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### *A PATH FORWARD BORN OF BAD NEWS*

On Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> Scott Klusendorf, the President of the Life Leadership Training Institute spoke to several Knights, members of the Catholic Women's League and others at a meeting organized by the Knights and CWL. Scott is a leading North American pro-life speaker and debater. He was in St. Catharines as the guest of the St. Catharines Right to Life Association to address the Association's Annual General Dinner Meeting and to speak to area high school students – he spoke to 5600 of them in the next three days. His message for those who attended the meeting at 1394's hall was at once grim but hopeful.

The grim message Scott brought was news of the ever tighter hold of what the Pope has called the "tyranny of moral relativism." That tyranny is evident, Scott said, in the recent decision of the Supreme Court that Quebec parents could not remove their children from a state run class teaching that all religious beliefs are equally valid, and in an Ontario school policy that will treat gay and heterosexual life-styles as equally valid. We see the result of that tyranny, he said, when we hear our children and our neighbours say that we should never try to impose our morality upon anyone else since moral choices are like ice-cream flavours – some like vanilla, others chocolate.

The good news Scott brought is, that we can all learn to defeat the tyranny of relativism and equip our children to do the same. How? First, we need to clarify what moral reasoning is: to see and show that choosing between life and abortion isn't like choosing an ice-cream flavour. In fact, moral relativism is self-defeating. To say that all moral claims are false is to assume the truth of at least one moral claim: that all moral claims are false. Second we need to acquire and give our kids the tools they need to make their case, to argue for life. In fact, science– the science of embryology– gives us all we need on that score, proof that the child in the womb is a complete human being from the moment of conception. And finally, Scott said, we need to furnish our children with a compelling vision of the heroism to which they are called in defending the unborn.

While Scott spoke to us, a memorial service was taking place in his hometown of Atlanta for the son of a dear friend killed a few days earlier while on service in Afghanistan. Scott said he had heard people say of this young man, "What a waste!" He did not agree. A wasted life is a life of indolence and self-indulgence. The good news arising out of our grim moral situation, Scott concluded, is the opportunity it gives us for heroic service on behalf of the unborn.

In other pro-life news: several members of Council 1394 attended the Right to Life Annual General Meeting and lapel Roses for Life were sold at Star of the Sea. The lapel rose campaign continues at St. Dennis on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and at St. Alfred's on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. The annual March for Life takes place in Ottawa on May 10<sup>th</sup>. (For information call the Right to Life at 905-684-7505.) On March 26th, Bishop Bergie celebrated the annual Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria on the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Visit our website for more information and Links.

William Mathie.

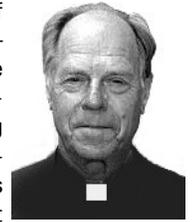
L-R - GK John Currey, William & Elise Mathie, Scott Klusendorf



**GENERAL MEETINGS ARE AT 7:30 PM ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH!**

**Chaplin's Message**

Since the beginning of Lent we have been proclaiming: " the hour is coming to give life." Now Jesus himself tells us that the hour is here and that He must be crucified in order to draw all people to himself. He has announced that He will rise to a new Life. We have reached the day when we conclude Lent in order to celebrate his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Were we ready to celebrate this great event? Will it help us to celebrate Sunday, the day on which we remember this great event. What is our attitude.? Are we forced to go or are we going with great joy? As Knights of Columbus we are called to put charity into practice. Recalling the resurrection occurred because He loves us, we are called to respond to Jesus in the same way. Let us pray that we will always do so. For all who are returning to Christ in repentance at this Easter time, for the courage to live a new life, Let us pray to the Lord.



**Father John Buis, Chaplin**

**Assistant Chaplin's Message**

Confirmation is the sacrament which provides us with the right tools to be successful in life. In order to complete a project around the house, you need to have the right tool. Without the proper kind of screwdriver or sized wrench you only become frustrated. You also need to know how to use the tool properly. Driving a nail into a piece of wood with a pair of pliers is possible but not recommended.

