

4th Degree Exemplification at St. Thomas a Becket



Twenty-eight brothers from Knights of Columbus Councils 284, 6096, 13585, 13792, 14315, 14613, 14693, and 15491 were exemplified as new Sir Knights at the English 4th degree ceremony hosted by Paul Émile Cardinal Léger Assembly 2310 at St. Thomas a Becket Parish on Saturday, March 2, 2013. The ceremony was presided by district 9 master SK Gilles Champagne and former master SK Joe Labelle. The animators for patriotism and evangelization were SK Joe Labelle and Rev. SK Father Joseph Mroz respectively. The patron of honour was Most Rev. SK Bishop Thomas E. Dowd.



Mass of Anticipation at St. Gabriel's Parish

Twenty-seven fourth degree knights in regalia from eight Montréal area assemblies, Curé Labelle #1022, Cavalier-de-LaSalle #1648, D'Arcy McGee #1697, Champlain #1715, Monseigneur Montmorency #2015, J. Adrian Chabassol #2252, Emile-Z-Laviolette #2326, and San Lorenzo Ruiz #3103, along with district 9 master SK Gilles Champagne participated in the opening and closing processions at the annual Mass of Anticipation for the St. Patrick's Parade at Saint Gabriel's Parish on Sunday, March 10, 2013. The Mass was presided by Most Rev. SK Bishop Thomas Dowd with assistance from Rev. SK Father Murray McCrory and Father Jim McDonald.





Knights March in Annual St. Patrick's Parade

More than 40 members of KofC councils in the Montréal area participated in the annual St. Patrick's Parade on Sunday, March 17, 2013. An honour guard of about 25 fourth degree sir knights in full regalia was followed by another group of third degree knights and women's auxiliary members. Former state deputy SK Claude Rousseau and Montréal region 07 director SK Michel Lacombe represented the state and regional councils respectively.



Brothers are Marshals for Way of the Cross



Fifteen brothers from Knights of Columbus Councils 13881 and 14315 acted as marshals for the annual outdoor Way of the Cross procession at St. Kevin's and Unité Pastorale CDN-SJMR on Good Friday, March 29, 2013. All wore special reflective vests prepared for the occasion by brother Herminio Crisostomo. More than 600 people from six parishes participated in the 2-1/2 hour trilingual, English, French and Spanish, 14-station 5km march through the Côte-des-Neiges neighbourhood with stops at St. Mary's Hospital, a hill near Lavoie and Isabella Streets, Mackenzie King Park, Bradford Lane near Côte-Sainte-Catherine Road, St. Paul's Anglican Church, and St. Kevin's. This was the seventh consecutive year that brother knights have performed this duty on Easter weekend.



Faith, Charity and Financial Security

The Knights of Columbus is one of the largest Catholic fraternal organizations in the world. What began with a handful of men in the basement of a church in Connecticut has grown into a global force for good, with nearly 1.8 million members spread across a dozen countries. And although the size of the Knights of Columbus has changed, the mission has not. Knights today – just as Knights then – are men of faith, committed to serving their neighbors and protecting their families.

For Knights, everything begins with faith. Founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus has always been proud to be Catholic. Whether promoting nationwide prayer campaigns like the Prayer for the Church campaign for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and his successor, or the John Paul II Prayer Petitions drive – or sharing the teachings of the faith through Catholic Information Services, Knights of Columbus are men of faith.

It is from that faith that Knights derive their mission to serve their neighbor. The Knights of Columbus is one of the world's largest charitable organizations. Last year, Knights donated more than \$158 million to charity and spent nearly 70 million hours of their time volunteering. Knights serve locally, nationally and globally. Locally, they help out their neighborhood food bank, assist their local parish and respond to community needs as they arise. Nationally, Knights participate in programs that are held throughout the organization such as special partnerships with the Special Olympics and participation in Coats for Kids – a Knights program that has provided 30,000 brand new winter coats to children in need this past winter. Globally, Knights have also spear-headed several charitable initiatives beyond the Americas, including communications and renovations projects at the Vatican, care and shelter for African children who are orphaned because of AIDS, and the gift prosthetic limbs to Haitian children who suffered amputations as a result of the devastating 2010 earthquake.

The Knights of Columbus understands that Catholic families need financial security in order to give rise to the Catholic families of tomorrow. That's why Fr. McGivney began the Knights of Columbus insurance program. What started as a pass-the-hat insurance system to protect widows and orphans during the industrial revolution has transformed into a Fortune 1000 insurance company offering life insurance, annuities, long term care insurance and disability income.

The Knights of Columbus Insurance program has never been stronger. Even in a weak economy, Knights of Columbus Insurance has not only maintained the highest ratings for financial stability from A.M. Best (A++, Superior), but has grown to record levels with more than \$88 billion of life insurance in force. Please contact fraternal counselor SK John Casey at (514) 952-1891 or jcasey@johncaseymarketing.com for more information.

Calendar

Mar. 24 - Monthly general meeting
Apr. 6 - 2nd & 3rd degree initiation in Pte. Claire
Apr. 12-14 Provincial congress in Montréal
Apr. 20 - 1st degree initiation at St. Malachy
Apr. 27 - 1st degree initiation at St. Thomas
Apr. 28 - Monthly general meeting

Birthdays

Mar. 3 - Bien-Vill Soliven
Noe-Vill Soliven
Mar. 12 - Nicodemo Mazzone
Mar. 20 - Benito Soliven
Mar. 30 - Sq. Kathleen Castillo
Mar. 31 - Art Cortez
Benjamin Olalia

Family of the Month



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

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