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THE ADVENT WREATH

It is evergreen, it has five candles and it's round. What does the Advent Wreath mean?

First of all, why evergreens? Because from time immemorial the evergreen has been a sign of victory. Whenever an athlete triumphed in a contest, they crowned him or her with a laurel wreath. Advent is a happy time, a festive time, an exultant time. It borrows from the past, rejoices in the present, looks to the future. We look back to our Saviour's coming in Bethlehem, rejoice in his presence among us, look forward to his coming in glory. No matter how we look at it we have something to celebrate. Advent is about salvation – about your salvation and mine. It makes good sense, it makes Gospel sense, to crown it with an evergreen wreath.

Why five candles? Why not three? Why not two? There are four weeks in Advent and there is one candle for each week and a special white one for Christmas Day. But why candles at all? Well, you all know from your own experience that a lighted candle can have an extraordinary effect. The light it generates is a living thing – a source not so much of heat as of warmth. In a window it beckons; on a table, over a meal, it draws together; in a dark corridor it reassures and lights the way. The candle is the traditional symbol for Christ, the light of the world. 'I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark. They will have the light of life' (Jn 8:12).

The Advent candle as a symbol of Christmas radiance has a particular significance. 'The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. On those who live in a land of shadow, a light has shone' (Is 9:2). I know that many of you reading now, often feel very discouraged by sickness, or bereavement, or encroaching old age, or just the sheer pressure, the grueling demands of the situation in which you find yourself. In the darkened room of our loneliness, Christ is the flickering light. Never forget that! Again, it makes good sense, it makes Gospel sense, to have candles on our Advent Wreath.

And finally, why a round wreath? Why not one in the shape of a heart? Wouldn't that be much more romantic? The roundness of the wreath reminds us that the year is revolving, that time is circling, that the days are slipping by, that Christmas is upon us, that the kingdom of God is near. The Advent Wreath calls us roundly to repentance. It reminds us that Advent is not just a festive season but a penitential one as well. John the Baptist, one of the figures of Advent, reminds us of this: 'Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight' (Lk 3:4).

We are not meant to be only celebrating at this time, we are meant to be converting as well. Celebration without conversion is a hollow thing; it is a recognition of Christmas but a rejection of Christ. Let the days of Advent be an opportunity for change. Let us all be reconciled to God and to one another. Let us be reconciled in daily prayer, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in concern for other people, especially the poor. May this Advent season be a time of grace for each one of us.

Fr. Hugh,
Chaplain.



Nicholas Riccio grandson of GK Mathie looks at the candles on the Advent Wreath.

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

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

I have been asked by your Grand Knight, Mr. William Mathie, to write about my role as bishop. At the outset let me state that it is a great honour and privilege to be the Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines.

A bishop is a successor of the Apostles and is part of a College of bishops which is comprised of all the bishops of the world. This College, in union with the Holy Father, the successor of St. Peter, forms the teaching authority of the Church (Magisterium). A bishop is also a shepherd. This is why a crozier, which symbolizes a shepherd's staff, is used by a bishop at Mass and other liturgical events. This image of shepherd helps us to understand the unique role of a bishop. A shepherd cares for the sheep entrusted to him; he feeds them, protects them, loves them and leads them to what is good and life giving. How am I to do this and where am I to lead you?

In the Gospel of St. John Jesus states, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me"(Jn. 10:14). As your bishop I believe that my primary responsibility is to lead you to the Good Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ, who fulfills all of our desires as the way, the truth and the life (Jn.14: 6). Union with God becomes our fulfilment in this world and our hope for the next. The great St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430) understood this very well. He came to know the Lord late in his life and wrote about this in his autobiography *The Confessions of St. Augustine*. I would like to share with you a beautiful passage from this work: "Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would not have been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace."

The Beauty ever ancient ever new that St. Augustine discovered was Jesus Christ. This powerful encounter changed him forever because the emptiness of his life was filled to overflowing with the love of God. His conversion experience is typical of anyone who has encountered the Lord. As bishop it is my responsibility to provide opportunities for this encounter through sound preaching and teaching, reverent celebrations of the sacraments, and by modeling Christ the Good Shepherd to you. I must allow Christ to use me to bring you to Him. This is something that all clergy under my care must also be encouraged to do in their ministry.

