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Knight News

VERNON ST. JAMES COUNCIL No. 4949

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Grand Knight

**Last Newsletter for the
fraternal year 2011 -2012**

General Meeting
2nd Tuesday of the month
Executive Meeting -
4th Tuesday of the month

Council 4949 Executive
Fraternal Year 2011-2012
July 1st 2011 - June 30, 2012

Chaplain	Fr. Dale Normandeau
Grand Knight	Guenter A. Rieger
Deputy GK	Sal D'Agosto
Chancellor	Kevin Schmaltz
Warden	Joseph Scebba
Treasure	John Toporchak
Advocate	Dave Lawrence
Recorder	David Elrick
Outside Guard	Art L'Huereux
Inside Guard	Jose Simao
1. Year Trustee	Ralph Hounslow
2. Year Trustee	David Durand
3. Year Trustee	Steve Campbell
Fin. Secretary	Mark Lopianowski
Field Agent	Blaine Anhel

Birthdays in May 2012

Giuseppe Scebba	75
Nick S Shaigec	80
David S Lawrence	70
Christopher Fernando	55
Roland G Carriere	74
Michael G Gernat	56
Neil G Hengel	71
Henry Detourdonnet	57
Daniel J Toolsie	23
Leo T Lambert	82



Editors note:

Brother Jack Morrison, a living legend of St. James Council 4949, was willing write to his biography for us. We edited a little bit, sorry Jack.

A Knight, like Bro. Jack Morrison with 65 years of Service to the Knights of Columbus, has a lot to say



about his life and about the Knights of Columbus.

65 YEARS A KNIGHT Bro. Jack Morrison

Thank you Bro. Jack for sharing some of your memories with us.

Guenter A. Rieger
Editor / Grand Knight

John Gordon Morrison . . . Better known as Jack

I have been asked to write my own history which feels a little bit like writing

your own obituary.
Why Jack?

There were three Johns in my family. My grandfather was John, and his oldest son was John and when I arrived was also named John. So to

20th Anniversary of Ordination Chaplain Rev. Dale Normandeau



The Knights of Columbus of St. James Council 4949 would like to thank you for your spiritual guidance and your support and we all wish you all the best on your special day



avoid confusion my uncle was called Jack and I was called Jackie until I became older and it didn't fit and I also became Jack.

So I am only John G. on legal documents I was born in Kelowna in October of 1922. Both my parents were from pioneer families. My mother and her family came to the Okanagan 1910 and my father and his family in 1895. We pioneer families are in the minority now, with most of the folks living in the valley today arriving after the Second World War.

My father grew up in a farm surrounding and farmed

in the early part of his life. He changed to logging in the

mid-20s when agriculture went into recession. So much of my childhood was spent in small logging camps, in the days when horses were used and crosscut saws and double bitted axes reigned supreme. Yellow Pine was the wood of the day and as the stands were small, we moved frequently. I have attended school in most of the communities from Kelowna north to Vernon and down the west side of Okanagan Lake. I was back in Kelowna for Grade 9 and 10. In the summer of 1940 my family decided to move to the Lower Mainland. This meant that if I wished to continue my education, I would have to move again. My decision was to stay and go to work.

Happy 80th Birthday Bro. Nick Shaigec



Bro. Nick Shaigec celebrated in May his 80th Birthday. Brother Nick, was involved in different committees and Grand Knight for two terms in 1992 and 1993

We wish you and your wife all the best on this special day.



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"You don't want to fly?"

During the winter of 1942 my next major decision was to join the armed services. When I told my boss, George Weeden, of my decision, he said: "You know, Jack, I have had the same idea." So we set about selling off the business and by early summer we had it all cleaned up. George joined the Army as a mechanic and I joined the Air Force. When I was at the recruiting office, they asked me what I wanted to do. I replied, "Aero Engine Mechanic." Sounding somewhat surprised, they asked, "Don't you want to fly?" I replied, "Sure, but I don't have my Grade 11." "That is not a problem. We can fix that." To this answered: "Let's fly then!"

Wedding Bells are ringing

Frances Tutt. With a two-weeks leave and a posting to eastern Ontario, time was short. I had to make a stop in Calgary to purchase my officer's kit and a wedding ring. Frances had week together and then I was back on the train east again.

