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Advent

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, REVEREND MARTIN VALLELY



Dear Brothers,

As the Advent Season gets underway, I invite you to join me in striving to prepare well for the coming of the Lord at Christmas.

In Advent we cry out, "Come, Lord Jesus, come!" Since we need him in our world now, more than ever, such a cry from the heart makes perfect sense. But it calls for a heart that is cleansed, renewed, and receptive. A heart that is too burdened, distracted, or self-seeking will never notice him when he comes.....because he usually comes to us under a disguise, often that of the poor and most needy.

There is a lovely Advent/Christmas chant, the first part of which reads thus:

*Creator of the stars of night,
your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
we pray you hear us when we call.*

*In sorrow that the ancient curse
should doom to death a universe,
you came, O Savior, to set free
your own in glorious liberty.*

*When this old world drew on toward night,
you came; but not in splendor bright,
not as a monarch, but the child
of Mary, blameless mother mild.*

As we are reminded by these words, Jesus' coming was, and still is, hidden, understated, available only to those with eyes to see. As I write in my parish Christmas message this year, "Born in humble

surroundings, he was telling us that he knows we are all poor. His saving act of total self-sacrifice on the Cross was, if anything, a still greater sharing in our poverty. He took our sins on himself, set us free, made us rich. At Christmas we want to give thanks for our many blessings, but we must not forget our poverty, either." A worthy Knight of Columbus realizes that, as a sinner, he is deeply poor. But, set free by Christ his King, he is empowered beyond measure, and so is able to serve others in Christ's name.

This month, fittingly, I propose for your meditation the incomparable figure of Saint Joseph. We typically think of Joseph as "the strong, silent type".

Contributing to that, I am sure, is the fact that we cannot point in the Gospels to even one word which he supposedly uttered. No doubt he did speak.....but the Gospel stories wish to underscore his spirit of attentive listening and unflinching obedience to God's will.

It is never claimed that Joseph understood everything that was swirling around him. But he trusted God, and he acted. He took care of Mary and Jesus with loving tenderness and protection. So likewise he takes care of us, and he gives Catholic men a shining example of fidelity, courage, and strength. We always associate Joseph with the Christmas story, of course; but his influence and his intercession give us hope throughout the whole year, and all of our lives.

May the grace and peace of the Infant Child, our Saviour and our joy, fill your hearts and those of all your family members and friends, at this blessed Christmas time!

Father Martin Valley
Chaplain



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of our Knights and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous 2018. Our council has enjoyed another successful year and as Grand Knight I am humbled by the support and patience you have shown to me. I pray that God continues to bless you and your loved ones.

We will be winding down 2017 with a somewhat busy month of December. The Turkey Roll is a very important project for our council and I want to thank all of you for your hard work on it. We will be helping out with the Breakfast with Santa event at Holy Rosary School and the Santa Claus parade presented by our brothers at Council 5073 during the first weekend. Later in the month we will be helping with the Annual Good Shepherd Food Drive at Longo's. The dates this year are Thursday, December 14th and Friday, December 15th. Brother Vic will be co-ordinating the volunteers so please let Vic know when you would like to help.

I had originally planned to have a preliminary planning meeting for our 2018 Valentines Dinner and Dance on December 3rd but because we are unable to use the school gym with alcohol being served we have cancelled the meeting planned for Sunday morning. I would like to discuss this event at our meeting on December 5th. It appears that maybe we should keep the Dinner and Dance as it has traditionally been and maybe think about another event that could be held in the school involving the children and their families. If you have any ideas for such an event please let me know.

I would like to welcome our 3 newest members Brothers Marc Clare, Mark Freeman and Steve Marsh. These new additions to our council went through their 1st degree on Tuesday November, 28th in a ceremony held at Mary Mother of God Council in Oakville. I also would like to once again welcome Andres Aguilar who transferred into our council in November from London. Thank you to all of our new members.

Please continue to remember Brother Hugh Johns in your prayers that he gets better soon.

Once again Dianne and I wish you and your families all the best in the Christmas season and in the New Year

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Ken Fleming,
Grand Knight

**Remembrance Day**

Our Financial Secretary SK Vic Lefebvre and Trustee Willie Joki represented our council at the Remembrance Day ceremony held in downtown Burlington on the morning of November 11. Other members of Pope John Paul II Assembly were also on hand to help honour those that have fought and continue to fight to keep our country free.

