

Knights of Columbus

Winnipeg (St. John Brebeuf) Council #1107



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Grand Knight's Report



My Fellow Knights

As we approach into the Christmas Season, I ask that we all take a moment to reflect on the past year and all the blessings God has given us. One thing I can say I am blessed with is great group of brother Knights who work so hard to keep our council so active and programs running. Many hours go into the planning and organizing of these events and fund raising. There are so many to thank, it would take me three newsletters to thank you all personally.

At our November general meeting we began with a First Degree ceremony where we welcomed two new members to our council. After the Degree ceremony State Deputy, Guy Precourt presented our council with the Star Council Award.

While our meeting was going on, a number of ladies and brother Knights made sandwiches for our luncheon that followed our Remembrance Day service. Thank you to Eileen Desrochers, Todd, Janice and David Dobson, Tom Crew and others for this hard work.

This year's Remembrance Day Service was wonderful event. And every year it seems to get bigger and better. I'd like to thank Dan and Joe for working on the video presentation. Jack, Omer, and Grant for helping set up. Thanks to Grant for being the MC. I'd like to thank the Fourth Degree Honour Guard for their participation

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Chaplain's Report



Dear Brother Knights,

We begin the season of Advent this coming weekend. It is a season that seems to be dismissed as pre-Christmas. It is a season that has us waiting for the coming of the Lord. It is a season that makes us focus not on the past and not on the future but on the present. We stand in the now, looking at our lives, and accepting the call that we receive every day from our God of the Present -- a call of service, a call of mercy a call of *now*. We just have the *now* to do the work of our vocation. In his fine commentary on Matthew's Gospel, William Barclay cited a fable about three apprentice demons that were being sent to earth to complete their apprenticeships (*The Daily Study Bible*, The Saint Andrew Press, Edinburgh, U.K.: 1975). Before they departed, Satan asked each of them how they were going to tempt and ruin humankind. "I will tell them there is no God," said the first. Satan responded, "That will not delude many, for they know there is a God." At that the second demon said, "I will tell them there is no hell." To that Satan said, "You will deceive no one, for they also know that there is a hell for the unrepentant." The third demon said, "I will tell them that there is no hurry." Pleased at this response, Satan said, "Go! You will ruin them by the thousands."

Let us live the season of Advent in all its fullness... and be ready to stand in the Real Presence—The Lord Jesus Christ – *NOW!*

Vivat Jesus,

Father Mark Tarrant, Chaplain

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EXECUTIVE MEETING
SJB PARISH HALL
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25TH, 2010
TIME: 7:30 PM

COLUMBUS COURTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1ST, 2009
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY DEC 5TH
AFTER BOTH MASSES

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
ST. JOHN BREBEUF: DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8TH, 2010
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
SATURDAY DECEMBER 11TH, 2010
ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH HALL
8:00 AM - NOON

EXECUTIVE MEETING
SJB PARISH HALL
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22ND, 2010
TIME: 7:30 PM

GRAND KNIGHTS CHRISTMAS PARTY
SJB PARISH HALL
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2011

COLUMBUS COURTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4TH, 2011
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
ST. JOHN BREBEUF: DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11TH, 2011
TIME: 7:30 P.M.



NEW MEMBERS

Angelo DaCosta

Mladen Zivanovic

Winnipeg (St. John Brebeuf) Council #1107 **Executive for the Columbian Year 2009-2010**

Grand Knight	Lawrie Caron	885-1047
Deputy G.K.	Jack Blair	488-2201
Chaplain	Fr. Mark Tarrant	
Fin. Secretary	Joe Brekelmans	488-3892
Treasurer	Aurèle LeClaire	489-6996
Recorder	Gordon Danylchuk	475-8330
Advocate	Omer DeWandel	261-8256
Chancellor	Roy McPhail	231-2040
Warden	Alan Simoens	488-8987
Inside Guard	Ray Senez	895-1577
Inside Guard	Norm Barnabe	231-2031
Outside Guard	Pat Gobenciong	488-2226
Trustee 1 yr.	Bob Girouard	488-2968
Trustee 2 yr.	Dan Shepherd	488-4636
Trustee 3 yr	Grant Nazarko	489-3748
Program Director	Omer DeWandel	261-8256
Church Director	Mike Thibert	688-4145
Community Director	Omer DeWandel	261-8256
Council Director	Jack Blair	488-2201
Youth Director	Dave Bruneau	489-1928
Membership	Bob Girouard	488-2968
Family Director	Joe Brekelmans	488-3892
Lecturer	David Bruneau	489-1928
Public Relations	Joe Brekelmans	488-3892
Pro-Life Director	Todd Dobson	489-0335
Columbus Courts	George Ferris	981-7305
Bulletin Editor	Grant Nazarko	489-3748
Webmaster	Joe Brekelmans	488-3892

Grand Knight's Message

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I would thank all the presenters of the wreaths, and a special thanks to Fr. Mark for saying Mass

I'd like to give a big thanks to those that are running with the Sobey's Fund Raiser. Omer has been the force behind getting it going. Dan made a banner for us to put around the table. A number of people have volunteered to help, and I thank you. If you are interested in helping out, contact Omer for more information.

