



OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

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MARCH 29

A MEMORABLE DATE



1882 – Charter Granted
to Knights of Columbus
by State of Connecticut

1947 – Carl Edward House
born
in Sydney, Nova Scotia



2014 – Charter Granted
to Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Council 15920
by Supreme Council

2018 – Monsignor Edward House
Charter Chaplain
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Council 15920
passed away

2019 – Fifth Anniversary of Formation
of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Council 15920
at Holy Rosary Church in Burlington

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, REVEREND MARTIN VALLELY



Dear Brothers,

As Winter wears on (and on, and on, and on), we always long for warmer times and better things. Fair enough, as long as we do not fail to be grateful for the gift of the present moment, whenever and wherever it is. God's gift to us is always to be found in the present moment, and its opportunities to grow closer to him and to serve him.

I do not consider it an accident that Lent always begins while it is still Winter. The word "Lent" means "Springtime", to be sure.....as Lent progresses, we do indeed move into the Spring, and prepare for a glorious Easter. But it starts in Winter, perhaps symbolizing a soul trapped in a kind of winter coldness, miserable, distant from God. Through our disciplines of prayer, self-sacrifice, and identification with the poor, tough as these can be, we learn how to soften and warm the heart and soul. We allow the Light, who is the Lord himself, to enter in and change us. And then, step by step, degree by degree, we become ready to burst into bloom once more, alive and on fire with Christ Jesus. Lent forces us to work on our faith at a point when we perhaps feel least like doing so. But we can be so grateful that we made the decision to die with Christ, to die to our bitterness and coldness of soul, and to live again.

The principal purpose of Lent is always to bring us back into touch with the grace we received in our Baptism. Since Lent was traditionally (and is again in our own times, thanks to the RCIA) the privileged period of immediate preparation for those seeking Baptism as adults, it becomes a time for the whole believing community to call to mind what we received when the Lord first chose us to be his own. As we support the adult candidates on their journey, we stop and think about whether we are remaining faithful to what God had in mind for us when he brought us into his family. If we have failed (and we all have, in many, many ways) then we must do the works of repairing the damage for our sinfulness, and ask the Lord to renew us in fresh outpourings of his grace.

That grace and love which comes from God's heart is the beginning and the end of the *Old Testament* message, to which I would like to turn for my reflection this month in our continuing series this year on the Bible. Unfortunately, many tend to want to ignore the Old Testament, perhaps just because they find it confusing; or because they maintain a sadly mistaken notion that it bespeaks a harsh and judgmental God, from whom Jesus supposedly came to liberate us. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

In the first five books of the Bible, the Books of Moses (*Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy*), we encounter an astonishingly gracious God, who created the entire universe out of nothing in order to pour out his love on us; who fashioned the human person in his own image so that a most intimate union of life might be shared with the "crown" of his creation; who immediately had mercy upon us when we had sinned and fallen far from his grace; and who carefully formed a people for himself, with whom he covenanted in the most intimate and thorough way. Far from enslaving his people, he introduced them to the greatest possible liberation, his friendship. Reading the stories of Father Abraham and his descendants, of Joseph in Egypt, of Moses and the shaping of a people by liberation and

journeying, grace and commandments, liturgy and common life, we see a God who has a plan, and who will never forget the ones he has carved on the palm of his hand, as the prophet Isaiah was later to put it. Once those first books are passed, there is a large section of the Old Testament devoted to a history of the people of Israel after they had become settled in the Promised Land. These books (*Joshua, Judges, I and II Samuel, I and II Kings*, and a few others) show how God continued to keep his covenant with his people through good times and some very, very bad ones. Meanwhile the Divine Promise was continuing to work itself out, leading steadily to ultimate fulfillment in Jesus our Messiah and true King. I would recommend that you treat yourself to the story of King David and the figures surrounding him, which occupies most of *I and II Samuel*, and a bit beyond. In this towering and charismatic figure we see the whole drama of a relationship with God played out in full. David was by no means perfect. He was capable of great good and of great evil. But he loved God very much, and he knew God was with him. In his story, we see mirrored just about every human emotion, achievement, failure, flaw, and glory. And what isn't in the prose, is definitely in the poetry, as most of the Psalms are ascribed to David.

No, there is no question that the Old Testament is a treasure-trove of the experience of humanity's call in God. It is a love letter, par excellence, from God our Father to us, his beloved children. And, in Lent, Old Testament stories and characters are frequently revisited. They show how everything, from the very beginning, has been leading to Jesus' saving victory through his death and resurrection---a victory in which you and I share completely.

