



Assembly Bulletin Winter—2020



Sunset over Lake Ontario at the end of Bayridge drive.

Knights of Columbus—Patriotic Degree
1st Ontario District
ArchBishop James V. Cleary Assembly



Hello Sir Knights

Now that I am well into my second term, this is still a little challenging, but with the Lord's help and the executives influence, we are making strides. As of July 1 we had Sir Knights marching in tuxedos and social balderics. We marched in the Red Mass, a few honour guards, Remembrance day parades, Santa Claus parades and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. We have had a busy year, and I thank you for your help and support. I couldn't do this without your support and that off our Lord.

I would encourage everyone to get to know each other and help us help you. We are approximately 190 Sir Knights, some are in the hospital and Nursing homes or living at home alone, let's continue to stay in touch and make a difference in each other's lives. I for instance have gotten to know a Knight from my council, a man I never gave much respect to, but have come to enjoy my visits and try to make it to see him, he really appreciates the company. Let's take the time from our schedules and visit those who could use our friendship.

Just this past week I was saying hello to a Sir Knight when another Sir Knight was passing by and I said hey I would like to introduce you to these gentlemen only to find out that they knew each other from years gone by, I pray that they renew their friendship and can support each other. If I hadn't taken the time to say hello to the one and introduce the other they may have passed within 2 feet of each other and Never knew the other was a Knight. Let's keep communicating and sharing God's Love with others, we don't know where it will take us or what a difference it can make in someone's life. Make a call, stop by for a visit or come to a meeting. We can accomplish great things when we pray and work together.

I will pray that each of you has a Blessed Christmas season and reach out to a brother knight whom you haven't seen in a while.

God Bless you and Your Families this Holiday Season.
Keep Christ in Christmas; God Bless
Vivat, Jesus
John MacIntyre
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FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER REPORT – Winter 2020 

The membership of Assembly 857, currently stands at 171 members. This is comprised of 40 Honorary Life; 2 Honorary; & 5 Exemption members. We have 21 Priests & 3 Deacons. Please remember in your prayers, SK Jim Rowe of Council 12309 Railton; who passed away on December 6. Eternal rest be granted to him O Lord & let Perpetual Light shine upon him.

Remember ... our Assembly operates only on the membership dues. The 2020 billing notices, have been sent out. Our budget is based on these expected dues; therefore when not received, we run a higher than normal deficit. This also means; cutbacks to budgeted items. PLEASE, pay your dues !! Stay in Good standing. "PLEASE NOTE" – The membership approved a dues increase for the 2020 calendar year of \$5. Membership dues for regular status members, is now \$40.

Also, keep me informed of any changes in your personal "Contact Info", so our records can be kept current. The use of email & the internet, if used wisely, is an excellent way of moving information to our members. Those without email; will be informed by regular mail & hopefully members in your council, will keep you updated on upcoming events & news. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me. "KNIGHTSGEAR CANADA" is now fully operational. It is run by Roger Suave in Montreal. Go browse the catalog at www.knightsgear.ca today. All prices shown are in CDN \$, subject to HST

& shipping costs. I do have stock for purchase. Toques & Caps. I also have various lapel pins & other K of C items. "INVENTORY SALE" Contact me today to check out my stock.

Let us be ever aware of those around us, who require assistance, and support to carry on. Our mission as Knights, empowers us to be there, for those in need. "FEED the HUNGRY & CLOTHE the NAKED".



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Editorial:

Welcome Brothers to a new season. Summer is unofficially over with the coming of Labor Day weekend, School is starting, the nights are getting cooler and we are looking at the Autumn racing towards us. There are many things in life that signal a change in our routines, birth of a new child,

death of a family member, a new age-related ache we just noticed. How many of us recognize when God is calling us to a new life. How many of us are able to see God in our day-to-day events, in the people we meet, in our own family. As most of you know, Cynthia and I have three Children, Matthew, Sean and Amy and each of them is embarking on a new life, starting now. Matt just left, heading back to Western university to finish up his Degree, Sean, who just finished this spring is hoping for a call back on one of the applications he has submitted for a new job and Amy is heading off to start Grade 12. Wow, I distinctly remember being the young couple in the parish with a 20 month-old Matthew and a brand-new baby (Sean). Now, I'm just past my 61st Birthday and all pretenses at being a young man, given my many aches and pains, are gone.

