

KNIGHT CAP



Knights of Columbus Fort William Council 1447, Columbus
Centre, 301 S. May St., Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

October 2018



GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT: Br. LARRY PANKUCH

I hope you all had a good summer. I did not do any fishing this past summer but I did enjoy the great warm weather. I am not looking forward to the cold months ahead but let's accept it.

My second fraternal year has begun, and I look forward to the many events that are being planned. Your participation will be extremely important to ensure their success.

Our first fraternal meeting was held on September 9. I hope to see better attendance at all future meetings. Remember, to accomplish all our good work, we must have good attendance and participation at our general meetings.

We have been selling 50/50 draw tickets. Proceeds will go to the Dew Drop Inn, the St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Thunder Bay Food Bank. Thank you to all the

volunteers that have helped sell all of our 130 books (or 1,300 tickets) that were assigned to our council.

We had a very successful Lobster Supper, and Pickerel and Shrimp Dinners are being planned.

Garry Tripp, one of our brother Knights and Past Grand Knight of Council 1447, passed away recently. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

The Columbus Centre halls have a new great look. They were recently painted by brother Knights.

Visit the Columbus Centre and join us for coffee every Friday morning from 8:30 am to 10 am in the coffee room.

In closing, I'd like to remind you to attend our general meetings, every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Knights are Friends of the Cathedral



St. Patrick Cathedral's bell tower.

Knights continue to provide financial donations to St. Patrick Cathedral through "Friends of the Cathedral." Each year, we donate \$250. The following projects are planned for 2018:

- * Repair and paint the exterior walls of the bell tower.

- * Discover new ways to make the church more accessible.

- * Teach the faith to those inside and outside the diocese by providing a second year of free access to a Catholic multimedia platform.

- * Decorate the pulpit with artistic symbols of the four gospel writers.

The Knights also volunteer many hours for the parish and financially support the Catholic literature display in the church foyer.

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Past Grand Knight Report

Br. Louis Romito

New Members

Council 1447 welcomes new members Ian Caruso, Sam Chiappetta and Tom LeBel.

Ribfest

Thank you to those who volunteered at the Ribfest weekend. I know the *Our Kids Count* program leaders are grateful. Knights from the six councils contributed their time and talents to the effort. Together, we accomplished a great deal.



69th Annual Len Hallinan Memorial Golf Tournament

A very successful golf tournament was held on June 24 at Emerald Greens. The meal held later at the Columbus Centre satisfied the hungry golfers. Prizes were presented after the meal. Thank you to our golfers, sponsors, prize



Golf tournament winners (from left): Tony Tarsitano, Don Cattani, Vince Serrao and Gabriel DeProphetis.

donors and volunteers. The tournament brought together many brother Knights, friends and families. Please continue to support this event. It provides a great opportunity to gather and socialize and has a proud history.

Annual K of C Lottery A Huge Success

Participation in the annual K of C raffle tickets campaign was a great success. Many volunteer hours went into this project. Brother Knights helped to sell 2,470 tickets at \$5 each for a sales total of \$12,350. This will help us continue to give back to our community. For all our efforts, we received \$2834 from the State Lottery. \$2216.50 will go to charity account and \$622.50 into our general account. Your support has been appreciated. Special thanks are extended to all the volunteers and supporters. Thank you!

Special Olympics, the Arthritis Society and our local

charities are the beneficiaries of this lottery. The draw date was July 12. Major prize winners were published on July 27 in the Toronto Star and are available at www.ontariokofc.ca. Vehicle and cash winners will be notified by registered mail by the Knights of Columbus Charity Foundation.

Thunder Bay Councils 1447, 9295 and 1130 sold many tickets of which 26 were winning tickets. Council 1447 sold eight winning tickets.

In Memoriam



Br. Hugh Fraser

the souls of all deceased brother Knights at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Connecticut, the birthplace of our Order.

In addition, other brother Knights and family members who are ill or in distress will be in our thoughts and prayers. Please remember to keep the council informed about these situations.

We acknowledge the passing of the following brothers and extend condolences to their families and friends. We are grateful for our memories of them, their service and their friendship. Brothers Hugh Fraser (July 1) and William Galandzy (August 20) will be remembered in a special daily Mass offered for the repose of



Br. W. Galandzy

Thunder Bay Six Council 50/50 Draw

Ticket sales for the 50/50 Draw started in August. Tickets cost \$2 each. Only 5,000 tickets will be sold. Proceeds will benefit the Dew Drop Inn, St. Vincent De Paul and the Thunder Bay Food Bank. All funds will stay in Thunder Bay. The draw will take place on Monday, November 12 at the Columbus Centre, 301 South May St. The maximum prize will not exceed \$5,000. Tickets are available from K of C officers, members and the Columbus Centre. You may contact the centre via email columbuscentre@shaw.ca or by phone 807 623-3252. License #M807039.

Have You Paid Your 2018 Membership Dues?

Here are the current membership dues: Associate Member, with or without insurance, \$65; Honorary Member, age 65 and a member for 25 consecutive years, \$15; Honorary Life Member, age 70 and member for 25 consecutive years or a member for 50 years regardless of age, no dues; Disabled Member, no dues. Please also renew your membership for 2019.



Lobster Supper

On Saturday September 29, another successful Lobster Supper was held at the Columbus Centre. Congratulations are extended to Nora Harris who won a free Lobster Supper on June 2. Thank you Brother Knights, your wives and the Columbus Centre for making this wonderful event possible. Yes, once again, we are “The Lobster Kings.” Save the date for the next feast: June 2, 2019.



Table setting at the Lobster Supper.

**Council 1447 Officers
2018/19 Fraternal Year**

- Grand Knight: Larry Pankuch
- Chaplain: Msgr. Pat Stilla
- Past Grand Knight : Louis Romito
- Deputy Grand Knight: Derek West
- Financial Secretary: Peter Sabourin
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- One Year Trustee: Sam Federico
- Lecturer (appointed): Wayne Murphy

**Father Baxter Assembly
4th Degree Officers 2018-19**

- Faithfull Navigator**, SK Vince Bortolussi
- Friar**, Fr. Francisco Blazek
- Faithful Captain**, SK Wayne Murphy
- Admiral**, SK Bill Vass
- Scribe**, SK Samuel Spivak
- Comptroller**, SK Dick O’Donnell
- Purser**, SK Louis Romito
- Pilot**, SK Larry Pankuch
- Faithful Inner Sentinel**, SK Joe Bechta
- Faithful Outer Sentinel**, SK Mike Boyechko
- Faithful Trustee (3 year)**, SK Bogdan Bielski
- Faithful Trustee (2 year)**, SK Peter Venafro
- Faithful Trustee (1 year)**, SK John Ylimaki

**Council 1447 Congratulates the
Grand Knights of District 14 and
extends Best Wishes to them
for the new Fraternal Year**

- Br. Dave Baxter**,
Leo Council 1130, St. Andrew’s Church
- Br. Larry Pankuch**,
Fort William Council 1447, St. Patrick’s Cathedral
- Br. Eric Kaminski**,
Bishop Norman Gallagher Council 7332
- Br. Bruce Sutton**,
Our Lady of Charity Council 8602, St. Agnes Church
- Br. Daren Prieston**,
Father Regis Council 9295, Corpus Christi Church
- Br. Mike Meady**,
Father Francois Maynard Council 15995,
St. Peter’s Church

Columbus Centre Gift Certificates

- *Delicious take out menu
- *Rosie’s Friday Lunch Buffet
- *Centre Events
- *Swimming passes
- *Monthly Spaghetti Suppers

Knights Help Our Kids Count At Ribfest



Robin Rickards sells tickets at Ribfest.

On August 24 to 26, a group of Knights helped our friends at Our Kids Count with their annual fundraiser at Ribfest. They had a great time selling beer garden tickets to an enthusiastic crowd. Our Kids Count is a community development organization which builds stronger families and inclusive communities by enhancing people's lives through personal growth and development. One of its major projects is the community kitchen at 704 MacKenzie Street, where families can learn to prepare healthful, home-cooked meals. What a great opportunity to join two values that the Knights prize — family and charity!

— submitted by Robin Rickards

Cheque Might Be In The Mail

An elderly fisherman wrote to a mail order house the following: "Please send me one of those gasoline engines for my boat you show on page 438 and, if it's any good, I'll send you a cheque."

In a short time, he received the following reply: "Please send cheque. If it's any good, we'll send the engine."

Knights Paint Columbus Centre Halls



Br. Patrick Klug, hard at work.

Recently, over a period of three days, Knights Larry Pankuch, Frank Carchidi, Patrick Klug, Louis Romito, George Romick, Peter Sabourin and Fabio Zorzes painted the halls and back lane wall of the Columbus Centre. They were under the direction of Chair Ed Bruneau. Br. Romano Taddeo provided hearty lunches. Thank you to everyone who helped!

