



In Service to One. In Service to All

Message May 2011 by Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger



Brother Knights.

It's almost one year ago after I was elected as your Grand Knight. During the last year I was privileged to represent our council in different venues, and I have to say, as more you get involved, as more you appreciate being a member of the Knight of Columbus.

Elections of officers for our Council 4949 coming up in May. I would like to encourage every member, if you're nominated for an Executive position, to be willing to let your name stand for election of officer. I also would like to encourage all members to make an effort to come out on election day, which will be on Tuesday May 10th, 2011, during our Business meeting at 7:00PM at Columbus Court. (see Election notice on page 6)

We are privileged having many committed Knights in our Council. We will start with this issue to feature our members with a special tribute.

A very strong supporter of the Knights of Columbus was late Pope Paul John II. The Beatification of Pope John Paul II is May 1st as the date to honor one of the most beloved popes of all times as a model of saintliness for the church.

Pope Benedict XVI has recognized a miracle attributed to Pope John Paul II, sainthood a mere six years after his death. One of the required steps was the October 2010 ruling by a panel of physicians that a French nun's recovery from Parkinson's disease after praying to John Paul -- who suffered from the same disease -- was "scientifically inexplicable."

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/JP2IntheNews.html>

We have at St. James Council 4949 many committed members. One of them is our Deputy Grand Knight,

Pat Hagel. Pat is celebrating on May 1st his 60th anniversary being a Knight of Columbus.

Thank you Sir Knight Pat Hagel for 60 years of service to the Knights of Columbus

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus 4949, I would like to thank you for being a committed Knight. I also would like to extend our Thanks to your wife Jean, who allowed you for being involved with our Council 4949.

It was a pleasure working with you, and we benefited from your previous experience as Grand Knight and District Deputy. I would like to congratulate you on your 60th Anniversary being a member of the Knights of Columbus.

During the last Business Meeting our Council recognized Brother Jose Simao by naming him the Knight of the Month. Congratulations Jose.

As mentioned before, we will start with this issue a new method to get to know our Members, by introducing our Brother Knights. Please feel free to forward your own or other members memories etc to GK@KOFc4949.org to be printed in our newsletter.

Just think about what our small council has accomplished over the years.

Let's show our Members, but also our Church community what the Knights of Columbus are. We don't want to show off, but I think it is important that our membership, including our church community and our community at large know what Council 4949 is all about.

As everyone should now, Knights of Columbus are a group of catholic men, helping, if help is needed, as

our Founder Father Michael McGiveny started this process over 100 years ago.

Yes, we are a diverse group of people, and we all have different qualities which we share with our council and our projects.

If Council 4949 would not exist, we definitely would not have the Schubert Centre, Gateby or Columbus Court. Just think about what a small Council like ours has accomplished, which is again a reflection of committed Knights.

May, is the month of Mary, the mother of Christ. We celebrate on Sunday, May 8th Mothers day, which is a special celebration for showing appreciation for our mothers.

On May 8th, our Council has a special Pancake Breakfast for our mothers. Please bring your mother or mothers you know including your friends to our Pancake Breakfast.

Regina and myself would like wish all mothers a wonderful mothers day filled with joy and happiness.

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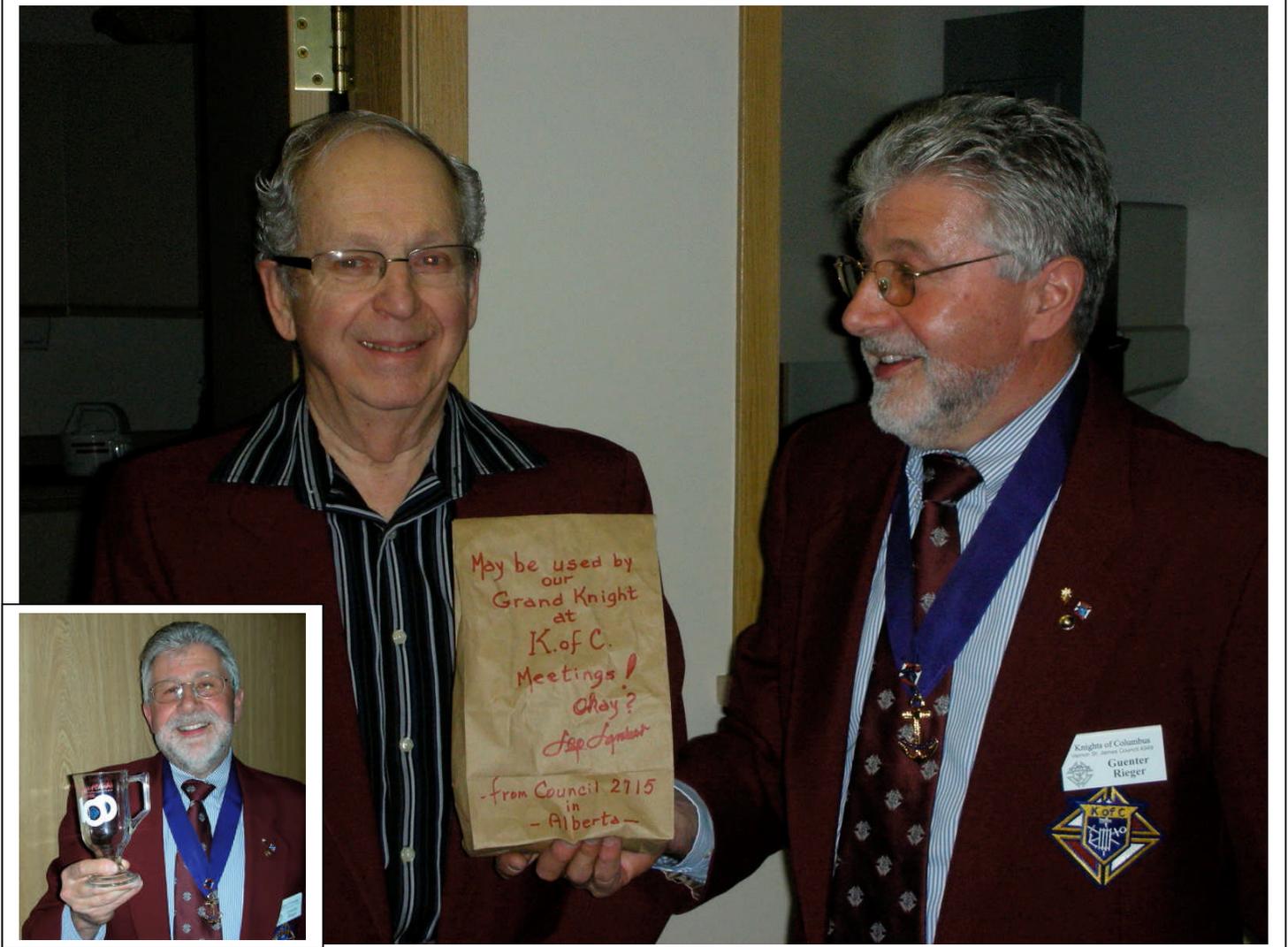
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Brother Leo Lambert makes an official presentation of a bag during the last Business Meeting. Surprise!

A gift from Council 2715 from St. Paul in Alberta. A coffee glass mug with engraving of the 100th Anniversary of Council 2715. Thanks Brother Leo, I will use it during our meetings. Just wondering?,- has it to be filled only with coffee?



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Knight of the Months Congratulation Brother Jose Simao

