

THE VANGUARD

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

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OUR CENTENNIAL WAS A YEAR OF GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Letters from the Executive

Grand Knight's Report

"Thank You!" These words just don't seem to convey my feelings when it comes to thanking everyone for allowing me to serve you for the last three years as Grand Knight.



**Grand Knight
Mike Carroll**

With the renovations to the hall, preparation for the Centennial, and the very successful Centennial Year, many members gave their all - and to them, I tip my hat! **You** have made our Council work and together **we did work!** We can all be proud of our accomplishments.

Our Council brought new members into the fold, we made new friends, we donated to the needy. We are good, hard-working members of the Knights of Columbus, and I am sure our Council worked

towards the fulfilment of Rev. Father McGivney's dream!

Brothers, I may no longer be your Grand Knight, but, I hope to be an active member of Council 1394. I believe, under the leadership of our newly elected Grand Knight - John Currey, we will excel!

I have one last request. **PLEASE** forward to me a photo of you and your wife (an 8"x10" would be great) and a brief history of your past accomplishments in your life and with the Knights. This information will be placed in our time capsule to be shared by our Brothers of the future!

Let us not be forgotten! Your Brother in Christ ...

Past Grand Knight Mike Carroll



HALL RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY OCTOBER 2008

Chaplain's Message

To my brother Knights and their families, I had the privilege to be at this year's Convention of the Knights in Toronto, there, I met the two Bishops who were present.

The President of the Eucharist was the Archbishop of Toronto, so I met the former State-Chaplain His Excellency Bishop Lafforgue and the new State-Chaplain Bishop Noel Simard.

It is not a surprise, that the Bishops are worrying about some priests. Most of them, live as good shepherds. Some have had some difficulties, but have reconciled with the good Lord. His Excellency Msgr. Noel Simard is Auxiliary Bishop of Sault Ste Marie. Some weeks ago, he was invited to give a speech at a Clergy Appreciation Dinner at Pembroke. There he mentioned that Archbishop Thomas Collins sent a letter, in which he expressed. "We must be thankful when wrong doing is revealed, for that can lead to renewal," (April 2010).

Pope Benedict XVI instituted the Year of the Priests from June 19, 2009 and will come to an end June 18, 2010. However, we will be invited to continue to pray for vocations of priests, deacons and religious.

Sometimes it seems that there are too many churches or at some places, not enough. We also hope and pray that all of our Councils may grow.

May the Eucharist be the source and the summit of the Christian life, the sacramental centre for all Catholics. May God bless you all!



**Father John M. Buis
Chaplin Council 1394**

Chaplin Father John Buis

In Memoriam

<i>Reginald A. Elliott</i>	<i>23-Mar-2010</i>
<i>Gasper L. Bering</i>	<i>11-Jan-2010</i>
<i>Thomas J. Smelle</i>	<i>01-Oct-2009</i>
<i>Patrick Cahill</i>	<i>31-Aug-2009</i>
<i>Michael V. Del Ben</i>	<i>05-Feb-2009</i>

If any Brothers hear of the passing of a fellow Knight, or the loved one of a Brother, please call me and let me know so that a condolence message can be sent on behalf of Council 1394.

Brian Whittaker (905) 688-6327.

A LETTER FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT ELECT

Thank you for your confidence by electing me your Grand Knight for the coming year. I accept the challenges, appreciate the background and success of the Brothers of the past 100 years and look forward to working with each of you individually and as a team to positively affect our Council.



John Currey
Grand Knight Elect

There are three overriding things I want to work especially smart this year.

Growth. By growing our membership we will be able to do more things for our faith, our community and our Council. I have been working with Brother Jack Konst and exploring ways we can attract new members, retain current members and encourage more participation by all of our current membership. Each of us has a special talent and ability that can help us grow and we intend to tap into that vast pool in our Council. Have you replaced yourself this year?

Succession. Every member should have a desire to become an officer in the Council. This desire, whether self-possessed or Council inspired, will bring new ideas, new procedures and new life to the Order. Each officer, committee chairman, committee member and general member should continually be aware of talent among those they work with and by selection, guide, direct and encourage others to aspire to their job or other postings of opportunity. We used to say in the education industry, "You never know when you may make contact with the big yellow bus." If it should happen you should have a person capable of sliding into your spot and carrying on to an even higher level. Having a replacement ready for yourself is not, by any means, a sign of weakness but a show of consummate confidence in yourself, your capabilities and your abilities. When there is a vibrant program of succession in an organization the future of that group is enhanced greatly. Have you replaced yourself this year?

