

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



In Service to One; In Service to All



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## ***GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT***

Brother Knights:

We hope that you and your loved ones are in good health and taking care to be safe at this very precarious time. We are caught up in a time where our health risks and those of our loved ones depends on all of us maintaining appropriate self isolation, social distancing and hygiene procedures. We need to do this allowing those participating in essential services to be safer in what they do for us. We definitely thank all of them for their caring and service. As we have no idea how long the Corona Virus pandemic will remain a concern, all meetings, executive and general, going forward are cancelled until such time as we are allowed to gather in larger groups. Thus events have been cancelled or put off until a later date when the community will again be able to gather in large groups. Please read through the newsletter for full details. However we will as appropriate contact the executive and/or the council via phone, email or social media to make decisions on necessary business or needed donations. We will keep you informed going forward as to any changes and when we will be able to hold our next meetings.

The 35th annual Bishop Dinner and Dance was held on Saturday March 07, 2020. We were able to fill 2 tables of 10. The amount raised this year is unknown at this time. In 2019 we were able to provide the Bishop a cheque in the amount of \$80,000.00. Special thanks was given to Joe Laposa for overseeing this event and for keeping all on track for our council.

Wishing one and all a joyful and blessed Holy Week and Easter.  
Thank you, God Bless, Be Safe, Fraternally yours, Henry Vroenhoven GK

## ***CHAPLAIN: FATHER LOBSINGER***

Dear Brother Knights,



I pray that you and all those you love are well and will continue to be well.

These days are very difficult. Our churches are closed, our Masses are cancelled and the public celebration of Easter will not occur. Who would have thought that this would be our Lent this year? Fr. Greg, Seminarian Kevin and I are continuing to pray for all of you. Each day we offer the Holy Mass, we

pray the Divine Office and the Holy Rosary for all of you and all members of St. Ann Parish.

I encourage you to take the time to view the Mass each day on our YouTube page, St. Ann Parish, Ancaster. You can also access the Mass through our Facebook page. The 30 minutes it will take to participate in Mass, will help to fill you with hope, grace and peace. Also, I hope you are all receiving "Electronic Fridays With Father", the email blast we send out each Friday. If you are not getting it, that means you are not registered as a active member of St. Ann Parish or we do not have an email address for you. Please feel free to call the office and we can make it happen. Please feel free to share both the Mass and the bulletin with others who may appreciate them.

We are here if you need us. Wishing all of you and those you love God's care and blessings. Stay safe and stay healthy.

God bless, Fr. Lobsinger

## ***Council Events:***

**Good Friday Fish Fry: Friday April 10th** - cancelled due to the CoronaVirus

**Tastes of Ancaster - Thursday June 11th.** - cancelled due to the Corona Virus

Scott Rastin reports: We have postponed it indefinitely. If we did get an all clear by the end of April which is unlikely, we wouldn't have enough time to pull it together. When things start to hopefully return to normal I will discuss options with the restaurants. People who purchased tickets on Eventbrite will see a full refund in the next ten days. People who purchased at Rastin's or The Wine Rack can come in for a full refund at the pharmacy once social distancing has been lifted.

**Golf Tournament** – Paul Henderson reports we are still booked and scheduled for Saturday August 15, 2020 at Oak Gables Golf Club. Dinner and Prizes will follow at the church hall.

**Year End Knights' Council Dinner : Wednesday June 10th, 7:00 p.m.**  
pending based on if we return to meetings by then

**Heritage Days** – A totally different and condensed version of heritage Days will be held this year. The new name will be **ARTFEST**. The town did not want to close Wilson Street this year and there will be no fireworks display or parade. Kidsworld will continue. Our Knights council will not participate this year. Further details by Scott Rastin will follow.