At Confirmation, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit which provide us with the right tools to live a Catholic life. Knowledge enables us to understand what our Church teaches. Wisdom helps us apply these teachings to the situations we encounter in daily life. Courage allows us to defend them when they are attacked. Yet, do our actions show we know how to use these tools properly? Do we use our knowledge to help others understand our faith or show off our intelligence? Do we use our wisdom to apply Church teachings to a situation or find a way to avoid our duties? Do we use our courage to protect the weak or show off our strength of character? These tools are meant to help us with the project of building God's Kingdom on earth. How well we do the job depends on how well we use our tools.



**Father Michael Basque, Assistant Chaplin**

**A Message From Our Grand Knight**

As another Council year draws to a close, I want each Brother to know how much I have enjoyed working with you for the good of our Order and our Council. Thanks to each every one of you for your support during the past two years I have had the privilege to be your Grand Knight. It is an honour I appreciate and will be one of the things that I will cherish for the rest of my life.



Our nomination and election of new officers began at our April meeting and will conclude at our May 14, meeting. A new group of officers and trustees will be installed by District Deputy Bill Amodeo at 7:30pm, Monday, June 11 at the Hall after the Mass that will be celebrated by our Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain. Please attend and meet your new officers and hear their plans for the future of our Council.

This has been a great year for the Council. We have improved our service to the community, established a closer tie with St. Thomas Parish with our Council Banner being permanently displayed on their altar; conducted nine very profitable and well supported breakfast programs; have a full year of bingo and euchre parties successfully completed; sold Roses For Life at all our Council Parish ties; purchased and presented six new Holy Roman Missals to our Council Parishes; supported fund raising breakfasts and functions in several of our Council Parishes; sold car raffle tickets at an increased rate and return; planned and successfully carried out the First Annual Mass for the Deceased that was celebrated by Bishop Bergie at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish with participation from every Diocesan Council and from every Diocesan Parish CWL. Council 1394 also sponsored the annual Columbus Day Dinner and religious recognition evening. We have seen the **VANGUARD** published and delivered on time and regularly with an increasing advertising venue; experienced a change of leadership for our annual Corned Beef "N" Cabbage dinner at St. Patrick's Day. Members cleaned and repainted the outside entrance to the Hall, had a great clean-up day for the exterior of the Hall; observed a change in the First Degree, experienced a new and vastly improved Third Degree, welcomed more new Brothers and have been fortunate to see these new members accept positions of responsibility and volunteering for Council projects. Sadly we said goodbye to too many of our senior members and witnessed a new Brother receive a **KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR** award. Continued on next page!



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The council had some great fund-raising hot dog sale days that we are working very hard to reinstitute. Our hall hosted a guest speaker for the Pro-Life movement, and participated in the Pro-Life observances at the General Hospital. We selected a new recipient for the **KNIGHTS AT WORK** dinner honorarium at the Blue Mermaid Restaurant; had a great time at the annual Christmas Party for our kids, had a very special donation of a piece of art, **UNITY**, that was raffled off and won by the Monsignor of one of our Round Table Parishes, St. Alfred's. Another successful basketball free throw competition was held, we sponsored a hugely successful dinner for the Wells of Hope project headed by one of our members. Brothers participated in our annual Walkathon,



2012 walkathon

Another Brother instituted a program to recycle our past month's issues of the **COLUMBIA** and **KNIGHTLINE** with the Catholic High Schools. Our Council welcomed healthy banking balances, welcomed a new Insurance Field Agent, and have welcomed the help of a new Assistant Chaplain to assist our Chaplain.

I am certain there are many other things and contributions that have been missed here but it was not intentional; just consider the writer as aging. Thank you again to each and every Brother from our Council for making this a special year for our Council. jc

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**Happy Birthday**

**To all of our Brothers who are celebrating that special day in the upcoming months of 2012.**

**Please don't hurt yourselves blowing out all of those candles! Feel free to send them your best wishes.**



**DO YOU JUST BELONG?**

**Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?**

**Or are you just contented That your name is on the list?**

**Do you attend meetings And mingle with the flock?**

**Or do you stay at home And criticize and knock?**

**Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick?**

**Or leave the work to just a few And talk about a clique?**

**There's quite a programme scheduled That I am sure you heard about.**

**And we'll all appreciate it if you'll come and help us out.**

**So come to the meetings often and help with hand and heart.**

**Don't be just a member dig in, and do your part.**

**Think this over, member you do know right from wrong.**

**Are you an active member or do you just belong?**

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### **Treasurer's Report**

We are rapidly approaching the end of our 2011/2012 Fraternal year. I was privileged to attend the first undertaking of the new Third Degree exemplification March 5th, in Burlington. I was very much impressed and highly recommend that all Brother Knights should attend at least one of the future Third Degree exemplifications. No doubt, Brother Jack Konst will inform our Council members as to the dates going forward.

