



## Fort William Council 1447

# KNIGHT CAP



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

## Vivat Jesus – A Call To Faith

When Pope Benedict XVI spoke for the first time in the homily at his installation Mass, he said, “The Church is alive — she is alive because Christ is alive, because He is truly risen.” It is this reality of the Risen One that animates the work of the Knights of Columbus and why we greet each other fraternally with *Vivat Jesus*.

*Vivat Jesus*. This phrase is the Latin motto of our Order and our Order’s official greeting. While many of us have heard those words spoken or have seen them written, how many of us have given thought to what the phrase actually means? How many of us have ever used the phrase? In English, *Vivat Jesus* translates to *Jesus Lives*. The phrase, just two words long, articulates something profoundly powerful, which has special significance during the Easter Season. This is the time when the entire Church prepares for the greatest feast in the liturgical calendar, when we, as Christians, celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over death itself. We celebrate that *Jesus lives!*

The use of *Vivat Jesus* is a recent practice. Originally used by St Bernadine of Siena, who lived over six centuries ago, it was introduced to the Knights by Bishop Charles P. Greco, the Order’s Supreme Chaplain from 1960 to 1987 and a member of the Order since 1918.

When Virgil Dechant became the Supreme Knight in 1977, he began his term by emphasizing the religious character of the Order. This emphasis was incorporated into the theme of the 96th Supreme Convention in 1978 which was *Vivat Jesus*. This was the first official use of the phrase by the Knights of Columbus. Inspired by the reasons Bishop Greco had cited for choosing the phrase as his motto and believing that its use would help members of the Knights remain mindful of the religious foundation of the Order, Dechant announced that the Knights would adopt *Vivat Jesus* as a method of greeting.



By committing to use *Vivat Jesus* regularly, we Knights embrace what Pope Benedict XVI preached during his first Papal homily: Only when we embrace that Jesus lives can we truly experience the joy that Christ promised. Pope Benedict explains: “[The Church] holds within herself the future of the world and therefore shows each of us the way towards the future. The Church is alive and we are seeing it. We are experiencing the joy that the Risen Lord promised his followers. The Church is alive – she is alive because Christ is alive, because He is truly risen.”

What better time than the Easter season to promise to commit ourselves to those ideals underlying why our former Supreme Chaplain chose *Vivat Jesus* as his motto — to make Jesus live in the hearts of His people. At a time when tenets of our Holy religion are under attack by secular society, when spirituality and religion are thought of a passé and unnecessary, let us greet each other with confidence with a hearty *Vivat Jesus!* Two simple words, profoundly powerful, *Jesus Lives!*



## Grand Knight's Report

### Br. Derek West

Greetings Brothers and Happy Thanksgiving. I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy.

With COVID-19 dominating most aspects of our lives, there is not much to report with respect to Council 1447 activities.

Probably the most exciting thing we have done as a council lately is to send in our State Lottery tickets. We sold just over two thirds of our allotted 1600 tickets. Considering the circumstances caused by COVID-19, that is quite an accomplishment.

We still have Brothers and some wives helping with the various activities at the Columbus Centre, the Dew Drop

Inn and Habitat for Humanity, and even more help is always appreciated. I know that many of our Brothers continue to assist at our various parishes. Thank you for that.

I will conclude this brief report by saying that it is heartwarming to see all the acts of kindness displayed in our community during these troubled times. We really should be proud of our city concerning how it has rallied to support the less fortunate and hardest hit by this pandemic.

Keep up the good work! Vivat Jesus.

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## Past Grand Knight's Report

### Br. Louis Romito

#### COVID-19 Puts Dampener On Council Activities

Many events, such as the Lobster Supper, Mother's Day Breakfast, Spaghetti Suppers, Roses for Life Campaign, Weekly Coffee & Conversation Fridays, Prayers for the Unborn, Bingos at Hogarth Riverview Manor and Rosie's Friday Lunch Buffets, were cancelled due to the pandemic.

We thank the many volunteers who have been very faithful in sharing their time to support the Centre. A special thank you is extended to those who could not volunteer but made financial donations or supported our take out dinners. Brother Knights keep doing what you do. Read and respond to the newsletters! It is what keeps us in touch with you, the members, and keeps the Knights moving in the right direction. Stay safe, stay well, stay connected.

### Membership & Recruitment



To remain in good standing, all dues were due on March 31, 2020. Just a reminder to the membership that the annual dues are \$65, payable by March 31, 2020. If you wish to receive benefits, you must remain a member in good standing.

If you have not yet paid your dues, please drop off or mail your cheque to the Columbus Centre, 301 May St. S., Thunder Bay ON, P7B 1B7. If you have already paid your dues, we thank you. Please share this reminder with other Knights. Please contact the office 623-3252 if there are any changes to your contact information. Let us all make an effort to recruit one new member.

### Council 1447 New Members



Nicholas  
Blake

Nicholas Blake was sponsored by Br. Bill Vass and was initiated as a Third Degree member at the new exemplification held at St. Agnes Church on March 14. He is a member of St. Patrick Cathedral, is a Senior Altar Server and directs and supports the younger servers. Nicholas graduated from

St. Patrick High School in 2020, is a school volunteer, and volunteers at K of C spaghetti dinners. As a student, he accumulated 362.5 volunteer hours of community service.



Lawrence  
Badanai

Lawrence Badanai is our first member to join online. Our online Exemplification was held on May 7. Lawrence is a Trustee with the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board and a Student Affairs Communication Specialist with Lakehead University. He and wife Candi run a children's theatre organization called "Paramount Live" and produce theatre for adults under the name "Badanai Theatre." Lawrence attends various Catholic churches. He enjoys sharing time with family. He attends his mother's (Sharon Badanai's) parish, St. Andrew's, and the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Holy Cross, attended by his parents in law, Bev and Nestor Baranyk. (Nestor is also a Knight of Columbus.)

Lawrence's daughter, Emmy (age 4), was baptized at St. Patrick's Cathedral. In the summer, they attend St. Mark's Chapel, Shuniah, while enjoying the family's camp.

His grandfather Hubert Badanai was a member of the Knights of Columbus Fort William Council 1447, and his father Norris Badanai was a fourth degree Knight with Council 1447.

### In Memoriam

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.



Aldo Buset

In his 101st year, Aldo Buset (1919 - 2020) passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 14.

Denis DeGagne (Sunday, April 22, 1934 - Sunday, September 27, 2020) passed away peacefully at the age of 86.

They will be remembered daily in a special 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, we remember in our thoughts and prayers other brother Knights and family members who are ill or in distress. Please remember to keep the council informed concerning them.



Denis  
DeGagne

## Lobster Supper

Fort William Council 1447 normally hosts lobster suppers in the fall and spring of each year. They have been a traditional event, open to everyone in the city. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, they are not presently being held. We look forward to next spring when, God willing, we will be able to host one again.

## Ontario Knights of Columbus Charities Lottery

Participation in the annual raffle tickets campaign was quite challenging this year. We were given 1600 tickets to sell. Many volunteer hours went into this project. Brother Knights helped to sell 1135 tickets at \$5 each for a total of \$5675.

This activity will help us continue to financially support our community projects. Your support is appreciated. Special thanks to all the volunteers and supporters. Special Olympics, the Arthritis Society and our Local Charities are the beneficiaries of the Lottery. The draw date is October 30. Major prize winners will be published in the Toronto Star or visit [www.ontariokofc.ca](http://www.ontariokofc.ca). Vehicle and cash winners will be notified by registered mail by the Knights of Columbus Charity Foundation.

## Officer Nominations & Elections for Fraternal Year July 2020 to July 2021

*Elections were held on Tuesday, June 9th.*

Grand Knight	Derek West
Chaplain (appointed)	Fr. Marco Ladao
Deputy Grand Knight	Sam Federico
Financial Secretary (appointed)	Peter Sabourin
Chancellor	Jan Szczepanski
Recorder	Robin Rickards
Treasurer	Mike Posmituk
Advocate	Robert Habjan
Warden	Tom LeBel
Inside Guard	Ed Bruneau
Outside Guard	James Matijasic
Three Year TERM Trustee	Maurice Pelletier
Two Year TERM Trustee	Bill Vass
One Year TERM Trustee	Larry Pankuch
Lecturer (appointed)	Wayne Murphy
Past Grand Knight	Larry Pankuch
Communications	Louis Romito

*Thank You for your dedication.*

## Knights Support Special Olympics



The games were held in Thunder Bay, February 25-29, 2020. They included 5 Pin Bowling, Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Curling, Figure Skating, Floor Hockey, Snowshoeing and Speed Skating.

All Six Councils in Thunder Bay and the Fourth Degree Father Baxter Assembly supported the *Adopt an Athlete Program*.

The Knights of Columbus believe that Special Olympics are nearly unparalleled in their ability to show the intrinsic worth and dignity of every human being. Through provincial programs, Special Olympics build strength and character in the athletes, participants and volunteers. It only takes a few moments with the competitors to be inspired by the force of their determination and true sense of God's love.

## Council Member Receives Award

Our own Brother Knight and Outside Guard James Matijasic has been awarded the *Citizen of Exceptional Achievement Award* in the



Good Citizen Award category by the City of Thunder Bay because of his countless hours of volunteer work.

Jamie received the award virtually on Tuesday, September 29, on Shaw TV Cable 10 and Tbaytel TV Channel 110 (visit [www.thunderbay.ca/watchcouncil](http://www.thunderbay.ca/watchcouncil)).

Well done Jamie! You make us proud to be Knights. If you get the opportunity, be sure to congratulate him.

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# How To Be An Effective Leader

## Understand your current leadership style

What are your strengths? Which areas need some improvement? One way to start assessing your skills is to take a leadership style quiz to get a general idea of how you lead. (You can find one online.) Once you have completed the quiz, read about the major characteristics of your dominant style. Are these qualities helping or hindering your leadership? Once you've determined which areas need some work, you can begin looking for ways to improve your leadership abilities.



## Knights of Columbus — Making our Communities Better!

The fraternal benefit society of the knights of Columbus was established by Fr. Michael J. McGivney in 1882. He was the assistant pastor of Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. The organization was named in honour of the explorer Christopher Columbus. The principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism are the cornerstones of the organization.

The Knights of Columbus seek to support the initiatives and ministries of the Catholic faith. The members participate in various outreach programs and ministries.

They support the youth and schools and assist as altar servers for funerals and other Church celebrations. They support groups that promote the Catholic faith, are members of various parish councils and committees, and promote respect for human life.

The members also know the importance of working together as a team to do good work in the community. Members support each other in a brotherly way to build on the work of the church and community.

The members volunteer countless hours in support of charity work including food drives, family events and various charity fundraisers.

Another way fellow members take care of each other is by participating in the Knights of Columbus insurance program for members and families. Fr. McGivney intended to assist and provide assistance to the widows and children of the parishioners of the Church.



## Encourage Creativity

Your followers need to be encouraged to express their creativity. Effective leaders should offer new challenges with ample support to achieve these goals. One way to foster creativity is to offer challenges to group members, making sure that the goals are within the grasp of their abilities. The purpose of this type of exercise is to get people to stretch their limits but not become discouraged by barriers to success.

## Serve As A Role Model

Effective leaders exemplify the behaviors and characteristics that they encourage in their followers. They walk the walk and talk the talk. As a result, group members admire these leaders and work to emulate these behaviors.

## Be Passionate

Would you look to someone for guidance and leadership if they did not truly care about the goals of the group? Of course not! Great leaders are not just focused on getting group members to finish tasks; they have a genuine passion and enthusiasm for the projects they work on.

## Listen & Communicate Effectively

Another important quality of good leadership involves a focus on providing one-on-one communication with group members. Leadership is effective when leaders are able to communicate their vision to followers, who then feel inspired and motivated by this vision.

## Be Positive

Good leaders have an upbeat, optimistic attitude that serves as a source of inspiration for followers. If leaders seem discouraged or apathetic, members of the group are likely to also become uninspired.

**Bishop Colli Celebrates 25th Anniversary of Ordination**

Bishop Fred Colli celebrated his 25th anniversary of Ordination as a bishop on February 22. We continue to pray for him and offer him our best wishes. We also deeply appreciate his ministry of leadership and service among us.



*Bishop Fred Colli*

**Bishop's Lenten Retreat**

For many years, Bishop Fred Colli has presented a retreat for the Knights and their wives in Thunder Bay. The topic, taken from the Bible, is always surprising, interesting and informative. This year's retreat was held on Sunday, March 15, at 2 pm at the Columbus Centre. The presentation was open to the public.

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**The Value of a Member**

Ten little members standing in a line,  
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One forgot his promise then there were eight.  
Eight creative members had ideas as good as heaven,  
One lost enthusiasm and then there were seven.  
Seven loyal members got into a fix,  
They quarreled over programs, and then there were six.  
Six members remained with spirit and drive,  
One moved away, and there were five.  
Five steadfast members wished there were more,  
One became indifferent, and then there were four.  
Four cheerful members who never disagree,  
Until one complained of meetings, then there were three.  
Three eager members, what will they do?  
One got discouraged and then there were two.  
Two earnest members, each enrolled one more,  
Doubling their number, then there were four.  
Four determined members just could not wait  
Until each one got another, then there were eight.  
Eight excited members signed up sixteen more,  
In another six verses there will be  
one thousand and sixty four.

*May God grant you love & peace.*

**Positive Thought**

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Rosie's Friday Lunch Buffet, Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sunday Spaghetti & Meatballs Suppers

General Council Meetings, second Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Columbus Centre.

Christmas Parade

Knights of Columbus Weekly Coffee & Conversation Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.



**Bingo at Hogarth Riverview Manor** (St. Joseph Care Group), 300 Lillie Street North, third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.

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