

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1394

The Vanguard

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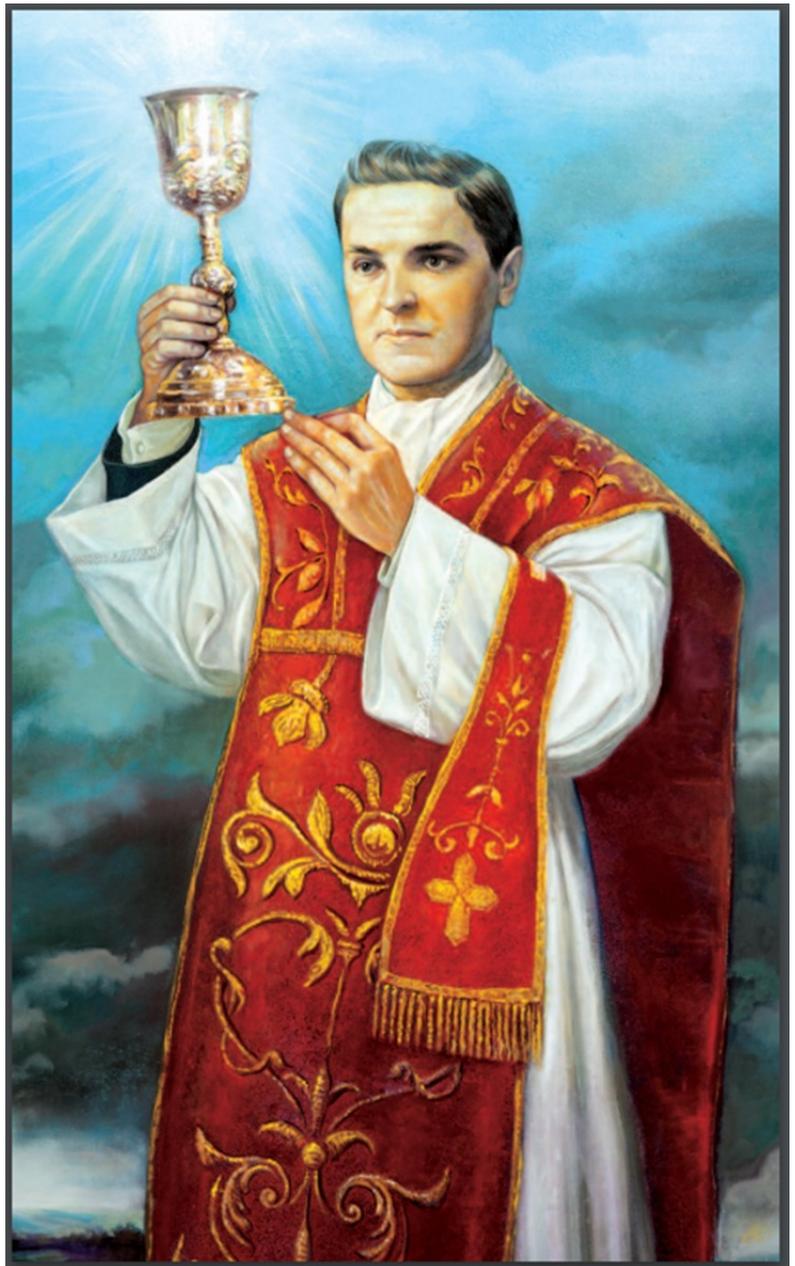


December 2021

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the out-cast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE 7:00 PM ON THE SECOND WEDNSDAY OF EACH MONTH. PLEASE BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD.

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Coldest Night of the Year

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On February 26th, Start Me Up Niagara will host its Coldest Night of the Year event and Council 1394 will be participating. Please consider joining our team of walkers!

Thank you to the many supporters in the past. Last year Knights of Columbus, Council 1394 raised \$1610 dollars.

Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

With your assistance our team would like to surpass last years donation!

Thanks Brothers!

Lets make this 2022 a success together!



Faithful Chaplain's Message

The Vanguard – December 2021
Father Chad Grennan

Dear Friends;

We have now entered into the Holy Season of Advent, a time of hope and joyful anticipation, and a time of penitential preparation as we approach the birth of the Messiah in Bethlehem. It is a time of preparation to receive and welcome God's greatest gift to humanity: His coming among us in the flesh in Our Lord Jesus Christ. The most important element in our preparation is vigilance in doing our part, with God's grace, to become more and more like Christ. This growth in holiness will be accomplished mainly through regular, constant prayer and frequent reception of the sacraments, and by striving to grow in the virtues and to overcome our defects. Preparing ourselves in this way will ensure that we will be well-disposed and at our best when we greet Our Lord on Christmas Day.

