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FATHER FRANCIS LAWLESS COUNCIL #1534 NEWSLETTER

Grand Knight's Message - Bob Tiede

As we look back over the past Columbian Year we see a busy yet productive year for our council. At the 89th annual State Convention held in Moose Jaw this past May our council received a program award for our volunteer hours in the youth activity, particularly in coaching local and school sports. We also received 2 basketball free throw plaques, one in the girl category - Libby Epoch (12); and one in the boys category - Daniel Holzer (14). Libby was also recognized as an international award winner. Thanks you to the brother knights for all of your volunteer hours in the many activities held.

The convention hosted by our Moose Jaw councils under the chairmanship of Al Rossler and his committee was a huge success and enjoyed by all present. We had so much positive feedback that at the convention committee

windup it was decided to make application to State to host the 2014 convention again in our friendly city. Thank you to all who gave of their time to make this a memorable event during our Council's 100th Anniversary Year. Congratulations to Marcel Gagnon who was awarded the District Deputy of the Year at the convention banquet.

The 100th Anniversary Celebration held on February 11th was a very memorable evening enjoyed by the 300 members and guests in attendance. Thank you to Del Wagner and his committee for planning this gala evening. Special thanks must go to Camille Tremblay for his many hours over the years for keeping track and organizing our council's history.

At our windup on June 10th the

Knight of the Year was awarded to Tony Hudson. Over the years Tony was the leader of the First Degree Team, Guard Commander of the 4th Degree, served in various council positions, District Deputy, church choir, church facilities, etc. Under Tony a KC choir was formed for our 100th celebration and for the State Convention Memorial Mass.

I would like to thank all brother knights for their support and assistance given to me during my 3rd year as your Grand Knight. It has been an honor and privilege to have served the council during our 100th Anniversary Year.

Best wishes from my wife Debbie and I as we start a new year of activity.

Deputy Grand Knight's Message - Dave Duncan

Well here it is again one Columbian Year behind us and another just beginning! The time has gone by quickly as the past year has been a very busy one. It all started in February with the 100th Anniversary Celebration, then a very busy Easter Season and then the State Convention in early May. With all this activity everything went very well and very successful.

But enough about all the good stuff, I would like to see more of the Brother Knights involved in the operation of the Council. From an executive level, we need your involvement to make the work load less for others and to make our Council more successful. To be able to look to the future we need more new ideas and more work

involvement from all. The old saying "I don't have the time" it only takes a small investment of your time to make a difference. The third Tuesday of every month is the largest commitment, this is our meeting, and then from there it is a small commitment to work on some committees. We need a Chairperson for the Charity Appeal Tickets and Football Pool Tickets as these are fundraisers to keep our Council going. We also need some new ideas to raise funds to support all our Charities. With that said, give some thought to these suggestions and join us as we begin a new Columbian Year to make our council a success.

Yours in Christ ... Brother Dave



Deputy Grand Knight Dave, on behalf of our Council receives an award presented by Grand Knight Bob

State Convention 2011



Certificates of Accomplishment Presented to Al and Pat for State Convention 2011

Following approximately 2 years of worry, planning and organizing the week-end of May 6 – 8/11 arrived with a bang. The State Board checked into the Heritage Inn on May 5, bringing all the last minute materials for the convention setup. I say thank you to the core committee who worked hard & long to make the 2011 state convention the huge success it was. This committee consisted of Marcel Gagnon – registration & Gerry Gieni – treasurer, these 2 worked well together and did an excellent job of tracking the approx. 230 Brother Knights and some

180 ladies; David Duncan – organized the transportation; Pat Meuse – handled the communication & sound aspects; Gilles Doiron – was our state board advisor; Bob Tiede – was in charge of the liturgies; Dom Mancuso – looked after promotions; Del Wagner – was our minute taker at all the meetings; and to my wife Pat who did a great job of planning & organizing the ladies program. I should mention that the management & staff at both the Heritage Inn and the Moose Jaw Exhibition Board were fantastic which helped make my job

so much easier. To all the Brother Knights & Ladies who helped in anyway I say thank you, it would not have happened without your help. This was an excellent event to help us celebrate 100 years of Columbianism in Moose Jaw. This event is no small feat, we ended up with an approx. budget of \$43,500.00 which resulted in a small surplus that will be invested in a term deposit. Who knows we may host another convention some time down the road.

