



The Knightly Informer

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Grand Knight's Message



Welcome to 2016 and the last half of our fraternal year! Thanks to all the brother knights who attended our December meeting. It is, and was gratifying to have 35 or so brothers out to a meeting. Your support is appreciated. We can and will continue to communicate through the IN-

FORMER; however, when we get to see you in person and have the opportunity to chat with you, it seems more meaningful.

We must be thankful that we continue to have a council and carry on the tradition of nearly 50 years in Maryhill. At the December meeting we recognized 9 new Honorary or Honorary Life members. In terms of our total membership, we are approaching 50% of members who have attained Honorary or Honorary Life status. What does that mean? Two things are evident – our membership is aging and have been members for more than 25 years and secondly, with that status, membership dues are either significantly reduced or completely eliminated. Certainly something to think about for the future! In order to have a sustainable base, we need to have new and younger Catholic men join our ranks. My plea to each and every one of you is to reach out in your network of family or friends – or perhaps someone you may know at your workplace – and think of a man who would make a good Knight. Call us and let us know, and if you would be comfortable arranging an introduction, our membership chairman, myself or perhaps someone you identify from our council, will be happy to meet with the candidate to explain the benefits of joining our organization. Our contact information can be found in this issue of the INFORMER or please consult or contact us through our website www.knightsforcolumbus.ca.

We will move forward again in 2016 with a solid program of events and continued charitable work. Please continue to consult the INFORMER for these upcoming events. You can support us by your attendance and if you wish to volunteer, we welcome your help. If we could ask each Brother Knight to attend or help out at a minimum of **one event per year**, it would significantly strengthen our council. The benefit to you will be in

knowing that you have helped MAKE A DIFFERENCE and the positive vibes you get from not only a good deed, but working alongside some of your brothers.

Thank you for your continued support! May the coming year be filled with good health, happy days, and in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, may we all truly show our Catholic faith in our actions and deeds.

VIVAT JESUS!

George Isley gisley@golden.net 519-787-1036

Chaplain's Message Father Voisin

Words of Wisdom on Mercy from Pope Francis
God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones.

Mercy is the force that re-awakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.

The confessional is not a torture chamber, but the **place in which the Lord's mercy motivates us to do better.**

The mercy of Jesus is not just sentiment: indeed it is a force that gives life, that raises man up!

I think -and I say it with humility- that this is the **Lord's most powerful message: mercy**

Mercy is the true power that can save humanity and the world from sin and evil.

We cannot trust in our own strength, but only in Jesus and His mercy.

Let the church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven.

The mercy of God has no limits if one turns to Him with a sincere and contrite heart.

God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.

I think we too are the people who, on the one hand, want to listen to Jesus, but on the other hand, at times, like to find a stick to beat others with, to condemn others. And Jesus has this message for us: Mercy.

Brother Knights



Just a reminder of the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP to be held on January 24th, 2016.

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 age divisions.

Registration takes place prior to the start of the competition.

Prizes awarded in all age groups (9 – 14 Girls and Boys).

Winners of each group, advance to compete in the Regional Competition set in February.

Registration starts at 1:30 followed by the competition.

We still require some volunteers, so if you can help it would be appreciated.

The whole family is invited to watch the competition.

Why not come out and enjoy the afternoon. You will be glad you did. Light Refreshments will be available.

Recently, our last ten events were documented and filed in our activity log. The log was created for the members to follow when taking on an event. It is available at each meeting, so come out and take a look.

When we started this log, our intention was to make it easier for a volunteer to take on an event simply by following each step documented on how to proceed. The previous facilitator will be available to answer any question that may arise.

The award form for each event has been forwarded to state, so the event facilitator may be acknowledged for their hard work in providing service to the community.

As mentioned in the last informer, we are still in the early stages of a new fund raiser. Does anyone want to be involved in the initial stages to help with the organization of this event? We still cannot tell what the event will be until we get more information. So if you like a challenge, call or send me an email.

Cheers

Gary Embro

Program Co-ordinator

Q&A At gpembro@hotmail.com

Euthanasia

Have you contacted your local MP Regarding Euthanasia?