PRAYER NETWORK

In charity, we pray for:

Brother Hugh Johns
 Brother Michael Nelligan
 Richard Cupido, grandson of
 Brother Guido
 Linda Cupido, daughter-in-law
 of Brother Guido
 Shannon Wilken, daughter of Bro. Michael
 Nelligan



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 kofcholyrosary@outlook.com

CALENDAR OF COUNCIL EVENTS

- Dec. 1 – Annual Turkey Roll
Holy Rosary School Gym
- Dec. 2 – Breakfast with Santa
Holy Rosary School – 7:00 am
- Dec. 2 – Santa Claus Parade float set up
- Dec. 3 – Santa Claus Parade
- Dec. 5 – Council Business Meeting
- Dec. 8 – Council 5073 Turkey Roll
- Dec. 14-15 – Good Shepherd Food Drive
Longo's Markets – Fairview Street
- Jan. 2 – Council Business Meeting
- Jan. 15 or 22 – Second Degree at Holy Rosary
- Jan. 20 – Basketball Free Throw Competitions
- Jan. 28 – Big Band Concert
2 p.m. Matinee
Burlington Performing Arts Centre

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations:

Bro. Melvin and Jennifer Ilagan
December 18 – 18 years

Bro. Howard and Lorraine McNamara
December 27 – 62 years

Bro. Mike and Linda Perron
December 28 – 26 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Henry Rudachyk – December 3

Jim Hessian – December 8

Guido Cupido – December 10

Hugh Johns – December 13

Earl Kent Roy – December 29

GK Ken Fleming
 presents a
 Commendation
 Certificate to
 Brother Danny
 Morosin in
 recognition of he
 and his wife
 Carol's
 50th Wedding
 Anniversary in
 November

**Congratulations
 Danny and
 Carol**



WELCOME NEW 1ST DEGREE MEMBERS TO OUR COUNCIL

On November 28th, a First Degree was held to bring our three new members into the Knights. Our brother Knights at Mary Mother of God Council in Oakville did a masterful job of completing the ceremony. Grand Knight David Fisher made us feel very comfortable and his council is a model for us all to follow. I would like to welcome Brothers Mark Freeman, Marc Clare and Steve Marsh. We are looking forward to getting to know our new members over the coming months. Thanks to Brothers Vic Lefebvre, Don Prescott, Joe Milton, Vince Iantomasi and Jim Hession for coming out to support our new members.



Council News

7th Annual HCCEF Evening with the Bishop

On Wednesday, November 1st, 2017 at 5:00p.m., four (4) Members and their significant others, of the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Council 15920, attended the 7th Annual HCCEF (Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation) Evening with Bishop Crosby. The Event was held at the Le Dome Banquet Hall, 1173 North Service Road, Oakville, ON. Present were, Brother Victor Lefebvre, Brother Joseph Milton, accompanied by his wife, Theresa, Brother Bill Fraser, accompanied by his wife, Linda and Brother Michal Janecek, accompanied by his fiancé, Melissa. That night, the Banquet Hall was filled to capacity, with approximately Four Hundred and Sixty (460) people in attendance.

The night started when Bishop Crosby and other dignitaries were escorted into the Banquet Hall by a piper, drummer and members of Oakville Assembly No. 1981, Colour Guard.

Then after opening remarks by the Master of Ceremonies, Monsignor Modeski, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Burlington, ON, he introduced the Dignitaries and Bishop Crosby. Then we were all treated to a great roast beef dinner.

Throughout the evening Bishop Crosby made his way around to every table in the hall, welcoming them and thanking those in attendance with their support. At one point, Bishop Crosby attended our table, welcoming us all and having his picture taken with Brother Michal Janecek and his fiancé, Melissa.

Throughout the evening, members of the HCCEF sold lottery tickets to raise funds, which were drawn at the end of the evening for the many donated gifts.

The Master of Ceremonies, Monsignor Modeski introduced the guest speaker, Bishop Crosby, who was celebrating his 7th Anniversary as the Bishop of the Hamilton Diocese. Bishop Crosby spoke of his career as a Priest, and all the areas which he served as a Priest and as a Bishop, prior to coming to the Hamilton Diocese. He also thanked everyone for their attendance and support to the Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation. He further thanked all the Dignitaries for their attendance and their support of the HCCEF.

I personally found this to be the most enjoyable evening.

