

Knights of Columbus History

Founded by Father Michael J. McGivney, curate at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Conn., the Knights of Columbus was chartered on March 29, 1882, in the state of Connecticut.

As the priest explained to a small group of men at a meeting in the basement of St. Mary's Church in October 1881, his purpose in calling them together was manifold: to help Catholic men remain steadfast in their faith through mutual encouragement; to promote closer ties of fraternity among them; and to set up an elementary system of insurance so that the widows and children of members in the group who might die would not find themselves in dire financial straits.

The founders and first officers of the organization chose the name "Knights of Columbus" because they felt that, as a Catholic group, it should relate to Christopher Columbus, the Catholic who discovered, explored and colonized the North American continent. At the same time "Knights" would signify that the membership embodied knightly ideals of spirituality and service to Church, country and fellowman.

By the end of 1897 the Order was thoroughly rooted in New England, along the upper Atlantic seaboard and into Canada. Within the next eight years, it branched out from Quebec to California, and from Florida to Washington.

From such promising beginnings Father McGivney's original group has blossomed into an international society of more than 1.5 million Catholic men in some 11,100 councils who have dedicated themselves to the ideals of Columbianism; Charity; Unity; Fraternity and Patriotism.

**St. John the Divine
Knights of Columbus
Council No. 11053**



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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE


I simply want to express, that it has been a real privilege to serve on the Executive and to be the Grand Knight of Council 11053.

It was ten years ago already, on May 29th, 1993, that the Knights of Columbus, St. John the Divine Parish, Council No.11053, enjoyed their Charter Night. That was the culmination of the efforts of the dedicated group of 60 men who founded this council to better serve St. John the Divine Parish and the and the people of London.

During the years that followed, our Knights have consistently worked hard, raising funds for charity by selling car Draw tickets, cooking and serving hundreds of suppers, and undertaking numerous other projects. Throughout it all, our Brothers have enjoyed the fraternity and fellowship that being a member of our Council entails. It has been good for our Church, our community, and for us as individuals.

Our Council now has over 100 members. I was not one of those original Charter members, but like many of our newer Knights, I have tried to follow in their footsteps. As I look back at my time with our Council, I realize that I have met some very good men here, and made great friends. Thank you Brothers!

Congratulations, and, let us celebrate our Council and our membership in it!


Mike O'Malley
Grand Knight



**Knights Of Columbus
District 49
Bill Pilot, District Deputy**

Worthy Gand Knight and Brother Knights of St. John the Divine Council 11043

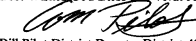
It is with great pleasure that I offer my congratulations on the occasion of your tenth anniversary.

The Order has been called the strong right arm of the Church and this Council has demonstrated your strong support of your Parish Priest and the whole Parish.

You have strongly embraced the four principles on which our order is based, Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

It is truly a pleasure to be associated with the Brother Knights of your Council.

Best Wishes God Bless and Vivat Jesus


Bill Pilot District Deputy, District 49



ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITALITY CENTRE

March, 2003

St. John Divine
Knights of Columbus
Council 11053

Dear Mr. Ginty;

Please convey our sincere congratulations to the Knights of Columbus members of Council 11053 on your 10th anniversary.

Along with our congratulations we send our deep appreciation for your contribution to St. Joseph's Hospitality Center. Your delivery of bread to our 'Soup Kitchen' every Friday for the past several years has been an invaluable contribution. We are most grateful to Pat Kennedy and his many helpers. This has been a tremendous gift to us and one that has allowed us to continue our giving to some of the needy in London. Also your ongoing support and giving to our center over the years is appreciated.

We remember each one of you in a special way for your generous contribution to us and to many other groups and individuals in our community. London is fortunate to have such a generous group of men who see needs and respond to them.

We ask God to bless you on your anniversary and ask that He will enable you to continue your good works for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Sister Teresa Ryan
and Staff.

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May 24, 2003

Knights of Columbus
St. John The Divine Church
Council 11053
London, Ontario

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of London, it's a pleasure to extend warm congratulations to you on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus St. John The Divine Church Council 11053. As Mayor, it is heartening to acknowledge the strong community leadership, which has gone into marking this special milestone.

Thank you for your commitment to furthering the importance of service work in our community and beyond. The ongoing enthusiasm and unwavering commitment associated with the Knights of Columbus organization help to make London one of the best places in the world to live, to work and to share with family. Certainly, the various initiatives undertaken by your Council during its 10-year history bode well for the future.

We wish you great success in your ongoing endeavours and we look forward to the continuing positive influence of Council 11053 in our community.

Sincerely,

Anne Marie DeCicco
Mayor

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May 24, 2003

Knights of Columbus
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Dear Friends,

As Member of Parliament for the riding of London West, it is a great pleasure to extend to you my congratulations on the 10th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus St. John the Divine Parish Council 11053. The Knights of Columbus' commitment to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism greatly contributes to London and Canada. I commend the Knights of Columbus St. John the Divine Parish Council 11053 for your unrelenting dedication and unyielding generosity and devotion to your fellow citizens.

