



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
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JUNE 2024



In honour of Fr. Louis Lenssen on the 50th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination, I share this speech. For our grateful Assembly, he is our Charter Faithful Navigator. He has been a Third-Degree member of the Knights for over 47 years and the Fourth Degree member for over 46 years.

It is an honour celebrate the 50th anniversary of Father Louis Lenssen's Ordination to the Priesthood. Father Lenssen's journey of faith and service has been nothing short of remarkable, and we are privileged to acknowledge his incredible contributions to our community, the Knights of Columbus, and beyond.

Father Louis Lenssen, CRSP, has dedicated his life to the service of others. As the charter Faithful Friar of Bishop Paul F. Reding Assembly 1981, he has been a guiding light, offering spiritual support and wisdom to all who have had the privilege of knowing him. His unwavering commitment to the Knights of Columbus, particularly his involvement with the 4th Degree Exemplification team, has left a lasting impact, inspiring many to deepen their faith and service.



In Oakville, Father Lenssen's influence is felt far and wide. His dedication to the Columbian Squires has nurtured the faith and character of countless young men, guiding them to become future leaders in our community. His talents extend beyond the spiritual realm; as a skilled welder, Father Lenssen has ingeniously used leftover materials to create unique items for fundraising. These efforts have supported numerous community initiatives, demonstrating his creativity and resourcefulness in service to others.

Father Lenssen's love for gardening is well-known, particularly around St. James Church, where he currently resides and provides assistance. His green thumb has not only beautified the church grounds but has also symbolized the growth and nurturing of community faith.

His service extends across borders, having served at Basilica Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Youngstown, NY. There, he is a beacon of faith for countless pilgrims. Moreover, his role as an Ambassador with the Niagara Falls tourist bureau showcases his dedication to welcoming and assisting visitors, further exemplifying his commitment to hospitality and service.

Father Lenssen, your 50 years of priesthood have been marked by an extraordinary dedication to faith, community, and service. We are profoundly grateful for your contributions and the shining example you set for us all. Congratulations on this magnificent milestone, and may your journey continue to inspire and bless us for many more years to come.

Yours in Christ! David Fisher - Faithful Navigator, Bishop Paul F. Reding Assembly 1981

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive only:
(CANCELLED)

Everyone welcome:

June 19th, 2023
(IN PERSON:
635 4th Line, Unit 50)



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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR SK DAVID FISHER PGK FDD



Worthy Sir Knights,

As we bring the fraternal year to a close and look forward to a new beginning, it's a moment to reflect on our journey, celebrate our achievements, and envision the path ahead. From June 2023 to June 2024, our Assembly has exemplified the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism, making a significant impact on our community and strengthening our bonds as brothers.

One of the highlights of this year was our Honour Guard's dedication to service. They participated in Memorial Masses for Councils 3881 and 14446, and the Remembrance Day Parades in Bronte and Oakville, embodying the spirit of patriotism and respect. SK Martin Kosterman's speech in the "To Be a Patriot" program at local schools inspired many young minds, emphasizing the values we hold dear.

Our Assembly also played a vital role in community activities. The Oakville Free Throw Basketball Championship, organized at St. Thomas Aquinas CSS, showcased our commitment to supporting youth and fostering community spirit. The Confirmations at St. Michael's and Mary Mother of God parishes reaffirmed our dedication to nurturing the faith journey of our community's youth.

The election of officers in May was a pivotal moment, ensuring strong leadership for the coming year. I am honored to continue serving as your Faithful Navigator, alongside dedicated officers like SK Andrew Eckstein, SK Martin Kosterman, and SK Ray Stephenson. Together, we are poised to build on our successes and address new challenges.

As we look ahead to the next fraternal year, our focus will be on expanding our outreach through programs that align with our core values. We will enhance our support for vocations, develop religious education programs, and increase our involvement in community health initiatives. Our commitment to life activities, such as supporting pregnancy centers and participating in the March for Life, will remain steadfast. Family activities, including Food for Families and Family Prayer Nights, will continue to foster unity and spiritual growth.

Let us carry forward the spirit of service, inspired leadership, and unwavering faith. Together, we will create a lasting legacy of positivity and inspiration for future generations.

Vivat Jesus,

SK David Fisher
Faithful Navigator

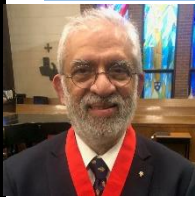




FAITHFUL CAPTAIN
SK ANDREW ECKSTEIN PGK PFN FDD

Assembly Program Updates:

Planned Assembly Event	Date, Time and Location	Call to action
Bishop Reding Assembly #1981 General Meeting	Wed. May 15, 7:30-8:30pm (in person) Marian Hall, 635 4 th Line, Unit 50	All Assembly members invited and encouraged to participate
50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Father Louis Lensen	St James Parish, 231 Morden Road 11:00am – 3:00pm	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.



