



# Knights of Columbus

## Fr. Paul J. F. Wattson

### Council 8919

#### Parish of the Atonement

#### Windsor - Ontario - Canada



## December 2007 Newsletter

### Grand Knight's Column

Dear Brother Knights,

In conjunction with other councils throughout our Order, on Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup>, our Council will begin the Christmas season with the annual *Light Up For Christ* celebration. This event will take place immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Following the celebration, our Council's General Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Before that day, our Council will have installed the *Keep Christ in Christmas* billboard on the fence across from the main doors of the church and decorated the evergreen trees along the fence with Christmas lights. The Knights of Columbus established the *Keep Christ in Christmas* campaign to remind people that Christmas is above all a Holy Day celebrating the Birth of Christ. To help get this message out, we should make every effort to send Christmas cards with a religious theme and use Christmas postage stamps that are available at all postal outlets.

We also encourage as many Brother Knights as possible to display a Nativity Scene on their property. It does not have to be a large Nativity Scene; but big enough to get the message across.

This Christmas Season, give the gift of yourself within your Council, Parish, Community, and Family. Wish people that you meet a good day and a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Our Council's Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup> in the Family Centre. Tickets are \$10.00 per person, or \$18.00 per couple.

Lorraine and I wish all our members and their families a Holy and Happy Christmas and a Joyous and Prosperous New Year.

Vivat Jesus

Faternally yours,

**Greg MacDonald, Grand Knight**



### Chaplain's Column

#### A Celebration Of Light And Hope

Dear Brother Knights,

The days are getting shorter and shorter during the month of December until the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month when we mark the shortest day of sunlight for the year here in the northern hemisphere. Just a few days after this event, on December 25<sup>th</sup> Christians throughout the world celebrate the Birth of the Saviour. For many, during the weeks of preparation for this celebration more and more artificial lights are appearing inside and outside our homes and places of employment. It is almost as if we want to eliminate the darkness and recapture the light. The darkness is a difficult place to be because it can be frightening and unfamiliar. Just as the darkness in our environment can paralyze us, so too can the darkness in our world do the same.

There is so much darkness in our world: poverty, homelessness, addictions, despair, unemployment, broken relationships. There is also the possibility that some of these seemingly hopeless experiences can be changed into opportunities of hope and light. It was into a sinful and broken world that Jesus was born two thousand years ago. For centuries, people had been waiting for the promised Messiah who would save the people and bring hope and deliverance to a broken world. It came as a surprise to most that the Messiah came not as a King or Emperor, but rather as a little vulnerable baby, born in poverty, without even a roof over his head. It took some time for the people to realize that this young, vulnerable lad was to fulfill the promised hope of generations to bring a new era of light and hope to the world. Even today, in the darkness and uncertainty of our world, we should see in Jesus a ray of hope that can heal the brokenness of our earth. From the earliest days of his earthly journey, Jesus offered a plan of life that would bring healing and reconciliation to the hearts of all if we would willingly embrace a plan for life that would recognize the sanctity of all life from the moment of conception to the moment we are called home to the house of the [Father](#). If we can embrace this invitation to life with confidence and courage, then the celebration of the Saviour's birth will truly be a celebration of light and hope.

Vivat Jesus!

**Fr. Mike Graham, Worthy Co-Chaplain**

*Blessed Christmas*

## Executive Board Fraternal Year 2006 - 2007

Worthy Chaplain - Fr. Robert Remark .....	735-6023
Worthy Co-Chaplain - Fr. Mike Graham .....	735-6023
Grand Knight - Greg MacDonald (Lorraine).....	735-3734
Past Grand Knight - Keith Campbell (Gloria) .....	735-8509
Deputy Grand Knight - Mike Agius (Rita) .....	735-8916
Chancellor - George Lewsaw (Bonnie) .....	735-4933
Financial Secretary - Michael MacLellan.....	735-7176
Recorder - Dan Dumouchelle (Penny) .....	735-8761
Treasurer - Louis Mollica (Maria) .....	735-6154
Advocate - Richard Joinville (Carmen) .....	Private
Lecturer - Paul Gervais (Maureen).....	735-2557
Warden - Lee Leveque (Deanna) .....	979-0637
Trustees - John Cassidy (Dolena).....	735-6618
- Mike Finn (Donna Mae).....	735-9034
- George Pickering (Margaret).....	735-3913
Guards - Dave Hodgeson .....	735-9703
- Frank Cicchello .....	739-2655
- Don Panek (Janet) .....	735-8284
Supreme Director - Bob Cayea (Suzanne) .....	735-9251
State Deputy - Nat Gallo (Lina) .....	
District Deputy - Joe Banović (Monika) .....	735-4532
District Warden - Alan Sims (Barbara) .....	735-0017
Insurance Agent - Andrew Despins .....	979-0899

## Program Directors

### Mike Agius - General Director

Basketball Free Throw -	John Barron
Blood Drive -	Richard Joinville
Car Raffle -	Richard Joinville
Charities -	Dan Dumouchelle
Choir -	Stan Burke
Church Activities -	Frank Cicchello
Church Projects -	Walter Friedl
Community -	Arthur Huggins
Cooking Team -	Mike Charbonneau
	Ron Bardwell
Council -	Mike Agius
Council Elections -	Allen Topliffe
Family -	Walter Friedl
Fund Raising (Bingo) -	John Barron
Goodfellows Project -	Harvey Seney & John Barron
Health Services -	Allen Topliffe
Membership -	Keith Campbell
Newsletter -	Tony Ellul
Parish Council -	Louis Mollica
Pro-Life Couple -	Janna & Allen Topliffe
Public Relations -	Tony Ellul
Recruitment -	Trustees (above)
Retention -	Trustees (above)
Vocations -	George Lewsaw
Youth -	Eduardo Aguilar



## Submissions to the Newsletter

This newsletter is published by KofC Council 8919 at the beginning of every month with the exception of July and August. Contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. Contributors are kindly requested to submit their material to Tony Ellul (735-1360) by the 10th of the month preceding publication. Contributions may be submitted by e-mail at [ajellul@ican.net](mailto:ajellul@ican.net). Material submitted in digital form is preferred in MS Word or Rich Text Format (.rtf).

## Family of the Month December 2007

### Mario and Phyllis Sementilli

Mario was born in Italy in 1950. His family moved to Montreal Canada in 1962. Mario moved to Windsor in 1967 where he met Phyllis. They were married in 1975 and have three daughters, Cristina, Elizabeth and Pamela. The Sementillis have been members of the Parish of the Atonement since they moved to Forest Glade in 1988. The children attended L. A. Desmarais Elementary School and St. Joseph's High School.

Phyllis always volunteered her time attending various activities and trips at school while her children were young. Mario has been a gas technician for the past seventeen years. Four years ago, Mario decided to open his own business "*Fireplaces by Mario*" located at 3118 Jefferson Blvd. He is dedicated to working with people and is always sure to put his customers' happiness and satisfaction first.

Although Mario is extremely busy running "*Fireplaces by Mario*" with his wife Phyllis by his side, he still manages to find time to be involved with the parish. He has been an Usher for the past five years, and recently became President of the Ushers Ministry. He is a member of the Parish Council and of the Knights of Columbus.

I am pleased to announce that the family of Mario and Phyllis Sementilli is the Family of the Month for December 2007.

### Walter Friedl , Family Director

Christmas Blessings  
God bless us every one

## Knight of the Month

December 2007

Basilio Crestan

Basilio and Lida Crestan have been married 44 years and have four children and five grand children - all boys ranging from 4 to 14 years of age. Basilio and Lida have been members of the parish family since its inception in the early 1970's, when all Sunday Masses were held in the school gymnasium at L. A.. Desmaris School.

Basilio has worked as a tile setter for the past 45 years and is a member of Local 6 of the Tile Setters Union. He is a charter member of our Council as well as a member of the Caboto Club. Basilio is also a very active member of the Parish Properties Committee. He has tiled the bathrooms adjoining our church, the wall around the kitchen area of St. Francis Hall, and the kitchen in the rectory. He has also installed all the holy water fonts in the church. Basilio is currently renovating and doing all the tile work in Fr. Mike's bathroom and will be renovating Fr. Bob Remark's bathroom as well as making the necessary tile work on the floor in the rectory.

Basilio enjoys golfing, travelling; bowling, and bocce ball. He would love to retire but he says that he cannot find the time.

It is my pleasure to announce Basilio Crestan as Knight of the Month for December 2007

**Greg MacDonald, Grand Knight**

## Charities Report November 2007

1. St. Angela School Parents' Council ..... TNA
2. Windsor Homes Coalition ..... TNA
3. St. Mary's Learning Centre. .... TNA
4. Goodfellows Christmas Paper Drive ..... \$500.00
5. Windsor-Essex Right To Life ..... TNA
6. Parish of the Atonement - Nativity Scene ..... \$1,000.00
7. Parish of the Atonement - Rectory Renovations ... \$6,500.00

**Total for September 2007 ..... \$8,000.00**  
**Total to date for 2007 calendar year ..... \$54,953.14**

**Dan Dumouchelle, Chair - Charities Committee**



## Fund-raising Report November 2007

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Paradise Bingo Charities Association deposited \$1,664.65 into our Council's Charity Account as revenue for the six bingo sessions that we conducted in October.

Our Council held three bingo sessions on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Since Paradise Bingo has cancelled all 1:00 a.m. sessions, there will be only two sessions held on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

John Barron is planning a December Dinner meeting for the handful of bingo volunteers.

Upcoming bingo dates are shown below.

Date	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
11-Dec-2007	9:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	

**John Barron, Chair - Bingo Volunteers**



**A**nd behold, an Angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them, and they feared with great fear. And the Angel of the Lord said unto them "Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy that shall be for all the people. For this day is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you; you shall find the Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger." And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will."

