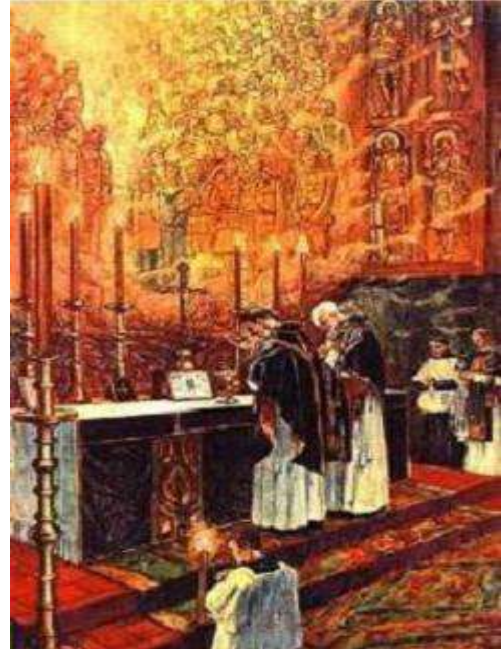
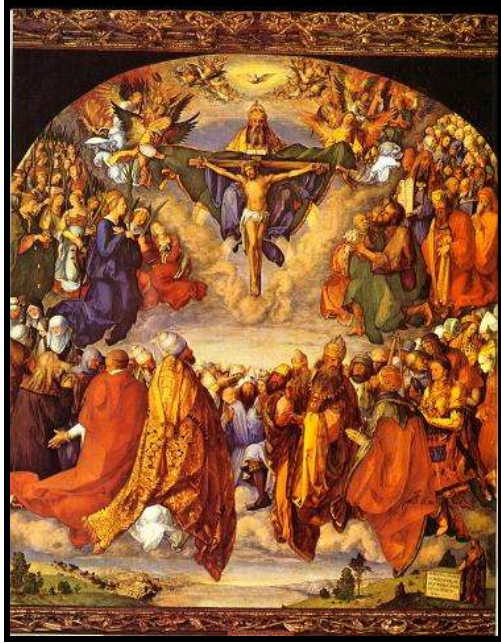


St Joseph's Council #10436

Knights of Columbus



All Saints Day - Solemnity celebrated on the first of November. It is instituted to honour all the saints, known and unknown, and, according to Urban IV, to supply any deficiencies in the faithful's celebration of saints' feasts during the year. In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighbouring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast; as is shown by the invitation of St. Basil of Caesarea (397) to the bishops of the province of Pontus. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But the Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all. The first trace of this we find in Antioch on the Sunday after Pentecost. We also find mention of a common day in a sermon of St. Ephrem the Syrian (373), and in the 74th homily of St. John Chrysostom (407). At first only martyrs and St. John the Baptist were honoured by a special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established; still, as early as 411 there is in the Chaldean Calendar a "Commemoratio Confessorum" for the Friday after Easter. In the West Boniface IV, 13 May, 609, or 610, consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs, ordering an anniversary. Gregory III (731-741) consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter to all the saints and fixed the anniversary for 1 November.

All Souls Day - All Soul's Day is a Roman Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away. This comes from the ancient Pagan Festival of the Dead, which celebrated the Pagan belief that the souls of the dead would return for a meal with the family. Candles in the window would guide the souls back home, and another place was set at the table. Children would come through the village, asking for food to be offered symbolically to the dead, then donated to feed the hungry. The day purposely follows All Saints Day in order to shift the focus from those in heaven to those in purgatory. It is celebrated with masses and festivities in honor of the dead. While the Feast of All Saints is a day to remember the glories of Heaven and those there, the Feast of All Souls reminds us of our obligations to live holy lives and that there will be purification of the souls of those destined for Heaven. Upon death, it is believed that souls have not yet been cleansed of sin. Praying for souls of loved ones helps to remove the stain of sin, and allow the souls to enter the pearly gates of heaven. Through prayer and good works, living members of the church may help their departed friends and family. There are three Requiem Masses that are said by the clergy to assist the souls from Purgatory to Heaven: one for the celebrant, one for the departed, and one for the pope.

Many customs are associated with The Day of the Dead celebration. In the home an altar is made with an offering of food upon it. It is believed that the dead partake of the food in spirit and the living eat it later. The ofrendas (offerings) are beautifully arranged with flowers such as marigolds (zempasuchitl), which are the traditional flower of the dead. There is a candle placed for each dead soul, and they are adorned in some manner. Incense is also often used, and mementos, photos, and other remembrances of the dead also adorn the ofrenda. All Soul's Day lives on today, particularly in Mexico, where All Hallows' Eve, All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day are collectively observed as "Los Dias de los Muertos" (The Days of the Dead). First and foremost, the Days of the Dead is a time when families fondly remember the deceased. But it is also a time marked by festivities, including spectacular parades of skeletons and ghouls. In one notable tradition, revelers lead a mock funeral procession with a live person inside a coffin.

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Chaplain's Message

You are quite ahead of the game with your activities and new head of the department and his 'new' colleagues .Our wishes and support for our PGK Mel Crew were well deserved. Continue your good works. Jesus says" Whoever is not with me is against me; and whoever does not gather with me, scatters. I sometimes feel that my life is like scrubland, halfway between garden and desert. I sometimes feel that I live in a world of twilight, halfway between day and night. I sometimes feel like lukewarm water halfway between day and night. I sometimes feel like lukewarm water, halfway between hot and cold.

I sometimes feel that I am in a state of indifference, halfway between love and hate. I sometimes feel I am trudging along a safe little path halfway between good and evil.

Lord, save me from this illusion that because I am not against you, I am therefore for you. Above all, save me from being neutral.

Fr. Richard Saldanha

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Madonna Mission

"So little can do so much."



Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers

Boy! Did you ever miss a great Past Grand Knight's Dinner. **Brother Louis Roesch** and his lovely wife, **Claire**, prepared and presented a great meal of roast beef [who says I don't know who is important!] but that was only the start. We had all the Grand Knights of the surrounding councils present. Each one had a Mel Crew story to relate. Our MC, **brother Andrew VanZelst** had quite a job on his hands keeping things running smoothly ... don't ask him to tell any jokes though ... where's the punch line? Ugh!

I know! I know! You are still loved, brother Mel and as far as I am concerned deserve to be the Laureate of the evening. I felt very privileged to have been part of it all. That was quite a nice article by **Bob Boughner** in the Chatham Daily News on October 20th - thank you Bob.

Now for some more business and thanks to **Danny Hunter** [stole?] nah not Danny corn stalks to help decorate the hall, mind you, I did look for the ears of corn on them, but to no avail. Well, I guess when you pay my favourite price I was lucky to have them. I know, I know. Thanks, Brother Dan.

Our parish cluster t-Shirts and sweats are selling very well. Don't forget to place your orders so you will have them for Christmas. Sorry, **Father Richard's** is one of a kind special for him so don't ask .. ha .. ha.

Brother Don Smith once again did a sumptuous meal of sweet and sour chicken after the October meeting, apparently he has something up his sleeve even better for our November 12th meeting. See you there, same place same time same corny jokes and of course same good camaraderie with the brothers. I hope to see many of you there.

Please remember our December meeting will be held on December 3rd as a much higher authority will be using the hall on the 12th - don't worry we will remind you I know we all have very good memories ... only they are short.

From the Spirit Daily: God grades on the cross not on the curves. The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.

