

The New Centennial Times



*Knights of Columbus
Centennial Council 8008*



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Above are our new executive and council directors for fraternal year 2007/2008. Back row from left to right are: Kerry Skipper, Phil Fitzgerald, Gord Duncan, Jim Meuse, Bill Watters, Msgr. Latour, Michael McCarthy, Jose Cerrud and Dave Hundertmark. Front row from left to right are: John Scoles, Dave Angelo, Harvie Meuse, Mike Newton, Dan Bazinet and Doug La-Rocque. See pages 3 and 6 for the positions held by each.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND KNIGHT

1) Report Card

Brother Knights, the first two months of this Fraternal Year are already history. The rear-view mirror shows that we have just completed a fantastic year in which we recruited over 420% of our membership quota, achieved 167% of our insurance quota, won Best Community Project in our division and were recognized by Ontario State as the best overall Council in Ontario. Centennial Council 8008 was also the recipient of the double star award, the Trillium Award and a Star Council Award. This has created great excitement in our Council, in this the silver anniversary of our Council being part of the order.

Again this year we are off to a good start having recruited six new members. Our program directors are already busy planning and some have already implemented their programs; so I encourage you brother knights, when called upon, to lend your assistance. If you cannot physically help at these events, please support them by attending. The Knights of Columbus is about service to our Church, families, youth, communities and each other. Let's do our part by recruiting new members and getting active in our council. Let's give all eligible Catholic men an opportunity to have the "Experience of a Lifetime."

As Grand Knight, I thank God for our many achievements and ask for his guidance for the months ahead in order to make a difference in the lives of those around us and the community in which we live in.

We the Knights of Columbus are asked to be leaders and be active in the faith - so I ask you to do all that you can to meet this challenge.

2) Keeping Christ in Christmas

Keeping Christ in Christmas is a common theme heard during the holiday season. Given the hustle and bustle of the secular world, Christmas can sometimes be more about commercialization and gift giving than our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As Christmas approaches, our Council will be selling Christmas Cards after each mass during the month of November with the message to keep Christ in Christmas. During the month of December we will be distributing buttons to our parishioners with the message "Christ is Christmas".

With every gift we wrap, every carol we hear, let's thank God for his many blessings.

Remember to keep Christ in Christmas and may the joy of Christmas be with you all year!

Daniel C. Bazinet

Council 8008 Executive 2007/2008

Grand Knight	Daniel Bazinet
Chaplain	Msgr. Robert Latour
Alt/Chaplain	Fr. Joe Vayalil
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Meuse
Chancellor	Harvie Meuse
Recorder	Michael MaCarthy
Financial Secretary	Bill Watters
Treasurer	Phil Fitzgerald
Advocate	Stanley Waldegger
Warden	Mike Newton
Lecturer	Harvie Meuse
Inside Guard	John Scoles
Outside Guard	Doug La Rocque
Trustee 1 Year	Gord Duncan
Trustee 2 Year	Peter Morris
Trustee 3 Year	Dave Hundertmark
District Deputy	Ted McEvoy
District Warden	Ron Hutt

District Deputy's Message

In a time when all things religious are being discouraged and swept away, it's refreshing to know that the Knights of Columbus established the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign to remind people that Christmas is above all a holy day celebrating the birth of Christ.

To help deliver the "Keep Christ in Christmas" message, councils across the Order send Christmas cards with a religious theme and use Christmas postage stamps, erect a Christmas tree and/or nativity scene (creche) in their parish church and or council chambers.

Whether you are aware of it or not, the order has a "Light Up for Christ" celebration. On the first Tuesday of December (Dec. 4) the Knights of Columbus throughout the Order are invited to light the Christmas tree or Nativity scene at 8:00 p.m. local time. Other activities may

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accompany this event such as carolling, collecting food / clothing for the needy or serving snacks and refreshments to commemorate this event.

One of the best gifts you may give this Christmas is **yourself**. Volunteer a little extra to your council or church. Visit someone you have not seen or talked to in years. Visit someone in a hospital or nursing home. Wish people you meet a good day and a happy and holy Christmas.