I met Fran in Kelowna when we ended up in the same Grade 9 class and she stole my heart then and never gave it back. Together we raised eight girls and two boys and they in turn have increased the family to 114 souls. The Lord has been good to us in the 68 years we were married. We have only lost three of those souls, a baby grand daughter, just

before her birth, in a car accident; Fran in her eightieth year; we also a son-in-law to a stroke.

Work—work--work

I was discharged and returned home. Fran met me at the station and right behind her was my old boss, George. He had been released earlier and was in the process of building a garage and wanted me to come and help. I agreed and within a week I was back at work. We first built a service business, then took on a dealership for cars and trucks. I filled many roles in the business: mechanic, parts man, and then shop foreman.

In late 1948, George came down with TB and ended up in a sanitarium. The prognosis was for a long recovery period, so the decision to sell was made. This took up most of 1949, and

opened up in Vernon on January 15, 1961. The business grew from then until 1975, my partners—who were both older—retired and I was the only one left. I carried on the business till 1985, when I sold it to three of my employees. In 1989, the three partners failed, so I formed a new company called "Tri Star Engine



50th Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to John and Deanna Toporchak

I stayed with the new owner till the end of the year.

I then moved over to Thompson Auto Supply where I spent the next ten years creating a machine shop to go with the parts business. In 1960, Jack Thompson, Orville Watson and Jack Morrison formed a company and called it "Sun Auto Parts & Machine Shop". It

Rebuilders". Daughter Barbara and son John continued with the machine shop and engine parts business till

October of 2010, when we shut it down due to a diminishing market for the service we were offering. So ended a business that had served the area for a couple of month short of 50 years.

Words of Wisdom



Yearly trophy for dedicated altar service : Congratulations to Sonja Sokol.

I joined Fr. Pandosy Council in Kelowna in September 1947. At that time there were only two councils in the Valley—one in Kamloops and the other in Kelowna. In September of this year I will have been a Knight for 64 years. During that time the expansion in Catholic population and the Knights has been amazing. What has Knighthood meant for me? A host of friendships that I might not have had and much learning as well. All you need to do is to look at the accomplishments of Council 4949 for church and community to realize that when we join together we can accomplish much. That is what the Church and the Knights have given me, a great faith in God's goodness and a host of good friends.

I would like to finish these lines with a word of wisdom from a very dear friend and neighbour who was some 30 years my senior. As I was saying good bye to her before moving to Vernon, I said: "I am going to miss you and all my old friends." Her reply was: "Jack, I don't know about you young folks, but we old folks have a saying: *"God and good people are everywhere."*

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**“Being Grand Knight can be
an experience,
filled with memories lasting a lifetime.”**

Guenter A. Rieger

Message May and June 2012
Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger



My dear Brother Knights.

As our fraternal year is winding down, I would like to reflect on a few things being a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Being a part of an organization with over 1.8 million members world wide, and over 15,000 Councils and college Campuses, it's an honor and also a responsibility. As we all know Membership is limited to "practicing Catholic" men aged 18 or older. Being a Catholic man can be a daily challenge in including our work place. We have to be willing and prepared to apply those principles, what our Order stands for, daily including in our work place.

Our Founder Father Michael McGivney has founded the Knights of Columbus to provide help and support for our widows and orphans. Father Michael McGivney wanted to protect Catholic families, and he put his principles to work, founding the Knights of Columbus.

True to his vision, the Knights of Columbus has continued its high ethical standards because we view our Brother Knights as family. As a result, our fine team of insurance and financial and investment professionals cares for the money our Brother Knights as if it were their own.

As our global economy continued to limp, and as the life insurance industry saw lower sales and experienced

significant investment losses resulting from the prolonged recession, the Knights of Columbus avoided the worst effects while recording record sales.

If we care about our Catholic friends and neighbors, why we would hesitate to invite them to become a member of our Order.

*“If we are afraid
to let people know
who we are
and what we're doing
as Knight of Columbus,
we're not allowing them
to participate.”*

Guenter A. Rieger

As Grand Knight I do understand that in today's times especially, most people have minimal spare time to become involved with service organizations and do charitable works. But life is short, and before you know it, you may have missed the opportunity to make positive contributions to our society.

"Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life.

Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the

feeling that comes with making a difference."

I'm sure that everyone of you had the feeling making a difference in people's lives.

Just think about our wheelchair project which we have just completed for our fraternal year 2011-2012. Raising funds during a period of only three weeks and be able to purchase 43 wheelchairs, providing children with freedom of mobility, is overwhelming.

It's not my intention to count all the wonderful work our Council has done during my two terms as your Grand Knight. Our Lord knows best what we have done and will do in the future, and I would like to leave with that.

This will be my last message as your Grand Knight. Two year ago I was given the honor to be your Grand Knight, a wonderful experience, filled with memories lasting a lifetime.

It has given me the opportunity to meet a lot of Brother Knights, and truly understand our Founder Father Michael McGivney's message, what the Knights of Columbus stand for.

Thanks to all Brothers helping me during my term in office as Grand Knight.

"With them I have achieved whatever success has been mine in the ultimate performance of my duties as your Grand Knight. I offer my sincerest thanks to my Brother Knights who, during the past year,Continue page 4



Grand Knights Message

and in particularly in periods of stress and uncertainty, have given me the benefit of their advice the strength of their arms, the invaluable support of their confidence. Without their support I would have been lost. Thank my Brother Knights.

With them I have achieved whatever success has been mine in the ultimate performance of my duties.

"Our Principles "All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

Charity - Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

We as Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

I would like to close with a quote as Mark Twain summed up the situation when he said: "Always do right. You will please some people and astonish the rest."

On behalf of my wife Regina and myself, I would like to Thanks again, for given me the honor serving as your Grand Knight.

Vivat Jesus

Guenter A. Rieger

Grand Knight, St. James Council 4949



Birthdays in June 2012

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Patrick J Hagel	84
Anton S Kopp	81
John M Toporchak	48
Johann B Lingohr	22
Saveglio A Lozza	81
Benjamin W Schmaltz	25
Joseph O Dorval	62
Danial M Campbell	20
Ivan F Hysek	71
Stephen D Campbell	55
Clayton A Repp	35
John V Toporchak	75
Douglas G Morrison	68
Ralph Hounslow	70

Thank you received

St. James School

Parent Support Group

We received two thank you cards from Izabella Brodeur and Dawson, Buburuz for donation funds to pay for those students for an Ipad. The Ipad will help for a better communication between their teachers and parents and students.

KOFC St. James Council 4949 donated in total of \$3,500 to t. James School Parent Support Group towards advancement of Education and Community Education Programs.



Students, teachers, president of P.S.G St. James and GK Guenter A. Rieger, show their Thank YOU cards and posing with their newly received Ipods.

Pancake Committee Chairman

Bro. Mike Fedyniak



On behalf of the Pancake team of St. James Council, I would like to thank parishioners of St. James, OLOV Church, Knights and visitors for their support.

Our free Pancake on Mother day was very well attended.

We enjoyed serving to you pancakes during this fraternal year and looking forward to see you after the summer again.

God bless.

Mike Fedyniak

Council Director

Deputy GK, GK elect,

Bro. Sal D'Agosto

Our second annual garage sale was again a success. Thanks to your support we raised over \$2,800 which will



be redistributed to our community.

I'm looking forward to serve our Council as Grand Knight during the fraternal year 2012-2013.

God bless.

Deputy Grand Knight,
Council Director,
Grand Knight elect.
Sal D'Agosto



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Wheelchair Project Committee Chairman Bro. Doug McIntyre



For many years the Knight of Columbus partnering with the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation to raise funds, to provide mobility for people

parishioners at St. James was overwhelming. After the first presentation, made by Bro. Ralph Hounslow at Saturday mass and by Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger at Sunday mass, we received an overwhelming response from our parishioners at St. James.

Transforming lives through mobility, and with it giving to all those deprived of it by war, disease, accident, natural disaster and advanced age, independence, dignity, hope and opportunity.

I'm please to announce that our wheelchair project raised funds to be able to purchase 45 wheelchairs.



Wheelchair presentation GK Guenter A. Rieger, Father Dale Normandeau and Deacon Paul Murphy

in need.

