decision by A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's to reaffirm their highest ratings for us. Our mission, to provide financial security for our members and their families with top-quality insurance products, remains our number one priority."

Over the past decade, the amount of Knights of Columbus insurance in force has more than doubled, to \$73 billion. The Knights of Columbus is also certified by the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) for ethical and honest business practices. It is one of only four U.S. insurers with both IMSA certification and top ratings from S&P and A.M. Best, and the only insurance company in Canada to do so. Additionally, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$1.325 billion to charity, and provided nearly 626 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives worldwide.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me:

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