Once again, congratulations and please accept my best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

Sue Barnes, M.P.
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April 4, 2003

Knights of Columbus
St. John the Devine Parish
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Dear Friends:

As Ward Seven Councillor, I wish to extend congratulations and warm wishes to the members of Knights of Columbus Council 11053.

Your Tenth Anniversary marks a significant milestone in the work you do and a timely celebration of the contribution your Council has made to the community of London.

I hope your next ten years prove to be as rewarding and productive as the previous ones.

My thanks for your contribution and best wishes for success in your future endeavours.

Sincerely,

Susan Eagle
Councillor, Ward 7

Knights in the Neighbourhood



Julian Smith, John Egan, Pat O'Neil, George Kriegar, Hugh Short, Charlie Barron, Dale Harrison and Ric Ostrowski



Dennis Soames, Ric Ostrowski, Guy D'Avirro, Joe Ginty, Greg Ballisac, Pat Kennedy, Brian Walsh and George Champagne

more ... Knights in the Neighbourhood

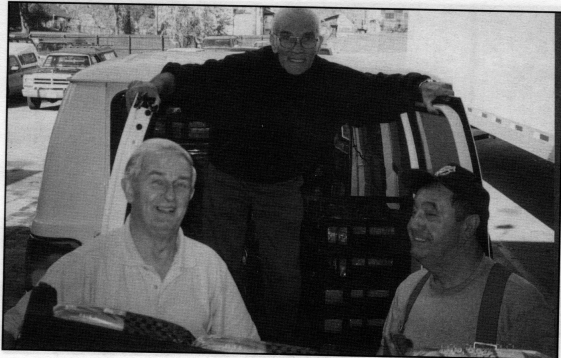


George and Laura Sweeney

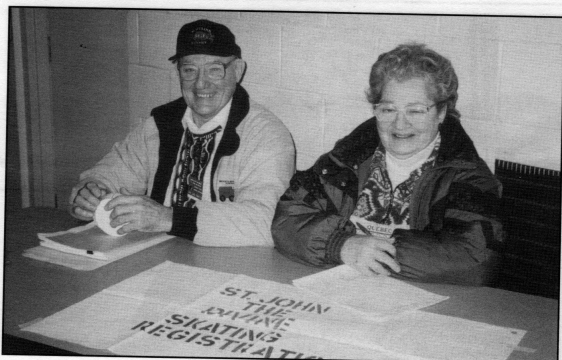


Walt Costello, Peter Connell, John Vietz, Allan and Evelyn Hayman

more ... Knights in the Neighbourhood

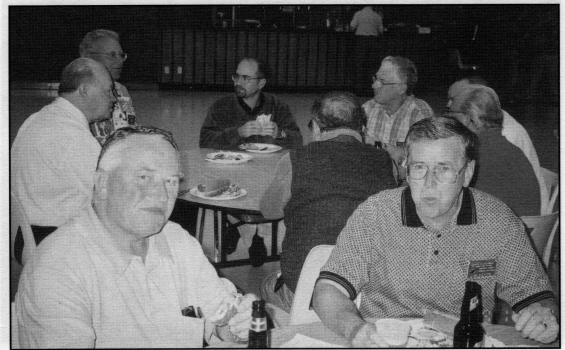


John Egan, Jim Lawler, Joe Ginty



Julian and Yolanda Smith

more ... Knights in the Neighbourhood



Guido Van Meerbergen, Father Rob Rocheleau and Jim Kehoe



Father Stan Mcquire



**Knights of Columbus
MEMBERSHIP
St. John the Divine Parish
Council # 11053**

*more ... Knights in
the Neighbourhood*



Pat Kennedy, Jim Lawler, Dino Vettor and George Krieger

Joseph Alcock	Dan Howard	Dominic Power
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Ron Anglestad	Ed Hurd	Gary Pullam
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Mike Baluk	Louis Goldenberg	Mike Quinlan
Gerry Barnes	Bill Grenier	Alfred Renaud
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Al Blackwell	David Judge	Hugh Sanford
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Mike Capizzano	Pat Kennedy	Hugh Short
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John Cassidy	George Krieger	Paul Skladany
Kevin Charron	Moe Lacerte	Julian Smith
Mike Chretien	Jim Lawler	Se-Youn Song
Mike Clifford	Joe Lohonyay	Barry Sutherland
Ron Clifford	Vince MacDonald	George Sweeney
Mark Codyre	George Mguire	Adam Switzer
Peter Connell	Ken McIntosh	Brian Teron
John Couper	Walt McKenna	Tim Thompson
Mike Croft	Frank McMorrow	Richard Tomaszewski
Frank Cuzzocrea	Harry Meloche	Jan Toporowski
Tony Darmanin	Joe Metron	Bill Toy
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