

Caravel

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Upcoming Events:

Dec. 5 – Dinner Meeting starting at 6:00pm - \$5.00 / person

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 November	27	28 Pub Knight	29	30	1 December	2 Membership Drive
3 St. Mary's Parish Breakfast Membership Drive	4	5 Always on Tuesday General Meeting - Spaghetti Supper	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Always on Tuesday	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Always on Tuesday Executive Meeting	20	21	22	23
24	25 Merry Christmas	26 Always on Tuesday	27	28	29	30
31	1 January	2	3	4	5	6

**Our Council Meets
on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm**

If you know of a Brother Knight or a member of his family who is sick or in distress, please contact Bro. George Watson: watsonf@sympatico.ca

“Light Up for Christ”

To help get us all in the spirit as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, our Council will be host our traditional “Light Up for Christ” Spaghetti Supper before the Council meeting. This will be followed by the lighting of our Christmas Tree and the singing of Christmas Carols. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm at a nominal cost of \$5.00

Grand Knight's Message



There is snow on the ground as I write this. I am therefore pleased to confirm that just in time for the colder weather I have finished distributing the additional children's winter coats that we were able to buy thanks to funds generated by our Oktoberfest, 2017 event. Thank you again to our Oktoberfest committee, volunteers and attendees. And thank you to St. Mary's Church for allowing us the use of the church hall.

I delivered approximately 40 coats to the Women's and Children's Crisis Centre in Barrie on November 20 and the remaining coats to Family Connexions in Barrie on November 27. The recipients were most grateful, and I was given a tour of the Women's and Children's Crisis Centre to see first-hand the amenities of the centre where so much important work is done by so few staff in the continuing effort to provide protection to the members of our community who need are in need.

What a wonderful opportunity of service is available to us through Coats for Kids and the other missions of mercy of the Knights of Columbus.

We will have a recruitment effort in December at St. Mary's Church. Potential members should not be dissuaded from membership in the Knights of Columbus through concern that they would be taking on an onerous commitment, rather than a wonderful opportunity, when they join the Knights. I am confident that our recruitment team will be able to assure candidates in this regard.

Similarly, I would like to re-assure existing members that an onerous commitment is not expected of you. Certainly, the needs in our community, country and the world are great. We can never meet this need. But we as a Council can respond to individual needs as the opportunity arises and as our resources of money and time permit.

In that regard, we have members who selflessly devote considerable time to the opportunities of service presented by membership in the Knights of Columbus. But not all members are able to devote the same amount of time. Family, employment and other commitments make this impossible.

Please be assured that your contribution is valued, and valuable, no matter how much or little service you are currently able to offer. As St. Teresa of Calcutta wrote:

God has been so good to us: works of love are always a means of becoming close to God. Look at what Jesus did in His life on earth! He spent it just doing good (Acts 10, 38). I remind the sisters that three years of Jesus' life were spent healing the sick and the lepers, children and other people; and that's exactly what we're doing, preaching the Gospel through our actions.

It is a privilege for us to serve, and it's a real, wholehearted service that we try and give. We feel what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop.

Bro. Dan Dooley, Grand Knight

Surge With Service

Recently I have had the pleasure to attend two events (in my day to day life) that celebrate the special time of year we are about to enjoy. The first event was the Barrie Food Bank “Mac and Cheese” fundraiser – with Wendel Clark as the guest speaker (more on Wendel a bit later... Go Leafs Go!!!). This event sold out in a day and the businesses in our community showed great support for this very worthy organization. The spirit of charity and giving was on full display.

The executive director, Peter Sundborg, is a tireless promoter of the event and his organization. The motto “Working towards a community where no one is hungry” is a great example for all citizens of Barrie to follow. I was proud to know that our Council and Parish have supported the food bank in the past through our food drives and donations. The issue of people and families going hungry in our community is unfortunately one that won’t go away and all of the members of the community have to band together to take care their own. As a Council, we can provide the example to follow to other service clubs and parishes by continuing to support this worthwhile organization.

As for Wendel – he told some great stories in a very candid manner. He didn’t lay blame on Kerry Fraser or Wayne Gretzky for the “phantom” high stick, but did lament another call on Glen Anderson that left the Leafs shorthanded at the end of the game. We can only dream of what a Leafs vs. Habs final would have been like. Wendel’s message for success was simple – work hard, do something you love and have fun doing it - pretty simple formula to follow. He still can sway a crowd as his signed jersey was auctioned off for \$2500!!!

