

THE VANGUARD

Council 1394 - 235 Church St., St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada L2R 3E8

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WEBSITE: www.kofccouncil1394.org



Calendar of Events

January – June 2009

Wed. Dec. 31	Opening of Centennial Year and Card Party 8:00 pm to 1:00 am
Sat. Jan. 03	Euchre Night @ 7:00 pm
Mon. Jan. 12	Business Meeting @ 7:30 pm
Jan. 12 to 18	Car Ticket Sales @ Fairview Mall
Fri. Jan. 16	Poker Night @ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Tue. Jan. 20	Grimsby Fraternal Night
Wed. Jan. 21	4th Degree Dinner Meeting
Sat. Jan. 24	Delta Bingo @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sun. Jan. 25	Sponsored Walk @ 1:30 – 4:00 pm
Wed. Jan. 28	Centennial Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Thu. Jan. 29	Diocesan Meeting – Mass @ 7:00 pm
Sat. Feb. 07	Euchre Night @ 7:00 pm
Mon. Feb. 09	Business Meeting @ 7:30 pm
Feb. 16 to 22	Car Ticket Sales @ Fairview Mall
Wed. Feb. 18	4th Degree Dinner Meeting
Fri. Feb. 20	Poker Night @ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Sat. Feb. 21	Delta Bingo @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Wed. Feb. 25	Centennial Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Sat. Mar. 07	Euchre Night @ 7:00 pm
Mon. Mar. 09	Business Meeting @ 7:30 pm
Sat. Mar. 14	St. Patrick's Day Dance
Wed. Mar. 18	4th Degree Dinner Meeting
Fri. Mar. 20	Poker Night @ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Sat. Mar. 21	Delta Bingo @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Wed. Mar. 25	Centennial Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Sat. Mar. 28	Centennial Mass and Dinner
Sat. Apr. 04	Euchre Night @ 7:00 pm
Mon. Apr. 13	Business Meeting @ 7:30 pm
Wed. Apr. 15	4th Degree Dinner Meeting
Fri. Apr. 17	Poker Night @ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Sat. Apr. 18	Delta Bingo @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sat. May 02	Euchre Night @ 7:00 pm
Mon. May 11	Business Meeting @ 7:30 pm Return ALL Car Draw Tickets
Fri. May 15	Poker Night @ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Sat. May 16	Delta Bingo @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Wed. May 20	4th Degree Dinner Meeting
Sat. Jun. 06	Euchre Night @ 7:00 pm
Mon. Jun. 08	Business Meeting @ 7:30 pm
Sat. Jun. 13	Delta Bingo @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Wed. Jun. 17	4th Degree Dinner Meeting
Fri. Jun. 19	Poker Night @ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Sat. Jun. 27	3rd Annual Grand Knight's BBQ

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ALSO AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE!
www.kofccouncil1394.org

Letters from the Executive

Grand Knight's Report

Thank you Brothers for your support in making the effort to attend the group photo at our hall on Sunday, September 28th. I must have been caught up in the moment! I was remiss in doing my proper duties in welcoming Bishop O'Mara, clergy and other dignitaries, my apologies to all of you.

Brothers, as you can see, there have been many improvements made during the renovations of the hall. Hopefully, all of the work will be completed by January 15th, 2009. Other renovations are planned for the New Year - an improved parking lot, new washrooms, office and games room.

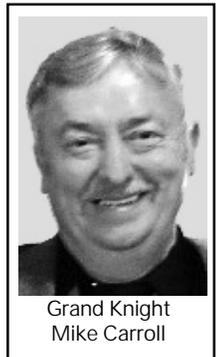
We are now asking you for your support. One of our new projects is the Wall of Honour. We have approximately 100 bricks on the wall of the front foyer which we wish to sell at \$250.00 each. Your name will be displayed on the brick - much the same as you see in hospitals.

If you wish, you may sponsor a larger project. For example: \$500.00 to purchase one of the K of C decals on the hall floor, sponsor one quarter of the hall renovations for \$10,000 or any other project as you see fit. No donation is too big or too small! One Brother Knight donated \$25,000.00 and we appreciate this very, very much.

We greatly need your help - not just monetarily, but also with your presence at the many functions we have planned throughout 2009. Dinners, breakfasts, raffles, ticket sales, the Christmas party, New Year's party, kitchen and bar duties, the list goes on.

