



# KNIGHTLIFE

## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

The new year is underway - What resolutions have you made? I've just had a number of reminders of what I need to resolve. That is to express my thanks to those who make my job much easier as they don't hear my thoughts.

- Our ticket sellers and the chairs for each location. Keeping tabs on cars, buyers, sellers, floats and the tickets themselves.
- Help with cooking, cleaning, washing up, decorating, hanging up of lights and putting coffee and treats out for a monthly Sunday Mass at St. Mary's.
- Rick, our Treasurer, for the uncounted hours of time spent remembering who gave what for this or that and then being able to report back on it.
- Brother David for his work for KoC productions, and especially for work at bringing the office of Financial Secretary up to date.
- And not to forget the super work of brother Tom Gregorchuk, most of which was done after his recent knee replacement. By the time Ukrainian Dinner was served he had already put in a 12 hour day which is too long for most of us to be on our unaltered legs! That doesn't include the days of planning and prep time which went into the supper.

We will be busy for the next while. There will be a First Degree held 6:30 Wednesday, January 23rd, just before the regular general meeting. Our District Deputy, Ed Mulcahy, is going to try to be at the meeting. In February we will be having the Marian Icon from the 20th to the 26th and on the 23rd we will be celebrating Charter Night. Thankfully, we have returned all the Charity Appeal tickets in time for the early bird draw which is January 19. Then we have the Holy Family Garage Sale set up and Sale March 10th to 16th. We will once again share the work and proceeds with CWL.

Vivat Jesus,  
Greg Gobbi, GK.

### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS for 2012 - 2013

**Grand Knight - Greg Gobbi**

**Deputy G.K. -**

**Chancellor - Gary Weber**

**Fin. Secretary - David Short**

**Recorder - Travis McDonough**

**Treasurer - Rick Ross**

**Chaplain - Fr. Vincent Nguyen**

**Lecturer - Keith Brind**

**Advocate - Tom Gregorchuk**

**Warden - A. (Chewy) Seward**

**Inside Guard - Joe Brady**

**Outside Guard - Ken Huffman**

**Trustee 1 yr. - Peter Moonen**

**Trustee 2 yr. - Keith Brind**

**Trustee 3 yr. - David Short**

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<http://www.saltandlighttv.org>

## Coming Events

Jan. 20	Beef Dip at St. Mary's
Jan. 23	General Meeting at St. Mary's
Feb. 2	Men's Breakfast
Feb. 13	Executive Meeting Holy Family
Feb. 20	Marian Icon arrives
Feb. 23	Charter Night St. Mary's Hall
Feb. 27	General Meeting Holy Family
Mar. 10	Begin set up for Holy Family Garage Sale
Mar. 13	Executive Meeting, St. Mary's
Mar. 16	Garage Sales, Holy Family
Mar. 27	General Meeting, St. Mary's

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 2, in St. Mary's Hall at 8:30 to 10:00 am



## Beef Dip

There will be a Beef Dip at St. Mary's Sunday, January 20. This is the first one of the new year so please lend a hand and then enjoy the food and fraternity. Call Brother David and offer your services - he'll be needing them. (604-886-8228)

## Membership Dues

We now have 3 Honorary Life Members but the rest of us still must pay our dues and a number have already done so. Get them out of your mind early and start the new year unburdened - make out your cheque now and give it to the Grand Knight or David Short.

## Pro Life Report

Thank you to the parishes and the Knights who participated in the Baby Bottle Fundraiser for the Vancouver Birthright Crisis Pregnancy Centre. We have sent them \$1394 to date and we have one Protestant church that will be bringing in money shortly as they started their campaign to end in the second week of January. We have also been given some belated bottles from St. Mary's, Holy Family and Madeira Park.



We need to start thinking and planning now for this year's March for Life Victoria which will be coming in May.