Submitted by

Al Rossler, Convention Chairperson

Treasurer's Report - Al Rossler



Organizing Committee Gala 100th Celebration

Here we are looking back at another Columbian year, but I might add Council #1534 had a busy fun packed time. We had a very successful Fall supper, serving approx. 475 people in the 2 sittings. It is certainly worth while as it serves as a major parish social and it netted the council approx. \$3200.00. As a result of some long hours & hard work, Grand Knight Bob Tiede again organized a successful Charity Appeal ticket sale campaign that grossed \$3165.00 of which our council received a rebate of \$1775.20 that gets designated to youth programs in our parish and in the community. As many of you know our council has partnered with the YMCA Strong Kids Program and in early December we co-

sponsored a "Breakfast with Santa" event that was very successful and we are already hearing can we do this again this year. The next major event of the year was Council #1534's 100th anniversary gala celebration, held February 11, 2011. It turned out to be a huge birthday party that cost the council \$3000.00 (not bad for such a major event). The council purchased special 100th anniversary pins, if you don't have one & would like one contact me.

Among hosting a very successful Major Degree; helping the local tikwando club with their provincial tournament; doing parish breakfasts & social events, we hosted a major event, the State Convention 2011 on May 6 – 8/11. (See my

report). So you can see it was a hectic year, but our council received a great deal of recognition & publicity. The treasurers books were kept hot – the figures from July 1/10 – May 31/11 showed Income of \$53,108.74; and Expenses of \$54,378.11 (this includes the anniversary expenses).

The bank balance as of May 31, 2011 is as follows:

Council #1534 - \$16,914.71

Bingo Account – closed

Columbus Home - \$10,762.40

State Convention 2011 Account - \$6,851.96

Pat and I take this opportunity to thank all who helped make the council's year such a success and hope everyone had a blessed, restful summer. Gentlemen we look forward to what this Columbian Year will bring.



Love those pancake breakfasts

Here & There ... by Cam Tremblay

It has been a privilege and an honor to be alive to be a witness to all the important events our Council 1534 has celebrated and commemorated in 2011. The more I age, the more I cherish the years I have been able to take part and witness the memorable events of our Centennial and the hosting of our 89th State Convention. It was an honor to be recognized as a senior member of our Council, active for all the 56 years and a proud member of our Knights of Columbus Order.

It is remarkable that the various important functions and celebrations are brought to a successful completion by some dedicated and devoted members of our Council. I do not need to repeat the names of Brother Al Rossler, his wife Pat, Marcel Gagnon, David Duncan, Gerry Gieni, John Sellinger and others too numerous to list here. How fortunate we are to have members such as these and others to make success happen to make all of us proud we are able to accomplish our great stories

in 2011, this current year, previous years and always.

I am certain it has been a proud experience for the present members who were able to witness our success story for 2011 and offer prayers for our deceased members and families.

I end with a prayer that these events have provided an encouragement for our members who have been rather nonchalant in their membership.



Color Corps

The Color Guard has been relatively busy to date. We provided Guards for the Altar of Repose during Lent, and more recently guard duty at our 100th Anniversary of the Council; and followed this by providing Guards for various duties during the State Convention, which was held here in Moose Jaw.

Over the summer there was the

annual Legion Decoration Day Parade on June 5th in Crescent Park and the annual Mortlach parade on July 2nd. Down the stream is the Annual Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony – more on that when we hear from the Legion.

This is my last report as Guard Commander! I have decided it is time to step down. Sir Knight Les Good, the second in command, has kindly agreed to take over the duties, for which I am

grateful. I trust the Color Guard personnel will give him the same support they gave me. I was honored and privileged to perform my duties but now feel it is time for other things. I will, of course, still participate in the Guard, but surrender the purple to Sir Knight Les Good. From now on I will be wearing White!

God Bless
Sir Knight Tony Hudson

Columbus Homes - Al Rossler

Here we are soon into another Fall & Winter. Our Columbus Home weathered fairly well through this past winter. Due to ice damming on the north side roof there was some water leaking in through the kitchen ceiling. However this was short lived. I am pleased to announce that the rental agreements we have with weight watchers and the invitation ministries church group are

doing very well. With this regular monthly income it makes the budgeting process much easier and I might add that Council #1534 has not paid any rent to Columbus Home for almost 2 years. The facility is always in need of minor upgrades which I try as much as possible to keep on top of as finances allow. As this article goes to print a front entry ramp has just been completed.

This will allow for easier access for the elderly as well as those with walkers & wheelchairs. I keep repeating myself but I again remind all members it is your facility to use and be a part of. For your information the rental rates are: Non Members - \$140.00 & Members - \$100.00. If you have any question feel free to contact us.