## ***DIRECTORS' REPORTS:***

### ***MICHAEL MOSS - DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT***



**Welcome to our newly elected Deputy Grand Knight - Michael Moss**

**We have openings in Director Positions for Community, Family, Pro Life, Council and Youth. Contact Henry at 905-648-075, [vanvr@sympatico.ca](mailto:vanvr@sympatico.ca) or Michael Moss at 905 928 2750 [m63moss@gmail.com](mailto:m63moss@gmail.com) if you would like to consider a directorship. We desperately need your support and help.**

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**



The coronavirus is causing a difficult situation for all around the world at this time. We all have to be vigilant on staying at home and when you are in the public that you keep your distance from each other. All the front line workers need to be thanked for the great job they are doing in serving the general public. I thank all the doctors, nurses and paramedics for the job they are doing and who are putting their health on the line every day with this virus. The total economic impact for businesses and the economy will not be known for a while but it will be huge.

Our knights meetings are cancelled for now. It also affects the possible cancellation of events down the road.

Our council is looking for new members to join our council, so if you have a friend or family member who is interested in joining the Knights of Columbus please let our membership director know. New members need to be eighteen years of age and a practicing catholic. You can contact our membership director Gregg Husband PGN at [gregghusband@hotmail.com](mailto:gregghusband@hotmail.com) or 905-807-8217.

If you change your e-mail, mailing address or phone number please let me know as this information needs to be changed on the council website the Supreme website and I also need this information to contact you. This is very important that this information is kept current as the newsletter and many important broadcasts are sent out by e-mail and the phone to let you know about upcoming events or meetings. You can contact me at [nlast@cogeco.ca](mailto:nlast@cogeco.ca) or **289-238-8017**.

The members of our council who still have to pay their membership dues need to look after this **ASAP**. You are over six months past due date. The information as to whom you make your cheque payable to and were to send it is all in the dues notice. We currently have 138 members in our council. Any questions regarding your dues contact me at [nlast@cogeco.ca](mailto:nlast@cogeco.ca) or **289-238-8017**.

Any insurance questions you may have our Field Agent for Knights of Columbus Insurance is Grant Okpere at 289-426-2277

**The Father Sean P. O'Sullivan Assembly Annual Dinner and Games Night on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Ann's Parish Hall has been cancelled.**

The Fourth Degree Exemplification that was to be held on Saturday May 30th at the **Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph, ON has been cancelled.**

SK Nick Last PFN  
**For the Good of the Order**

Pray for all those who are working on the front lines.  
The doctors, nurses, paramedics and store clerks who are out every day.  
Pray that the coronavirus it is put under control soon.  
Pray for all those have their business affected by this coronavirus.  
SK Gene Carreiro is in Arbour Creek Care Centre a long term care centre;  
remember him in your prayers.  
Remember Kevin Kelly in your prayers.  
Keep our troops and their families in your prayers

SK Joe Laposa PGN PFN FDD 905-648-6610  
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## ***St. Ann's Parish Online***

Visit the parish website [www.stannsparish.ca](http://www.stannsparish.ca) on a regular basis as masses are still unavailable due to the Corona Virus. Masses, Rosaries and other opportunities for prayer and reflection are offered online and options for confession are available.

There you will find past weekly bulletins outlining the events and activities in the parish community. The weekly homilies are also available.

Also St. Ann's Parish is on Facebook.  
<https://www.facebook.com/stannparishancaster/>

Fridays with Father Lobsinger is available electronically on the Facebook Page and Website every second Friday of the month.

**Make sure you are on the parish email list to receive updates from Father Lobsinger. Here is his latest posting as of March 27th.**

My Dear People of St. Ann Parish,

I pray that all of you are well. Fr. Greg, Seminarian Kevin and I are all well and are continuing our prayers for you each day.

This has been another difficult week. Hearing about the numbers infected with the COVID 19 Virus going up, those who have died, and the necessary closing of businesses and places of work, leads us to a great sense of insecurity and worry. However, as people of Faith, we keep our trust in the Lord, Who guides all things and works all out to good for those who believe.

We received further instructions from the Bishop's Office which brought great sadness to our hearts. There will be no public celebration of Palm Sunday, the Easter Triduum or Easter Sunday this year. In fact, the Good Friday Solemn Liturgy and the Easter Vigil will not be celebrated at all. Those preparing to enter the Church, will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive the Eucharist at a later date to be determined. At St. Ann Parish, we have 19 people waiting to be received into the Church, an amazing number. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Priestly ordinations which normally occur on the First Saturday of May have also been delayed. Pray for the 5 men waiting to become Priests for our Diocese.

But perhaps the saddest news this week was the temporary closure of our Parish Office and the temporary lay-off of our Parish Staff. With the church and office closed and Masses cancelled, in consultation with our Finance Council, we felt we had no option. Pray for our staff. They are amazing people who serve our Parish wonderfully.

We look forward to the day when we are all back to work, serving God, His Church and His people.

Not wanting this to be all sad or bad news, we are happy to announce that the renovations to the church made possible by the One Heart One Soul campaign are continuing. The organ was moved to the loft this week, check out the video on our Facebook page. The new sound system will probably start being installed next week and the interior of the church will be painted starting April 20. We are still alive and active, filled with lots of hope for the future of our

parish. May God continue to bless all of us and the good work that is done in and through St. Ann Parish.

Even though our Parish Staff are no longer here physically to join us for the Rosary, Fr. Greg, Seminarian Kevin and I are continuing to pray the Holy Rosary each day for all of you, but now we are praying it at 4:45 p.m. Let us continue to unite together in pleading with our Blessed Lady for her motherly protection. Fr. Greg, Seminarian Kevin and I continue to be here for you. Call or email us, we are happy to stay in touch. We pray for you each day in the Divine Office and our communal recitation of the Holy Rosary. Stay safe and stay healthy.

St. Ann, pray for us!  
 God bless,  
 Fr. Lobsinger, V.E., P.P.

### *Pope: COVID-19 teaches us we are one human community*

In an interview with Italy's daily newspaper "La Stampa", Pope Francis describes the sorrow and pain caused by the coronavirus pandemic, and emphasizes the importance of prayer.

By Vatican News

In the interview with "La Stampa", published on Friday, Pope Francis speaks of the sorrow and pain that "everyone" is experiencing due to the coronavirus. The only way to survive this situation, he says, is by sticking together. The Pope invites us to live this moment "with penance, compassion and hope". We need "humility", he adds, "because too often we forget" there are dark times in life as well. "We think they can only happen to someone else. But these times are dark for everyone", he says. Pope Francis explains that the season of Lent "trains us to show solidarity with others, especially those who suffer".

Prayer

The Pope emphasizes the importance of prayer, recalling how the Apostles turn to Jesus to save them during the storm (Mark 4:35-41). "Prayer helps us understand our vulnerability", he says. "It is the cry of those who are sinking, who feel they are in danger and alone. And in a difficult, desperate situation, it is important to know that the Lord is there to cling to".

All are suffering

Pope Francis makes no distinction between “believers and non-believers”. People are weeping because they are suffering, he says. “Everyone” is suffering. “We are all children before God”, he adds.  
Those dying without loved ones

The Pope then speaks of those who are dying alone and without the comfort of their families. He says he was struck by the story of an elderly woman who said her final goodbye to her loved ones over a phone belonging to one of the nurses. “The pain of those who have died without saying goodbye becomes a wound in the hearts of those who are left behind”, says Pope Francis. He thanks “all the nurses, doctors and volunteers who, despite their incredible exhaustion”, offer themselves, “with patience and kindness” to stand in for family members who cannot be there.

Pope Francis also addresses the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic for our future. The current crisis will help to remind us “once and for all, that humanity is a single community”, he says. It will teach us that “universal kinship” is important and critical. We should think about it like a “post-war” phenomenon, he says: “It will no longer be ‘them’. It will be ‘us’. Because we can only come out of this situation together”. Pope Francis concludes saying: “We will need to look even more closely at our roots: our grandparents, the elderly”. We will need “to build true kinship amongst us”.



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### DIRECTORS

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