Our bank balance has more than doubled from that of a year ago. This favourable result can be attributed to you, my Brother Knights, for your fine work and contribution to our various fundraising events. We are currently involved in selling raffle tickets for this year's car, vacation and cash prizes. Under Don Mikulinski's leadership I am sure that we will again be financially successful. Thanks to all for your efforts.

**Joe Karabinos - Treasurer**

### **Financial Secretary's Report**

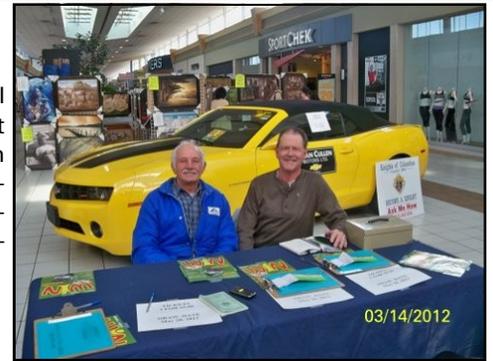
This is my first contact with my fellow Knights as your new Financial Secretary. First, I'd like to thank Grand Knight John for choosing me for this position. Thanks also to Brother Corry for his continuous help through this transition period of learning the various parts of this position. Please bear with me as I progress ahead. I still need to learn many more things, so your patience is appreciated. Brothers Eduardo Fernandez, Stephen Campbell, Art Edralin, Bob Cole and myself completed our third degree in March and new member Mike Murray just completed his first degree. I can be reached at home at 905-684-6917 or e-mail to [bevmik@cogeco.ca](mailto:bevmik@cogeco.ca) . I'll try to answer your questions or needs as soon as possible.

**Don Mikulinski - Financial Secretary**

### **Car ticket Sales**

We have completed our half-way point of our car ticket sales. Sales at the Fairview Mall were very good. A special thank you to the Brother Knights who have helped with ticket sales at both the Pen Centre and Fairview Mall locations. We will be at Canadian Tire on Welland Avenue April 15 - 20 and I will be contacting our Brother Knights for this worthwhile cause. Hope the weather continues to be great for our outdoor venues. Please contact me at 905-684-6917 or e-mail [bevmik@cogeco.ca](mailto:bevmik@cogeco.ca) if you need tickets - time is running out!!

**Don Mikulinski Car Ticket Chairman**



### **In Memoriam ...**

Please don't forget to pray for our deceased Brothers around the world and especially for the Brothers of Council 1394 who have left us in 2012.

**PGK George Stafford 12 Jan- 2012**

**Stanley Chubak 22 Feb-2012**

**Robert D. Milne 12 Mar- 2012**

**Wilhelmus (Bill) Van Hal 27 Mar- 2012**



Also, please pray for all Brothers who are ill, in hospital or who are home-bound!  
Visit or call them when you can!

### **Breakfasts, Euchre and Bingo**

I would like to thank everyone who has assisted and participated in the breakfasts, Bingo and Euchre Nights throughout the year.

Euchre nights will continue into 2012 until June. They occur on the first Saturday of the month.

Our next **Euchre Night** is on **Saturday May 5!**

Bingo nights are going well and we are always looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested call me @ (905) 687-1753. See the enclosed calendar for bingo night dates. **Next Bingo is May 12.**

In February, we continued to have our very popular Sunday Breakfasts. Thanks so much to everyone who participated in all of these successful events.

**Program Director - PGK William Perry**



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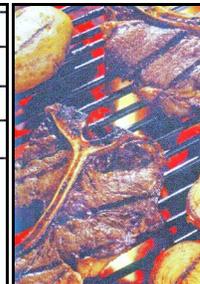
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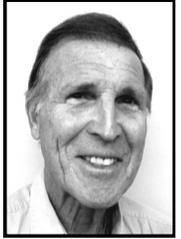
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### Deputy Grand Knight's Report

We have had a busy start to the New Year 2012. We are well into our car ticket sales under the direction of worthy Brother Knight Don Mikulinski, who also took over the responsibility of Financial Secretary, tip of the hat to Don. We, as a council, have participated in or supported dinners such as: Right to Life, Grimsby Fraternal Rite, St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage and breakfasts at our hall in February. We had a walk-a-thon, Supported the Abortion Vigils and on the lighter side, Bingo and Euchre Nights. We also took part in the Knights of Columbus basketball free throw competition which was enjoyed by boys and girls ages 9 to 14 years of age and their family members who supported them. We are a very active Council in need of many volunteers for the number of events scheduled. Our up-coming months are no different with Barbecue Season coming up. We have had a number of new brothers join us and I suggest we get them involved by joining a committee. Please share your time and talents with your Council!



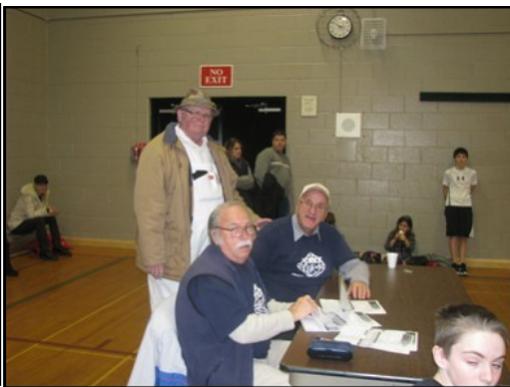
Ron Adams, D.G.K.

### K of C Basketball Free Throw Competition

Bill Amodeo, District Deputy and Gilles LaRoche, free throw Chairman, 9222 presenting a trophy.

Worthy Grand Knight John Currey, Walt Chemerika and Bill Walters 1394 at the scoring table.

Ron Adams D.G.K. 1394 and Tom Clifford 9222 at registration area.



### February Breakfasts



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During my career as an agent with the Knights, I've had members ask me what they should do with a sum of money they are looking to "dump" somewhere for safe keeping. First, I tell them that there is no safer place to put their money than with the Knights of Columbus. No one has ever lost money using our retirement products. There are no risks assumed by you, the members. Second, I ask the member a question: Is this money to "live on" or "leave on"?

I ask this because the answer makes all the difference. If you want a guaranteed flow of cash in retirement, one of our annuity options might meet your needs. If this money is intended as a gift for grandchildren, to assist your wife in the event of your passing or to give to your favorite charity, a Single Premium Whole Life policy might be the best product.

When it comes to decisions about your finances and your family's future, don't leave things to chance. Discuss the options with a brother Knight who knows how to help. Someone who's helped many other Catholic families not too different from yours. Someone who can offer you life insurance, long-term care, disability income and retirement products backed by the strength and security of an insurance provider rated among the top in the industry.

Call me today to set up a time to meet. You'll only regret that you didn't call sooner. **Jean-Guy Lalonde,**

### **Columbus Club Report**

Not to much has taken place at the hall. We did not have to have too much snow removed from the parking lot due to the mild winter, this was great! We had some minor roof damage during a wind storm. Brian our Hall manager looked after the repairs. Good job Brian! We will need a clean up crew to clean up the back yard later in the spring.

**Walter Chemerika - Columbus Club President**

### **The Shamrock Has Passed!**

After twenty five successful years of our Council's St. Patrick's Day dinner history driven by Brothers: DuLong; Kennedy and Therriault, the shamrock was passed this year to Brother Brian LeBlanc to continue the tradition.

This was a task willingly assumed by Brother Brian and carried out with total success on St. Patrick's Day this year. The sold out crowd enjoyed an excellent lean corned beef with cabbage and all the trimmings.

Brian made certain we were entertained again by the Down East Five Band of Brother Bill Perry and the wonderful dancers who came to us from the Taylor and Bryant School of Irish Dancing.

Bishop Bergie, Fathers Buis and Basque and Sisters Dil-

lon and Jackie were in attendance and drew the initial winning tickets for the door prizes, grand prize and \$130.00 50/50 draw won by Barb Yaworski from Star of the Sea Parish. Barb shared with us that a substantial portion of that would go to St. Vincent de Paul.

Five brand new 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Brothers and their wives joined the fun: Brothers Don Mikulinski; Bob Cole; Art Edralin; Stephen Campbell; and Eduardo Fernandez, the latter three receiving their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree just hours prior to the dinner.

Planning for the next Corned Beef "N" Cabbage Dinner has already begun so mark your calendars and reserve, Saturday, March 16, 2013, for a great evening of fun, food and a visit by Ann Marie Perry and her **KNIGHT'S-AT-LARGE PLAYERS**. Thank you Brother Brian for your leadership at this festive and traditional evening! **jc MORE PICTURES ON THE NEXT PAGE!**



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**Hall Manager's Report**

It has been a busy place around the Hall these past four months. We held the children's' Christmas party in December, then had four great breakfasts in February! We just held a very successful St. Pat's Corned Beef "N" Cabbage dinner in March. I am looking forward to a slower summer season and I hope everyone has a great and relaxing summer.

**Brian LeBlanc Hall Manager**

**A great time was had by all at the St. Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner and all of the February breakfasts! Thanks to all of those who made it Happen!**

**Editor's Message**



About four years ago, I purchased a Hard cover copy of the Parish Priest - the Life and work of Venerable Father McGivney. After reading it, I prepared a label, stuck it inside the cover with a note to pass the book on to other members of the Council or anyone else who would enjoy reading this great story. If someone has the book or knows of it's whereabouts please let me know. I would like to read it again and see how many people have read it.

I would like to thank our Executive for all of their hard work over the past year. Special thanks to our Worthy Grand Knight and fearless leader John Currey who has worked tirelessly to bring many worthwhile changes to our Council and has promoted Unity, Charity, Fraternity and Patriotism not only in our Council but throughout our Diocese. Remember, the Executive always needs the help and input of its membership. If you can, please try to come to our monthly meetings and volunteer for any one of the many projects our Council will undertake in the upcoming year. Thank you to everyone who has helped me produce the VANGUARD over the past 7 or 8 years. As of September, after the August edition of the VANGUARD, I will be relinquishing my duties as VANGUARD Editor. I will continue to update and work on the website. I will always be available to help with other projects when I can, but, my health, family life and business are taking centre stage right now. Therefore, we are looking for someone with a little desk-top publishing experience who would like to be the new Editor of the VANGUARD. **Brian Whittaker VANGUARD Editor/ Webmaster**



**Have something for the Website or VANGUARD?  
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## THE HAPPY COOKER

You may have noticed by now that I am a huge fan of Vidalia Onions and they will be or are now in our local stores and green grocers. (Ah, God is smiling on us again with his bounty from south Georgia!)

### CREAMY VIDALIA ONION AND POTATO SOUP

#### INGREDIENTS:

2 Tbsp. Butter, Salted	2 Tbsp. Flour
1 Cup Vidalia Onion, Chopped	1 Large Garlic Clove, Minced
2 14 Oz. Cans Chicken Broth	3 Large Potatoes, Peeled and Cubed
1/2 Cup Green Onions, Sliced	1/8 Tsp. Salt
1 Cup Light Cream	1/4 Tsp. White Pepper

#### PREPARATION:

Put the cubed potatoes into a sauce pan with half the chicken broth and then refill the can with water and add to potatoes. Cook over medium heat until the potatoes are tender. Meanwhile melt the butter in a Dutch oven over low heat and add the flour, stirring until smooth, about one minute. Add the onion and garlic and cook until the onion is tender then gradually add the remaining chicken broth while stirring constantly. Add the potatoes and cooking liquid to the Dutch oven along with the salt, white pepper and cream. Heat thoroughly and when served with hot biscuits or warm breads a crispy salad and a nice white wine, complement this entire lunch or early dinner.

This recipe was given to the Happy Cooker by a chef from the Folsam Farms in Glennville, Georgia in the spring of 2006 when Vidalia Onions are at their peak in their natural home!

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