

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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COUNCIL 3909
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Message from the Grand Knight

Brothers, Christmas is a time for going further in care, energy and resources we offer to others. This results in an enrichment to our communities we reside in, thus a sign of the value and meaning of human life for all we care about. You and I, our loved ones celebrate this and test it for ourselves, and Christmas provides that key opportunity.

Yet brothers, we come to Christmas-2020 in a world dominated by PANDEMIC, people in need, communities in need are expecting a gift from us, we can only give what council can afford.

Your thoughts, your loved one's thoughts and many across this world, "May Christ" be first in our thoughts as we move through this channeling Christmas season. Once we get back to some normality your council has much on the agenda which again we can work together as a team to help the needy in our parish communities.

Thank-You for your past help and continue to be on stand-by. Council projects just don't happen without a lot of affordable teamwork.

Sonia and I wish a Merry Christmas, blessed advent season to all our Council members, loved ones, their families, and friends at Churches here and across Canada. Vivat Jesus!

Mel S. Chomiak PFN
Grand Knight 3909

Dear Knights of Columbus and Friends,
 I am always grateful for the good works that the Knights of Columbus offer to our parish. I would also like to thank in a special way the good works of our Knights of Columbus to our community during this pandemic situation. They continue a vision to make the Kingdom of Christ alive and real in our world today.
 Our world, including our community, continues to navigate through this pandemic health crisis, and now, as we move out of summer and into the months of fall and winter, we will be faced with the additional challenge of our regular cold and flu season. We will need more spiritual strength, energy, strong will and positive approach.
 At this moment we, as Catholics, are also entering into the 'Advent Season'. It is the season of hope, joy, peace and love. In the

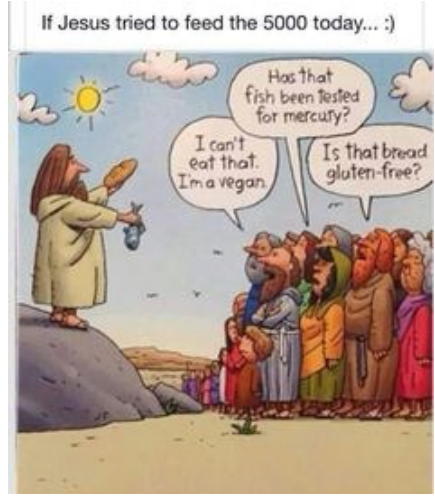


Gospel of Luke, we read, '*Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace among those whom he favors*' (Luke 2:14). The purpose of Jesus' birth is to bring joy and peace to all.

Let us hope on our loving God, who is the source of all, so that He will grant us enough strength and power to continue our lives in a peaceful and joyful way.
 I also encourage all men of our parish to join the Knights of Columbus and become part of a wonderful worldwide organization. I hope and pray that the Knights of our parish will have a long and fulfilling connection with our parish.
 Please be assured of my continued prayers and support as we move forward into the future and the building of our parish church.
 God Bless.
 Father Arulkumar

NOTICE NOTICE.....
 Due to covid-19 pandemic, ALL council activities will be ON HOLD.
 We will follow the direction of the Diocese and that of the Public Health Guideline.
 -Wear face masks
 -Social Distancing
 -Wash your hands.
 BE SAFE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 Grand Knight, Mel Chomiak

REFLECTION:
 'How easy it is to criticize, to speak against others, to point to the evil in others but not in ourselves, even to blaming the weak and the outcast!... God does not come only to free us from our ever-present daily problems, but rather to liberate us from the real problem, which is the lack of love. This is the primary cause of our personal, social, international and environmental ills. Thinking only of ourselves: this is the father of all evils.'





Kof Columbus Council 3909 is very appreciative of business who support our charitable programs.

1. Battistelli's Independent Grocer's of Lively for many years has provided us with space to accumulate funds, through tickets sales of our various charities, K of C Annual Ontario Car Draw which support the Arthritis Society plus other charities, The Hard of Hearing local house draw, our annual Salvation Army kettle drive.

2. Brent has donated several Food Gift cards to our special needs programs and other charitable functions we hold throughout the year.

3. It goes without saying that the support of this local business is very important to our various charitable programs. We thank BATTISTELLI'S for their noticeable community involvement with K of C council 3909

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LECTURER'S JOKE,

Susie's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months. Things looked grim, but she was by his bedside every single day. One day as he slipped back into consciousness, he motioned for her to come close to him. She pulled the chair close to the bed and leaned her ear close to be able to hear him.

'You know' he whispered, his eyes filling with tears, 'you have been with me through all the bad times. When I got fired, you stuck right beside me, When my business went under, there you were. When we lost the house, you were there. When I got shot, you stuck with me. When my health starting failing, you were still by my side. 'And you know what?'

Bingo Report

Ten years ago, September 1, 2010 to be precise, Council 3909 began a partnership with Delta Bingo and Gaming, (Boardwalk bingo as it was known then) which allowed us to generate funds to financially support local charitable organizations as well as the parishes of St. Christopher, St Pius X, St. Stanislaus and more recently, St. Patrick. To date we have donated in excess of \$80,000.00 to local charities such as the Alzheimer Society, Maison McCulloch Hospice, Childhood Enface, Camp Quality, Elgin Street Mission. Inner City Home, Infant Food Bank, Sudbury/Manitoulin Children Foundation, Holy Cross Catholic School, among others. It is worth repeating that without this partnership with Delta Bingo and Gaming, we would not have been able to financially support our parishes and local charitable organizations.

Many of these organizations are struggling with their fundraising efforts given covid-19. Thanks to our partnership with Delta Bingo and Gaming we can provide financial relief. It is therefore incumbent upon us to support and promote Delta whenever we can.

The demand on our council members (volunteers) is minimal. All that is required is to have two members work a two hour shift whenever we are scheduled. The task is to confirm that a bingo is valid by validating the card number (or the electronic card number) with the caller. In the last few years our allocated time slot has been the 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. shift usually four times a month for six months

Presently we have but 10 volunteers to share the workload. We have been able to meet our obligation, but like everyone else these volunteers are not getting any younger. We can always use more volunteers.

So this is a call to action. If you think you can spare two hours once a month we would like to hear from you. I can be reached at 705-692-5482

Vivat Jesus

John

BROTHERS, FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY ROBERT WARD

Please find enclosed your 2021 dues notification or Honorary Life Membership Card.

Regular Members.....\$50.00

Honorary Members.....\$25.00

(Member has reached 65 years of age with 25 continuous years of membership)

Honorary Life Members....Free

(Member has reached 70 years of age with 25 continuous years of membership)

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