

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1394

The Vanguard

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Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians icon

Spread devotion to Our Lady and pray for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk around the world through the Marian Prayer Program. As the new Marian image is brought on pilgrimage through the jurisdiction, councils will host the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians icon for a prayer service at their parish.

The 2018-2019 Marian Prayer Program presents the 18th Marian image sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this time of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Each Knights of Columbus jurisdiction receives several Marian images, which serve as the centerpieces for prayer services conducted in churches and council meeting places throughout the Order for the duration of the initiative. Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus' Marian Prayer Program has held more than 166,900 local council and parish prayer services with some 20 million participants. This year, the prayer service is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them.

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

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Knights of Columbus - Today's Knights: What We Do

From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. We are men of faith and men of action. Last year alone, in addition to raising and donating more than \$158 million to charitable needs and projects, Knights volunteered more than 70 million hours of their time to charitable causes, assisting those in need. Moreover, in the K of C, we approach these acts of charity together. Pope Benedict XVI calls this the “practice of love... as a community.” Our charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. From international charitable partnerships with Right to Life, Respect for Life, Wells of Hope, Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair mission, Habitat for Humanity, Food for Families, Coats for Kids projects and other local charities. If what we do appeals to you, please join us.





OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

April 12, 2019

At the beginning of the Easter Vigil, after the blessing of the fire and the lighting of the paschal candle, the ancient proclamation, the *Exsultet*, is chanted. It is the song of our salvation because, in poetic verse, it presents us with the meaning and significance of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

One of the more notable lines in the *Exsultet* is found in the following, "O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned for us so great, so glorious a Redeemer." Here we find reference to Original Sin and to the fact that good can come from something that, by its very nature, is bad. We celebrate in song the reality that God is able to turn evil to good.

In the fifth century, Pope St. Leo the Great wrote, "Through the cross, the faithful receive strength from weakness, glory from dishonour, and life from death" (Sermon 59). This is the essence of the Paschal Mystery. It is only through the suffering and death of Jesus that we can experience life. What seems to be a contradiction is the essence of our salvation. The Resurrection is all about transforming perceived failure into victory.

The Easter message offers great hope in this life as we celebrate the fact that triumph can come from tragedy. When we feel overwhelmed by life, or discouraged by our sin and weakness, we do not give up because all is not lost. If we focus on the Risen Lord, then we will see good come from evil and hope from despair.

Our Blessed Mother Mary is a perfect example of this attitude for she believed that nothing is impossible with God. She journeyed with her Son to Calvary, stood beneath His cross, and was a witness to His Resurrection. She was one of the first to receive His gift of peace. Mary lived the entire Paschal Mystery and will help us to do the same.

"O happy fault that earned for us so great, so glorious a Redeemer." May that great Redeemer, Our Lord Jesus Christ, grant you the gift of peace during this Holy Easter Season.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.
Bishop of St. Catharines

Grand Knight Report

The Vanguard – June 2019
Johnson Moraes

Dear Brothers;

It was a great pleasure in June 2018 when I was installed as the Grand Knight for Council 1394. With a great team of my brother Knights every challenge that came my way was a smooth sail.

I was part of few charity events namely "The Coats for Kids Program". In November 2018 We donated 2 boxes of coats to the Community Care Center, 2 boxes of coats to St. Theresa's School and 1 box of coats to St. Peter's School all in St. Catharines.

Our Sunday breakfast in November 2018 was a great success ever when we made a record of serving over 570 guests. All thanks to our brother Knights who worked relentlessly to make this event a great success.

In my tenure so far, I was able to add almost 10 new members to our council. We have also lost a few members who went to the Lord and some were over 60 years as Knights. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our council when our Worthy State Deputy Dan Heffernan and Supreme Trainer SK Paul Perry offered a special training session on Safe Environment. 12 Brother Knights from our council were able to take this training and I can proudly say our Council is now complaint.

I am now moving to my 2nd year term since I am re-elected once again to continue as Grand Knight. Thanks to my brother Knights who have put their trust in me.

Last but not the least I take this opportunity in wishing every one of you along with your family members a safe and pleasant summer.



