

Knights of Columbus

Winnipeg (St. John Brebeuf) Council #1107



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Grand Knight's Report



My Brother Knights

I am presently on vacation in the north of France; Yesterday Eileen and I toured the WW 1 battle sites just over the border in Belgium and visited the huge cemeteries of Passchendaele and Ypres, and some of the memorials in the area. In our reading we have discovered that there are 72 cemeteries in the area around Ypres. We attended the playing of The Last Post at the Menin Gate that has been played by the buglers every evening at sunset since 1929. There ceremony was attended by more than 500 people, a true example of Lest We Forget.

As Eilen and I saw the thousands of graves and the ten of thousands of names of those that do not have a known grave we could only question the loss of so many young men. Unfortunately that War was not the last of the wars and even today we know that many Canadians are involved in today's conflicts. Eileen and I spent time to say a prayer for those that have died and for those today that are representing our country. Our thoughts and prayers definitely turned to fellow Knight, Jack Blair, who has a son Stephen in Afghanistan who was included in our prayers.

On another note I am sure that fellow Knight Lawrie Caron and all of you have made the pancake breakfast ant the State meeting a success. As I write this I can see many of you flipping pancakes and serving bacon and sausages to our fellow parishioners. So a big thank you to all that helped.

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Chaplain's Report



Dear Brother Knights,

October is a month when we think, thankfully, of the many blessings God has given to us in our lives. On the formal Thanksgiving Weekend, we offer thankful prayer for the gifts of the harvest especially. However, we would be pretty poor Christians if we didn't realize that our thanksgiving must include more than just material things, even though these are really necessary.

Everything we have is a gift from God: our very existence, our talents, our uniqueness as individuals, our ability to love. There is not anything that is not gift!

The beautiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Jesus, His Son. We need to remember also that God has made us the stewards of creation and so God wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people. Therefore, our prayer is not only to thank God for His gifts, but also to help us to know how to and then to actually share those gifts with others as God has so generously shared His blessings with us; a prayer like this:

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Upcoming Degrees

October 25, 2008

First: 9:00 a.m.

Holy Ghost Hall

Major: 12:00 noon

October 28, 2008

First: 7:00 p.m.

St. Ignatius

November 22, 2008

First: 9:00 a.m.

St. Ignatius

Major: 12:00 noon

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
ST. JOHN BREBEUF: DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8TH, 2008
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE MEETING
SJB PARISH HALL
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22ND, 2008

CASINO NIGHT
PARKWAY RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
85 PAGET STREET
(OFF STERLING LYON PARKWAY)
SATURDAY OCTOBER 25TH
TIME: 8:00 P.M.

COLUMBUS COURTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5TH, 2008
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
ST. JOHN BREBEUF CHURCH
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH, 2008
TIME: 10:30 A.M.

TRIVIA NIGHT
SJB PARISH HALL
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH, 2008
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
ST. JOHN BREBEUF: DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH, 2008
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE MEETING
SJB PARISH HALL
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26TH, 2008

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
SJB PARISH HALL
SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH, 2008

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
ST. JOHN BREBEUF: DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10TH, 2008

Winnipeg (St. John Brebeuf) Council #1107 Executive for the Columbian Year 2008-2009

Grand Knight	Grant Nazarko	489-3748
Deputy G.K.	Lawrie Caron	885-1047
Chaplain	Msgr. Ward Jamieson	
Fin. Secretary	Joe Brekelmans	488-3892
Treasurer	Aurèle LeClaire	489-6996
Recorder	Gordon Danylychuk	475-8330
Advocate	James Rodrigues	488-2157
Chancellor	Michael Garlinski	255-5195
Warden	Joe Brekelmans	488-3892
Inside Guard	Marcel Lauzé	489-4266
Outside Guard	Todd Dobson	489-0335
Trustee 1 yr.	Bob Girouard	488-2968
Trustee 2 yr.	Dan Shepherd	488-4636
Trustee 3 yr.	Ben D'Souza	489-6602
Program Director	Grant Nazarko	489-3748
Church Director	Lawrie Caron	885-1047
Community Director	Todd Dobson	489-0335
Council Director	Mike Garlinski	255-5195
Youth Director	Dave Bruneau	487-6495
Membership	Bob Girouard	488-2968
Family Director	Joe Brekelmans	488-3892
Lecturer	Grant Nazarko	489-3748
Public Relations	Paul Mazur	489-4433
Pro-Life Director	Todd Dobson	489-0335
Columbus Courts	George Ferris	981-7305
Bulletin Editor	Joe Brekelmans	488-3892
Webmaster	Joe Brekelmans	488-3892
District Deputy	Dan Shepherd	488-4636

Obituary

Rev. Frank McGee, S.J. died on May 22, 2005 in the Infirmary at Pickering at the age of 78, in his 56th year in the Society. Fr. McGee entered the Society on September 7, 1949, was ordained on June 18, 1961, and pronounced his final vows on June 9, 1980. After time in high school ministry and parish ministry, Fr. McGee spend the last 22 years of his life in service to First Nations people in northern Ontario. Fr. McGee moved to the infirmary just recently. Father McGee was a member of Winnipeg (St. John Brebeuf) Council #1107. Some of the Council members remember Father McGee as a teacher at St. Paul's High School in the late 60's and early 70's.

Grand Knight's Message

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Please read this bulletin as I know that it will include a list of the various events that are coming. There will be the Casino night with St; Gianna's and in November we are having a fund raiser for our parish, a Quiz night. So plan to attend or organize a team of up to 8 and see how good you and your team is at trivia. It will be a fun night and will provide time to socialize between the various quiz topics.