Luke 2: 9-14

## Deputy Grand Knight's Column

Dear Brother Knights:

The Christmas Season is approaching, and most of us are busy trying to complete our Christmas shopping and perhaps preparing some Christmas goodies as well. While it is a good thing to show our affection to our loved ones with Christmas gifts, we need to be careful not to become absorbed in materialistic and commercial ideas. As true Catholics, we must make an effort to take time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas - the celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ. Perhaps this Christmas you might consider giving your family and your loved ones the greatest gift - give them your time.

Brothers, my heartfelt gratitude goes out to our Council and on behalf of our Grand Knight, I thank all our members for their support. So far this year, many of us have been on the go, and there is still a great deal to accomplish in the months ahead. However, united we can meet the challenges and goals we set at the beginning of this Fraternal Year. Your support and participation are greatly appreciated. To all our members, especially the newcomers, our Council needs as many active hands as possible. If you are not as active as you should be, do not hold back - any time is a good time to start. Contact our Grand Knight or me - our Council will welcome your participation.

Let us pray for peace around the world. Pray that all nations will finally learn to dwell in peace and harmony, that they will show respect for one another, and learn to live amicably. Pray that we will all put our trust in God who is the Creator of all things. Pray that we as a nation will turn back to God by giving our hearts and our lives to Him. He will show us compassion and mercy, forgive our transgressions, and bring peace once again! Pray that we can learn to live together and love one another as brothers and sisters.

Rita joins me in wishing all our Brother Knights and their families a very Blessed and Joyful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Faternally yours in Christ

Vivat Jesus

**Michael Agius, Deputy Grand Knight**



## Good of the Order General Meeting - November 2007

Attendance Draw - \$15.50 ..... **Helmut Hofgärtner**  
**Vito Loduca** ..... Set of beer glasses  
**Dave Hodgeson** ..... Fanny pack

## Upcoming Events

**Light Up for Christmas** .....  
 ..... **Tuesday December 4th after 6:30 p.m. Mass**  
**Council Annual Christmas Dinner** .....  
 ..... **Saturday, December 15th @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**KofC-CWL Breakfast in Parish Centre** .....  
 ..... **Sunday, Jan. 20th 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**  
**Basketball Freethrow Competition @ H. J. Lassaline**  
 ..... **Thursday, January 24th**



## Unto Us A Child Is Born.

This year, the winter solstice arrives at 6:09 a.m. on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, and with it comes that old curmudgeon, Old Man Winter, barging in for his annual unwelcome stay.

December brings with it the anticipation and celebration of Christmas. The Church has set aside several weeks of preparation for this great feast – Advent. The word derives from the Latin *ad-venire* - to come to – the coming of our Saviour among us.

For ages, it has been the custom of people in countries around the Mediterranean to convert caves into livestock pens. These caves sometimes even served as shelters for people. It was in such a cave converted into a stable that the King of Kings, Jesus, was born to the Blessed Virgin. The Creator of all things could have chosen to be born anywhere, in a fancy marble palace, had He wanted to. Yet, He chose a humble stable as a lesson to all of us. He could have had His birth heralded around the power centres of the world. Instead, He sent His angels to announce His birth to simple shepherds who were watching their herds at night. It makes one wonder why the Lord of Lords chose to be born in such obscurity. Is it perhaps to impress upon us that He came to serve, not to be served? It is proper for us to celebrate this great event marking the start of the fulfilment of God's promise of our redemption, even if we often do so boisterously and extravagantly.

The Church chose December 8<sup>th</sup> to mark the feast of the Immaculate Conception. As Catholics, we believe that God chose the Virgin Mary to be born free of the burden bequeathed to us by Adam and Eve – the stain of original sin – so that she would be a fitting, pure, and worthy temple for the unborn Jesus.



On the day after Christmas, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Stephen. He was one of seven deacons appointed by the Apostles to minister to widows, orphans, and the poor. Stephen was the first martyr of our faith. It is interesting that a young fanatic Pharisee by the name of Saul held the garments of the men who stoned Stephen to death. He was later to become the great Apostle of the Gentiles – St. Paul.

The feast of the Holy Family, which came into being when Jesus was born, falls on the first Sunday after Christmas; this year December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Born to Mary Salome and Zebedee of Bethsaida in Galilee, John and James later joined their father in the fishing business. They followed Jesus when He called them to become His disciples. John, the *beloved disciple*, was the only one of the twelve who stood by Jesus at His crucifixion, and Jesus entrusted His mother Mary into his care. After Pentecost, John preached in Palestine, then in Asia Minor where he founded many Christian communities. John remained unharmed when the Emperor Domitian had him put into a cauldron of boiling oil, and he then exiled John to the island of Pathmos. We know that John is the author of one of the Gospels, as well as three epistles. He is also believed to be the author of the Book of Revelation. John outlived his fellow Apostles and died in Ephesus in 100 AD at the age of 94. The Church commemorates St. John on December 27<sup>th</sup>.