Joseph E.F. Milton
Deputy Grand Knight



November 4 Bell Bazaar presented by the ladies of the CWL

Once again this year the ladies of the CWL put on a very successful “Bell Bazaar” on Saturday November 4th. The bazaar was well attended despite all of the competition from other local bazaars. The baked goods are always a highlight of the Holy Rosary Bazaar and this year did not disappoint. The variety and quality of items was great and were a tribute to the hard work of the Holy Rosary CWL. The display of crafts and other items available were excellent and very popular with the shoppers.

Our Knights were there to help set-up, fix-up and clean-up and they also did a great job. Thanks especially to Brothers Howard McNamara, Joe Milton, Mike McNamara, Sam Cervoni, Aeneas Mac Isaac, Don Prescott and probably some others that I missed for their hard work.



Donation approved for B the Hope for Haiti

Once again our council stepped up when there was a need. A \$400 donation was made to the “B the Hope for Haiti” mission that is driven by Joanna Baumgartner wife of our Brother Joe. Joanna has already left for a mission to Haiti bringing with her medical supplies and other necessities for the needy people of Haiti. THANKS AGAIN JOANNA (and Joe) FOR ALL YOU DO.



Donations approved for Holy Rosary parish in Myanmar

Thanks to the efforts of Lecturer Brother Len Walker our council approved a “special package” and a \$250 donation to go to the parish of Holy Rosary in Myanmar. Our council wanted to do something to help the people of Myanmar and once Brother Len discovered the church with the same name as our parish it was decided to direct it to them. The Catholics are a very small minority in Myanmar but it is the Muslims that are suffering the most at the hands of the corrupt government. Pope Francis will be visiting Myanmar shortly in an effort to try to stop the killing of innocent people.

The “special package” was a beautiful wooden box that included a Knights of Columbus Rosary specially blessed by our Chaplain Father Martin along with a note of support to the Catholics struggling in Myanmar. The \$250 donation will be directed to a foundation especially set-up to provide assistance to those most in need. We are currently awaiting information from the church in Myanmar which will provide us with shipping destination information....great job Len.



NOVEMBER 2017

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH BURLINGTON, ONTARIO, CANADA AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 15920, WANT TO SEND YOU OUR LOVE, PRAYERS, AND THOUGHTS.

In honor of Pope Francis Visit to Myanmar,

Our Knights of Columbus would like to share with, our sister name Church, Holy Rosary of Myanmar, the joy and celebration of Pope Francis's visit to Myanmar. Here in Canada we have been blessed with so much and yet, we hear of so many challenges in Myanmar, that we wanted to connect with you and send our love. There appears to be significant suffering, so we wanted to send our Brothers & Sisters something to let you know we care. We wanted to reach out and send you our love, prayers, a little symbol to keep in your Parish, along with a small donation to let your families know, that although we are oceans apart we are all one in God's land and we are thinking of you during these challenging times. Have Faith, Hope, Belief and know better days are ahead and we are praying for you here in Canada.

On behalf of our small community here at Holy Rosary Church Burlington, Ontario, Canada we have included a small donation to your Life-Long Investment Donation Tree Association to help your community and hopefully provide some assistance. With Love!



Our Love

Our Prayers

Our Hope for
Peace to all

Have Faith

**And always know
we are with you
no matter what
challenges you
are having.**

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Holy Rosary Church in Myanmar



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Special Olympics card making project

The members of our council that otherwise would have been marching in the Remembrance day parade were busy in the church hall helping the Special Olympics athletes prepare their special packages of greeting cards. There were approximately 30 enthusiastic people out to help with this fund raising activity including athletes. Parents and some of the dedicated volunteers that work so hard to make the Special Olympics movement so successful. A special thank you to Brothers Joe Milton, Sam Cervoni, Bob Judge and Ken Fleming for giving their Saturday morning to this worthy cause.



Council 5073 Christmas Turkey Roll

Friday, December 8th from 7:30 PM to 10 PM at the Columbus Hall, 2400 Industrial Street, Burlington.

Everyone is welcome to attend with a chance to win some great prizes including a turkey or a ham.

Admission is free and doors open at 6 PM

Gala follow-up at Assumption

Fellow Knight SK James Montague a member of Oakville's Marian council, and Bishop Reding Assembly is a major promoter of the Special Olympics movement both within the Knights and within the community in general. Our council has worked with James and his father SK Steve Montague on many Knights of Columbus events including the District 67 Flag relays. This fall James put in a great effort to present a "Special Gala Evening" to honour special people that demonstrated outstanding skills both academically and socially. The Gala was held in October in Oakville but unfortunately some of the award recipients from Burlington were unable to attend the Gala evening. In order to properly recognize the Burlington winners James arranged a special event at Assumption High School on November 14th and asked our council for assistance.