Our Council has a great group of men, and of course there are a number of women who love to help out! The ladies give their time and ideas graciously and make great contributions to our projects and events. Thank you very much ladies, thank you!

In closing, I would like to remind you to try to attend our monthly meeting. This is a chance to have a voice. In doing so, you will contribute to this great organization that we all love. Don't forget to bring along any Brother who may not be able to drive himself. May you and yours have a safe and blessed Christmas Season and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2009. Thank you for your time. May God bless! Your Brother in Christ,
Grand Knight Mike Carroll



Grand Knight
Mike Carroll

Des's Corner



Centennial Sponsored Walk

The Centennial Sponsored Walk will be held on Jan 25, 2009 inside our clubrooms from 1:30 until 4:00 pm. This will be a great opportunity for all members to get our Centennial year off to a great start. Just ask your family and friends to sponsor you as you walk around a 35 yard course inside the hall. Full details and sponsor sheet included in this Vanguard.

St. Patrick's Dinner

The annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner will be at St. John's Activity Center on March 14th at 5:00 pm with the meal at 6:00 pm. Tickets will only be available (from Jan 1st) through Matt Baraniuk or Mike Tapp. Again this year there will be 27 tables of 10 seats each so if you want to sit with your friends then please try and buy/sell a table of ten costing \$15.00 per person.



February Breakfasts

A survey was taken on the last two Sundays in November regarding increasing the Sunday Morning Breakfast price in 2009. The results of the survey are as follows: 0% were in favour of keeping it at \$4.89, 12.5% suggested making the price \$5.49 and 87.5% said the price should increase to \$5.99! We appreciate your input in this, the usual high quality breakfast will now cost \$5.99 (kids under 10 years \$3.00) on all Sundays in February and November.

Please come and bring your family and friends to the city's best value meal.

Centennial Dinner

Our much anticipated Centennial Dinner will be a high class meal catered by and held at St. John's Activity Center on Saturday, March 28, 2009. This very special day in the history of all Knights in the Niagara Region will start off when our Bishop along with several priests who are also Brother Knights celebrate Mass at The Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria at 4:30 pm. The Symposium is at 6:00 pm and the meal at 7:00 pm. Tickets for this event (with same table arrangements as St. Patrick's dinner) cost \$45.00 per person or \$400.00 per table and are only available from Mike Tapp, and must be bought before March 15, 2009.



Please watch your Church Bulletins and newspapers and listen to radio reports for special Centennial events.

A Note from the Deputy Grand Knight



My Brother Knights, as we are closing the book on the year 2008 and all of the successful charitable fundraising activities. We are about to open a page in a historic chapter in the life of Council 1394. All of us can be proud of our past accomplishments but we must prepare ourselves for the upcoming Centennial year.

There will be a great many opportunities to help in the many events scheduled for the year 2009. Let us all volunteer as much time as possible and make a commitment to this milestone in the annals of Council 1394.

I would like to extend to all my brother knights and their families the grace and love of our Lord now and through the coming year. Merry Christmas!

Ron Adams D.G.K.

Turkey Raffle

This year's Turkey Draw was a great success. We had a great turn out at the hall. People were playing cards, taking their chances with the Crown and Anchor wheel and enjoyed a great night of fellowship. Special thanks to all of those people who donated door prizes and sold the tickets.

Congratulations to all of our winners and please be sure to pick up your turkeys and hams at the hall on December 13, between 9:00 am and 11:30 am. The Editor

**DON'T
FORGET TO
KEEP CHRIST
IN CHRISTMAS!**

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Chaplain's Message

My Brother Knights,

Praying my Breviary during the day, I was touched by the following excerpt in the Bible. I presume that all people know that the clergy are praying the Breviary, which contains psalms and scripture readings. I came across a citation of the letter of St. James. He wrote: "Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger for a man's anger does not fulfil God's justice. If a man who does not control his tongue imagines that he is self deceived; his worship is pointless". (James 1:119b-20, 26)

We are about to begin a new liturgical year, which starts with the first Sunday of Advent. It will bring a great change. We look at the future through Jesus. God shows his love for us. He becomes very visible to us. Are we ready to respond to that love and to become a living lover of Jesus?

