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# OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, REVEREND MARTIN VALLELY



Dear Brothers,

Every blessing to you and your families at this Thanksgiving time! We know that, even in the midst of many problems and

struggles, we have so very much to be grateful for, and we ask the Lord to enrich and strengthen us with his grace as we serve him. While on the subject of thanks, I thank all who are responding to our Parish Growth and Needs Survey. If you do not have a chance to participate at Mass this weekend, please get a hard copy in the Church narthex, or fill it out online at the parish website. Your perspectives on parish priorities for the future are very much needed!

Once again this October, I want to draw your attention to the joy with which we celebrate our Parish and Council Feastday right at Thanksgiving. October 7<sup>th</sup> honours Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary. Last year, I quoted to you from a Letter on the Rosary, written by Pope Saint John Paul II in 2002. At the beginning of his Letter, he states, "To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to *contemplate with Mary the face of Christ.*" The Pope then goes on to speak of Mary's life and experiences as being like a kind of "school", through which she teaches us about her Son. And,

further, "this school of Mary is all the more effective if we consider that she teaches by obtaining for us in abundance the gifts of the Holy Spirit, even as she offers us the incomparable example of her own 'pilgrimage of faith'. As we contemplate each mystery of her Son's life, she invites us to do as she did at the Annunciation: to ask humbly the questions which open us to the light, in order to end with the obedience of faith: 'Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word' (*Lk 1:38*)."

And, of course, let us never forget that the Rosary is a special way of having Mary lead us in prayer to Jesus. If anyone can get us and our prayers to him, it is her! "In support of the prayer which Christ and the Spirit cause to rise in our hearts, Mary intervenes with her maternal intercession. 'The prayer of the Church is sustained by the prayer of Mary'. If Jesus, the one Mediator, is the Way of our prayer, then Mary, his purest and most transparent reflection, shows us the Way. 'Beginning with Mary's unique cooperation with the working of the Holy Spirit, the Churches developed their prayer to the Holy Mother of God, centering it on the person of Christ manifested in his mysteries'." Dear Brothers, our decade of the Rosary at the beginning of each General Meeting is an important symbol of our commitment to always call on our Mother for the help we need. Under the banner of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, both as parishioners and as Knights, we cannot fail!

Another important day of celebration in early October is the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Continuing our series on Saints who are of particular significance for men in their spiritual paths, I would like to say a few words about this most famous of Saints. Pretty much everyone knows of Saint Francis of Assisi; but he has often been caricatured, thought of as some kind of mediaeval hippie, who loved animals and sang lovely songs with his band of brothers, and that's about it. Hardly a worthwhile model for male spiritual growth! But in fact, Francis was a much more complex figure than this. His was a largely misspent youth, loving luxury and pleasure, and interested more in princely military exploits than in his faith. He experienced a conversion of heart, in part because of his contacts with the poor, who managed somehow to reach to his core. Eventually, the young Francesco began to identify with the poor, even to the extent of abandoning his parents' home and lifestyle (much to their horror).



There is a celebrated story of Francis praying before a crucifix in a dilapidated church in Assisi, when Christ on the crucifix began to speak to him, telling him to "rebuild my church, which has fallen in ruins". At first Francis took this to mean that he should literally repair church buildings; but, ultimately, he saw it as a call to inspire new fervor into the community of God's people, who were in a state of drift.

Francis dedicated the rest of his life to preaching, building communities of like-minded men and women, and so thoroughly identifying with the Cross of Christ that he even himself personally bore the stigmata, the wounds of Christ. Yes, he did love animals. But, more to the point, he celebrated the whole of creation as God's handiwork, and as an icon of God's intimate presence. His preaching on these and related

matters was with a view to helping people to rethink their image of God. Not unrelated to that was his inauguration of what we today know as the Christmas crèche, which we see everywhere at that holy season.....again, to remind us that God has chosen to share intimately in our lives, our struggles, our poverty.

None of this sounds to me like a light and airy Christianity. It is very hard-nosed indeed, as a matter of fact.....ready to do and to bear the tough things for love of God and his people. Just like Knights should always be.

God's continued blessings on you, my brothers!

Father Martin Vallely  
Chaplain

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to:

*Bro. Ken and Priscilla Browne*  
*October 10 – 33 years*

*Bro. Vincent and Arlene Iantomasi*  
*October 10 – 36 years*

*Bro. Danny and Carol Morosin*  
*October 28 – 50 years*

*Bro. Stu and Eileen Woods*  
*October 30 – 63 years*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Stan Semeniuk – October 4*  
*Andrew Kemnitz – October 18*  
*Blaise Mac Isaac – October 20*  
*Sheldon McCormack – October 25*

**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

We have had a very busy month of September and as usual I am very grateful for the help and support we get from the members of our Council. If we go by the number of names mentioned in the monthly newsletters we are very fortunate to around 60% of our members taking some role in the various activities we do....I think that's pretty great.