Installation of Officers



Br. Joe Salini presents jewel to ????

The Knights of Columbus six council installation Mass was recently held at St. Peter's Church. It was officiated by Msgr. Pat Stilla and Fr. Joseph Arokiam. District Deputy Mike Meady conducted the installation, and Past State Deputy Joe Salini presented the jewels to the officers.



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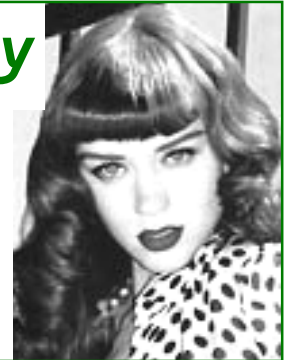
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Travel Draw Benefits School Trust Fund

One thousand dollars raised through the Travel/Cash Draw was donated to the Awards Trust Fund Catholic School Board. Fr. James Panikulam of St. Agnes Church drew the winning tickets for the travel voucher lottery on March 30. We thank all Knights and friends who participated in this fund-raising event.

Congratulations to our winners:

First prize, Annette Raynak, Ticket #137, \$18,800.

Second prize, Richard Racco, Ticket # 337, \$500.

Food Drive For Dew Drop Inn



On Saturday May 12, all Six Councils in Thunder Bay united to collect much-needed food for the Dew Drop Inn at the city's three Metro stores. Thank you Br. Bill Bragnalo for spearheading this initiative once again.

Shopping lists of needed items were distributed to Metro shoppers and a lot of food was collected and delivered. The food drive was a huge success. Ten truck loads of nonperishable food and meat products and more than \$2,100 in cash and Metro gift cards were collected.

Last year, the Dew Drop Inn served over 69,000 meals or an average of 200 meals a day. The meal centre receives no government funding and relies heavily on donations of food and money from the community.

Council 1447 thanks all the volunteers, the Metro stores, and the Metro shoppers for their participation and support.

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Knights Becomes Associate Lawyer



Robert M. Habjan was recently welcomed to the staff of Ericksons LLP as an associate lawyer. He practices in the area of civil litigation with a particular interest in professional malpractice and personal injury law.

Robert was born and raised in Thunder Bay, attended Lakehead University and received his Juris

Doctorate Law degree from Bond University School. He looks forward to continue practicing law in his hometown.

Robert began working at Ericksons as a legal researcher after his graduation from law school. He completed his articles with the firm and has joined it as an associate since his call to the Bar of Ontario this year.

When not working, Robert can be found either at camp, fishing, hunting, golfing or skiing. He also is active in the community. Robert is a member and officer (Advocate) of Council 1447 and a former board member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thunder Bay.

Where's The Right Brook?

Two young men were in the woods camping, when they came upon a great trout brook. They stayed there all day, enjoying the super fishing.

At the end of the day, knowing that they would be graduating from college soon, they vowed that they would meet in 20 years at the same place to renew the experience.

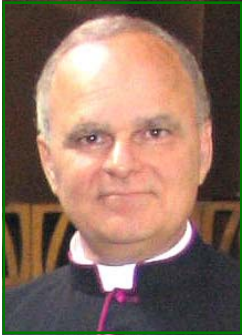
Twenty years later, they met and traveled to the same area. Before long, they came upon a brook. One of the men said, "This is the place!"

The other replied, "No, it's not!"

The first man said, "Yes, it is. I recognize the clover growing on the bank on the other side."

The other man replied, "Silly, you can't tell a brook by it's clover."

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE: Msgr. PAT STILLA

Q. Why was St. Marguerite d'Youville, one of our Canadian Saints, ridiculed and verbally abused by Catholics for her work in Montreal?

A. Marguerite d'Youville is our country's first canonized Saint who was actually born in Canada. We celebrate her day each year on October 16.

In this life, Marguerite was one of those Saints who encountered not one, but many painful difficulties, one of which was the initial rejection for her ministry among the poor by the Catholics of Montreal. These challenges served to inspire her to accomplish so much.

The Many Losses and Setbacks

To begin, Marguerite's father died when she was only seven, leaving her family in dire poverty. As the eldest of six children, she became an invaluable support to her mother. After only two years of schooling, she tried to educate her siblings as best she could.

At 21, she married François d'Youville who proved to be an abstentee husband and father and an unsavoury character who was often in trouble with the law.

By age 29, Marguerite once again found herself grieving and desperately poor. Her husband had died and four of her six children had also died in infancy.