Service. It may be said that SERVICE should be number 1 on this list of objectives however without a growing, vibrant group that, to use a sports cliché, is "deep benched", a commitment to continued and enhanced SERVICE will not support itself. Over the years, we have served our faith community, our parish communities and our city community well. Can we do more? Certainly! It must be service that we can support on an attainable level and it must be carefully planned and communicated to ourselves and our community. I guess it is like the old saying, "Don't hide your light under a bushel." Often what we do is known internally, makes us feel good but does the community at large know and understand our efforts? Each of our Council Directors, Committee Chairmen and members will be encouraged to find better ways to do what we do and have done well even better and will be encouraged to challenge ourselves to look at new things needing our attention, develop a plan to accomplish them and DO IT!

My Brothers, I look forward to an enjoyable year of accomplishments as we are taught in the second degree, through UNITY!

Grand Knight Elect - John Currey

A Note from the Deputy Grand Knight



Ron Adams
Deputy
Grand Knight

My brother Knights, we are beginning another fraternal year with many challenges and opportunities to do service for our council, church and community. I would like to congratulate John Currey on his appointment as Grand Knight and I assure him of my support along with the continuing support of all council 1394 Brother Knights.

I would like to thank my nominator and seconder to the Deputy Grand Knight position which I will continue to fulfill to the best of my ability. I would also like to welcome and congratulate all my newly elected Brother Knights to the Executive of Council 1394. I wish you well in your new endeavours.

Peace and good health be with you all.

Des's Corner

Centennial Committee



The Centennial Committee had its final meeting on March 31 with a dinner in our Clubroom, all members were present with a spouse/guest. Monsignor Pizzacalla joined us as the guest of Father Buis. Over the five year term, we had several illnesses and unfortunately lost Brother Ed Kubica, but in the end we did stay

our course and finished the job. Our Financial Secretary reported on that day our finances were in the BLACK for the first time in five years, but, there are still a few projects to be completed and no doubt more "bills" will come in. Every member of the committee was recognized for the parts they all played over the last five years and the projects that were completed will be evident for many years to come. From all my time at Council 1394 (since 1986), the most rewarding was as Chairman of this Centennial Committee. Thank you Brothers.



YOUR CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE



Annual Sponsored Walk

The seventh Annual Sponsored Walk was as before, poorly attended. The Brothers we had present all had an enjoyable hour and we raised close to \$1,000.00.

Hopefully, the new Chairman can generate more interest in the event.

This is one of the easiest ways to raise funds for our club.

Hotdog Sales

Brother John Nixon has graciously volunteered to organize the Hot Dog Sales. He will be calling upon everyone to donate a few hours to help out.



A Farewell Message from Des Kennedy

Having been called the "Special Events Organizer" this past fifteen years or more and Club Treasurer for nine years, it's now time to take a rest and let some other good Brothers take on that responsibility. I have been "BLAMED" for several money making events like the Sponsored Walk, Sunday Breakfasts, and Hot Dog Weekends to name a few. I feel confident that other Brothers will make sure that these events will continue because our Council will not survive if we don't have an income.

Brother John Nixon volunteered to run the Hot Dog Days and Brother Joe Karabinos was elected to be Treasurer. I will always be a Knight and help in as many ways as possible, so don't rejoice, you haven't seen the last of me yet.

As I leave these positions, I would need another six pages to name all the help I have had from my Brothers over the years, you all know that on behalf of our Council I have been very thankful.

Finally I want to say a "BIG" thank you to our present Grand Knight and Executive, and hope that we will all work well with our 2011 team and new Grand Knight John Currey.

Financial Secretary's Report



Michael Tapp
Financial Secretary

Our Brother Knights that come out to our regular meetings already know that I have resigned my post as Financial Secretary as of June 30th, 2010.

After much thought and consideration, I believe this is the right time for my family and I to begin a new chapter of our lives.

With summer close by, I would like to spend a little more time to do some traveling and camping etc. My replacement will be Brother Corry Vanderlee. I'm sure Corry will do a fantastic job.

I am proud to have served our Council for nine years, and every day as Financial Secretary has been a privilege. I would like to leave Corry with a clean slate with all dues paid, but there are three or four members that have not yet paid. If you are one of these, please send it in as soon as possible.



