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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, **REVEREND MARTIN VALLELY**

Dear Brothers,

May the summertime continue to refresh vou! I want to offer my deepest gratitude, and that of the parish community, for the hard work of the

Knights in completely transforming our Library. Be sure to take a good look! Next will come the "dance floor" in the main hall of the Parish Centre. And all of this plus the constant vigilance to find and work on other projects which repair and beautify our parish plant, all at minimum expense. And this is only part of what you do to enhance and strengthen our community life here at Holy Rosary! What a blessing you are! Let us give God the glory in this and in all things.

Over this year, I have been presenting a Saint or two every month in my Newsletter messages. I selected and highlighted the witness of holy ones who struck me as having a particular relevance to males and their spiritual needs in our times. Most of these, but not all, have themselves been males. We have looked at Joseph and Mary, at the Apostles Peter and Paul, Stephen the Deacon and Martyr, Augustine the Teacher-Bishop, and Francis of Assisi the Reformer. Rather closer to our own time, we have reflected on Mother Teresa of Kolkata, Louis and Zelie Martin (the parents of Therese of rose up in a time of great Lisieux), the young athlete Blessed Pier Giorgio horror for the Church and Frassati, and even our own esteemed Founder, for the world, during the

Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. And, along the way, other noble and worthy figures have been mentioned in passing as well.

We have looked at priests, deacons, men and women in religious life, and laypersons, single and married, men and women. And so many more could have been chosen to highlight. We have hopefully seen that sanctity can be attained no matter what one's ethnic or economic background, no matter what one's past, no matter how long or short a time one lives, no matter what one's gifts, or the greatness or humbleness of one's achievements as earthly evaluations would perceive them. Never forget that all the Saints are continually interceding for us. Never cease to pray for their help and friendship to guide us on our way.

I thought a lot about which Saint to bring forward to conclude our series. The great Pope John Paul II

certainly came to mind, among others. But I have finally chosen Maximilian Kolbe. He has a special resonance for your priests, as his Feast Day is August 14th, which is Father Mike's birthday and the day before my own. Maximilian is a prominent example of a Saint who



Second World War and the concentration camps. which will feature Bishop Robert Barron, whose Polish born, Maximilian became a Franciscan priest at the time of the end of World War I. He was fiercely devoted to Our Lady, and served variously as a seminary teacher, a publisher, a missionary (going even as far as to Japan), and a broadcaster. Back home in Poland at the outbreak of World War Father Martin Vallely II, his activities resulted in his arrest by the German authorities, and ultimately his exile to Auschwitz.

A famous story is told of how one prisoner managed to escape the camp, leading the enraged commander and guards to assemble the whole camp, and randomly select ten prisoners to throw into the starvation bunker as a lesson to everyone else. When one of these cried out in agony on account of his wife and family, Maximilian suddenly stepped forward and offered himself in place of the other man. The guards were so shocked by this selfsacrificial act that, before they knew it, they had agreed to the arrangement! Father Maximilian ioined the other nine in the bunker, where he comforted them and led them in prayer as they all slowly died. He was the last one left. On August 14th, the guards, tired of waiting, injected poison into him to finish him off. He was canonized as a martyr by John Paul, in 1982.

I present him, recognizing that few of us are going to be asked to undertake anything quite that heroic. But, for me, Maximilian Kolbe represents what it means to "fulfill the duty of the moment", whatever that moment might be. He teaches us that, if we remain close to Our Lord and Our Blessed Mother, we will be ready for whatever God asks of us, be able to discern the right and gracious thing to do, and be able to say a big "Yes!" to it, with courage, dignity, peace, and joy.

When all is said and done, I wonder if there is any better characterization of an active and alive Knight----or Christian, for that matter---than that.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, dear Brothers! Pray for me as I attend a Conference on Preaching at Saint Augustine's Seminary in Toronto next week,

video on the Mass was made available to you in our June Newsletter. On account of my attendance there, I will not be present for the August 7th General Meeting, but I will be thinking of you!

Chaplain

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY **CELEBRATIONS**

Congratulations to:

Bro. Sheldon and Sheila McCormack August 10 - 27 years

> **Bro.** Don and Nancy Prescott August 15 – 48 years

Bro. Loy and Yolanda De Mello August 29 – 37 years

Brother Anthony Cordeiro receives a Supreme Knight's Wedding Anniversary Certificate of Commendation from GK Joe Milton honouring his 25 years of marriage to his wife Maryse.



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

The month of July has been a very warm month and our Council has been very busy. Brother Howard McNamara has again taken the lead to make sure the Holy Rosary School Garden has been watered to keep everything growing nice and green. I trust that all our Knight Families have managed to stay cool

On Tuesday, July 3rd, eight members from our Council assisted with the bottle drive that earned the Special Olympics Fund \$413.55. The bottle drive was followed by our first General Meeting attended by thirty members and our "New" Social Convener, Brother Jim Hession supplied us with coffee and treats at the conclusion of the meeting.

