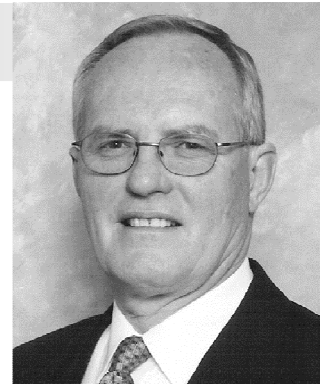




## Grand Knight's Greeting



Brother Knights, since our last newsletter our council and the executive have been very busy. I would like to share with you what the Kitchener Knights of Columbus have been doing since our last edition of The Echo.

We started with the Clergy Steak Fry in conjunction with our Brother Knights from Waterloo Council, St. Mark's Council, and Elmira Council. This is a yearly event honouring our Clergy for the good work they do.

The Fire Fighters Challenge was held on October 8th, taking place at the Fire Fighters Memorial in Kitchener. It was also time to honour our fallen firefighters, and this year bringing a piece of history to Kitchener by presenting a steel beam from the World Trade Centre of 9/11.

The Deputy Grand Knight, Ted Jasica and myself had the opportunity in handing out bursaries to the eight graduates from Resurrection and St. Mary's High Schools on behalf of our council at Centre in the Square.

Our annual Sisters Oktoberfest was well received again this year taking place at the Waterloo Knights Hall. The sisters truly enjoyed themselves and getting reacquainted with friends from the previous year.

In October, myself, Corporation Chair Whit Husk, Financial Secretary, Brian Schmalz and Brother Bernie Logel had the distinguished honour in presenting a cheque to the Congregation of the Resurrection in memory of our name sake, Father Louis Funcken, C.R. This will go to the further education and studies to the priesthood.

The Bishop's Dinner held on October 28th in Cambridge was well attended with Bishop Douglas Crosby as the guest speaker. Bishop Crosby had mentioned that perhaps the Knights of Columbus could assist the churches for the purchase of the new missals being printed. And our council is glad to help the 13 churches under our council.

Bringing us to November 11th, Remembrance Day. Council 1504 is always proud to honour our fallen comrades, and to pay tribute to soldiers serving in the military. This year again, Brother Don Flynn and members of the 4th Degree Honour Guard were there to represent our council by laying a wreath.

Our Memorial Mass chaired by Brother Reinhart Schreiter was held this year at Blessed Sacrament Parish which was well attended by family members and members of the council and executive. This was truly a memorable time to reflect back on our Brother Knights who have gone before us, and to acknowledge a life lived. A special thank-you to our Chaplain, Father Lobsinger who watches over us, and the ladies of the C.W.L. of Blessed Sacrament Church who provided refreshments following the mass.

Our council members recently had a recruitment drive at two parishes so far, one being St. Francis Church and the other, St. Joseph's Parish. We were fortunate to have a new member join our council.

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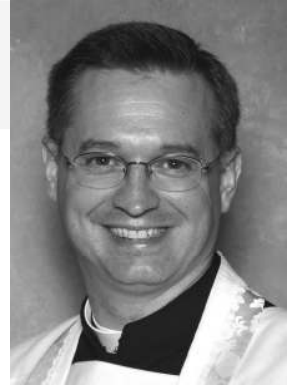
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## Chaplain's Message

### Starting again...



My Brother Knights,

Once again we are at the beginning of a new Church year, and new calendar year is just around the corner. New Year's seems to be connected with making resolutions and starting again. As Christians, we believe very much in the opportunity to start again. By the mercy of God, we are not held bound to our past, but can be set free in God's love to try again to love and serve God, our families and neighbours.

As we begin this new church and civil year, let us pause for a moment to see where we are held bound to our past. Do we need to forgive or be forgiven? Do we need to let go of things long forgotten by everyone else? Do we need to look at a past hurt with rational adult eyes to remove the fear seen through our child eyes? Admitting our bondage is the first and greatest step to finding true freedom.

Once we have acknowledged our bonds, then we are ready to present them to the God of mercy and be set free. God came into the world and died on the Cross in order that you and I may be set free and live as the true children of God. The Lord, in His immense love, desires our freedom even more than we do. All we need to do is ask and we will be set free; free to live as a man of faith, a child of God, a husband, father or son.

My Brothers, I wish for each of you and your families, the chance to start again and live in God's freedom and mercy.

Wishing you and your families God's continued blessings in the New Year.

