



2007 - Year in Review

March

Council No. 13881, in conjunction with the CDN-NDG Residents' Association and Marymount High School, participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, held on March 18 last year, for the second year in a row. The float emphasizing Côte-des-Neiges borough's cultural and religious diversity won a prize for the second consecutive year as well, adding 2007's CJAD best municipal float trophy to last year's best amateur float prize. A group of five brothers headed by GK Nacino received the award with along the other participants at a banquet held at the end of the month.



April

Easter weekend was an eventful one for the knights as they acted as marshalls during the annual outdoor Way of the Cross procession on Good Friday, April 6. Brother Harry Seedihal and his wife Evelyn Calusa were then baptised in a ceremony at St. Kevin's on Easter Saturday. Our council was rewarded with a Family Activities Award from Supreme for its St. Patrick's Day Parade participation in 2006 at the provincial KofC Congress held at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montréal at the end of the month. A delegation of four brothers led by GK Nacino were on hand to accept the prize.

May

Our council's second annual gala night drew over 100 celebrants to St. Kevin's Parish Hall on May 12. Sir Knights Art Cortez and Peter Araneta acted as masters of ceremonies for the event.

June

June was a busy month as the knights participated in St. Kevin's Feast Day celebrations on June 3, cleaned up the grounds and planted flowers at St. Kevin's on June 9, attended a barbecue at Brother Montagano's house and a prayer service at a CDN funeral home on June 10, and celebrated sister Evelyn Calusa's birthday on June 17.



August

Council no. 13881, together with the Novo Ecijano Association of Montréal and Suburbs, went camping at Camping Daoust in Hudson, Québec, for the second consecutive year during the weekend of August 3-5. Sixteen of the 24 members of the Father Brady circle of Columbian Squires were initiated in the first ever English induction ceremony held in Québec in the St. Kevin's Parish hall on Saturday, August 18. The following day, the twelve August birthday celebrants were honored during a barbecue at GK Nacino's house. The knights also continued their grounds work at St. Kevin's with several brothers weeding the flower bed on August 25.



September

September was another extremely busy month for our council. The knights offered hot dogs and corn cobs to several hundred attendees at the 5th annual Côte-des-Neiges en fête festival held on the St. Kevin's church lawn on September 9. They also led the procession into and out of the church at the PeñaFrancia Mass at St. Kevin's Parish on September 16. A group of brothers and their families attended a birthday barbecue at Brother Raquero's house on September 23. They also helped our chaplain SK Father Lyng celebrate his birthday at a local restaurant on September 28. Our council received a Double Star award for attaining membership and insurance quotas at the Montréal Regional Congress in Anjou on September 29. Finally, a group of brothers, sisters and squires participated in the San Lorenzo Ruiz installation at St. Thomas on September 30.

November

Several English councils, including ours, participated in a pilgrimage to Supreme KofC headquarters in New Haven, CT, from November 2-4 to mark the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus by Father McGivney. A spaghetti party held at St. Kevin's on November 18 served more than 300 people and raised \$1000 to help defray the cost of the new figurines for the Christmas crèche at St. Kevin's.



December

The first annual tri-council (Our Lady of the Philippines no. 13585, St. Kevin's no. 13881 and St. Malachy no. 14315) Christmas party was organized in St. Kevin's parish hall on December 22. A buffet supper was followed by the giving of gifts to the children, the presentation of a cheque to Father Lyng for the crèche figurines, the singing of carols, and a dance. Our GK Rey Nacino hosted a combined Christmas and Chi-Chi birthday party at his home on December 25.

The Vantage Annuity - new Fraternal Benefit!

The Knights of Columbus newest Fraternal Benefit is the Vantage Annuity. It provides greater flexibility in choosing where to place your retirement savings dollars. The new Vantage Annuity gives you an opportunity to “lock-in” a guaranteed rate of return for your investment for a period of five years and enjoy the benefits of tax favoured growth regardless of how the economy is performing. At the end of five years, you can renew it or transfer your money to a short term interest account. Minimum deposits are \$25000 and current rates receive an additional 20 basis points for deposits of \$100,000 or more. (Please note that the Knights also still offer the Flexible Premium Annuity. It can be started with an initial deposit of \$300). If you have assets to protect, then you really should think about Long Term Care Insurance. What would happen if you or a loved one needed extended care? How would you cope with a loved one suffering a debilitating stroke or illness? Can you see yourself paying \$1500-2000/month for extended care? You can avoid the heavy financial burden and the emotional strain associated with this type of situation by securing Long Term Care Insurance. In a press release issued recently by the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association, its President and CEO Brian Atchison congratulated four companies for “completing the stringent, independent review of marketing, sales and compliance practices necessary every three years to qualify for renewed IMSA membership.” The companies are Massachusetts Mutual in Springfield, Mass., C.M.Life Insurance Company and M.M.L. Bay State Life Insurance in Enfield, Connecticut, and the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Connecticut. The Knights of Columbus Insurance Program is the top ranked insurance company in Canada. For details on any of this information, please don't hesitate to call Kevin Ready at (450) 552-1022.

Memorial Mass at St. Kevin's on March 14

A special memorial Mass presided over by our council's Chaplain Father John Lyng will be held on Friday, March 14, 2008, at 7:00pm at St. Kevin's to honor all the recently deceased family members of brother knights of Council No. 13881.

Calendar

Jan. 27 - Monthly general meeting
Feb. 17 - Squires monthly meeting
Feb. 23 - 1st degree initiation at St. Thomas
Feb. 24 - Monthly general meeting

Birthdays

Jan. 5 - Neil Balagot
Jan. 6 - Carlos Garcia
Jan. 19 - Federico Senica
Benedict Valdez
Jan. 29 - Bernard Olalia

Family of the Month



Sonny Valdez, our advocate, with wife Dolores, daughters Josephine and Abigail, son-in-law Loid Guingab and son Adam

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