## From Our Insurance Agent Life Matters...

This Christmas you *can* make it “A Wonderful Life”

Unlike the character *George Bailey* in the famous holiday movie *It's A Wonderful Life*, none of us will have the opportunity of seeing our lives played out as though we had never been born. However, like George Bailey, we cannot underestimate the powerful influence that we have in the lives of our families, friends and the community.



Through our membership in the Knights of Columbus, by volunteering as we are able to, **and** by ensuring that we have enough life insurance to meet the needs of our loved ones, we will have a positive influence on the life of others. Life insurance allows our families to remain in their homes and maintain their lifestyles. It guarantees a college education for our children, and perhaps our grandchildren. It ensures for us a comfortable retirement. It can even help our favourite charities continue their humanitarian work.

This holiday season consider becoming an insured member of the Knights of Columbus. Give your family the gift of life insurance, and make it a “wonderful life” for those you love.

A Blessed Christmas Season to you and your family.

Fraternally,

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## Ask a Catholic Gentleman to be a Knight

### In Gratitude

When Wilfred Smith of our parish passed away in August, his wife Ellie and his family very generously asked that friends and relatives make donations to our Council in his memory. We are grateful to Wilfred's family and to the following people who generously made donations to our Council – Paul and Caroline Clark, Joseph Grech and Macquelin Helin-Grech, Dr. Robert and Jane Lawson, Little River Ladies Golf League, Christine May, Cookie Noestheden, Kelly-Anne Platt, Roseland Senior Mens Curling League, Levinia Thibert and Carole Pynn, and Martin and Doreen Wilkin. Thank you all. Your generosity is much appreciated. May God bless all of you.



Our Council is planning a memorial Mass for Wilfred as a sign of respect and in thanks for his family's generosity. Please check the parish weekly bulletin and this newsletter for the date and time. May he rest in peace.

## District Deputy's Message

The Holy Season of Christmas is upon us and members of District 76 will gather with family and friends to enjoy the Holiday Season. Christmas is also a time to reflect on the year 2007 as it draws to a close. The year has been a very busy one for District 76. The members of this District and their families have done many great works of charity to help the Church and their communities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the councils in District 76 and my Brother Knights and their families for all the work and effort put into the year. As District Deputy, I am in a position to see the sacrifices that Brother Knights make to carry out the projects of their Councils. They should be very proud of their accomplishments.

I ask you my Brother Knights to remember that Christmas is the celebration of the Birth of Christ. We sometimes lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas when we are caught up in the other festivities. The holidays will be even more enjoyable if you "**Keep Christ In Christmas**".

I would like to thank the District 76 Degree Team of Windsor & St. Clear Beach for their good work on November 4th resulting in the initiation of 14 new members. Special thanks to Council 9671 for hosting the Degree. I also want to extend a warm welcome to our new members who were recently initiated into our Order at the Third Degree held in on November 18th at St. Clement Council 2844 in District 88.

Just a final reminder to all councils that the District 76 meeting will be on December 10th at Father Nicholas Pointe Council 4375 starting at 7:00 p.m.

By now, all councils should already have started their Substance Awareness & Abuse Poster Contest and Basketball Free Throw Competition programs. The District level competitions commence on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008.

Please remember that no job is complete until the paper work is finished and sent to the State and Supreme offices by the appropriate deadline.

On behalf of my wife Monika and our sons Kevin and Chris, I wish everyone a Blessed Christmas as well as a happy and safe Christmas Season.

Fraternally yours in Christ

**Josip Banović, D.D. #76**



### December Birthdays

Gordon Gervais.....	December 1
Andre Rocheleau.....	December 3
Benoit Marier.....	December 10
Doug Shoemaker.....	December 17
Leo Laforet.....	December 20
George Steary.....	December 21
Don Panek.....	December 25
Louis Melo.....	December 26
Dave Hodgeson.....	December 28
Barrie Barker.....	December 29
Frank Iatonna.....	December 31

Brothers, God bless you and keep you, and may He grant each of you many more birthdays to come.



## From our Council Director

Dear Brother Knights,

My sister-in-law in Malta sent me the following story by e-mail. I believe that it is worth reading.

It was a busy morning, about 8:30 a.m., when an elderly gentleman in his 80's, arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am. I took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. I saw him looking at his watch and decided that, since I was not busy with another patient, I would evaluate his wound. On exam, the wound looked well healed, so I talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redressed his wound. While taking care of his wound, I asked him if he had another doctor's appointment this morning, because he seemed to be in such a hurry. The gentleman told me no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. I inquired about her health. He told me that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's disease. As we talked, I asked if she would be upset if he were a bit late. He replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now. I was surprised, and asked him, "And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know whom you are?" He smiled as he patted my hand and said, "She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is." I had to hold back my tears as he left, I had goose bumps on my arm, and thought, "That is the kind of love I want in my life." True love is neither physical, nor romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be.

