



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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NEWSLETTER

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### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE – REV. FR. FRANK WAGNER, CSC

My Brother Knights,

**Christ is Risen! He has risen indeed!** I am writing this to you on March 22, **World Water Day**, a few days after the Third Sunday of Lent and in anticipation of the celebration of Easter. The Gospel of John on the Third Sunday reminded us that Jesus wishes to giving us the “**living water**” of His divine life “gushing up to eternal life.” He said that to the Samaritan women. Then, He made it possible for us to receive the “living water” through the **water and blood** poured out from His pierced side on the cross, and His rising in triumph over death in the Resurrection. Our **Baptism** (plunging in the water and the Spirit) caused that Living Water to gush up in us.

**Easter** is the preeminent celebration of the **renewal of our Baptismal vows**. Jesus taught us that when we **give water to the least** of our brothers and sisters, we give it to Him (Matthew’s Gospel, chapter 25). The Church, indeed, each Christian, is called to share with others the Good News about the “Living Water” which Jesus gives for our spiritual welfare, as well as making sure that clean water is available to all who lack it. The World Bank estimates that 1.6 billion people currently live in countries and regions with absolute water scarcity.

During the May 22nd General Audience in St. Peter’s Square, **Pope Francis** gave a special welcome to the participants in the “**Watershed**” Conference, hosted by the Pontifical Council for Culture, on replenishing water for a thirsty world. He said:

I am happy that this meeting is taking place, for it represents yet another stage in the joint commitment of various institutions to raising consciousness about the need to protect water as a treasure belonging to everyone, mindful too of its cultural and religious significance. I especially encourage your efforts in the area of education, through programs directed to children and young people. Thank you for all that you do and may God bless you!

My Brothers, The Knights of Columbus is an extraordinary institution serving the Church and the world. What can we do to make sure that the spiritual and physical needs of our fellow human beings implicit in the divine grace of Living Water and physical reality of water are fulfilled?

Sincerely in Christ and the spirit of Fr. McGiveney,

Fr. Frank Wagner, CSC



## CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE – MICHAEL MARK

Brothers,

As Easter will soon be upon us, we must remember that without Christ, there would be no salvation. (John 3:16) "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life". We are called by Christ to live our lives according to his teachings, and that our mandate as Knights of Columbus is to foster charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We are commanded by Christ our Saviour to give to the poor, and the only way this can be accomplished is through fundraising initiatives in order to provide the much needed resources for charity. (Proverbs 28:27) "He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses." Our duty as the Knights of Columbus is to help those who are less fortunate within our community. We must not deviate from our prime directive and keep up our efforts. Let us all work together as brothers to achieve our charity goals as commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ. With teamwork, I am confident that we can accomplish anything.

As we get closer and closer to Good Friday, I would like to share with my brother knights a part of a lyric of a Christian song that I remember hearing in church when I was a young boy:

*And Jesus said, "Come to the water, stand by my side,  
I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied;  
I felt every teardrop when in darkness you cried,  
And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died.*

Vivat Jesus,  
Michael Mark, Chancellor

### Prayer Requests

In charity, unity and fellowship let us pray for the needs of our brother Knights and their families.

Joe Acosta  
Paul Catena  
Mary Enright  
Hinton Family  
Brian Legault  
Manley Family  
Bernie Moorcroft  
Bill O'Rerdian

Frank Barich  
Joseph Ceolin  
Brett Faucher  
Lucie Jennings  
Rosemary Madden  
John McCarthy  
Hailey Nazareth  
Udo Schmidt

Alan Benoit  
Riccardo Colaianni  
Jim Gordon  
Pat Jucey  
Rita Manley  
Linda McNaught  
Diane Nichol  
Young Family

#### PRAYER IN TIME OF NEED

Lord Jesus, you came into the world to heal our infirmities and to endure our sufferings. You went about healing all and bringing comfort to those in pain and need.

We come before you now in this time of need asking that you may be the source of our strength in body, courage in spirit and patience in pain.

May we join ourselves more closely to you on the Cross and in your suffering that through them we may draw our patience and hope.

Assist us and restore us to health so that united more closely to our family, the Church, we may give praise and honour to your name. Amen.

