

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



In Service to One; In Service to All



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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights:



Brother Knights with the arrival of a New Year in a brand new decade we look optimistically toward ways our council can have more visibility in the our catholic community. Last October, we organized a dinner that we featured Meeting the Priests. On Good Friday we are looking to start another tradition by hosting a Parish Fish Fry. On Thursday April 30th we'll have our main fundraising event for the year, the Tastes of Ancaster. For these events we welcome any support you can offer by assisting with the event or attending the paid events.

Come find our more about our upcoming activities by attending our General Meetings every month on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Our next meeting is Wednesday February 12 at 7:30 p.m. in our chambers.

Reminder Super Bowl Party is this Sunday February 2 at 5:30. \$10. Contact me at vanvr@sympatico.ca or Todd at hornby.todd@gmail.com if you are attending and let us know the number of people attending with you.

Thank you, God Bless,

Fraternally yours,
Henry Vroenhoven GK

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER GREG

Dear Brother Knights,



As many of you know, I was not always a faithful practicing Catholic. When I returned to a life of following the Church, it dawned on me that I had been shooting myself in the foot all those years.

The Church knew better than I did. I had been missing out on the peace, love, and happiness that being reconciled to God and being in right relationship with Him brings. In other words, I experienced the truth of these words of Jesus: “I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.” (John 15:11) Jesus wants us to be happy - to

have, as Pope Francis says, “the joy of the Gospel.”

This joy and happiness of God comes into our lives, and that of our families, only when we are in right relationship with God. This in turn, requires that we often receive God’s offer of forgiveness, always held out to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I want to encourage you to make frequent use of this awe-inspiring Sacrament. If you have *not* used the Sacrament of Reconciliation recently or frequently, it is a perfect time to begin again. Every week I am blown away by watching the Lord’s forgiveness transform lives, heal hearts and inspire souls to follow Jesus in a brand-new way – even if they may seem like ordinary and little ways. They are not. Each confession changes lives and brings souls closer to Jesus. As a result, I am truly humbled to watch Jesus, the Divine Physician, heal the wounds of sin, lift the burdens that weigh on those who come, and instead give them the peace only God can give – that peace that satisfies the desire of every human heart. “My peace I leave you, my peace I give you.”

Jesus said to His apostles, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” (John 20:23) Through apostolic succession and ordination, every Catholic priest has this power. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28). Don’t miss out on the beautiful blessings of peace, love, and joy you are waiting for. Come to Jesus in this beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation, and you will never regret it.

God bless you.

Yours in Christ, Father Greg

Council Events:

Super Bowl LIV Party: The Super Bowl party is on Sunday February 2. As previously mentioned, Alan Wong will cook for this event. Food will consist of Pulled Pork, Wings, Pizza, and Salads. Event will take place at our newly renovated Council Chambers. 5:50 p.m. Dinner & game at 6:00 p.m. \$10

35th Bishop's Dinner Dance : This event is on Saturday March 7. As In the past if the member knight purchases a ticket for \$70.00 the spouse's ticket is free. If we cannot sell all the tickets we are able to return the unsold tickets.

Good Friday Fish Fry: We are looking into more information in order to schedule this event for April 10th 2020. Since the Lake Erie Hotel no longer provides this service, we are exploring alternative suppliers. We will contact Christine Lovering of Carluke Orchards if they would be interested.

A Taste of Ancaster : A committee has yet to be formed. The date is changed to Thursday April 30, as we no longer have a conflict with the Lobsterfest event. Scott Rastin reported we will need 450 sold tickets to make it a very successful event. We will need approximately 25 volunteers including committee members. Tickets to sell for \$50.00 per person but a \$45.00 Early Bird price will be provided. Last year, 237 attendees generated raising \$4,984. For any tickets sold after our costs are covered, the proceeds will directly go to the bottom line. As an example, if we attract 450 attendees, we will generate approximately \$17,000 in total revenue. Contact wscottrastin@gmail.com if you'd like to help.

Year End Knights' Council Dinner : Wednesday June 10th, 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall following our general meeting.

Golf Tournament – Paul Henderson was not present but Dan Marranca reports we are booked and scheduled for Saturday August 15, at Oak Gables Golf Club. Dinner and Prizes will follow at the church hall.