With all the jokes and fun that are in e-mails, sometimes an e-mail comes along carrying an important message. I had to share this with you all. Oh, by the way, peace is seeing a sunset and knowing whom to thank. The happiest people do not necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have. Amen to that!

Vivat Jesus

**Michael Agius, DGK, Council Director**



### Goodfellows Christmas Paper Drive

By the time that this newsletter reaches you, the Goodfellows Christmas newspaper campaign will have been over. Unfortunately, the printer's deadline for submitting the newsletter for printing comes before the campaign began, effectively preventing us from providing you with an up-to-date report. The report will be in the January issue of the newsletter.



Jesus  
is the Reason  
for the  
Season





## A Message From The Supreme Director

Since 1997, the Knights of Columbus have been gathering information about Father Michael J. McGivney for the purpose of having him raised to the dignity of the Altar. It has been a long, slow process; and well that it should be. For our founder to be canonized, it is not only important to show that he has led an exemplary life and was a holy person, but it must also be clearly shown that a miracle can be attributed to him. Years of research and investigation must take place even before the cause is presented to Rome.

At the 125th Supreme Convention in Nashville, we had the privilege of hosting as our guest Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican Secretary of State. Cardinal Bertone noted that Fr. McGivney's cause for canonization is currently being investigated by the Congregation for the Cause of Saints. He told us that they are studying Father McGivney "as a model Christian, worthy of imitation". A miracle attributed to Father McGivney has also been reported to Rome. The Cardinal continued to say; "Everyone who had the privilege of knowing Father McGivney was impressed by the dynamism of his personality and pastoral zeal. The founding of the Knights of Columbus was a "noble goal" and the key to Father McGivney's "apostolic vision" of helping others to recognize the call that Christ addresses to them. The Knights of Columbus he said "has provided the opportunities for countless lay Catholics to play their part in building up the Kingdom of God". It looks very promising that we may soon hear some good news. However, we must continue to pray for Fr. McGivney's cause for sainthood. One way in which we can show our support is to join the Father McGivney Guild. Your support will go a long way to show our love for our Order's founder.


May each one of you and your families have a very happy and holy Christmas.

Vivat Jesus


**Robert (Bob) Cayea, Supreme Director**



*Calling all Parents and Grandparents  
Please urge all your children and grandchildren  
Who attend Forest Glade area elementary schools to  
participate in the*



**Basketball Freethrow Competition**  
Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>  
At H. J. Lassaline School Gym



*District Competition on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>*

**Improv 2008**  
*A Night of Comedy and Song*  
Sponsored by KofC Council 8919



Come join us on our  
3rd Annual Dinner Theatre  
Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
Tickets: \$20.00 per person  
Includes – Play, Dinner, Coffee, and Dessert

