



The Galleon



Windsor Park Council #5244
Knights of Columbus
Chartered February 26, 1962
Summer 2018
Our 56th Year

Message from the Grand Knight

I am excited about the year ahead of us! We have two new faces on our Executive this year (Brian Steeves & Scott Wilkinson), and a group of experienced brother Knights who have offered to stay in their roles to help keep us all on track and to train the next wave of recruits this year. Thank you all!

I am proposing that we start supporting Habitat For Humanity this year by participating on work crews in our neighborhood, and proposing even more collaboration with the Catholic Women's League in our Parish. I also hope to start another kitchen volunteer crew besides our rock-solid "last Wednesday of the month" team that already works mornings at Siloam Mission. Father Phil has also asked us to work on a new special project to support our founding parish members (more information to come!).

I am hoping we can all work to increase our numbers this year through recruitment of new, able-bodied practical Catholic men in our parish. Starting with our own families (brothers, cousins, fathers, sons uncles etc.) We have lots of work to do and building our numbers will help to lighten the load.

I hope you've had an excellent summer and please join us at our next general council meeting on

September 17, 2018 to get involved in our plans for the entire Columbian year!

Vivat Jesus!

Joel Parent
Grand Knight

Council Chambers: St. Bernadette Parish,
Lower level 820 Cottonwood Road.
Meetings held on the 3rd Monday of the month

Website www.5244.ca

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Knights of Columbus General Meeting

Monday June 18, 2018 Notables

Called to order 7:42 pm

13 members present

Minutes of previous meeting accepted as read.

GK Br. Claude's report: Congratulated brothers for a successful Columbian year. Advised council that knights Mass and appreciation barbeque was a success and thanked all volunteers for their participation. Also reported that year end gathering at Garbonzo's was well attended and a good time was had by all. Thanked brothers that accepted executive and other positions for the upcoming Columbian year.

Treasurer Br. Brian reported: General account \$5051.72 / Charity \$7422.49 / Vocations \$ 623.48. Carried. Financial secretary Br. Marcel was not present. On his behalf, Br. Brian presented the following bills to be paid: Appreciation barbeque \$226.74 (food and condiments) / \$37.50 (ice and drinks) /\$526.00 (K of C golf shirts) /\$85.56 (Galleon stamps) / \$126.97 (5244.ca website annual costs) Second Br. Gerry Martens. Carried

Chancellor Br. Andre – No report.

Membership – Br Buccini advised Supreme 's on line presentation very well done. Requested that Andre Desloges be accepted as member of our council. Second Br. Martens. Carried. Br. Buccuni informed council that Supreme encourages Kiosks being setup at churches to provide religious as well as many other materials as recruiting aides for councils. Cost would be less than \$200. Br. Joel will present idea to Fr. Phil and report to council next meeting.

Br. Joel informed council that Habitat for Humanity provided the following information: **They request a \$2500 donation and require that volunteers commit to work a full 8 hour day. They also have a on line training course.** Br. Wayne requested we

wait until next Columbian year before making a decision to proceed. Council members agreed. Br. Joel suggested that council consider giving out recognition certificates to parish members that are active in keeping our parish healthy and thriving. Criteria to be established. He also suggested we recognise our knights by presenting awards such as family of the year, knight of the month, knight of the year, etc. Second Br. Buccini. Carried. Br. Joel also advised that Br. Cliff will provide a schedule for Rosary presentation at our next meeting.

Br. Sliva will contact Applebee's in September to book our fund raiser for May, 2019. Br. Sliva also advised that Sierra Leone Action Committee is helping financially to build a school in Sierra Leone and requested council donate \$300. Second Br. Buccini. Carried. Total cost will be approximately \$50,000.

Br. Clem advised he is close to breaking even purchasing after meeting snacks but not quite. Pay up knights.

Br. Bob Love chaired the election and the following is our executive for the 2018-19 term. GK – Br. Joel Parent / DGK – Br. Scott Wilkinson / Recorder – Br. Brian Steeves / Chancellor – Br. Andre Guay / Financial Secretary – Br. Marcel Rainville / Treasurer – Br. Brian Fraser / Advocate – Br. Roger Dacquay / Warden – Br. Wayne Bencharski / Lecturer – Br. Klem Gelowitz / Inside Guard – Br. Don Bodnarchuk / Outside Guard – Br. Gerry Sliva / Trustees – 3 yr. Br. Cliff Chojko-Bolec / 1 yr. Br. Don Buccini / 2 yrs. Br. Bob Love.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35

Respectfully submitted.

Morris Subtelny PGK

Good Works: Your Help is Needed!

1. Looking for a new Galleon editor who can work in Adobe InDesign or Microsoft Publisher to take ownership of producing the monthly Galleon. Contact Joel.Parent@gmail.com for more details
2. Looking for brothers who can sign on to help with our ICCD (primary fundraising for Knights in Manitoba) tickets in local stores - please contact Don Bodnarchuk for more details.
3. We have a team of knights who go to serve at Siloam Mission the last Wednesday of each month for morning kitchen duty (food prep and serving) - we'd like to start a second team - please talk to Joel if you would like to join the team
4. We are planning on sponsoring a build with Habitat for Humanity - please let Joel know if you would be interested in being on a the team.

Upcoming Events

August 28 - Executive only meeting

Sept 17 - Monthly General Meeting of Council

Check the website for more event details:

<https://5244.ca/events-calendar/>



Special Project This Fall

Father Phil expressed a desire to find and reconnect with our founding parishioners, wherever they may now be living: in nursing homes or other living arrangements that prevent them from attending weekly masses and connecting with our community.

He asked if we might consider how we could tackle this problem as a group. He shared some ideas we might consider such as:

- Coordinating rides to and from regular weekend masses for some parishioners, with knights and other volunteers assisting
- Locating St Bernadette former parishioners in care homes and bringing equipment to stream masses for them on occasion
- Considering other means of serving these people

Many of our parish founding members are now approaching the age where they may be requiring medical care which removes them from their independent living situations, and it is possible that their families cannot provide them with a means of staying connected with our St Bernadette parish family.

I'd like us to review this challenge carefully and see what we can do about it.

I'd like to look into the following steps:

- Identify who these individuals and families are
- Quantify how large or small a group of people this is and determine what we could possibly do using our council member brothers and other parish volunteers
- Reach out to these families and individuals and determine if they'd like to have our council help them reconnect with the parish
- Come up with a trial/test launch of this initiative
- Review how the trial launch went
- Rollout the initiative in a more long term way with recurring events