

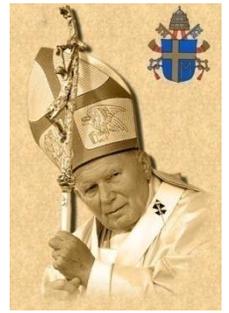


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Faithful Navigator's Message:



Sir Knights,

Advent is a time of anticipation and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus, a time for us to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. As we prepare and participate in the many events and festivities at this time, let us remember those less fortunate and keep in mind the reason for the season **"Let's Keep Christ in Christmas"**.

November was a busy month with the "Flag Raising/Blessing" Nov. 10th at St. Paul the Apostle Parish; the Burlington Remembrance Day parade on Nov. 11th, and confirmation at St. Gabriel's Parish November 19th.

Our Annual Christmas dinner scheduled for November 26th was cancelled due to lack of participation. This is the second event that was cancelled for this fraternal year. While I realize that this event was close to the Night at the Races, as well as the council Turkey Rolls at Holy Rosary and council 5073, the low level of interest came as a surprise to the organizing committee. If you have any suggestions or comments to improve our events or make them more appealing, we would welcome them. Please contact myself, SK John Rynn or SK Vic Lefebvre with feedback.

There has been additional news regarding the use of the current "Regalia", which has been extend to **June 30th 2019**. For additional details, please refer to the email sent separately earlier this month.

SK Vic Lefebvre and I attended the District Master's Meeting on Saturday November 18th. We accepted the "Civic Award" On behalf off the Assembly. What is the "**Civic Award**"? Recognizing the Assembly "**for outstanding implementation of patriotic programming faithful to the principles of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus**".

Attached in this newsletter is the schedule for the upcoming confirmations and also the basketball free-throw, please see the Commanders Corner for dates and times of the events coming up in January.

My family and I wish you, your family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and prosperous New Year and may our Lord Jesus bring you many Blessings.

Kindest regards

Frank
SK Frank Miele
Faithful Navigator
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An interview with Fr. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C., on his 25th Anniversary of Ordination

I was born in the northern part of Poland in the city of Slawno. The place of my birth and childhood is situated near Gdansk, very close to the beautiful, but cold, Baltic Sea.

My family consists of my beloved parents, Helena & Stanislaw, who a few years ago celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, and a sister, Agnes, a brother, Mark, with their families. My family, especially my mother and sister are associated with schools as teachers. Even my nieces, Ann Marie and Violetta Magdalena decided to do the same and are finishing their first year of pedagogy at University in Koszalin.

I did my first elementary classes at a small school where my mother was the only teacher. The rest of my classes I completed in Jaroslawiec. I remember the beautiful view of the open Baltic Sea from my desk in the classroom and the lighthouse which was flashing at night helping the fisherman to stay clear of the rock and get to safety in the harbour. I had one brainwave in my mind as a youngster – to be a fisherman, being helped by the light of the lighthouse. My high school education was in the field of electronics. This school prepared me to study engineering but after final exams at the end of high school I decided to change my ideas and I entered into the Novitiate of the Pallottine Fathers. I remember that Pope John Paul II helped me to make my final decision because I had the occasion to share a few words with him during his Pilgrimage to Poland in 1979. Then – no fisherman, no lighthouse, no engineering, no teaching according to family traditions, but a Pallottine fisherman of people.

As with every boy from Europe, most important was: number one soccer, number two soccer and number three, soccer. As a boy I played handball and enjoyed skating. Here in Canada, with pleasure, I play tennis and in the winter I enjoy cross-country skiing.

I had a very nice childhood in the old family home where my parents still live and I have my familiar harbour where I can return. I remember as a young boy my games and play with my friends after school. During holidays I remember our trips and games on the Baltic Beach.

After my Novitiate I entered into the seminary of the Pallottine Fathers in Oltarzew near Warsaw. I studied philosophy and theology for six years. After Ordination to the Priesthood, May 10, 1986, I was sent to one parish to work as an assistant priest. It was Ozarow Mazowiecki, the present Sanctuary of Divine Mercy for the Archdiocese of Warsaw. After only one year of this pastoral experience I began my studies at the Gregorian University in Rome where I studied theology and spirituality.

I enjoy all food but being in Italy I enjoyed Italian pasta, spaghetti and specialty Italian sweets and pastries.

My decision to become a priest was made during my final high school days. However, it was a long process. My presence in a religious youth group helped me with my decision.

My most memorable moment during these past 25 years was the day of my Ordination to the Priesthood which completely changed my lifestyle. I have beautiful memories of love and belonging connected with my studies at the Gregorian University; new friends, priests and sisters from around the world and a much larger vision of our Church. Of course I also had the joy of visiting the most beautiful places in Italy.

Everything is in the hands of God and I will follow God's will on the path of my life. As a priest and pastor I would like to taste the fruits of my pastoral efforts and my sharing of Jesus' teaching with others.

After 25 years of my pastoral service I would like to see children and youth who enjoy Sacramental life, parents who are open to building their lives on the basis of Christian values and simply – holy people filling our churches. It is my dream, a realistic dream, I think.

Thank you very much for our interview.

Fr. Piotr.



Faithful Captain's Report

We are quickly approaching Christmas, a time we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. This is a time to be with families and rejoice with friends.

