



Knights of Columbus

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Chaplain's Report:



In the absence of an article from Fr. Ray, I am submitting some thoughts of our Deacon-in-Training. Dennis recently came back from a trip with NOVA (<http://www.trynova.org/>). This past Sunday he gave a heart-felt and powerful sharing about this trip to some of the areas devastated by hurricane Katrina. He also sent to me a link to some websites so that we could see some of the devastation through the eyes of those who have been devastated. <http://members.tripod.com/4chrste/WavelandDamage> I would encourage my brother Knights to continue to pray and support as you can for this region. This, as Dennis said, is a critical time for all. These people cannot be focused on tomorrow, only today. They have real questions like “what will I eat today” & “will I find some clean water to drink

today” are pretty foreign to us. Many who are on meds or need medical treatment are in dire straits. My hope is that we can sacrifice some of our excess (or even need) so that we can help our brothers and sisters in need. When you get a chance, take a look at the pictures at the waveland damage site. One in particular of the Christ Episcopal Church in Waveland and all that is left standing (the bell tower) hits home for me. I have done a few searches myself on the internet to try and find for my brother Knights more info about church damage from the hurricane.

<http://www.neworleanschurches.com/> is a site listing damage to New Orleans Churches

<http://www.sbp.net/photos.htm> from St. Bernard Parish

<http://www.hcjic.org/default.asp> from Harris County



Chancellor's Report:

Here is a note from Bro. Ted R. about his friend Chris:

Greetings!

Just a quick note to get you up to date on Chris Loduca's progress in his battle against Leukemia. He was scheduled in the spring to have a bone marrow transplant in Hamilton; however complications arose due to the donor having gone on vacation. In short, they had to reschedule Chris for September.

That said, the transplant has gone ahead as scheduled this time. Everything was going as expected for the first couple of weeks, to the point that he was possibly coming home in a week or two as of last week.

Things have taken a drastic turn in the other direction for Chris in the last week or so however. He has developed a kidney infection which sparked a whole other bunch of things to transpire... none of which are good. They have him on dialysis for his kidneys to try and fight off the infection, he has developed pneumonia and his blood pressure dropped a few days ago. During all of this, his #'s from the transplant are still good and continue to climb. However, these setbacks are none of the "expected/normal" recovery items.

Chris was placed on life support late last week, and the family was called up to Hamilton. He is heavily sedated. Yesterday, a bit of good news... they took him off meds for his blood pressure as it has now begun to climb. He is still on dialysis with a life threatening kidney dysfunction and is fighting pneumonia.... but they have graded him as stable.

This could still go any direction, and right now he needs all of us to send him our thoughts and prayers to help him and his family pull through this! They have set up a BLOG website, where you can read for yourself updates to his condition as well as leave a message for him if you desire. Believe me; he gets every single one of them!

Please inform anyone that you think might want to know about his condition right now. Here is the web site:

<http://www.chrisloduca.mmd2.com/>

If you know of a brother or widow in need, please contact Ernie at the appropriate phone numbers or via email: gherkins@bellnet.ca .



Grand Knight's Report:

Looking to our recent past, I wish to express my thanks to brothers Anthony Rebkowec and Mike Weston for organizing the Right to Life "Life chain" last month. You're both passionate about raising the awareness of the Rights of the Unborn and we're all grateful for your efforts.

I wish to express how delighted I was with my fellow brothers from Fr. Louis Boue Assembly and their great response to our invitation to welcome our Aux Bishop Rev Anthony Daniels to St John de Brebeuf parish. We had 15 Sir Knight's attend this celebration Mass and I believe our Bishop was just as happy to see them.

Oktoberfest 2005 is looking again to be a big hit. I've heard more this year than ever the radio announcements from 2 local stations and I've also had others tell me this. Both chairmen did a fantastic job with advertising, thanks again to Fred Sleiman and Moe Gaffan and all the Oktoberfest volunteers.

We witnessed 7 gentlemen who became brother Knights in the 1st degree; 3 gentlemen who are now part of our Council's fraternal family. I wish to extend salutations to brothers Andrzej (Andrew) Jezierski, Darl Edwards Jr and Adam Edwards. I look forward to knowing these gentlemen more through any future K of C functions and the opportunity to meet their families.

Looking forward in the calendar, we have our annual Members Banquet on Saturday November 5th and another excellent breakfast on Sunday November 6th. I hope to see many at both Council functions. Both days offer an opportunity for families within our fraternal Council to meet and share some time for fellowship.

This month brings about 2 degrees for any member that is awaiting his final degrees.

-Sunday November 6th (2nd) - Harrow K of C hall, 1pm registration, 2pm degree starts.

-Sunday November 27th (3rd) - Leamington (St. Michael's parish), 1pm and 2pm degree.

Everyone's attendance is important. All these degrees are part of the total initiation process on the way of becoming fully knighted. Please continue your journey as your brother Knights are always there to support you during this time.



On November 11th, Remembrance Day, it is important for each of us to express outwardly, our gratitude for all the sacrifices made by fellow Canadians. We are all aware that our freedoms we experience today were paid with the sacrifices and struggles of many in our proud Canadian history. Please reach out and thank a veteran, say a prayer of gratitude for the courage of so many, wear a poppy and if possible attend our local Legion's Memorial ceremony.