It would be even better if we had 100% but I understand that family life and jobs come first and so some of our members are unable to participate regularly. I can only encourage everyone to try even harder over the next few months to get more involved. We have the membership drive in October, the Turkey Roll and the Longo's Food Drive in December, the Big Band Concert in January and the Valentines Dinner and Dance in February.....which are all great opportunities for you to come out and get involved and experience the joy of helping others.

I also encourage all of you to keep an eye out for the Holy Rosary Parish survey which will be in circulation between September 30th and October 15th. This is a perfect opportunity for you and your families to input into the directions our Holy Rosary Parish follows in the future. The survey is entitled "Holy Rosary Parish Growth and Needs Survey" and it will be available for completion in hard copy at the Masses on September 30 and October 1 and the following 2 weekends hard copies will still be available....as well as being available on line by visiting the Parish web site. Thanks goes to Brother Vic Lefebvre for helping me with the on-line version and of course our Chaplain and Pastor Father Martin for initiating this rare opportunity to make our voices heard.

Don't forget our meeting on Tuesday October 3rd, the final Bottle drive on Tuesday October 10th and the Membership drive on the weekend of October 21 and 22. We will be holding our 3rd council card party after the meeting on October 3rd so get your euchre cards out and practice up..... See you then.

Vivat Jesus

Ken Fleming,  
Grand Knight

**PRAYER NETWORK**

In charity, we  
pray for:



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 by e-mail at [kofcholyrosary@outlook.com](mailto:kofcholyrosary@outlook.com)



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from a Brother Knight***

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***Bro. Trevor D'Mello, F.I.C.***

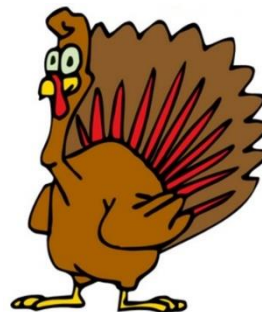
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**CALENDAR  
OF  
COUNCIL EVENTS**

- Oct. 1 – Turkey Roll Planning Meeting  
after 11:00 am Mass
- Oct. 3 – Council Business Meeting  
Card Party after meeting
- Oct. 7 – The Feast of Our Lady of  
the Most Holy Rosary
- Oct. 7 – Blessing and Flag Raising  
after 5:00 pm Mass
- Oct. 10 – Special Olympics Bottle Drive  
4 to 6 pm
- Oct. 20 - Halton Alive Gala Dinner  
St. Joseph Banquet Hall  
300 River Oaks Boulevard  
Oakville  
Doors open at 6:00 pm
- Oct. 21 and 22 – Membership Drive  
after all Masses
  
- Nov. 1 – Dinner with Bishop Crosby  
Le Dome Banquet Hall  
1173 North Service Road  
Oakville  
Doors open at 5:30 pm
- Nov. 4 – The Bell Bazaar  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Sponsored by Holy Rosary CWL
- Nov. 7 – Council Business Meeting
- Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day Parade
  
- Dec. 1 – Annual Turkey Roll  
Holy Rosary School Gym  
7:00 pm



**ANNUAL  
TURKEY ROLL  
HOLY ROSARY  
SCHOOL GYM  
FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 1  
7:00 PM**



**The Bell Bazaar – Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church, 287 Plains Rd. East in Aldershot. Join us for Lunch in our tearoom, Penny Sale, Baking, Crafts. Lucky Dips and Santa for kids!

All are welcome—free admission—wheelchair accessible.

### Brother Melvin Ilagan represents the Knights at “Heart and Stroke Big Bike” fundraiser

In early August, Brother Melvin Ilagan our past Chancellor announced he was participating in the annual Heart and Stroke Big Bike fundraiser in downtown Burlington. Our brother Knights stepped up and made some generous contributions to the fundraiser and as a result it helped Brother Melvin to be responsible for generating the highest donation for the Burlington event. In total, the event raised \$2,365 for the Heart and Stroke foundation.

Brother Melvin and his young family are also strong participants in our Holy Rosary parish life. He volunteers to help the church wherever help is needed, his wife Jennifer sings in the church choir and some of his children are altar servers. Melvin a 3rd degree Knight joined our council in 2015 and was elected to the role of Chancellor in 2016. Thank you for all you do for our Council and the parish Melvin.



**Brother Melvin Ilagan wearing his council shirt receives recognition at the annual “Heart and Stroke Big Bike” fundraiser**



## September 5th Special Olympics Bottle Drive and Danny's Classic Thunderbird

Our fourth bottle drive of 2017 was held on Tuesday September 5th and it was another successful collection. We collected almost \$400 again this time bringing our year to date collection to almost \$1,800.

Thanks to Brothers Joe M, David L, Don, Stan, Mike, Aeneas, Danny and Ken for helping out this time....I hope I didn't miss anyone. A highlight of this collection day was the fact that Brother Danny Morosin brought his classic 60's Thunderbird for us to admire. It is a beautiful white convertible and it is well cared for by Danny.



