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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

During the past six months Audrey and I have enjoyed travelling to different areas of our beautiful province. We visited seven councils that were holding charter nights where I was guest speaker and sixteen councils where I attended meetings, gave presentations and awards. All councils have given us a warm and respectful



welcome and this makes one look forward to meeting with Knights and their families a second time around.

I would like to extend a warm thanks for your enthusiastic support to the State Executive, State Appointees, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Councils.

In August I attended a reception in Halifax for the Grand Master of the Order of Malta. I attended the Marian hour of prayer in Halifax and the Gospel of Life breakfast meeting with Archbishop Mancini and over 150 Brother Knights at St. Benedict Parish on December 4th.

We would like to extend our support and sympathy to those who have lost a love one during the year. As everyone knows our church and faith have been under attacked in an unacceptable way, we as Knights can be part of the healing process for those who are disillusioned to help revitalize the church by example, support of one another.

This time of year celebrating the birth of Christ is an appropriate time to reflect on our beliefs and celebrate our Catholic faith. Look at your families, your brother Knights and know you are loved and supported.

Audrey and I wish all a "Merry Christmas" and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

**MAY THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS
FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH
PEACE, LOVE & JOY.**

Vivat Jesus
Errol O'Neil
State Deputy

Archbishop Hosts Breakfast and Discussion in Halifax

Submitted by Sandy Pelham, Pro-Life Chair

On Saturday, December 4th, Archbishop Mancini extended an invitation to meet with all the Knights in the Archdiocese of Halifax for breakfast and discussion. Topics for the morning included concerns and views about living as Catholics and Knights in today's ever dominating secular world and what impact the current challenges in the church have had on you, your family and Council.

St. Benedict Council 5449 most graciously agreed to host a breakfast event to provide a forum for this discussion. There were 180 brother knights in attendance.

Archbishop Mancini made an inspiring and eye opening speech. His reason for being there was to explain his Gospel of Life Project and to especially get feedback from everyone in the Knights of Columbus. As Catholics we are called upon to fully participate in the life of the Church. As Knights we are expected to support our Bishop in his efforts to propagate the faith to as many of the faithful as possible.

Congratulations to St. Benedict Council 5449 for the great job they did in hosting the breakfast and to all the Brother Knights who took time from their busy schedules to attend.



Shown above from left to right prior to the breakfast are District Deputy #6 George McCormick, State Deputy Errol O'Neil, Archbishop Anthony Mancini and Vice Supreme Master Charles (Chuck) MacAulay. The event was deemed to be very successful and was enjoyed by all.

MEMBERSHIP APPEAL

By Charles A. (Chuck) MacAulay, PSD
VSM Kelly Province

At the beautiful breakfast we had this morning with Archbishop Mancini, attended by approximately 180 Knights, many things came forward that we have to do for our church and for ourselves to make us better Catholics. One of those things I believe is to recruit more fine Catholics into our organization and give them the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of this fine organization. For one, I believe becoming a member of the Knights makes you a better Catholic not just someone who goes to church on Sunday but someone who gets more involved in the church and thus your community. It also gives us more members to promote The Gospel of Life which the Archbishop has asked us to do and we have taken on the challenge.

My challenge to you this year is to help us in the Fourth Degree achieve our goal of 107 new members for this Columbian Year. It can be done if we all pitch in. I, as you know as Vice Supreme Master, am responsible for the four Atlantic Provinces but my heart is in Nova Scotia and would like to be able to congratulate SK Jim MacDonald at the Master's meetings next year here in Nova Scotia on making his quota. With your help it can be done. Two years ago when I was District Master we achieved the 100% and I was honored to be noticed for that accomplishment. This was not my doing but the work of the councils and assemblies working here on membership. We had 12 of the 14 assemblies recruit that year. Last year we only had 7 of the fourteen assembly's recruit therefore falling short of our target, not because we did not try but we must try a little harder in some areas. In talking to a few of the assemblies this morning at the breakfast they are on their way and hopefully by the March, April, May period all assemblies will be reporting that they have members ready to take the Fourth Degree. We would like to see Exemplification in the Sydney area, Strait area, Antigonish area, Metro area and Yarmouth area if possible.

For Unto Us A Child Is Born

Isaiah 9:6

**Keep Christ
In Christmas**

**Scotia Knight
Wishes Everyone
A Merry Christmas
and A Happy New Year**

Some ways of recruiting are:

1. One on one, ask a third degree friend to join the fourth.
2. Councils\Assemblies sponsor a number of new members by paying the installation fee.
3. Individual members sponsor someone into the fourth. They must be a member in good standing for a long time. I myself have sponsored three members and they are active.
4. Get back to basics and help in your third degree councils to recruit first degree members leading them through all of the degrees until they take the fourth.