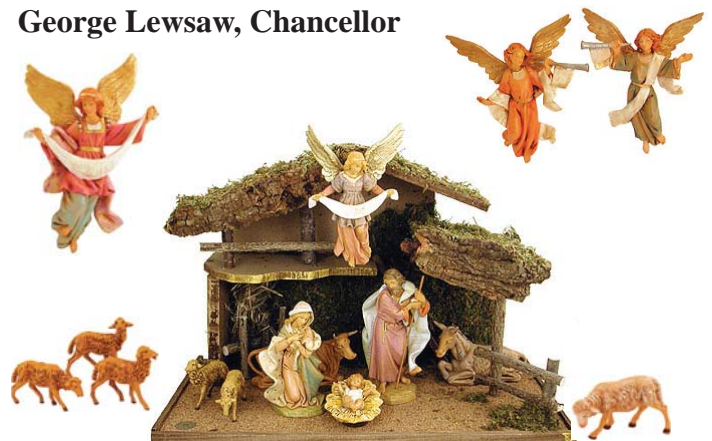


## Chancellor's Report

- ❖ Franco and Rosanna Campagnoni's daughter-in-law Shannon had surgery last week to remove some of the cancerous tissue from her neck. We continue to pray that the Lord will see fit to heal her.
- ❖ Lorraine MacDonald went for a checkup in London last week. She has completed her chemotherapy treatments for now. Although she continues to be weak, it is encouraging to see that she is showing some positive signs of improvement. Please continue to keep Lorraine and Greg in your prayers.
- ❖ Lillian Dunford, Colin's wife, continues to improve. She still experiences periods of weakness, but generally she has been making miraculous progress. She was even able to make it to church for the memorial Mass for Father Paschal.
- ❖ Art Huggins had some more surgery on his leg in London. He is again at home and recuperating slowly. Indications are that it will take some time for the leg to heal. We continue to keep Arthur in our prayers.
- ❖ Very little that is new to report about Tony Ellul's brother Victor. He still suffers considerable pain resulting from the cancer treatments that he received. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- ❖ Dan Dumouchelle's brother Jim is recuperating very well from his heart surgery. Dan says that Jim had a couple of minor complications, but is walking a mile to a mile and a half every day and is feeling fine. Thank God.
- ❖ Mike MacLellan recently had a small growth removed from his urinary tract. He is feeling quite well, and thank God, there was no cancer. He has not had too much pain from the kidney stones, but this issue still has to be dealt with. We continue to keep Mike in our prayers.
- ❖ I checked with Marcel Morais recently to see how he is coming along after his minor stroke. Marcel told me that of course, he has good days and bad days, but that over all, he is feeling very good and is getting stronger every day. He thanks us of our concern and prayers.
- ❖ Tony Portelli's father, Lawrence passed away on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Tony and his family. I visited Tony and his family at the funeral home and presented him with a Perpetual Mass Card on behalf of our Council. I also sent a sympathy card to Tony and Adalia on behalf of our Council.

Please keep all the ailing Brother Knights and their family members mentioned above in your prayers.

**George Lewsaw, Chancellor**



December 2007						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> St. Florence St. Eligius <b>First Saturday</b>
<b>2</b> <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> St. Bibiana	<b>3</b> St. Francis Xavier	<b>4</b> St. John Damascene <b>Light Up for Christmas @ 7:00 p.m.</b> <b>General Membership Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>5</b> St. Gerald	<b>6</b> St. Nicholas of Bari	<b>7</b> St. Ambrose <b>First Friday</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Immaculate Conception of Mary</b>
<b>9</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> St. Peter Fourier St. Juan Diego	<b>10</b> St. Gregory III, Pope	<b>11</b> St. Damasus	<b>12</b> Our Lady of Guadalupe	<b>13</b> St. Lucy	<b>14</b> St. John of the Cross	<b>15</b> St. Christiana <b>Council Christmas Party @ 6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Family Centre</b>
<b>16</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> St. Adelaide	<b>17</b> St. Olympias	<b>18</b> St. Gatian <b>Executive Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>19</b> Bl. Urban V, Pope	<b>20</b> Sts. Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob, Patriarchs	<b>21</b> St. Peter Canisius	<b>22</b> Sts. Chaeremon & Ishyrion
<b>23</b> <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> St. John of Cantius	<b>24</b> St. Adele <b>Vigil of Christmas - Christmas Eve</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>26</b> St. Stephen	<b>27</b> St. John the Evangelist	<b>28</b> Holy Innocents St. Anthony the Hermit	<b>29</b> St. Thomas Becket
<b>30</b> Feast of the Holy Family	<b>31</b> St. Sylvester I, Pope <b>New Year's Eve</b>	<b>January 1</b> <b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>Happy New Year</b>	<b>January 2</b> St. Basil the Great St. Gregory Nasianzen	<b>January 3</b> <b>Holy Name of Jesus</b> <b>St. Genevieve</b>	<b>January 4</b> St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	<b>January 5</b> <b>First Saturday</b> St. John Neumann




2007

Council Christmas Party

on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

in the Family Centre

Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings

Tickets: \$10/person    \$18.00/couple

Winter Breakfast

Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

in the Family Centre

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and the CWL Council




Winter Fest 2008

For all Youth of the Parish

Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

in the Family Centre

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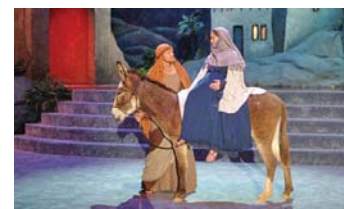
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## Comic Relief by Benoit

Mrs. Oppenheimer decided to get away from the chronically inclement weather of New York and spend Christmas in the Deep South of the USA. Being unfamiliar with that part of the world, she wandered into a 'restricted' hotel and said "Hi. I'm Mrs. Oppenheimer and I'd like a room for the next week." "I'm very sorry," said the manager "but all our rooms are taken." Just as he said that, a customer came to the desk and unexpectedly checked out. "How lucky" responded Mrs. Oppenheimer, "Now you have a room for me." "Look, I'm very sorry" said the manager, "but this is a restricted hotel. Jews are not allowed here." "Jewish! Whaddya mean Jewish? I happen to be a Catholic." "That takes some believing," said the manager, "tell me, who was the Son of God?" "Jesus," she replied. "Where was he born?" "In a stable in Bethlehem .... simply because some schmuck like you wouldn't rent a room to a Jew."

It was a bitterly cold and foggy Christmas morning in the very depth of winter after a heavy snowfall, and only one man, a dairy farmer, and the minister managed to arrived at the church for the morning service. "Well," said the clergyman, "I guess there's no point in having a service today". "Well, that's not how I see it," replied the farmer, "If only one cow turns up at feeding time, I still feed it."