The good news is that we do not prepare alone. We are, in a sense, as we move thorough Advent, on our way to Bethlehem to welcome the Saviour when He is born. Mary and Joseph are also on their way to Bethlehem. They will face cold, darkness, and danger on their journey. They travel with joy, trusting in God completely, knowing that He is close to them and that a very happy event awaits them after they arrive in Bethlehem. May we, too, journey alongside Mary and Joseph (and Our Lord Jesus in the womb) as we approach the place where the Redeemer will be born for us. Let us keep Mary and Joseph close to us in prayer, speaking with them constantly as we travel the road of preparation and joyful anticipation that leads to Christmas. Their prayers for us will obtain God's grace to strengthen us as we journey through the Advent Season, culminating in our indescribable joy when we see and welcome the Christ-child in a manger, giving glory to God with the angels in Heaven.

May God bless you.

Father Chad Grennan

Faithful Chaplain, Council 1394

Parochial Vicar, Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria



Grand Knight's Report

The Vanguard – December 2021
Carl G. Pearson

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

On November 8th our council hosted its first General Meeting in almost 1 ½ years. The turnout was respectable, and it was nice to meet with Brother Knights once again. Thank you to all who participated!

During this meeting two important items were discussed:

1/ How soon will council events return?

The answer to this question is complex. I can appreciate that we are suffering from CoVID-itis and want to return to some form of normalcy, but we must proceed with caution. Physical distancing, wearing of masks, sanitization of oneself and touchpoints is essential. With this in mind, many of our event's hinge on... close contact, large gatherings, and common touchpoints. A second caveat to this item is that our membership is 2 years older and many of our volunteers are not as agile; having enough volunteers for our events is a real concern.

As we move into the New Year it looks like restrictions for travel and social gathering will be amended. It is my anticipation that our council will deliberate fundraisers and gatherings at every meeting and weigh pros & cons before deciding on a case-by-case basis.

2/ Motion to change our General Meeting night from Monday to Wednesday.

A motion was passed at the November 8th General Meeting to change our General Meeting from the second Monday to the second Wednesday night of the month. Moving forward, our General Meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of each month.

That said, **our next General Meeting will be held on December 8th at 7:00 p.m.**

As we enter the season of Advent, and on behalf of Lynn, John, and myself, we wish to extend a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your family.

Cheers to your health and happiness!

Vivat Jesus,

Brother Carl

Grand Knight, Council 1394



Financial Secretary's Report

The Vanguard – December 2021
Don Mikulinski

Greetings Brother Knights:

Thankfully we are getting back to a bit of normal operations concerning our Council after a long period of COVID restrictions.

The membership numbers have decreased these past 2 years as we have suffered the loss of 9 Brother Knights who have passed away. Also we have lost a few Brothers who decided to walk away from our Council, because of inactivity mostly and some have moved out of St. Catharines. Our Membership stands at 144 members at present, which includes 7 Honorary Members and 50 Honorary Life Members.

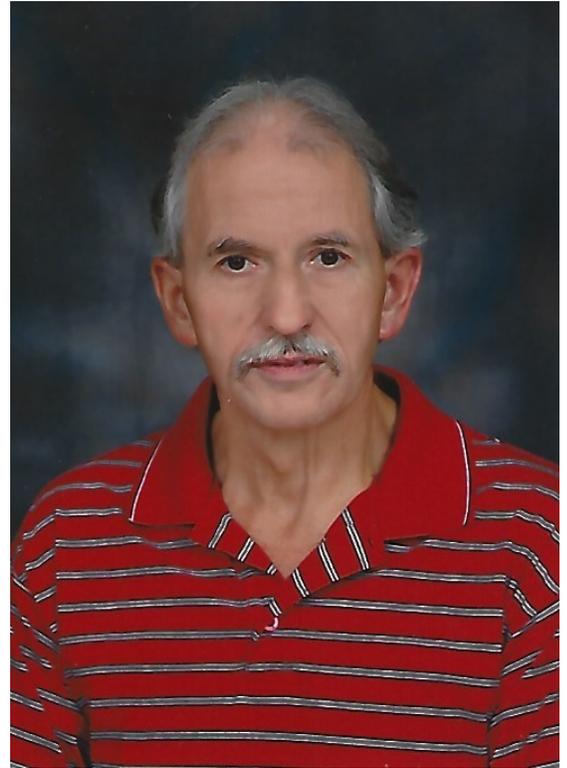
Our Retention Committee have been contacting our Members who have been delinquent in their dues payment, hoping to convince them to pay their dues owing. Some progress is being made. The Retention Committee includes PGK Ron Adams, our present GK Carl Pearson, Recorder Vivian Pereira and our Visitation Chairman Stephen Pluhar.

Supreme Council has waived all Assessments for the Council in the past years of 2020-21. State Council has reduced our Assessments by 50% in the same period. All bills have been paid at this time for our Council.

Finally, the Membership Dues Statements will be mailed out to the Membership during the last week of December for 2022. Regular dues are \$50.00, and Honorary Members dues are \$10.00.

Lastly I would like to wish all Brothers a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and successful New Year.

Brother Don Mikulinski
Financial Secretary, Council 1394



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Carl G. Pearson



Knights of Columbus

ST CATHARINES COUNCIL

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Dear Friends;

At the Knights of Columbus, we have 4 principals: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. At Council 1394 we have embraced these principals and continue to fulfill our mandate in a variety of ways. Our membership has developed many innovative ways to fundraise over the years, too numerous to list. This is something we can be proud of as we reminisce on our many accomplishments and forecast future initiatives.

Our Council is fortunate to have a relationship with Delta Bingo and Gaming St. Catharines; Delta Bingo provides a constant disbursement of charitable funds for our council to support great deeds performed in Niagara. Prior to this pandemic we are encountering, two members of our council would volunteer to host a bingo for two hours, twice or three times a month. As a result, Delta would donate a share from the respective bingo for our council to redistribute to local charities. As the pandemic persisted, OLG had to restrict interaction and one would think that the lack of participation from our contingent would result in a loss of funding. I am pleased to report that this is not the case, to date, Council 1394 and the charities we support continue to receive funds from Delta Bingo.

On behalf of Council 1394 I want to thank Delta Bingo for your continued support, together we are improving our community.

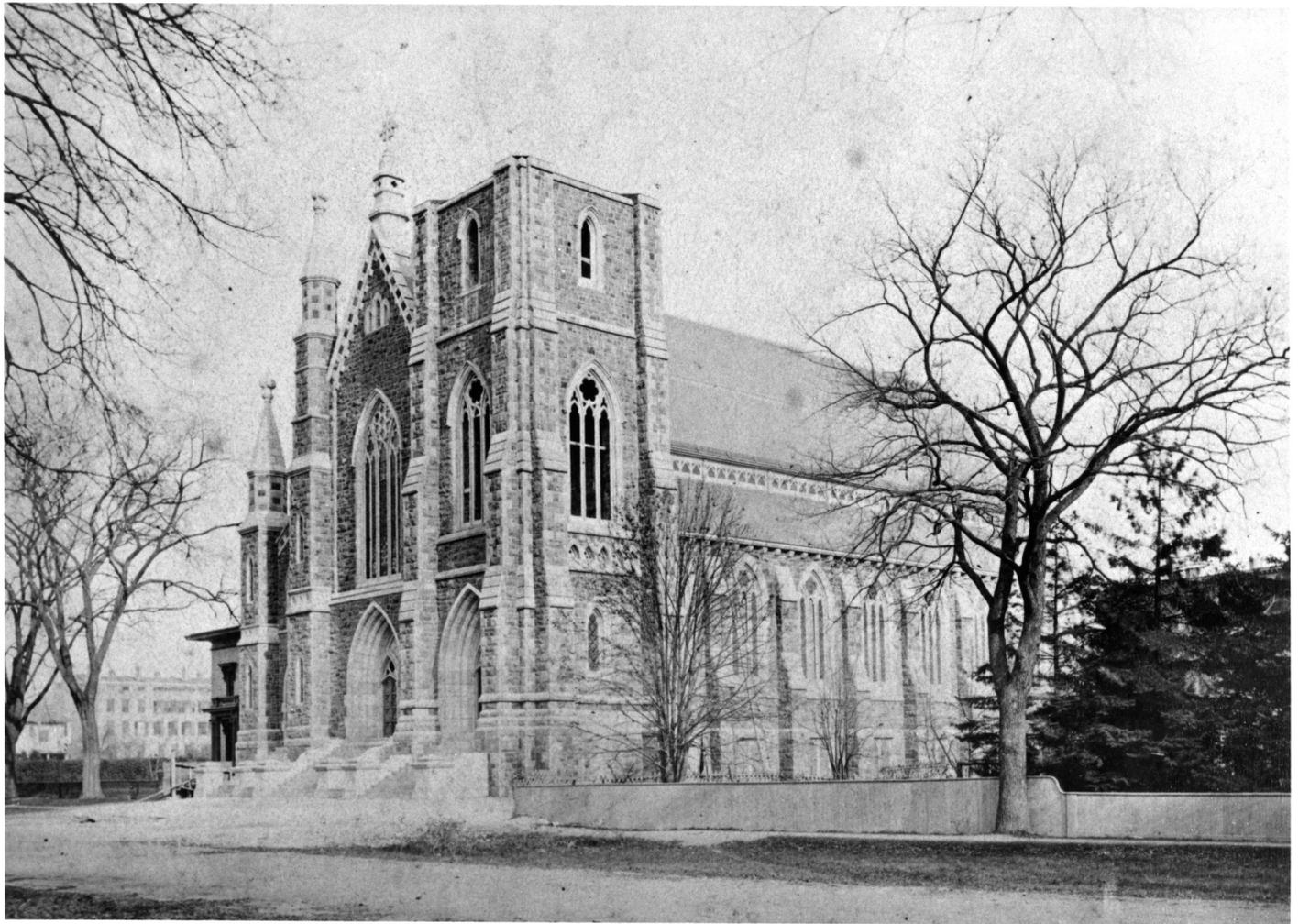
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carl Pearson'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carl G. Pearson, Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus – Council 1394