Thank you brothers

Fraternally yours

David Bondy Grand Knight 519-354-8798 [home] 519-366-1274 [cell]

Continued after the Deputy Grand Knight's Message



Deputy Grand Knight's Message

Last month I went to two Past Grand Night Dinners, one for our Mel Crew and one for our new District Deputy, John Marentette. Both were recognized for their vision in leading our Councils. Both would tell you they had lots of help. I have to agree with them. It is a pleasure to be with Brother Knights who show a willingness to make some improvement in this world of ours. It doesn't have to be a large improvement, just a step in the right direction.

Father Richard recently talked about vision in a homily. He said that if you go higher you can see further into the horizon. Our two past Grand Knights can see further as a result of climbing to new levels. How can we follow their example?

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Continued from the Grand Knight's Message

Now for the sponsors and advertisers:

- Thank you **Father Richard** and **Father Padelt** for your presence at Brother Mel's Dinner and for saying Grace.
- Thank you to **Brothers John Masterson, Gary Richie, Don Smith**, for the good job of bar-tendering at the PGK Dinner. To **Brothers Pat Rivard, Ted Sojczynski, Al McGowan** for setting up the Hall.
- Thank you to the **Worthy Warden Robert Kornacker** for the presentation to Mel, but especially for the informative talk about our PGK. Very well done.
- Thanks to **Brother Ron Peseski** of the Hinnegan Peseski Funeral Home for the donation to Mel's PGK Dinner. Yes, I do feel fine Ron - No I am not ready for your services yet ...
- And if I have forgotten anything just tell me in your usual manner, either by phone or at the meeting Ask **Brother Pat** who bought the coffee ouch!

Financial Secretary's Message

Greetings Brother Knights!

Hello Brothers!

With the festive season fast approaching, I hope that all of you are starting to make room in your life and in your heart for our brothers and sisters in need. We all have such a wonderful opportunity to share all the gifts that we have within our community that is in desperate need. St. Joseph's Parishioners donated a large pile of groceries to the food bank to help families this thanksgiving, and I know there will be even greater need for donations at Christmas.

We had a very successful breakfast in October, given that it was right next to the holiday, and we hope to have an even bigger turnout this month as the weather becomes colder.

There are a number of events coming up where we will need your hard work and support. The Turkey Raffle is back, as well as the motorcycle raffle ticket sales, the Children's Christmas party and I'm sure more events that are not coming to mind right now.

And with all that, don't forget that without new brothers, we cannot grow. We are hoping to add as many new members as possible and we can all do our part by talking to a fellow Catholic man to join our ranks.

Just a reminder in case it slipped your mind, If you missed the first meeting in September, there are many plans in the works for the fall and winter. I hope that all of you will be able to help out with one or more of these great fund raising and community building projects such as monthly breakfasts throughout the year.

If you feel left out not knowing all of the great projects ahead, make sure that you attend the monthly meetings to get all the information and get involved with at least one of our worthwhile causes.

It is also the season again to raise our membership totals. All the members who attended the September meeting were given a Form 100 to find a new member to join our ranks. If you know of any practical Catholic man in our parish who is not a knight, the easiest thing to do is ask him to join. This time last year, I was just a parishioner helping out where I could, but now I have so much more because of my brothers. There are others out there just looking for a chance to get involved. Help me out brothers, I need more paperwork. It doesn't hurt to ask.

God Bless us all!

Joe Legue,

Financial Secretary

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District Deputy's Report

Worthy Brothers, I'm sorry I missed Mel's PGK banquet, I'm told it was quite a time, lots of laughs and plenty of good food. I'd like to thank Brother Bob Kornacker, our Worthy District Warden for standing in for me. Mel certainly is deserving of all the nice things I'm sure were said about him that evening.

We're well into the fraternal year now, and I know many of the councils have a full slate of programs planned. Please remember that a council needs to keep transforming itself to remain successful, much like a business. By this I mean that we should always be striving to welcome a new member to our ranks, he will surely bring new ideas and a different perspective. In this way we continue to grow, benefitting all of us, and fulfilling Fr. McGivneys vision. I know many councils are planning for their car raffle sales to benefit the Arthritis Society, but I would also encourage you be become involved in the Substance Abuse/Drug Awareness poster campaign, and the basketball free throw competition, if you aren't. Both of these programs raise the awareness of the Knights, and do a generous amount of good for our communities. Finally, I'd like to congratulate your council for the many activities you have planned, Sue and I look forward to attending many of them.

Fraternally

John Marentette

District Deputy



A Grand Knight gets thanks

SERVICE: Knights of Columbus St. Joseph's

Courtesy of Bob Boughner, THE CHATHAM DAILY NEWS

Chatham-Kent's longest-serving municipal politician was honoured Friday for his services to the Knights of Columbus. Mel Crew, described as a fighter and survivor, served as a Chatham alderman for 33 years. Close to 100 members of Knights of Columbus St. Joseph's Council 10436, family and guests turned out to recognize Crew for his two years as grand knight of the council.

David Bondy, who has taken over the reigns of the council, said Crew managed his duties both while in and out of hospital during the last 24 months. "It's going to be a real challenge to fill Mel's shoes but fortunately I have him to fall back on for advice," he said. Crew received a past grand knight's gavel and plaque and accepted the Fr John McGivney award on behalf of council members.

The McGivney award is presented to a council that has a large increase in membership. Bondy said McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1860 in the Boston area. The organization has grown to become one of the largest Catholic groups in the world dedicated to helping people.

Crew said he enjoyed his term as grand knight and the fellowship with council members. "Council members are now my extended family," he said. Bondy said the council is planning to help Crew install a handicapped washroom at his home. He asked anyone who could assist in the project to call him at 519-354-8798.

Among the guests attending the dinner at St. Joseph's Hall was retired Chatham businessman Reg DeNure. "Mel has done a great deal for Chatham over the past three decades," said DeNure. "He certainly deserves this tribute."

Crew, who worked at Navistar for more than three decades, served as a councillor under five mayors including Diane Gagner, Doug Allin, Curtis Carter, Margaret Archibald and Bill Erickson.



Card Secretary's Report

On your behalf I have sent out the following cards.

GET WELL CARD - **Brother Tom Vella-Zarb** who underwent surgery and is now at home recovering. [and hopefully working on the bulletin!]

Sympathy Card - to Sophie Zimmer - Wife of **Brother Clarence Zimmer**

Fraternally Yours

Wayne Lachine

Card Secretary



Happy Birthday Brothers

4 th Les Lessard	5 th Joel Matteis	5 th Pat Dillon
15 th Louis Teeuwen	16 th Leonard Casier	19 th Mel Crew
21 st Al Kovar	22 nd Peter Nantais	24 th James Tanton
25 th Pat Rivard	27 th Joe Gerber	28 th Leonard Eagen

Parting Shot

Hello brothers

I am home recuperating from surgery. Thank you for your concerns while I was hospitalized. Your prayers helped so you are stuck with me for a while yet. As I look at this coming month I cannot help but think about the Communion of Saints amongst whom, we too will one day with God's grace be. Where I come from, sometimes parents are at a loss about what name to give their child, so they end up in naming them Toussaint - they figure that covers it all. I think it is a nice idea though I must admit that I have not met too many Toussaints over here.

The good taste of our Past Grand Knight's dinner still lingers on. Although I was present in body but I was too much under the weather to even take a camera with me. That shows how sick I was. So I have to thank all those who submitted photos of the event but regret that I could not use them. So, unfortunately your memory of the event rests with your recollection of the event.

I was quite pleased to see my buddy, Bob Boughner from the Chatham Daily News at the event. He and I go back several moons. He was always there whenever I was in the limelight as a young scout leader, or as a young drama teacher dabbling in producing a play. Thank you Bob.

My wife Irène and I wish each and every one of you a Happy Namesake saint day.
Vivat Jesus

Tom Vella-Zarb

Bulletin Editor