## Our Council In Action

### Church Heating/Cooling/Ventilation System - Support for the Church



Did you feel it; that updraft of warm air in the church? No that was not an untimely hot flash you were feeling. That was the warm air coming from heating/cooling/ventilation systems that were recently installed in our church. Just in time too; the weather has been getting chillier every day.

The project is now complete. Under the general direction of Bro. Walter Friedl, the careful technical direction of Bro. Dan Dumouchelle who monitored the progress even when he was ill, and the constant oversight of Bro. Mike MacLellan, the project came in on time and under budget at \$148,900 (original estimate - \$180,000). Dan was particularly busy negotiating a loan from the Diocese to finance the project. Lately, he has been trying to convince the Diocese to allow our parish to use any funds left over for the renovation project in the rectory - more about this later.

one unit to supply St. Francis Hall, and another unit to supply the area formerly occupied by the parish offices. The project began with the removal of the old units from the mechanical room in the church building. It was then time to provide support for the roof with four I-beams to take the weight of the four units that were to be installed on the roof. The contractor's crew then cut holes in the roof and prepared the bases on which the units rest. The big day for hoisting the four units, two of which are of massive proportions, came on October 23rd. At about 1:00 p.m. a crane arrived in the church parking lot, and at about the same time, a large flatbed truck delivered the units. In just about an hour, the four units were hoisted on top of the roof, ready for the next stage of the project – attaching the gas lines and electrical wiring necessary for their operation, followed by the installation of the ductwork. The new units are all high efficiency units that we expect will help to reduce the energy costs of our parish. We thank Brothers Dan Dumouchelle, Walter Friedl, and Mike MacLellan for their unwavering efforts in successfully shepherding this project from start to finish.



### Rectory Renovations - Support for the Church



Our church building and rectory were erected in 1978 – 1979 – they are almost thirty years old. Over time, things wear out and need to be replaced. In past years, our Council has provided funds and volunteer work to replace the church windows, carpeting, and roof, and the heating/cooling system and all the windows in the rectory. We now need to make renovations to other interior parts of the rectory – the bathrooms, carpeting and tile on the floor, draperies, and so on. In October, our Council approved the sum of \$2,500 to begin the renovations on Fr. Mike's bathroom. It has been very difficult for Fr. Mike, who walks with the aid of a walker, to take a shower in the bathroom because it required stepping up into the tub enclosure. A number of our Brother Knights – Bob Adam, Basilio Crestan, Walter Friedl, Helmut Hofgärtner, GK Greg Mac-

Donald, Mike MacLellan, and George Pickering, assisted by parish members Leo Benedet, Carlton Ngui, and Ed O'Donnell did the work. After the necessary demolition work was completed, Basilio, Walter, George, and Carlton built a walk-in shower stall in place of the tub enclosure. Bob Adam did the plumbing work, and GK Greg installed a pocket door to provide easier access to the bathroom for Fr. Mike. Basilio did all the tile work on the walls and floor and replaced the vanity top, and Helmut put the finishing touches with wallpaper and paint. As can be seen from the Charity Report for November, our Council approved another \$6,500 to continue with the project of making more renovations in the rectory – Fr. Bob's living area is next in line. Stay tuned.





## Our Council In Action .... cont'd

### Memorial Mass for Fr. Paschal - Fraternity and Unity



The weather outside was chilly on the evening of November 19th, but it could not overcome the warmth of members of our parish who gathered at our church to pay tribute to Fr. Paschal Breau with a Memorial Mass. Before they entered the sanctuary, they lined up in the vestibule to sign the Fr. Paschal's Memorial Mass Guest Book.

The evening began with a multimedia presentation in tribute to Fr. Paschal. We thank Bro. Mike Finn and his wife Donna Mae, and Fr. Walter Gagne, one of our past pastors, who provided most of the photos that appeared in the presentation.

The celebrant of the Mass was our past pastor and past Chaplain to our Council, Fr. Damian MacPherson, assisted by two other Brother Knights - our Co-Chaplain Fr. Mike Graham and Fr. Ted Gatfield. The 11:00 Mass Choir, under the direction of Bro. Franco Campagnoni and his wife Rosanna, provided the music for the Mass. In his homily, Fr. Damian recounted a number of stories about Fr. Paschal that brought many smiles to the congregation as they fondly remembered Fr. Paschal. There were stories that illustrated Fr. Paschal's commitment to his vocation, his enthusiasm for encouraging

vocations to the Friars of the Atonement, his sense of mission, his self-effacement, and above all his sense of humour. A hush fell on the congregation when Fr. Damian described Fr. Paschal's final hours; how he bravely, gently, and painlessly departed from this life into the presence of the Eternal Father.

