

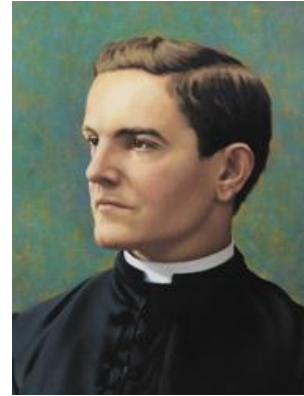
Knights Of Columbus Council 10888



February 2025

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen



Blessed Michael J. McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus

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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

FEBRUARY 2025

Brother Knights,

We have a great opportunity this month at our parish, Holy Redeemer! We get to talk about our Council 10888 with our parish community face to face. Our Ministry and Mission assistant has agreed to help us to promote our council and connect with parishioners this month through a kiosk that will be accessible to everybody at Holy Redeemer, located in the foyer. The idea of the kiosk is to promote our work and recruit new members. Brother John Mealin has agreed to post K of C videos on the HR website, and we can host events centered on our work.

We even have a theme for our K of C month given to us from the K of C State Chaplin: Simon said in reply, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.” (Gospel for Feb. 9, Lk 5:5)

St Peter describes an experience to which many of us can relate. Sometimes, we work tirelessly at something but come up empty, failing at our task and seemingly accomplishing nothing. But Peter here finds overwhelming success when he listens to the Lord and tries again. It may remind us of the psalmist’s words: “Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build” (Ps 127:1a). In everything we do, let us always seek to do God’s will. Then, no matter the outcome, we will not have worked in vain.

Challenge - (i.e. a way to engage the parishioners when they read your communications) This month, you are challenged to begin each day by offering all your efforts to God. There are many different morning offerings and prayers; you can find one version in the Catholic Information Service booklet Prayer Time or in the Vivat Jesus spiritual planner.



Please connect with the Grand Knight if you would like to become involved in our promotional events or to be accessible by the kiosk after masses this month (February 2025) month to answer questions and talk about our council.

Fraternally, Alain Joseph Boulay

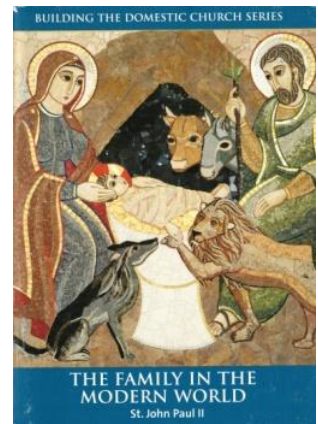
Grand Knight 705-280-6664 E-mail baj54403@gmail.com

The next general meeting is Thursday, February 6th
in the lower parish hall, starting at **7:00 pm**
Executive meeting at **6:15 pm** in upper hall.

Brother Knights,

Building The Domestic Church The Family in the Modern World

In *Familiaris Consortio*, St. John Paul II has asked us to be realistic about the situation of families in our time. Not every new development has been a positive one, nor has every social change had a negative effect upon family life.



Instead, he wrote it is a time of "bright spots and shadows." Surely in many ways family life has improved as measured by the situation of women and children, and developments in health, education and welfare programs. At the same time, the family faces great threats by the widespread practice of, among others, abortion, divorce and drug abuse.

Thus, the first step in strengthening family life is a process of discernment, and one should avoid the temptation to accept or reject everything offered by contemporary culture. One might say that the greatest issue confronting members of the family today is how to exercise their freedom to choose for the good among so many options.

If the first great issue confronting the family is the question of freedom, the second might be understood as an assumption that, at the root of the evils threatening family life such as abortion and divorce, there is a certain inevitability. Granted that abortion and divorce are evils, are they nonetheless necessary evils?

To state it another way, in the midst of so many social pressures, is it still possible for a couple to confidently make a lifelong commitment to each other? Can such a commitment be one that is open to the possibility of new life without conditions?

In order to chart a safe course through these waters, to be able to utilize to their fullest the positive aspects of contemporary society while at the same time avoiding its dangers, John Paul II urged Christian families to "become what you are!"

