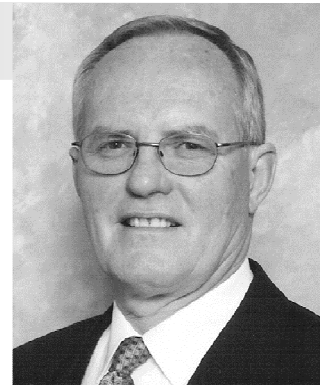




## Grand Knight's Greeting



Fall is in the air and that means Council 1504 is ready to get back to work after a very hot and relaxing summer. I am pleased to have six new brother knights take an interest in council activities, put their names forward for a position, and get elected to the executive. Also, this past year we had seven new members join and move through the degrees quickly.

Our relocation committee, chaired by Brother Brian Hughes and Brother Gary Megaffin, continue to keep a look out for a new home that would suit our needs, and the needs of our members. Be patient, we will find a new home. With that said, we are blessed with the good fortune to continue our meetings at Blessed Sacrament Church on the 1st Tuesday of each month for our Executive meetings and the 3rd Tuesday of each month for our General meetings starting at 7:30 p.m.

This past summer we were able to come to the aid of Marillac Place and were able to give them a cheque in the amount of \$5,000 to help them with the maintenance of their building so they can continue with their good works.

I am also very pleased to announce that Council 1504 will be giving a cheque to the Congregation of the Resurrection in the amount of \$10,000 for a Bursary Fund to aid them further towards education of priests and religious studies. This idea came from a long-time member who felt it was a good time for council to give back, and council couldn't agree more since Kitchener Council 1504 was affectionately named after Father Louis Funcken, a member of the Congregation of the Resurrection, educator and pastor. Father Funcken came to St. Agatha from Holland in 1864 and, within a year, founded St. Jerome's College, transferring it in 1866 to Berlin, now Kitchener.

"This is a prime example of what the Knights of Columbus does to help and assist others by living their creed such as Charity to others and Patriotism to their priest."

This coming year will be to focus on membership and retention by being proactive within our Churches, Schools and community. This was brought forward at the State Convention in May under the Heading of Membership 365.

So as Grand Knight, I look forward to these challenges along side with the executive and members and look towards the future of our Council 1504.

Vivat Jesus,  
**James Padgett**  
Grand Knight, Council 1504

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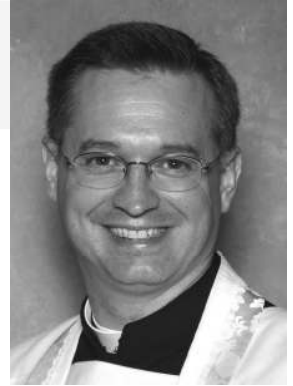
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## Chaplain's Message

### *Hearing God's Voice...*



My Brother Knights,

Later this month I will be making my annual retreat. It is wonderful to have a position that insists you take 5 days to go away from all your work to simply pray and rest. I realise that this is not feasible for most people. However, if the opportunity arises for even a weekend retreat, I encourage you to take the opportunity. Amazing things can happen on retreat, but we need to be in a position to be able to experience God's presence in order to be able to respond to Him.

So many of us live busy, hectic and even chaotic lives. It is difficult to find time to pray, yet to be able to sit quietly in God's presence. Even though it may not be possible to sit quietly with the Lord for a few days, an hour or even 10 minutes, we do need to learn how to hear God's voice in our lives in order to be able to follow Him and not get caught following other voices that are not good for us.

The Lord never tries to hide from us; He constantly calls and offers us His grace. We must learn how to respond. God calls each of us uniquely and personally. Have I learned how to hear God's voice in my life? Try to take 5 minutes each day to listen to God. We like to talk to God (actually we like to tell Him what to do), but do not often listen to God. At first, 5 minutes of just sitting and listening will seem like an eternity, but try to persevere. God is never outdone in generosity. The greater the effort we make to listen to Him, the more He will share Himself with us, and the more He shares Himself with us, the more likely it will be that great things will occur.

