



# SAINT-MALO



Newsletter – December 2021  
0860 Assemblée Cartier Assembly 0860  
Christmas - New Year's Edition

## Faithful Navigator's Message

### Greetings Sir Knights - December 2021

I would like to wish you and your Family a Holy and Merry Christmas, and a Happy and healthy New Year.



It is hard to believe five months have passed since we started our new fraternal year. Time moves quickly and as

of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the assembly will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Since we moved our Charter night celebration from January 15<sup>th</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup>, the thought is to have a Mass at the twelve councils which provide the majority of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree membership to the assembly. The Mass at each of these councils would be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> of January, subject to availability and support of the parish priest. A bulletin announcement would be placed one week prior to the celebration and/or the weekend of the Mass.

We have started getting busier with more masses and Honour Guards. Our hope is to start having hybrid meetings in December. Stay tuned for further details with Covid -19 restrictions in place. There is disappointment in delaying the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Exemplification from June 2022 to June 2023. An article on the history of the assembly will be included in the St. Malo for at least the next three editions. There certainly is much notable history to celebrate. In the Saint Malo's that follow, you will be amazed by the number and nature of major events in which the assembly has been involved over the years.

Cartier Assembly 860 was the first bilingual assembly in Ontario. A charter application was submitted in 1921, but the manner in which things unfolded, the application had to be re-submitted. The end result was our number was higher than Archbishop Cleary Assembly 857 in Kingston and Bishop McDonnell Assembly 858 in Alexandria.

In the event you did not take advantage of completing the assembly survey that was sent out in October of this year, it will be sent out once more for your convenience. Your input would be greatly appreciated and especially so with the influence of the Covid-19 pandemic. Who knows what the future may hold in store for us: internationally, nationally, and locally?

There are two key positions on the assembly list of officers where retirement is imminent by the incumbents - Faithful Scribe and Faithful Comptroller. Undoubtedly, phone

calls will be necessary to canvass those sir knights who may be deemed to have an interest and/or the skills to take on one of the positions. Any question you may have will be promptly answered. Please do contact SK

Vivat Jesus (Jesus lives)

Finley Kavanagh  
FN Cartier Assembly 860

Mike Proctor, Faithful Scribe, SK Henry Kinsella, Faithful Comptroller, or myself. Your consideration of stepping up to one of these roles is greatly appreciated.

### From the Desk of the Faithful Friar

#### **Christmas Message for my brother Knights of Columbus - December 2021**

*"The people who walked in darkness, have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them a light has shone." Is. 9:2*



Next to Easter, Christmas is the second most important feast day on the Christian calendar. Nine months ago (on the feast of the Annunciation), our

Blessed Mother Mary said 'yes' to the Archangel Gabriel's message from God, and conceived Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Today, our Savior is born in a humble manger, surrounded by poor shepherds and farm animals. Isn't it amazing that the Savior of the world, and conqueror of sin and death, would come to us as a small and innocent child, and first appear to poor people!

During these first moments of our Lord's birth amongst us, the Savior of the Universe wants to show us that he loves us, whether we are rich or poor, and that he wants us to feel disarmed around him. How can we be threatened by a small child, after all?

This year, there has been much darkness in our world. Beginning in early March of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic came to our shores, and we've experienced fear and anxiety as more people test positive with the illness, and we see the economic, emotional, and spiritual fallout of the disease. In addition to the pandemic, we continue to face a rise in natural disasters, and the abandonment of Christian morals and values.

Yet, in the midst of this darkness, the Savior comes to overcome the darkness, and shine upon us. The victory over the powers of darkness has been won through the merits of Our Lord's death and Resurrection from the dead. Yet it's up to each of us to claim this victory for ourselves, by living as children of the light, for the sake of ourselves, our children, and for the common good of society. Therefore, let us pause a moment at the crèche of the infant Savior and make this our pledge to *"let us cast off deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light!"* (Rm. 13:12)

God bless you and have a blessed and holy Christmas and Blessed 2022!

**Fr. Pierre Champoux**  
**Faithful Friar, Cartier Assembly**

## Master's Christmas Message

So, it is almost Christmas time and what have you done during this pandemic year? Another year is almost over, and a new year is just about to begin. It feels like we have all been living in that movie "Groundhog Day." The pandemic has consumed much of our lives in the past two years and changed the way we interact with one another.



However, during this time, there is much to be thankful for. We live in a country in which the vaccine is available for everyone. Our vaccination rates are one of the highest in the world and hopefully, within the next year, we can put all this behind us. But I believe we must be patient and not rush getting back to the new "normal". There is indeed light at the end of the tunnel, so please be patient.

I hope that, safely and respecting COVID guidance, you can be with family and friends over this Christmas, as it is a truly wonderful time of the year.

And let us never forget the true meaning of Christmas:

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Be safe, God bless and Merry Christmas to all!

John Schembri  
Master Ontario District One

## Saint Malo - Editor's Message - December 2021



When one knows what it is he wants to say, it can be difficult to begin, knowing the trials and tribulations many of our brothers and sisters are facing in today's world. Everything seems to be at a challenging and

elevated level these days.

Alas, let us not forget those who are suffering greatly. The natural disaster in the Province of British Columbia is devastating and far-reaching in the upheaval, displacement, and drastic change in the lives of so many. As I write this and with the

forecast of yet more significant rainfall, the likelihood of matters getting worse and affecting even more communities looms large.

What can we do? Prayer remains to be the most immediate and powerful way to respond. Prayers not just for the victims, the dead, those that have lost their livelihood, but for all the support services from the Federal and Provincial level, the professionals who are so dutifully and diligently providing their services, and especially for the support from various components of the local community. God Bless them all and may their work be the difference in helping those in need get through such a difficult time - even though it is recognized nothing will ever again be the same.

As is the assembly tradition, seventy-five booklets titled "Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas - Waiting In Joyful Hope 2021-2022," were purchased. Distribution began with forty booklets being distributed at the Memorial Mass on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November. This constitutes an increase of twenty-five booklets over last year. As best as can be done, the remaining thirty-five, by the time you read this, will have been passed out.

'Waiting in Joyful Hope' truly catches my attention, especially so during the time of Advent and Christmas. There is much to be thankful for and particularly so, for those who have the blessing of the presence of grandchildren in their life. Always, as we should, let us not just pray, but give sincere thanksgiving to our Lord and Saviour for the blessings we have received in our own lives.

SK Henry Kinsella, Editor  
Saint Malo

In this edition of the Saint Malo, the assembly begins celebration of our 100th anniversary by presenting a brief history on the development of our assembly/council chambers. In the next three Saint Malo's to come, notable sir knights of the assembly, significant assembly projects and a potpourri of facts will be presented. The assembly continues to make history. How will our efforts today be viewed by those sir knights who celebrate at future landmarks of time? We are not working just for are own good, but for the good of those who are to follow.

To all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for your contributions to the Order - 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree - and God Bless!

## Faithful Captain's Report December 2021

Greetings to all our members, past, present, and future.



Hoping we are finding you well, all Brothers and Sir Knights. As you know it has been a hard year: a year of isolation, no meetings in

person or gatherings of any kind.

Because of this we are losing touch with many of our members. We need to reach out to one to another. Contact SK Henry Kinsella,



*Holy Redeemer Parish-  
19Sep 21*

Faithful Comptroller, for a contact list, if needed.

We are looking forward to our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration next June, yes, five months late but under the circumstances, it was the right call by our Faithful Navigator and the executive of Cartier Assembly.

There have been a limited number of honour



guards during the fall for masses honoring and

*St. John the Apostle Parish 07 Nov 21*

remembering members who have passed on in several churches within our district. This includes the assembly Memorial Mass, which was held on Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of November.

Regarding regalia, for information go to: <http://jcmathews.com/mcguigan/aboutus.htm>.

This is the website for McGuigan Province, Cartier Assembly 860 being a part of 1<sup>st</sup> Ontario District. On the right-hand side of the home page and under the caption of "News

In Solidarity with you all,

S/K Wayne Watts

Captain and Commander of Cartier Assembly 860

### Articles of Interest

#### **Update Jobin Family "Reunite us under one Roof Campaign"**

By Grand Knight of St. Patrick's Basilica Council #12158 in Ottawa, Donald McDonald from [KofC Ontario State Bulletin Fall 2021](#)

Since State Deputy Marcel Lemmen's email of August 16, 2021, this fundraising campaign to help a Brother Knight bring his wife and their special needs child home, has made good progress. The goal is to build an addition to the family farmhouse of Brother Marc and his wife Carole, which is needed to provide the controlled environment for the care of their youngest child and space for her nurses.

Honoris Chairman Michael O'Neill and Grand Knight Council #12158 Donald Macdonald hope to visit with the family later this Fall and with the parish priest pray for Marie Ange in the presence of a relic of Blessed Father Michael McGivney.

As of early September, we have reached 15% of our goal of \$150,000, which allows us to start the foundation for the house addition, hopefully to enclose the addition before winter. Professionals from our Council 12158 are finalizing the building permit plans. The

and Information", you will find: New Uniform; FAQ and Order Uniform. If you go to Order Uniform, be sure to click on the Canadian Flag. If you have any questions, including the cost of purchasing a new uniform, contact the Faithful Navigator, Comptroller or myself.

I wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and Happy New Year. Remember the slogan: "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Mennonite Disaster Service will manage the construction. [Update as of November 23, 2021: Funds raised \$35,000 (23% of the goal); the foundation has been poured, the septic system placed, and the framing is underway.]

