



## ***St. Francis Assembly 3495 Newsletter***

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***St. Patricks Parish-Stayner***

***St. Noel Chabanel Parish -Wasaga Beach***

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***Wednesday 24 January 2018- NEXT MEETING- St Marys  
Parish Hall @ 7:30 PM –There will be sword drill starting  
at 7:00 PM Please attend with sword and the usual  
items for the practice.***

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## Faithful Navigator Report December 2017

Sir Knights, Lady Maureen and I wish all of you and your families a very Holy and Happy Christmas. Look forward to seeing you in the New Year 2018.

It was very disappointing having to cancel the Christmas Dinner/Dance for lack of support, I agree with SK Domenic Sanfilippo's email, with between both councils we have at least 170 Bro. Knights, and we only had 33 people reply. Where is the Fraternity? This was not a money making event, it was for us to enjoy and celebrate the Christmas Season together as one family.

Thank you to SK Michael Dynes S. for accepting the Faithful Comptrollers Position, it was greatly appreciated by me. For the foreseeable future SK. Michael will continue with Faithful Commander Responsibilities until further notice.

This will probably surprise you, it did me! At the 4<sup>th</sup>. Degree Exemplification 87 candidates took the Degree, at the District Meeting they only had 10 signed up. After all the protests about the New Uniform? Who new! Only one person was wearing the New Uniform among all who attended.

The 3<sup>rd</sup>. Degree Exemplification at St. Patrick's on Sunday had a very disappointing turnout, only 5 of the 18 that were supposed to attend showed up, John Quenelle from council #15162 was the only person other than the Degree Team and set up people attending the ceremony. It was sad for our own Sir Knight Harry Richardson who was the Honouree. Harry gave those in attendance some of the history of why and how the Knights of Columbus came to be, as I said in my introduction of Harry, he is a hard act to follow.

Vivat Jesus F.N. Don Mc Donald

## Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day December 12

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower and lived in a small village near Mexico City. One morning, December 9, 1531, he was on his way to Mass and while walking by a hill called Tepeyac, he heard beautiful music. A radiant cloud appeared and within it stood a young Native American maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language. The maiden identified herself as the Virgin Mary, "mother of the very true deity" and asked that a church be built at that site.

Based on her words, Juan Diego then sought out the archbishop of Mexico City, a Franciscan, Juan de Zumárraga, to tell him what had happened. As the bishop did not believe Diego, on the same day, Juan Diego saw the Virgin Mary for a second time she asked him to keep insisting.

Eventually the bishop told Juan Diego to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan Diego's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Diego to try to avoid the lady. The lady found Diego, nevertheless, assured him that his uncle would recover and she told him to gather flowers from the top of Tepeyac Hill, which was normally barren, especially in December. Juan followed her instructions and he found roses, not native to Mexico, blooming there. The Virgin arranged the flowers in Juan's cloak, and when Juan Diego opened his cloak before archbishop Zumárraga, flowers fell to the floor, and on the fabric was the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac. It was December 12, 1531.

The bishop kept Juan Diego's cloak, also known as a tilma, first in his private chapel and then in the church on public display where it attracted great attention. Juan Diego's tilma has become Mexico's most popular religious and cultural symbol, and has received widespread ecclesiastical and popular support.

Many claim miraculous and supernatural properties for the image such as that the [tilma](#) has maintained its structural integrity over nearly 500 years against soot, candle wax, incense, constant manual veneration by devotees and the historical fact that the image was displayed without any protective glass for the first 100 years without suffering degradation, and that it repaired itself with no external help after a 1791 accident in which nitric acid was spilled on the top right of the image, causing considerable damage but leaving the aureole of the Virgin intact. It also survived a bomb attempt to destroy the church in 1921. A brass standing Crucifix, bent in the explosion, is now preserved at the shrine museum.

The shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe is the most visited Catholic pilgrimage destination in the world. Over the Friday and Saturday of December 11 to 12, 2009, a record number of 6.1 million pilgrims visited the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico City to commemorate the anniversary of the apparition. The Virgin of Guadalupe is considered the Patroness of Mexico and the Continental Americas. She is also venerated by Native Americans.

The original tilma of [Saint Juan Diego](#), which hangs above the high altar of the Guadalupe Basilica. The suspended crown atop the image dates back to its [Canonical Coronation](#) on October 12, 1895. The image is protected by bulletproof glass and low-oxygen atmosphere.



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**From the Commanders Corner: December 2017**

Worthy Sir Knights at our HG practise last month a question on proceed to use was ask for Wakes please see below from our Master Joe, READ as we will work on this at next General meeting HG practise.

Please find below the current procedures for Honour Guards at Wakes, Funerals and at the Graveside.

We are currently working on a video covering various aspects of Honour Guards.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

God Bless.

