



Knighly News



**Knights of Columbus - St. Joseph Highland Creek
Council #11525**

Winter 2011

OUR CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

A Happy New Year to each and every one of you. We enter a New Year -- 2011 --, there was hype when we entered the new millennium, a decade has past since then.



A new year is a time to reminiscence on the year gone by and to set new resolutions and goals. We of St. Joseph's Council can recall the recent successful events of the last year -- the Parish Fall Ball, the Christmas Children's Party for our Community, Christmas Caroling and the party thereafter. Also, there was the cleaning of the church and support for the Youth Group activities.

This is also a time to recall fond memories of our members who have preceded us to Our Father's House. We pray that their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace. Our Council lost a stalwart in Charlie Travers, a Past Grand Knight. Charlie emceed many a Knight's Gala, he was the mastermind behind the Parish's participation in the Highland Creek Heritage Day Parade, and a key member in the Remembrance Day services at our Church.

The Knights contribute in cash and kind and are an integral and important part of our Parish Community. As Assistant Pastor I thank you for all that you do and as your Chaplain I implore you to carry on the good work that you do and to go on to meet the challenges that lie ahead in the ensuing year. Your executive has a program for 2011 in

place. I ask all the members to attend the monthly meetings when possible and to get involved in at least one activity.

I wish you and your families a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. May the Good Lord shower his blessings on you and may the Holy Spirit guide and lead you on your way.

Fr. Michal Jurkowski CSSp
Chaplain

A Message from the Grand Knight

My Dear Brother Knights,

2010 ended on a joyous note with the Christmas Season and an unfrosted leap into the New Year 2011.

Last year's activities of our Council culminated on Dec 12, with a day in the midst of the children and the old aged retired parishioners. There was no better feeling then to see the smile on their faces as we celebrated

and brought to them the joy of the birth of infant Jesus during the season.

These moments of happiness happened during our

children's Christmas party and the caroling to the Old Age/Retirement homes. I was glad that we had a large turnout of members and their families, dressed in Christmas attire, for all the functions that day.



Our main fund raiser event, the “Fall Ball” on Nov 20, 2010 was well attended and the generated amount helped towards the Children’s Party. A number of attendees/members sponsored a child for this party by giving cash donations. We are always grateful to these supporters who help us year after year, with their contributions.

The role of the Knight of Columbus is not an easy one, especially when the commitment of the Order needs to be met and the targets to be achieved. I know it puts lot of demands when they have to balance other family/professional commitments. But despite all this, we have been able to meet our needs, to continue for the good of the Order and meet last year’s targets.

The New Year starts with the weatherman continuing his forecast for cold biting winds and snowfall. The last six months of the fraternal year sees our Knights too preparing for their forthcoming scheduled activities.



Besides other planned activities, there is a need to focus more on interaction with the young men by all our members, informing them about the Knights’ involvement in the Church, family and other social activities. This will motivate them to get interested in our activities and may be in due time join the Order. There is plenty of talented young men in our Parish that can contribute to our cause. As quoted in *Romans 12:6-8* “**We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.**” It is said that an individual’s talents and abilities goes hand in hand, as long as they are used for the right purpose. So the Knights of Columbus purpose is well established and we must work for the betterment of our Council.

Finally I want to wish all the members and their loved ones God’s Love, Hope, Peace and Blessings in abundance. May we all overcome whatever challenges we encounter, when we walk and surrender our lives to the Lord.

Vivat Jesus.

Socrates Furtado
Grand Knight.

A message from the Deputy Grand

Brother Knights,

During the last six months the Council was involved in a number of Service Programs. Each of the Directors have planned and implemented these Programs and their individual reports will highlight the activities undertaken.

In addition, the Council in September organized a trip to Martyr’s Shrine, Midland, ON, in collaboration with the CWL Ladies and during first weekend of October we had Roses for Life sale after all masses. We remembered our fallen veterans of the World Wars especially on Remembrance Day, which was held in November and this was followed with a mass for the deceased members of our Council.

Then we moved to a joyous season of Christmas, which was filled with good cheer with the birth of baby Jesus.



The Christmas buttons distributed by the Knights during this time kept the spirit high and alive!

All of us are now getting ready for the New Year planning, which also promises to be exciting as always. Let me now conclude wishing you and your families a Happy New Year, 2011.

Gerard Johnston
Deputy Grand Knight

Director of Youth's Report

After a relatively quiet summer period, when our youth were engaged in summer jobs or vacation time, the St. Joseph's Youth Group began its last quarter of the year with elections. A new Executive Committee was ushered in, to lead the group for another year. Andrew Kiel replaced Mithila as President with great committee members to support him. Already a series of activities have been planned, which should keep the members busy and focused.

