



# Fort William Council 1447

## *KNIGHT CAP*



Columbus Centre, 301 S. May St., Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada



### Grand Knight's Report

#### Br. Larry Pankuch

**B**rothers, as our fraternal year comes to a close, we should reflect on the many events that have taken place and thank the many volunteers that assisted.

Many volunteer hours are also dedicated to the Columbus

Centre to help with Friday buffets, Mother's Day Breakfasts, Ten Mile Road Races, Shrimp Feasts, Lobster Suppers, Pickerel Fish Dinners, assisting at funeral receptions, attending board meetings, maintaining facilities and many more. Please continue to support the many events that are being planned.

I would also like to thank Msgr. Pat Stilla for his spiritual guidance over the last two years as our chaplain. I also thank Fr. Marco Ladao for becoming our chaplain for the next fraternal year and guiding us over the last few months.

We have dedicated leaders for the next fraternal year. It is not hard to find the time to give a few hours each month to your council.

I also appeal to the general membership to come to the meetings, sit on committees and get involved in your council's affairs. You will be pleasantly surprised at the intense feeling of satisfaction you will receive for a job well done. Your name may be on the membership role but it's only by your actions that your brothers will know and recognize you.

Let's continue to make *recruitment* one of our main objectives. We all know at least one Catholic man that is not a Knight and has never been asked to belong to our fraternal family. Ask family members, friends or men in your parish to join us in our charitable works.

I salute and thank you for all that you do for our Order, the Columbus Centre and our community.

#### Officer Nominations & Elections for Fraternal Year July 2019 to July 2020 (Elections were held on Tuesday, June 11.)

Grand Knight	Derek West
Chaplain (appointed)	Fr. Marco Ladao
Deputy Grand Knight	Sam Federico
Financial Secretary (appointed)	Peter Sabourin
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One Year TERM Trustee	Maurice Pelletier
Lecturer (appointed)	Wayne Murphy
Past Grand Knight	Larry Pankuch
Communication	Louis Romito PGK

*A special thank you to our out going officers, Romano Taddeo and Mike Boyechko, for your dedication over many years of service.*

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## Past Grand Knight Report

### Br. Louis Romito

#### Council Scholarships

Once again, two \$500 bursaries were presented to students from each Thunder Bay Catholic High School at the Community Auditorium. The pipes and drums of Thunder Bay sounded as the enthusiastic students marched in before the presentations were made.

On June 12, Br. Wade Rooney presented The Harris Rooney Past Grand Knight Memorial Bursary to Sara Fucile of St. Ignatius High School.

On June 13, GK Larry Pankuch presented The Alex Kayzer Past Grand Knight Memorial Bursary to Daniel Chiappeta of St. Patrick High School.



#### Irish Night A Great Success



*Dancers at Irish Night.*

Once again, the Irish Night Dinner and Dance, held in March at the Columbus Centre, was a great success. Many participants wore green! The menu consisted of corn beef, turkey, cabbage, turnip, mashed potatoes, green beans, mushrooms, carrots and ice cream with mint.

Bishop Colli entertained us with some great Irish jokes and blessed the meal.

Everyone enjoyed Thunder Bay's own Celtic Rhythms Dancers. Led by Lynda DePiero, the group performed seven dances and finished with a great rendition of *Lord of The Dance*. The dancers were awesome. Thank you to all the dancers, our guests and everyone who helped make it a wonderful evening.

## Knights Host Basketball Free Throw Event



The Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championship provides youth with a rewarding activity and introduces the community to the Knights of Columbus. Council 1447, along with the other five councils, financially sponsor and volunteer at this annual event.

The Free Throw was held on January 28 at St. Ignatius High School. Parents and spectators cheered for the competitors. Volunteers from all councils were present and assisted the many participants. This year, Mia Bosch received the third place award in the 12 year old category for District 14. GK Larry Pankuch presented the award. We thank Wesley Ramage Council 9295 for organizing this event.

The Free Throw Championship has been providing a safe, positive environment for kids of all faiths for more than 40 years. The event is for boys and girls between the ages of nine and 14. Local winners progress through district, regional and state levels, and then compete for the International Championship Crystal Trophy.

