



OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

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Advent

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



Dear Brothers,

It is very hard to believe that we are already at the point of Advent, Christmas, and year's-end. I have certainly found that this

year had just flown by, especially these last few months. Maybe keeping busy has something to do with that! And our Knights remain very busy in activities which enable our parish community to grow, and so many in need to be helped. Please say a special prayer for our new refugee family, just arrived, that they may experience welcome and love here in this prosperous and richly blessed land.

Advent is also an excellent time for some solid Scripture reflection. Since we are talking this year about various aspects of the Bible, I would like to encourage you in a special way this Advent to carefully read the Gospel stories of Jesus' birth and infancy. Don't just assume you know the stories already.....our familiarity with the Christmas story can lead us to just glaze over the richness of the Bible accounts. Actually sit and read them. There are just two, and each one is only two chapters long. First of all, it will be startling to see just how different Matthew 1-2 is from Luke 1-2. Those are the only two Gospels which have Infancy Narratives, but they come at the same reality from different perspectives, and with attention to different kinds of details. Our Christmas crèches and other tellings of the story have habitually mashed up the two narratives into one, but a lot of insight comes from reading them separately and reflecting on them for what each one is uniquely attempting to accomplish.

Matthew's narrative begins with a genealogy of Jesus, stretching back to Abraham, and tracing through to Joseph. The rest of the narrative pays a great deal of attention to Joseph, actually. The angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in dreams several times, directing him to obedience, courage, and faithfulness in the face of trials which attend on himself and Mary right from the beginning. Joseph is never depicted as saying anything, but only as acting, decisively and obediently. Most of the rest of Matthew's Infancy Narrative tells the tale of the Wise Men coming to visit Jesus after having followed the Star. Only here do we read of these fascinating personages. It never says that there were three of them, nor that they were kings, nor that they came on camels. All of those details we have drawn from Old Testament forerunner prophecies and psalms. And this whole Narrative is at great pains to point out how the events surrounding Jesus' birth were to be seen as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, which are liberally quoted. The Narrative concludes with the horror of King Herod's attack on the infants of Bethlehem in his jealous rage at the thought of a rival king. Meanwhile, the Holy Family has escaped to Egypt, and eventually returns to settle in Nazareth. It all shows how the shadow of the Cross falls over the birth of Jesus, who is going to be the new Moses, setting his people free from the death of sin and condemnation.

Luke's Narrative prefers to set the conception and birth of Jesus as parallel to that of John the Baptist, who always goes first, paving the way for Jesus.....even from the womb. The Angel Gabriel visits Mary, and Mary in turn rushes to visit her cousin Elizabeth, to prepare for John's birth. Jesus is proclaimed as Saviour both by Gabriel and by Elizabeth, even before he is born; and Mary praises the goodness of God both in song and, later, in silent meditation. It is only in Luke's Narrative that the new-born Jesus is pictured as being laid in

a manger in poor quarters far from home, announced by choirs of angels and visited by poor shepherds, thus beginning his life-long identification with the lowly and marginalized, whom he always champions. Luke's Narrative expands beyond the birth of Jesus, to also include his circumcision, his presentation in the Temple at six weeks old, and his astonishing encounter, in the same Temple at age 12, with the Teachers of the Law. The amazement which attends on all the different events is a sign that, from the very beginnings of Jesus' earthly life, he is manifesting the intentions of God the Father to make a new beginning for his people.

As you prayerfully read and dwell on these Narratives, remember that they were written by persons who did not just want to tell sweet stories about the Baby. They wanted to illustrate the mighty deeds of God, who has given us so great a Saviour. Even Jesus' birth, just like all his adult teachings and actions, is to be seen in the light of his Death and Resurrection, which the Gospel proclaims continuously from end to end.

I pray for you and your families this Advent and Christmas, that you may know the fullness of God's all-embracing love as revealed in Jesus, the Messiah, Lord, and King.....before whom we Knights humbly bow, and whom we are privileged to serve in all we do.

A Blessed Advent, and a Merry Christmas!

Father Martin Vallely
Chaplain

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations:

Bro. Melvin and Jennifer Ilagan
December 18 – 19 years

Bro. Howard and Lorraine McNamara
December 27 – 63 years

Bro. Mike and Linda Perron
December 28 – 27 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Henry Rudachyk – December 3

Jim Hessian – December 8

Guido Cupido – December 10

Hugh Johns – December 13

Our Lord Jesus Christ
December 25

Earl Kent Roy – December 29



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Between November 3 and November 4, our Council assisted the Catholic Women's League setting up for the Bell Bazaar, assisting and dismantling the Bell Bazaar at the end of the bazaar.

November was a month of meetings, Gala's for Charity, Special Olympic Events, Remembrance Day Parades, finishing the Parish Centre's Floor, assisting with the Holy Rosary School's Confirmation and Basket Ball Free Throw Tournament.