These are just a few ideas that may help in our recruiting methods but the main thing we have to ask. We have approximately 1150 fourth degree members in Nova Scotia. At the moment, I am aware that there are many that do not attend meetings but if each member that attends meetings on a regular basis asked and recruited a new member, we would have no problem attaining and topping our goal.

On another point we have many members who have full regalia and are no longer active. Consider donating or selling your regalia to your assembly or to another member who may be interested in joining our guards as we need them. And remember when you dress in your full regalia be proud of what you are wearing and promote what you are doing, in a lot of cases we are doing some great work but we are the only ones that know it.

That is the challenge my Brother Knights and Sir Knights. Let's make Nova Scotia the top district in Most Rev. Francis C. Kelly Province for the Columbian Year 2010\2011.

MAKE IT HAPPEN!



An open house was recently held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Sydney to celebrate 105 Years as a Council. The event took place on Saturday, November 13th. Cutting the Anniversary Cake were Grand Knight Ray Doucet and District Deputy Douglas Mombourquette. Providing the Music for the Anniversary were the Holy Redeemer Folk Choir.

Metro Knights Support Hope Cottage

By ERNIE CHAISSON

Program Director, St. John Vianney Council 7077

Hope Cottage has been providing meals to needy men and women five days a week, Monday thru Friday, since it opened in 1970. In the December 2002 issue of the "Scotia Knight" I described how a few Knights of Columbus councils in the Halifax/Dartmouth area got involved in this ministry starting in 1999.

Well, after more than 10 years there are now 6 councils providing 12 meals in 2010. This project is one of the most satisfying that a community support organization can undertake. It provides high visibility for the providers. The hot meal is most definitely needed and the appreciation of the recipients is evident and immediate. For many of the 90 to 125 recipients this is the only substantial meal they will receive during the day.

The evening meal is usually served between 5 and 6 p.m. The meal can start a bit earlier when the weather is bad and people want to get a hot meal sooner.

Very briefly, the councils purchase and prepare enough food to feed approximately 100-150 persons then deliver it to Hope Cottage by 4:30 p.m. - hot and ready to serve. Two or three council members can stay and help serve the meal or the council can ask Hope Cottage personnel to do this.

The council is responsible for the main course. Hope Cottage looks after the coffee, sugar, whitener, etc. as well as the condiments, the bread and rolls, and dessert (if any). Hope Cottage supplies the plates and eating utensils.

The Hope Cottage staff and volunteers clean the pots/pans you use to deliver the food. They return them to you before you leave that day.

In addition to prepared hot meals, Hope Cottage is always in need of daily recurring items such as coffee, soup, and sandwich meats (flakes of ham, turkey, and tuna). In early 2006 the "Hope Cottage News" stated that they use about 10 pounds of coffee a week, 500 pounds a year; at a cost of about \$5,000.00. They also make 12 dozen sandwiches a day



Shown above from Dartmouth Council 11456, St. Vincent de Paul are from left to right Brothers Albert Higgins, Dave Innes and George Lewis preparing a meat loaf meal for Hope Cottage. The cost to the council is very minimal and works out to about \$1.20 per serving.

And serve about 100 bowls of soup. These costs repeat 5 days a week, every week of the year. There might be some councils who are not be able to prepare and serve hot meals; however, they might want to make a financial donation.

This project might fit your council's Community activities. A couple of councils have dropped out over the years and we can always use more help in this endeavour. Unfortunately, the need increases each year because the number of hungry people is not decreasing. If your council has any questions or is interested in participating, contact Br. Ernie Chiasson, St. John Vianney Council 7077 in Lower Sackville. Phone 864-4941 or e-mail echiass@attglobal.net.

Hope Cottage is a ministry of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and is located at 2435 Brunswick Street, Halifax, N.S. Contacts are Cathy Hutt and Kevin Connors. Their phone number is 429-7968.



The Celebration of Holy Mass and Procession of the St. Anne Statue took place on Chapel Island on Sunday August 1st, 2010. This Mission is held yearly for the First Nation People. Shown above is an Honour Guard of Fourth Degree Knights from the Sydney area greeting Cardinal Marc Ouellet at the Sydney airport. Cardinal Ouellet was in Cape Breton for the anniversary celebration of the Baptism of Grand Chief Henri Membertou which was held on June 24th in Port Royal.