A blessed Lent, my brothers!

Father Martin Valley
Chaplain

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Adrian Burbano – March 1
Daniel Giroux – March 7
Dr. Patrick Petrowski – March 8
Michael McNamara – March 12
Joe Baumgartner – March 24

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Congratulations:

Bro. Jim and Diane Hession
March 18 – 36 years



2019 STATE CHARITIES RAFFLE

The State Charities Raffle tickets are in. Brother Sam Cervoni has accepted the chairmanship for this event again this year. We had a good year last year where we sold all our allocated tickets.

See Brother Sam Cervoni for your tickets at the March 12 meeting.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

In February, we completed and filed the Semi-Annual Audit, held our Annual Valentines Dinner and Dance, completed the Annual Basketball Free Throw competitions and assisted the Special Olympians at their various events.

At our February General Business Meeting, the Council approved the Annual Budget presented by Brother Vic Lefebvre. I'm happy to report that Past Grand Knight Ken Fleming will accompany me to this year's State Convention being held in Niagara Falls on April 26 to 28 as our Second Delegate.

Members of our Council assisted the Lehocki Family to decorate the Parish Centre for the Annual Valentines Dinner and Dance. The event was chaired and hosted by Brother Ron Lehocki and his wife Susan. We were treated to a very tasty buffet dinner and we danced to the music of Rock'n Robin. A good time was had by all.

Our Council assisted at the Special Olympics Floor Hockey Tournament, held at the Haber Centre and hosted by the Halton Regional Police. The Tournament consisted of Twelve Special Olympic Floor Hockey Teams participants from all over Ontario.

The rescheduled Basketball Free Throw Tournament was held on February 16 at Assumption Secondary School North (Lester B. Pearson Secondary School). On Friday, numerous Brother Knights from all four Councils prepared the gym. This year, over three hundred and twenty girls and boys between nine and fourteen years old from twenty-nine schools participated in the tournament. Many thanks to Chairman Brother Ken Fleming for the countless hours he spent in making this a successful event.

On February 19, we joined the Pope John Paul II Assembly Honour Guard and Brother Knights from the other three Burlington Councils, at Burlington City Hall for the Special Olympics Annual Flag Relay Raising ceremony. Her Worship, Mayor Marianne Meed-Ward read a Proclamation declaring February 18 to 24, "Special Olympics Week" in Burlington. At this special event the four Burlington Councils presented Special Olympics Burlington with a \$1,000.00 donation. Following this celebration, St. Antoine-Daniel Council 10340 hosted a reception for all who attended in the basement of St. Phillippe Church. The Special Olympics Flag remained at Burlington City Hall until February 28. Again, our thanks to Chairman Ken Fleming for the success of this event.

On February 28, we held Regional Basketball Free Throw Competitions for the Special Olympians of Burlington District 62 and Oakville District 67 at the Haber Recreation Centre. There were two Regional Winners from each of the districts.

See you all at the meeting on March 12th, 2019.

Vivat Jesus

Joe Milton
Grand Knight

**REMEMBER
CHANGE IN
MEETING DATE
TO MARCH 12**

PRAYER NETWORK

In charity, we pray for:

Brother Don Prescott, PGK
 Brother Henry Rudachyk
 Brother Stan Semeniuk
 Brother Kees Van Asselt
 Brother Michael Nelligan
 Evangeline Nelligan, wife of Brother Michael
 Shannon Wilken, daughter of Bro. Michael
 Nelligan
 Richard Cupido, grandson 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 kofcholyrosary@outlook.com



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 from a Brother Knight*

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CALENDAR OF COUNCIL EVENTS

- Mar. 5 – **Shrove Tuesday**
 8:30 am – Breakfast
 12:00 noon – Bridge Lunch
 5:00 to 7:00 pm - Dinner
- Mar. 6 – **Ash Wednesday**
- Mar. 8 – Stations of the Cross – 6:30 pm
- Mar. 9 – Life Activities Meeting – 10:00 am
 Holy Rosary Church
 Parish Centre
- Mar. 10 – Formation Degree – 3:00 pm
 Candidates arrive by 2:30 pm
 Holy Rosary Church
 Parish Centre
- Mar. 12 – **General Business Meeting – 7:00 pm**
- Mar. 16 – South Zone Meeting – 9:00 am
 St. Augustine Church
 58 Sydenham Street – Dundas
- Mar. 29 – **8:00 am Mass Intention
 for Monsignor Edward House**
- Mar. 29 – Stations of the Cross – 6:30 pm
- Mar. 30 – Life Talks Conference
 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
 St. George Anglican Church
 4691 Palladium Way – Burlington
- Mar. 31 – Knighthood Degree – 3:00 pm
 Candidates arrive by 2:30 pm
 Annunciation of Our Lord Church
 280 Limeridge Road West – Hamilton
- Apr. 2 – General Business Meeting – 7:00 pm
- Apr. 14 – **Palm Sunday**
- Apr. 19 – **Good Friday**
- Apr. 19 – Stations of the Cross – 6:30 pm
- Apr. 21 – **Easter**
- Apr. 26 to 28 – **Ontario State Convention**
 Sheraton on the Falls
 Niagara Falls, Ontario
- Apr. 30 – Sera Club Dinner – 5:00 pm
 15th Annual Celebration of Priesthood
 and Consecrated Life
 Liuna Station – Hamilton

Council News

Special Olympics Floor Hockey Tournament on February 9

The Special Olympics group held their annual Peter Moore Invitational Floor Hockey Tournament at the Haber Recreation Centre in north Burlington on February 9. Our council was asked to assist at this event which is hosted by the Halton Regional Police. Nine Members of our Council were at the Tournament to help including brothers, Sam Cervoni, Marc Clare, Aaron D Cunha, Ken Fleming, Jim Hession, Bob Judge, Vic Lefebvre, David Lord and Joe Milton. District Deputy Vic Lefebvre and District Master Dan Lohin joined the Pope John Paul II colour Guard to ensure a very colourful and exciting opening ceremonies. The Tournament consisted of Twelve Special Olympic Floor Hockey Teams, participating from all over Ontario.



2019 Annual Valentines Dinner and Dance Held On Saturday February 9

On February 9th, our Council hosted the Annual Valentines Dinner Dance, chaired by Brother Ron Lehocki and his wife, Susan. Sixty-Two people attended the dance, we were treated to a very tasty buffet dinner and we danced to the music of DJ Rock'n Robin. A good time was had by all.



Father Mike Downey




Our Hosts Brother Ron
and
Susan Lehocki



Brother Anthony
and
Maryse Cordeiro


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[2019 Burlington Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw at Assumption](#)

The 2019 Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw was held at Assumption High School on February 16. The original date of January 19 was cancelled due to a severe winter storm. Our council was the lead council for this year and nine of our members were there to help. Brothers Sam Cervoni, Loy De Mello, Ken Fleming, Jim Hession, Bob Judge, Vic Lefebvre, David Lord, Joe Milton and Mike Perron. This event is always a combined effort with the other three councils in Burlington and the Pope John Paul II Colour Guard. This year was no exception as over 25 Knights worked hard to make this another successful event. This year there were twenty-nine schools participating. There were over three hundred girls and boys, between nine and fourteen years old plus several members of the Burlington Special Olympics in attendance. The tournament was such a great success, due to the fact the Chairman, Brother Ken Fleming, spent countless hours in the meetings, organization and preparation of this event.



[The Basketball Free Throw Regional Finals Held In Waterloo](#)

A total of 12 Burlington school children qualified to attend the 29th Regional Basketball Free Throw Championships held in Waterloo on Saturday February 23. District Deputy Vic Lefebvre represented Burlington at the event and reported that it was also a very exciting show. One Burlington Athlete won the top prize for her age and gender at the event. Twelve year old Cate Cockshutt, a student at Charles R Beaudoin Public school was the best in her age and gender. All of the results have not been received as of the date of this writing. Thanks to the hard work of District Deputy Vic Lefebvre, the Special Olympics have been invited to attend the Regional event in the future. For this year, we had the Regional event in Burlington on February 28 with Oakville and Burlington competing. We hope to have other Special Olympics groups in the future.

[Habitat for Humanity and Spirit Day at Holy Rosary School](#)

The CATCH18 project continues to move forward with Brother Len Walker taking a strong leadership position. Len and PGK Ken Fleming met with grade 8 teacher Marianne MacDonald of Holy Rosary School during February and laid out a plan to involve the grade 8 students in some fund raising activities. On February 22nd, Marianne arranged for a “Spirit Day” at Holy Rosary and one of the focal points was Habitat for Humanity. The grade eights come that day dressed in the blue and green colours of Habitat to listen to the Habitat story presented by Ashley Curcic from Habitat Halton. Plans are underway for the children to sell some sweets to raise awareness of Habitat and maybe donate a few dollars to the CATCH18 project.

