

4TH NEWS

BISHOP PAUL F. REDING ASSEMBLY 1981

50-635 Fourth Line, Oakville, Ontario L6L 5W4
Marian Council 3881 | Mary Mother of God Council 14446
www.kofc1981.ca



CHARITY | UNITY | FRATERNITY | PATRIOTISM

APR 2024



FAITHFUL FRIAR REV. LOUIS LENSSEN CRSP

As I write this article, it feels strange to write about what has happened to make Easter so special and important as a Catholic. I know what has happened to bring this event to a world audience. It brought suffering, abandonment, hostility as well as betrayal. "I was at a loss and then news came to me and I found a new life."

Yes, Jesus suffered and died for our sins and in our fear, we left Him because we lost what we believed in Him. We felt deserted and abandoned. We lost our way.

As you well know, love is so strong, so mysterious and so powerful, it boggles the mind. Think for a moment, you as parents can understand when a child throws a tantrum at you, you might be shocked, but I would venture a guess that your love for that child takes that stinger out of his mind and heart to feel that love you shared. It's a mystery to the child, but a choice you made to heal a hurt, or a sin as many would call it.

Was your Lent a true vehicle to bring you that Easter Joy as the Church celebrates it with song and praise? As in the time of Jesus upon His resurrection, the pain, suffering and emptiness, all disappeared. The Disciples of Jesus could not contain themselves. We in our time can and will not contain it but share it with the world. Jesus has risen as He said and our faith is proof of that event.

May the risen Christ bring a new life in all who believe in Him.

Alleluia!! Alleluia!!

In Christ's Peace, Faithful Friar, Fr. Louis Lensen

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive only:
(CANCELLED)

Everyone welcome:

Apr 17th, 2023
(IN PERSON:
635 4th Line, Unit 50)



Inside the 4th News:

- [1.](#) Faithful Friar
- [2.](#) Faithful Navigator
- [3.](#) Faithful Captain
- [3.](#) Faithful Scribe
- [3.](#) Faithful Trustees
- [3.](#) Faithful Admiral
- [4.](#) Faithful Pilot
- [4.](#) Faithful Comptroller
- [5.](#) Faithful Purser
- [5.](#) Assembly Celebrations
- [5.](#) Notice of Motion
- [6.](#) Executive Officers
- [7.](#) Other Events
- [8.](#) Calendar - April



FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR SK DAVID FISHER PGK FDD



In the face of change and challenges, it's easy to lose sight of what truly defines us. Recently, I heard from a previously active member of the Fourth Degree, that he was personally displeased with our current uniform and therefore felt there was no purpose for the Fourth Degree to still exist. The voices of men like this are incongruent with our principles. They cast a shadow of dissention, displeasure and doubt on the immense value and relevance of the contributions of our Fourth-Degree members to the community and our faith.

The heart of the Fourth Degree has always been about more than appearances; it's about the essence of our service and the impact we make. Think back to when you first joined. Was it just to wear a cape? Our relevance stretches far beyond what we wear. We touch the lives of Catholic families in mourning with our Honour Guard, we ignite enthusiasm in students at community events, and we earn the blessings of our local Bishops and Clergy through dedicated service. These moments define us, not the fabric of our uniforms.

For those who have heard dissenting voices, the critique and negativity of these men should not deter us. It should instead serve as a call for us to engage more deeply, to envision programs that reaffirm our dedication to the principles of our Order and enhance our service to the Oakville community. Now more than ever, we need to focus on actions and programs that embody our commitment to faith, community, life, and family. I therefore propose that we look for our Assembly to begin programs from the four pillars of our Faith in Action.

For our **faith activities**, is there a way for us as an Assembly to:

- Enhance our support for vocations through the Refund Support Vocations Program. Engage with our local churches, Catholic schools, and seminaries to offer our assistance and resources.
- Develop comprehensive religious education and prayer programs that nurture our community's faith.