For more information, please visit: <https://www.kofcstpatsbasilica.org/reunite-us-under-one-roofwith-just-3-clicks/>



## Memorial Mass - 2021

This year the Memorial Mass was held in-person on November 18<sup>th</sup> and was attended by members of Cartier Assembly, St. Patrick's Basilica Council, and parishioners of St. Patrick



Basilica Parish.

It was the first time since November 2019 that we held our full service, albeit, without the social after the Mass. Cartier Assembly was honoured to have Fr. Pierre Champoux, Faithful Friar and Fr. Larry McCormick (Faithful Friar prior to Fr. Lindsay Harrison),



co-celebrate the mass along with S/K Deacon Jim Scheer, and Msgr. Kevin Beach, the pastor on the Altar.

Also present on the altar were sir knights Michael O'Neill and Charles Gauthier (host and reader). A total of

seventy-seven names were read, higher than normal because of names included since the last Memorial Mass.

SK Finley Kavanagh,  
Faithful Navigator



The music was performed by S/K Henry Kinsella (trumpet), S/K Donald Macdonald (bag-pipe), and with Francesca Bailey leading the choir. S/K Brendan Hennigan managed the Live Streaming and

recording of the Mass. Covid 19 protocols and tracking and program distribution was managed by S/K Daniel Boyer and his wife Michelle.

S/K Ron Hutt, District Deputy for District One was also in attendance. For those unable to be present or view



it live online, a recorded version may be viewed on-line at:

a.) Public setting is:

[https://youtube/7o\\_a9Tke03Y](https://youtube/7o_a9Tke03Y);

b.) Go to the Saint Patrick Basilica homepage <https://basilica.ca/>, and click on the YouTube channel link.

I wish to thank all who actively participated in the presentation of the Memorial Mass, those who were able to view it on-line. Much appreciated were the efforts of SK Michael Ferrigan, Chair of the event who was assisted by his wife, Carol.

## Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney Honoris - December 2021

The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild has provided to the Blessed Michael J. McGivney Honoris a 1<sup>st</sup> class relic from the person of Fr. McGivney - a shock of hair. This relic will shortly be installed at the Honoris in the Scavi at St. Patrick's



Basilica Ottawa.

A 1<sup>st</sup> class relic is something, as above, that comes directly from the individual. A 2<sup>nd</sup> class relic is from something that belongs to Fr. McGivney. A piece of his cassock was previously installed in the kneeler at the Honoris. A 3<sup>rd</sup> class relic is, for example, a piece of cloth touched to Fr. McGivney's body or tomb. Authenticity of a relic must be genuine and Supreme will qualify it as such after much scrutiny.

For further information visit the:  
Guild - <https://www.fathermcgivney.org> or

SK Michael O'Neill  
Chairman of The Honoris  
KofC Ontario State Chairman for The Guild

## Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney - Canonization: 1st Anniversary

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, it was the first anniversary of the Canonization of Order's Blessed Founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. In thanksgiving, Cartier Assembly arranged for a Special Intention Mass, at the

SK Michael O'Neill, PFN  
Chair of the Fr. McGivney Honoris

Honoris -  
<http://www.michaeljmcgivneyhonoris.ca>

## Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow Your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of Your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen

12:15 pm mass at St. Patrick's Basilica. We were able to have a small Honour Guard of five, and had a picture of The Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney with a candle on the Sanctuary during the Mass.



## St. Patrick`s Basilica - Home of Cartier Assembly 860

**Chartered 14 January 1922**

*Prepared By: SK Michael O'Neill (Charter Grand Knight of St. Patrick's Basilica Council 12158 - March 1998) and SK Joe Prince (Current treasurer of the council and faithful pursuer of Cartier Assembly 860) - Feb 25, 2016 (Updated: 20 November 2021)*

In the summer of 1992, the chambers for Cartier Assembly were housed in the basement of St Patrick`s Parish Hall on Gloucester Street - now the parking lot. The building at the time was being utilized by the Tara Players, as well as other groups such as The Legion of Mary. It was also used for many third-degree exemplifications of the Knights of Columbus and the annual St Patrick`s Day reception after the Mass.

In early 1997, the heating system was failing, and the building required additional maintenance to keep it up to code. The cost of a new heating system and the many upgrades required was too costly for the Parish to absorb at that time. In 2000, Monsignor Martineau and the Parish decided to demolish their Parish Hall and arrangements were made. SK Bill Zlepnig, a member of the Temporal Affairs Committee was appointed lead person to arrange a contract for the demolition. Once the demolition was completed, and debris removed, stone dust was applied over the area and a temporary (now permanent) parking area for twenty to thirty cars was established.

Prior to the demolition in early 1993, Monsignor Corkery approached Cartier Assembly with a proposal to move their location to the basement of the Church. The area was originally used as a change room for the altar boys and was adjacent to the Parish Library and meeting room.

It important to note that a 25-year lease for the assembly chambers was put into place under the signature of Monsignor Corkery. That lease was renewed in 2018 and dealt with the usage of the space by the parish

administration, Cartier Assembly 860, and St. Patrick`s Basilica Council 12158.

In 1995 and early 1996 Cartier Assembly began construction of their new quarters by removing existing stud walls around the perimeter, the old ceiling and removing the earth from the existing room that housed the organ pump. The area was approximate 150 square feet. Once the earth was removed, it left only bear stone walls.

The Knight's rebuilt our new chambers by pouring a new concrete floor, installing new metal studs and drywall to cover the stone foundation and applied drywall to the ceiling. New electrical wall plugs were installed along the perimeter of the walls and new ceiling lights were put in place. At the end of the room, a stud wall was erected to separate the organ pump area from our chambers. As well, new windows were installed. The room was painted, and Cartier moved into their new accommodation, by the end of 1996.

During the early years Monsignor Corkery made good use of the space by carrying out a number of parish meetings, as well as clergy meetings with His Grace Archbishop Marcel André Joseph Gervais of the Archdiocese of Ottawa. After seeing what the Knights had accomplished in their area, the Parish wondered if it was possible to develop the remainder of the Scavi and the crawl space area. It was then, that Monsignor Corkery asked the Knights if they were willing to demolish the remainder of walls and floor, which would allow for new renovations to occur. This would be a major undertaking for the Knights to accept, but the desire, resolve

and support of 4<sup>th</sup> degree members of the assembly was strong and unwavering.

After months of demolition and removal of debris, through a window where the present Gloucester doors are, the area was ready for major renovations. This part of the project saved the Basilica about \$50,000.00 in labor cost.

In 1997, the Parish Committee decided to go forward with basement restoration. Phase 2 saw the Basilica engage the services of an Architect to design and oversee the construction of the project. SK Richard Leslie a member of St. Patrick's Church, as well as a member of St. Patrick's Council and Cartier Assembly, was hired. The new design included new structural steel being used to reinforce the existing floor joists and the existing bell tower structure. A new Mechanical system was designed to handle heating and air conditioning, and a new Electrical system installed to handle new lighting and power requirements. The design added two new entrances to the basement area on Gloucester and Nepean streets. These entrances provide a ramp entrance which also made it handicap accessible. Handicap washrooms were added as

well. The exterior of the foundation wall had a water-proof membrane installed to help prevent water penetrating through the walls. They also included three new stairways from the main Church to the basement level. Two were at the front entrances to the Church and one was in the Baptistry. As part of the renovations the organ pump was relocated to the organ loft and Cartier gained addition space for a storage room as well as increasing the size of the kitchen area.

Today, the basement is used as the home of the St. Patrick's Gift Store, two meeting rooms, the chambers for the assembly and council, the Grotto, a kitchen area and most recently of all, the Father McGivney Honoris (2012). It is also home to Father French's Library.

The parish administration, assembly and council remain indebted to those brother knights who went before us (a good number are still with us) and helped to bring into existence the accommodations all enjoy today. In the present day, significant renovations to the assembly/council chambers are nearing completion.

*[Editor's Note: As best as can be determined, the dates offered on the history of the Assembly are correct. If there is a need to correct a date, please contact the editor of the St. Malo.]*

### Reflection on Columbia Magazine (November 2021 edition)

I will be the first to admit, I do not often read the Columbia monthly publication as much as perhaps I should. An article in the November edition entitled "The Path of Discipleship, an interview with author Sherry Weddell," really grabbed my attention. During the interview, Columbia asked the author to **'further explain the term "intentional", especially in relation to Christian discipleship'**. A follow-up question was regarding the **'advice (the author) would have for the Knight of Columbus who want to**

**lead and evangelize as "intentional" disciples.'** The final question to the author relates to what gives one hope and the answer is a must read.

Did you know that you could read the Columbia magazine on-line? If you go to [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and use the search tool on the home page, full access is gained to the Columbia Magazine Archive, Supreme Knight, and Supreme Chaplain messages. Another tool for the recruitment 'toolbox'?

Vivat Jesus

SK Henry Kinsella

## The First Christmas

**Luke 2.1-16:** In those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.



While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch



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over their flock by night.

Then an Angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the Angel said to them, "Do not be afraid: for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.

## And the Word Became Flesh

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory. His glory as of a father's only son full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

**John 1:14, 16**

## Good of the Order:

Let us keep in our hearts and in our prayers this holiday season our brother Sir Knights, their wives, and family members that have personal and health issues and those living alone.

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