Mark Your Calendars

Super Bowl LIV Party: Sunday February 2

35th Bishop's Charity Dinner Dance: Saturday March 7

Good Friday Fish Fry: Friday April 10th

Tastes of Ancaster: Thursday April 30

Year End Knights and Spouses Dinner: Wednesday June 10

Golf Tournament: Saturday August 15

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Church Director: Dan Marranca reported to keep in our thoughts and prayers former knight Joe Chesla who recently passed away in December. Joe was an active member of our council for 17 years and 62 in total year's service. When healthy, he was an active participant in many of the knight's activities. His family donated the statue of Mary which is located at the front of the church. A mass will be held in his honour on February 11, 2020 at 7:00pm. All knights are encouraged to attend in respect for Brother Joe. .

Council Director: This is a vacant position. Todd Hornby reports the Super Bowl Party will be held in the council chamber on Sunday February 2nd. Doors will open at 5:30 pm and an extensive culinary delights will be provided by Alan Wong. He encourages all knights to attend. \$10 per person.

Family Life Director – This is a vacant position and a report was not provided.

Lecturer – Michael Creaghan was not present and a report was not provided.

Worthy Chefs: Alan Wong reported there is food available for attendees after the meeting is concluded. He will be providing the food for the Super Bowl party.

We have openings in Director Positions for Community, Family, Pro Life, Council and Youth. Contact Henry at 905-648-075, vanvr@sympatico.ca if you would like to consider a directorship. We desperately need your support and help.

FROM THE DESK OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY



The Ancaster Food Drive will be on March 7th this year. Volunteers will be needed to go door to door to pick up the nonperishable food that will be put out by all the residents. Flyers will be dropped off to all the residents in Ancaster on February 29th to make everybody aware that the food drive is on March 7th. Volunteers will be needed to distribute these flyers. This is an opportunity for our Knights to help with the distribution of the flyers on February 29th and the pickup of food on March 7th. Here is an e-mail that may be of help if you want to be a volunteer at this event

ancastercommunityfooddrive@gmail.com.

Tastes of Ancaster will be held on Thursday April 30th this year. The date is earlier this year than in the past. This is an event where we can raise a lot of money and one that our membership needs to come out and support. As members of our council you should support events like this by buying tickets, bring a group of your friends. Keep this date open and plan to attend as you will enjoy it.

Our council needs new members to join our council, if you know somebody 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 or 905-807-8217.

Looking after the membership dues for our council I come in contact with members who change their e-mail address or phone numbers and don't let our council know. If you change your email, mailing address or phone number please let me know as this information needs to be changed on 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. Your e-mail and phone number are needed when our council is looking for help for an event. You can contact me at nlast@cogeco.ca or 289-238-8017.

There are still a few members who still have to pay their membership dues. Please look after this ASAP. The information as to whom you make your cheque payable to and where to send it is all in the dues notice. We currently have 140 members in our council. Any questions regarding your dues contact me at 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

Two reports have been completed the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity, and the Semiannual Council Audit Report and sent off to Supreme, the Ontario State Deputy and District Deputy.

There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday May 30th at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph, ON. This will be an afternoon exemplification. Candidates need to be a Third Degree Member in good standing If you have the new uniform this should be

worn otherwise a dark suit, white shirt, dark tie black socks and shoes. The Armed Forces, Police and Fireman are allowed to wear their Class A dress uniforms and members of the Clergy and Deacons should wear their clerical garb. The cost is \$70.00 for Clergy which would be covered by their council and \$120.00 for all other candidates.

SK Nick Last PFN

For the Good of the Order

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.

Pray that the wild fires in Australia can be controlled and put out and put an end to all the destruction.

Keep our troops and their families in your prayers

SK Joe Laposa PGN PFN FDD 905-648-6610

SK Nick Last PFN 289-238-8017

St. Ann's Parish Online

The website www.stannsparish.ca is worth visiting on a regular basis.

There you will find the 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 held every second Friday of the month and Father offers a class on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the St. Ann Hall.

Executive for the 2019-2020 year

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1 Yr Trustee: John DiLiberto, johndvp@gmail.com

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3 Yr Trustee: Mike Floren, mafloren22@gmail.com

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DIRECTORS

We have a number of director positions open. This is your opportunity to take a more active role in the council. Please contact Henry if you would like to take on one of the positions. Henry Van Vroenhoven 905-648-0754, vanvr@sympatico.ca