Yours in Christ,

**Father W. L. Lobsinger**  
Chaplain

### Grand Knight's Message *continued from page 1...*

... I am pleased to have Rick Oei and Van Bui from our council take their 1st Degree which was held at Waterloo Council on November 28th. "Welcome" Brother Rick and Brother Van.

This year council was glad once again to put on the Children's Christmas Party that was held at St. Francis Parish. Again, it was a success by the delight of excited children in anticipation of the arrival of Santa Claus.

"A big thank you to our chair people, Brother John LeBlanc and his wife Lucy, Brother Wayne Currie and his wife Marilyn, Mrs. Claus Sue Killen, and Santa and his assistants for a wonderful event. Also, Brother Jonathan Molloy who was helpful in obtaining toys for the Children's Christmas Party."

Lastly we put on a Clergy Appreciation at the Waterloo Police Association and we had a few clergy out to treat them to a lovely dinner and evening of relaxation. A special thank you to Brother Dave Obermeyer as chairperson for a job well done and the Waterloo Police Association for a great venue.

As you can see, your council and executive have been busy. So once again, please come out and support your council, by being involved. Take part in some of the fun activities that we proudly support for our members, churches and community.

On behalf of my family and myself, I wish everyone a Very Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2012.

God Bless,  
**James Padgett**  
Grand Knight, Council 1504



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## Deputy Grand Knight's Message

### *Cars Draw Campaign 2012*

As our councils annual Trip Draw ends, the next opportunity to purchase and possibly win something begins. I am talking about the annual Cars Draw. This annual campaign has been operating now for over 30 years and gives winners a chance to win from a prize board that consists of 7 vehicles, 1 Travel Voucher, 4 trips and 12 cash prizes (1 X \$50,000, 1 X \$25,000, 5 X \$10,000 and 5 X \$5,000). Tickets this year are 3 for \$5.

The Ontario State Office operates this lottery selling tickets throughout Ontario. The proceeds of the raffle go to the Canadian Arthritis Society and many other charities in Ontario. More importantly 35% of the gross sales are returned to the local councils to be donated locally. In addition as an agent for state our council receives a commission of 5% of gross sales to help our council. Which is why it is so very important to get behind this campaign.

We will primarily be selling our tickets at Stanley Park Mall at various times from January to the end of April (see schedule below). As well I will have tickets available at all meetings and council functions to purchase. In doing so I will be also looking for volunteers to sell tickets at the Mall. It has always been a challenge especially in the evenings and weekends. If anyone is interested in volunteering, purchasing or taking some tickets to sell to family, friends and associates feel free to call me at 519-957-1083 or e-mail me at [tntc@rogers.com](mailto:tntc@rogers.com) and I will get you the appropriate information and or tickets you require.

Last year we sold out ... let's make sure we do so again! Let's make sure we have another successful campaign. I look forward to hearing from many of you soon.

#### *Ted Jasica*

Cars Draw Chairman  
Deputy Grand Knight



#### **CARS DRAW MALL SCHEDULE for 2012 at STANLEY PARK MALL, KITCHENER**

**Jan. 23 - 28**

**Feb. 13 - 18**

**Mar. 12 - 17**

**April 9 - 14**

**April 23 - 28**



## Basketball Free Throw Competition 2012

We have once again begun preparations for the annual Basketball Free Throw Competition. This is a very popular event for the youth of our area with many children anxiously awaiting the next competition. Another long running event that is a little different from the normal charitable fundraisers we usually run.

The actual competition begins with individual schools running a school competition followed by a council competition where each school sends their winners to compete against other students from schools within our council area. The winners of the Council competition move on to a district and then followed by a regional competition. After that total scores are submitted to State and Supreme standings. The scores are submitted and ranked against participants from across North America. An amazing accomplishment for shooters to be top ranked.

The purpose of the competition is to promote the Knights of Columbus in the community encouraging youth to actively participate in a competitive nature encompassing all denominations in the spirit of friendship and sportsmanship. Through this competition the youth of today gain skills, self-esteem and a larger sense of community made possible by the Knights of Columbus.

This year's Council and then followed immediately by the District competition will be held on **Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012** at St David's High School. As always, to continue to make this a successful event volunteers are required. If anyone can spare a few hours for 1 day only and help out it would be greatly appreciated. We require scorekeepers, crowd control and general help. You can call me at 519-957-1083 or e-mail me at [tntc@rogers.com](mailto:tntc@rogers.com), or can contact our financial secretary, Brian Schmalz at [brian.schmalz@wcdsb.ca](mailto:brian.schmalz@wcdsb.ca).

Come on out, it is a really fun event that everyone can enjoy and it really is important for the youth of our community.

*Ted Jasica*

## Relocation Committee Update

Since February 5, 2010 the Relocation Committee has been tirelessly working to obtain a new home for Council 1504. Working in conjunction with the services of Ted Scharf and his company, Royal LePage Scharf Realty, there have been close to 50 properties that have been researched and/or viewed to determine the possibility of either a purchase or lease arrangement. At one point the possibility of constructing our own building was considered. The original tactic was the hope to purchase a structure to include many of the amenities that Council enjoyed at Columbus Hall, such as ample parking; kitchen facilities; green space; meeting rooms; washrooms; with an interior of 2000 to 3000 square feet. However, in our initial search, the availability of properties with those features was very scarce. Many properties had certain characteristics that were acceptable but lacked more important requirements. So in the early days of the search, it was decided to re-focus and concentrate on leased properties rather than a purchase or even construction at this time.

The Relocation Committee decided that by re-thinking our needs and wants, and eliminating those amenities not mandatory at this time, it could make the search easier. By considering a lease arrangement, it would allow Council time to re-group and re-assess the availability of suitable properties to purchase. The Committee's quest included many possibilities available but were rejected for one reason or another.

Some of the more high profile premises that were viewed with the intent to either purchase or lease included:

- **131 Strange Street**  
The former Kitchener Textiles company rejected. Location and size.
- **The Rockway Centre**  
Refused K of C consideration by the City of Kitchener on their non-denominational religious grounds.
- **The Alpine Club**  
Initially interested in K of C leasing space but discontinued discussions after discovering their monetary needs weren't necessary.
- **LCBO on Kingsway Drive**  
Lease costs too expensive and over 9000 square feet considered much more space than required.
- **25 Market Lane**  
Corporation made an offer on this property. Unfortunately was sold at a higher price.
- **37 Bruce Street**  
Several viewings with high interest. Unfortunately lack of parking, price and interior renovations were problems.
- **451 Ottawa Street** (former Big Brothers building)  
Lacked parking and too costly to renovate the irregular interior.
- **Crock and Block Restaurant**  
Listing price at \$899,000.00 considered too expensive.
- **Post Office building at 4 Third Avenue**  
Good building. Very high interest by other potential purchasers. Lots of parking. Unfortunately too costly as many offers inflated original listed price of \$679,000 to over \$800,000 even without new roof and interior renovation expense considered.

While these locations were several of the more visible properties available, there were countless other premises that were investigated and rejected by the Relocation Committee for one reason or another. Either the premises lacked parking, there was a shortage of interior room or it was considered too costly to either purchase or lease.

One of the major obstacles we continue to encounter is the requirement for an environmental assessment study on some properties. Ted Scharf suggested that it would be advisable to refrain from considering any property that would require that document. Even if the price was agreeable and a purchase was made with no environmental assessment done, it could prove very costly if the K of C decided to sell the property later.

Our group always investigates any lead that may be presented either through the offices of Ted Scharf or from any member Knight. Please feel assured the Relocation Committee, with assistance from Scharf Realty, will continue our relentless search for a suitable home for Council 1504 in order to return to its full schedule of charitable events it once enjoyed.

- Gary Megaffin

## Annual Joe Grygaski Golf Tournament

Our annual Joe Grygaski Golf Tournament, with the proceeds going to Children's Wish Foundation was held at Rebel Creek Golf and Country Club on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The good Lord smiled upon us and provided us with perfect golfing weather.

106 golfers both male and female participated this year, our dinner and prize table was at Conestoga Place (former Columbus Centre) where Conestoga Catering put on a delicious Rolled Rib dinner.

We had our usual raffle and 50/50 draw and at the end of the day we raised almost \$3,000.00 for a good cause, while having a good time.

A special thanks to our hole sponsors: Mac Graham- Knights of Columbus Insurance, Ted Jasica - T. N. T. Contracting, Bob & Rene Caskanette - Caskanette Udal Consulting Eng., James Padgett - Dignity Funeral Homes. Steve Uhrig - G & A Lock, Expressway Ford New Hamburg, Whit Husk - Columbus Kitchener Inc., Lou Wright - K.W. Celtic Supporters Club, Henry Walser - Henry Walser Funeral Home, Ron Solomon - Conestoga Catering, Michael Harris, Mike Szabo - 3 Bay Services, Dave Hudder - Dave's Windows and Doors, Fernando Melo and the many people who donated prizes, Factory Shoe, Labatts, Canadian Linen, Conestoga Foods/Ron Solomon, Bill Jackson, Don Leyes, Jack Nolan, Austin Picket, E.J.s Baden, Bilalo Hair Artistry, Stemmlers Meats, Heildburg House, Sharp Bus Lines/Brian Hughes Jr., A.C./O.K. Tire, Rob Dobson/Westons, Coca Cola/David Schmalz, Galt Glass, G & A locks, Diamond Estate Wines & Spirits/Alex Dozci, Rebel Creek Golf & Country Club, Columbus Kitchener Inc. Flanagan's Foods and Dons Produce who help make this year's tournament a success.