Following the Mass, those present gathered in St. Francis Hall for a small reception prepared by the CWL council of our parish. In memory of Fr. Paschal, our Grand Knight, Greg MacDonald, on behalf of our Council, presented Fr. Damian with a copy of the Bible and a CD containing a copy of the multimedia presentation to deliver to Fr. Paschal's sister Rita. Also on behalf of our Council, PGK and current Trustee John Cassidy presented Fr. Damian with a plaque on which, laminated onto a beautiful background, is a copy of John's poem *"Drifting Back In Time."*



### Fr. Mike's 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday - Fraternity and Unity



he felt was a perfect gift for Fr. Mike - a statue of a firefighter holding a fire hose attached to a fire hydrant in front of a fire department emblem in the background. Upon Tony's recommendation at our last general meeting, our Council approved the purchase of this gift. Tony picked up the statue in London and transported it to our church this week. Fr. Mike was delighted and said that he wishes to dedicate it to all firefighters and to have it installed in a suitable location on our church grounds.

It was a bittersweet evening because Fr. Paschal's Memorial Mass coincided with Fr. Mike's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. Surrounded by over thirty of his Brother Knights from our Council, Fr. Mike cut into a large birthday cake that the CWL council of our parish provided for the occasion. Aware of Fr. Mike's keen interest in all things that have to do with firefighting - he is the long-standing Padre to the Windsor Fire Department - our Council had a surprise birthday gift for him. On one of his frequent visits to hospital in London, Bro. Tony Tocco had chanced upon what





## Our Council In Action ..... cont'd

### Council Pizza Night - Community Service



It was cold and dreary on the evening of Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. A few slices of hot, fresh out-of-the-oven pizza were just what the doctor ordered to warm up those who attended the Pizza Night put on by our Council. It did not take long for Bro. Frank Iatonna, who recently joined to our Order and our Council, to take the plunge in becoming involved in Council projects. Frank, who is the brother of Bro. Sonny Pozzi's wife Nicki, is an experienced pizza maker who worked in his family's restaurant and pizzeria for many years until the family sold the restaurant in 1996. Seen in the photo with Frank are his mother, Anna Iatonna, his sister Nicki Pozzi, his wife Tina, and their daughter Melissa, all of whom pitched in to make the delicious pizzas.

Helping them to take orders and serve the pizza were a number of Brother Knights - GK Greg MacDonald, DGK Mike Agius and, as is very often the case, his wife Rita, Recorder Dan Dumouchelle, Trustee Mike Finn, Family Director Walter

Friedl, Lee Leveque, and John Sabga. Close to one hundred people from our community took the opportunity to enjoy the appetizing pizzas and helped our Council to raise a modest amount in much needed funds for our Council's general account.

It is very encouraging to see men like Frank who do not hesitate to get involved with Council projects once they become members of our Order. Thanks Frank and Iatonna and Pozzi families. Thanks also to Bro. Mike Finn for providing the photos.

### Hospice of Windsor-Essex KofC Annual Fundraiser - Charity

Nine years ago, having witnessed the good work done by the Hospice in caring for a terminally sick friend of his, DGK Mike Agius initiated a program of an annual fund-raising event for the Hospice to be hosted by Windsor and Essex County KofC councils. Over the years, this annual event has raised more than \$140,000 in support of the Hospice. This year, St. Peter's Maronite Council hosted the event that took place on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Although tickets were limited, DGK Mike and Rita Agius, PGK Keith and Gloria Campbell, Recorder Dan and Penny Dumouchelle, Helmut and Marianne Hofgärtner, Denis and Charlotte Boivin, and Paul Ratko represented our Council. The total amount raised this year by participating KofC councils came to \$13,007. Mike took his camera along and has provided this photo. Next year's event will be the tenth fund-raiser. Our Council will be hosting it, and Mike is already busy making plans.



### Church Nativity Scene - Support for the Church



It seems that during last year's Christmas Season, our pastor at the time, Fr. Clare Coleman was musing about the possibility of installing a more elaborate and larger Nativity Scene on the church grounds facing Forest Glade Drive. This thought lingered with our Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight and must have been on DGK Mike Agius' mind during an October day trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan, that he organized on behalf of our Council. Part of that trip took the participants on a visit to Bronner's, the year-round Christmas store in Frankenmuth. Mike and Bro. Mike MacLellan sought out the display of large Nativity Scene figures available and chose one to their liking. During the November general meeting, our Council approved the expenditure of \$1,000 to purchase the figures and the materials necessary to build the Nativity Scene. DGK Mike Agius and Rita, Fr. Mike Graham, and Bros. Mike MacLellan and his son Mike Blaise, made a special trip in two vehicles to Frankenmuth on November 15<sup>th</sup> to

acquire the figures. On the morning of November 26<sup>th</sup>, GK Greg MacDonald, DGK Mike Agius, and Bro. Mike MacLellan visited a local building supply store to buy the necessary materials. After they returned with the materials, Bro. Walter Friedl joined them as the work of building the Nativity Scene began in earnest in the rectory garage. The photos show them hard at work in the early construction stages. The dimensions are approximately 8 feet wide, 4 feet deep, and 5 feet high. The front and sides will consist mostly of plexiglass to provide maximum visibility from three sides.