Grand Knight SK Ken Fleming and Deputy Grand Knight SK Joe Milton were more than happy to help with the Burlington event. Several awards were handed out including an award to Candice Moroso of the Burlington Special Olympics. James also presented Principal Rocco Di Ianni with an award for his great support of the special needs community.



**COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE
IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD BANK
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**



Habitat for Humanity Progress Report

Brother Len Walker is starting to build some significant momentum for this worthy cause. A committee has been formed including members of our council, St Gabriel's council, the CWL, Holy Rosary Elementary School and Notre Dame High School represented by our Brother Anthony Corderio. Several meetings took place over the past few weeks as Len works on gaining support for this project. There were enthusiastic responses from both schools as they see the benefit in making students and their families more aware of the needs of some of our Burlington neighbours. Marianne MacDonald the grade 8 teacher that is working with us on this reminded us that although we consider our Aldershot area to be somewhat affluent there are an alarming number of families whose children attend Holy Rosary school that live below the poverty line.

The committee met on November 28th to start to firm up the action plan required to make this endeavour not only successful but rewarding for the participants and especially for the recipients. Brother Len has come up with a catch phrase to represent this community initiative that coincidentally is CATCH18. (Communities Aligning to Create Habitats 2018). From a council perspective the plan is to make this a fairly gradual build up so that we do not over burden the members of our council that are already called on to do so much. The hope is that this initiative will attract more of our younger members to get involved along with their families to help our community and have fun in the process.



The CREW-GOETZ



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Examples of Projects discussed

- Stud Painting in school gym
- Sponsor front doors
- Sponsor smoke alarms
- Sponsor appliances
- Sponsor windows




Annual Fraternal Activities Report

Please take the time to complete the **Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet form #1728A** by clicking on this link.

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/members/resources/forms/council.html>

Please add up all of the time you volunteered during 2017 in your capacity as a member of our Council. This can include church activities, community service (e.g. Food Collections at Cobs Bakery), visiting the sick, etc. Please fill out the form and bring it with you to our meeting in December or January. These survey results have to be submitted by the end of January to Supreme, so please get them done now so we have time to summarize them and get them submitted. The following is a sample of the form.

Vic Lefebvre, PGK, PFN, FDM
Financial Secretary
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary
Council 15920

 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	20__ SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET
20__ ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET Over the last ten years, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$1.5 billion to charitable and benevolent causes and more than 682 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.	
1. Number of visits you made during 20__ to:	Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals Bereaved — visits of condolence
2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 20__
3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 20__:	Church Activities — service in all Church related activities Community Activities — service in all community related activities Youth Activities — service in all youth related activities Habitat for Humanity — service in all related projects Culture of Life Activities — service in all related projects VAVS Food For Families Special Olympics Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above
4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 20__:	Sick/disabled members and their families — household chores, transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc.

Knights in Action 2017

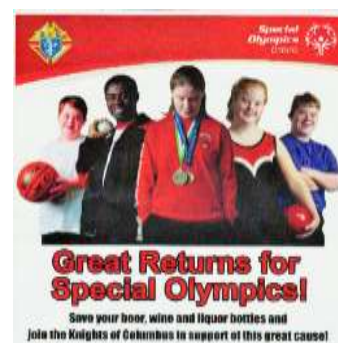
Brothers help out at Holy Rosary School

Brothers David Lord, Joe Milton, Sam Cervoni and Ken Fleming come out several times a month to keep the school sign up to date.



Special Olympics Bottle Drive

The 2018 bottle drive will start up on the Tuesday following the Victoria Day weekend next year and as usual we will have a collection after all long weekends until Thanksgiving. Thanks to everyone that helped in 2017.....we raised \$2,100 for the Special Olympics, a cheque will be presented to them in December.



Used Eye Glasses for Haiti

Thank you once again for a successful Eye Glass project in 2017. Joanna is delivering some of the glasses in November.



Cobs Bakery

Brother Aeneas Mac Isaac and his wife Barb continues 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.

2nd Cobs Bakery night

Brother Vic Lefebvre has arranged a second night for picking up bread at Cobs that the Pope John Paul Assembly is looking after Great work Vic.



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