Please extend my thanks to all the Knights who helped with the shelving and painting. The following announcement will appear in the September 24<sup>th</sup> bulletin. Thank you.

*Thank you!*

Once again we would like to thank the **Knights of Columbus** for coming to our aid! The Knights recently installed some new and much needed shelving in the Rectory for file storage. They also painted the gable above our church entrance and installed our icon of Mary and Jesus. We call—you respond! Thank you, gentlemen for your service to our parish.

**Christine Gibbons**  
Secretary/Bookkeeper  
Holy Rosary Church

**Here is the Thank you email from the church office**

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## OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY COUNCIL HELPING OUR PARISH

### September 12th David Lord paints the front of the church

Our Knight of the Year SK David Lord was at it again in September helping out around the church whenever he is asked. This time the front of the church needed a facelift and so David painted the gable above the entrance and the ceiling of the entrance. He also installed our icon of Mary and Jesus. Thank you David for all you do.



### September 13th Knights assemble new shelving for the Church rectory

Our Council received a call from the church office to ask if we could help them look into some additional shelving in the basement of the Church Rectory. They were very much in need of more shelving space to be able to store many items including the storage of tax information for the CRA.

Our Knights inspected the area and determined that it would be best to purchase good heavy duty shelving rather than attempt to build shelving due to the restricted area. The shelves were ordered and Brothers Joe Milton, David Lord, Danny Morosin and Ken Fleming assembled and installed them on September 13th. Danny missed the picture but he did a great job on the shelving as well.



## OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY COUNCIL'S BBQ SKILLS IN PRACTICE FOR OUR SCHOOLS

### September 14th Knights help out at the Holy Rosary School Welcome back BBQ

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, our Knights looked after feeding over 300 hungry school kids and their families at the Holy Rosary School Curriculum Night and Community Partners Open House. Our Knights supplied all of the burgers, hot dogs, chips and water for a small fee of \$5 per person. A small surplus of \$517 was generated which will be donated to one of the organizations we support. Special thanks goes to the Brothers that helped out including Brothers Aeneas Mac Isaac (and his truck), Jim Hession (and his truck), Joe Milton, David Lord, Ken Fleming, Howard McNamara (including his BBQ) and his wife Lorraine, Hugh Johns and his wife Cathy, Mike McNamara and his wife Chris. A special thanks also goes to Brother Len Walker who allowed us to use his oversize BBQ. Some excess food that was left over was delivered to the Good Shepherd Food bank by Brothers Joe Milton and David Lord.



### September 21st Knights help out at the Assumption HS Welcome back BBQ

Our Knights also helped out at the Assumption High School BBQ held on September 21st. Thanks goes to Brothers Vincent Iantomasi, Don Prescott, Vic Lefebvre, Bob Judge, Jim Hession, David Lord and some guys from other Councils that did a great job feeding everyone.





### September 15th Ontario State Council Golf tournament at Lowville

Brothers Vic Lefebvre, Ron Lehocki, Don Prescott with Brother Jere Hartnett from Council 5073 made up a foursome that attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ontario State Council True Fraternity Golf Tournament held on September 15<sup>th</sup> at Lowville Golf Club. Although they did not win the tournament, they had a great time. Brother Ron Lehocki showed his prowess at putting. Although it took two “putt-offs” Brother Ron emerged the winner of the putting contest. Congratulations Brother Ron.

Our Council sponsored a hole in support of our State Council. A good time was had by all. Congratulations to State Treasurer Marcel Lemmen for organizing this event.



Foursome from left to right:  
S.K. Vic Lefebvre, Ron Lehocki, S.K. Don Prescott  
and S.K. Jere Hartnett from Council 5073



Ontario State Deputy Dan Heffernan presents  
Brother Ron Lehocki with a Putting Contest  
trophy as Tournament Organizer State Treasurer  
Marcel Lemmen looks on.



### CANADA 150 FLAG BLESSING AND RAISING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 AFTER 5:00 PM MASS

As part of Pope John Paul II Assembly’s “To be a Patriot” program, in commemoration of Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, they have promoted the installation of a “flag” pole in all Burlington parishes. With the cooperation of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish and Knights of Columbus Council, we will be having a “blessing” and “raising” celebration on Sunday October 7 at the 5:00 pm Mass. We urge all members, their families and friends to come and witness this festive occasion.

### Knights in Action September 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 September bottle drive was held on September 5th and we collected almost \$400 which brings our total for 2017 to almost \$1,800. Great work everyone. The next and final collection date is October 10th. Our goal is to exceed last year's collection so keep up the hard work.



#### **Used Eye Glasses for Haiti**

Brother Blair Breckenridge is spearheading an initiative to collect used eye glasses for donation to the **B the Hope for Haiti Mission**.



Joanna Baumgartner wife of our brother Joe will be returning to Haiti this fall so get those much need glasses in ASAP. She has already delivered over 200 pairs to the needy people in Haiti. The collection box will remain in the church so please continue to collect used eye glasses for this effort.

#### **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.



#### **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