

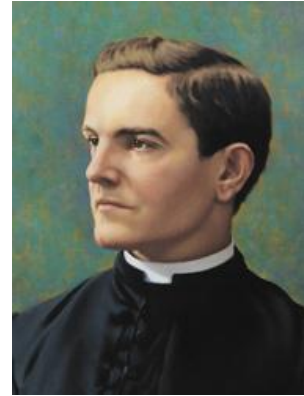
Knights Of Columbus Council 10888



January 2025

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen



Blessed Michael J. McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus

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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT JANUARY 2025

Brother Knights,

Local Students to Show How to ‘Keep Christ in Christmas’

Youngsters have taken part in K of C’s international competition — Knights of Columbus (Council 10888) has invited boys and girls at Pius XII and St. Charles Collage, from ages 5 through 14 to participate in the organization’s international “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest. “By engaging the creative talents and imaginations of our young people, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas,”



The contest was conducted locally with winning entries advancing to K of C judging at the district, state, and then at the K of C Supreme level. The winning entries in the different age categories’ will serve as the basis for a series of new Christmas posters that encourage a deeper understanding of the Christmas holiday.

“The posters will be distributed in the countries where the Knights are active as part of our “Keep Christ in Christmas” campaign, and creative credit will also be given to the winning artists.



Jean-Marc has arranged to hold the basketball free throw competition at PiusXII on Jan. 16th. He will be looking for a few volunteer to help him. Please see Jean-Marc to let him know if you can give him a hand.

I want to say Happy New Year to all our members and families!

Fraternally,
Alain Joseph Boulay
Grand Knight 705-280-6664
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The next general meeting is Thurs, January 2nd,
in the lower parish hall, starting at **7:00 pm**
Executive meeting at **6:00 pm** in upper hall.

Dear brother Knights and families,



Many families at Christmas time and New Year's, put lots of effort to get together, to share a meal and exchange gifts. Sometimes, some travel long distances and sacrifice time and money to please others. Knowing too well that the reality of our families are not always easy, these holy days can still be wonderful occasions for God's grace to help us create precious moments such as reconciliation after a long dispute, or the occasion to come back home after a long absence.

The family and family relationships have a very important place in the Christian life. Founded on love, the family gives its members (spouses, parents and children, brothers and sisters) a unique opportunity to surpass themselves and to bear witness to the power of Christ who lives in each of them.

What a wonderful Christmas gift! Is this not the gift that God the Father has given to humanity? When one chooses to follow Christ, relations are most likely to grow and do good.

I know that family has a special place in the heart of a Knight of Columbus. It is why I pray that this Christmas may be for you a true occasion to receive the blessings that come along with the coming of our Saviour. Just like Jesus himself needed a family at his birth, let us be conscious of the precious gift our family is or could be for all of its members.

On the eve of the Jubilee Year 2025, let us enter this year of grace as pilgrims of hope. Let us make Christ, the source of all hope, known to all those in search of truth, love and peace.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Holy New Year!

By: State Chaplain,
Archbishop Marcel Dampousse
Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall



Brother Knights,

To re-cap the status of our membership: As of the end of December our council has a roster of 155 members. This comprises 60 members who carry K of C Insurance, 89 associate or members who do not have K of C insurance, and 6 who are deemed “Inactive”, that is they are no longer active members but carry K of C insurance. Included are 4 honorary members, age 65 with 25 years of service, 26 honorary life members, age 70 with 25 years or 50 years of service, and 3 exempt from paying dues.

Fraternally,
Financial Secretary



Brother Knights,

As graduating high school students prepare applications for universities and colleges many of them will also be looking for some financial aid to help pay for their further education. They will approach their guidance office for a list of organizations that offer bursaries and scholarships. Graduating student, are encouraged to look at the K of C Ontario State Bursary program too. The State Board offers five bursaries valued at \$1,000. The deadline for applications is June 1st.



Full details are found on the application can be downloaded here:

<https://ontariokofc.ca/programs/faith-in-action/community/bursary/>



Acknowledgement Of Risks And Exposures Regarding Abuse, Discrimination, Harassment

Our Council insurance renewal for 2025 requires that we review the protocol.

Included in the newsletter is an excerpt from the 2023 revision of the “**Abuse Risk Management Protocol**”. In order be to compliant members are asked to follow the imbedded link to see the full version. Please acknowledge having reviewed it.

Council Notes

Brother Knights,

Your 2025 member card is now due! Thanks to all who have paid for and received their 2025 membership cards. Because of the postal strike, in the early part of December, the 1st notice was E-mailed to members who have not picked up their 2025 cards. Then a paper notice was mailed to members who don't use E-mail. To date there are 75 of our members have not yet paid their dues.



If you have not, please do so before Jan the 15th, and avoid having to mail off a 2nd notice. Please send your dues to the church or if you prefer to, sent an E-transfer to my email. It will auto deposit.

One of my duties as Financial Secretary is to collect yearly member dues and issue member card every year Also to maintain the members contact information for our membership up to date. Please keep this in mind and please forward any changes to your address, phone and cell phone, and e-mail to me when ever that happens.



Our Bingo Permit Application for the 2025-2026 fiscal year has been received from the bingo co-ordinator. Preparation of a preliminary charity budget is in progress by the Ad-Hoc committee. It's inclusion is required to be included with the bingo permit application It will be read at our general meeting for council approval.

With that said, we are always asking for volunteers who can join our Bingo. Right now we have volunteers coming out 2 and 3 times a month. Bingo team objective is to have enough team members so that a volunteer will only have to help out for 2½ hour session only once per month. Please let us know if you are interested. We do not want to lose our privileges at the bingo by not being able to fill our assignments.



Please promote Delta Bingo, as it is part of our permit requirement

We have 3 assignments in January. Watch for your e-mail invite and pick a day to volunteer, and new members encouraged to come out and shadow.

Fraternally

Santo Fragomeni Financial Secretary

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2025 Membership Free Card Draw

As is the custom of our council, raffles 3 only free member cards. The final free member card at December draw winner was Ron Lepage. As for the rest of the Council members, come out to our meetings next Oct, Nov, and December of 2025 to try your luck for the free 2026 card draw!

2024 ANNUAL SURVEY of Fraternal Activities

Brother Knights, **If you have not done so please fill out the survey Member Worksheet and send to me ASAP. So far I only have 12 replies.** This is below the usual 20 to 25 replies. If you need assistance in filling out the survey sheet, give me a call 705-522-9239. Please submit your volunteer hours to Santo by E-mail sackfragomeni@eastlink.ca, or mail to church ASAP. **Your last chance to give me your hours is at the January meeting, or by e-mail by Jan. 10th.**



Christmas Message from our State Deputy



The season of advent has come and gone, and I hope that we may not forget what Christmas really means. We must always remember out of infinite love for us the Eternal Father sent us the gift of his only Son. Through Him we are to inherit the most precious gift of all, “His Kingdom.”

When Blessed McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, it was to fulfill a desire to unite Catholic men in a society founded upon the ideals of our Catholic Faith and protect them from Freemasonry. The objectives of the Knights of Columbus were – to provide a system of fraternal insurance to care for widows and orphans of members – to provide fellowship among the members – to aid the cause of religion- to perform charitable, educational and patriotic works for the benefit of their own fellowmen and their country.

Let us remember the ideals of our Order and resolve to be a participating member, working with the principles of Columbianism as an active and enthusiastic membership that supports all activities. We need you, so let us work together for the good of the Order.

I would like to wish every brother and his family a Holy and Blessed Christmas. May we, through your prayers and acts of love, be Blessed by the Almighty in the coming New Year.

Vivat Jesus
Bruce Poulin

From the: *State Winter Bulletin*

District Deputy's News Flash

Brother Knights,

I wish all councils a happy and prosperous New Year!

Please keep up the good work of recruitment; it is the only way that our councils will survive to do all the good work that we do. For those councils that do the basketball free throw have a fun time with the participants of the free throw. The district Free Throw will be officiated by Dan Mainville and possibly my 2 wardens, Carlo DiCarlo and Jean-Marc Joannis. With the regionals held at a separate time after the District Free Throw competition. The date and place to be announced for both later.

Please support the Pentecostal retreat at Holy Redeemer Church. Please see Ibrahim Gonzalez or Jean Marc Joannis or Holy Redeemer Church for information.

Ultrasound program is saving the unborn. Help us bring a message of hope for the unborn. Access to abortion does not save lives; it takes lives. Providing resources for mothers and their unborn babies means saving lives. One of the most powerful tools in our pro-life arsenal is the Ultrasound machine. It gives the mother a window into the womb, allowing her to see her baby and hear the heartbeat. Often, this is a life-saving moment.

The Diocesan Association meeting will be held Wednesday January 29th, 7PM, at Holy Redeemer Church, please plan to attend.

Vivat Jesus Dennis Tomini, District Deputy, Ontario District 13
Greater Sudbury 705-585-3414 Cell 705-920-9097



Note from the 4th Degree



Another year has gone by let us give many "Thank you" for what has been a good 2024. Let's make 2025 better than 2024. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and the new year brings you great joy. if you can bring a member who needs a ride and please ask the members of your council to come and join the Patriotic arm of our Order.

Our first meeting of 2025 will be on January 9th. Supper will be at 6pm and the general meeting is to follow at 7:00pm. Come join us.

Vivat Jesus;

Donald Degagne Faithful Navigator, Assembly #876

A Memo from your K of C Insurance Agent

Don't Assume You Can't Afford Disability Income Insurance

One of the biggest mistakes you can make regarding disability insurance is to assume you can't afford it or you won't qualify. Before you make that assumption, do some basic research and apply for coverage through the Knights of Columbus. The Order's Income Armor product gives you options that can help you fit this critical protection into your risk management budget.

Here are two ways you can reduce your premium:

1. Choose a two-year or five-year maximum benefit period.

Depending on your age, the best option is probably a policy that pays benefits until you reach age 67. But a two-year or five-year duration benefit period would cover disabilities you might encounter in your working life.

2. Choose a longer elimination period.

An elimination period is the number of days a total disability must exist before benefits begin to accrue. Typical elimination periods are 30, 90, or 180 days. Choosing a longer elimination period lowers the policy's premium. But be sure you have enough set aside in your contingency fund to account for the longer gap.

As your professional insurance agent, risk management is my specialty. Let's talk about how to protect your income, your retirement needs, and your family's financial future.

I'm at 705-524-2439. Call me. Let's talk.

Your Insurance Agent,
Bobby Renaud



Joke Corner

Lecture Tour with A Difference

On New Year's Eve, Daniel was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his van in the car park and walked home.

As he was wobbling along, he was stopped by a policeman.

'What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?' asked the police officer. 'I'm on my way to a lecture,' answered Dan.

'And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?' enquired the policeman sarcastically.

'My wife,' slurred Daniel grimly.

Reader's Digest

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Editor's Corner

Send in your notes or comments to your newsletter center. Contact the editor Don Larocque, at 705-560-4847 or at donilou@eastlink.ca , or assistant, Santo Fragomeni, at 705-522-9239 or

sackfragomeni@eastlink.ca , on your internet

Articles are always in need to inform Brother



connection.
Knights.

The next month's activities are as follows:

Jan. 2nd – General meeting at 7:00 pm in the lower parish hall

Jan. 9th – 4th Degree General meeting 7:00 pm

Jan 16th – Basketball free throw at Pius XII

Jan. 29th – Diocesan Association meeting Holy Redeemer Church 7pm

Happy and Prosperous 2025





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