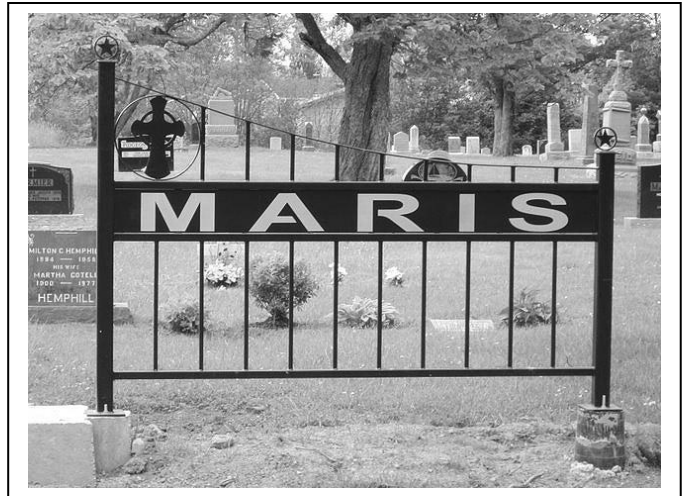
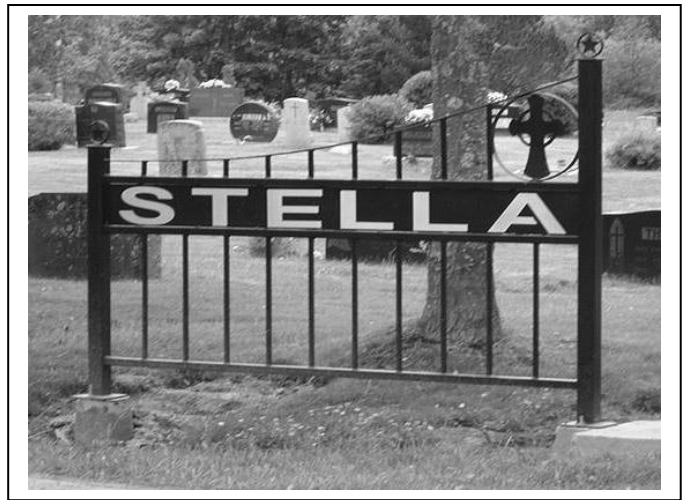
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Improvements made at local cemetery by Father Gerald MacKenzie Council 8608

Photos by Wayne MacGillivray, Deputy Grand Knight



Recent improvements to the Stella Maris Cemetery in Pictou were carried out by Father Gerald MacKenzie Council 8608. Shown above is Council member Gary Moses standing in front of the new Celtic Cross that he made for the graveyard. Many hours of hard work and dedication went into this beautiful cross. A number of Knights have worked very hard as part of the cemetery committee to make improvements to the cemetery. New gates have been constructed and installed with the co-operation of Grand Knight Fernand Boivin and NSCC.

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MESSAGE FROM VICE SUPREME MASTER MOST REVEREND FRANCIS C. KELLY PROVINCE

We are well into another Columbian Year and as always our focus is on membership. Things are not happening fast in Nova Scotia but they are also not going well in the other three Atlantic Provinces either.

We have had three (3) exemplifications to date all in Newfoundland\Labrador. I am sure our Assemblies will be busy during the upcoming months recruiting new members so that we can end the year on a good note.

One thing we must consider is helping your third degree councils to recruit new members and then leading them through all the degrees until they take the fourth. If we just sit back and attempt to try and recruit third degree members who have been asked many times and still say no then we will not achieve any goals that we set, we must help in recruiting members into the first degree first.

I know that your District Master SK Jim MacDonald is working very hard on your behalf and will be happy to hear from you with a date for any upcoming exemplification.

We have a number of older members who have regalia and who have not been showing up for guards most likely because they are unable to attend. For these Sir Knight's consider selling or giving your regalia to another Sir Knight or to your assembly so that they can use it. We need more Sir Knights in regalia and that is one way of helping us to get some members who may be interested but cannot afford the equipment at this time. Dress continues to be an issue but if we follow the dress regulations setout by supreme there should be no problems.

Hopefully most of you are aware that for the next seven months I will be undergoing chemo treatments at the Nova Scotia Cancer Center in Halifax but I will continue to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability. I thank all for your prayers, cards, e-mails, masses and calls.

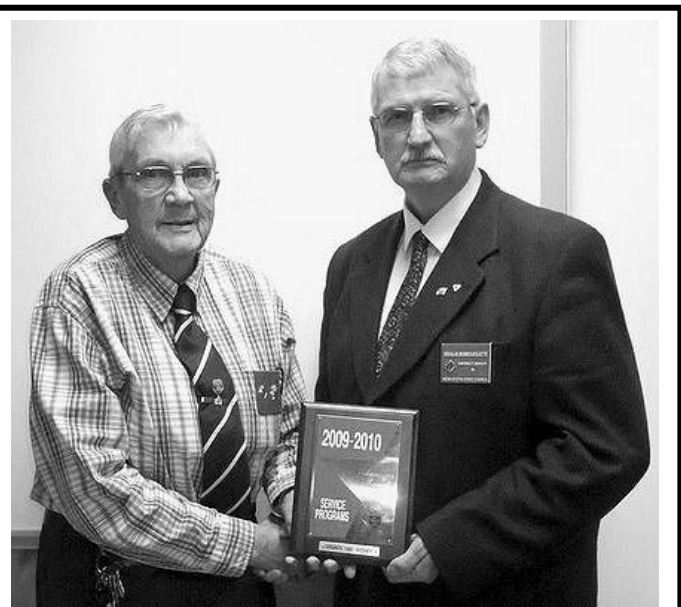
Leona and I have thoroughly enjoyed the fifteen months of our two year appointment and we look forward to meeting many more great Sir Knight's and their families in the coming months.