The Honour Guard will finish the year with a confirmation at St. Gabriel's Church on Sunday December 3rd at 2:30 for a 3:00 pm event. The next outing will be the Basketball Free Throw on January 20th at Corpus Christie. The deadline for using the old uniform has been extended until June 30, 2019 so we still have several opportunities to wear this uniform.

I encourage all members of the 4th degree to encourage Brother Knights in the 3rd degree to join us at the next exemplification in the new year and I also encourage anyone who is not a member of the Honour Guard to do so.

Vivat Jesus
David Stokes, GK
Faithful Captain

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



SK Rocco DeVito	Dec. 4 th
SK Frank Miele	Dec. 6 th
SK Paul LaFontaine	Dec. 11 th
SK John Bennett	Dec. 12 th
Fr. Piotr Machnacki	Dec. 15 th
SK Jack Costigan	Dec. 24 th
SK Jere Hartnett	Dec. 28 th
SK Edgar Poirier	Dec. 29 th

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



S.K. Rocco and Lady Annabelle DeVito	Dec. 10 th
S.K. Rocco and Lady Laura Galliani	Dec. 10 th
S.K. Thomas and Pat O'Brien	Dec. 26 th
S.K. James and Lady Elizabeth Csordas	Dec. 29 th

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COMMANDER'S CORNER:

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Please consider joining the Honour Guard. We have regalia available for you to try out and purchase. If you are interested, please call S.K. Vic Lefebvre at 905-336-3056 for a fitting.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

**8:00 PM – EVERY WEDNESDAY
BAKED GOODS PICK-UP FROM COBS BREAD
CORNER OF WALKERS LINE AND DUNDAS**

- December 3rd - Confirmation mass
St. Gabriel's Church
2:30 pm for 3:00 pm

- December 7th General Meeting
7:00 Sword Practice
7:30 Holy Mass
General Meeting follows Holy Mass

- January 4th General Meeting
7:00 Sword Practice
7:30 Holy Mass
General Meeting follows Holy Mass

- January 20th BasketBall Freethrow Competition
Notre Dame High School
9:00 am for 9:30 am

- January 27th Confirmation Mass
St. Raphael's Parish
10:00 am for 10:30 am
AND
1:00 pm for 1:30 pm

**Faithful Pilot's
Report**

Please reminder the following in your prayers:

SK Joe Acosta
SK Brian Legault, PGK
SK Rick Lomas
Fr. Ron Hodara

To be included in our prayer network, please contact me at (905) 335-0412 or by e-mail at ticbhoy@hotmail.com .

George O'Brien
Faithful Pilot

Annual Fraternal Activities Report

Please take the time to complete the fraternal Survey form #1728A which can be found on the Assembly web site under “Assembly forms” or by clicking on this link.

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/members/resources/forms/assembly.html>

Please add up all of the time you volunteered during 2017 in your capacity as a member of our Assembly. This can include church activities, community service (e.g. Food Collections at Cobs Bakery), visiting the sick, etc. Please fill out the form and bring it with you to our meeting on December or January. These survey results have to be submitted by the end of January to Supreme, so please get them done now so we have time to summarize them and get them submitted. The following is a sample of the form.

Vic Lefebvre, PGK,PFN,FDM
Faithful Comptroller
Pope John Paul II Assembly 3176

 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	20__ SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET
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Over the last ten years, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$1.5 billion to charitable and benevolent causes and more than 682 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.	
1. Number of visits you made during 20__ to:	
Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals	_____
Bereaved — visits of condolence	_____
2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 20__	_____
3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 20__:	
Church Activities — service in all Church related activities	_____
Community Activities — service in all community related activities	_____
Youth Activities — service in all youth related activities	_____
Habitat for Humanity — service in all related projects	_____
Culture of Life Activities — service in all related projects	_____
VAVS	_____
Food For Families	_____
Special Olympics	_____
Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above	_____
4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 20__:	
Sick/disabled members and their families — household chores, transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc.	_____

Canada 150 Celebration and Flag Raising St. Paul The Apostle Church

On Friday, November 10th, as part of our “To Be a Patriot” program, our Assembly took part in the blessing and raising of the Canadian and Vatican City flags at St Paul the Apostle Church.

A joint effort with the Parish Catholic Women’s League, the church building committee, and the our assembly, this was another example of our Canada 150 project to have our Canadian Flag at parishes in Burlington.



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The History of the '12 Days of Christmas'



The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember. To fit the number scheme, when you reach number 9, representing the Fruits of the Holy Ghost, the originator combined 6 to make 3, taking the 6 fruits that were similar: the fruit in each parenthesis is the that was not named separately. There are actually Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost.

The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

According to Ann Ball in her book, [HANDBOOK OF CATHOLIC SACRAMENTALS](#):

The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments

The three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The five golden rings rerepresented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit-----Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit-----Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity].

The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful Apostles.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

Original Source: Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, Nebraska

WEBSITES

We encourage all Knight of Columbus members to keep up to-date on current activities. To assist, we list below a directory of some of the main Websites. All SK can log on to the assembly website to send e-mails to fellow SKs.

Pope John Paul II Assembly

<http://kofcknights.org/Assembly.asp?A=3176>

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