Introduction by Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

From the booklet **“The Family in the Modern World”**
Available in the **Building the Domestic Church Kiosk**
in the parish hallway



Brother Knights,

The Knights of Columbus Council 10888 and Holy Redeemer Church hosted an unforgettable International Lunch, drawing over 160 hungry (and very happy) attendees to sample a delicious array of dishes and festive spirit from around the globe.

The event was a smash hit, fueled by the incredible creativity, enthusiasm, and teamwork of all involved. The hall was alive with excitement, and the feedback was so positive that people are already asking, “When’s the next one?”

In addition to showcasing our parishioners' culinary talents (including some seriously impressive contributions from our Knights), the lunch helped raise the profile of both the Knights and the church, inviting more community members and newcomers to Sudbury to join in fellowship. This event was a huge step forward in building unity, diversity, and growth, especially from the younger age group.

We’re already looking forward to the next delicious chapter!

John Mealin



**2025, K of C Ontario Charities 50/50 Raffle,
Open to Ontario residence 18 years or older.**

The next raffle will run from Jan. 1st to April 27th 2025

Winners and tickets are always posted on the Ontario K of C website. The December 31st 2024 draw saw the winner take home \$13,025

Early bird draws for \$500, on Feb. 14th at 9 am

Draw tickets are: 300 for \$100, 125 for \$50, 40 for \$20 and 10 for \$10



Please visit www.ontariokofc.ca home page (link to 50/50 draw)
The following link is this easiest: to buy some tickets with a credit card.

**Press “Ctrl + Click” on
Your unique Council link: [Sudbury 10888](#)
Make sure the selling organization is “Sudbury 10888”**

Council Notes

Brother Knights,



A 2nd notice was issued by an E-Mail and or mail to members who had not submitted their 2025 dues. At the end of January, I still have 42 members who have not paid their membership dues. Please forward your dues to me ASAP.

Our Bingo Permit Application for the 2025-2026 fiscal year has been issued to the bingo co-ordinator. A copy of our budget accompanied the application, as well as a list of council officers.



Our charity budget for 2025-26 will be submitted to council for approval at our February meeting. Our charity budget lists over 25 charities for projected \$50,000 in donations. Our 2025-26 Bingo permit and fiscal schedule is being prepared and will be issued to us sometime in late Feb. or early March.



Volunteers are required for 3 bingo assignments in February. We will have only 1 assignment in March.

Our active volunteer pool is in need of refreshment. The same few members are coming out 2 and 3 times per month. Inactive volunteers, new volunteers, please step forward to help out and New Volunteers who have done the online training need to shadow a regular volunteer for their 1st time out.

Training is available at www.charitablegaming.com/volunteer-trainig

Best regards, Santo Fragomeni at 705-522-9239 Financial Secretary

Note from the 4th Degree - Bishop Scollard Assembly 876



Sir Knights, I hope everyone has survived the Christmas spirit?

We will hold our regular meeting on Feb. 13th, dinner at 6pm followed by the meeting at 7pm at Holy Redeemer Church. Please if you can, call a brother and asked them if they need a ride to attend a meeting.

We NEED new members to join the 4th Degree. Invite members of your Councils to consider joining the patriotic 4th Degree.

Vivat Jesus,

Donald Degagne, Faithful Navigator, Assembly #876

Council Audit

In January, the Trustees have conducted the December 2024 semi-annual audit of the council books. The Treasurer's council accounts and Financial Secretary's accounts were found to be accurate, and no errors were found. The report was submitted to the K of C Supreme Office.

Victoria Quilts 2024 Report

Victoria Quilts is a national organization dedicated to providing quilts to cancer patients. A great thank you of appreciation to Father Sam for allowing the ladies to use the church hall every month to make quilts, provide storage for quilt material and to Knights of Columbus council 10888 for their yearly contribution since June of 2008. The Sudbury Chapter started on June 2008. With approximately 10 ladies meet once a month at Holy Redeemer church hall to make quilts. In Summary, in Dec 2024, 11 quilts were delivered and in 2024, a total of 51 quilts were delivered.

Requirements: Any member of the public can call; Joanne Craig: Home 705-694-3617; Cell 705-919-3617, or, Paul Beaulieu: Home 705-470-2575; Cell 705-207-6061, and request a quilt for a cancer patient. Then a quilt will be delivered to that person.

Treasurer (and member of our Council) Paul Beaulieu

2024 Annual Fraternal Survey Results

Brother Knights, I have tabulated your input, distributed the volunteer hours to the various Faith in Action activities then I reviewed them with the Grand Knight for his signature. The 2024 survey form has been submitted to the Supreme office. Here is a summary of the results. Thank You to all the member submissions!

| | <u>Volunteer Hours</u> | <u>Disbursement</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Faith Activities | 1396 | \$ 8,592 |
| Family Activities | 616 | \$ 9,200 |
| Community Activities | 1579 | \$36,122 |
| Life Activities | 174 | \$ 3,880 |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>3765</u> | <u>\$57,794</u> |

Other Fraternal Commitments

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| Hours of Fraternal services to sick and disabled | 544 |
| Visits to the Sick | 220 |
| Visits to the Bereaved | 70 |
| Number of Blood Donations | 18 |
| Masses Held for Members | 3 |



District Deputy's News Flash

Brother Knights,

With the New Year, we start new possibilities with our councils. As in the past, please keep up the good work that your council is doing but let us not forget new endeavors that may be brought forward by the executive or council members.

Please keep in mind all that there are sick members in our councils; reach out to them with a phone call or in person. I say this because one of my relatives is dying of cancer. I try to visit him every two days and call him every day. He will be sadly missed when he passes away.

My agenda for this year is to complete the ultrasound initiative. There are just a few more steps to complete the setup by March.

Hopefully I will hear the results about the flower bed arrangement with the City of Sudbury soon. There is one other item that I am working on which I will discuss in March or April.

Again, please keep up the good works that your councils are doing.

Vivat Jesus Dennis Tomini
District Deputy, Ontario District 13 Greater Sudbury
705-585-3414, Cell 705-920-9097



2025 Membership Cards



Thanks to all who have paid their 2025 membership, if you have not, please do so before Feb. 10th. Please help me refrain from sending a Knight Alert 3rd notice! and have the Grand Knight and retention committee call you with a reminder.

Send dues by cheques or cash to the Church addressed to the Knights. Brothers, an easy way to pay your member dues is to send me an E-Transfer. Send me an electronic money transfer to my e-mail address at; sackfragomeni@eastlink.ca , I will mail you your 2025 card.



The membership cards will be available for pick-up at our general meetings.

Santo Fragomeni, Financial Secretary , 705-522-9239 or 705-562-4616

A Memo from your K of C Insurance Agent

Insurance Check-Up for 2025

Where did 2024 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2024. Now, the first quarter of 2025 is flying by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.



Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations?

I'm at (705) 524-2439. Call me. Let's talk.

Fraternally
Knights of Columbus, Your Insurance Agent,
Bobby Renaud

Joke Corner

My Funny Valentine:

- For Valentine's Day I bought my girlfriend beads for an abacus. It's the little things that count.
- Why did the skeletons break up on Valentine's Day? Their hearts weren't in it.
- My Valentine's Day so far has been going like a fairy tale Pretty Grimm!

I am at the point in life where I clean my house to music;
It's the music I used to get drunk to.

The Reader's Digest

Editor's Corner

Send in your notes or comments to your newsletter center. Contact the editor Don Larocque, at 705-560-4847 or at donilou@eastlink.ca or assistant, Santo Fragomeni, at 705-522-9239 or sackfragomeni@eastlink.ca, on your internet connection.



Articles are always in need to inform Brother Knights.

The next month's activities are as follows:

Feb. 6th – General meeting at 7:00 pm lower parish hall

Feb. 13th – 4th Degree meeting, Dinner at 6, meeting at 7pm

Feb. 17th – Family Day

Feb. 20th - Hockey shoot out at Pius X11

Feb. 15th – Flag Day at 6:30 mass to be confirmed



Happy Valentines Day

February 14th





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