Len also arranged to have a teacher Allan Nasan from Notre Dame High School attend a meeting with Marianne and they now have a plan to use the Hydroponics facilities at Notre Dame to germinate some flower seeds which the children will nurture in their class room with the hope of selling them in the spring to raise additional donations. Allan Nasan is one of the lead teachers in helping the students at Notre Dame with their STEAM club which is a team of students from all backgrounds and disciplines that will use science, technology, design, and related skills to help our community. Allan has arranged for the grade 8 students of Marianne MacDonald’s class to tour the facilities at Notre Dame.



Knights of Columbus – Special Olympics Flag Raising at City Hall



Once again this year, our council has taken the lead in organizing the Burlington 2019 Flag Relay as part of the province wide initiative of the Knights. The Knights of District 62 had the flags from February 18 until March 2 with the purpose being to raise awareness of the Special Olympics movement.

On February 19, a special flag raising ceremony was held at Burlington city hall. Members of our council including Brothers, Sam Cervoni, Loy De Mello, Ken Fleming, Vic Lefebvre, David Lord and Joe Milton participated along with the Assembly Colour Guard and several Brother Knights from the other three Councils attending the event. Her Worship, Mayor Marianne Meed-Ward read a Proclamation for the Special Olympics declaring the week of February 18-24 to be “Special Olympics Week” in Burlington. A donation was made to Special Olympics Burlington of \$1,000.00 from the four Burlington Councils. Subsequently, the Special Olympics Flag was hoisted over the Burlington City Hall. This event was followed up with a reception hosted by the St. Antoine-Daniel Council 10340.



Special Olympics Flag Raising Celebrations



The Flag Relay Activities Continued at the Haber Centre on February 28.

On February 28, the Knights of Burlington presented for the first time ever a Regional Basketball Free Throw Final for the Athletes of the Special Olympics. Since we already had the Special Olympics flag in the city, we decided we would use the opportunity to showcase the Special Olympics Athletes and have them compete for the Regional Title in four skill level categories. The levels were Recreational 2, Recreational 1, Competitive and Advanced.

Four athletes from both Oakville and Burlington competed in the event held at the Haber center at 7 pm.

The winners can be seen on the chart below. Each category winner received a trophy and a certificate and the runner ups each received a medal.

**FINAL RESULTS FOR THE 2019 K OF C REGIONAL BASKETBALL FREE THROW
HABER CENTER FEB 28, 2019
SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

Participant Name	School	Group	Regional Rank	Baskets	Shooting %
Thunder Maxwell	Special Olympics - Burlington	Advanced	1	12/4	48.0%
Mike Thomas	Special Olympics - Oakville	Advanced	2	12/2	48.0%
Nicolas Fricano	Special Olympics - Burlington	Competitive	1	17	68.0%
Noah Banton	Special Olympics - Oakville	Competitive	2	8	32.0%
Andrea Cervin-Lawry	Special Olympics - Oakville	Rec 1	1	12	48.0%
Rachel White	Special Olympics - Burlington	Rec 1	2	11	44.0%
Jay Gualtieri	Special Olympics - Oakville	Rec 2	1	12	48.0%
Taylor Such	Special Olympics - Burlington	Rec 2	2	5	20.0%



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SESSION SPEAKERS

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 <p>IAN GENTLES PHD PROFESSOR & VICE-PRESIDENT OF DEVEBER INSTITUTE</p>	 <p>MARK & BARB JURGENS PRO-LIFE ADVOCATES TEACHER, NURSE PARENTS OF SEVEN</p>	 <p>DEINA WARREN BARRISTOR & SOLICITOR</p>

Knights in Action February 2019

Brothers help out at Holy Rosary

Brothers Sam Cervoni, Ken Fleming, 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. Last month Brother Sam had to make major repairs to the school sign as someone had inadvertently put screws in the wrong place making the sign impossible to open. Sam's hard work saved the school board a considerable amount of money that would have been spent repairing the sign.



Special Olympics Bottle Drive

The 2019 Annual Bottle Drive in support of Special Olympics will start up again after the Victoria Weekend in May. Dates will be May 21, July 2, August 6, September 3 and October 15.



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.