“Keep Christ in Christmas”

Ted McEvoy, DD-66

A Message From Our Chaplain

Brother Knights:

As I write this note, the fall season is already upon us and winter not far behind. The changing seasons reminds us of how we all must change, hopefully, improving our lives and becoming more and more Christlike in our attitudes and actions. It is good from time to time to examine our lives in relation to the human life Jesus lived on this earth and to do that we need to take time to read the Gospels and reflect mediatively on them applying them to ourselves. What a great way to prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord also fast approaching. May the Lord bless us as we prepare to celebrate His birthday in our hearts.

Msgr. Robert J. Latour
Chaplain council 8008

Financial Secretary's Update

We presently have 4 members in arrears for this year. Several members have paid for next year. I'm open to accepting your cash or cheque anytime (regular member \$40, students \$20, insured under 26 years of age \$20 and honorary member \$9). The more people that pay ahead will save the cost of sending out bills.

Youth Director's Report

Entertainment Books

We have sold 84 books & have another 22 to sell. Please call me & take some books to sell to family, friends and workmates. I need your help. Our profit will be over \$1100.

Basketball Free Throw

The Council competition will take place on 19 Jan 2008 at Lester B Pearson High School. All 6 of our local schools will be taking part and we should have about 100 competitors. Call me to volunteer. Brother Jean-Guy Finnigan will be running the District competition on 09 Feb 2008 at Lester B Pearson. Call him at 613-742-6560 to volunteer.

Pancake Supper

This event will be held to raise funds for youth activities in the parish. Shrove Tuesday is on 5 Feb 2008 and I'm appealing for someone to run the dinner as I'll be away. Please give me a call if you wish to take this on.

Bill Watters
F/S & Youth Director
613-749-8688

Eucharistic Congress

This event takes place in June 2008 in Quebec City. Attending this event would be a wonderful way to celebrate the presence of our Lord in our lives. The council has organized a trip to Quebec City the last weekend of the Congress (20-22 June). We presently have one bus full and a second bus with room for 20 more people. Contact Bill or Carmen Watters at 613-749-8688 for more info or to reserve your seat.

Council Directors 2007/2008

Director Church - Kerry Skipper
Creche
Communion Mass
Christmas Card Sales
Living Rosary

Director Community - David Angelo
Christmas Cake Sales
Spaghetti/Lasagna Night
Car Raffle
Men's Breakfast

Director Council - Doug La Rocque
Octoberfest
Charter Night
Ladies Night
Awards Night

Director Admissions Committee -

Director Youth - Bill Watters
Entertainment Book Sales
Basketball Free Throw (Council)
Basketball Free Throw (District)
Pancake Supper, Shrove Tuesday
Catholic Youth Leadership Camp

Director Family - Jose M. Cerrud
Remembrance Day Service
Orpheus Choir
Pro Life Projects
Rose Sunday

Director Membership - Monty Montelpare

Food Vouchers - Bob McKelvey
Newsletter

Late that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. "Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?" he asks.

"Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?"

"Sure."

"Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?" she asks.

"No, I can remember it."

"Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so's not to forget it?"

He says, "I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

"I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?" she asks.

Irritated, he says, "I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!"

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, The old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment. "Where's my toast ?"

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE 2007/2008

November 2007	07 Executive Meeting 6:30 P.M. 07 Business Meeting 8:00 P.M. 10/11 Christmas Cakes Sales Start 21 Memorial Mass
December 2007	05 Executive Meeting 6:30 P.M. 05 Business Meeting 8:00 P.M. ?? Living Rosary 15 Orpheus Choir 7:30 P.M.
January 2008	02 Executive Meeting 6:30 P.M. 02 Business Meeting 8:00 P.M. 16 Social night 19 Basketball Free Throw (Council)
February 2008	05 Pancake Supper 09 Ladies' Night 09 Basketball Free Throw (District) 20 Executive Meeting 6:30 P.M. 20 Business Meeting 8:00 P.M.
March 2008	05 Executive Meeting 6:30 P.M. 05 Business Meeting 8:00 P.M. 08 St-Pats Party 29 Charter Night
April 2008	02 Executive Meeting 6:30 P.M. 02 Business Meeting 8:00 P.M. ?? Parish Breakfast
May 2008	07 Executive Meeting 6:30 P.M. 07 Business Meeting 8:00 P.M. 11 Rose Sunday 21 Social night
June 2008	04 Executive Meeting 6:30 P.M. 04 Business Meeting 8:00 P.M. (elections) 14 BBQ & Awards Night

Grocery Certificates

Centennial Council 8008 continues our arrangement with Loeb, Loblaws, Farm Boy and Independent for gift certificates.