On Saturday, July 7th, at the request of District Deputy Vic Lefebvre, our Council provided the leadership at the "Mad for Maddie Block Party Fundraiser. Miss Madelyn (Maddie) Smith, who is six years old, has been diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and has been living with Cystic Fibrosis since birth. Between 3:00 and 9:00 p.m., members from three Burlington Councils attended the Fundraiser, setting up, cooking and serving Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Veggie Burgers. Last year, this event raised approximately \$25,000 and about 1,000 people attended. Results from this year's event have not been tabulated yet.

On Saturday, July 14th, the Burlington Councils were asked to arrange and do the cooking for the Special Olympics Baseball Tournament held at the Brant Hills Park. This tournament involved sixteen Special Olympic Baseball Teams from throughout Ontario. The Volunteers worked through an extremely warm day serving between 250 and 300 Baseball Players, Coaches, Umpires and Volunteers.

A special thanks goes out to Brother Ken Fleming for his organizational skills and Brother Aeneas Mac Isaac, for the use of his "new" truck for the transportation of supplies before and after the tournament ended. Five members from Council 5073 and 5 members from Council 10061 assisted our Council. Every Knight present, played an essential part in making this Baseball Tournament go off like clockwork, by having the food ready when it was time to feed everyone. They also worked hard during the cleanup, leaving the park area the same as we found it. Everyone involved has my sincere thanks for their hard work that day.

Under the leadership of PGK Ken Fleming, with the Church's permission, arrangements were made to put laminated flooring down in the Church Library. With the assistance of many Brother Knights the flooring was laid over a four day period between July 20 and 25.

See you all at the meeting on August 7th.

Vivat Jesus

Joe Milton Grand Knight

PRAYER NETWORK

In charity, we pray for:

Brother Don Prescott Brother Michael Nelligan Evangeline Nelligan, wife of Brother Michael Shannon Wilken, daughter of Bro. Michael Nelligan Richard Cupido, grandson of Brother Guido Linda Cupido, daughter-in-law of Brother Guido

Prayer for Healing

Almighty and merciful Father, by the power of your command, drive away from me all forms of sickness and disease. Restore strength to my body and joy to my spirit, so that in my renewed health, I may bless and serve you, now and forever more.

To be included in the Prayer Network, contact Bro. Vic Lefebvre at 905-336-3056 or by e-mail at <u>kofcholyrosary@outlook.com</u>

Knights of Columbus honoured for their Community Service Work

Knights from all four District 62 councils and the assembly were awarded a **"Burlington Best"** certificate as can be seen in the picture. GK Joe Milton is pictured with the award that was handed out by MP Karina Gould at an event held earlier in the year.



CALENDAR OF COUNCIL EVENTS

- Aug. 7 Special Olympics Bottle Drive 4 to 6 pm
- Aug. 7 Business Meeting 7 pm
- Aug. 12 Special Presentation after 10:00 am Mass
- Sept. 4 Special Olympics Bottle Drive 4 to 6 pm
- Sept. 4 Business Meeting 7 pm
- Sept. 9 Thirty-Fourth Annual Rosary Sunday Martyrs' Shrine, Midland
- Sept 14 Ontario State Council Golf Tournament Lowville, Burlington
- Oct. 2 Council Business Meeting 7 pm
- Oct. 7 The Feast Day of our Patroness Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary
- Oct. 9 Special Olympics Bottle Drive 4 to 6 pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mike Perron August 3

Mark Freeman August 12

Reverend Michael Downey August 14

Reverend Martin Vallely August 15

Andres France Aguilar August 31

Council News

July 3rd Bottle Drive

On Tuesday July 3rd, the first summer bottle drive was held in the parking lot of the Holy Rosary Church. There were eight members from our Council present: Brothers Loy De Mello, Ken Fleming, Willie Joki, David Lord, Howard McNamara, Joe Milton, Dan Morosin, and Stan Semeniuk. It was a successful bottle drive, earning the Special Olympics Fund \$413.55.

The bottle drive was followed by our first General Meeting. It was Brother Joe Milton's first Business Meeting as the "new" Grand Knight. It was attended by thirty members and our "New" Social Convenor, Brother Jim Hession supplied us all with coffee and treats at the conclusion of the meeting.





Other Activities during July

Special Olympics "Day of Inclusion" was held all across North America on July 21st. People were encouraged to go to their local Tim Horton's and purchase and enjoy a donut specifically designed for the occasion by a Special Olympic athlete from Alberta.

Our Knights don't usually need any special encouragement to go to Tim's to get a donut and coffee and so our GK Joe Milton and Warden David Lord did the honours along with PGK (and sometimes council photographer) Ken Fleming. The proceeds from the sale of these donuts is donated by Tim's to Special Olympics to support their efforts to ensure everyone is included.



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"Mad for Maddie Smith Block Party Fundraiser"

On Saturday, July 7th, our Council took the lead at the "Mad for Maddie Smith Block Party Fundraiser" held on Trailwood Drive in Burlington. Miss Madelyn (Maddie) Smith, who is six years old, has been diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and has been living with Cystic Fibrosis since birth, which has no known cure. Last year, this event raised approximately Twenty-five Thousand Dollars and about One Thousand people attended. The proceeds from last year's event, were divided up and assisted seven families battling childhood cancers.