One of many functions at the KC Hall

Parish Council Report - Del Wagner

As Knights' parish rep, my reasons for attending Parish Council meetings have less to do with reporting about our many Knights activities which are reported already through various means including posters, media and website notices, parish bulletin, announcements from the pulpit, and Infoline to name only a few. Our collective ears are always on the happenings of the parish community. As the go-between for these two important Catholic organizations, I am expected to report back to Council #1534. Being this link in communication allows better discussions at Knight's meetings as to what is going on with respect to parish planning and how we as Knights can better support parish initiatives, which may come in the form of monetary dollars or just getting good people to help out with specific initiatives. This could be even as simple as supporting

the parish community as it takes a stand on various social justice issues. While the parish is the recipient of many of the funds we have collected, we are also happy to provide the resources we have which in many cases are not monetary. The Knights of Columbus in our community also provide many voluntary hours to our Church community and outside community, and each year our Council is rewarded for those efforts through various awards at the annual convention.

You can imagine that while our regular Knights meetings are very busy taking care of strategy, goal setting and meeting the obligations of the various charities we choose to support, we also find time for prayer and spiritual reflection. Father Louis provides regular Chaplain messages to the Council,

and combined with my monthly prayer reflections, we have ensured a strong spiritual component to our meetings as well, which is encouraged by both State and Supreme Councils, as well as our local pastor and Chaplain.

I would like to end by thanking all our priests, particularly our Pastor Father Rick and our Chaplain Father Louis for their prayerful support and for being a good overall support in all our activities.



Degree Team - Tony Hudson

Our final degree of the last Columbian year took place on May 29th and as you see in the picture below we welcomed 7 new members to our Order. It would be nice if more of our members took time to attend one of our first degree functions. It would impress the candidates to see a gathering of members – it would show them we are interested in our organization and welcome new comers. As it is, we are seldom blessed by our brothers' presence.

This will be my last report as Degree Director! I feel it is time for me to step down. Brother Marcel Gagnon has accepted the task of directing the team – for which I am happy. At his request I will remain as mentor and attend the functions.



It has been a long run, but a successful one, and I feel that I have given my best and achieved something.

Vivat Jesus
Bother Tony Hudson

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION REPORT

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**We are at
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The purpose of the Charitable Foundation is to support those in need, so in order for the foundation to succeed, it needs donations from Brother Knights. The donations to the Capital Fund help the growth and the interest gained from growth is used to help those in need. Brothers, also by giving to the foundation you help yourselves by getting a 44% tax credit on your Income Tax, so this benefits the Foundation and yourselves.

In giving remember, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism the four points of the Knights of Columbus.

District Deputy's Report - Marcel Gagnon

My first year as DD is already over! Wow, how this year has flown by. I think I have said that before with other positions! It must have to do on how busy you are, although the older you get the faster the time seems to go.

It has been a busy year in our district. It is actually possible that 2 councils out of 3 might receive a Star Council award this year! Wouldn't that be great? Council #1534 especially has been busy celebrating its 100th anniversary. With a banquet in February, which was extremely well attended, all the while planning the 89th State Convention. The convention was held here in Moose Jaw and was organized by Al Rossler and his committee! A job well done gentlemen! It was so well done that we are expecting to host more. In that regard, I have applied for the 2014 State Convention, which would mark one of the last major functions of one of our Moose Jaw knights as State Deputy, Gilles Doiron. A State Convention can only be successful if the whole district is involved, so thanks to council #9760 for agreeing to be part of this endeavor.

Council #9760 has kept very busy as well with their activities. They have brought the Soccer Challenge to Moose Jaw this last year. A few changes are in the works this year to make this as good as the basketball free throw. While on this subject, congratulations to Libby Epoch from Moose Jaw, age 12, who has won the international basketball free throw competition, in her age category.

I am still working on transferring all members of Holdfast council #2430 to other councils to finally close this chapter by year end. Many of these members have joined council #1534.

Marquis council #10213 also continues to plug along by being an active part in their parish and community. They are always ready to lend a hand with district activities whenever possible.

A realignment of councils and districts is in the works and looks like this will affect us. 3 councils may join our district, Lisieux, Willowbunch and Assiniboia. Along with these changes our district number may also change to #4.

The Moose Jaw knights also constructed a float for the upcoming home town parade. There were a few more activities which also took place such as the highway clean up, a family day in August and a brand new Catholic day community celebration which will take place at Church of Our Lady early September. This celebration will be in lieu of the mass in the park which has traditionally been done for the Corpus Christi Mass .

I encourage everyone to help whenever possible with district and council activities, to make our fraternal organization well known and respected within our community where all catholic gentlemen would be proud to belong.

Vivat Jesus .. Brother Marcel



One of Brother Marcel's many accomplishments ... Knight of the Year in 2010