In February of 2015 the Supreme Court of Canada struck down Canada's Assisted Suicide Law and on July 17th the Canadian Government appointed an expert panel to examine the Supreme Court's decision. The panel appointees are: Dr Harvey Chochinov, a psychiatrist and palliative care leader, Catherine Frazee, a disability rights leader and past co-director of Disability Studies at Ryerson University, and Benoit Pelletier, a member of the faculty of law at the University of Ottawa. The consultation website can be found at www.ep-ce.ca. Letters of concern and opposition can be sent to this panel by mailing a letter to:

External Panel on Options for a Legislative Response to Carter v. Canada
East Memorial Building
284 Wellington Street, CS-937
Ottawa, ON K1A 0H8

It is also important to contact your Member of Parliament regarding this extremely important and sensitive issue.

In addition to your own concerns and objections some points to consider when writing your letter may be:

- People with disabilities, frail elderly people and those who are dependent on others can be subtly pressured.
- Canadians need better end-of-life care. Car-ing Not Killing.
- Elder abuse has become a scourge on our culture. Euthanasia may become the ultimate form of elder abuse.
- Euthanasia is accepted for depression or other psychiatric reasons in Belgium and the Netherlands. These are people who need help not death.
- The law needs to protect Canadians, especially when we are at the most vulnerable time of our lives.

For more information on Euthanasia please consult the blog of Alex Schadenberg, who is Executive Director and the International Chair for the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, at alexschadenberg.blogspot.ca.

Tim Runstedler **Lecturer**

Pro Life

Marillac Place resolves to give mothers the tools to become effective parents and self-supporting, responsible members of the community. Marillac Place offers safe, affordable accommodation, with basic life skills training, childcare guidance and educational opportunities. We provide chances for brighter futures to mother-led families, helping them to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty.

Marillac Place continues to provide not only a safe home for women and their children, but to empower our mothers to become the financially self-sufficient, responsible adults and nurturing parents.

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Guelph and Area Right To Life is sponsoring the 40 days for life February 10-March 20
519-836-6311

Gerald Goetz

Prolife Liaison

Fall Vegas Night

This past November saw another successful Vegas night with every spin of the wheel sold out and a special spin for a pastel picture of St. Boniface church created by Donnalee Stewart wife of Br. Gary Stewart. It was won by Dawn-Marie Runstedler left Donnalee (centre) and Steve Clement shown to the right.



In Memoriam

In your Prayers remember our deceased brother Simon Reinhart who passed away November 14, 2015 brothers in law of Elmer and Arthur Bruder Also Patricia Brohman who passed away November 27, 2015 wife of Edwin (2004) and Elmer Bruder who passed away Jan 3, 2016 Brother of Art Bruder of our Council

To have faith

is to create

To have hope

is to call down blessing

To have love

Is to work miracles



The Road to Bethlehem

Pictured below

These show some of the excellent depiction of the birth of Jesus as a live re-enactment of the journey. Participants travel a path outside, warm themselves by the fire, sing Christmas carols, are challenged by Roman guards and must comply with census takers before being allowed to see the Nativity live. Cookies, hot cider, and coffee round out the event at the Jesuit Centre Guelph.



Calendar of Events 2016

Executive Meetings first Tuesday of the month
General Meetings, third Tuesday of the month at Maryhill Community Centre 7:30 PM

January 24 Basketball Free throw

February 9 Pancake Tuesday

Feb 13 Valentine's Dinner

April 30 Vegas night

Monsignor Stephen Foerster Maryhill Council
6024

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Shrove Tuesday

Join us for a pancakes and sausage dinner.

Tuesday February 9
Maryhill Park Recreation
Centre
5:00pm to 7:00 pm
All for a free will offering



Above right Paul Embro and left Danny Strickler receive their Life Memberships presented by George Isley GK

Maryhill Knights of Columbus & Catholic Woman's League



Valentine's Supper



Tickets: \$17.50* per person Saturday February 13th, 2016

Rolled ribs with all the fixings, dessert and coffee included

2 seatings 5:30 & 7:00 pm

Advance Tickets only

Chances on Door Prizes

Maryhill Heritage Community Centre 58 St. Charles St. E Maryhill, Ontario

For tickets call

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* due to increase in hall costs

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bishop Macdonell 4th Degree Assembly 2510



*Serve with Patriotism
March with Honour*



For more information, contact Assembly2510@gmail.com



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The Knights of Columbus are proud to be sponsors of the Special Olympics held this year in Guelph. Volunteers are needed go to

<http://www.specialolympics2016games.com>