OK God, No Fair! I wasn't looking. I wasn't ready! I clearly missed that one. What am I supposed to do now? How am I supposed to behave? In the Sunday Gospel for 22nd Sunday (Sept. 1), we read a few things about how we should be living. In the First reading, Sirac 3:17 I read "My child, conduct your affairs with humility". In the psalm (ps: 68), I read "The Father of orphans and the defender of widows is God". The second reading tells us to keep our eyes on the things of Heaven and finally, in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells us that we should place ourselves last so that our Master can honour us. So, When I look on my life as it stands now, How do I live those things? I see quite a few places where I still have a ways to go to live up to those guidelines. I really do like being recognized and I do find myself doing things in the hopes that others will see how much work I put in, or what a good person I am. I need to

remember that I am a good person only as God enables it, and God can only enable me to be good if I cooperate with him, if I conduct myself with humility and not seek the glory and recognition of others. As a Knight of Columbus, I need to seek ways to help in the good works we do for the sake of the Body of Christ. With Christ guiding my gaze, I can more confidently step out to accomplish all he asks. If I forget Christ I may also be forgetting the graces He can bestow on me when I cooperate with him. A good friend brought to my attention a prayer for humility. You can find it on the EWTN web site at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/litany-of-humility-245> I suggest you look up the prayer and repeat it often. Here are a select few lines. Wherever I cut a few lines out, I replaced them with an ellipsis (...).

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed, ...
Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the desire of being preferred to others,
Deliver me, O Jesus. ...

From the desire of being approved,
Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the fear of being humiliated,
Deliver me, O Jesus. ...

That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase
and I may decrease,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it. ...

That others may become holier than I, provided that I
may become as holy as I should,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it. Vivat Jesus!

Michael Mombourquette



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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



Santa Clause Parades:

In Amherstview, picture below, we had 5 walkers and a float driver. Thanks to all who came and made this event successful and fun. At the Kingston Parade, only one walker came. We drove together in the truck. Same at Tamworth, one walker showed up. Again, we drove together in the truck. I think we need to step up and participate in our activities. I know that the 'dress' has changed but it's We, the people, who make the Knights of Columbus. We need to participate or these events cannot go on. Please help.



Christmas Social 2019

Christmas Formal Dinner.

Our annual Christmas Social was a great event. Unfortunately, our editor (me) was too busy dancing to the great music to take pictures. We all had a great time and the food was good. It is truly wonderful to be able to participate in this kind of fellowship. I congratulate the organizers who put all this together. It was wonderful.



S/K Garry Davis – Faithful 1st year trustee, Past Faithful Navigator

This is supposed to be a joyful time of the year when families get together to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We have much to be thankful for compared to those suffering in poverty here and around the world. Sadly, for some, this time of the year can be very stressful because of the loss of a loved one or some other catastrophe that has happened to them or their loved ones. It is not all peaches and cream. My wife's sister, Eleanor, passed away just before Christmas last year so that quickly changed any joy of the season for us. I am sure that you can post your own examples of loss. All we can do is try to think positively by applying our beliefs that God loves us and will always be there to help us along the way, if we believe in Him. Let us enjoy what we have in the company of our families over this period.

The past year, 2019, has brought on the change from regalia to a new uniform for 4th degree members, as of July 1st. So far the response for purchasing this uniform has not been good for many reasons. The reasons for this have been outlined by Faithful Navigators in the many resolutions they sent through the Chain of Command to Supreme after consultations with their members. I don't need to dwell on them. As far as I know, any responses that came back were not positive to any changes reflected in these resolutions. As a result, this has affected membership in the 4th Degree with the resulting loss of quite a few very loyal members. I know that along with most of you I have enjoyed my membership in this patriotic degree. All we can do now is not to lose faith in ourselves or the Order. We need to continue to support the Catholic Church along with the Archbishop, priests, and deacons who serve us in their ministries.

Another change that will be occurring in the New Year is the amalgamation of 3 Degrees (1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees) into 1 degree. The lessons for each degree will remain and the length of this degree will be 35 to 40 minutes. Families will be invited to this newly formed Degree.

Rena and I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year 2020. Remember to keep Christ in Christmas so he can shine His love on you.

Vivat Jesu

Memorial Day Celebration.
Gentlemen in their tuxes with social
baldric look pretty good.



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