Brother
Ted van der Zalm
accepts a cheque
on behalf of
Wells of Hope from
Supreme Council.

KNIGHTS AT WORK

This Program is an excellent way for Brothers to earn a chance on a fantastic evening at one of St. Catharines premier restaurants, **THE BLUE MERMAID** at 10 Market Square. Take a virtual visit on-line and prepare your appetite. www.thebluemermaid.com

A draw for a \$300.00 gift certificate will take place at the last meeting of the calendar year, December 13, from the **KNIGHTS AT WORK CHAMBER**, and the winning Brother will receive the certificate, good for one year, to use at this wonderful family owned and staffed restaurant with whomever he wishes to invite.

To earn chances for this fabulous draw, all that is required is **participation**. That's right, nothing to buy - just attend a meeting, volunteer to help with bingo, breakfasts, dinners, hall and grounds clean-ups, hot dog sales, selling car raffle tickets, selling turkey tickets, euchre, and/or any Council sponsored project or program, and your name will be placed on a ballot and put into the **KNIGHTS AT WORK CHAMBER**.

Get your name in the **KNIGHTS AT WORK CHAMBER** several times by just volunteering or answering the call of committee chairmen when you are contacted to help the Council in its many projects.

Grand Knight Elect John Currey

2010 Car Raffle Ticket Sales Program

A Complete Success!

Our Council sold 1,100 special books of 6 tickets and 250 books of 10 tickets and took in \$16,265.81. We had to re-order books three times to keep our fantastic sellers stocked with tickets.

Brothers Walt Chemerika and Corry Vanderlee sold the last 97 tickets in under three hours forcing us to close our "ticket office" 7 hours early!

Success stories abound with our program this year. Brother Vic Di Vincenzo, who assumed leadership in the program managed the best week with sales of over \$4,000.

Brothers, each week we participate in this fundraising program for our Order, our Council and for the Arthritis Society requires over 100 volunteer slots to be filled. With our membership, this requires the assistance of **EVERY** able bodied Brother. Please, next year when called, try to give the Council at least three hours each week. If you can't, ask yourself to volunteer for at least two sessions the next week. We need your help.

Next year we have already requested eight selling sessions. We hope to get two sessions at the Pen Centre and two at Fairview Mall during the months of January through March. Then we have four requests for outside sessions at the Canadian Tire stores on Welland Avenue and Fourth Avenue.

Grand Knight Elect John Currey



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 the **FIRST Saturday of October** on your calendar and hopefully we can interest more Knights and friends to join us.

PGK Bill Perry

Membership Report

On Saturday May 29th, our St. Catherines Council 1394 hosted a Third Degree exemplification conferred by Humber Valley Council 3945 Toronto West.

There were 30 candidates taking their Third Degree. I congratulate the two Knights from our council, **Matthew Demeter** and **Corry Vanderlee** who received their 3rd Degree.

A special thanks to the **Degree Team** and to the Brothers of 1394 for putting on a great lunch and being gracious hosts to a packed hall of approximately 90 people.

I wish all my Brother Knights a great summer.

Jack Konst - Membership Chairman

A Special Thank You

Our resident craftsman, Israel Mailloux, created for the Council, a beautiful new wooden drum to be used for all of the special draws we have throughout the year. Nice job Israel and thanks!

Editor's Comments

Oh my! It seems like a couple of weeks ago that I was wishing all of my Brothers a Merry Christmas and here we are almost in the middle of June! First of all, I would like to thank my nominator and seconder for giving me the honour of being your Chancellor for the upcoming year.



Brian Whittaker
Editor &
Webmaster

Secondly, I would like to congratulate all the newly-elected members of the 2010-2011 Executive.

A special congratulations to our Grand Knight Elect, John Currey, who has agreed to steer the ship for the next year. I know that John takes his new role quite seriously, and he has already been quite busy getting everything in place. I call upon all of our Knights to support our new Grand Knight and all of the Executive. Please try to become more involved in our Council activities. Also, welcome to Corry Vanderlee who will become our Financial Secretary at the end of June.

It would be a serious omission on my part if I didn't say a few words about a few of our Brothers who are leaving the Executive after many years of service. Our fearless leader, Grand Knight Mike Carroll; Treasurer, Centennial Chairman and wearer of many hats Des Kennedy; of course our Financial Secretary of nearly a decade Mike Tapp and our Advocate of many years Tony Gazzola.