In summary I would say that my fundamental role as bishop is to get us all to heaven. Our destiny is to be with God forever in Paradise. I do this by first shepherding you to Christ because you will never know Jesus in heaven if you do not first know Him here on earth. Let us all come to know, love and serve the Lord!

Bishop Bergie



This is photo of the religious Christmas stamp issued this year by Canada Post. This year's is a copy of a painting in the gallery of the Basilica Cathedral in Quebec city . It marks the 350th anniversary of the founding of the parish by Bishop Laval. Artist was Abraham Janssens van Nuyssen. Using a religious stamp is a good way of keeping Christ in Christmas.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

The Vanguard you are reading is the first in the fraternal year 2014-2015. As many of you will know we have decided to alter the publication times for the three issues of our newsletter to correspond with seasons of major activity and important seasons in the Church year. So this issue appears in the seasons of Advent and Christmastide.

Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year and beginning at the end of November is also a time for remembering. We remember, for example, the many Brothers this Council lost over the past year, eleven of them. We prayed for those Brothers at the joint CWL and Knights Mass for the Deceased on November 5 and we think of them often. We think of them when we continue in the many things we do together as members of this Council: scrambling eggs, flipping pancakes, and serving the guests at our November and February breakfasts; meeting for coffee at the Fairview Mall; selling lapel roses for life at our many parishes; meeting together as a Council and praying with our Chaplain, Father Gibson; helping out at the Basketball Free-throw; furnishing winter coats for the needy; dining together with our wives and friends on Columbus Day, on St. Patrick's Day, for the Wells of Hope, and this year for a Christmas Party on January 3 ; and in so many other ways. We think of them too as we welcome new members to our Council, some fifteen over the past year.

I close by wishing you and your families a joyful Christmas and in the hope that the year begun will be a year of good fellowship and brotherly achievement. And I thank you for all you have done for our Council, for our community, and for our God.

William Mathie, Grand Knight.

Samantha Sewell, winner of our 2014 Culture of Life Award at Holy Cross and Osamuade Usuanlele, the winner at Denis Morris, are photographed with Bishop Bergie and Grand Knight William Mathie at Jericho Retreat House in Wainfleet. Sewell and Usuanlele were attending a weekend-long retreat for Pro-Life Student leaders as guests of our Council. In the second photo they are with Kitchener Centre MP Stephen Woodworth, who was the banquet speaker at the Retreat. The September retreat was organized by the St. Catharines Right to Life. Woodworth was the author of Motion 312 that asked Parliament to consider whether science supports the notion of Canadian law that the baby in the womb only becomes a human person when fully emerged from his or her mother's womb.



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NOVEMBER BREAKFAST



J.P.Roy (lower right) celebrates his 15th birthday surrounded by his family.

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CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Knights of Columbus Council 1394 sponsored a Children's Christmas Party on December 7, 2014. Forty two children aged 6 months to 12 years attended the event accompanied by their parents and/or grandparents. There was plenty of food, music and friendly interaction. Some of the children proudly showcased their talents in singing, reciting poems and playing the piano and violin. The highlight of the event was the arrival of Santa full of good cheer, presents and treats for the children. The Knights would like to thank the organizers of the event for a job well done. -Art



Photo of those who organized and did the work of making this a great success. Left to right are Johnson Moraes, Rene and Thelma Ongcangco, FeEdralin, Marie Murray, Arturo Edralin, Dena and Brian LeBlanc.

JANUARY, 2015

				1 THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	2 ST. BASIL THE GREAT and ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN	3 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT HALL 5:30 PM
4 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	5	6	7 ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE	8	9	10
11 BAPTISM OF THE LORD	12 MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS MEETING 7:30 PM	13	14	15	16	17 ST. ANTHONY
18 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	19	20	21 ST. AGNES	22	23	24 ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
25 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	26 ST. TIMOTHY and ST. TITUS	27	28 ST. THOMAS AQUINAS	29	30	31 ST. JOHN BOSCO

FEBRUARY, 2015

1 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	2 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	3	4	5 ST. AGATHA	6 ST. PAUL MIKI and Companions	7
8 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9 MEETING 7:30 PM	10 ST. SCHOLASTICA	11	12	13	14 ST. CYRIL and ST. METHODIUS
15 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	16	17	18 ASH WEDNESDAY	19	20	21
22 1st SUNDAY OF LENT	23	24	25	26	27	28 RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET

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15 4th SUNDAY OF LENT	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 5th SUNDAY OF LENT	23	24	25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS AT CATHEDRAL 7 PM	26	27	28
29 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	30	31				

PERSONALITY PAGE: Nick Marino

Nick Marino is one of the oldest members of our council; he was inducted into the Third degree of the council in 1959 and enrolled in the Msgr. Morris Fourth Degree Assembly in 1989.

Born in September 1926 Nick has occupied every position on the executive of our council except for the Guards, having served as Grand Knight for the years 2003 – 2004. In addition Nick has served the Monsignor Morris Fourth Degree Assembly as both Comptroller and Navigator.

Nick was born in Niagara on the lake and has lived in the village throughout his life save for a period of a few years during the second world war when he served his country in the Royal Canadian Navy. During that time he served mainly on mine sweepers having performed his duty aboard Her Majesty's Ships Hunter, Algonquin, Courtenay and Bellerchase.

After his discharge from the navy, Nick commenced work at St Catharines manufacturing works, TRW, who manufactured parts for the flourishing motor industry where he served for many years until his retirement 26 years ago. Nick has served for over twenty years on almost every Niagara Catholic School Board; the Board, which changed its format over the years controlled the Niagara Catholic Education system in various forms on most of which Nick served in various capacities including a spell as chairman. Nick has been a faithful member of St Vincent de Paul R.C. Parish at Niagara-on-the-lake all his life and fondly remembers when he and then Parish Priest and present day Bishop Emeritus of Niagara, O'Meara together organized and conducted the Bingo program at that parish.

Nick was married for 65 years to his late wife Marion who sadly passed away last year. Nick still maintains contact with his four children; a son who is a professor at the University of Windsor; a daughter who is a professional trainer at White Oaks; a daughter who is a teacher at the Durham county Board of education and a son who is a Custodian for the Lanarck County Board of education.

In his involvement in our Order, Nick follows in the footsteps of his Father, who was an active member of both Third Degree Council and Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus.

BISHOP'S CHARITY DINNER AT CLUB CAPRI



Coral King, Neena Moraes.



GK William and Elise Mathie.



Jack and Doris Konst, Father Paul McDonald.



Chaplain Hugh Gibson



Nancy and Bill Grodesky.



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Bishop Bergie and Bill Amodeo. Annual Bishop's Charity Dinner. Bill was organizer of this first Annual Bishop's Charity Dinner.

ARTICLE ON VETERANS IN OUR COUNCIL

Nick Marino

Past Grand Knight Nick Marino joined the Royal Canadian Navy at the age of 17 1/2 in 1943. Trained on the HMCS Hunter on the east coast then transferred to the west coast. Served in the Pacific on the mine-sweepers Bellechasse and Courtney, then on the destroyer, The Algonquin. Worked as a stoker. Left the navy in 1946. Joined our Council in 1959 and served as Grand Knight in 2003-4.



John Dulong

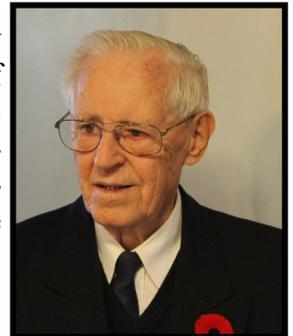
John joined the RCAF at the age of 21, trained in Saskatchewan; he was based at various times in Yarmouth (his home), Newfoundland, Gander, Cape Breton and Mansfield (in the UK). He served as a navigator on Lancasters and B25-Mitchell bombers. John was injured with a fractured leg, when his plane crashed, and recuperated at Camp Hill hospital in Halifax. His worst war-time memory was when a friend walked into his plane's propeller a few feet in front of John.



REMEMBERANCE DAY CEREMONY



The Knights of Columbus were well represented on Remembrance Day 2014 when a wreath was laid by Austin Rose at the Cenotaph on behalf of council 1394. The Fourth degree Assembly of Msgr Morris was also present with an Honour Guard in full regalia,. GK William Mathie accompanied Austin Rose who served in the second great conflict and who suffered serious injury serving as a member of the merchant marine off the coast of England.. Below are pictures of Knights during the event:



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COUNCIL NEWS



On the "Last Thursday" of every month we seniors from Council 1394 meet at 2-30 in the Food Court at Fairview Mall for a Coffee, a Muffin and some great FELLOWSHIP.

Everyone pays \$2.00 and the change is going to be given to OZANAM at the end of the year

We call it "Seniors Coffee" but you don't have to be a senior to come out and enjoy the company of a Brother who can't make it to the General Meetings for various reasons. So please mark your calendar for the last Thursday each month and join us.

IN MEMORIAM

The following members of Council 1394 died in the year since the last Mass for the Deceased:

- Rev. John M. Buis
- Msgr. Vincent O'Donohue
- David. G. MacDonald
- Alfred R. Konigshaus (PGK)
- James W. Stack
- Ralph DeLuca Sr.
- Joseph Grosse
- Grant G. Johnson
- Emery James Horvath
- Owen P. McAllister
- Dmytro "Matt" Baraniuk

COATS FOR KIDS



FS Don Mikulinski and GK William Mathie present two dozen children's winter coats to Betty- Lou Souter CEO of Community Care. For almost 100 years Community Care has been feeding, clothing and sheltering the poor and hungry in St. Catharines, distributing 4,000 pounds of food "daily, 5 days a week." The coats were purchased by Council 1394 under our Order's "Coats for Kids" program.

Since this picture was taken a very generous Brother who wishes to remain anonymous has made it possible to double our contribution of Coats for Kids this winter.

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IN MEMORIAM



Dmytro "Matt" Baraniuk a member of our Council since 1961, and a 4th Degree Knight, died on October 23rd, at the age of 89, with his wife of 65 years, Olga and his children at his side. Matt was a founding member of St. John the Theologian Ukrainian Catholic Church and a frequent kitchen volunteer there and at our November and February breakfasts. Matt worked on his family's farm on Geneva Street for over 45 years. Matt was the father of three, grandfather of four, and great-grandfather of one. He is remembered by his Brothers as a hard-working and generous volunteer.



Owen Scotty McAllister died on October 3rd, 2014. A native of Kilmarnock, Scotland, McAllister joined our Council in 1956. Scotty was a veteran of WW II, the father of two, and uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was also a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a volunteer at the Ozanam Centre.



The clock on the wall of our Hall was the gift of clock-maker Emery James Horvath, a member of our Council since 1968 and a 4th Degree Knight. Born in Saskatoon in 1929, Horvath traveled many times from Canada to the home of his parents, Hungary, and studied clock-making there during WWII. Returning to Canada in 1950 he opened The Watch Clinic on St. Paul Street and later Horvath Jewellers. He restored the Court House Clock in Market Square, the Ridley Tower Clock, and the Tower Clock in Cambridge, Ontario. Horvath spoke and sang Hungarian. English and German; he played the violin, piano, accordion, and cimbalon. He was the husband of Celine for 54 years, father of three, grandfather of four, and uncle of eight nieces and nephews.



Clock on the wall of our Council Hall

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COUNCIL 1394 HOSTED TALK BY ALEX SCHADENBERG



On November 18th, Council 1394 hosted a talk by Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Alex informed Knights and others who were present of "What we Need to Know about Euthanasia." He drew attention to the sophistry of Quebec's recently passed Bill 52 that mislabels

euthanasia as "End of Life Care." The Bill he argued was clearly unconstitutional. Alex spoke to the high stakes of the decision from Canada's Supreme Court as it deals with the Carter case that seeks to make assisted suicide an equality right. He reported on the inadequacy of efforts to legally limit assisted suicide once it becomes law as seen in the Netherlands and Belgium and the extent of that "right" to extend to those who are not terminally ill but depressed and to the very young. Euthanasia and assisted suicide were also the theme of this year's Respect Life Bulletin prepared by the Bishop's respect Life Committee with the help of our Council and others.

CHEQUE FOR RESPECT FOR LIFE



Grand Knight William Mathie presents Bishop Bergie with a cheque for \$1000 in support of the Bishop's Respect Life committee. Funds for this donation and a similar donation to the St. Catharines Right to Life were raised through the sale by Brothers of lapel roses at local parishes: St Julia's, St Thomas Aquinas, St. Patrick's, Star of the Sea, St. Denis, St. John the Theologian, St. Alfred's, and St. Vincent de Paul.

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