



# ***Knightly Knotes***

The voice of Charleswood Council 7523

**April 2018**

**Next General Meeting Tuesday April 3, 2018**

**Next major events**

**Pancake Breakfast on Sunday April 15, 2018.**

## **From the Chaplain**

By the time these few lines are read, chances are that the Easter Season is in full swing. The Triduum are behind, and you have, or have not, taken part in the most important liturgical action of the year. Having expressed this, I also realize that life goes on beyond liturgies. Basic human and spiritual needs are not always met in some circumstances of daily life. As Knights we can reflect on the spirituality of Pope Francis and accept the challenge to reach out or be present to the peripheries of those in need and within reach of where we happen to live. Let us pray that during the 50 days of Easter, the risen Christ present to us day in and day out, will pour out wisdom, insight and courage to share His love and life with all those we discover to be in need, physical, spiritual or social.

Msgr M. Comeault

## ***Grand Knights Report***

We are now officially into Spring and although it appears winter is not done with us yet, the sun is getting warmer, and I, for one, am really looking forward to getting out into the yard and tackling some projects.

We have lost a few of our Brother Knights this past year – remember them in your prayers that they will enjoy their eternal reward.

I would like to thank all of our Brother Knights for helping out at our Fish Fry on March 23<sup>rd</sup> – if not for your help at these events, we would not be able to make it happen. Please know that your contributions are noted and appreciated.

Corporate Communion membership drive will be happening on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, with Corporate Communion taking place on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All are encouraged to attend. Our second Goods & Services event will be kicking off on April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. We will start collecting items on April 30<sup>th</sup>, with the recipient this time being Villa Rosa. We encourage everyone's generosity to this very worthwhile initiative.

In closing, may you and your families experience all the joys of the Risen Lord throughout this most holy Easter Season. And yes, I hope you also enjoy the Easter eggs and chocolate bunnies!

Gerald Brunger, Grand Knight



### Financial Secretary Message

An informal follow-up notice has been sent to members with outstanding 2018 membership dues via email. For a few members without email addresses that have outstanding dues please allow this to be an informal follow up. All outstanding membership fees are due now. Your new membership cards will be issued as soon as your payment has been received. I will be attending various masses and times during April for those who like the personal payment option. My mailing address is shown on the official notices previously issued, as an option for cheque payment. Please do not mail cash for your own protection. You can leave cash or cheque in the collection basket at OLPH in an envelope marked with your name and addressed to the Knights of Columbus.

New for this year: I can now accept your membership payment via Interac e-transfer. The e-mail address is: [harrylaarveld@hotmail.ca](mailto:harrylaarveld@hotmail.ca)

If you are familiar with this form of payment I would invite you to try it. Depending on your financial institution there may be a small transaction fee.

As always you are invited to attend our next general meeting Tuesday April 3, 2018 starting with Mass at 7pm.

- At the April 3<sup>rd</sup> general we will have some samples of new polo shirts for fittings etc.

As Council Activity Chair I ask for your continued participation in our events. These events however mundane they may seem serve to fund the many programs we continue to be involved in. The Financial Secretaries report presented at the next meeting will show the financial success of our Lenten Fish Fries.

There will be a sign-up sheet presented at the meeting for our last breakfast of the year. The date for that event is April 15<sup>th</sup> after both Masses. I will be emailing a request for volunteers following the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

On the weekend of April 7/8 we will have a bulletin insert aimed at recruiting new members. It will contain information of interest to all current Knights as well as potential new candidates. That Sunday at the 9am Mass the Knights are proudly serving many of the ministries with the visibility afforded by wearing our baldrics.

Lastly elsewhere in this newsletter under the heading "Council News" we continue with your help to list all distresses as well as happy occasions in your lives and the lives of your immediate family. Please send in your notices no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month in order to have them included in the most current newsletter. The contact information show below should be used for notification. Member birthdays, years of service and other council information will be automatically listed there each month.

If you have any questions regarding your membership, insurance, or volunteer opportunities, or if you like to report a distress situation in your family please feel free to call me at 204-941-9320, or by emailing [harrylaarveld@hotmail.ca](mailto:harrylaarveld@hotmail.ca).

May God continue to bless you and your Family.

Harry Laarveld, Financial Secretary



**“Council News”**

We just had (Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>) a very successful “Fish Fry” with about 127 parishioners in attendance.

It was Marvin and Stella Locoshavich that started the fish fry suppers about eight or ten years ago. They took this initiative to get more people to attend the “Stations of the Cross” during Lent. This has grown from a handful of parishioners to a large crowd. Thank you Marvin and Stella.

It is easy to forget the many of our elderly parishioners are no longer able to undertake the work they did in the past.

