

The little Council with the



# The Knightly Informer

## **Grand Knight's Message**



Spring and Easter are soon upon us!

How are we doing with our Lenten sacrifices? I heard recently that Pope Francis advised that Lent is not just

giving something up, such

as chocolate ", but some other good act . Perhaps, giving of ourselves and doing more good deeds. Visiting an elderly person or the sick. Or just saying an extra prayer or two. Whatever you have chosen to do, I am sure it is worthwhile. It is a positive way of expressing our faith.

Your Council has held some successful events again in the Q1 of 2015. Our annual sleigh ride could have been better attended, but maybe the cold wintery day or illness held you back. The Basketball free throw event was again a success. Our sincere thanks to Brother Gary Stewart, his wife Donnalee, family and other volunteers for a job well done. Gary has chaired this event for several years and done an admirable job. He now passes the torch to someone new. If you are interested in helping us, please let one of the executive know.

Our Valentine 's Day dinner was a "sold out "event. Thank you to the brother knights and family volunteers and the CWL for making this another great evening. Pancake Tuesday was another good evening. Thanks to Brother Tim Vegh and Fran, Brother Doug Zinger and Sandy for "flipping and serving those pancakes".

While I'm on the tribute and gratitude "kick", I wish to offer our thanks for the great job Tim Vegh does on The Informer. He lays it

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out, sets it up and prints it and there is substantial time and effort that goes into this. His contribution is invaluable in getting this to you every couple of months. Tim also stepped up and took on the recording secretary position when our previous recorder had to take leave because of employment considerations. Thanks, Tim.

Have a blessed and Happy Easter! Now you can enjoy that candy, T Bone steak or maybe the beer that you have avoided during Lent. As always, I look forward to hearing any feedback from you <a href="mailto:gisley@golden.net">gisley@golden.net</a> or call me at 519-572-7176 or 519-787-1036.

# George Isley





# **Chaplain's Message**

**Father Voisin** 

# Have a blessed and Sacred Easter

he celebration and the greatest of all feasts is the resurrection of our Lord. God, because of his love and mercy, saved us from the devil's power over us. The darkness of evil is ended, because Christ conquered his power over us. The darkness of evil is ended, because Christ conquered his power with His triumph of death upon the cross and His resurrection. Jesus, because of His Death and resurrection, has given to us the promise of the glory of heaven, in which we will be given. With our Lord's death, the great sacrifice has been given to God, uniting Heaven to earth, and us with God. The sacrifice has made us God's special people and we, in turn, offer this sacrifice in thanksgiving to God every time we celebrate the Eucharist. Jesus has said that we must do this in memory of His death until He comes again in glory at the end of time. Over and over again, God is given, by Jesus, and eternal praise and thanksgiving of his love in asking Jesus to die for us. All Heaven and earth rejoice because Christ is risen—truly risen, Alleluia!



## Pro-Life message from Carl Anderson-Supreme Knight

His Book "A Civilization of Love" can be ordered from the Knights of Columbus

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This Book is Recommended by our Pro-Life Liason Jerry Goetz

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, surveys the exciting and history-changing ideas an active role in their faith, you do not have to be a of Pope John Paul II in A Civilization of Love.

By popularizing not only John Paul's vision but also that zation of love. of his successor, Benedict XVI, Anderson hopes to inspire Christians to work toward creating a civilization of love. In such a civilization every person is a child of God.

We are all intrinsically valuable. The battle today is between the culture of death (where people are judged by their social or economic value) and the culture of life. Anderson pushes aside religious differences in order to spread a message of hope to those who are weary of the constant turmoil of modern society.

While he does specifically challenge Christians to take Christian to participate in the movement toward a civili-

By embracing the culture of life and standing with those most marginalized and deemed "useless" or a "burden" on modern society, Christians can change the tone and direction of our culture.

Anderson demonstrates that regardless of our differences we can come together on the centrality of loving and caring for others.

He brings a message of inclusion and hope in the midst of a clash of civilizations and provides a road map for helping Christians understand their role in the world.