## First Degree

We have three members who have volunteered to take on the parts of our First Degree Team if the regulars are going to have to be absent from a function. We will be having a First Degree before our General Meeting, Wednesday, January 23. This is the first Degree we have had for some

time now, so please be at St. Mary's before 6:30. We need a good showing of brothers to welcome the new brother into the fraternity

## Charity Appeal

Once again we must congratulate our ticket salesmen, their helpers and Keith and Dick for completing our sales a month before the Early Bird deadline.

## Christmas Play

## *Miracle on 34th Street*

The Christmas Play was a successful event. Brother David appreciated the help he received from the Knights in making the success possible. Even though there is still some advertising revenue to come in to the council we have recorded a net of \$1026.74. Due to complications of timing, and the date of Easter this year, there will not be an Easter Play. This gives Brother David extra planning time for the next Christmas play! Brother David, your plays are greatly appreciated by all. Thank you!



## Ukrainian Dinner

Thank you Brother Tom G. and all your helpers - the Ukrainian Dinner was a treat. Now that the word is out, Chef Gregorchuk will have to plan for an extra 50 or more guests for next year's dinner. The building committees of both parishes will second that plan.

Thank you Tom and helpers!

## Charter Night

This year's Charter Night will feature State Secretary, Ed Shawchuk as guest speaker. It will be held February 23, 2013 in St. Mary's Hall. The usual list of guests have been invited and a great meal is being planned. Start planning to attend this event at St. Mary's now. Space is limited. Call Greg for your reservation after February 3rd.

## Marian Hour

This year's Marian Hour will be held between February 20 and the 26th. Watch your church bulletin for the dates and times. The Icon is Our Lady of Guadalupe. We must have the Icon in Squamish on February 27. This is going to be a busy time for us with the Charter Night and a General Meeting all within 7 days.

## Cold Weather Shelter

A number of our brother knights have had a turn helping at the Cold Weather Shelter. This is an interdenominational outreach that takes place from 5 to 8 pm Monday to Friday evenings at the annex at St. Hilda's Church. It is a service to

street people and a supplement to the Extreme Weather Shelter that kicks in at zero degrees. The clients are given a hot meal and socialization during the 3 hours. The colder weather has increased the number of clients from 1 or 2 to the 6 who attended January 11. The program is going very smoothly. Holy Family does Friday evenings.

### **Election Reminder**

This may be the middle of January, or just the beginning of the new year, but it is time to start thinking about the elections that each council is to have at the end of May. It is something that must be dealt with by both the Executive and the membership. We must also attract new members and get them through the 3 Degrees necessary to serve on the executive. Let this month's First Degree be a beginning - we could have one a month.

### **Comedy Night**

Brother Tom has revived the idea of a Comedy Night to be held in April. If you have some ideas or ability please see Brother Tom Gregorchuk. Also for those of us lacking the ability to entertain, he needs many helpers for set up, ticket sales, food preparation, etc. Please get onboard and let's make this a great evening of humour.

### **Garage Sale**

This is our annual event where we share directly with the CWL and work to involve the entire parish as well as the community at large. Please start looking around your storage areas. Anything there that hasn't been used in a few years? Do you have boxes that haven't been opened since you moved in? Could you use the space they take up? I was just talking to a lady who moved 14 years ago and still has boxes she hasn't opened!

Starting March 10 we will be collecting in the Holy Family Hall. Also plan on offering to help with the set-up and take down. More in February's KnightLife.

### **THE VISION OF FATHER MCGIVNEY**

Led by the quiet, unassuming curate of St Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, a small group of men established the Knights of Columbus in the church basement early in the spring of 1882. The priest, Father Michael McGivney, saw clearly that both Catholics and the Church faced serious problems such as anti-Catholicism, ethnic prejudice, under-employment, lack of social standing and early loss of the breadwinner. To resolve those problems Father McGivney conceived the idea of an organization of Catholic men who would band together:

- to aid one another in times of sickness or death, by means of a simple insurance plan, so that their wives and children would not face abject poverty.
- to strengthen themselves and each other in the faith.

- to strengthen families and family life.
- to be a strong pillar of support for their priests and bishops.
- to be of service to Church and community by coming to the aid of those most in need in society.

You will notice the vision and the points are as valid today as then.