**This year's winning team:** The Mark Alprin foursome.


**Most Honest Golfers:** Ron, Margot, Lynn and Mike Solomon.

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*Bill Jackson and Brian Hughes*

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All members of council 1504, with a current paid up travel card, are welcome to attend, receive information about our relocation and financial position, as well as vote for the 2012 Board members.  
Norm Brown  
CKI Secretary



## Fourth Degree Report

Father Funcken Assembly 0866 held its annual Christmas Dinner at Conestoga Place (Formerly Columbus Centre) on Manitou Drive. A great evening and a delicious Christmas Dinner prepared by Ron and his staff at Conestoga Catering was enjoyed by all 70 guests who attended.

We were honored to have in attendance 3 of our clergy members. Fr Wayne Lobsinger, Fr Terry McGuire and Fr Gabriel Catarino. Special guests were 11 widows of our departed Sir Knights who were treated to an evening of fun and gifts compliments of the Assembly. Thank you ladies, we sure enjoyed having you there.

We were also treated with a beautiful statue sculptured by renowned sculptor Timothy P. Schmalz and donated by cousin Brian Schmalz of our assembly which we were able to raffle off to help offset some of our expenses. Thank you also to Henry Walser of Henry Walser Funeral Home who donated the beautiful corsages for the ladies and poinsettias for the tables.

After dinner all cleared their vocals and we sang Christmas Carols accompanied by Fr Wayne Lobsinger on the piano. All again had a great time and look forward to enjoying the same festive occasion again next year.

We would like to congratulate and welcome 4 Sir Knights who joined our ranks of 4<sup>th</sup> degree this year: Sir Knight Salvatore Pace, Sir Knight Mihal Szabo, Sir Knight Michael Wilhelm, and Sir Knight Scott Hyslop.

Remember.....Charity, Unity and Fraternity leads to Patriotism. The Fourth Degree ritual added patriotism to the three original principles of the Order: charity, unity and fraternity. Any Third Degree member in good standing, six months after the anniversary of his First Degree, is eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups called assemblies. Fourth Degree members must retain their membership as Third Degree members in the local council to remain in good standing.

We are looking forward to several 3<sup>rd</sup> degree members this year joining us and becoming members of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. Our next exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree will be held in St Catherine's in June 2012. If you require and information or assistance I can be contacted at 519-743-6647, cell 519-572-0256, [whithusk@rogers.com](mailto:whithusk@rogers.com).

Please remember in your prayers the following deceased Sir Knights who departed from families and us in 2011:

PGK Wilf Weiler, PGK Jim Lehman, Fr. Clarence Hauser, Fr. Joseph Palubeski.

Yours in Christ,

**Whit Husk**

Faithful Navigator  
Assembly 0866



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## Knights of Columbus BOWLING LEAGUE

### *Will it be the Dreaded head pin for some in the New Year?*

The Knights of Columbus Wednesday Night Bowling League is seeing a resurgence, of sorts, for a number of teams which had wandered the wilderness over the past few years – and it is due to the “new” blood creeping its way into the league.

New names are starting to appear on the beloved High Single and High Triple listings – always hard fought due to the special awards at the end of the year – and the rejigging of teams, with youthful presence, is impacting traditional seating arrangements in the now dozen team league. One thing is certain as the league prepares for its annual Christmas break, winning the overall title is going to be far tougher come the New Year as most of the bowlers gain back lost abilities and increased mobility – and all targeting League President Flynn Reaume’s team, The Trustees.

Likely with good reason, since The Trustees are atop of the league with 291 points going into December – clinging and in a see-saw battle with The Advocates, which are sitting mere points behind with 284.5. One week can make all the difference in the bragging rights for top spot and no team wants to be too far behind going into the gruelling January rundown. The Secretaries, The Knights, and The Grands are separated by five points with The Lecturers just on the edge with 251. However, teams that have seen previous glory in years past are just starting to right themselves – and have begun the long charge upward, including the Chancellors, the Treasurers, the Wardens, and the Guards. Rounding out the league, struggling to find their groove despite having some outstanding players are the Deputies and Squires – each, respectively, indicating that those at the top had better be prepared for the upsets that February and March will bring through their hands.