# Pro Life

Pro Life Events

KW right to life 36th annual Walk for life Saturday May 9th 2015 at Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre at 9:00 AM for information contact Jerry @ 519 649 2591

Knights of Columbus, Catholic Woman's League and Holy Name Society of St. Boniface

( KW walk starts at Historic St. Paul's 137 Queen St. S Kitchener at 10:00 AM for info call 519 746 5433)

Ottawa March for Life—Thursday May 14th Cost \$60 per seat, for more info call \KW Right to Life 519 746 5433. In conjunction with the Ottawa Walk for Life, we will be having the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Boniface Church time 1-4 PM. Hopefully you will have some tome to come and pray for the Sanctity of Human Life. For information on the Sex Education Bill go to Internet at the Parents are first Educators (PAFE). Pray for all Peoples to recognize the pro Life mission that humankind exists from conception to natural death.

## Gerald Goetz

Prolife Liaison

## In Memoriam

Kindly include in your prayers the following brother knights who passed away:

Pray for Joseph Walter who passed away January 28/2015;

Also Eva Bruder Feb15/2015 wife of brother Arthur, brother in law of Elmer Bruder and Simon Reinhart;

Also Clara Schuett Feb13/2015 sister of Clarence (1995).

They are in Company with Christ, Who died and now lives,

May they rejoice in your kingdom, Where all our tears are wiped away, Unite us together again in one fami-

To sing Your praises forever and ever, Amen

Gerald Goetz



# Euthanasia, Paralympics, and Palliative Care

A researched opinion Timothy Runstedler Financial Secretary

Realizing that the political situation in Germany was not going to get any better under the Nazi regime, Ludwig Guttmann, a German born Jewish doctor, and his family emigrated to England in 1939. At the time Dr. Guttmann was a well respected and world renowned doctor of neurology. In 1944, Dr. Guttmann was asked to run a Spinal Injuries Unit at a Ministry of Pensions hospital in Stoke Mandeville, Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire. Dr. Guttmann agreed, provided he was given complete authority of the unit and was allowed to treat patients as he saw fit. Up until this point, a person who suffered a spinal cord injury carried a death sentence. The normal practice was to put the patient into a body cast and with little else that could

be done the patient died a slow agonizing death as a result of infection.

The first patients that were treated at Stoke Mandeville were British soldiers that had suffered severe injuries from fighting in World War II. These were young men that before the war had hopes and dreams with their whole lives ahead of them. As a result of the war, their dreams were shattered and they had given up all hope of living any kind of fruitful life or a life worth living. These men asked and pleaded with Dr. Ludwig to end their suffering and simply put an end to their misery, but Dr. Guttmann had other ideas. Not only did Dr. Ludwig Guttmann give paraplegics a second chance at life, he also set the standards and showed the

world what palliative care was all about.

Dr. Ludwig treated each of those soldiers as people who had unique gifts, interests and families that cared for them, rather than patient number whatever in need of care. He realized that the rehabilitation of patients with spinal cord injuries was not just physical, but mental as well. It was essential to care for the whole person. Writing about the care of paraplegics, Dr Guttmann observed that,

The sudden conversion of a vigorous man into a helpless cripple naturally tends to severe psychological shock and reactive depression. From the beginning, the patient's mental condition needs careful attention and treatment to prevent anxiety or resentment, which lead to apathy and inactivity. In dealing with these mental disorders, the creation of a cheerful atmosphere and high morale in the ward is of vital importance. The whole unit must be impregnated with enthusiasm, and this inspires the patient to cooperate to the full. "New Hope for Spinal Cord Sufferers." Paraplegia 17 (1979):6-15.

In order to bring meaning and excitement into the lives of his patients, and to help with rehabilitation, Dr. Guttmann used sports. Sports were fundamental in the physical, psychological, and social rehabilitation of those who had spinal cord injuries. After some time, Dr. Guttmann held small competitions for the patients. As word got around and individuals from other countries got involved these small competitions evolved into the Paralympics, which now has over 4,200 participants from over 165 countries.

There is an obvious difference between those who are dealing with end of life issues and the patients that Dr. Ludwig Guttmann was dealing with; however the principals remain the same. People who are facing death are not just in need of physical care, they are in need of psychological, social, and spiritual care as well. The answer to euthanasia is not granting a dying person's last wish, but rather to take that journey with them. The kind of care that Dr. Ludwig Guttmann gave his patients is what the World Health Organization defines as palliative care, which is "an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problem associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychosocial and spiritual." Proper palliative care can ease a person's pain, but still al-

low them to take advantage of the few moments he or she may have left with family and friends.

Euthanasia was a topic of debate before and during World War Two. Hitler believed that it was for the "good of the Fatherland" to kill undesirables because they were a burden to society and on national resources. It was called "mercy killing" back then as well. Dr. Guttmann worked with patients that at the time were considered hopeless cases, but regardless of the diagnosis Dr. Guttmann took the time to give them best care possible; for some patients that meant giving them a new chance at life and unfortunately for others that meant making their last moments on earth as peaceful as possible. This is true health care! Right now our Canadian Senate is preparing to debate whether or not euthanasia should be legalized in this country. It is our job to take a stand like Dr. Ludwig Guttmann and make sure that our health care remains just that, "Health Care".

Please visit our

website @ www.knightsofcolumbus.ca and look for Euthanasia Awareness under the "Projects" Tab to view a current list of our Senators and Members of Parliament and how to reach them by mail.









## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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The three pictures above show volunteers at the Valentines Rolled Rib Dinner and clockwise show John Kennedy, Mike Runstedler, and Barb Nosal predominately in the picture.

To the left are the characters who put on the annual Pancake Tuesday left to right Doug Zinger, Tim Vegh, Fran Vegh. Sandy Zinger was helping in the dining room during this picture

# Pray the Rosary as requested by Our Lady of Fatima



### Hello everyone,

Thank you so very much for your help on Sunday. Our numbers were up this year to 19 participants; the event went swimmingly and most importantly, the kids had a wonderful time. Diane, a special thank you for all Age 12 Martina Olszewski of the great work you do and have done for his event (and so many things!)

I have summarized the results below:

Total Participants: 19 (9 boys and 10 girls)

## Age 9 10 11 12 13 14

Boys 3

### Champions

#### Champion Girls

Amber Moran Age 9

Age 10 Grace Baillargeon Age 11 Kristen Busse

#### Champion Boys

Age 9 John Patrick Milloy

Age 10 Mitchell Hartman

Age 12 Vincent Yang

Age 13 Jacob Gromczynski Thanks again to all, Gary sк Gary Stewart

Convener



Above Tery Runstedler and Gary Stewart Below the champions in each group. Below left Gary and Diane Strickler



## Right

The entire group on the afternoon of January 25th for the annual Basketball Free Throw Contest

## Annual Car Show and Shine



Maryhill Heritage Community Centre, \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 for the family



Saturday June 20, 2015 11:00am to 5:00pm Food to purchase and Free Entertainment.

## Calendar of Events

Executive Meetings first Tuesday of the month General Meetings, third Tuesday of the month April 18, 8:00 PM Vegas Night Bridgeport Rod & Gun June 20, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Annual Car Show Maryhill Heritage Park July 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Appreciation Night Maryhill Heritage Park

# Spring Vegas night

Saturday April 18th

Time 8:00 PM

Place: Bridgeport Rod and Gun

Beitz Road 519-648-2633

Evening of Chances for: Quilts, Grocery Hampers, Steaks, Chicken breasts, also Penny Table. Free

## **Admission "Early Bird Specials"**

Door Prizes

Proceeds for local Charities.



Draw date: July 16th, 2015 @ 9:00 AM International Plaza Hotel 655 Dixon Road



Knights of Columbus Ontario Charity Foundation Annual Charity Draw

for the Arthritis Society and Special Olympics We will be selling these tickets at the Guelph Stone Road Mall shortly and I will be needing lots of help. I will be in contact with many members for a few hours of your untiring help and it will be appreciated. Last year our council 6024 had a \$10,000 winner. If you want tickets call me Doug Zinger at 519-648-2939.