



Knightly News

Council 2181

March 2024

Grand Knight Roland LeBlanc

The Knights of Columbus Council 2181 now serves the parishes of St Ambrose and Notre-Dame de L' Assomption.

Message from Grand Knight – Roland LeBlanc



As we enter the Lenten season, we are reminded that this is a season that calls us to intentional actions that bring about renewal in our faith. Maybe you've giving up some treats or are making more time for prayer, perhaps you've decided to give to a charity with your time or finance. This is just a friendly reminder that you have not lived Lent alone. All the Christian faithful are on this journey with you. As the Grand Knight of Council 2181 I pray and wish you a very blessed Lenten journey which will culminate into the most beautiful feast of the church "EASTER". I take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a "Happy Easter" May the risen Lord bless your families and loved ones.

The past months has been unfortunate for our council, we lost four of our members in a short span of time due to various illness. We keep the families of our departed brother Knights in our prayers and may God grant them the strength to bear their loss.

Stations of the Cross



The Knights once again stood up to the challenge and carried out the Stations of the Cross on March 22nd at 6:30 pm with the Brother Knights Blair Boudreau and Roy Alemao doing the readings and the Knights Choir lead by Gary Surette.

Operation Smile



Every three minutes, a child is born with a cleft lip, cleft palate or both. That's 175,200 children each year, world-wide. Left untreated, cleft conditions can be life-threatening and lead to years of hardship. In as few as 45 minutes, and for as little as \$240, you can deliver a smile to a child who desperately needs one. Operation Smile delivers free, safe corrective surgery and continuing care to children wherever they live in the world. Brother Daniel Saulnier of Wedgeport does a great job in collecting bottles for recycling. He exchanges them for cash which he donates to Operation smile Canada. If you would like to donate in cash or with bottles, please contact Brother Daniel at (902) 740-2098 or simply ask to have your bottles donated to Operation Smile at the Paper Chase Bottle Exchange

Pro- Life Tri-County Care Centre Support



Brother William Carroll spearheaded the Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaign last year, many thanks to the parishioners for making this event a huge success. Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser will start this year on Mother's Day weekend, Sunday May12th concluding on Father's Day. For more information, please see the parish bulletin as the date comes closer.

Special Olympics Event

Yarmouth Special Olympic Curling Team departed Yarmouth on February 25th to participate in the curling event at the Canadian Special Olympics Event in Calgary. Council supported them financially for this wonderful event by holding Community breakfasts from which the profits were given to the Yarmouth Local Special Olympic Organization.

Yarmouth Curling Team won the Bronze Medal at the games. We congratulate the team and coaches.

Yarmouth Food Bank Support



Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through various programs – Council 2181 does this through our monthly food collection.

Members of our council carry out a food drive on the first Sunday of every month. Before masses, you will see Bro. Phil Mooney, Bro. Marshall Sweeney and Bro. Larry Richard waiting to get your donations and non-perishable items. A total of \$6000.00 and 900 lbs. of food was handed over to the Food Bank for the period of January, February and March 2024. We thank all our parishioners for their kind generosity and support to this worthy cause.

Faith in Action – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity



Every year councils must report their donations and volunteer hours to the State and Supreme Councils. During the calendar year 2023, Knights of Yarmouth Council 2181 raised and donated \$68,638 to various charitable causes and contributed 13,145 hours of volunteer service. These numbers include many activities such as; various Church ministries, the K of C Choir, The monthly Food Bank collection, the Community Lunch Program, the Community Breakfast fund raisers for Special Olympics, the Baby Bottle Campaign for the Tri-County Pregnancy Centre, Coats for Kids, the Christmas Kettle Campaign, the golf tournament in support of the St. Ambrose Youth Summer Camp, and many others.

Welcome New members - Update from Membership Director

We are looking for men to join the order and have a satisfying experience of doing charity in our local



community and the church. Knights of Columbus are committed through various Faith in Action programs to support parish families in need. Ladies, I encourage you to talk to your husband, brothers and sons to be a member of the Knights. If you know of anyone that would be interested in joining, please ask them to meet one of our brother knights either before or after Mass at the church entrance or call Roy at 902-774-3043.

Knights of Columbus Choir

Knights Choir



We are seeking men of all ages to join our choir and you do not have to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. You will not be asked to join our order unless you chose to do so. Please contact any member of the choir or contact our choir director Gary Surette at 902-746-4446.

Our most recent member to join the choir was none other than our GK Roland LeBlanc – A warm welcome to him.

For the Good of the Order

Finally, for the “Good of the Order” if you hear of any brother knight or knights who are in distress, sick, in the hospital or need our prayers, please get in touch with Brother Bill Carroll at (902) 749-3207, we will make every effort to visit and pray for their recovery.