The second event I attended was the kickoff breakfast for the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. The citizens of Barrie are always very generous and the goal for the 2017 campaign was set at over \$500,000.00 – which Barrie has attained easily over the past few years. The Salvation Army mission of existing “to share the love of Jesus Christ, meet human needs and be a transforming influence in the communities of our world” is one that we as Knights of Columbus, can readily identify with.

The guest speaker – Dion Oxford – is an author and director in charge of five shelters in Toronto, who started as a volunteer dishwasher when he was 20. He currently suffers from MS, but continues to fulfill his duties in an exemplary manner. Dion’s message was simple – as an advocate he refers to people he deals with as “person’s currently experiencing homelessness” and not a “homeless person”. He didn’t want a label put on people as this tends to define them. Dion emphasized that a person should only “experience” homelessness as there are opportunities to assist them through this period to find shelter. Seeing people for “who they are” and not “what they are” places value on that person – created in the image of the creator.

When you walk by a kettle this holiday season – drop in a few dollars and thank the volunteer manning the kettle. If you know of a food drive – make it a point to donate. We can do so much through our charitable endeavors to assist others in our community.

I am still looking for a couple of directors to fill the Youth and the Culture of Life positions. I will continue to approach brothers and ask for a hand – please allow me the time to make the sales pitch and consider helping out.

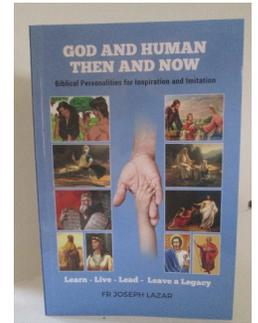
Looking forward to a fun-filled winter season KofC activities – check the calendar on the website and don’t miss out!!!!

***Bro. Rob Burke,
Deputy Grand Knight***

Family & Church Activities

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Our previous Chaplain Fr. Joseph Lazar's book "God & Human Then & Now" is available for purchase. Copies are available from Al MacLeod: churchactivities@kofc1626.ca and at our December meeting. The book discusses the impact of Old Testament and New Testament personalities and their impact on us today. It is 383 pages and a much easier read than his first book which most found quite theological and scholastic. (It was, after all, his PHD thesis.)



Copies are \$25 each with \$5 from each sale being donated by Fr. Joseph to the council.

The council meeting on Dec. 5 will commence with our traditional 'Keep Christ in Christmas' celebration immediately following the spaghetti dinner.

The St. Mary's Parish breakfast will be held after the 8:00 & 10:00 Masses on Sunday Dec.3. This activity will be in conjunction with a Council Membership drive. Bro. Claude Lalonde has stepped forward to coordinate this event. He is still looking for Brothers to help prepare food on Saturday Dec 2 in the kitchen at St. Mary's from noon to about 3 pm. This would include preparing potatoes, onions, sausage, etc. Setting up tables will be left until later due to the hall being used for the Parish Christmas concert. We also need some help serving at the 8:00 & 10:00 Masses on Sunday as well as clean-up after. Anyone who can assist is asked to contact Al MacLeod: churchactivities@kofc1626.ca.

Since this is our December edition, I wish to thank all Brother Knights and their families for your continued faith and support both to the council and the Parishes of St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and Our Lady of Lourdes over this past year. It is through your commitment and love of Christ that Barrie Council 1626 remains a model to other councils. May the joy that is celebrated in the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ remain with you and your family this Christmas season and for the year (& years) to come as we await His triumphant return.

With God's Blessings and my regards,
Bro. Al MacLeod
Church & Family Activities Director



ArrrrrGoooooooS!!!!

The 2017 Grey Cup Party was a great success. With over 20 Brother Knights and their families/spouses, a great time was had by all. On our Grey Cup Pool, PGK Paul Gamble edged out the Worthy Grand Knight Dan Dooley to win the first half prize. The second half prize was claimed by Chantal Matte-Lalonde, spouse to Bro. Claude Lalonde. The proceeds from the Grey Cup Pool will be distributed to Seasons Centre for Grieving Children.

Our Share the Wealth winner was Anne Gamble, spouse to PGK Paul Gamble.

We collected over 100 non-perishable food items to be donated to Youth Haven Barrie. Thank you to all who attended. Also thank you to our technical support person Bro. Joe Gamble who worked feverishly to set up the feed for the game. A tip of the cap goes out to Bro. Don Pipe who coordinated the smooth operation of the Grey Cup pool. We would like to show our appreciation to PGK John Poirier, bartender extraordinaire. Bro. John donated a portion of the tips from the Bar to our worthy cause.