### **Columbia Magazine**

Have you been reading your Columbia magazine in the holiday season or have you been putting it aside as you celebrate the Advent and the Birth of Our Saviour? Well, hopefully, you still have December's and can go back to it for some of the good articles in it. If you are a movie fan there is an excellent article on the religious symbolism in the Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit.

The January edition of the Columbia magazine is the annual Pro Life edition with excellent articles related to Pro Life work. Although the material on the ultrasound project is all American, it certainly let's us know what can be done.

There, as in most pro life material, we see statistics given that tell us that abortions are taking place at a shocking rate. As was said by a priest after the election in the US - where is the Christian Pro Life vote? We Canadians can ask the same question following our elections.

### **We Pray For:**

- Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI
- Our Bishops and Priests
- R.I.P. Val McGrath and for support of Bernard McGrath
- Sylvia Weber (Gary's sister)
- Sonny Dampier
- Gerry and Eva Gillis
- Bill Muskaluk
- For David Short and Kathy Roberts good health
- Patricia McDonough
- John & Patricia Myerscough, special prayers for their family
- Chewey Seward, and the Seward family
- Our wives and families
- Widows of our departed brothers - Elaine Middleton & Mary Gagnon
- Travis' neighbours Anneke Vanderchaar (pancreatic cancer) & Martin Fletcher, her husband.
- Special Intentions for Ted Hanley and the Jesse Tree Project In Galveston, Texas; and for his service to the people of that area.



*Pray for Peace*

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for Us



Remember to mark February 20 to 26th on your calendar as that is the week of our Marian Hour of prayer with the Icon of our Lady of Guadalupe. The times will be announced in the church Sunday bulletins.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:  
Two accounts, published in the 1640s, one in [Spanish](#), one in [Nahuatl](#), tell how, while walking from his village to [Mexico City](#) in the early morning of December 9, 1531 (then the [Feast of the Immaculate Conception](#) in the [Spanish Empire](#)),<sup>[1]</sup> the peasant [Juan Diego](#) saw on the slopes of the Hill of [Tepeyac](#) a vision of a girl of fifteen or sixteen years of age, surrounded by light. Speaking to him in [Nahuatl](#), the local language, she asked that a church be built at that site, in her honor; from her words, Juan Diego recognized the Lady as the [Virgin Mary](#). Diego told his story to the [Spanish](#) Archbishop, Fray [Juan de Zumárraga](#), who instructed him to return to Tepeyac Hill, and ask the lady for a miraculous sign to prove her identity. The first sign was the Virgin healing Juan's uncle. The Virgin told Juan Diego to gather flowers from the top of Tepeyac Hill. Although December was very late in the growing season for flowers to bloom, Juan Diego found at the usually barren hilltop [Castilian](#) roses, not native to Mexico, which the Virgin arranged in his peasant [tilma](#) cloak. When Juan Diego opened the cloak before Bishop Zumárraga on December 12, the flowers fell to the floor, and in their place

was the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe, miraculously imprinted on the fabric.<sup>[2]</sup>

The icon is now displayed in the [Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe](#), one of the most visited [Marian shrines](#).<sup>[3]</sup> The icon is [Mexico's](#) most popular religious and cultural image, bearing the titles: the [Queen of Mexico](#),<sup>[4]</sup> and was once proclaimed [Patroness of the Philippines](#) (but later revised) by [Pope Pius XI](#) in 1935. In 1999, [Pope John Paul II](#) proclaimed the [Virgin Mary Patroness of the Americas](#), [Empress of Latin America](#), and [Protectress of Unborn Children](#)<sup>[5][6][7]</sup> under this Marian title.

Charter Night

February 23, 2013

Social Hour 6 pm

Dinner 7 pm

Charter Night  
Seating  
Limited  
reserve  
for  
Saturday  
February 23  
at  
St. Mary's  
Hall

This year's Charter night is a celebration of the Council's 19th birthday. Come out and join in the celebration of its last year as a teenager.

After Feb.3 call Br. Greg for reservations at 604-885-9188.