Over the past years we have made several thousand dollars for our charities with these gift cards/certificates. When you buy them and use them it doesn't cost you a cent! It is puzzling why more of you don't use these. After all, we are a charitable organization and you don't even have to sell tickets to help your council with this project! It couldn't be much easier!

Let each of us make a renewed effort to use gift certificates instead of cash when we visit these chain stores. Also please help us to advertise them among members of our parish – they will be generally be available after Sunday morning masses in the hall or Narthex

Gift cards/certificates are available any time from Bob McKelvey (747-2156) or Bill Watters (749-8688)

2007 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated millions to charitable and benevolent causes and many million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it to the Financial Secretary at the first meeting in 2008. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during 2007.

- 1. Number of visits you made during 2007 to:
 - Sick- caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals
 - Bereaved - visits of condolence.....
- 2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2007
- 3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2007:
 - Church Activities - service in all Church related activities.....
 - Community Activities - service in all community related activities.....
 - Youth Activities - service in all youth related activities.....
 - Miscellaneous Activities - service in areas not outlined above.....
- 4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 2007:
 - Sick/disabled members and their families - household chores, transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc.....

Knights of Columbus Centennial Council 8008

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You have to attend to participate

If you are not present at the Council meeting, you cannot possibly win the 50/50 draw!

Director's Reports

Not too much to report on Church activities to date. Christmas cards went on sale starting the weekend of Nov. 3/4.

We have several boxes of cards left over from previous years - these will be available at a discounted price. I chose a new supplier for this year's order - Novalis have delivered 54 boxes consisting of 15 different selections.

I am looking for volunteers to assist with the card sales. Cards will be sold in the Narthex after each of the five masses during the four weekends in November (or until we sell out).

Kerry Skipper Church Director

**Form #100
Belongs in
All of These Places**

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Charities for which Centennial Council 8008 has committed to provide financial assistance for fraternal year 2007/2008.

Items	Amount
Youville Centre	\$400.00
CCO	400.00
Miriam Centre	400.00
Action Life	200.00
Schizophrenia	100.00
Shepherds of Good Hope	200.00
Mgr. Robert Latour's charities (food vouchers)	Proceeds (Christmas cakes sales)
M.S. Society	100.00
Arthritis Society	200.00
Net Life	2,000.00
Saint Vincent	100.00
RSVP – seminarian (2 x \$500.00)	1,000.00
Total	\$5,100.00

An atheist was walking through the woods.

"What majestic trees"!

"What powerful rivers"!

"What beautiful animals"!

He said to himself.

As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look. He saw a 7-foot grizzly bear charge towards him.

He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder & saw that the bear was closing in on him.

He looked over his shoulder again, & the bear was even closer. He tripped & fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw & raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant the Atheist cried out, "Oh my God!"

Time Stopped.

The bear froze.

The forest was silent.

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Cash advances approved by council to cover the cost of the following recurring council activities for fraternal year 2007/2008.

Items	Amount
Food vouchers	\$32,000.00
Annual Awards BBQ	1,100.00
Entertainment books	2,300.00
Christmas cards	1,000.00
Christmas cakes	2,500.00
Ladies night	1,700.00
Charter night	1,500.00
Convention expenses	600.00
Bursaries (2 x \$250.00)	500.00
Spaghetti supper	800.00
Pancake supper	500.00
Men's breakfast	1,000.00
St-Pats Party	500.00
Calendars	800.00
Octoberfest	300.00
Council Wine	500.00
Tickets for Bishop's dinner	240.00
Hike for life proceeds to action life	100 % of proceeds collected
Eucharistic Congress	100% of proceeds collected
Total	\$47,840.00

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As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky. "You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident." "Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer"?

The atheist looked directly into the light, "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian"?

"Very Well," said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. And the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head & spoke:

Lord bless this food, which I am about to receive from thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen."