



# Fort William Council 1447

## *KNIGHT CAP*



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

March

2021



Robert Carroll



Rib Fest



Brian Price and Larry Pankuch



PGK Jim Dickson



### Members Remembered

(Newspaper picture and story from the archives)

“The Annual Italian Night Social Sponsored by Council 1447 honored a long-standing member for his services to the organization. Dante Gasparatto (seated right) was presented with a plaque. He is with his wife Judy, Graham Van Brunt (standing left) district deputy of the Knights of Columbus, and John Van Brunt chairman of the social.”



1447 100th anniversary



Shelter House



## Deputy Grand Knight's Report: "Knights & Covid-19"

### Br. Sam Federico

The Knights are a religious group of men who joined a Catholic fraternity dedicated to professing and practicing the faith.

The pandemic arrived and I am sure that many people are asking, "Why did God allow this to happen?"

I am certain that God has a purpose that we cannot

understand. Who are we to ask God for an explanation? We are to trust in His goodness and power. We must not let our guard down. We must protect ourselves, and we cannot blame Him.

I note that attendance at Mass has been down, perhaps because many people are overly careful, and this is bound to have long term or even permanent ramifications. As Knights of Columbus, I think that we have to assist and encourage others by promoting and practicing of our faith. Good luck to all!

### Knights Are Still Volunteering Take Outs Columbus Centre 2020-21



Councils 1447 and 8602 continue to volunteer for the Spaghetti and Meatballs events and a variety of other Take Outs meal events. This is helping us support the Columbus Centre during this the pandemic. Thank you everyone who is participating.

### Christmas Cheer 2020

Once again, Knights from all councils volunteered at this year's Christmas Cheer.

Knights handed out turkeys, picked up food items and worked in various capacities to help make the Christmas Cheer event successful.

Thank you to all participants for giving of your time so freely and being part of this long-running community project. The response from our councils to assist at Christmas Cheer was exceptional. Each volunteer who provided just a few hours of work helped make the overall task much easier.



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**Past Grand Knight's Report**

**Br. Louis Romito**

**H**appy New Year! I hope you all had a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. On Monday, January 11, 2021, we celebrated 121 years of service in our fair city. We can all be proud of our accomplishments.

To clear up any confusion that might occur when a Brother passes away, his family should have an idea of the memorial service that we offer. The Brother should let his family know before hand, if he would like the reading of the Resolution of Condolence to take place at his prayer service or funeral. This is just another step to ensure that no Brother Knight's family feels that they have been forgotten. It is an honor for us to do this for the families. So, if you haven't discussed this with your family, please do so soon.

**Knights of Columbus Working for Charities**

We held two successful fundraisers these last few months to help support our charities. The first was selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets and the second was our 2020 Ontario Charities Lottery.

We received \$1,248.50 from the State Charities Lottery. \$964.75 of that (17%) will support our charitable work and \$283.75 (5%) went to our general account to cover our expenses.

Thank you for participating or volunteering in all the events that took place during 2020.



**Scholarships 2020**

Once again, two \$500 bursaries were presented recently to each Catholic High School in Thunder Bay. The Harris Rooney Past Grand Knight Memorial Bursary for St. Ignatius High

School was presented to Avery Prete, and the Alex Kayzer Past Grand Knight Memorial Bursary for St. Patrick High School was presented to Nicholas Blake. Nicholas, a member of Council 1447, Nicholas accumulated 362.5 hours of community service. Congratulations to both of these fine students.

**He Is Risen Magnets**

We have "He Is Risen" Easter magnets available at the Columbus Centre for \$5 each. They are also available from Louis Romito 807 767-6533. These "Good News" magnets can be used on your vehicle,



fridge, filing cabinet or other metal prop. With all of the distractions of our busy world, the magnets are simple reminders to pause and reflect on our Savior's resurrection. They help keep the focus of the Easter Season on its true meaning. Each highly visible and attractive magnet has a white background, black border and the words "He Is Risen" across the bottom. The size of the magnet is 6.25" by 7".

**In Memoriam**



Arcade Cote

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.

Arcade J. Cote passed away on July 27, 2020. He was a 56 year Honorary Life Member.

Donald Llyod Robinson also passed away last year. He was a 33 year Honorary Life Member.

They will be remembered in a special daily 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.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to other brother Knights and family members who are ill or in distress. Please remember to keep the council informed regarding them.

**New Members**



We welcome the following new members to Council 1447, *a growing council*: Fred Bickford, Matt Caruso, Daniel Chiappetta and Justin Caruso.

### Knights of Columbus Ontario Charities 50/50 Raffle

At this point in time, Council 1447 has not been chosen to participate in this first quarterly draw. We hope that at some point we will be involved. In the mean time, you may choose to support the charity by going online to purchase tickets for the Quarterly 50/50 Draws at <https://ontariokofc.ca/about-us/50-50-raffle/>. When you have made your purchase, you will be given an option as to which council you want to support. Selected councils will still receive a portion of the sales.

### Ontario Charities Lottery History

The origin of the Knights of Columbus Lottery can be traced back to the Knights of Columbus “Tombola” initiated in Ottawa in 1920 by Bayswater Council #1812. Although the lottery has undergone several iterations since its inception, the year 2020, marking its one-hundred-year anniversary, saw the annual provincial lottery undergo one of its most significant changes.



As of January 2021, the Ontario Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle, will feature a “50-50 Raffle” as opposed to a prize board, as well as all sales going digital. While the lottery has adapted to our new social distancing reality, it remains committed to use the money raised to help its traditional charities. These include the Arthritis Society, Special Olympics Ontario, the Children’s Wish Foundation, and many other worthwhile charities.

Local Knights of Columbus subordinate councils participating in the sale of tickets will continue to receive a portion of the funds to help support local charities in their area.

There will be four quarterly draws in 2021. Ticket sales for the first draw starts on January 20, 2021, and closes on Wednesday March 31, 2021, at 11:59 pm. The draw will be conducted electronically on Thursday April 1, 2021, at 9 am. The owner of the winning ticket will be given 50% of

the total money raised.

In addition to the grand prize draw, there will be an early bird prize of \$2,500 to be drawn on Sunday, February 14, 2021.

Here are the different tiers of tickets which are available: 15 tickets for \$10; 40 tickets for \$20; 100 tickets for \$40.

The names of the early bird and grand prize-winning ticket holders will be posted on the Ontario State website at [www.ontariokofc.ca](http://www.ontariokofc.ca). The Charities Lottery is provincially licensed under the Ontario Lottery & Gaming Commission and is administered by the Ontario State Office under the authority of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. Since the lottery program began, the Knights of Columbus Ontario Charities Foundation has donated over 11 million dollars to local nonprofit organizations across Ontario.

### Rules of Play for 50/50 Electronic Raffle

1. The lottery will take place online in a series of quarterly draws. Proposed draw schedule:

January 20, 2021- draw date on April 1, 2021

April 2, 2021- draw date on June 30, 2021

July 1, 2021- draw date on September 30, 2021

October 1, 2021- draw date on December 31, 2021

There will also be an “Early Bird” draw for \$2,500 on February 14, 2021.

2. All tickets will only be sold to people who are 18 years of age or older.

3. Buyers must be in the province of Ontario at the time of purchase.

4. Ticket prices are: 15 tickets for \$10; 40 tickets for \$20; 100 tickets for \$40.

5. Tickets will be available only online on Ascend’s landing page.

6. Tickets will be sold using an electronic raffle system supplied by Ascend Fundraising Solutions.

7. After buying, patrons will receive a confirmation e-mailed with their 50/50 registered numbers from a Random Selection System. No specific numbers can be given as numbers are generated randomly.

8. The winning ticket number will be selected by a Random Number Generation (RNG) system from all raffle numbers sold for the draw.

9. The amount of the 50/50 will be posted online at [www.ontariokofc.ca](http://www.ontariokofc.ca).

10. The winning number will be announced online at [www.ontariokofc.ca](http://www.ontariokofc.ca).

11. The winner may claim their prize by contacting the Ontario Charities Foundation at 1-800-759-0959 or by email at [stateoffice@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:stateoffice@ontariokofc.ca). The ticket may then be brought to the Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council, 201-393 Rymal Rd. West, Hamilton, ON, L9B 1V2 at an agreed upon time for ticket verification. Winners must have the original winning ticket and no copies. All payments will be made by cheque.

12. The winning ticket holder has six months in which to claim their prize from the date of the draw their ticket was purchase for.

13. The winner must provide his/her name, address, and phone number with picture identification for our report sheet.

14. Once the certified winner is verified and provides identification with photo ID, they will be given a cheque in the amount of the declared prize which is, at minimum, 50% of the total sales for that draw. If the winner cannot provide photo ID, then the winning proceeds will be held until such identification can be provided.

15. In the event that no winner comes forward, the winning stub will be kept in a safety deposit box and held for six months. After that time period has elapsed, the prize will be donated to a charity other than Knights of Columbus Charities Foundation, with the approval of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

16. The above set of rules will be posted online at [www.ontariokofc.ca](http://www.ontariokofc.ca).

The Ontario Problem Gaming Helpline is 1-888-230-3505. Their website address is [www.connexontario.ca](http://www.connexontario.ca).

**Financial Secretary's Message**



**Br. Peter Sabourin**

**Have You Paid Your Dues?**

I wish all brother Knights and their families good health and happiness for 2021. We are into another financial year.

The membership dues for Council 1447 for 2021 are: 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 a member for 25 consecutive years or a member for 50 years regardless of age, no dues; Disabled Member, no dues. (Donations are accepted.)

If you have not yet paid your dues, please pay at the Columbus Centre. If the office is closed, put your cheque in a sealed envelope and drop it into the locked mailbox. (Do not deposit cash.) Or mail your cheque to Peter Sabourin, Columbus Centre, 301 S. May St., Thunder Bay, P7E 1B7. Cheques are payable to Fort William Council 1447. If you have already paid your dues, we thank you. Please share this reminder with other Knights.

Let's make *recruitment* one of our main objectives for 2021. 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. If you know of anyone who wants to join our council, please contact GK Derek West.

Please remind your family to call the Columbus Centre at 623-3252 if a member is in the hospital, ill at home or in need. Any changes in your contact information? Let us know. Please contact the office 623-3252.

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## Remembering Br. Norman Shonosky FAMILY OF THE MONTH RECIPIENT 2012



*The Family of the Month 2012: From left, at top, grandchildren Ethan, Emma and Evan. From left, seated, Jacqueline (daughter), Br. Norm Shonosky, Adriana (wife) and Cherie (daughter).*



*Family of the Month presentation in 2012: Br. Wayne Murphy, Adriana and Br. Norm Shonosky, Br. Joseph Salini.*

## Covid 19 Didn't Stop Council 1447's Charitable Giving

### A Peek Inside: Council 1447 Meeting Room



*The Brothers hold a council meeting.*



*Council 1447 representatives GK Derek West, left, and PGK Louis Romito, right, present a donation to Michael J. Quibell, Executive Director of the Dew Drop Inn in December. The council made the following charitable donations during 2020: Salvation Army, \$200; St. Vincent de Paul Society, \$200; St. Andrew's Soup Kitchen Dew Drop Inn, \$500; Thunder Bay Christmas Cheer, \$500; Thunder Bay District Catholic School Board Awards Trust Fund, \$1,000.*

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## COLUMBUS CENTRE UPCOMING EVENTS

### Shrimp Feast Take Out

Friday, February 26 (Preorders Only)



### St. Patrick's Day Corn Beef Take Out

Wednesday, March 17

### Thursdays, Take Out Only

#### Spaghetti & Meatballs

March 4, 25, April 8, 22, May 6, 20, June 3, 17, July 8, 22, Aug. 5, 19, Sept 2, 16, Oct. 7, 21, Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 2, 16. Take Out, 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (containers are provided).

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### Thought for the Day

We are choosing our eternal destiny, second by second, moment by moment, hour by hour and day by day, with every thought with think, every word we say and everything we do. Before us looms, sooner than we realize, the eternal consequence for the choices that we are making *now*.

## HUMOUR

**Teacher:** "Kids, what does the chicken give you?"

**Student:** "Meat!"

**Teacher:** "Very good! Now what does the pig give you?"

**Student:** "Bacon!"

**Teacher:** "Great! And what does the fat cow give you?"

**Student:** "Homework!"

**Teacher:** "If I gave you two cats and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

**Johnny:** "Seven."

**Teacher:** "That's incorrect. Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

**Johnny:** "Six."

**Teacher:** "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

**Johnny:** "Seven!"

**Teacher:** "Johnny, where the heck do you get seven cats from!"

**Johnny:** "Because I've already got a freaking cat!"

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