This year between 3:00 pm and 9:00 pm, Knights of Columbus Members from Monsignor James Corbett Warren Memorial Council 5073, St. Gabriel Parish Council 10061 and Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Council attended the "Mad for Maddie Smith Block Party Fundraiser." They did the setting up, cooked Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Veggie Burgers, and served the parties attending this event. The food and a Bar-B-Que were supplied by Mr. Angelo Bentivegna.

Monsignor James Corbett Warren Memorial Council 5073 supplied two barbecues and during the day, five members of their council assisted with the barbecuing. Four members of St. Gabriel Parish Council 10061 also helped out and they did most of the cooking. Seven members from Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Council 15920 (Brothers Ken Fleming, Jim Hession, David Lord, Howard McNamara, Joe Milton and Bill Fraser... assisted by his wife Linda) were also there to cook, prepare the food and serve the customers.

The assistance supplied by the three Knights of Columbus Councils was greatly appreciated and we were asked if we could be called upon next year again to assist, to which all concerned were agreeable.



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Special Olympics Baseball Tournament held at the Brant Hills Park on July 14th

On Saturday, July 14th, the Knights of Columbus Councils of Burlington were asked to arrange and do the cooking for the Special Olympics Baseball Tournament held at the Brant Hills Park, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. This particular tournament involved: Sixteen Special Olympic Baseball Teams from throughout Ontario and we served between Two Hundred and Fifty and Three Hundred Baseball Players, Coaches, Umpires and Volunteers. The Volunteers worked through an extremely warm day.

GK Joe Milton would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the members of our Council 15920, for the Tournament preparations, shopping and transportation of supplies and food stuff, etc. The following Council Members were involved: Brothers Sam Cervoni, Marc Clare, Ken Fleming, Jim Hession, Aeneas Mac Isaac, Joe Milton and Mike Perron. These members prepared and cooked the food for the Special Olympics, as well as clean up. A special thanks goes out to Brother Ken Fleming for his organizational skills and Brother Aeneas Mac Isaac, for the use of his "new" truck for the transportation of supplies before and after the tournament ended.

The tournament was also attended by members from two other Burlington Councils: Monsignor James Corbett Warren Memorial Council 5073 supplied two BBQs and five volunteers. St. Gabriel Parish Council No. supplied one BBQ and five volunteers.

Every Knight present, played an essential part in making this Baseball Tournament go off like clockwork, by having the food ready when it was time to feed everyone. They also worked hard during the clean-up, leaving the park area the same as we found it. Everyone involved has Grand Knight Joe's sincere thanks for their hard work that day.



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New Flooring installed in the Church Library

Under the Leadership of our Past Grand Knight Ken Fleming, with the Church's permission, arrangements were made to put laminated flooring down in the Church Library. Brother Fleming, with the assistance of Brother Jim Hession, Hugh Johns, Aeneas Mac Isaac, purchased the laminated flooring, the baseboards and quarter round trim and had it transported to the Church Hall.

Brothers Ken Fleming, Hugh Johns, David Lord, and Joe Milton, met at the Church Hall and stained the baseboards and quarter round. The next day, they applied varathane to the baseboards and the quarter round. The old carpet was removed and the floor was prepared for the luxury vinyl flooring to be laid. The contractors arrived and commenced laying the flooring.

Finally on Wednesday, July 25th, the flooring was completed. The only things left to do was some touch up to the baseboards and quarter round, size the closet door and finish the interior of the closet.





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Knights in Action July 2018

Brothers help out at Holy Rosary

Brothers Sam Cervoni, Ken Fleming, Hugh Johns, David Lord, Howard McNamara and Joe Milton, help out around the school. Jobs include maintaining the sign, repairing various items around the school and watering the kid's garden. This summer Brother Howard McNamara is looking after the school garden. He waters it regularly and gets to keep some of the vegetables that are ripened.

Special Olympics Bottle Drive

On July 3rd we had our second Special Olympics Bottle Drive where we collected another \$413 bringing the 2018 total to over \$1,400 already. Some of the proceeds have been used to purchase food for Special Olympics events such as the "Spring Fling".

Cobs Bakery

Brother Aeneas Mac Isaac and his wife Barb continue to take a leadership role for the Knights by ensuring that every Sunday evening all of the unused baked goods from Cobs Bread in north Burlington is delivered to the Good Shepherd food bank. Brother Vic Lefebvre is also there most every Sunday to help deliver this significant community contribution.

Several of our knights have signed up to help Aeneas and Vic whenever they are needed. This is an excellent example of how the knights of our council work together in an unselfish way to help those in need.

We enjoy a great relationship with Cobs bread and this project has grown to include Knights from some of the other councils and the Assembly in Burlington. Some of the bread has been used to help supply buns to various charitable activities that the Knights do.