On November 6, our Council held our Monthly General Business Meeting in the Parish Centre, with twenty-eight Members in attendance. On November 7, Rev. Father Martin and six other members of our Council and three of their wives, attended the eighth annual Halton Catholic Children's Educational Foundation Evening with Bishop Crosby at the Le Dome Banquet Hall, in Oakville.

On November 10, five members of our Council assisted the Special Olympians, at the Parish Centre, to make All Occasion and Christmas Cards, to sell to raise money. Also, that afternoon I had the privilege of presenting the Special Olympics Coordinator Brianna Hamlet with a cheque for \$1,750.00, the balance of the money we raised from our bottle drives.

On November 11, twenty-one members from the Burlington Councils and the Pope John Paul II Assembly, participated in the Burlington Remembrance Day Parade, eight members being from our Council. This was the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I.

On November 12th, three members from our Council completed the transition stripping on the Parish Centre's wooden floor. On November 14, four members from our Council, assisted Pastoral Minister, Mary Edmondstone, as Ushers during this year's Holy Rosary School's Confirmation.

Brother Ken Fleming chaired a meeting in preparation for the Basketball Free Throw Tournament which will be held at Notre Dame High School on January 19, 2019. Seven members of the Burlington Councils, attended this meeting in preparation for the Tournament.

We held our last Turkey Roll planning meeting on November 16 prior organizing the many donated Silent Auction items. Finally the big day, our Major Fundraiser, the Annual Turkey Roll and Silent Auction arrived on November 30

See you all at the meeting on December 4, 2018.

Vivat Jesus

Joe Milton
Grand Knight

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, NEW YEAR'S DAY – NO BUSINESS MEETING
BUSINESS MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 8 – 7:00 PM**

PRAYER NETWORK

In charity, we pray for:

Brother Michael Nelligan
Evangeline Nelligan, wife of
Brother Michael
Shannon Wilken, daughter of
Bro. Michael Nelligan
Richard Cupido, grandson of Brother Guido



In his memory, we pray for:

Brother John Schunk who passed away on
Tuesday, November 27, 2018

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



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from a Brother Knight***

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CALENDAR OF COUNCIL EVENTS

- Dec. 1 – Breakfast with Santa
Holy Rosary School – 7:00 am
- Dec. 1 – Santa Claus Parade float set up
- Dec. 2 – Santa Claus Parade
- Dec. 4 – Council Business Meeting – 7:00 pm
- Dec. 7 – Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner
Polish Hall, Fairview Street
- Dec. 13-14 – Good Shepherd Food Drive
Longo’s Markets – Fairview Street
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day**
- Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day**
- Jan. 8 – Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**
- Jan. 10 – Special Olympics BFT Qualifier
Haber Centre – Details at Meeting
- Jan. 18 – Set up for Basketball Free Throw
- Jan. 19 – Basketball Free Throw Tournament
Notre Dame High School
- Jan. 20 – Big Band Concert
- Jan. 26 – Special Olympics Basketball Tournament
Details at Meeting



Brother Howard McNamara is pictured with Grand Knight Joe Milton receiving his “Advocate” jewel as he reassumes his role as Council Advocate. Thanks for all you do Brother Howard.

Council News

2018 Bell Bazaar

The Holy Rosary CWL annual Bell Bazaar took place in the Parish Centre on Saturday November 3rd and it was a very successful event. Between October 31st and November 4th, our Council assisted the ladies in setting up for the Bazaar, assisting and dismantling at the end. Numerous Knights were involved assisting the CWL but special mention goes to Brother Howard McNamara for all the work he has done on the bazaar over many years and once again this year for setting up the big display and protecting the



An Evening with Bishop Crosby

On November 7th, Rev. Father Martin and Brothers Ken Fleming, Willie and Anne-Marie Joki, Vic Lefebvre, David and Marie Lord., Joe and Theresa Milton and Len Walker attended the Evening with Bishop Crosby Halton Catholic Children's Educational Foundation Gala held at the Le Dome Banquet Hall, in Oakville.



Special Olympics Card Making

On November 10th, five members of our Council, Brothers Sam Cervoni, Loy De Mello, Ken Fleming, David Lord, and Joe Milton, assisted the Special Olympians at the Holy Rosary Parish Centre. They make “All Occasion and Christmas Cards” to sell to raise money.



Bottle Drive Proceeds Donated to Special Olympics



At the “All Occasion and Christmas Card” making project, the Council presented a cheque in the amount of \$1,750 to the Special Olympics representing the balance of the “Bottle Drive Collections” held on the Tuesday after Special Holidays throughout 2018.

Pictured from left to right, Brothers Loy De Mello, Sam Cervoni David Lord, Grand Knight Joe Milton, Special Olympics Coordinator Brianna Hamlet and Past Grand Knight Ken Fleming.

Floor Transition Strip Installed in the Parish Centre

On November 12th, three members from our Council, Brothers Sam Cervoni, Vince Iantomasi and Ken Fleming, completed the Transition Stripping on the Parish Centre's wooden floor.



Remembrance Day

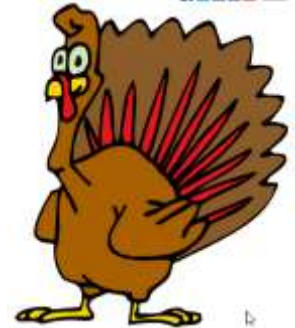
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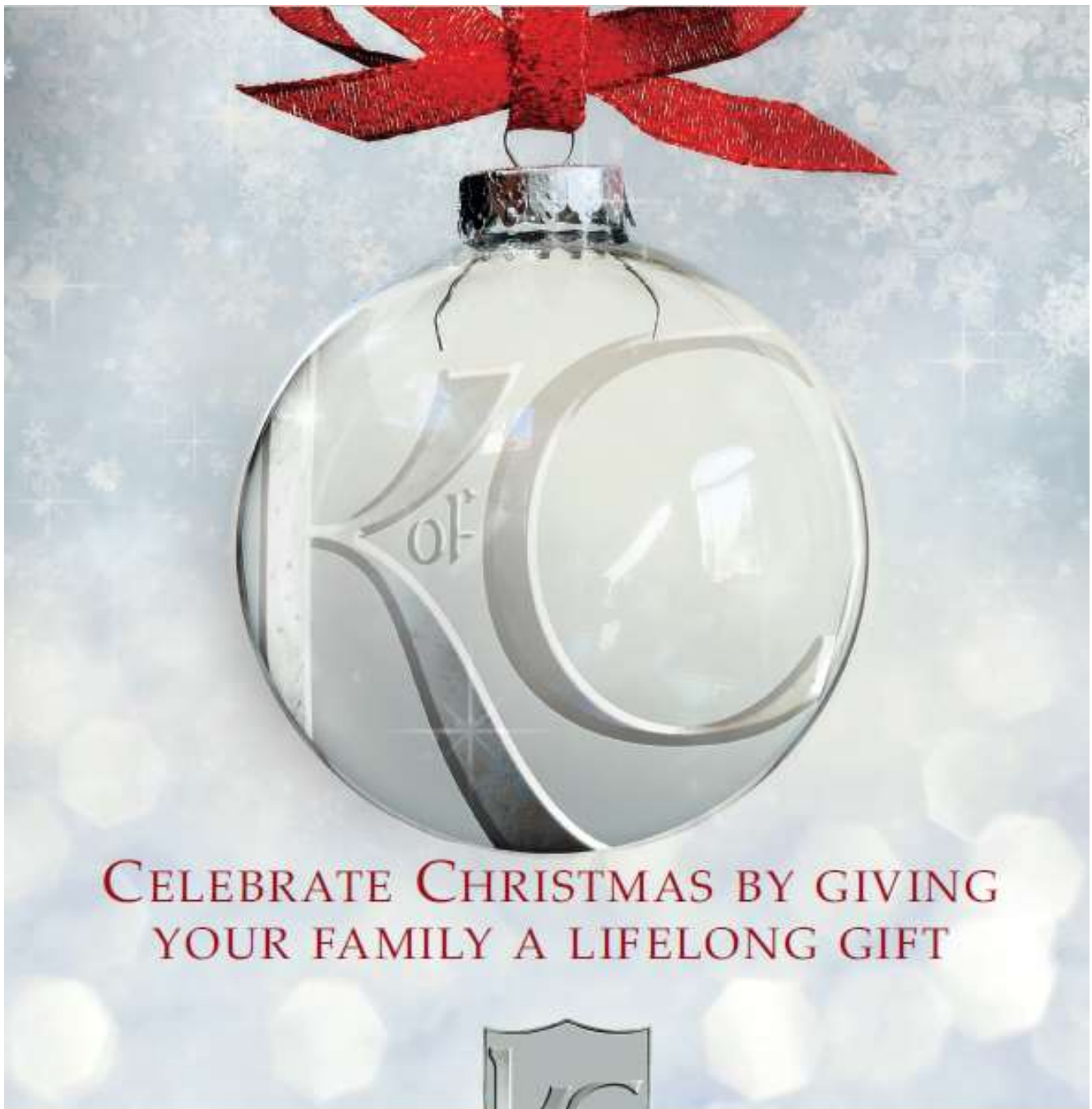


Annual Turkey Roll

On November 30th, our Council held its Annual Turkey Roll and Silent Auction, at the Holy Rosary School Gym. This event was supported by the majority of our Council, Members of our Parish Community and Brother Knights from other Burlington Councils. It was a very successful event.







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Knights in Action November 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 month Brother Sam and Brother Vincent Iantomasi assisted by Brother Ken Fleming completed installation of the transition strips on the floor in the Parish Centre.



Special Olympics Bottle Drive

Our Council continued its support for the Special Olympics movement by assisting in a card making session in the parish center and using the opportunity to present a cheque for \$1,750 representing the net proceeds of the 2018 bottle drive



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.

This month 28 loaves of bread and several pastries were diverted to the Special Olympics to help with their Christmas party