FAITHFUL PILOT SK PAUL RAY STEPHENSON PGK PFN

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS:

SIR KNIGHTS:

- SK Stephen Hoo
- 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 (Feb 4, 2024)
- SK Sundeep Khosla (Dec 24, 2023)
- SK Milton Duffey (Aug 16, 2023)
- SK Wayne Kendall PGK FDD (Jun 17, 2023)
- SK Ron Civitarese (Apr 25, 2023)
- SK Leo Russell PFN (Mar 17, 2023)

FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Joseph Broz, bro. of SK Nevin Broz
- Mary Hayward, dau. 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, SIL of SK Jacob Floris PGK PFN
- Brother Rocco Lavalle, FIL of SK Guiseppe Peritore PGK
- Irene Compagnon, wife of SK Patrick Compagnon

DECEASED:

- Janice Whittaker (May 1, 2024), wife of SK James Whittaker
- John Thornton (Mar 27, 2024), bro. of SK Brian Thornton
- Helen Edwards (Feb 28, 2024), wife of SK Larry Edwards
- Cecilia Boyd (Jan 7, 2024), sis. of SK Conor Boyd
- Len Collins (Aug 16, 2023), bro. 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!

Assembly Awards Committee: Help honor the exemplary efforts of our fellow Sir Knights!

We will be recognizing our dedicated members at our next General Assembly meeting as we present our Annual Awards under the direction of our Past Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight Renfred D'Souza. We will be taking this opportunity to recognize the outstanding achievements within our Assembly.

We are still in the selection of candidates for the Assembly awards, evaluating contributions and identifying winners for prestigious recognition in the category of "Sir Knight of the Year" as well as for Outstanding Contributions to the Patriotic Events of the Assembly.

It is not too late to nominate a worthy candidate. Please help us to recognize and provide well-deserved recognition to our distinguished members. If you have a suggestion for an award winner, please contact Sir Knight Renfred D'Souza directly, from our website for more details.



FAITHFUL SENTINELS SK PATRICK COMPAGNON, SK NEVIN BROZ

Celebrating the Formation of Bl. Alojzije Cardinal Stepinac Croatian Council 18495: A Triumph of Leadership and Community Unity

We are ecstatic to recognize the formation of a new Council in Oakville through the efforts of SK Nevin Broz and his dedicated team. Their hard work and commitment have led to the establishment of Bl. Alojzije Cardinal Stepinac Croatian Council 18495, a significant milestone for the Holy Trinity Croatian Parish community and beyond.

Brother Nevin, though not his specific duty as Sentinel, has demonstrated exemplary leadership, charity, unity, and fraternity. He has successfully gathered interested men from the parish and neighboring areas, showing what true Knights of Columbus spirit looks like in action.



Bl. Alojzije Cardinal Stepinac

Supreme has recognized this tremendous achievement by officially assigning Council #18495 and transferring 24 Knights to this newly formed council. These current Council members include:

Fr. Ilija Petkovic, Steven Babic, Nevin Z. Broz, John Cavlovic, John Cavlovic Jr., John Hecimovic, Ivica Jakoljevic, Miroslav Katava, Frank Laic Jr., George Lasic, John Majic, Ivan Maric, George Mesich, Josip Ozanic, Michael Sajko, Joseph Skrak, Joey Skupnik, Dennis Spudic, Greg Stajduhar, Mark Stajduhar, Robert Stakorac, Damir Stakorac, Darnell Vrban, and Jure (George) Vrkljan.

We are currently seeking additional members from the Holy Trinity Croatian community to join as Charter Members over the next few weeks. Each of these men has also been invited to join the Fourth Degree at Bishop Reding Assembly. Notably, one member has already submitted a Form 4 for candidacy in the upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification ceremony on June 22nd in Ancaster.

A round of applause goes to Roundtable Chairman and acting Grand Knight Sir Knight Nevin Broz, District Deputy Rory Facca of District 67, and all others who have contributed to making this council formation a reality during this fraternal year. Your efforts have truly made a difference!



FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER SK JOHN GAROFANO

Worthy Sir Knights, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank those who have recently paid their membership dues for the 2024 fraternal year. To all those who have not paid yet (and also to those who have outstanding dues from prior years), I have sent out a Third Notice for payment of dues a couple of weeks ago. It included a more individualized email (or mailing for those who do not identified email addresses) so hopefully you didn't miss it and can give you your full attention as soon as practical. Thank you for your attention to this important obligation.

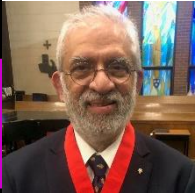
Faithful Comptroller, SK John Garofano



FAITHFUL PURSER SK BRIAN THORNTON

No news is good news! 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



FAITHFUL COMMANDERS SK RAUL D'GAMAROSE & SK ANDREW ECKSTEIN PGK PFN FDD



Upcoming Honour Guard Events: [please register for all events through www.kofc1981.ca Events Calendar]