The Grand Knight's Christmas Dinner will be on January 7th, 2011. It will be in our parish hall. I will be sending out a personnel invite to you all, and include all the details. I hope you will be able to attend.

December will be a busy month. We have a Pancake Breakfast on Dec. 5th, and Breakfast with Santa on Saturday Dec. 11th. Let me know if you can help out. The more hands the better! Also, if anyone is able to help me out with "Knights Before Christmas", I need some assistance before and after the Saturday Mass.

Finally, on behalf of the council I wish to send along my sincere condolences to Bob G. and his wife Denise, on the passing of her father. Our thoughts and prayers go with you.

Vivat Jesus,

Lawrie Caron, Grand Knight, Council #1107



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

In a time when things religious are being discouraged and swept all away, it's refreshing to know that the Order sponsors the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign to remind people that Christmas is above all a holy day celebrating the birth of Christ. Keeping Christ in Christmas is keeping the very heart and meaning of the Christmas celebration alive.

Art Exhibit and Sale Report

As you have already been aware the art display boards for this event are not available for the planned weekend of May 13th, 14th, 15th. However we have obtained the green light to proceed with the exhibit from Fr. Mark on the weekend of May 6th, 7th and 8th, 2011.

Mark your calendars with this change. This event is going to take a tremendous amount of manpower and effort.

Please volunteer your input and expertise!

Omer DeWandel

ICCD REPORT

We are soliciting members to sell tickets on these new dates
Please call the following to volunteer

George Ferris 981 7305
Robert Girouard 488 2968
Omer DeWandel 261 8256

Please note the following bookings for selling of ICCD tickets:

Grant Park Shopping Centre
Sunday Nov. 28th-Saturday Dec. 4

Price Choppers
Pembina and Stafford
Thursday Nov.25th-Saturday Nov.27th

There remain many openings for the Grant Park booking and also at the time of writing this report there are no volunteers for the Price Choppers booking.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please pray for Ben D'Souza, Leonard Schmidt, and Helen Blair for recovery to good health.

We extend our sympathy to Brother Bob Girouard and his wife Denise on the passing of her father.

THE SOBEY'S GIFT CARD PROGRAM

At the time of writing this report we will have been one month into the Sobeys Fundraiser. Sales have been beyond expectations. Four weeks of sales are approximately \$12,750. I would like to thank the members who are participating in this event and also the parish office for their ongoing promotion and weekday sales. Rick Mayhew has been spectacular in his promo presentations

We have now three members committed to the sales desk for each mass. In order to create a rotating schedule we should have at least four members. We have assigned a captain member that will be responsible for the respective mass sales. Jack Blair will undertake those duties for the Saturday Mass, Dan Shepherd for the Sunday 9:30 am and Omer DeWandel will cover the 11:30 am Mass. To volunteer your time contact the respective captain.

Joe Brekelmans will give an up to date financial statement for November at our upcoming general meeting.

Let's keep up the momentum.

Please volunteer your time and effort for this worthwhile, ongoing project

Omer DeWandel

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Knights of Columbus

Please do not forget your obligations regarding attending meetings. Please plan to attend, participate in the council's plans, and then enjoy a time for fellowship that follows each meeting.

Thanks to all for selling the **GREY CUP** pool tickets. Now that we are so good in selling these pool tickets our Super Bowl tickets will be available soon. Grant Nazarko will be circulating them before Christmas,

Time to take control

A statistic I find frightening is this: about 50% of households have no individually owned life insurance. If you aren't among the 50%, I will enlist your help in your council as a spokesman to convince those with no insurance of the value of life insurance.

While the number for those with absolutely no life insurance is just as – if not more – frightening, the 50% does not include those who have some form of group life insurance.

This group life issue is an interesting security blanket. Most times, the amount offered is far from what you need, and the only way to determine what you need is with a comprehensive needs analysis. Your company's benefits supplier doesn't do needs analysis. Instead, they apply a formula: you make X amount in salary and the group life is either a flat amount or a multiple of your salary. Either way, it has nothing to do with the number of children, the mortgage balance you carry, or the amount of money your wife would need if you die. It's a completely random number.

It can also disappear at any time. All of us know people – friends, family members, and neighbours – who have lost their jobs. When the job is lost, so is the group life insurance coverage. If the company experiences difficulty and budgets need to be cut, group life can be reduced or eliminated. That decision could be made at the worst possible time.

Most group life insurance coverage reduces or disappears when you retire. Many times it can be converted, but at a very expensive premium (remember, you're no kid anymore when you retire, and premiums do rise as you get older). Just because you turn 65 doesn't mean you no longer need life insurance or need less coverage. Actually, the opposite is true.

Group life insurance is a great benefit and certainly does help, but it must be supplemented with a personally owned portfolio. We can tell you exactly how to blend your group benefit with your K of C life insurance so things can be in your control. Don't let the feeling of security that group life provides distract you from the real issue.

From your insurance rep.

Cleo Castillo FIC
K of C Fraternal Advisor