With Christmas coming shortly on behalf of Leona and me we wish you a **Very Merry Christmas** and a **Happy, Healthy and Spiritual New Year**.

Charles A. (Chuck) MacAulay, PSD
Vice Supreme Master
Most Rev. Francis C. Kelly Province



On Wednesday, November 17, Council 1060 was spotted selling Sweepstake Tickets in Sobeys on Prince Street, Sydney. Shown above are Deputy Grand Knight Frank MacLellan, (left) and Lawrence Somers ready and waiting for customers. Last years \$25,000 winner was sold by Sydney Council.



A Columbian Award for Service Programs for 2009-2010 was presented to Sydney Council 1060. Presenting the plaque was District Deputy Doug Mombourquette. Accepting the award (left) was Deputy Grand Knight, Frank MacLellan. The presentation took place at their regular monthly meeting on November 21st.

How do you get a new member?
ASK HIM!

Blood Donor Clinics

"It's in you to give"

BY ERNIE CHAISSON

St. John Vianney Council No. 7077

This is the slogan of the Canadian Blood Services; successor to the Canadian Red Cross for the collection and distribution of blood and blood projects in Canada.

St. John Vianney Council No. 7077 in Lower Sackville has been partnering with Canadian Blood Services (CBS) since 1999 to provide Blood Donor Clinics to the public. We started in the St. John Vianney parish hall. In the early days there were 4 beds and we would see approximately 20 donors at each clinic. Nowadays, there are 12 beds and about 130 donors at each clinic.

In 2002 CBS moved to the Royal Canadian Legion, Calais Branch #162 in Lower Sackville. It took too much effort to move all the equipment up and down the stairs to St. John Vianney parish hall which is in the church basement. The Legion hall is larger and, more importantly, it is at ground level. Life is easier for those working in the clinic as well as the donors. And, the building is air-conditioned. Members of Council 7077 continued to work with the CBS.

CBS personnel do most of the work of the clinic. The Knights staff the hospitality/refreshment area. We provide the tea and coffee while the CBS provides the cookies and juice. It only requires 1 or 2 Knights at a time to oversee this. One of our members, Br. Alvin Hill, is the contact with the CBS and our co-ordinator. He obtains the dates for the clinics and then he organizes the council volunteers and the refreshments. Typical timing for the clinics is noon-3 p.m. and 5 - 8 p.m. Set-up and take-down add about one and a half hours to each end of the scheduled hours making it about a 12-hour day. We typically used to do 6 clinics a year. The clinics were scheduled approximately every 2 months. In recent years, we have not had as many.

According to guidelines set by the CBS, an individual can donate whole blood every 8 weeks (56 days). Thus, donors are able to schedule their visits well in advance for each clinic. Within our council, we continually encourage our members to become regular blood donors.

As previously stated, the number of donors has increased over the years. This is mainly due to the greater public awareness efforts of the CBS. Their personnel provide advertising materials and they phone previous donors to advise them when there is a clinic scheduled in their neighbourhood.

The setup and conduct of the clinics has changed over the years. The need for the service has not. Hopefully, enough volunteer groups will continue to support the CBS and the donors will continue to contribute the Gift Of Life.

For our council, this continues to be a satisfying community project with minimal cost and effort. Since we started helping in 1999, we have seen more than 5,900 donors come through the doors of our clinics. This might be the type of project other councils would like to undertake. A call to the CBS would be a good way to start the ball rolling.



In many communities throughout the province, the Knights of Columbus participated in Remembrance Day ceremonies. Shown above are the Knights who were present at the cenotaph in downtown Halifax on November 11th. They are from left to right Sir Knight Dante Dimattri, with Brother Paul Simpson carrying wreath for Council 5449 and State Secretary Bob Brooks with Sir Knights Henry Ziebek and Gordon Rowe. The ceremony was well attended and the knights were recognized for their efforts.



St. Vincent de Paul Council 11456 was also busy on Remembrance Day. Along with laying a wreath at the local cenotaph in Cole Harbour, they were also busy with supporting our troops by participating in several different projects. Shown above are two of these projects. A new sign was erected this fall on the church property expressing the Knights of Columbus support our troops. Eleven crosses were also constructed and placed out by the road. These crosses represent the eleven soldiers from Nova Scotia who have lost their lives in Afghanistan while supporting the war on terrorism.