Her Learned Compassion for Others

Instead of discouraging her, these hardships taught her to become more understanding and compassionate towards those around her who had experienced similar challenges in

their lives. She felt called to reach out to them and began by welcoming abandoned women into her home in Montreal. Soon, she was joined by three other women who wanted to assist her and, in 1737, they consecrated themselves to God and vowed to assist the poor.

Without realizing it, Marguerite had become the founder of a Religious community which was eventually named the "Sisters of Charity of Montreal."

"Les Soeurs Grises" (The Grey Nuns)

Many citizens of Montreal were appalled that, unlike "traditional" Sisters, Marguerite's group of committed women did not live in a monastery or convent but worked among the alcoholics and the poor in the streets. Therefore, they criticized them by calling them "Les Soeurs Grises" or "The Grey Nuns" because the word "grises," which normally means grey, can also, in French slang, mean drunk and filthy.

Once again, this hardship did not succeed in deterring Marguerite from accomplishing her work among the poor. Instead, her determination and strong faith attracted a multitude of followers and, to this day, the Sisters of Charity of Montreal still refer to themselves as the Grey Nuns!

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COUNCIL #1447 CALENDAR

Council Meetings, second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Columbus Centre: Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, May 14 (Nominations), June 11 (Final Nominations & Council Elections).

Bingo at Hogarth Riverview Manor (St. Joseph Care Group), 300 Lillie Street North, third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Please call Peter Sabourin 622-5885 to confirm dates: Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 17.

Father Baxter Assembly Meetings, third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Columbus Centre.

Dew Drop Inn, The Knights prepare and serve meals on the second Thursday and Fourth Tuesday of each month. Come and join your brother Knights and friends. Bill Bragnalo of Council 8602 is the contact and organizational person. Shifts available are 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

First Degree, 8 p.m., the last Sunday of each month at Corpus Christi Church after 7 p.m. Mass. Give candidates' names to Grand Knight of your council.

OCTOBER

16 Tuesday, Installation of Officers and Mass for 2018-2019, 6:45 p.m., St. Peter's Church, 700 McIntosh St. All officers serving for the fraternal year, chaplains, family & friends welcome.

27, 28 Saturday and Sunday, Council 1447, recruitment drive, St. Patrick's Cathedral, 5 p.m. (Sat.), 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (Sun.).

NOVEMBER

11 Sunday, Remembrance Day, 4th Degree Wreath Presentation.

12 Monday, 50/50 Draw, Columbus Centre, 7 p.m. (All tickets should be in by Friday, Nov. 10.)

16 Friday, set up for Santa Claus Parade Float at Pioneer Construction.

17 Saturday, Christmas Parade, (Theme: Keep Christ in Christmas), begins 10 a.m. at the Superstore, ends at the Community Auditorium.

19 Sunday, St. Patrick's Cathedral Candy Cane Christmas Tea and Bazaar, 12 noon to 3 p.m.

20 Tuesday, Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights, 7 p.m., St. Peter's Church (Hosted by Council 15995).

DECEMBER

1, 2 Saturday, Sunday, First Sunday of Advent.

25 Tuesday, Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones.

Columbus Centre Upcoming Events

Saturday Events

October 27, Pickerel Fish Dinner

November 17, Shrimp Feast

December 8, 9, Group Christmas Dinner and Dance

Special thanks to the Friday Coffee Gang for their kind donation to the Columbus Centre. The funds helped the centre paint both halls and purchase a 100 inch projector screen for the main hall.

Rosie's Lunch Buffet

Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., pasta, meatballs, chicken, perogies, mashed potatoes, vegetables, breads, desserts, beverages, \$14. All you can eat. Reservations optional. Celebrate your special events with us!

Knights of Columbus Coffee Club

Coffee, \$1, bottomless cup and two slices of raisin bread. Fridays, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. (or 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., if you have a door fob), coffee room, Columbus Centre. All Knights and potential Knights are welcome.

Spaghetti & Meatball Suppers & Take Out

Sundays, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2. **Sit Down**, 5:30 p.m. Adults, \$13.50. Children 5 to 10, \$8.50. Under 5, Free. Includes salad, buns, butter, coffee, tea, and soft drinks. All you can eat! **Take Out**, 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., \$11.50. (Please bring your own containers.)

Take Out Only: Thursdays, 3 pm to 6 pm: Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Jan. 24, Wednesday Feb. 14, March 21, April 25, May 23, June 20. (Call 623-3252 to confirm take out dates.) Please bring your own containers. Volunteers always welcome. Please contact Br. Louis Romito, 767-6533.

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