See you all soon,

Vivat Jesus

Grant Nazarko, Grand Knight

Membership

Membership development is the most important element of a successful Council. The month of October brings the Order wide membership "blitz" recruitment campaign. Now is the time to speak with interested prospective parties and make them members in the upcoming months. We all know someone who would make a wonderful addition to our Council. Let's not wait. Now is the time to offer our friends the gift of membership in the largest Catholic men's organization in the world. For those of you who like incentives, the Manitoba State Deputy, Larry Kustra, is offering you a chance to win one of 20 - \$50.00 cheques for each member recruited. The Supreme Council also has monetary incentives for your recruitment efforts. Members recruited in the next four weeks will be taken to their 1st degree, at St. Ignatius, on October 28th.

Knights of Columbus Charity Drive

Ticket Sales at Grant Park October 20th - 25th.

1 st Prize	2009 Chevrolet Uplander Van
2 nd Prize	\$10,000.00
3 rd Prize	\$5,000.00
4 th Prize	\$3,000.00
5 th Prize	\$2,000.00

Tickets - \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

We have secured mall space at the Grant Park Shopping Centre for the week of October 20th to 25th. Please let us know which shift you would like to fill. Also, full books of tickets for purchase or resale are available from George Ferris 981-7305.

Chaplain's Report

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*God of all blessings and gifts,
We join all creation in thanking You
for all Your bounty and for the rich harvest
we have received at your hands.*

*Continue to make our land bountiful and fruitful
and let our love for You be seen
in our pursuit of peace and justice
and in our generous response to those in need.*

*Praise and glory to You, Lord God, now and for
ever.*

Amen

Vivat Jesus!



Msgr Ward Jamieson, V. G.
Chaplain

Trivia Night

Our council will be hosting a Trivia Night held at St. John Brebeuf Parish Hall. This promises to be a very fun evening and great community building fundraiser. Mark you calendars and don't miss it!

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH AT 7:30 P.M.,
\$15 PER PERSON**

Casino Night

**SPONSORED BY WINNIPEG COUNCIL #1107 AND
ST. GIANNA COUNCIL #14199**

**PARKWAY RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
85 PAGET STREET
(OFF STERLING LYON PARKWAY)**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 25TH
TIME: 8:00 P.M.**

DRESS IS CASUAL.

All proceeds will be used to purchase wheelchairs for the Middle East, Africa, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Philippines. More information is available at www.wheelchairfoundation.ca

COST: \$20.00 (LIGHT BUFFET DINNER INCLUDED)

Insurance Update

by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

The upheaval in the financial markets in recent days has caused a great deal of concern virtually everywhere, among financial services professionals, regulators and consumers alike. Every major financial institution has been affected by the turmoil because of the complexity of our economy, and we are no exception.

But I report to you today that there is no reason to be concerned about the value of your Knights of Columbus annuity or life insurance. Because of our very conservative approach to investing our \$14 billion in assets, the impact on the Knights of Columbus has not been material, in other words, it has been minimal – far smaller than for many other organizations and the industry as a whole. We have purposefully avoided investing in the highly complex and speculative investments that have brought disaster to some of America's most well known companies.

What Standard & Poor's said of us just one month ago when they reaffirmed our AAA rating for the 16th consecutive year remains true today. Our "liquidity is viewed as extremely strong, reflecting an asset portfolio that consists primarily of high-quality, investment grade bonds." S&P also stated that our "investment portfolio has very strong credit quality" and our capital adequacy is "among the strongest in the industry." This is the case today. Our capitalization is, and remains, "extremely strong."

Our surplus stood at more than \$1.7 billion on June 30 of this year, providing an unusually large cushion of protection against turmoil of the sort we have seen in recent weeks.

One crucial area continues to set us completely apart from those firms which have incurred enormous debt. We have no debt on our balance sheet. Our strong cash flows and extremely strong financial position makes it unnecessary for us to borrow funds at all.

As a result, our financial condition remains extremely strong, and you can be certain that you are fully protected by one of the strongest and most reliable insurance programs in the entire industry.

Trustees' Report

NOTICE OF MOTION

The nominating committee is advancing the name of John Blair to fill the position of Warden for Winnipeg (St. John Brebeuf) Council #1107.

Joe Brekelmans has resigned his elected position as WARDEN of the Council. This move was necessitated by the fact that Joe was appointed Financial Secretary for the Council, effective September 1, 2008. The Nominating Committee (Trustees) will be holding a by-election for that position at the October 8, 2008 General Meeting. On that evening, nominations will be accepted from the floor. If required, an election to fill the vacancy will be held.

Remembrance Day Service

A Remembrance Day Memorial Service will be at St. John Brebeuf, Tuesday, November 11th. The service will be held in the church and commence with a video presentation starting at approximately 10:00 a.m.

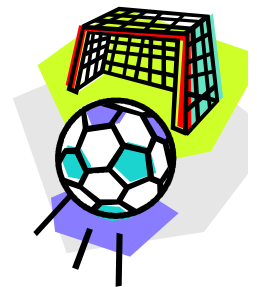


Coffee and donuts to follow in the hall.

All are invited to attend.

Youth Soccer Challenge

For the second year the Knights of Columbus Council 1107 organized the Youth Soccer Challenge. The event was held on September 15th on the JB Mitchell School soccer field and included students from both St. John Brebeuf and JB Mitchell schools.



Thanks to the participants for coming out and the volunteers who helped make this a success. Congratulations to the following winners:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
10	Marco Liam Imbrogno	Anna Diment
11	Zachary Alderdice	
12	Josh Sims	
13	Bradley Reichardt	