Fraternally,

S. K. Joe

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**WAKES**

Without exception, honors by the Honor Guard shall be offered to deceased Sir Knights of the Fourth Degree currently in good standing on all counts at the time of death. A two-man Honor Guard team in intervals may be offered to the immediate family members of a Sir Knight in good standing and Third Degree members in good standing and to their immediate family members provided a request is made.

It must be distinctly understood that the wishes of the family of the deceased member are paramount and will be given the fullest consideration as to the selection of elements of the Honor Guard involved, if any.

The ceremony at the wake (Rosary, prayers, etc.) will be conducted in accordance with local customs.

The C.C.C. or M. will request the funeral director to set aside a room for the Honor Guard to assemble and will inform him of the hours it is to be used.

When assembled, the C.C.C. or M. will divide the Honor Guard into pairs for the watch.

The C.C.C. or M. will lead the first pair of Sir Knights, with swords at the "Carry Sword" position, to the casket. When they arrive before the casket, they will "Halt" and, together with the commander, assume the "Present Sword" position and then return to the "Carry Sword" position. The C.C.C. or M. will post one guard at each end of the casket, where they will "Face" toward each other. The guards left on watch will remain at the position of "Carry Sword."

The C.C.C. or M. will "About Face" and return to the assembly room.

The Honor Guards on watch should be relieved at 15-minute intervals (maximum). Care must be taken that no guard relief is made during ceremonies for the deceased. Guards to be on watch during any ceremony must be carefully selected for their physical ability to retain the "Carry Sword" position for a long period of time.

Immediately upon the completion of the ceremony for the deceased and at the designated 15-minute intervals, the C.C.C. or M. will lead the new watch (all at the "Carry Sword" position) to the casket. When the new watch arrives before the casket, they will "Halt" and "Move" to the flanks to allow sufficient space for the old watch to stand between them and the C.C.C. or M. The old watch will "Move" on line between the C.C.C. or M. and their relief. All will face the casket, assume the position of "Present Sword" and then return to "Carry Sword". The relief will "Post" at the positions of the old watch at opposite ends of the casket. The old watch and the C.C.C. or M. shall "About Face", and the C.C.C. or M. will lead them (still at the "Carry Sword" position) to the assembly area.

When the deceased Sir Knight is a member of the clergy, four Honor Guard members should be posted to watch. If this deceased member is lying in state in church, the guards should be stationed two on each side on a line with the ends of the casket and two paces from it or from the candles which may be placed along the length of the casket. The Honor Guard will remain until the family departs or until directed by the family to leave.

#### FUNERAL ESCORT

It is recommended that the Honor Guard assemble at the church not less than 45 to 60 minutes before the hearse is to arrive.

The Honor Guard should be formed into two files facing each other at extended intervals and distances. The formation should extend from the church door to the curb.

The Honor Guard will be ordered to "Attention" and to "Carry Sword" position by the C.C.C. or M. when the hearse door is opened. The Honor Guard will assume the "Present Sword" position when the casket is removed fully from the hearse. "Present Sword" is held until the casket and the immediate family members have entered the church.

The C.C.C. or M. will then command "Carry Sword" and "Return Sword." The Honor Guard will then follow the procession into the church. They will be seated, or positioned, at the rear of the church. The Honor Guard will remove the chapeau as set forth in the procedures for a regular Mass. It should be noted that there may not be any formal Honor Guard participation in the funeral Mass.

At the conclusion of the Prayers for the Dead by the priest, the Honor Guard will leave the church and proceed to their original position outside the entrance of the church. Formed into two files, the Guard will assume "Carry Sword" and "Present Sword" and again render a salute to the casket and the immediate family members.

After the casket has been placed into the hearse and the door closed, the C.C.C. or M. will command "Carry Sword" and "Return Sword." A march to a pre-staging area for the Honor Guard will be in order after the hearse door is closed. If there is a march to the graveside and following the hearse, the Guard is to fall by column by twos and march in a slow solemn march to the graveside.

#### GRAVESIDE HONORS

The Honor Guard should assemble at the hearse and march ahead of the casket with swords at the "Carry Sword" position to the gravesite. The Honor Guard will halt at a position designated by the funeral director and then will "Present Sword" as the casket is placed over the grave.

The Honor Guard will assume "Carry Sword" while the priest blesses the grave.

