



Monsignor Stephen Foerster Council 6024 Maryhill

The little Council with the



The Knightly Informer

Grand Knight's Message

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Merry Christmas to all! I say this with conviction and intent. I believe too many times we hold back on our beliefs and err on the side of not offending. Truly we need to be bolder as we move into this season of Christmas, not the "Holiday Season" although it is that, but way more. The marketing and commercialism of Christmas are well documented,

yet we can get caught up in that too easily, me included. Our council has promoted "Keeping Christ in Christmas" for years and we continue with the sale of religious Christmas cards which are hard to find anywhere.

In a small way, we evangelize when we oppose the secularization of the Christmas season and **proclaim Christ's birthday with conviction and help others to remember that it is the joy of advent leading up to the happiness of Christ's birth that the season is all about.** So, slow down consciously and revel in Advent as we lead up to Christmas.

Your Council is growing, slowly, as we conducted a first degree on the only meeting night in December and then celebrated the First Degree and Christmas with some snacks after the meeting. I along with Tim Runstedler attended training provided by Supreme for recruitment and new programme ideas in Brantford.

In this issue find articles on the annual Halloween event and a report on the Vegas night held twice a year for over forty years.

There are several upcoming events to put on your Calendar: The basketball free throw event in January and in February, Valentines Dinner in the middle and Pancake Tuesday at the end of the month. Both of these events can use volunteers.

So, Merry Christmas: may you be truly blessed this season as you slow down and enjoy the waiting for His Birthday and celebrate it with family and friends.

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Chaplain's Message

In the fullness of time and when God saw fit to redeem His people from sin, He decided to do this through and with his Son Jesus. He chose to send Him to us with a human body dwelling on earth and born of the Most Blessed Virgin, MARY, Mother of God. And so He lives with His people, teaching and instructing them and bringing them to Himself through HIS miracles, compassion and love. Then, the sacrifice of his death on the cross brought us our redemption. This season we remember His birth and the fulfilling of God's will for Him to save us. **Jesus is both God and man and lifts up humanity to a holy state and joining us with God through God's graces and love. It is only through God's love that this has been accomplished through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Fr. Voisin



Above Tim Vegh presents Bishop Crosby with a cheque for \$300 at the Bishops Dinner held at the Basilica in Guelph.



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Golf Tournament report

August 20, 2016, the Maryhill Knights of Columbus held their 5th annual golf tournament. It was held at the Grand Valley Golf and Country Club and approximately 50 people participated. After a fun afternoon of golfing players were treated to a delicious three meat buffet hosted by Grand Valley Golf and Country Club. There were prizes for all the participants and each golfer also received a goodie bag. Many thanks go out to all the golf hole sponsors and all other donors. Through their generosity, we were able to raise approximately \$3000 for our charity account.

Our hole sponsors this year were:

Airwave Climate Care

Ariss Fencing

ATN Mechanical System Ltd.

B&D Custom Meal Fabricators

CIBC Wood Gundy (Gary Stewart)

DC Foods

Fackoury Family Holdings

FanTactics Dynamic Balancing

Home Life Power (Brendan Clancy)

Knights of Columbus Insurance (Vince Longo)

Martins Small Engines & Auto Clinic

Portugal Auto Body

Preston Travel

Pride Insulation Inc.

Reitzel Heating & Air Conditioning

Silver Maple Farms Meat Products Inc.

TMT Inc. (Ted Dietrich Railway Ties and Metal)

Town and Country Fencing

Thank-you to the brother knights that offered their help and support, and to everyone who came out to golf or for the meal. I look forward to continual support for our 6th annual golf tournament next summer.

Tery Runstedler

Chairman of Golf Tournament



Pro Life

40 Days for Life

Reports that the Prayer Vigil that took place in September 2016 in 367 cities around the world that 872 babies were saved from abortion and since the Vigil started in 2007, 12668 babies were saved. Also a number of Planned Parenthood workers resigned from the abortion clinics.

Right to life

O heavenly Father, strengthen us against the mounting forces of anti-life; enlighten those who walk in this way that they may see the enormity of their sin and return to the generous observance of the divine law. We pray too, for mothers that they may prize the great privilege of motherhood; and that they may bring up their children in the holy love and fear of God, thus saving their immortal souls and furthering the honor and glory of their Maker. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Big Beef

Just a reminder that we hope to run the Big Beef Fundraiser for the second year. The committee will be forming in late February. If you are looking for an exciting program to become involved with, now is the time to think about the ONE thing you would like to do for your Council and community.

We hope to base our success on the experience we gained last year. We were profitable last year, and this year we would like to really make a difference in raising funds for a charity that will be announced when the committee has consulted with our Council.

Why not be part of this worthwhile project. A few minutes of your time attending planning meetings every other week will be appreciated. The meetings are short and well organized. Each committee member is part of a team as we do everything together. Let me know if you are available, as positions are filling up fast.

For more information you can call me at 519-648-2174 or email me at gpembro@hotmail.com

Cheers

Gary Embro

In Memoriam

Please include in your prayers Brother Knight John Van De Ven who passed away October 30, 2016 also remember Maureen Goetz wife of Br. Knight Gary Goetz who died November 23, 2016. May they rest in Peace and be with our Creator God in Heaven
Amen



Brother Knights

Announcing the annual KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP to be held on January 22nd 2017



The Maryhill Knights of Columbus sponsors of this event, invites all boys and girls aged 9 to 14 to compete at the St Boniface School Gym. All boys and girls will compete in their respective gender and age groups.

Registration starts at 1:30 followed by the competition.

The whole family is invited to watch the competition. Light Refreshments Will be available.
Cheers
Gary Embro

Upcoming Events

- ◆ General Meetings third Tuesday of the month
- ◆ St. Boniface Kids Christmas Party
- ◆ Valentines Dinner February 11`
- ◆ Pancake Tuesday February 28
- ◆ Vegas night April 29





Halloween



The Halloween Party sponsored by the knights with Brother Duane Sauve as chairman, is an excellent event, building community awareness of the knights and providing annual fun for the kids around this traditional time of year. The Mad science people (left) put on a good show that entertains and educates.



It is the **VETERAN**, not the preacher,
who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the campus organizer,
who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the **VETERAN**, not the

politician,
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the **VETERAN**,
who salutes the Flag,
**ETERNAL REST GRANT
UNTO THEM,
O LORD, AND LET PER-
PETUAL LIGHT SHINE
UPON THEM.**

The Knights of Columbus Maryhill annually recognizes the war Veterans and deceased Knights of the past year in a ceremony at St. Boniface before Sunday mass. Then every one is invited to the community centre for a brunch for a free will offering.

The success of our Memorial Brunch held November 13th at the Maryhill Park Complex was due to the dedicated volunteers who once again provided a Brunch with all the trimmings. However we missed you.

The turnout was somewhat down this year because of a trip by many people scheduled weeks ago. However we had just under forty who enjoyed the bacon, eggs, pancakes, toast, etc, and of course coffee. We look forward to providing these events for the community, as it gives us exposure in the community.

Why not volunteer for an event or two in the future. It takes just a few minutes of your time and you will feel satisfied when the event is finished, that you had a hand in it's success.
God Bless
Gary embro