May God continue to shower His blessings upon you and your families.

Yours in Christ,

**Father W. L. Lobsinger**  
Chaplain

## Firefighter Combat Challenge

This event is taking place on **Saturday October 8, 2011**, 9:00 a.m. at the park beside the Centre in the Square.

This event is a challenge to other K of C councils in the area; our insurance agent Mac Graham has been getting other councils to come and participate. This is a fun event scaled down from the original Firefighter Combat Challenge.

We are also looking after cooking up some breakfast, burgers and dogs with the proceeds being split between the Kitchener Firefighter Charities and our own Our Everyday Heroes.

Please contact Brian Schmalz at 519-743-5457 or email him at [financialsecretary@kofc1504.com](mailto:financialsecretary@kofc1504.com) to come and participate or help flip some burgers. There are all kinds of things to do with the family at this event so come on down to the park!

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### Executive Meetings:

1st Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m.  
*Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener*

### 4th Degree Father Funcken Assembly:

2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m.  
*Waterloo Knights of Columbus Hall*

### General Meetings:

3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m.  
*Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener*

### Foundation Meetings:

2nd Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m. (\*starting in Nov.)  
*Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener*  
 (\* NO OCTOBER MEETING AS MEMBERS  
 WILL BE AT THE FIRE FIGHTER CHALLENGE)

**Trip Draw Tickets available:** Friday, October 7th

**Firefighter Challenge:** Saturday October 8th at 9:00 a.m.  
*Firefighter Memorial, Queen Street, Kitchener*

**Memorial Mass:** November 13th  
*Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener*

**Children's Christmas Party:** November 27th from 1-3 p.m.  
*St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kitchener*

**Trip Draw:** January 17, 2012 after General Meeting



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We have the ability to use the K of C Supreme website to send out emails to our members. This is a great feature that enables us to inform our members quickly!



## Foundation Committee Report

Brother Knights,

At the July and August Foundation meeting the committee had to make some decisions that were not made with ease or without a great deal of discussion. Unfortunately we have had to cancel the following council events for this year: Spaghetti Dinner, Charity Craft Sale and the Feather Party. All were well attended and raised thousands of dollars for our Council and the local charities in the community. On behalf of the Grand Knight I would like to thank Whit Husk for chairing the Feather party and Joe Lembo who chaired the Spaghetti Dinner for over 20 years; also the many volunteers who helped each year. Over the years we have had both Fernando Melo and Jeff Thompson chair the Craft sale again. Thank you and your volunteers for your time and commitment.

The good news is Lucy & John Leblanc and Marilyn & Wayne Currie have volunteered to take over and run the Children's Christmas party, from Don Leyes and Sue Killen. Again I wish to thank Sue and Don for many years of Chairing this event and thank both for volunteering to be Mrs. & Mr. Clause again this year. Please see the information about the Children's Christmas Party with a new date and location.

This year we held our first Family BBQ and it was a great success. Thanks to Dave Obermeyer and his committee for getting this event organized and for volunteering to do it again next year.

Mark Saturday October 8, 2011 on your calendar to attend the "Fire Fighter Memorial" located on Queen St in front of the Centre in the Square. Members of Council 1504 will be challenging our brother Knights from Waterloo, St Marks, Elmira and other councils to a fire fighter obstacle course challenge. We need support to run the BBQ and also be team members. This is a fun family event, for you and your family to have fun and support our council. As part of this special day a steel beam from the World Trade Center 9/11 will be unveiled and permanently displayed at this location; this is a once only event in the history of Kitchener so please support the Knights and Fire Fighters by your presence.

