

4TH NEWS

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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT



Worthy Knights of the Fourth Degree Bishop Paul F. Reding Assembly:

November 1st is the Feast of All Saints and 2nd November is 'All Soul's Day'. We pray to the Saints to intercede for us, to help the world recover quickly from this pandemic. We also pray for all the souls departed in the past and during this year, that God grant them eternal rest.

8th Ontario District Virtual Exemplification. The 8th Ontario District Exemplification was held on October 17, 2020 as planned. I attended and enjoyed this very engaging Exemplification. The Canadian Patriotic focus was very informative. It highlighted the Catholic church involvement in the formation of Canada. The sacrifices made by the Catholic missionaries, who were martyred for the faith, and the brave role of Catholic Men including KOC members who served during the various wars.

Our Faithful Friar Fr. Louis Lenssen, SK David Fisher, Registrar, SK Martin Kosterman, Defender of the Faith, and SK Steve Germann, Expositor of the Constitution, were involved in organizing the exemplification. I appreciate the hard work and dedication you all put in to make this an excellent exemplification.

We have a new SK Michael Mark, who has joined our Assembly and was exemplified at the event. He is also the Grand Knight at Msgr. James Corbett Warren Memorial Council #5073, in Burlington. I welcome him to our Assembly and hope all of you have the opportunity to get to know him over time.

Remembrance Day Parades. Over the years our Color Guard have been actively involved in the parades at the Bronte Cenotaph and the Trafalgar Cenotaph. As of now we have been notified that the Bronte parade has been canceled due to the pandemic.

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MEETING NOTICE!



NEXT MEETING:

**NOVEMBER 18, 2020
(TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY)**



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4th Degree Memorial Service. Every year we have a Memorial service to honor the 4th Degree members. I will be contacting CMIC to arrange preparation of the certificates for our two sir Knights who died this year. At the meeting we decided to determine the amount to be contributed to CMIC based on the actual annual dues collected. In view of the current pandemic situation we are exploring the possibility of having a Virtual memorial service this year.

Initiation Process: Adorning of Jewels. An outstanding item of the Initiation process of the current executive members was to have the Jewels blessed and adorned. On the 2nd of October our Faithful Friar Fr. Louis Lenssen had a service at St. James church. At the end of the service he prayed and blessed the Jewels. Then each member self adorned the Jewels for their respective role. This helped us comply with social distancing and complete this process.

Vivat Jesus, Sir Knight Renfred D'Souza Faithful Navigator Bishop Reding Assembly 1981 (2020-21)



FAITHFUL PILOT'S REPORT

PGK, PFN, S. K. Jacob Floris

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS:

- Brother Rocco Lavalle, father in law of **S.K. PGK Giuseppe Peritore**
- **S.K. Reverend Father Louis Lenssen**, our Faithful Friar
- Mary Laratta, sister in law of **S.K. PFN PGK Jacob Floris**
- Maria Bonfield, wife of **S.K. Peter Bonfield**
- **S.K. Wayne Kendall**
- Laura Kupferschmidt, wife of **S.K. PGK, PFN Gerry Kupferschmidt**
- Georgina Burke, aunt of **S.K. Kevin Badour**
- **S.K. Joe DiPaolo**
- **S.K. PGK, PFN Jacob Floris**
- Loretta Floris, wife of **S.K. PGK, PFN Jacob Floris**
- **S.K. PGK Andy Livingstone**
- **S.K. PGK, PFN Bob McCarney**
- **S.K. John Skanes**
- Mary Hayward, daughter of **S.K. PGK PFN Ron Sullivan**
- **S.K. John Garofano**
- **S. K. Vern Nelligan**, former District Master

Deceased:

- **S.K. Ed Samsone**

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Note to Above Listing: We the Knights of Columbus support the privacy of Member, Family and Friends when compiling the PRAYER list. If you wish us to place a name on the list, please ask the person who we are praying for if they want to be put on the list and whether they wish their ailments to be disclosed. Indicate when and if they wish to be removed from the list!



FAITHFUL ADMIRAL'S REPORT

PGK PFN S.K. Ron Sullivan

November is the month of Remembrance, a time when we remember those close to us who have been called home. In the Patriotic Degree we also remember our fellow Sir Knights who departed from this life over the past year, and remember those who served our country as members of the Canadian Military Services. We participate in Remembrance Day Parades, proudly wear poppies, and speak at our local Catholic Schools on the meaning Remembrance Day. The Knights of Columbus, particularly the 4th Degree, has history of service to members of the military.

During **World War II**, the United Service Organizations – in which the Knights of Columbus represented the Catholic Church – largely provided for the entertainment of U.S. troops. In addition to working with the U.S.O., Knights in the Philippines ran a program similar to the World War I hut program for American servicemen before the fall of Manila and again after its liberation. Canadian Knights operated KC Huts once again for Commonwealth soldiers as they did during the 1st World War.

Fourth Degree Knights raised more than \$500,000 for the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. And since 2003, more than 400,000 Catholic prayer books, titled *Armed with the Faith* and printed on rugged paper to withstand the rigors of combat, have been produced for members of the armed forces. The concept for this prayer book originated with an individual Knight and Air Force veteran and was developed in conjunction with the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. All costs for this program, including printing and distribution, have been borne by the Knights of Columbus. In 2009, a Canadian edition of the military prayer book titled *Armour of Faith/Armure de Foi* was released. This booklet includes prayers in both English and French. In August 2017 the Canadian Association of the Knights of Columbus agreed to assist with the Bishop's request by passing a motion to support a fund-raising campaign that would be conducted by the Fourth Degree in each jurisdiction. The Knights of Columbus will endeavour to establish, on a best-efforts basis, a scholarship fund of \$100,000. The scholarship would help to promote vocations and to help fund the cost of education for Military Chaplains. The funds would be raised over a two or three-year campaign which would be conducted by the Patriotic Degree and managed by the Vice Supreme Masters in their respective areas. Program funding would be on a strictly donation basis, there would be no imposed levies. Bishop Paul Reding Assembly has not participated in this program and it is something we should consider. There is a need for Military Chaplains and if our Assembly could help it would be most welcome. As Admiral I will endeavour to find out more about the program and bring it up at a future meeting.

This year due to the pandemic Remembrance Day Parades have been cancelled and we will not have the opportunity to speak in our schools this year. But we can wear a Poppy and remember all those who have served our country.



FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

PGK FDD S.K. Martin Kosterman

"LET THE ONE AMONG YOU WHO IS WITHOUT SIN BE THE FIRST TO THROW A STONE AT HER"
JOHN 8:7

In the last scene of the movie "Angels and Demons", Dr. Langdon receives the original copy of "Diagramma Veritatis" from the camerlengo to complete his research. The camerlengo asks that if his research refers to the Church that Dr. Langdon be kind in his remarks. He says: "do so gently, remember Religion is flawed because Man is flawed".

"Our children should know that we honor the memory of Thomas Jefferson not because he owned slaves, but because of what he wrote and what he did one day would make it possible to abolish slavery."
Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight, Supreme Convention Annual Report, August 4 2020.

Thomas Jefferson freed only his illegitimate slave-children that he fathered with a mixed-race half-sibling; he did not free all his slaves. Although purported to be a man with fair values in the context of better treatment of slaves, shouldn't the *true* details of his presidency and legacy be presented alongside them?

We are meant to learn from history, not glorify all that was wrong with it. Truth needs to be addressed with honesty and clarity for attitudes to improve and respectful equality to be established and continue to grow. I fear that the U.S. is embracing a mantra that most certainly does not value equality, understanding, or any of Jesus' core teachings.

As you can see from these references, scripture, popular culture, and the Supreme Knight we are indeed flawed and sinful.

We as Catholics are blessed to have Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ come into our hearts and in our souls. He came into this world for the sake of our salvation. The question now to be asked is how did our founding Prime Minister, Sir John A MacDonald, fit into this narrative?

Recently statues have been torn down because of his faulted actions dealing with the aboriginal community in the early days of this country. His treatment of Louis *Riel* and the actions regarding the residential schools speak to his flawed nature, notwithstanding his otherwise good intentions and actions.

Sir John A. was a flawed man and politician who worked tirelessly to create a strong nation, a confederation that unfortunately was founded on the actions of attempting to destroy an entire culture, in the belief that *his* culture was better than theirs. This was certainly not something Jesus would have done or encouraged.

Sir John A. actually ordered the execution of Louis Riel, and his abhorrent role in the separation of families and subsequent institutionalization of children into residential schools should be taught equally alongside all that he did to help build our country.

Canada will be a better nation moving forward if we acknowledge, incorporate and attempt to rectify the harsh past treatment of indigenous persons *alongside* the acknowledgement of industrial and technological advancements that helped build our country, far too often at the expense of our aboriginal communities.

While his personal sacrifices were real, in the context of today's change in attitude, people need to see that for all Sir John A. did that was 'good for the growth of our country', his negative decisions/actions must be equally identified for the truth of historical reference. He and his government did their best to wipe out an entire culture, and the fact that they failed, and the Catholic Church was intricately embroiled in that failure, those successes and failures must in 2020 be *equally* acknowledged in order for our country to move forward in a healthy, positive way.

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The statues of our founding PM are being removed and defaced because younger Canadians are better educated and have a much clearer understanding of 'what really happened'. They refuse to give in to the idolatry of statues of white men who, for all that they achieved their goals in building the country, believed themselves to be better and more deserving than the already established culture of citizens who already lived here. Such was the context of his time. Many of his contemporaries thought the same. In 2020, people are demanding that history be presented truthfully, not from a false point of view.

From a "What Would Jesus Do (or Have Done)?" perspective, would He not have shown respect and understanding to others, worked alongside them, developed relationships, built a better foundation by sharing the ideas and gifts and skills that all persons possessed, learned from the cultural/worship differences, and founded a society based in equality for all? We can only assume that if he were among us today that these are the actions he would embrace and exemplify, so should we not strive to follow them ourselves, regardless of how it all started?

What we have today is a confederation that has an accomplished history, including working towards rectifying many issues that were problematic at our inception. We have a constitution based on the rule of law that has developed over the last 800 years, and we have one of the most vibrant constitutional monarchies in the world today.

Yes, "Politics and Nation building is flawed because Man is flawed". This should not, in any way, take away from the efforts of a great patriot and founding father of this country.

To recognize that man is flawed therefore politics is flawed is the *truest* recognition of the teaching of Christ. Jesus taught that all persons should be treated equally and that we should take care of those most in need, those we don't understand, those who have less than us, even those who are not desirable to us. There are no political parties that *fully* embrace this attitude, thus politics as an extension of human flaws is equally flawed.

Politics aside, I believe that we should *encourage* the continued education and understanding of all that was *good* with/about the founding of our country, as *well as* all that we now know was wrong. Acknowledging that we are still dealing with the ill-begotten decisions of those first leaders while we continue to benefit from their efforts is fine, but we must also continually strive to correct the wrong decisions that they made, in order not to evolve into the nightmare that is happening in the U.S. One bad political decision after another does not create a strong foundation; sometimes you have to recognize that a rebuild may be necessary in order to fortify the weakest parts. In rebuilding, we fortify what was good in the first place, and replace the bad with what's better. Canada *is* the best country on earth, and with Jesus' teachings as our guide to proper human behaviour and understanding, we will hopefully continue to flourish and grow accordingly.

As members of the Knights of Columbus we should keep Sir John's memory alive, even for all his faults. His legacy, Canada, is truly amazing. The history of Sir John and his legacy should be taught both for his accomplishments as well as his injurious actions.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

**GENERAL MEETINGS—3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
7:30 PM
MARIAN HALL**

Note: All meetings will be held virtually until further notice



Elmo Nasato
Deacon Fr. Wolodymr Dacko
Andrew Fekete
Jorge De Vivero
Jarvis Nahdee
Antoon Paret
Roberto Pegoraro
John Connell
Thomas Wingle
Rev Fr. Thomas Mosian
Leo Campbell
James Mendez
Henri Nadeau
David Ducharme



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Andrew and Maureen Leow
Paul and Katherine Cormier
Rory and Nadia Facca
Vince and Kendra Hampton
Len and Sheila Collins
Peter and Lorna Wouters



COLOUR GUARD EVENTS



THERE ARE NO EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER.

PLEASE REVIEW SUBSEQUENT NEWSLETTERS FOR FUTURE COLOUR GUARD EVENTS.

BISHOP REDING EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2020/2021

Faithful Friar
Fr. Louis Lenssen, CRSP

Faithful Navigator
Renfred D'Sousa

Faithful Captain
Martin Kosterman, PGK, FDD

Faithful Admiral
Ron Sullivan, PGK, PFN

Faithful Pilot
Jacob Floris, PGK, PFN

Faithful Comptroller
Steve Montague

Faithful Purser
Brian Thornton

Faithful Scribe
Brendan Saunders, PGK, PFN, FDM, FVSM

Faithful Inner Sentinel
John Casullo

Faithful Outer Sentinel
Stephen Hoo

Faithful Trustee 2020
Andy Livingston

Faithful Trustee 2021
Ron Kwapis

Faithful Trustee 2022
Liberato DiBacco

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David Fisher PGK, DD

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 All Saints Day 	2 All Souls Day 				6 Initiation of Assembly Officers (St. James) 		
8 Daylight Savings Time ends 			11 Remembrance Day 				
15	16	17	18 GENERAL MEETING (held virtually) 	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30						