

First Degree Initiation at St. Thomas



Eight candidates drawn from three councils in district 91 were initiated into the Knights of Columbus at a first degree ceremony conducted by Our Lady of the Philippines council 13585 in the St. Thomas Parish social hall on Saturday, February 18, 2012. Laurentian council 6497 added one new member, the host council added four new members to its roster and Saint Malachy council 14315 increased its membership by three. Laurentian council 6497 also had two other candidates initiated at a ceremony hosted by Montréal council 284 on Friday, February 24, 2012.



KofC Insurance Program sets new records

The Knights of Columbus is truly a remarkable, one-of-a-kind organization, and our insurance program continues to show its strength and stability in spite of economic turmoil. In fact, 2011 marked the eleventh consecutive year of growth in many categories. This accomplishment illustrates the faith our members have in the products and services we offer to protect their families. Consider the following 2011 achievements.

- During 2011, the Order issued more life insurance than ever before in our history: \$7.9 billion.
- Our total insurance in force reached a new high of \$83.5 billion. To put this remarkable number in perspective, consider that at the end of 2000, we stood at \$40.4 billion.
- The Order introduced a new disability income insurance product in April. Called Income Armor®, this addition to our portfolio is designed in the spirit of Father Michael J. McGivney, and can provide a steady stream of income in the event of a long-term injury or illness.
- We finished the year with more field agents serving our members than ever before. Still, as our membership continues to grow, new agent candidates are always in demand across the U.S. and Canada. The ultimate goal is to have all of our members served by a dedicated, full-time agent, and, if you know someone who may be interested in becoming an agent, please contact us.
- The Order's assets under management reached a new high, exceeding \$18 billion.
- During 2011, we celebrated four exceptional months that were in the "best ever" category. Records were set in May, August, October and November.
- Nearly 20,000 new retirement annuities were issued to our members and their families in 2011. To learn more or to make an appointment, please call fraternal counselor John Casey at (514) 952-1891 or email jcasey@johncaseymarketing.com.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Service at St. Gabriel's



Eleven fourth degree knights in regalia from several Montréal area assemblies participated in the entrance procession at the Mass presided by Reverend SK Father Murray McCrory for the Our Lady of Guadalupe icon at Saint Gabriel's Parish on Sunday, February 26, 2012. Attendance was better than usual for a Sunday service with approximately 150 people in the church. After Mass many children and adults came to see the icon up close and some chose to kneel and say a prayer before the icon. A special thank you goes to Brother John Kelly for bringing the icon to St Gabriels Parish for this Mass.

Church Beautification Fundraising Dinner on May 26, 2012

KofC St. Kevin's council 13881 will sponsor a dinner / dance party on Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 6:00pm in the St. Kevin's Parish social hall to raise money for church beautification. Tickets are now available at \$15.00 each.

Calendar

- Feb. 26 - Monthly general meeting
- Mar. 11 - Mass of Anticipation at St. Gabriel's
- Mar. 18 - St. Patrick's Parade in Montréal
- Mar. 25 - Day of Unborn Child at St. Kevin's
- Mar. 25 - Monthly general meeting
- Mar. 31 - 130th Anniversary Rally in Saint Hyacinthe

Birthdays

- Feb. 1 - Edwin Loyola
- Feb. 7 - Sister Dolores Valdez
- Feb. 8 - Rev. David Kiyingi
- Feb. 12 - Sister Elvira Balagot
- Feb. 18 - David Warren
- Feb. 19 - Von Erich Olivo

Family of the Month



Art Cortez, our council's lecturer, with wife Roselle and son Paolo, a squire member, and daughter Arielle

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