And while dominating bowlers continue to dominate the scoreboard – one only need look to yearly favourite Mike “Lefty” George Sr. who is flush on top the High Triple without Handicap with 731, it is others who are beginning to exert their push to individual greatness. Philip Schmaus, despite a bum knee, is right behind “Lefty” with a 691, while Brian Schmalz and Peter Leduc have posted some remarkable scores to keep that category crowded. There is no runaway leader – and still half a season to go.

Michael Detzler sizzled with a 356 for the High Single with Handicap, edging out Leduc, Jamie Relligner, and Bob “Beeper” Lawson – scoring one for the little guy.

The League has expanded with a more youthful flavour to it – but still continues to be dominated with creature features from decades past: a reminder that there is truly room for all. If you have any questions about positions opening up in the New Year or coming onboard as a replacement or fill-in (to see if the bloodless sport of Kings is for you), contact Flynn Reaume at 519-744-3644.

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## Father Funcken Council 1504 of Kitchener donates \$10,000 to Congregation of the Resurrection

October 2011

Knights of Columbus Council 1504 on behalf of its members were pleased to present a Bursary of \$10,000 to support the education of men preparing to become priests, deacons or brothers in the Congregation of the Resurrection.



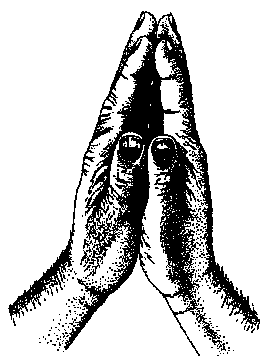
Pictured L-R: **Bernie Logel** (K of C 1504 Corporation Director), **Whit Husk** (K of C 1504 Corporation Chairman), **Rev. Terry McGuire, C.R.**, **Very Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.** (Provincial Superior of Congregation of Resurrection), **Rev. Frank Reitzel, C.R.**, **James Padgett** (Grand Knight Council 1504) and **Brian Schmalz** (Financial Secretary Council 1504).



## Father Funcken Assembly 0866 presents Father Anthony Raj

with his own personal chalice in memory of Father Clarence Hauser. Fr. Anthony is from India and is currently serving as Associate Pastor at Blessed Sacrament Church in Kitchener.

Pictured L-R: **Whit Husk (FN)**, **Father Anthony Raj**, and **Father Wayne Lobsinger** (Assembly Chaplain and Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish)



### KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

Please remember in your prayers the good health of the following Brother Knights and their spouses...

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All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. For you have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless those who have grown in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

If any member knows of any Brother Knight who needs our prayers and spiritual support, please call Dan Dineen at 519-742-2500, or email him at [dineen.dan@gmail.com](mailto:dineen.dan@gmail.com).

- Visitation Committee

## TRIP DRAW 2012

Once again our annual Trip Draw is here. Our prizes this year are First Prize: A 15 day luxury coach tour of Ireland, Second Prize: An Alaskan Cruise, Third and Fourth Prizes are trips to Las Vegas with \$500.00 spending cash, There are also five prizes of \$1000.00, five of \$500.00 and ten of \$100.00. The draw will be held January 17<sup>th</sup>. following our general meeting (approx. 9.00 p.m.) at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall. This is one of our councils major fund raisers and if you wish to buy a ticket or think you could sell one please call or e-mail me at 519-578-3401 hughesbrian@hotmail.com Brian Hughes.

I would be remiss if I did not mention two very special Brothers who have been with the Trip Draw from day one, George Burchatzki and Reg Duguay. George chaired the draw for many years and both Brothers sold numerous tickets over the years to raise monies for our charities. Thanks George and Reg for a job well done. Now this is the time for our knew Brother Knights to step in and fill the void left by George and Reg to keep our draw a success.

**Brian Hughes**  
Chairperson



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- 19 Bruce & Rosemarie Bowman  
Bernard & Sheila Schell  
Baby & Cicily KolliMakkel
- 24 Paul & Sandra Brandt

### MARCH

- 7 Charles & Anne Ostrander
- 10 Edward J. & Joy Kunkel  
Oscar & Marie Martin  
Lawrence & Val Rotar
- 17 Michael & Nora Ryan, Sr.
- 24 Gerard & Marie Kelly

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Ronald & Barbara Bernardo
- 14 Michael & Betty Begin
- 19 Gerard & Jean-Marie Dietrich
- 20 Gerard & Joan Stockie
- 28 Stephen & Jean Constant


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