For our **community activities**, are we, as an Assembly, able to:

- Expand our outreach through programs like Coats For Kids, the Global Wheelchair Mission, and Habitat for Humanity.
- Offer care to the elderly and widowed, and partner with hospitals and health organizations for community health initiatives.

For our **life activities**, can we, as an Assembly:

- Champion the cause of life through Special Olympics or the March for Life. Provide support to pregnancy centers and Christian refugee relief efforts, and commemorate the lives of unborn children.

For any **family activities**, are we able to:

- Encourage family unity and spiritual growth through Food for Families, family formation programs, and Family Prayer Night. And, continue our tradition of caring for the sick and bereaved, increasing our blood donations, and holding masses for our members.

This is a call to each member of the Fourth Degree in Oakville to propose initiatives that reflect our core values. Let us use this moment not as a point of division but as a stepping stone to further our mission, to defend our faith, and to serve our community with even greater zeal and dedication.

Vivat Jesus, SK David Fisher



FAITHFUL CAPTAIN SK ANDREW ECKSTEIN PGK PFN FDD

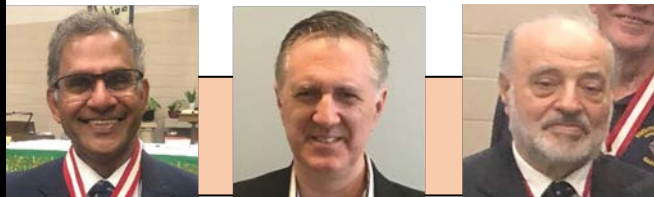
Assembly Program Updates:

| Planned Assembly Event | Date, Time and Location | Call to action |
|---|--|--|
| Bishop Reding Assembly #1981 General Meeting | Wed. Apr 17, 7:30-8:30pm (in person) Marian Hall, 635 4 th Line, Unit 50 | All Assembly members invited and encouraged to participate |



FAITHFUL SCRIBE SK RAUL D'GAMAROSE

No report submitted for this Newsletter. Please reach out directly to SK Raul if you have Assembly correspondence, any Motions to submit at an upcoming meeting or any reports to be included in the Minutes. Thank you to our Faithful Scribe, SK Raul D'Gamarose



FAITHFUL TRUSTEES SK RENFRED D'SOUZA PFN, SK RON KWAPIS, SK JOHN CASULLO

No report submitted for this Newsletter. Please reach out directly to SKs Renfred, Ron and/or John if you have any questions regarding our Assembly audit, ongoing financial health of the Assembly or voucher validation. Thank you to our stalwart Trustees, SK Renfred D'Souza, SK Ron Kwapis, SK John Casullo



FAITHFUL ADMIRAL SK MARTIN KOSTERMAN PGK PFN FDD

No report submitted for this Newsletter. Please reach out directly to SK Martin if you have any questions regarding Assembly operations, historical context or service opportunities. Thank you to our Faithful Admiral, SK Martin C. Kosterman

Special note: We have an exciting opportunity to highlight SK Martin as a shining example of dedication and service within the Knights of Columbus for our next Newsletter. This feature aims to illuminate what a life committed to our principles looks like, through the lens of Martin's contributions and journey.

However, to bring this showcase to life, we need your input! So far, we've yet to receive any stories, memories, or experiences involving SK Martin. Whether it's a heartwarming anecdote, a memorable encounter, or any experience with Martin that you feel should be shared with our community, we're all ears. Please contribute by sharing your stories with our Newsletter Editor, SK John Garofano. Your insights will enrich our showcase and inspire our assembly. Thank you for helping us celebrate the spirit of service that defines us.