We are preparing for Christmas. That means that God - who sends His Son to us - asks us to receive Him and to put into practice our love for Him.

One Sacrament that can really help us is the Sacrament of Penance. Look at your Parish bulletin, see if there is a penitential celebration. You won't regret it. It is expression of our love. Let us always have in our hearts what we are singing on Sunday: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth".

I wish you all, and your families a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Father John M. Buis - Chaplain Council 1394

Saturday Night Euchre

Brother Knights and Ladies, I would like to thank you for your support at our monthly euchre party. We all look forward to our next get-together for socialising and fellowship. Please mark your calendar the FIRST Saruday of each month and hopefully we can interest more Knights and friends to join us.

PGK Bill Perry

Annual Children's Christmas Party

On Sunday, December 14th, we will again host our annual Children's Christmas Party. Please keep in mind that we will give out "grab bags" again this year in place of gifts. This affords the council to open the party to children of all ages to grand & great grand children. We will have a SPECIAL visit from Santa Claus, a clown and other activities for the kids. If you have a family member 12 years and under, please bring them for an afternoon of fun.



To ensure enough food and Grab Bags please RSVP as soon as you can. Phone 905 384-1398.

Carl G. Pearson

Membership Report

On Monday, November 17 at St. Francis of Assisi Council 2146 there was a First Degree Exemplification held at St. Anthony (Croatian) Church, in Welland.

We had 4 candidates who made their First Degree. They are: Edwin King, Aleksander Grabowiecki, John Nixon and Glen Baraniuk

I have interviewed a new member (Robert Williams) who wants to be reinstated. He was a member from Windsor's Holy Family Council for about 10 years till about 1984. He gave up his membership because of a job transfer to Niagara.

Congratulations to our new members and welcome!

Jack Konst - Membership Chairman

Fraternal Night



(Please, Brothers only).

Our Lady of the Lake, Council 4917, will hold our annual Fraternal Night on Tuesday, January 20th, 2009 at the newly renovated hall of Council 1394. We want all our St. Catharines Brothers to join with us to make this a truly Fraternal event and help start your Centennial Year with a celebration. We are pleased to advise you that we will have The Most Reverend James Wingle, Bishop of St. Catharines, as our keynote speaker. We will have some light entertainment supplied by The Harmon Knights from some of our Hamilton Councils, and dinner will be catered by Rosalee's Deli.

Please mark the date on your calender, Tuesday, January 20th, 2009, doors open at 6:00 PM. We have had this event for over forty years and I look forward to seeing all of you out in January. Cost is \$35.00 per person for those coming by bus from out of town and \$30.00 for St. Catharines Brothers. Tickets will be for sale soon.

Bill Amodeo, Grand Knight of Council 4917, Our Lady of The Lake, Grimsby.

A Note from your Editor

My Brother Knights, it is almost Christmas again. Time is just flying by. Our Children's Christmas party is coming up on Sunday December 14 please let Carl Pearson know if you are coming (see his write-up on page 3).

I would like to congratulate our Centennial Committee Chair Des Kennedy, GK Mike Carroll and the Committee members for all of their hard work this year.

Our hall renovations are coming along wonderfully and I hope all of you have had a chance to see how great the hall looks.

We are in the process of sending the Centennial brochure to the printers and it should be ready by the New Year. The council website will have some new features in 2009. Check it out when you have a chance.

Remember, if you have any ideas for a story for the Vanguard or have any suggestions for the website, please drop me a line or talk to me at one of the monthly business meetings

My wife Diana and I would like to wish you and yours a Holy, Peaceful and Safe Christmas and a very prosperous New Year!

Brian Whittaker Editor & Webmaster

Financial Secretary's Report

Last August, the Supreme Knights unanimously recommended the establishment of a Culture of Life Fund through a \$3.00 special assessment on the membership. Therefore our Council will be assessed a fee of \$3 per member (excluding honorary, honorary life, disabled and inactive insurance members).

Again the bills will be going out with the vanguard for regular and honorary members. The total will be \$48 per year instead of \$45 for regular members but no change from the \$9 for honorary members. Please send in your payment by the end of January to save your Council the cost of second notice postage stamps. I have the 2009 membership cards made out just waiting for your money.



My wife Gladys and myself wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Mike Tapp - Financial Secretary



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