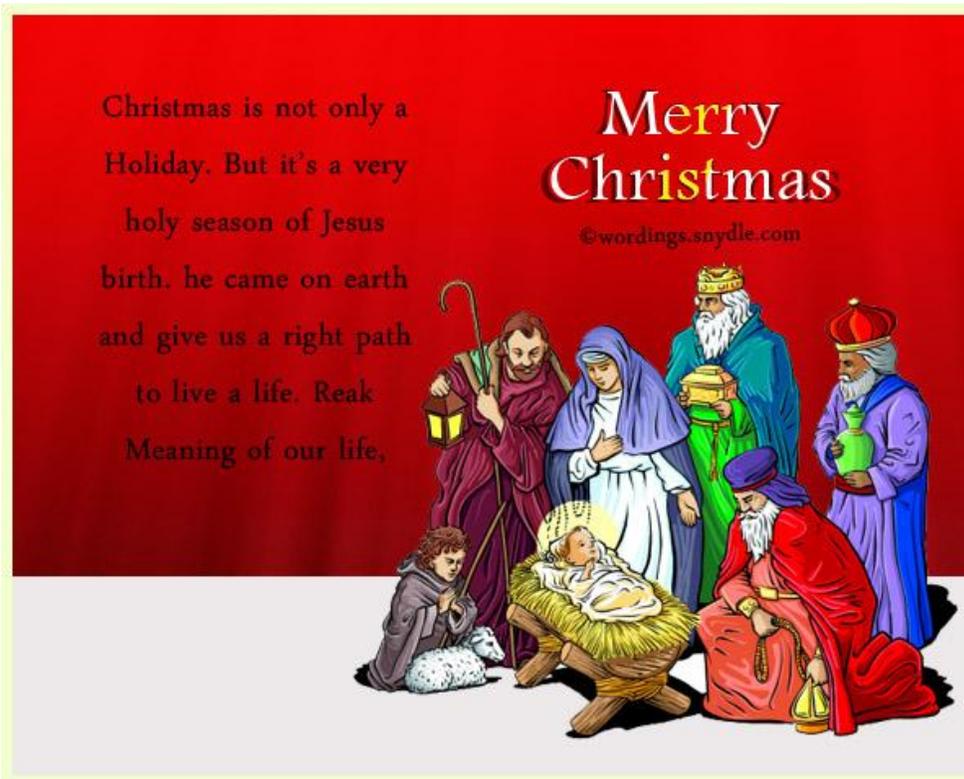
If this concludes the ceremony at the grave, the Honor Guard will "Present Sword" and then "Carry Sword" and make the required facing movement and march from the grave-site in a column of twos to the staging area for dismissal

Please join us at the HG practice prior to each meeting at 7 pm the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.

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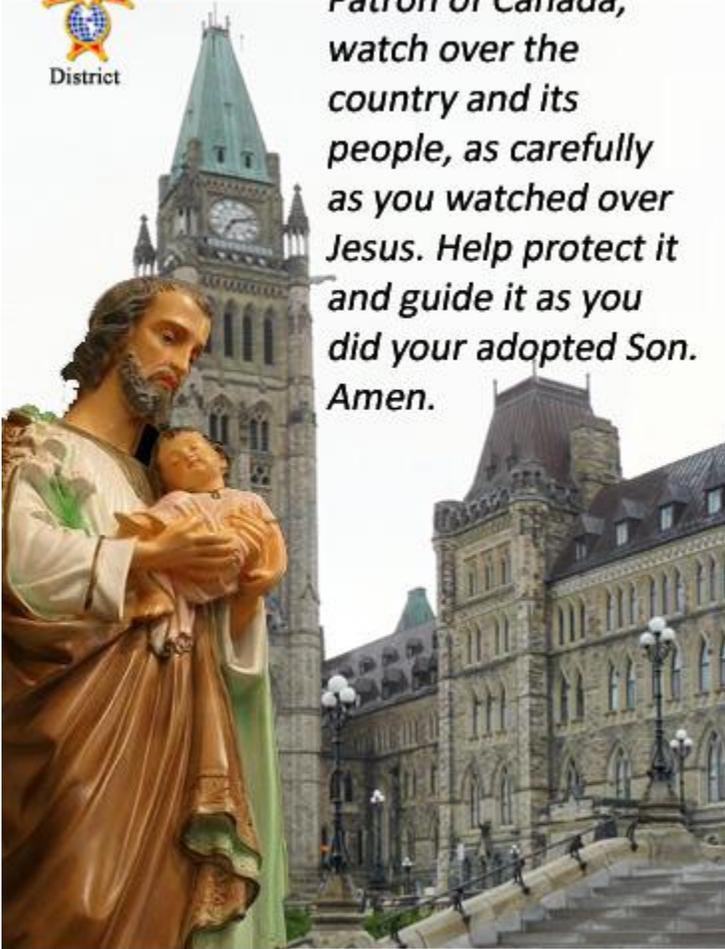


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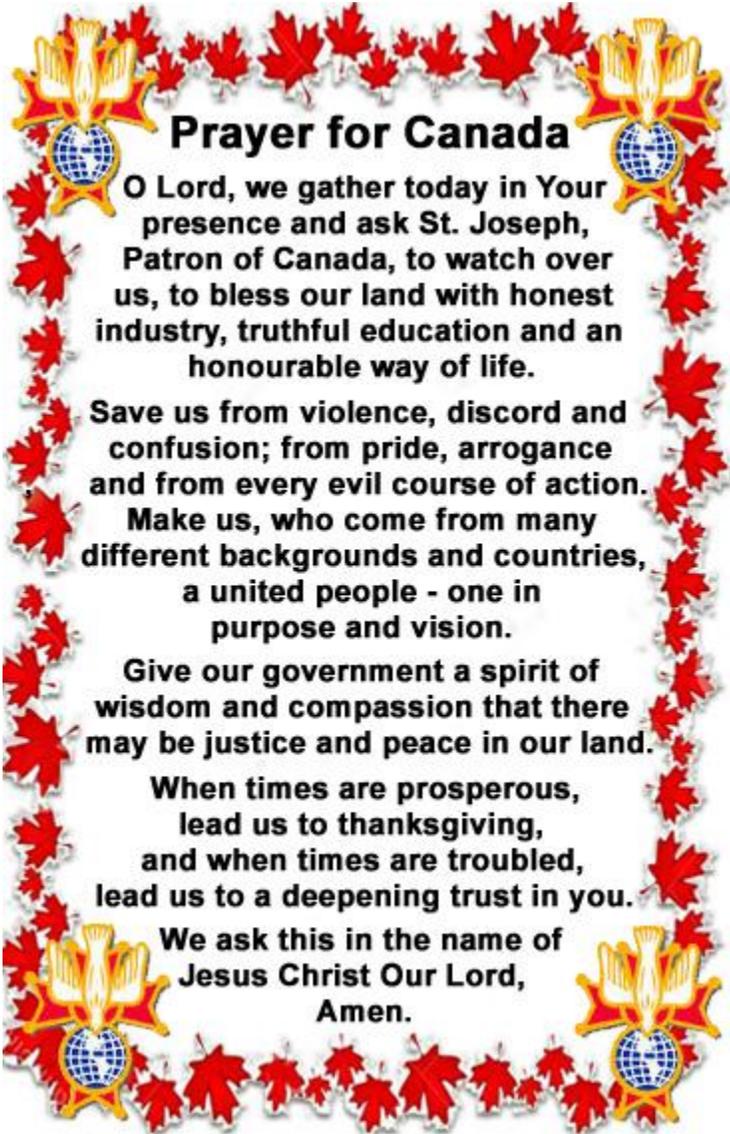
*St. Joseph,  
Patron of Canada,  
watch over the  
country and its  
people, as carefully  
as you watched over  
Jesus. Help protect it  
and guide it as you  
did your adopted Son.  
Amen.*



**ST. JOSEPH**  
**PATRON SAINT**  
**OF CANADA**



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## **Prayer for Canada**

**O Lord, we gather today in Your presence and ask St. Joseph, Patron of Canada, to watch over us, to bless our land with honest industry, truthful education and an honourable way of life.**

**Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride, arrogance and from every evil course of action.**

**Make us, who come from many different backgrounds and countries, a united people - one in purpose and vision.**

**Give our government a spirit of wisdom and compassion that there may be justice and peace in our land.**

**When times are prosperous, lead us to thanksgiving, and when times are troubled, lead us to a deepening trust in you.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord,  
Amen.**



**Under Good of the Order: Brothers Roy Adams, John McMillan, Paul McGinty, Bruno Jacka, Rick Ducharme, FDD Bob Griffin, Tom Phillips, May Featherstone, Gerry O'Brian, Rev Father Bill Scanlon, Harry and Rolly Richardson, Tony and Ann Mcgee, Brian McDonnell, Shelia Bondi, Sir Knight Jim Smith, Rev Father Chris Bennett, Don MacDonald and his wife Maureen, Brian McDonnell wife Maria, Peter Legris Sr, P.F.N. of Cardinal McGuigan Assembly # 0865, Angelo Rubino (family member from Cornwall Council)Deacon Chuck McCarthy, Mackenzie Dynes Family, Nancy Greco, Rika Huver, Patricia Cannon, Eva Sundqvist, John Dolan, Nick Monid, Robert McDonald, Leo Burger, Rose Battalia, The family of Claude St. Jean, and all of our Brothers and family members who may be ill or in need of our Prayers.**

*if you have a request for prayers for a Brother Knight or family member send it to [Frank.Bondi@sympatico.ca](mailto:Frank.Bondi@sympatico.ca)*



**Birthday Corner:**

Rene Lalande  
Demetrius Romanko

Domenic Sanfilippo  
Deacon Dave Whall



**Domenic & Antonietta Sanfilippo**

If anyone has any submissions feel free to send them in.

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***Looking for a Sir Knight to take over the newsletter. If anyone is interested let me know and we will get together and I will assist with the transition.***

***Thanks  
Brother Frank***