FAITHFUL PILOT SK PAUL RAY STEPHENSON PGK PFN

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS:

SIR KNIGHTS:

- SK Conor Boyd
- SK Liberato DiBacco
- SK John Casullo
- SK George Howie
- SK Renfred D’Souza PFN
- SK Paul Waters
- SK John Skanes
- SK Bob McCarney PGK, PFN
- SK Joe DiPaolo
- SK Kevin Gleeson PGK, FDD, PSD

DECEASED:

- SK John Howard (February 4, 2024)
- SK Sundeep Khosla (December 24, 2023)
- SK Milton Duffey (August 16, 2023)
- SK Wayne Kendall PGK FDD (June 17, 2023)
- SK Ron Civitarese (April 25, 2023)
- SK Leo Russell PFN (March 17, 2023)

FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Josphe Broz, brother of SK Nevin Broz
- Mary Hayward, daughter of SK Ron Sullivan PGK, PFN
- Loretta Floris, wife of the late SK Jacob Floris PGK, PFN
- Laura Kupferschmidt, wife of SK Gerry Kupferschmidt PGK, PFN
- Maria Bonfield, wife of SK Peter Bonfield
- Mary Laratta, sister in law of SK Jacob Floris PGK PFN
- Brother Rocco Lavalle, father in law of SK Guiseppe Peritore PGK
- Irene Compagnon, wife of SK Patrick Compagnon

DECEASED:

- John Thornton (March 27, 2024), brother of SK Brian Thornton
- Helen Edwards (February 28, 2024), wife of SK Larry Edwards
- Cecilia Boyd (January 7, 2024), sister of SK Conor Boyd
- Len Collins (August 16, 2023), brother of SK Don Collins PGK PFN

CONTACTS FOR INPUT OF SICK AND DECEASED:

SK Paul Ray Stephenson, Faithful Pilot, Bishop Paul F. Reding Assembly, 905-875-1815 | prastep@yahoo.ca

The following have been contacted either through Grand Knights or directly to ensure the flow of information: Marian Council 3881 - Br. Brian Thornton, 905 483 9630 | bat@cogeco.ca

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 COMPTROLLER SK JOHN GAROFANO

No report submitted for this Newsletter. Please reach out directly to SK John if you have any questions regarding our finances or budgets. Thank you to our Faithful Comptroller, SK John Garofano



FAITHFUL PURSER SK BRIAN THORNTON

No report submitted for this Newsletter. Please reach out directly to SK Brian if you have any questions regarding the financial operation of the Assembly or any dues payments or billing issues.

Thank you to our Faithful Admiral, SK Brian Thornton



CORRESPONDENCE, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

April Birthdays

- Raul D’Gamarose
- Don Henry
- Gerald Kupferschmidt
- Edgar Loayza
- Paul McCandlish
- Anthony Salis
- Peter Houzon

April Anniversaries

- Peter and Marie Bonfield
- Don and Joan Collins
- Michael and Violet Dignam
- David Fisher and Margaret-Anne Grier
- Paul and Patricia McCandlish
- Mesiton and Leah Rivera

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES AND MOTIONS

Proposed Motion 1:

Offered by: SK Andrew Eckstein

Purpose of the Motion: To alleviate the financial burden associated with acquiring the Fourth Degree Colour Guard uniform, thereby encouraging greater participation among Sir Knights in the Fourth-Degree activities and ceremonies.

- Members are encouraged to consider the motion’s benefits to our Assembly and its members.
- Discussion and any questions regarding this Notice of Motion are welcome before the voting at the next General Assembly meeting.

Motion Title: Subsidy for the Purchase of Fourth Degree Colour Guard Uniform

Whereas, the cost of the Fourth Degree uniform has been identified as a significant barrier preventing many Sir Knights from joining the Fourth Degree;

Be It Resolved That, Assembly 1981 shall offer a subsidy towards the purchase of the Fourth Degree Colour Guard uniform. This subsidy will provide up to \$300 per Knight — applicable to both new and existing Fourth Degree members — with a total maximum aggregate payout of \$3000, for the duration of the remainder of the 2024-25 Fraternal year.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