Johnson Moraes

Grand Knight, Council 1394

Deputy Grand Knight Report

The Vanguard – June 2019

Carl G. Pearson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

As I write this letter, I reflect on the past year and give thanks to God the Father.

It is my great honour to serve as Council 1394's Deputy Grand Knight and want to thank my Brother Knights for having confidence in me. The Knights of Columbus is an extraordinary organization and our council is a shining example of what a dedicated collective can achieve.

In my role as DGK, I enjoy the increased opportunity to spend time with our Grand Knight Johnson Moraes; Johnson is a passionate leader and it is truly a pleasure working with him and our Committee Chairs on many of the causes our council supports. I would be neglect if I did not include the important leadership and participation from our Chaplin Rev. Father Stephen Innamorati and our Field Agent Philip Brand. TEAM – Together Everyone Achieves More! Together we fulfill our core principles... Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism



Moving forward, some items I would like to see come to fruition include establishment of a Degree Team and sponsorship of a Columbian Squires Circle. We may be a few years away from achieving these goals, but in time I believe they are possible.

During 2018, we celebrated the lives of Joseph Dwyer, Austin Rose, Joseph Karabinos, Nicholas Marino, Donald Wiley, Paul Trudeau, and Lloyd Drohan. In 2019 we commemorated the lives of Israel (Issy) Mailloux, Deacon Bob Wood, Umberto Donatelli, William Davey, and Tony Gazzola. Please keep these brothers and their families in your prayers.

Thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brother Carl G. Pearson

Deputy Grand Knight, Council 1394

We Stand Strong on Ethical Ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to ensure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But don't just take our word for it. In 2018 the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute for the fifth year in a row.

We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honour. "Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

Brothers dealing with Brothers:

Phillip J. Brand

Fraternal Advisor (905) 309-0578



The advertisement is a rectangular box with a white background. At the top left is the Knights of Columbus logo, a shield with a cross and a star. To its right, the text reads "Knights of Columbus INSURANCE" in a serif font, with "YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE" in a smaller font below it. In the center, the name "Phillip J. Brand," is written in a large, bold, serif font. Below the name are the credentials "BA, CFA, CFC, CFP, FIC, MDRT" in a smaller, bold, serif font. To the right of the text is a headshot of Phillip J. Brand, a man with short brown hair, wearing a suit and tie, smiling. Below the headshot is a small circular logo with the word "MDRT" inside. Below the MDRT logo is the phone number "905-309-0578" and the email address "phillip.brand@kofc.org". At the bottom of the box, there is a blue banner with white text that reads "Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance" and "Retirement Annuities • Disability Insurance". Below the banner, in a small font, is the text "Protecting Catholic families since 1882."

In Memoriam

The Vanguard – June 2019
Brian Whittaker

As a Catholic organization Our departed Brothers will also be remembered in the daily Memorial Mass at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut to commemorate all deceased Brother Knights around the world.

PGK Angelo "Tony" Gazzola, Deceased April 21, 2019 - worthy member for 69 years.

William Davey, Deceased March 21, 2019 worthy member for 34 years.

Umberto "Bert" Donatelli, Deceased February 21, 2019 worthy member for 45 years.

Rev. Deacon Robert Wood, deceased February 18, 2019 worthy member for 20 years.

Israel "Issy" Mailloux, deceased January 27, 2019 worthy member for 45 years.

Jean Trudeau, deceased December 20, 2018 worthy member for 20 years.

Lloyd Drohan, deceased December 18, 2018 worthy member for 56 years.

Donald Wiley, deceased November 5, 2018 worthy member for 64 years.

Nicholas Marino, deceased August 18, 2018 worthy member for 59 years.

Joseph Karabinos, deceased May 15, 2018 worthy member for 26 years.

Austin Rose, deceased January 23, 2018 worthy member for 61 years.

Joseph Dwyer, deceased January 6, 2018 worthy member for 74 years.

William Fischer deceased October 5, 2017 worthy member for 24 years.

Joseph O'Brien, deceased June 26, 2017 worthy member for 65 years.

Rev. Father Trevor Plug, deceased June 13, 2017 worthy member for 2 years.

Wilfrid LaBelle, deceased May 22, 2017 worthy member for 56 years.

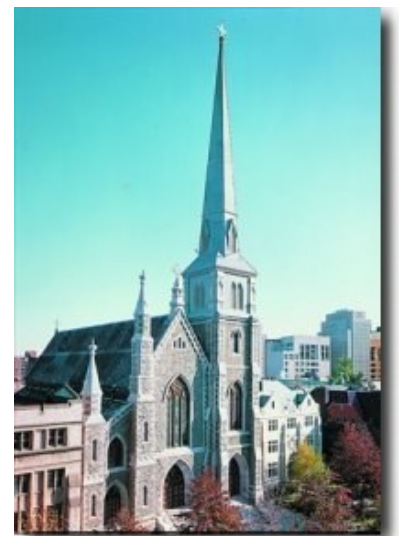
PGK Charlie Therriault, deceased August 28, 2016 worthy member for 42 years.

Patrick White, August 27, 2016 worthy member for 62 years.

John Vanderlee, deceased March 3, 2016 worthy member for 57 years.

Francis Dwyer, deceased January 17, 2016 worthy member 67 years.

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JESUS



Pro-Life Coordinator Report

The Vanguard – June 2019

William Mathie

Support for the Culture of Life as defined by Saint John Paul II and opposition to abortion and euthanasia have long been central concerns for the Knights of Columbus. Fifty years ago, abortion was legalized in Canada. Thirty years later our Supreme Court made us one of the only countries in the world with no restrictions on abortion at any time and for any reason. Three years ago, euthanasia and assisted suicide became legal in Canada. Our provincial government has recently established bubble zones that forbid efforts to dissuade those seeking abortion. Our federal government under Justin Trudeau has made those who oppose unlimited abortion ineligible for student job grants. And it is reported that the Trudeau Liberals plan to make their support of abortion a defining issue in our upcoming federal election.

Can we still hope to restore the culture of life in our time? As I write we see signs of hope in the U.S. as several states enact laws to restrict abortion, hoping that their Supreme Court will reverse or qualify its support for unlimited abortion. We find hope whenever a young woman considering abortion decides instead to protect the child in her womb. In his homily at this year's Respect Life Mass Bishop Bergie reminded us that in our Catholic faith in the resurrection of the Lord, as recalled at every Mass, we know that what seems humanly impossible is possible with God's help.

The efforts of our own Council to support the Culture of Life continue. In the past year we have made large donations to the local Right to Life Association and the Bishop's Respect Life Committee through the sale of lapel roses for life at several parishes: Thomas Aquinas, St. Patrick's, Star of the Sea, St. Dennis, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. John the Theologian, St. Alfred, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Julia's. The funds raised have helped send students to the Annual march for Life in Ottawa, have supported a Pro-Life Speakers' Workshop, and enabled us to make Culture of Life Awards at our Catholic high schools. A new and beautiful sign urging "a choice you can both live with" has just been completed by Brother Joe Pizzatti and will soon be erected on our Council's hall at 235 Church Street. And, of course, as Knights of Columbus, we pray constantly for the cause of life.

William Mathie

Pro-Life Coordinator & Past Grand Knight, Council 1394



Donation to Right to Life - Council 1394

Grand Knight Johnson Moraes presents a cheque for \$1500 to the St. Catharines Right to Life. The 2018-2019 donation was funded by the sale of lapel roses for life. The donation helped area students attend the annual March for Life in Ottawa on May 9th. GK Moraes is seen with Marlene Tersigni, the Executive Director of the Association (on Moraes' left), and Joan Webb the Executive Assistant.



A Brief History of Council # 1394

Excerpt from - The Vanguard – July 2007
PGK Tony Gazzola

A Brief History of Council #1394

The Council received its charter on March 29, 1909. There were 53 charter members. The first Grand Knight was M.J. McCaron and the first Chaplain was Reverend Denis Morris. There have been 52 Grand Knights and 9 Chaplains. The Council first met at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria on Church Street until the early 1940's when property was purchased at 149 King Street where Carlisle Street is now. In early 1977, this property was expropriated by the City of St. Catharines. The Council then moved to the Holy Childhood building on Wellington Street at Lake Street. In July of 1979, we moved to our present location at 235 Church Street. Council #1394 was the first Council in the Niagara Region. It was followed by #1652 Niagara Falls in 1912, #2319 Thorold in 1921, #4917 Grimsby in 1960, Thorold #2319 reactivated in 1979, #7741 Pere Edmund (French) in 1981, #8378 St. Mary's in 1983 and Cathedral Council #9222 in 1985. At one time, our Council had 2 First Degree teams, 1 Second Degree team and 1 Third Degree Team. The Council also sponsored a Columbian Squires Circle #1251. The Circle was very active.

JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Abortion Vigil St. Cath. General Hospital 3:00 pm
2	3 Council 1394 General Meeting 7:00 pm	4	5	6	7 Council 1394 Installation of Officers 6:00 pm	8
9 Procession of the Icon St. Thomas Aquinas Church 10:00 am	10	11	12	13	14	15 Catholic Men's Breakfast 7:00 am Club Roma
16	17	18 Council 1652 Clergy Apprecia- tion Dinner 6101 North St., N.F. 7:00 pm	19 4th Degree Meeting Club Roma 7:00 pm	20	21	22 Eastern Rite Mass, St. Cyril and Methodius Church, 14 Rolls Ave., 6:00 pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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JULY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Abortion Vigil 3:00 pm St. Cath
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

AUGUST 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Abortion Vigil St. Cath. General Hospital 3:00 pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Council 1394 Officers' Meeting 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6	7 Abortion Vigil St. Cath. General Hospital 3:00 pm
8	9 Council 1394 General Meeting 7:00 pm	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 4th Degree Meeting Club Roma 7:00 pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Council 1394 Seniors Coffee 2:30 pm	27	28
29	30					

OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Abortion Vigil St. Cath. General Hospital 3:00 pm
6	7 Council 1394 Officers' Meeting 7:00 pm	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Council 1394 General Meeting 7:00 pm	15	16 4th Degree Meeting Club Roma 7:00 pm	17	18	19 Bishop's Charity Dinner Club Roma 7:00 pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Council 1394 Columbus Day Dinner 6:00 pm
27	28	29	30	31 Council 1394 Seniors Coffee 2:30 pm		

NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Abortion Vigil St. Cath. General Hospital 3:00 pm
3 Council 1394 Charity Breakfast 9:00 am – Noon	4 Council 1394 Officers' Meeting 7:00 pm	5	6	7	8	9
10 Council 1394 Charity Breakfast 9:00 am – Noon	11 Council 1394 General Meeting 7:00 pm	12	13	14	15	16
17 Council 1394 Charity Breakfast 9:00 am – Noon	18	19	20 4th Degree Meeting Club Roma 7:00 pm	21	22	23
24 Council 1394 Charity Breakfast 9:00 am – Noon	25	26	27	28 Council 1394 Seniors Coffee 2:30 pm	29	30

2019 EVENTS PICTURES

St. Patrick's Day Dinner



May Charity Yard Sale



May Blossom Tour



Officers for 2019 - 2020

Chaplain:	Father Stephen Innamorati
Grand Knight:	Johnson Moraes
Dep. Grand Knight:	Carl Pearson
Financial Secretary:	Don Mikulinski
Treasurer:	Derek Pavlakovich
Recording Secretary:	Peter Quashigah
Warden:	Frank Koch
Advocate:	Mike Carroll
Lecturer:	William Mathie
Chancellor:	Geoff Haimes
Inside Guard:	Alcide (Sid)
Michaud	
Outside Guard:	Joe Pizzatti
Outside Guard:	Stephen Pluhar
Trustee:	Walt Cybulak
Trustee:	Brian LeBlanc
Trustee:	William Grodesky

Columbus Club 2019 - 2020

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

Committees

Bingo:	Mike Jackowitz
Columbus Club:	Walter Cybulak
Membership:	Mike Coakley
Pro-Life Coordinator:	William Mathie
Senior's Coffee:	Des Kennedy
Degree Ceremonies:	Ron Adams
Vanguard:	Brian Whittaker
	Carl Pearson
Visitation:	Stephen Pluhar

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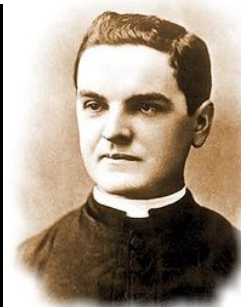
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