Honour Guard Event	Date, Time and Location	Call to action
Corpus Christi Procession	St. Michael Church, 181 Sewell Dr Saturday, June 1 5 – 6:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time to assemble: 4:30pm • Mass: 5pm • Honour Guard: After 5pm Mass
D Day Parade	Bronte Legion, 79 James Street Sunday, June 2 10:30am -1:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time to assemble: 10:00am • Leave Bronte Legion: 10:30am
Corpus Christi Procession	Mary Mother of God, 2745 N Ridge Trail, Sunday June 2 11:00 am – 12:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time to Assemble: 10:30am • Honour Guard: After 11:00am Mass
50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Father Louis Lessen	St James Parish, 231 Morden Road Sunday, June 9 11:00am – 3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time to Assemble: 10:30am • Honour Guard Release time: 1pm

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June Birthdays

Louis Aiello
Conor Boyd
John Casullo
Don Collins
Brian Dobson
Michael Dobson
Antonio Esteves
Deacon Terrance Murphy
Ron Sullivan
Edward Viana

June Anniversaries

Jerzy and Stanislaw Adamczak
John and Jennifer Garofano
Don and Barbara Henry



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 | Nevin Broz
- 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



FATHER LOUIS LENSSEN – 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Celebration of Golden Jubilee: Honoring Fr. Louis

Mark your calendars! We invite all members of the Bishop Paul F. Reding Assembly and the wider community to join us at St. James Parish for a special celebration in honor of Fr. Louis on his golden jubilee of priestly ordination. The event will take place on Sunday, June 9th, during the 11:00 AM Mass. A festive luncheon will follow at St. Joseph Ukrainian Banquet Hall.

Fr. Louis, our Assembly's Charter **Faithful** Friar, has been a beacon of faith and devotion throughout his 50 years of service. Known for his gentle and caring nature, he has touched many lives within our community and beyond.

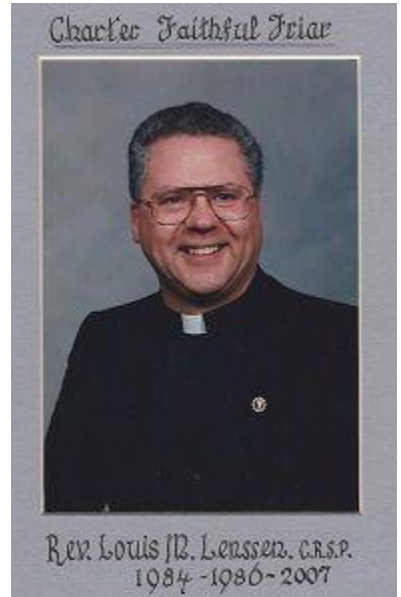
We Need Your Stories!

As part of the celebration, we are collecting stories, anecdotes, and reflections on the blessings, miracles, and inspiration Fr. Louis has brought into our lives. Please share your experiences and insights that highlight the impact of Fr. Louis's service.

Your Input Is Valuable

We also welcome suggestions on how best to recognize Fr. Louis's contributions to our Assembly and the order over the past five decades. Let's make this jubilee a memorable event that truly reflects the esteem we hold for Fr. Louis.

Tickets for the luncheon may no longer be available. Please join us for the 11:00 am Mass.



Our Official Regalia of the 4th Degree Uniform:

- White dress shirt with button cuff (no French cuffs or button-down shirts)
- Blue Blazer with 4th Degree Crest and Emblem of the Order Buttons
- Official 4th Degree Gray Trousers with black belt
- Official 4th Degree Necktie
- Plain black shoes and black socks

The Knights of Columbus regalia is to be worn as you would a business suit.

For Honour Guard events:

- White gloves
- Official Black Beret with 4th Degree Badge (Colour swatches for role of Commander, purple, & Faithful Navigator, white)
- Official 4th Degree Service Baldric (in Canadian colours – white and red)
- Official 4th Degree sword and scabbard



Beret worn with 4th degree metal badge placed directly over left eye. Right side of beret folds down toward and over right ear. Service baldric worn over blazer and across chest. Scabbard clearly off ground.



Knights of Columbus



8th Ontario District
24th Patriotic Fourth Degree Exemplification
Hosted by Assembly 2580

Saturday, June 22, 2024

LOCATION: St. Ann Church
11 Wilson Street Ancaster, Ontario L9G1N1

ELIGIBILITY: Third Degree member in good standing.

FEES: \$110 lay candidates fee includes Fourth Degree pin, baldric, & lunch
\$45 clergy
\$50 lunch social ticket – includes refreshments.

CANDIDATES OFFICIAL DRESS:

- A black or dark suit jacket with a tie, plain white shirt; or a tuxedo; black dress shoes with black socks.
- Members of the Clergy and Deacons should wear their clerical attire.
- Class A uniforms for members of the Armed Forces, police officers and firefighters, are proper attire for all Exemplification events.

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration of Candidates at St. Ann Church in Ancaster
9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Degree Exemplification
12:15 p.m. Lunch Social starts

Any questions or concerns, please contact,

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Cardinal McGuigan Province
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JUNE 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 Corpus Christi Procession (Honour Guard event)
2 Corpus Christi (Honour Guard event) 	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Father Louis Ordination Anniversary (Honour Guard Event)	10	11	12	13	14	5
16 Fathers Day 	17	18	19 General Meeting (Marian Hall) 	20	21	22 Exemplification St. Ann Church Ancaster 
23/30	24 St John the Baptist Day 	25	26	27	28	29