## Knights Support Children's Mental Health

Fort William Council 1447 recently donated \$1,000 to the Children's Centre Playhouse Challenge. The playhouses



were built by Thunder Bay's high schools and were auctioned off at the CLE Home Show in April. The much needed funds will support children's mental health and will help ensure that kids receive the support they require. This is an initiative of the Children's Centre Foundation Thunder Bay which was established in 2004 as a registered charity

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to fund mental health education and prevention. It provides financial support to children’s mental wellness programs, promotes awareness of children’s mental health issues and works closely with the Children’s Centre, Thunder Bay.

**New Members**

Welcome to Council 1447, a growing council: Louis Toneguzzi, Ron Rimmer, Daniel McCutcheon, Don Blaquiére, Saverio Prete, Don Johnson, Arthur Moore, Robert Lento, Joe Cabral, Dr. Robert J. Omeljaniuk, Douglas F. McClure, Lee Gibson, Mark Colosimo, Thomas Joseph, Ray Semenuk, Christopher Omeljaniuk, Michael Fournier, Gaetan Fournier.

**First Degree Emphasizes Charity**



*Let’s welcome new Brothers (from left): Dan Baxter, Council 1130; Colin Campbell, Council 9295; and Joe Cabral, Douglas McClure, Robert Lento, Lee Gibson and Robert Omeljaniuk of Council 1447.*

As our now deceased Third Degree team captain Dino Burella often said, “We are here for the candidates only.” Yes, we attend degree ceremonies for the candidates and for our Order. This particular degree, held at the Columbus Centre Upper Chamber on Friday, March 8, honoured the late PGK Jim Dickson.

Congratulations to all participants for a very well exemplified degree. The degree was dignified. It taught the lesson of “charity” to our new brothers. Later, there were many congratulations and thanks for reestablishing the First Degree.

Once again, we have proven that we are very good at what we do for our Church, families and community. Thank you for the great support and participation from the other Councils and Brother Knights who attended. The degree team consisted of Wayne Murphy, Louis Romito, Larry Pankuch, Derek West, Joe Salini, Robin Rickards, Mike Posmituk, James Matijasic and Mitchel Caruso.

**Food Drive For Dew Drop Inn**



On May 11, Thunder Bay’s six councils collected much-needed food at three Metro stores for the Dew Drop Inn. Thank you, Br. Bill Bragnalo for spearheading this initiative once again. Shopping lists of needed items were handed out to Metro shoppers and many food items were collected. A total of 10.5 half-ton truck loads were delivered to the Dew Drop Inn, and just over \$2,000 was also donated by the good people of Thunder Bay. Thank you to all the volunteers.

**Lobster Supper**

The Lobster Supper was held on June 1 in conjunction with the Columbus Centre. The diners responded with positive remarks and were very pleased with the evening. Our profit was split with the Columbus Centre. Thank you Brother Knights, wives and the Columbus Centre who helped make the event another great success. Yes, we are “The Lobster Kings.” Save the date for the next feast, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 28. Gary Ward won the free Lobster Supper for the June event. Glenn Jennings won a free Lobster Supper for the Fall event.



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## Knights Cook Mothers Day Family Breakfast

Knights cooked, served and cleaned up after a great Mothers Day Family Breakfast at the Columbus Centre. It consisted of a buffet



menu of eggs, sausages, pancakes fruit and baking, coffee, tea and juice. More than 300 hungry people were thrilled with the breakfast. Crafts provided a great fun for the children. The tradition has been going on for more than 20 years. Wonderful compliments were also shared.

## Remembering Our Deceased Brothers



*Br. James Bishop*



*Br. Anthony Stolz*

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: Br. James (Jim) Bishop, Dec. 26, 2018; Br. Anthony (Tony) Stolz, Feb. 5, 1933 – Feb. 2, 2019; and Br. Leo Merlo, July 21, 1931 – Feb. 14, 2019. They will be remembered daily in a Mass, offered for the repose of the souls of all deceased brother Knights, at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Connecticut, the birthplace of our Order. In addition, our thoughts and prayers go out to all brother Knights and family members who are ill or in distress.



*Br. Leo Merlo*

Remember to keep the council informed of these situations.

## Knights Raise Special Olympics Flag

On March 25, Fourth Degree Knights participated in the Special Olympics flag raising outside of the Thunder Bay Police headquarters to help celebrate the program's 50th anniversary. The event emphasized the importance of including people with disabilities. It also helps the Knights raise public awareness of Special Olympics and their continued support of the program. The event is an invitation for Knights, their families



and friends to become involved with the program in their communities throughout the year. Knights believe that Special Olympics is nearly unparalleled in its ability to show the intrinsic worth and dignity of every human being. Through provincial programs, Special Olympics builds strength and character in the athletes, participants and volunteers.

## Special Olympics "Draft an Athlete" Donation



The Knights of Columbus and Fort William Council 1447 have been deeply connected to Special Olympics across the globe since Special Olympics was established 50 years ago. Locally, we have supported the program by hosting fundraisers, contributing financially and volunteering. A donation of \$500 was made to draft a Special Olympics athlete on Thursday January 24, 2019, during a presentation at the Columbus Centre. The presentation is our way of financially supporting the 2020 games being held here in Thunder Bay. The Special Olympics athlete's oath is: "Let me win but if I cannot let me be brave in the attempt."

## Fort William Columbus Club Board of Directors 2019-2020

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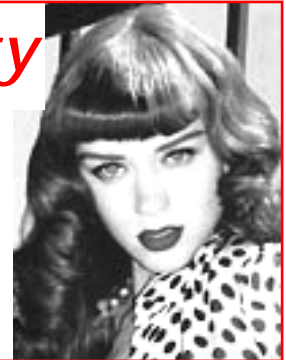
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### FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Br. Peter Sabourin

and a great summer.

#### Membership Dues 2019

The annual dues were due on March 31. If you wish to receive benefits, you must remain a member in good standing. If you have not yet paid, please drop off or mail your cheque to the Columbus Centre, 301 May St. S., Thunder Bay ON, P7B 1B7. Please share this reminder with other Knights. Please call 623-3252 if there are any changes to your contact information.

**Dues:** Associate Member, members with or without insurance, \$65; Honorary Member, age 65 and member for 25 consecutive years, \$15; Honorary Life Member, age 70 and member for 25 consecutive years or 50 years

#### Ontario Knights of Columbus Charities Lottery



*Selling car draw lottery tickets at Intercity Mall.*

Participation in the annual K of C lottery was a great success. Many volunteer hours went into this project. Knights helped to sell 1,460 tickets at \$5 each for a total of \$7,300. This will help us continue to give back to our community projects. Special Olympics, the Arthritis Society and our local charities are the beneficiaries of the lottery. Your support has been appreciated. Special thanks to all the volunteers and supporters. The draw date was May 31. Major prize winners were published on June 17 in the Toronto Star or visit [www.ontariokofc.ca](http://www.ontariokofc.ca). Vehicle and cash winners will be notified by registered mail. The six local councils sold 16 winning tickets. Council 1447 had one \$200 winner and two \$100 winners.

regardless of age, no dues; Disabled Member, no dues.

#### Fundraising Charitable Donations, 2018 to 2019

50/50 Draw, St. Vincent DePaul	\$500
50/50 Draw, Drew Drop Inn	\$500
Dew Drop Inn	\$600
Dew Drop Inn Food Drive Value	\$1500
Salvation Army	\$200
Christmas Cheer	\$200
Children Centre Foundation	\$1000
Special Olympics	\$500
Right to Life	\$235
Diocesan Association of Thunder Bay	\$244
K of C Charity Foundation	\$40
Catholic School Board Bursaries	\$1000
St. Patrick's Cathedral	\$325
Deacon Retreat Ottawa	\$200
St. Agnes Church New Evangelization Summit	\$100
Hogarth Riverview Manor Bingos/Christmas Party	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,344</b>



#### Blue Mass Honours First Responders

A Blue Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, April 28, to show our appreciation and to pray for the safety of all First Responders.

Pictured above are members of the Thunder Bay Police Services and the Ontario Provincial Police, who were joined by Thunder Bay Fire Rescue, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Superior North Emergency Medical Services. Both active and retired members of these organizations were present. Over 150 people attended this worthwhile event to honour all of our First Responders.

*-- submitted by Deacon Derek West.*



**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE: Msgr. PAT STILLA**

**Q.** Why do we use these symbols at Easter?

**A.** The following Easter symbols are prominent in the churches and homes of Christians around the world.

**The Image or Icon of the Risen Christ**

The most visual of Easter symbols is the image of Christ, holding a white banner with a red cross on it and rising from the tomb. Of course, the white of the banner represents the purity of faith and the red of the cross on it reminds us of the blood of Jesus shed for us.

**The Paschal Candle**

This largest of church candles, blessed and lighted during the Easter Vigil, symbolically represents the Risen Lord, our Light, who is in our midst. Like the "pillar of fire" which led the Israelites to freedom in the Bible, this Easter Light will one day lead us on our final pilgrimage to God.

**Lillies and Easter Bonnets**

In most languages, the word used to denote the Lord's Day of Resurrection derives from the Hebrew word for Passover but, in our language, "Easter," derives from an old English word which means "spring." For this reason, in English-speaking nations, Easter bonnets, white lillies and other colourful flowers which remind us of springtime are popular Easter symbols.

**Easter Eggs**

Most of us are familiar with the beautifully coloured eggs which are traditionally decorated by Ukrainians, Russians and Eastern Europeans to celebrate Easter. In Southern Europe and in Latin countries, eggs are also used. They are coloured and then baked into cakes and breads of all kinds. Of course, in North America, children seem to prefer large eggs made from chocolate but the symbolism is the same. Just as new life emerges from the egg, for Christians, the egg represents the tomb from which emerged the Risen Christ, the source of all life!

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*Live a life of goodness -- everything else is secondary.  
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## COUNCIL #1447 CALENDAR



**Council Meetings**, second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Columbus Centre: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10.

**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: June 18, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 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**, on the last Sunday of each month, a First Degree, if required, is held at Corpus Christi Church after the 7 pm Mass. The Degree begins by 8 pm. Please attend and support the new Knights and also reacquaint yourselves with the principle of the First Degree. Let us all remember the principles of our Order: First Degree, Charity; Second Degree, Unity; Third Degree, Fraternity; and Fourth Degree, Patriotism. If you are sponsoring a candidate, please provide his name to the Grand Knight.

### June

23 Sunday, 70th Annual Golf Tournament, 9 a.m., Emerald Greens.

30 Monday, Fraternal Year Ends. Have a great summer!

### September

28 Saturday, Lobster Supper, Council 1447, Columbus Centre.

### October

26 Saturday, Patriot Dinner & Dance, sponsored by Father Baxter Assembly, open to all Knights.

### November

2 Saturday, Pickerel Dinner, **tentative**.

23 Saturday, Shrimp Dinner, **tentative**.

## Columbus Centre Upcoming Events

### Rosie's Lunch Buffet

Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., pasta, meatballs, chicken, perogies, mashed potatoes, vegetables, breads, desserts, coffee and tea, \$14.50. All you can eat. Reservations optional. Celebrate your special events with us!

### Knights of Columbus Weekly Coffee & Conversation

**Fridays**, 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m., coffee room, Columbus Centre. \$1 for always full cup of coffee and 2 slices of raisin bread. Knights and potential Knights welcome.

### Spaghetti & Meatball Suppers & Take Out

**Sundays**, Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1. **Sit Down**, 5:30 p.m. Adults, \$14.50. Children 5 to 10, \$9.50. Under 5, free. Includes salad, buns, butter, coffee, tea and soft drinks. All you can eat! **Take Out**, 1 to 5:30 p.m., \$11.50. (Please bring your own containers.)

**Take Out Only: Thursdays**, 3 to 6 pm: July 11, July 25, Aug. 15, Aug. 29, Sept. 19, Oct. 24, Nov. 21, Dec. 19. 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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