

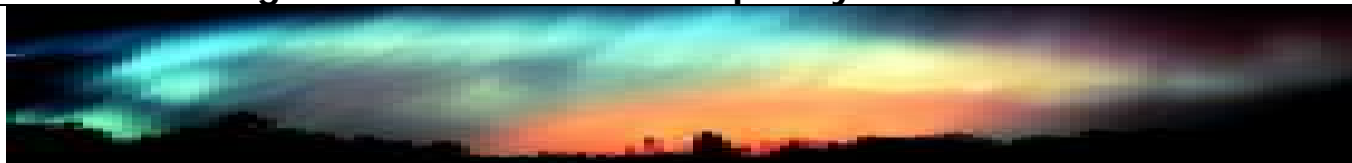


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Word from the Grand Knight



At this time of year we often hear the time worn cliché “it is better to give than to receive”. While this sentiment reminds us to generous with others, the advent season calls us to prepare to receive God’s gift to us, his son Jesus Christ. If we can accept this gift in our hearts, we can give true gifts of ourselves during the Christmas season and through out the year.

God Bless you and your Family this Christmas Season

Vivat Jesus!
GK Doug Hill

Please keep in your prayers :

- *Brother Jim Upton as he continues to convalesce from his surgery.*
- *Members of Brother Joe Hutchings family suffering from sickness*

Soon the newsletter will be electronic only! Please let us know an e-mail address where to send the newsletter. Send your information to christophe_durieu@hotmail.com
Thank you!



General Meeting : Dinner!

- **Blue Diamond Restaurant**
This is in lieu of the general meeting - no boring business to go through, no agenda - just a chance to have conversation , dinner and a few laughs with other Catholic gentlemen. Mark it on your calendar and RSVP to brother Mike Dailey.

Looking to get involved and make a difference?

There are plenty of opportunities : The **Community Christmas Day Dinner** is a great and rewarding way to prepare for and celebrate Christmas. Brother Dan, Mike and Tim are looking for a few people to help them better organize this and subsequent year’s dinner. You can volunteer for the planning (between now and Christmas) or for the “delivery” (on Christmas day) ... or both

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| Frank Aucoin | Easow Samuel |
| Kirk Behrlich | Kevin Thornton |
| Michael Bolilia | Brendan Toner |
| Don Cameron | Joel Tuico |
| Robert Carter | Trent Waughtal |
| Stephane Charron | |
| Bill Clark | |
| Claude Hubert | |
| Terence James | |
| Basil Leblanc | |
| Glen Manderscheid | |
| Gener Mayuga | |
| Germain Routhier | |

What happened in November

On Thursday, November 12th, a First Degree Initiation was held and we welcomed **Guy Langille** as a new members to our Order.

Please also welcome the following members of the Jim Upton PGK Class who received the honours of the Second and Third Degrees on November 14, 2009:

- Joseph Amalraj
- Daniel Bernardo
- Donald Cameron
- Andrew Cameron
- Real Chartrand
- Peter D’Souza
- John Dubetz
- Georges Elias
- Nelson Etaghene
- Luis Fossi
- Napoleon Gutierrez
- Francis Igbelina
- Joseph Lavoie
- Vincent Melifonwu
- Robert Pagacz
- Father Paulson
- Francis Khai Phan
- Joel Tuico
- Ricardo Umana

The **Parish Breakfast** was again a great success! Nov 8th at St. John’s Hall.



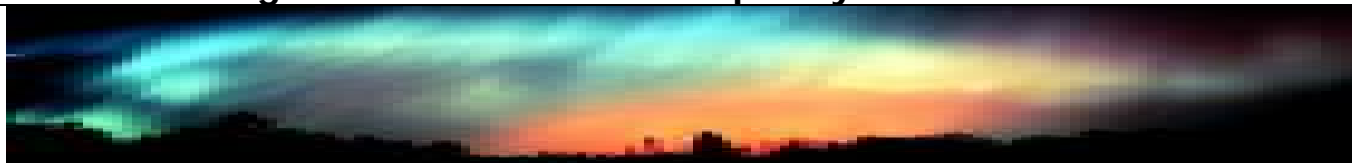


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Reflection :

Vatican City, Nov 29, 2009 / 11:26

am (CNA).- On Saturday night, Pope Benedict XVI officiated a celebration in St. Peter's Basilica of first vespers before the first Sunday of the Advent season. His message in the homily was one of 'silence and hope' during the season of Advent.

The Holy Father ushered the Church into the new liturgical year, telling those in attendance at yesterday evening's celebration of first vespers that "Advent invites us to pause in silence to understand a Presence."

In his homily, Pope Benedict, gave a short lesson on the meaning of 'advent' to those early Christians who adopted the word "to explain their relationship with Jesus Christ." He taught that the word adventus would have been understood by them in that time to mean "God is here, he hasn't retired to his world, he hasn't left us alone." He further explained that an additional definition of the word could be " a visit from God."

His Holiness implored that the faithful put aside the activities, amusements, and multiple societal interests that "possess us" and can "sweep us away" to take the time observe silence and seek to understand signs of God that are present in every day life. These signs, he said, illustrate the presence of His love.

The Pontiff explained that "Advent invites and stimulates us to contemplate the Lord present."

It's also a time of expectation and hope, the Pope said. "It is a favorable occasion for our salvation." But, he continued, one has "hoped too little if beyond the profession or social position

he has nothing left to hope in" "Hope signals the path for humanity, and for Christians," he continued, " this is encouraged by a certainty: the Lord is present in our lives."

Through this relationship, he said, when a person's "time is full of sense, and in each instant we perceive something specific and valid, then the joy of the expectation makes the present more precious."

Pope Benedict called the congregation to "live the present intensely" and to "project it towards the future" with the gifts given to each of them. "In this way," he related, "the Christian Advent becomes occasion for a reawakening of the true meaning of expectation in us, returning to the heart of our faith that the mystery of Christ, the much awaited Messiah... "

"And if Jesus is present there no longer exists any time without meaning and empty," said the Holy Father, "if He is present, we can continue to hope even when others can no longer assure us of support, even when the present becomes difficult."

"Advent is a time of the presence and the expectation in the eternal," he stated. "Exactly for this reason, it is... the time of joy, an internalized joy, that no suffering can negate. Joy because God is made child."



Coaching by brother Real.



Brothe Lloyd handing a donation of \$5,000 for Fr Beauregard' School FEST programme.

Thank you for your work !

Cathy Larson, Doug Hill, Dave & Iris Kirshner, Andrew Cameron, Claude Thibeault, Loen Durieu, Lloyd Goethals, Dereck Hackey, Stan Bartlett, Joan McNeil, Nelson Etaghene, Vincent Melifonwu, Tim Lazaruk, Mrs Keettikal, Jim McIlven, Dan Bourque, Rob Pagacz.

With your time working the casinos in November, you enabled the knights to do their work in the community. Thank you.