St. Joseph's Youth Group has been in existence since September 2005. The membership has grown over the years and so have the activities. Members have been involved in church, community, family and social programmes. They are actively engaged at the 7:00 p.m. youth mass each Sunday, take part in the annual Heritage Day parade, the Parish picnic,

assist the Knights of Columbus at their fundraising Spring and Fall Balls, as well as participate in its own fundraising events. The BBQ held at the

beginning of summer has been a great success. A popular event is the Talent Show which has been held for the last four years due to popular demand. In December, the youth joined the Carol singers of the parish as they visited the old aged homes. The Altar Servers Ministry had a refresher training on September 19, 2010 for all its altar servers, including nine new recruits who joined that day. The training was conducted by Fr. Michal. We were privileged to have our Bishop Most Reverend Vincent Nguyen who attended briefly to meet the servers. He shared his experiences and advice with the servers, gave them his blessings and also took time to pose with them for group photographs. A potluck lunch was organized by the parents and provided an opportunity for all those present to mingle and get to know each other.

On October 16, 2010 seven of our altar servers were awarded medals by Bishop Nguyen at St. Rose of Lima Church, for their dedicated services.



We take pride to see so many servers assisting regularly at our weekend Eucharistic celebrations. A special thank you to Fr. David and Fr. Michal for their interest, encouragement and support for both the youth group and altar servers in their efforts to serve our parish.

I take this opportunity to wish all Brother Knights and their families a truly blessed Christmas and every blessing of Our Infant Jesus throughout the New Year.

Eric Pinto

Youth Director

Lecturer's Report

Brothers, it seems like just yesterday that our fraternal year began. All of a sudden Christmas has come and gone and we are into the New Year!

I hope you all enjoyed the wine tasting we did in the fall, remember the best wine is what YOU like!

I hoped to tap into the talents of our members to provide valuable messages to us. Many of you are shy! Remember sharing experiences and your passion can only enhance your enjoyment and commitment.

I look forward to hearing from Alban Moniz in January and Andy Kemp in February 2011.

I hope all of you have a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Paul Tuccitto

Lecturer

Message from Recorder & Church Director

Dear Brother Knights,

By the time this message is printed and read by Brother Knights and others, we will have gone through the holy season of Advent, celebrated the

birth of Christ Jesus two thousand years ago, allowed Jesus to visit our lives- those areas of our lives where the light of Jesus was shut out, and let the light of Jesus replace the darkness surrounding us. I would call this process in biblical language "Empowerment" which will help us to lead spirit-filled lives with particular emphasis on the role we are expected to play individually in terms of our baptismal promises.

With over 11 years of interaction at Council No.11525, having had the opportunity to serve in various capacities, I would not be wrong to say that our Executive has more SENIORS than young people, with no back-up or Second in Command to cater for unforeseen absenteeism. This does reflect on the efficiency and productivity of the Council team as a whole. Therefore, it is imperative that all Individuals at the Executive (elected or appointed by the Grand Knight) have an Associate or Second in Command, who is expected to share the duties and responsibilities, and fill in during the absence of the main incumbent. There is a provision in the Knight's Handbook "Surge" for formation of Committees to assist in planning and implementing the programs, and perhaps this would provide challenging openings for the 50% "Inactive Members" whom we do not see at any general meetings and social events. Surely, these "shy away" brother Knights could one day be persuaded to contribute to the good order by joining the Executive through annual elections, and thus help to maintain continuity, good name and reputation of our Council.

In my own jurisdiction, namely Church Activities, I was not able to introduce or implement any spiritual activities during the past year for a variety of reasons including non-availability of Church space to suit our convenience, but there is no excuse for this lapse. This year (2011) with advance planning and blessings of our Chaplain, the first spiritual exercise is scheduled on March 22, 2011 (Tuesday), and all Brother Knights are requested to note this date to participate with family members.

In conclusion, I would like to quote from a Homily given by the Supreme Chaplain at a Sunday Mass:

To bear witness to Christ, we must be close to Christ in PRAYER. We need the strength the Eucharist offers, the help of the Sacrament of Penance, the intercession of the Saints- most especially, the blessed virgin Mary



Wish you all Brother Knights & families a blessed, fruitful and prosperous New Year. May God bless us all.

John Fernandes
Church Director / Recorder

Family Director's Report

Dear Bro. Knights,

The parish families have been very active, especially during the Christmas season. Their full participation was noted during the Children's Party, Christmas caroling and the Christmas social.

Again this year, during the Christmas party, gifts and snacks were provided by the Knights, to a large number of deserving kids and their families. The number grows larger year after year, making our fundraising task extra hard. A lot of effort was put in by Paul, Vince Tuccitto and their families to buy gifts for this occasion and distribute them in an orderly manner. As usual Santa Claus also dropped by to grace the occasion. A number of Knights and their ladies helped out during the function.



The Christmas caroling was coordinated by Tony Aitken and despite a stormy weather; there was a large number of families that joined in the

merriment. This was followed with the Christmas social in the parish hall where a number of parishioners displayed their singing and musical talents. It was also good to see the church youth involved in the fun.

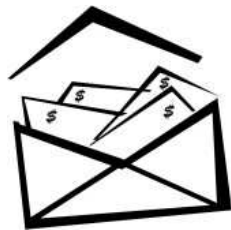
Denis Bulman
Family Director

Annual Fund Raising Event

Dear Bro. Knights,

The Second Annual Fund Raising event took place on Sat. Nov 20, 2010. It was a Fall Dinner and Dance held at QSSIS Banquet Hall. The theme was on Fall season with dried leaves and branches depicting mother nature at this time. The décor of maple leaves and dried grass made the ambiance more realistic with the scintillating music provided by DJ Mel Buddel.

Despite a number of other activities being held on that day, we had a very good turn out and Bro. Paul Tuccitto, being the Master of Ceremonies steered the evening extremely well, giving away a number of prizes. The 50-50 Raffle tickets and the Silent Auction held, with the items donated by the members and other well wishers helped to generate some funds for our Children's Christmas party in December.



The evening also was graced by the presence of our Pastor Fr. David, our Chaplain Fr. Michal, District Deputy SK Blaine Morlock and his lady, Padre Pio Assembly Faithful Navigator SK Jaime Libaque and other council Knights.

One could see almost everyone was on the floor dancing to the early hours of the morning, after a sumptuous dinner. The occasion was also used by District Deputy to award a certificate to Grand Knight Socrates Furtado for *promoting and*

advancing the programmes of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario.

Church Cleaning Activity

I was deeply impressed with our church cleaning activity at St. Joseph's this fraternal year. Under the expert supervision of David Belcastro, a dedicated Knight, the students, primarily from Cardinal Leger and St. Brendan, performed admirably in a relatively short time.

It is no exaggeration to say that this was the best group of students that ever participated in our annual church cleaning activity. I am, therefore, extremely proud of all those who took part in this memorable activity on Saturday, December 18, 2010.

Rupert Johnson,

Past Grand Knight

A Message from Insurance Agent:

Dear Brother Knights,

If you are like me, you derive great joy from children. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child. We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them - concern for other, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it - seems to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family and if you share - with those of your children



old enough to understand - why that's important you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eyes on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do - just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

I want to meet with you to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review, and on the comprehensive needs analysis that I'll perform, free of charge, we'll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goal and budget.

Please call me on 416-284-5632(KOFC) - let's talk.

Don D'Souza BA. FIC. PGK
Insurance Agent



BE PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.
 WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE DURING
 CHURCH & COUNCIL FUNCTIONS

Extract of Membership Statement – Dec 2010

<u>Total</u>	<u>Ins</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Inactive</u>	<u>Hon.</u>	<u>Hon Life</u>
114	37	77	3	1	6
111	Actual (114-3 Inactive = 111)				

An Extract from the K of C Webpage News article

“Last year alone, in addition to raising and donating more than \$151 million to charitable needs and projects, Knights volunteered more than 69 million hours of their time to charitable causes. We undertake these acts of charity because we see those in need through the eyes of faith. Moreover, in the Knights of Columbus, we approach these acts of charity together. Pope Benedict XVI calls this the “practice of love...as a community.”

Be proactive:



- ❖ In few months we will be getting ready for Elections. The Council # 11525 needs new ideas, to grow in present environment. Come forward and volunteer for a position in the Executive Council.
- ❖ Grow with the Knights. Call the Membership Director if you are looking forward for your next Degree.
- ❖ Join the Elite Group and participate in Fourth Degree Installation.
- ❖ In the beginning, Venerable Fr. Michael J McGivney and his fellow Knights “passed the hat” to benefit widows and orphans. From that humble start, the Order has grown to include top-rated life insurance, long-term care insurance and retirement products. Insure with the Knights and be safe.

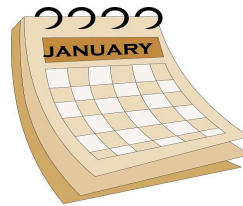
**Knights of Columbus Executive
For 2010-2011 Fraternal Year**



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| 1 | Chaplain | Fr. Michal Jurkowski |
| 2 | Grand Knight | Socrates Furtado |
| 3 | Deputy Grand Night | Gerard Johnston |
| 4 | Chancellor | Mark D'Silva |
| 5 | Recorder | John Fernandes |
| 6 | Financial Secretary | Carlo Vacca |
| 7 | Treasurer | Frank Taylor |
| 8 | Lecturer | Paul Tuccitto |
| 9 | Advocate | Wayne Dillabough |
| 10 | Warden | Ronald Zong |
| 11 | Inside Guard | Fred Snooks |
| 12 | Outside Guard | Joe Ricupero |
| 13 | Outside Guard | Mark Onguti |
| 14 | Outside Guard | Peter D'Souza |
| 15 | 1-year Trustee | Roy Fox |
| 16 | 2-year Trustee | Rupert Johnson |
| 17 | 3-year Trustee | Bryan Noble |

Our commitment:-

It is the moral duty of every elected officer to attend the meetings, as best as possible, whenever they are scheduled. (Refer to Knights of Columbus Handbook)



Calendar of Events 2011

January

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| Thu 6, 7:30 p.m. | Executive Meeting (Board Room) |
| Thu 20, 7:30 p.m. | General Meeting (Room 2) |
| Thu 27, 4:00 p.m. | Basket Ball Free Throw (Council)
Scarb. Cardinal Leger School |

February

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| Thu 3, 7:30 p.m. | Executive Meeting (Board Room) |
| Tue 15 | Audit (July-December 2010) |
| Thu 17, 7:30 p.m. | General Meeting (Room 2) |
| Fri 18, 4:00 p.m. | Basket Ball Free Throw (District) |

March

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| Thu 3, 7:30 p.m. | Executive Meeting (Board Room) |
| Thu 17, 7:30 p.m. | General Meeting (Room 2) |
| Tue 22, 7:30 p.m. | Spiritual Evening |

April

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| Thu 7, 7:30 p.m. | Executive Meeting (Board Room) |
| Thu 28, 7:30 p.m. | General Meeting (Room 2) |

May

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| Thu 5, 7:30 p.m. | Executive Meeting (Board Room) |
| Fri 6, 6:30 p.m. | Spring Fund Raising Event -QSSIS |
| Sat, Sun., Mon | |
| May 21, 22, 23 | State Convention - Toronto |
| Sun 22, 6:00 p.m. | Car Raffle Ticket Draw |
| Thu 19, 7:30 p.m. | Gen. Meeting (Election Night) |
| Sat 28 | Manresa Garden Project |

June

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| Thu 2, 7:30 p.m. | Executive Meeting (Board Room) |
| Sat 18, 10:30 a.m. | Heritage Day Parade |
| Thu 23, 7:00 p.m. | Awards & Appreciation Night |
| Sun 26, 1:00 p.m. | Church Picnic (Adams Park) |

July

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| Fri 1 | Canada Day Parade – Scarborough
Civic Centre to Thompson Park |
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In lighter moments.....



STOLEN GOOSE

Confessor: I have stolen a fat goose from a poultry yard!

Priest: That is very wrong.

Confessor: Would you like to accept it, Father?

Priest: Certainly not- return it to the man whom you stole it from.

Confessor: But I have offered it to him and he won't have it.

Priest: In that case you may keep it yourself.

Confessor: Thank you, Father.

The Priest arrived home to find one of his geese had been stolen...

LESSON IN LYING

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."



SEVEN SINS – By Mahatma Gandhi

- Wealth without Work
- Pleasure without Conscience
- Science without Humanity

Knowledge without character
 Politics without Principle
 Commerce without Morality
 Worship without Sacrifice

MATHEMATICALLY SPEAKING

IF

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q
R S T U V W X Y Z**

is represented as:

**1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26**

Then

KNOWLEDGE is

11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5=96%

And

HARD WORK is

8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11=98%

But

ATTITUDE is

1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5=100%

Look then, how far the love of God will take you

LOVE OF GOD

12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4=101%

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that:

While knowledge and hard work may get you close and attitude will get you there, it is the love of God that gets you over the top.

Contributed by Past GK Phil Martin



Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

A man woke up in a hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know you can't - I've cut off your arms!"