I also wish to thank brothers Lloyd Grandmaison and Frank Vlasschaert; they both have offered their time to attend the monthly meetings, work with and plan with the Kingsville Carnival committee for the year leading up to July 2006.

Our annual Keep *Christ in Christmas* campaign is upon us; look for the Religious *Christmas* cards to be available for purchase after both Masses during the month of November, beginning on November 6th at our parish breakfast. If you can help with this, please contact myself or Kevin Wall and he'll schedule you in somewhere. You'll experience an opportunity to meet some wonderful families with your parish that you may not know yet.



David Gelinias
Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight's Report:



For all of those who were unable to be at our last meeting, we presented Brother Stan Balakowski with his Honourary Life Membership Card. An Honourary Life Member is someone who is over the age of 70 with 25yrs of consecutive years of membership with the Knights. Stan has over 40 consecutive years with the knights and is 70 years young. He is also a Charter Member of our Council.

We had a very successful Octoberfest last night. Our co-chairs, Fred S. and Morris G. did a great job as did all the guys that helped out. I was amazed as to how many we had attend and a great amount of them that stayed til the end. I'd like to thank the brother knights who helped out and for all the brothers who were there to support this activity.

Reminder of the Children's Christmas Party on Friday night, the 2nd of December. Call me to get your family registered and to make sure all the kids receive a gift from the Jolly Guy.

Our Keep Christ in Christmas cards will be on sale soon. Please support this campaign by purchasing a box of Christmas Cards or by saying Yes when called upon to help sell them. (Really, all you need to do is collect the money as they are self selling...Oh, and smile :)

Also, there is a 2nd degree on Nov 6th in Harrow and a 3rd degree in Leamington's St. Mikes on the 27th of Nov. What a great way to complete your degree obligation.

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Hello Ed & Vince Price, Perry Radu, Anthony Rebkowec, & Vern Reimer

Council 8233 video library

We have many Knights of Columbus videos, produced and provided by Supreme Council, available for your enjoyment to view. There are some exciting and interesting information about our fraternity that I find you'll appreciate more once you watch some of these documentaries. I've wanted to present them at the general meetings but time restrictions prohibit this. I'll have them at the general meetings or contact me to pick one up for your enjoyment. I can be contacted at 733-5359 or gelinas@netscape.ca

Title	Topic	Length	Format
Founding to Future	100 yrs of the K of C	17.5 mins	VHS
Experience of a Lifetime	Interviews of Knights	11 mins	VHS & DVD
To be a Patriot	4th degree Knights	12 mins	VHS
The life & legacy of Fr McGiveny	Biography	16 mins	VHS
Peace of Mind	Fraternal benefits(insurance)	15 mins	VHS
Those who serve	Duties of council officers	15 mins	VHS
By their deeds, they shall be known	Our legacy	30 mins	VHS

If there is more demand for additional video titles, I can obtain more from Supreme, they were obtained free of charge.

Please enjoy.

Yours fraternally,

David Gelinas

Grand Knight

A Note about the Parish Breakfasts:

This was our first Mass breakfast. We had a really good turn out with everyone enjoying the breakfast and fellowship. I would like to thank Ted R., Ivan H., Ted P., Dan S., Lloyd G., Ken B., Darryl B., Morris G., Neil S., Danny N., Ernest D., Larry E., Frank V., John P., Rick M., Peter B., Kevin W. and the Wall Family for their help, Joe P., Perry R., Mike W., and Thomas D. for all their help. I apologize if I've missed anyone.

It was especially nice to see so many fellow Knights and their Families out in supporting this event. Thank You Everyone. Our next Breakfast will be Sunday Nov. 6th, which will be for Our Church's, St. John's 75th Anniversary Celebration. This will be another busy weekend as Our Members Night is the 5th, so all your help for this breakfast will be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,

Bro. Paul Toupin

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP

As of October 25, 2005 there are still three members who owe dues for 2004 and 16 members who owe for 2005. Most have indicated that they want to remain members of council 8233 and intend to pay their dues eventually. With last Sunday's initiation of three more new members we are now above our quota and in a position to suspend members for non-payment of dues and still be eligible for Star Council.

The process of withdrawal was changed last year so that any member - in good standing or not- may withdraw from his council by writing Supreme indicating his wish to withdraw.

Membership dues will be accepted for 2006. Some have already done so. Cards will be available at the next breakfast and also at all meetings. Dues can also be paid through the church collection basket or by mailing me a cheque for \$36. The cheque should be made payable to **K. of C. Council 8233**. My address and phone number can be found on the back of your current card.

Due to the generosity of two members we have established a **DUES FUND**. This fund can be used to pay a member's dues if he finds himself temporarily in financial difficulty. Contact myself or G.K. Dave Gelinas for more information.

Please help me keep my membership list up to date.. Contact me when you change your address, phone number, e-mail address etc.

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I urge all brothers to take full advantage of your K of C Membership. Call me today to see how K of C insurance can help you and your family.

Fraternally

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