In Memoriam

The Vanguard – December 2021
Brian Whittaker



As a Catholic organization, departed Brothers are remembered daily in a special Mass offered for the repose of the souls of all our Brother Knights at St Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Order, in New Haven Connecticut.

Dr. Francis "Frank" Coholan, deceased May 25, 2021 - worthy member for 61 years
Norphy Rosetto, deceased May 5, 2021 - worthy member for 65 years
Ian "Nick" MacDonald, deceased December 14, 2020 - worthy member for 36 years
Michael Jackowitz, deceased November 8, 2020 - worthy member for 32 years
Joseph Beaulieu, deceased September 21, 2020 - worthy member for 15 years
Patrick Cline, deceased August 23, 2020 - worthy member for 57 years
Jerome Lalonde, deceased July 10, 2020 - worthy member for 63 years
Patrick McConville, deceased April 12, 2020 - worthy member for 29 years
PGK Mike D'Amelio deceased March 27, 2020 - worthy member for 21 years
John Balsom, deceased February 5, 2020 - worthy member for 68 years

VIVAT JESUS

Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids

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On November 30, 2021 Council 1394 donated 48 winter coats to Community Care St Catharines & Thorold. From left to right in the picture are: Betty-Lou Souter, CEO - Community Care; Walter (Walt) Cybulak, President - Columbus Club; Carl Pearson, Grand Knight - Council 1394; Don Mikulinski, Financial Secretary - Council 1394. This is part of the Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids" campaign, in 2021 the goal in Ontario is to donate 10,000 children's coats.

<https://ontariokofc.ca/programs/faith-in-action/community/coat-for-kids/#welcome>



Officers for 2021 - 2022

Chaplain: Rev. Father Chad Grennan
Grand Knight: Carl G Pearson
Deputy Grand Knight: Fred Gratton
Financial Secretary: Don Mikulinski
Treasurer: Derek Pavlakovich
Recording Secretary: Vivian Pereira
Warden: Frank Koch
Advocate: PGK Mike Carroll
Lecturer: PGK William Mathie
Chancellor: Geoff Haimes
Inside Guard: Alcide (Sid) Michaud
Outside Guard: Joe Pizzati
Outside Guard: Stephen Pluhar
3rd Year Trustee: Brian LeBlanc
2nd Year Trustee: Walter (Walt) Cybulak
1st Year Trustee: *Position Open*

Columbus Club 2021 - 2022

President: Walter (Walt) Cybulak
Secretary: Brian Leblanc
Treasurer: Don Mikulinski
Director (3) Years: Brian Leblanc
Director (2) Years: Frank Koch
Director (1) Year: George Saranchuk

Committees

Bingo: Walter (Walt) Cybulak
Columbus Club: Walter (Walt) Cybulak
Membership: Fred Gratton
Pro-Life Coordinator: William Mathie
Senior's Coffee: Des Kennedy, PGK Mike Carroll
Upcoming Degree Ceremonies: PGK Ron Adams
Vanguard: Brian Whittaker, Carl Pearson
Visitation: Stephen Pluhar

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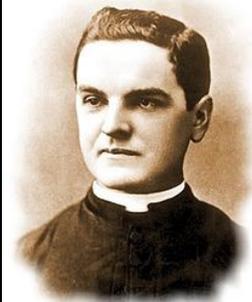
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Sincerely, your Vanguard Committee.