The abundance and variety of the food offerings/selections was really appreciated.

As Coordinator of the Grey Cup Party 2017 and with the guidance from PGK Vince Quinn, Director of Council Activities, I would like to thank you for your participation and making a difference in the lives of the less fortunate in our community.

Fraternally,

Bro. Claude Lalonde,

Coordinator - Grey Cup Party 2017

December Birthdays

Bro. Paul Brown	Dec. 1 st	Bro. Michael Bond	Dec. 15 th
Bro. Charles Giorgianni	Dec. 2 nd 99 yrs	Bro. Mark Columbus	Dec. 16 th
Bro. Mark Horodecky	Dec. 2 nd	Bro. Dean Beaudry	Dec. 17 th
Bro. Elias Scorsone	Dec. 8 th	Bro. Joseph Ficker	Dec. 21 st
Bro. Marc Turgeon	Dec. 9 th	Bro. Robert Parker	Dec. 24 th
Bro. Raul Casal	Dec. 10 th	Bro. Gerald Boulay	Dec 26 th
Bro. Anton Jorritsma	Dec. 10 th	Bro. Ray Cyr	Dec. 26 th
Bro. Jim Morrison	Dec. 11 th	Bro. Michael Ornella	Dec. 27 th
Bro. Stephane Nadeau	Dec. 11 th	Bro. Thomas Bouchard	Dec. 28 th
Bro. Robert McNaughton	Dec. 12 th	Bro. Jacques Legendre	Dec. 29 th
Bro. Stephen Schefter	Dec. 12 th	Bro. Brandt Robbenhaar	Dec 29 th
Bro. Anthony Bilotta	Dec. 13 th	Bro. Russ Cadeau, PSD	Dec. 30 th
Rev. Gustave Momro Mabilia	Dec. 13 th	Bro. Phil Chiasson	Dec. 31 st
Deacon George Wilson	Dec. 14 th		

Membership Drive & Parish Breakfast

On December 3rd , we will be having the dynamic duo set of events being hosts to the Parish breakfast and Membership drive. It is a great opportunity to us to get to know new potential Knights while serving breakfast. We have also been given the opportunity to talk after the 8 and 10am Sunday masses.

I really need a core of 3-4 Knights to help me within the recruiting drive. It is not a time consuming activity. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me at johnsonallan60@gmail.com

Bro. Allan Johnson, Chancellor

December Wedding Anniversaries

Jim & Marlene Regier	Dec. 5	30 yrs	Colin & Margaret Baker	Dec. 29	11 yrs
Francisco & Celinda Canas-Silva	Dec. 9	56 yrs	Glenn & Judy Krelove	Dec 29	45 yrs
Hermann & Velma Struthmann	Dec. 9	39 yrs	Phil & Alicia Pelletier	Dec 29	55 yrs
Stephen & Maureen Wilkinson	Dec. 15	22 yrs	Jose & Catharine Rato	Dec 31	13 yrs
Esteban & Felicidad Morales	Dec. 22	36 yrs			

Columbus Hall

During their research, the task force appointed by our Corporate Board of Directors to make a recommendation concerning the future of our property has spent time interviewing many individuals. Now that these interviews are coming to a close, the task force has determined that it would be useful to hear views of any third degree member of Barrie Council 1626 who feels that they may have something to contribute. To that end, the Task Force will be on hand at Columbus Hall on Tuesday December 12th from 7:30pm to 9:00pm to hear your views.

Advertisers Wanted

Now that our newsletter is back on track and our website is starting to come along, we are looking for advertisers. For \$250.00 per year, your Ad will be displayed in the printed edition of our monthly Caravel. It will also be displayed as a linked Ad on our Council website so that our readers can easily access information about your business and services.

Please contact advertising@kofc1626.ca to find out how you can place your Ad.



Noteworthy Projects & Activities

Coats for Kids



Oktoberfest Chairman, Bro. Dean Beaudry with Melanie McLearn of Simcoe/Muskoka Family Connexions and Grand Knight, Bro Dan Dooley



Our Grand Knight, Bro Dan Dooley with Kaity Fotherby & Lisa Spinks from the Women & Children's Shelter

Due in large part to the great success of our Oktoberfest fundraiser, our Council was able to more than double the amount of coats donated this year.

Always on Tuesday

Fun, fellowship, conversation and bid euchre every Tuesday afternoon at Columbus Hall. This activity has been going strong for many years. All members are welcome. So if you find you are looking for something to do to pass the time, come on out and join the fun. Start time is 1:00pm



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