Inspired by our District by our District Deputy our Council started three weeks ago the KOFC 4949 Wheelchair project.

The response of my Brother Knights and our

We never ever expected such a positive response from our parishioners.

42 wheelchairs will help 42 people with freedom of mobility

Thanks again to my Brother Knights and our parishioners at St. James for Each year St. James Council select a Knight and his wife for the family of the year.



**Family of the Year 2011-2012
Congratulations to Joey and Frances Toolsie**

your generous donations gift of mobility generous support. God bless
Doug McIntyre
Wheelchair committee chairman project 2012.

This year Joey and Frances Toolsie were selected. Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger presented the Family of the Year Award during Sunday mass to Joey and Frances.



**Knight of the Year 2011- 2012
Congratulations to Bro. Michael Fedyniak**

Congratulations.

Family of the Year



2012 Ladies Appreciation Night

Our Ladies Appreciation Night was a huge success. Everyone who attended the evening had a good time.



Thanks to our committee who did everything possible to make it for ladies, widows, Knights and guests a night to remember.

Our MC, David Lawrence, did an excellent job.



After a four course dinner prepared by the Schubert Center, our Keynote speaker for the night, Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger, used the symbol of

the Red Rose, by addressing the ladies very elegantly.



Experts of GK Guenter A. Rieger's Keynote speech at the evening

"As Christians we know that motherhood is a gift, a privilege and a responsibility. As you ladies have excepted this gift of responsibilities, It will help you to build a strong family and strong communities. Like marriage itself, like motherhood is a vocation, it is that special place were you find who you have been called too....."



*The Red Rose, has a special meaning,
Romance and Love.*

If we're talking about romance and love, If you allow me to use this special moment, by saying thanks to the love of my live my wife Regina. This "Red Rose" s a sign of Love and thanks for all advise and support you have giving me, and to our Children ,

My dear ladies, You are you the Red Rose in our life. We as Knights and



husbands, would no be able to do all those things, if we could count on your constant support.

*Thank you Ladies.
You are the backbone of our family. Which reminds me about that young couple who welcomed their first baby girl into their family.*

Remember, when the proud father presented Red Roses to his loving wife for giving birth to his new baby girl. Thank you Lades for giving birth to the baby girl.



2012 Ladies Appreciation Night



Remember who was getting up in the middle of the night, when the little baby girl was crying.

Yes, It was you.

Thank you Ladies for caring.

Remember, when the little baby girl was sick. Guess who got up in the night?? You, the lady of the house. Thank you Ladies for being a trusted nurse.



Remember, when the little baby girl went the first day to School.

You, Ladies, comfort her.

Thank you Ladies for your comfort.

Remember, when the little baby girl was a teenager, going to first time out at 8:00PM. Who was telling her husbands, it's just fine, she will be home soon. And YOU ladies could not sleep until your little Baby girl, was home save.



Thank you Ladies, for your worries.

Remember, when the little baby girl was a young lady and received her first red rose from her boyfriend, and you ladies may had some mixed feelings about that; since You remembered how fast time was flying by. It's feels like yesterday, when you got your first red roses from your loving husband, giving birth to that little baby girl.

Thank you Ladies, for remembering



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During the evening ladies and widows received red roses from our Knights, with a thank you note attached too.. The evening concluded with door prizes.

Everyone in attendance agreed that the Knights of St. James Council 4949 know how to appreciate their ladies and widows. It was a night to remember, filled with friendship and fine dining. Thanks to the volunteers, management, kitchen staff of the Schubert Centre for making the evening a success.



Thanks the 2012 Ladies Appreciation Night Committee members, Dave Lawrence, David Durand, Ralph Hounslow Mark Lipianowski including Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger.
Job well done





From the Editor's
Desk
Grand Knight
Guenter A. Rieger

During the last two years I was trying to summarize some of our activities in our newsletter. Since we had only limited space available, unfortunately not everything could be printed. If I have missed your event or activity, I would like to apologize.

In addition to our newsletter I have created our own website. You will find much more information of St. James Council 4949 and our Order, the Knights of Columbus, on our website at www.kofc4949.org.