We are looking at getting more involved with our parishes and starting in the New Year we would like to hold Spaghetti Dinners or other events at the parishes that support council 1504. This is bringing the charity work of the council right to the community where our members live and work, if you have any suggestions for council / parish activities please contact me (519-742-0908) or attend the Foundation committee meeting held on the second Saturday of the month beginning at 10:00 am in the meeting room at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Sincerely,

**Gerry Kelly**

Foundation Committee Chairperson

*The cry is heard! Santa Claus is coming to town!*  
**It's the Annual Knights of Columbus**  
**Children's Christmas Party**



Santa visits on **Sunday, November 27th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
 at **St. Francis of Assisi Church, 49 Blueridge Avenue, Kitchener**

The afternoon is packed with entertainment, prizes and surprises, games and refreshments. The highlight of the day will be gifts from the jolly old man himself! Open to all children and grandchildren (12 and under) of members of Council 1504.

Cost is just **\$5.00 per member's child** or **\$10.00 per member's grandchild**

**Get names in now, as Santa has to make his list!** To register, please submit YOUR name, your child's or grandchild's name as well as their age and gender and mail to:

*Knights of Columbus, 537 Frederick Street, P.O. Box 23030, Kitchener, Ontario N2B 1L0*

You can also register by phoning: **519-742-6689** or emailing: [john.leblanc@rogers.com](mailto:john.leblanc@rogers.com)

**Registration deadline is Sunday, October 23, 2011.**

# SIMPLE THINGS

By Mac Graham

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, that could be updated to reflect your spouse or your children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary – that person is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary – an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

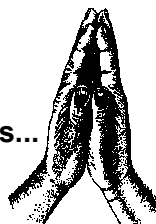
I routinely call all of our policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you.

I'm at 519-721-7254 or [malcolm.graham@kofc.org](mailto:malcolm.graham@kofc.org).  
Call me – let's talk.

# 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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- Patrick Cann • Alfredo & Marie Helena daSilva • Don &
- Sharon Flynn • Jim Goodyear • Harry & Rita Gregory • Archie Hummel •
- Mike & Thelma Ignor • Stan Kowalski • Murray McLaughlin •
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- Gerry Schell • Carl & Therese Schuett

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).

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# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

## OCTOBER

- 1 Michael & Rosaleen Quirke  
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- 2 Mervyn & Claudette Villemaire
- 3 Emil & Anne Rose Rektor  
David & Birget Obermeyer
- 4 Bernard & Wanda Logel  
Maurice & Marguerite Vallee
- 5 Frank & Joanne Shewchuk  
Raymond & Joan Voll
- 6 Douglas & Lorraine Seifried
- 7 Nick & Olga Roehrig
- 8 Edmund & Rita Bergman  
Donald & Jane Pfeffer
- 10 James & Avis Butterworth  
Colonel & Jean Moser
- 11 Rejean & Yollanda Girard
- 12 Ted & Anna Jasica
- 14 Harold & Rosemary Schmitt
- 15 Donald & Sharon Flynn
- 16 Claude & Florence Moser
- 19 Jerome & Marlene Berberich
- 20 Thomas & Dorothy Angel
- 22 Wilbert & Maria Voll
- 24 Stanley & Isabella Kowalski  
Brian & Margaret Hughes
- 28 Edward & Betty Jane Forwell
- 29 Joseph & Charmaine Fleischmann
- 30 Eugene & Mary Gauthier  
George & Ruth Burchatzki
- 31 Terry & Barbara Hunt

## NOVEMBER

- 2 Donald & Helena Schell
- 9 Wilbert H. & Theresa Reinhart
- 13 Ralph & Marcella Tomlinson
- 15 Melvin & Mary-Ann Haggerty
- 16 Lorne & Joanne Kuntz Jr
- 17 Paul & Carol Olinski
- 20 James & Lauraine Greguol
- 21 Larry & Evyleen Litt
- 23 Dr Joseph & Shirley Baumgartner
- 24 Robert & Berny Chapman

## DECEMBER

- 4 Al & Erica Strack
- 13 Charles & Linda Sellers
- 19 William & Wendy Gates  
Leslie & Barbara Schatten  
Terrance & Jennifer Stanhope
- 21 Scott & Anne Greatrex
- 29 Gary & Sandra Miller  
Joseph & Ellen Forster
- 31 Derek & Angi Docherty

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† Paul Fietsch  
(Sept. 2011)



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