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In Gratitude

Rita and I would like to extend our most humble appreciation to all of you who travelled long distances to attend my Testimonial Dinner last Saturday evening March 16, 2019 to a sold-out crowd at Holy Spirit Hall in Barrie, Ont.

We are grateful for special guests, Brother Mark & Jan McMullen, Senior VP, Fraternal Mission, Supreme, and Brother Paul & Charlene Perry, Regional Growth Director, who travelled great distances to be with us.

The Mass celebrated by Bishop Damphousse and concelebrated by Rev Tadeusz Walczyk, the Pastor of Holy Spirit Church, along with my brother, Rev Vince Heffernan started the evening in thanksgiving to Our Father. Our thanks to each of them.

The event was spearheaded and planned months ago by <u>Brother BJ and Patti Harrison</u> of Essex who Chaired the Committee with the assistance of so many of you who volunteered to organize the event; Program- <u>Alex Schadenberg</u>, online ticket sales and general assistance <u>Denis LaSalle</u> and <u>Marcel Lemmen</u>, Video and photos, <u>Wayne Fink</u>, and so many others who set-up the hall, decorated, prepared and cooked the delicious dinner buffet that was enjoyed by all of us.

I cannot mention all the individuals whose efforts were so generous in time and talent, but I must make special mention of <u>Joe & Tricia Bodnar, Tim & Denise Runstedler, Kevin Smith, and Herb Dixon</u> who spent many hours in the Kitchen.

Thank you to Rev Tom Lynch, Priests for Life, Canada, whose kind words were heartwarming, as well as to all the other speakers whose words were touching to both Rita and I.

Through your generosity, funds were raised for the Catholic Civil Rights League.

Our indebtedness to <u>Holy Spirit Council 13390</u> Grand Knight Yves Laferriere, Hall Manager, Randal Pineault together with other Council members, District Deputy <u>Thom Hargreaves</u>, and TMW <u>Danny Spano</u> who provided the venue and contributed a great deal to the evening.

Thank you to my Brothers on the State Board whose support and assistance over my term of Office has been greatly appreciated.

With only 3 months to go, let's bring more men into our Brotherhood to participate in events such as this!

Thank you again - I look forward to seeing each of you at our 2019 Convention in Niagara Falls!