These men have given tirelessly of their time and energy for many years, and without them, I know that our Council wouldn't be where it is today! I have been honoured to work with these men and I am truly blessed to know them.

A special congratulations to Des Kennedy who received a 2010 St. Catharines Volunteer Award on April 20th.

Please check our Calendar of Events in this month's Vanguard and get out there and participate. The Calendar and this version of the Vanguard will also be posted on the website for easy access should you misplace your hard copy of the Vanguard.

I am still working on ways to improve our website. If you have any ideas, stories, pictures etc. that you would like to share, send them along and I will get them on-line.

Have a great summer, don't forget your sunblock and drive with care when you go on your holidays!

Take care and I hope to see you at our next business meeting!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS ALSO
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Grand Knight	John Currey
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Recorder	Carl G. Pearson
Financial Secretary	Corry L. Vanderlee
Treasurer	Joseph Karabinos
Advocate	PGK Michael K. Carroll
Warden	Ronald J. Bak
Lecturer	Jack J. Konst
Inside Guard	Geoff Haimes
Outside Guards	William E. Walters Leon Forgeron
Trustee 3 Years	John Nixon
Trustee 2 Years	William Mathie
Trustee 1 Year	PGK William Perry

Columbus Club 2010 – 2011

President for (2) Year Dir.	PGK Joe Dwyer
Treasurer Dir.	Corry Vanderlee
Director for (3) Years	Brian LeBlanc
Director for (3) Years	Victor Di Vincenzo
Director for (2) Years	Edwin B. King
Director for (1) Year	PGK John Dulong
Director for (1) Year	Ronald Bak
Grand Knight	John Currey

Committees

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Finance Director	Joe Karabinos
Membership Director	Jack Konst
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Calendar of Events - July to December 2010

July

Mon.	July 12	General Meeting at Hall	7:30pm
Sat.	July 24	Delta Bingo	5:00 - 9:00pm
Sat./Sun.	July 24/25	Hot Dog Sales, Super Store	10:00am - 5:00pm

August

Mon.	Aug. 9	General Meeting at Hall	7:30pm
Wed.	Aug. 18	4 th Degree General Meeting	6:00pm
Sat.	Aug. 28	Delta Bingo	5:00 - 9:00pm
Sat./Sun.	Aug. 28/29	Hot Dog Sales, Super Store	10:00am - 5:00pm

September

Mon.	Sept. 13	General Meeting at Hall	7:30pm
Wed.	Sept. 15	4 th Degree General Meeting	6:00pm
Sat./Sun.	Sept. 18/19	Hot Dog Sales, Super Store	10:00am - 5:00pm
Sat.	Sept. 25	Delta Bingo	5:00 - 9:00pm
Thurs.	Sept. 30	Diocesan Meeting - French Council	7:00pm

October

Sat.	Oct. 2	Euchre Night at Hall	7:00pm
Sat.	Oct. 9	Columbus Dinner at Hall	Dinner 6:00pm
Wed.	Oct. 20	4 th Degree General Meeting	6:00pm
Sat.	Oct. 23	Delta Bingo at Hall	5:00 - 9:00pm
Mon.	Oct. 25	General Meeting at Hall (Rescheduled due to Thanksgiving.)	7:30pm
Sun.	Oct. 31	FREE BREAKFAST for all members, spouse or special friend	Today ONLY!

November

Sun.	Nov. 7,14,21,28	Breakfast at the Hall	9:00am - Noon
Sat.	Nov. 6	Euchre Night at Hall	7:00pm
Mon.	Nov. 8	General Meeting at Hall	7:30pm
Sat.	Nov. 13	Past Grand Knights Dinner at Hall	6:00pm
Wed.	Nov. 17	4 th Degree General Meeting	6:00pm
Fri.	Nov. 19	Turkey Raffle at Hall	7:00 - 10:00pm
Mon.	Nov. 22	Memorial Mass at Hall	7:00pm

December

Sat.	Dec. 4	Euchre Night at Hall	7:00pm
Sun.	Dec. 5	Kids Christmas Party at Hall	1:30 - 4:00pm
Sat.	Dec. 11	Pick Up Turkeys at Hall	9:30am - 11:00am
Mon.	Dec. 13	General Meeting at Hall	7:30pm
Wed.	Dec. 15	4 th Degree General Meeting	6:00pm
Fri.	Dec. 31	News Years' Eve Party	8:00pm