You will find videos from our Council but also videos from our Order including videos from the Vatican. In short you can use our website as a research tool, like many other people do. After less than two year in existence, our website enjoyed more than 20,000 visitors, and we received a lot of compliments from many other Knights of Columbus Councils around the globe.

We all agree that such an undertaken is taken a lot of time.

Having assumed other Knights of Columbus responsibilities, unfortunately I will not have the time left, which is needed, to continue with our newsletter. I will still maintain our website as webmaster, to provide you with news from our Council and our Order.

I'm confident, that we have many talented Knights in our Council, who will enjoy and willing to share their knowledge, providing you with a newsletter for the new fraternal year 2012-2013.

I would like to thank all Bother Knights who reported events to be recognized in our newsletter.

Looking back, I'm wondering how I was able to do all those things and being also Grand Knight of our Council too.



Bro. Michael Gernat congratulated the newly installed officers. A thanks you

As mentioned before I have enjoyed both responsibilities. I'm sure some of you enjoyed reading it and also get a kick reading and finding some typos too. ☺☺☺

St. James Council 4949 is a very active Council and we have a lot to offer.

Have you ever considered join the Knights of Columbus?

Our Order is offering a lot to your personal and family life. Again to find out more, just visit our website, which contains many links and information and contact numbers etc.

I hope you will enjoy this last issue for our fraternal year 2011-2012. I wish you from the editor's desk a nice and save summer with a lot of sunshine, and enjoyment with your family and friends. Vivat Jesus

GK Guenter A. Rieger, Editor

Installation of Officers Fraternal Year 2012-2012

On May 8th, 2012, our new officers were installed.

Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger welcomed and opened the installation. District Deputy, Bro. Dale Hofer installed our new officers. State Warden,



speech by our new Grand Knight, Salvador D. Agosto closed the installation of officers.



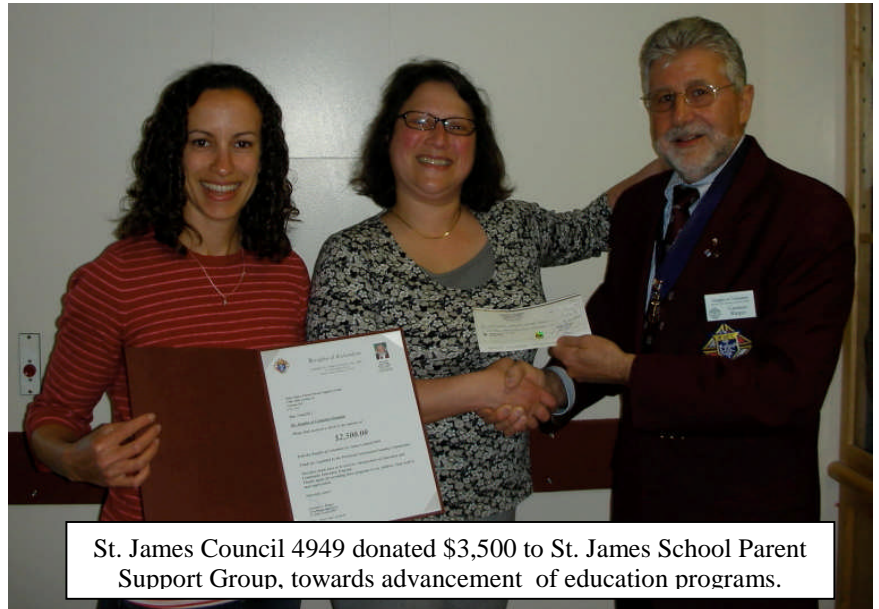


Prayer for our Knights.

Dear Lord we ask you to strengthen us, as we fulfil the duty as Knights of Columbus.

Help our Brother Knights who are sick and in distress, and help us to follow your commandments In Jesus Christ our Lord.

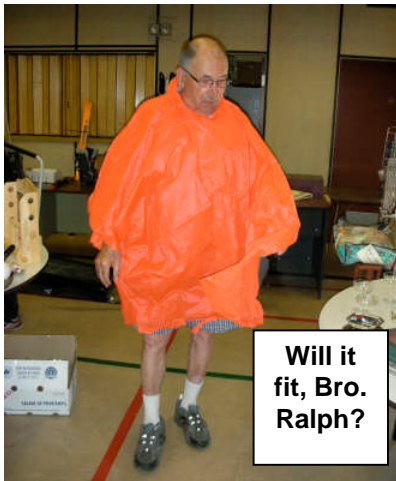
Amen



St. James Council 4949 donated \$3,500 to St. James School Parent Support Group, towards advancement of education programs.