Thank you to the many Knights that volunteered at this event and the parishioners that so generously supported us.

The funds raised will be used to cover our commitment of \$200.00 to Vila Rosa and “special needs” \$400.00. The special needs money goes to purchase food coupons that the church gives to the needy

**We invite every member of our council to work with us as we help the less fortunate.**

***Years of Service for April 2018:***

Jack (JJ) La Berge - 40 years of faithful service

***Birthdays for April 2018:***

Edward Winterhalt	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Harold Partap	April 7 <sup>th</sup>
Harry Chornoboy	April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce Billson	April 19 <sup>Th</sup>
Larry Zarychnaski	April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Herman Ahrens	April 29 <sup>th</sup>

**Fourth Degree Knights**

The annual Captain Miles MacDonell annual Dinner and Draw is being held at the Saint John XXIII Church on April 25, 2018. Tickets are \$60.00 each and include a tax receipt for \$25.00.

Tickets for this important event are available at OLPH main office.

If you only want a draw ticket for a shot at the \$1000.00 grand prize then you can purchase a draw only ticket for \$30.00 and you get a \$25.00 tax receipt.

Note: All direct donations of \$10.00 or more are eligible for a tax receipt for the full amount.

Make cheques payable to;

Captain Miles MacDonell Charitable Fund Inc



100 Eaglemount Crescent, Winnipeg, MB. R3P1X3

**Put on the armor of knowledge.**

**The Internet – blessing or curse**

**“Bots”**

An **Internet Bot**, also known as **web robot**, **WWW robot** or simply **bot**, is a [software application](#) that runs automated tasks (scripts) over the [Internet](#).<sup>[1]</sup> Typically, bots perform tasks that are both simple and structurally repetitive, at a much higher rate than would be possible for a human alone. The largest use of bots is in [web spidering](#) (*web crawler*), in which an automated script fetches, analyzes and files information from web servers at many times the speed of a human. More than half of all web traffic is made up of bots.

Social networking bots are sets of algorithms that take on the duties of repetitive sets of instructions in order to establish a service or connection among social networking users. Various designs of networking bots vary from chat bots, algorithms designed to converse with a human user, to social bots, algorithms designed to mimic human behaviors to converse with behavioral patterns similar to that of a human user.

Reports of political interferences in recent elections have set the notion of botting being more prevalent because of the ethics that is challenged between the bot's design and the bot's designer. According to Emilio Ferrara, reporter of Communications of the ACM, the lack of resources available to implement fact-checking and information verification results in the large volumes of false reports and claims made on these bots in social media platforms. In the case of Twitter, most of these bots are programmed with searching filter capabilities that target key words and phrases that reflect in favor and against political agendas and retweet them. While the attention of bots is programmed to spread unverified information throughout the social media platform, it is a challenge that programmers face in the wake of a hostile political climate. (Wikipedia)

**algorithm**

a process or set of rules to be followed in calculations or other problem-solving operations, especially by a computer.

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**Next month we will discuss “Internet trolls”**

**You need to hire a new employee**

You have five applicants all equally qualified

One White

One Negro

One Native Canadian

One Arab family background

One Ethnic Chinese

How do you ethically select one of the five for this job?

Please email your ideas to [grassickw@gmail.com](mailto:grassickw@gmail.com).

**In the May newsletter we will detail some of your answers**



### **Personal Care 2027**

I was lying in bed feeling neglected and lonely. Suddenly I realized I was cold. Ah, but I have an robot assistant. Time to give this thing something to do.

I'm cold get me a blanket.

*I'm sorry sir, but there are no more blankets in this room.*

Well then go and get me a blanket from another room.

*I'm sorry sir, but I am not allowed to leave the room without permission.*

I give you permission to leave the room.

*I'm sorry sir, but only 24X and Ms. Holdstrong can authorize my leaving this room.*

But 24X is dead and Ms. Holdstrong is away. You have to make a decision.

*I'm sorry sir, but you are wrong. I note that 24X is connected to power and is fully functional.*

That's where you are wrong, 24X has suffered a functional failure and has requested your assistance. You need to unplug 24X and then push the red button three times.

*I will be back shortly.*

This is the most fun I've had in weeks.

I hear rapid footsteps and a whirring sound approaching. It's Ms. Holdstrong and the robot!

*Well William; it's time for your injection of "Relaxo"!*

I don't want and I don't need any medication.

Damn that robots strong!

Gee I'm not feeling cold anymore.

### **Please pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Richard Gagnon and Msgr. Comeault**

Pope Francis recently suggested we pray the following;

"Risen Lord, during this season of Easter, we pray for those who have responsibility in economic matters. May they have the courage to reject an economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths for the poor and marginalized."

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