



Knights of Columbus



Father Baxter Assembly #870 - Thunder Bay

Winter Newsletter 2024



Prepared by Faithful Purser SK Louis Romito ~ submissions are welcomed

St. Patrick Cathedral Roof Fund Cheque Presentation

Father Baxter Assembly have committed a \$5,000 donation to the Cathedral over a five year period. The First Cheque was presented on September 29, 2023 to Msgr. Pat Stilla.



L-R ~Bill Vass FN, Louis Romito, Mike Spivak, Msgr.Pat Stilla, Joe Salini

Christmas Luncheon –was held on Sunday December 17th at the Columbus Centre. The Sir Knights and their Ladies along with the invited guests including ladies of our deceased Sir Knights, Bishop Colli, Rev. Father Blazek, Rev. Father Marco & Rev.Father Doug McClure & his wife Lesley all enjoyed a delicious meal. The event was well attended. Prizes for the draws were provided by Claudio Monteleone > Coin Schack, Home Hardware, Squitti’s and the Assembly.

Next year’s Christmas Luncheon is booked for Sunday December 15, 2024. Thank you for your support.



November 11 Remembrance Day Ceremony Fort William Gardens

The Father Baxter Assembly is the patriotic degree of Knights of Columbus.

We remember and honour the thousands of women and men who have laid down their lives for our country.

~L FN Bill Vass & ~R FC Larry Pankuch represented the order and presented the wreath.





Knights of Columbus Father Baxter Assembly Special Olympics Flag Raising



At 2:00 pm on Tuesday October 31, 2023 the Special Olympics Flag was raised at City Hall in a Special Ceremony.

District Deputy Bruce Sutton, along with the six Knights of Columbus Councils in Thunder Bay, and the Father Baxter Assembly 870 showed their support for the Special Olympic Games, Athletes and Coaches in this Ceremony.

The Knights of Columbus have been connected to Special Olympics since it was established 50 years ago. The Knights have supported the athletes by hosting fundraisers and contributing financially, volunteering, and leading awareness and recognition programs.

The Special Olympics is the world's largest movement dedicated to promoting respect, acceptance, inclusion, and human dignity for people with intellectual disabilities through sport.





Installation of Officers November 11, 2023 St Patrick Cathedral

At the 5 pm Mass at St Patrick Cathedral, the Father Baxter Assembly and families celebrated Mass by Msgr. Stilla. After the Mass Rev. Msgr. Pat Stilla blessed the assembly officers' jewels (emblems) of office. Former Masters SK Dick O'Donnell & SK Terry Doyle conducted the installation of 2023-2024 assembly officers asked each officer to be installed to promise to adhere to his responsibilities as Knights of Columbus in the performance of his duties in his respective office. Each officer was then invested with his jewel of office. Monsignor Pat Stilla offered blessings. Following the installation, the Officers maintained the tradition of sharing a meal at a local establishment, this year at Daytona's Restaurant.



L-R Back Row~George Romick, Louis Romito, Brian Smith, Bogdan Bielski, Keith Martinkus, Mike Spivak, David Turmaine, Larry Pankuch
Front Row~Terry Doyle, Joe Salini, Rev. Msgr. Pat Stilla, Bill Vass, Sam Spivak, Derek West, Dick O'Donnell

One of the most important functions of the Fourth Degree is providing Guards of Honor at Mass, wakes, funerals, dedications and many other civic or patriotic functions. In Full regalia with colorful capes and plumed chapeaux, the Knights of Columbus are always recognized in any public appearance



CHALICE PRESENTATION on Sunday December 10th the 4TH Degree presented Rev. Doug McClure a Chalice in honour of his ordination as Catholic Priest. This golden cup and accompanying plate called the paten were blessed by Monsignor Stilla. They are the sacred vessels in which the priest will bring Jesus to his community

Back Row ~ Deacon Derek West, Joe Salini, Mike Spivak, Brian Smith, Monsignor Stilla

Front Row ~ Bill Vass, Rev. Doug McClure, Larry Pankuch

Rev. Francisco Blazek was installed at the November 26th General Meeting
Sir Knight Dick O'Donnell presenting the Jewel.



Honouring Our Sir Knights 2023

CONGRATULATIONS ~Honorary Life Members~

~70 years of age and over and member for 25 consecutive years~



L -R) SK Joe Salini presents Honorary Life Membership Card to SK Nickolas Krought Sept. 24, 2023



IN MEMORIAM FATHER BAXTER ASSEMBLY

We acknowledge the passing of Brothers and Sir Knights



Sir Knight Francis Morrison Council 1130 deceased October 3, 2023

~ 73-year Honorary Life Member



Sir Knight Richard Hill Council 7332 deceased November 10, 2023

~ 22-year Member

Remembering the passing of our Sir Knights with condolences to their families and friends. They are remembered in a daily Mass offered for their repose at St. Mary's Church, New haven Connecticut, Birth Place of our Order.



Assembly Meetings 2024



Columbus Centre 2:00 p.m.

Sunday January 28

Sunday February 25

Sunday March 24

Sunday April 28

Sunday May 26 - - Nominations Meeting

Sunday June 23 - - Elections



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Weekly Coffee & Conversation

Fridays 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. ~ Columbus Centre

Sir Knights and Brother Knights always welcome

Assembly Officers 2023-24

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| Faithful Navigator | Bill Vass | Faithful Outer Sentinel | David Turmaine |
| Faithful Comptroller | Joseph Salini | Faithful Trustee – One Year | Bogdan Bielski |
| Faithful Friar Rev. | Francisco Blaze | Faithful Trustee – Two Years | Sam Spivak |
| Faithful Captain | Lawrence Pankuch | Faithful Trustee – Three-year | Brian Smith |
| Faithful Admiral | Keith Martinkus | Colour Corps Commander | Larry Pankuch |
| Faithful Purser | Louis Romito | | |
| Faithful Pilot | Mike Spivak | | |
| Faithful Scribe | Deacon Derek West | | |
| Faithful Inner Sentinel | George Romick | | |