## ENGAGING IN SERVICE



This is the 11th of several monthly articles that outlines what our duty as Knights of Columbus truly is. Our work as Knights focuses on six service categories of Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life, and Youth. The K of C "Service Program" is organized around these topics. In this article we'll continue looking at Council Activities and ways that we can dedicate our support of this category.

Council programs and activities help foster a sense of fraternity and family in the Knight of Columbus community. Members are our neighbours, friends and acquaintances. Opportunities are limited only by the imagination in this category.

### Blood Donors:

- Health care facilities and hospitals have a never-ending need for blood for transfusions. Councils can participate in this activity. Simply contact the local Red Cross about sponsoring a council or community blood drive:
- Give blood, the gift of life - donors must be 17 years of age. A healthy person can give blood every 56 days;
- Establish a blood donor committee to work with the local Red Cross. Committee can keep members informed of the dates and locations of local blood drives;
- Keep a list of the blood types of members and their families willing to volunteer in case of an emergency need for a particular blood type;
- Volunteer to assist the Red Cross with their promotions and activities;
- Recognize donors by presenting them with the Knights of Columbus Blood Donor Certificate.

### Athletics:

- Sponsor council or community athletic clubs, teams, leagues, tournaments and contests such as table tennis, baseball, fishing, basketball, curling, bowling, softball, golf, volleyball, hockey, soccer, football, tennis or swimming;
- Conduct sports clinics - possibly in conjunction with the Free Throw Championship - perhaps with the help of current or former sports stars who reside in our area;
- Plan an annual group outing to a professional sporting event;
- Sponsor a team in a youth sports league such as soccer, baseball, hockey or basketball;
- Invite local sports stars to participate in an annual "Sports Night" for our council.

In May's newsletter we'll look at *Family Activities - Strengthening Family Life*.

For more information, please visit <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/service/index.html>, and review the "Surge.....with Service" document.

JOHN SCHUNK

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST – APRIL 23 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All are Welcome!

### Where

Knights of Columbus Hall  
2400 Industrial Street

### Menu

Eggs, Sausages, Bacon, Home Fries, Pancakes,  
Beans, Buns, Juice, Fruit, Tea/Coffee

### Cost

\$7.50 per person; Children under 10 eat FREE!  
Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door.

For more information: Gerry Kelly at 905.637.0315 or Michael Enright at 905.315.1744



*to our Brother Knights  
who are celebrating during  
the month of April*

Frank Barich  
Riccardo Colaianni  
Yves Isabelle  
Stephen Kportufe  
Rick Lomas  
Ignatius MacDonald  
Michael MacDonald  
William Manley  
Ronald Milne  
Jerry Ponikvar  
Alan Read  
John Schunk

## MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

April	Council Groups	Time
3	Executive Meeting	7:00 p.m.
10	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.
17	Kolumbus Club	7:30 p.m.
27	Prayer Cenacle	6:30 p.m.
24	Fraternal Night	
Other Groups		
12 & 26	Matinee (Day) Bingo	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
13	Afternoon (Twilight) Bingo	3:45 p.m. to 6 p.m.
4 & 18	Midnight (Night) Bingo	9 p.m. to 12 a.m.
Every Wednesday	Seniors' Club	9:30 a.m.

Please refer to our website [www.kofc5073.ca](http://www.kofc5073.ca) for more information about these and other events.



TO OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS  
AND THEIR WIVES  
WHO CELEBRATE  
THEIR ANNIVERSARIES  
IN APRIL!

John and Catherine Bennett  
Paul and Barbara Catena  
Vincent and Elaine Meehan  
Alan and Eleanor Read

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## KNIGHTS' MONTHLY MOMENTS

### 2017 – First Degree



We welcomed three new Brothers to our council on Sunday, March 12, in Hamilton. (L to R) Chancellor Michael Mark, Brother Rocco DeVito, Grand Knight John D'Addario, New Brothers Ned Perry, Richard Rottich and Bernie Moorcroft, Trustee Frank Miele, Brother Rohan Nazareth and Membership Director Kevin Abraham.



GK John D'Addario receives a cheque for the Council's share of the Big Band Event from Event Chair, Br. Vic Lefebvre. Thank you to all members who supported the event.



Br. Bernie Moorcroft (L) and Br. Rohan Nazareth were at St. Francis Xavier in Mississauga on Saturday, March 25.

## COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

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