2012 Annual Garage Sale.

Our second annual garage sale was again a successful one. As early reported in this issue, St. James Council raised



Will it fit, Bro. Ralph?

over \$2,800 during the two days of sale.

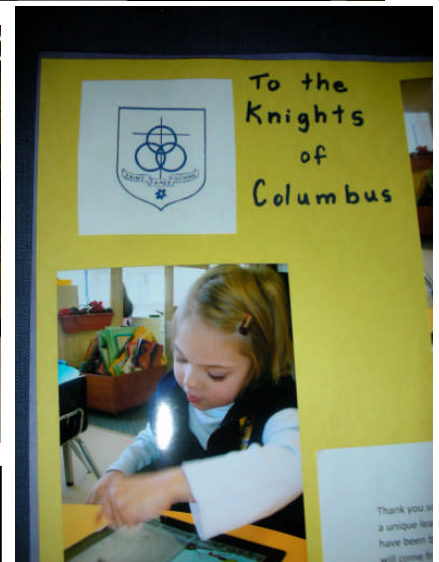
A big thanks is going to DGK, GK elect, Bro. Salvador D'Agosto and his team.

We also like to thank all Knights and parishioners who donated items or purchased some of donated items.



A big THANKS to the Schubert Centre for printing our newsletter.

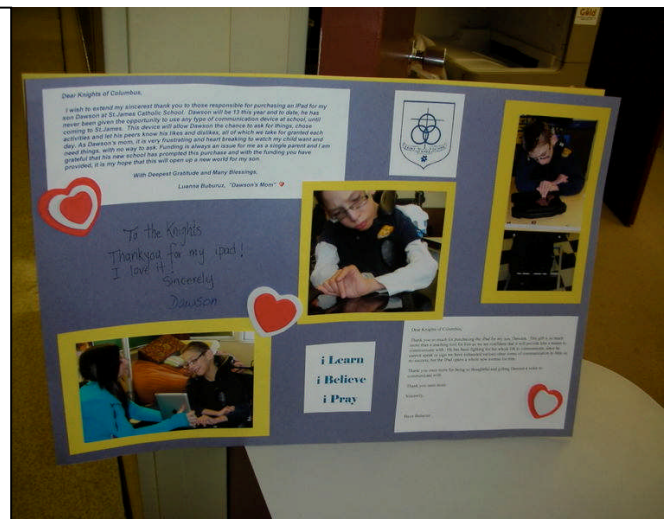
GK Guenter A. Rieger



Dear Knights

I wish to extend my sincere Thanks to the Knights of Columbus 4949 for purchasing an Ipad for my son Dawson. This device will allow Dawson the change to ask for things.....

*Thank you so much
Mom of Dawson*





Thank you Officers 2011-2012



Grand Knight
Guenter A. Rieger
2010 – 2012

Thanks

Officers

**Fraternal Year
2011-2012**

Job well done



Trustee, David Durand



Chaplain Rev.
Dale Normandeau



Advocate, Dave Lawrence



Treasurer John Toporchak



Deputy Grand Knight
Salvador D'Agosto



Recorder, David Elrick



Trustee, Steve Campbell



Chancellor, Kevin Schmaltz



Guard Art L'Heureux



Trustee, Ralph Hounslow



Warden, Joe Scebba



Inside Guard, Joe Simao



Financial Secretary
Mark, Lipianowski

Welcome Officers 2012-2013



Grand Knight
Salvador D'Agosto
2012-2013

**Welcome
Officers**

**Fraternal Year
2012-2013**

Congratulations



Trustee, Kevin Schmaltz



Chaplain Rev.
Dale Normandeau



Advocate, David Lawrence



Treasurer John
Toporchak



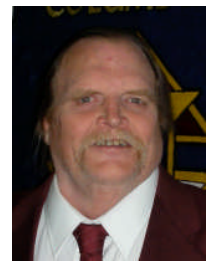
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