BISHOP REDING EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2023/2024

- Faithful Friar | Fr. Louis Lenssen, CRSP
- Faithful Navigator | David Fisher PGK, FDD
- Faithful Captain | Andrew Eckstein PGK
- Faithful Admiral | Martin Kosterman, PGK, PFN, FDD
- Faithful Pilot | Ray Stephenson PGK, PFN
- Faithful Comptroller | John Garofano
- Faithful Purser | Brian Thornton
- Faithful Scribe | Raul D’Gama Rose
- Faithful Inner Sentinel | Patrick Compagnon
- Faithful Outer Sentinel | Vacant
- Faithful Trustee 2024 | John Casullo
- Faithful Trustee 2025 | Ron Kwapis
- Faithful Trustee 2026 | Renfred D’Souza, PFN
- Membership Director | Michael Mark
- Faithful Commander | Raul D’Gamarose & Andrew Eckstein

OTHER OFFICERS:

- Assembly Newsletter Editor | John Garofano
- Webmaster | David Fisher, PGK, FDD
- Communication Director | Vacant
- Diocesan Chairman | Vacant
- “To Be A Patriot” | M. Kosterman PGK, PFN, FDD

- District Master | Martin Marko, PGK, PFN, FDD



OTHER EVENTS – PRIESTHOOD ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrating Milestones of Faith and Service

We are overjoyed and filled with pride to announce that our current Faithful Friar, Reverend Louis Lenssen, and one of our former Faithful Friars, Father Thomas Moisan, were recently honored at the Diocesan Mass of Chrism. This prestigious recognition took place on Monday of Holy Week (March 25th) in the presence of all the priests of the Hamilton Diocese, along with a substantial assembly of lay people.



2024
MASS OF
CHRISM

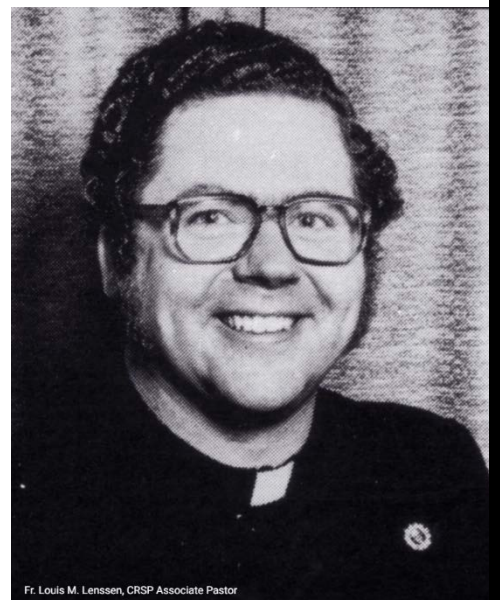
This year marks a significant milestone for both revered members of our community. Reverend Louis falling on May 12th. Father Thomas Moisan commemorates 40 years of his priesthood, with his anniversary on June 8th.

Their unwavering commitment to the priesthood and to the principles of the Fourth Degree embodies the spirit of service and faith we all aspire to. We extend our deepest gratitude to Reverend Lenssen and Father Moisan for their years of faithful service and spiritual leadership.

Please join us in expressing our heartfelt congratulations to both Reverend Lenssen and Father Moisan on these remarkable achievements. May their journey continue to inspire and guide us in our own paths of faith and dedication.

Congratulations, Reverend Louis Lenssen and Father Thomas Moisan! Your milestones are a beacon of light in our community.



Your brothers in faith and service,
The members of Bishop Paul F. Reding Assembly 1981



Fr. Louis M. Lenssen, CRSP Associate Pastor

From: <https://italianarchives.smugmug.com/Our-Lady-of-the-Rosary-Parish/Priests-and-Staff/i-QC7q4gZ/A>

APRIL 2024

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|-----|---|------|---|-------|-----|-----|
| | 1 Easter Monday  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 General Meeting (Marian Hall)  | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |