

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



In Service to One; In Service to All



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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Brother Knights:

As we turn the calendar and see that we've entered into a new decade we can't help to think about the many contributions and accomplishments we as a group of like-minded men of Council 10009 were part of. We have much to be proud of as a group when you think of the thousands of hours we contributed in service of the community. As a group, we also contributed well over two hundred thousand dollars in donations which had a direct impact on the community in which we live and serve. Thank you brother Knights for all of what you have done over the many years and as we begin planning our activities the new decade I look forward for counting on your assistance and support.

Hope to see you at our next general meeting, this Wednesday January 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the basement of the rectory.

Thank you, God Bless,

Fraternally yours,
Henry Vroenhoven GK

CHAPLAIN: FATHER LOBSINGER



Dear Brother Knights,

As we come to end of another Christmas Season, we look back with great joy and also great exhaustion over all the celebrations the Church has placed before us in the past three weeks. The Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas), the Feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. All amazing celebrations that we could spend a lifetime unpacking. So what do we do with all of these amazing feasts so to not lose their importance and the direction they should give to our lives?

One option, is to go back and visit in your hearts and minds each of these feasts, now that the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season is over. Spend time in your prayer to think about Christmas and what it means for you and what it is meant to teach us. Spend time to quietly reflect on the Holy Family and what is God calling you to do to have your own holy family. What is the role of Mary the Mother of God in your life? How much do I search for Jesus and do I give Him the best I have to offer? And finally, what difference does it make that I am Baptized? This can be the cornerstone of your prayer between now and Lent.

As we enter into the season of Ordinary Time, may the lessons and the graces we received during the great seasons of Advent and Christmas, become the ordinary way that we all live our lives.

Wishing you God’s continued and greatest blessings. I remain,
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Lobsinger



Fridays with Father

Council Events:

Super Bowl Party, Tastes of Ancaster and The Council Golf Tournament

Super Bowl LIV will be held on **Sunday February 2nd**, at Hard Rock Stadium in Florida.

We will have our annual Super Bowl Party in the Council Chambers beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday February 2nd. Info will follow by email.

35th Bishop Crosby Charity Dinner Dance : Saturday March 7th

Good Friday Fish Fry: Friday April 10th

Tastes of Ancaster - Thursday April 30th. If you'd like to assist please contact the Chairperson, Scott Rastin at wscottrastin@gmail.com

Golf Tournament – Paul Henderson reports we are 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.
in the parish hall following our general meeting.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Church Director – Dan Marranta

Church Director: Dan Marranta reported that we sold Christmas Cakes after all Saturday and Sunday masses prior to Christmas. He and Mike Moss spearheaded the initiative. A total of \$233.00.

Council Director - Vacant

Council Director: This is a vacant position. Todd Hornby reports The Knights of Columbus 2020 Charities Lottery tickets supporting the Arthritis Society and the Special Olympics of Ontario have been handed out to most members of our council to sell. They're sold in books of ten for \$5.00 per ticket. Still have a few books available. Email, hornby.todd@gmail.com, or call him at (905) 902-5180. All support is greatly appreciated.

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



Happy New Year to all our Brother Knights and their families and I hope that this year brings health and happiness to all. We are now heading into the last six months of this fraternal year. Make yourself available when asked to help at an event when you are asked.

Brother Knight Joseph Chesla passed away on December 30, 2019 at the age of 97. Condolences go out to the Chesla family from our council. Joe was a member of the Knights of Columbus for 62 years with 17 of those years with our council. There will be a mass at St. Ann's on Tuesday February 11th at 7:00 pm for Joe at the request of our council. Please try to attend.

A Perpetual Membership in the Society of the Little Flower has also been conferred upon Joe at the request of our council. Joe will forever share in all the Spiritual Benefits: Masses, Liturgical Worship and Special prayers offered for all members.

Super Bowl 54 will be held on **Sunday February 2nd, 2019**, at Hard Rock Stadium in Florida.

There will be a Super Bowl party in the council chambers again this year. Come out and socialize with your brother knights. This is open to all. Joe Laposa PGN PFN FDD will be running a pool as always.

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 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 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 where to send it is all in the dues notice. We currently have 139 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 to be completed the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity, before January 31st and the Semiannual Council Audit Report before February 15th.

There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday May 30th. It will be held 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. More information will be forthcoming.

SK Nick Last PFN

For the Good of the Order

Remember Joe Chesla in your prayers who passed away on December 30, 2019. 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

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.

Lecturer's Report: Two from Michael Creaghan

The first is on **"THE TWO POPES"**

A possible Academy Award winner for best picture this year will be the Two Popes. Also Anthony Hopkins for his role as Pope Benedict and his counterpart is Johnathan Pryce who plays Pope Francis are contenders for best actor. A movie about two holy, humble and spiritual men who love the Church. Both men are brilliant and have dedicated their life to the care of our Catholic Family. Their leadership styles couldn't be more different.

A person's personality developed very early in life and is greatly influenced by their environment. This is very evident in these two popes.

Pope Benedict, Joseph Ratzinger was born in Bavarian Germany in 1927 the youngest of three children. His father was a police officer. Early in life he saw the horrors and lies of the Nazi regime. He entered the seminary as a very young man. He was academically brilliant and as a young priest was a delegate to the Second Vatican Council. He spent most of his life as an academic teaching and writing. Prior to being pope he was the prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. (Canon Law and Magistrarium.) His life was as an academic and a conservative. He is German. When elected Pope he inherited the sexual abuse scandals by priests and clergy and the even worse the cover up. He was out of his element. For the Church he knew and loved was collapsing around him and church attendance in the west dropping off drastically. His choice to resign was done in the best interest of the Church.

Pope Francis, Jorge Bergoglio is one of 5 children was born in 1936 in Buenos Aires. His father was a railway worker. A country of wealth and poverty, of dictatorships and military juntas where people were tortured and disappeared.

His early education was as a chemical engineer. He entered the Jesuit seminary in 1958. The Jesuits saw great potential in him as a leader and scholar. He was sent to Germany where did his doctoral thesis in theology. (1986). In 1998 he became archbishop of Buenos Aires. In 2001 he was appointed Cardinal. His church was the streets and people of Buenos Aires. The Jesuits have traditionally been the intellectual and academic arm of the Church. They also have been the revolutionary body being thrown out of most of Europe. Their mission was the Americas and the East. Francis is considered a radical reformer but that is unfair. He comes in with a very different background and a different vision for the Church. He is Argentinian. He said; "I am here to build roads not walls". Two men, two Popes, two conflicting personalities, two different leadership styles, two different priorities. The movie is a dialogue between these two men. Since there is no official record of their conversations the dialogue is done through each of their writings.

The second presentation is named **“ROSE COLOURED GLASSES”**

My daughter in law said to me last summer; Michael , you see everything through rose coloured glasses. You don't seem to see the faults and the weaknesses in others. You know we all have them.

She was right of course. But there are a few factors that must be considered. Possibly I don't see the faults in others because if I do so I am going to have to face my own weaknesses, which are numerous. Or maybe, I don't want to deal with any possible confrontation which would arise from criticism of someone else. Looking at the big picture, maybe, most of these little things are insignificant.

When I retired a long time ago, I made a promise to myself that I would only see the good in other people. In doing this I have been reasonably successful. In my mind, if someone has no redeeming qualities, I just avoid them. Here again, I try to be the peacemaker and try to avoid taking sides. This often means that now everyone is upset with me.

When I only see the good in others then they are inadvertently required to present their good self. My daughter in law is a wonderful wife and mother. She is caring, kind and generous. She is selfless, giving all to her family and community. Now, I am sure she has her faults , but they are insignificant to all her positive qualities.

A glass is half full or half empty. It is obviously the same but it's not. We all know this and if we see this half full then we see our world in a positive light. Sure, there are many problems with our family, home, work, neighbourhood, church and country. It can let us down, for they may have lied and deceived us

or at least did not live up to their promises. We are dealing with people. People make mistakes and can be corrupted. People are weak, afraid, greedy and selfish. We are all these things but we are capable of courage, compassion, generosity and truth. We are all capable of accepting ourselves for for who we are with all of our faults, being loved as the children of God. We are the glass half full and those around are the glass half full. What is wonderful is there is plenty of room to fill the glass to the top. Those of us who are glass half empty see themselves in a negative light and everything around them in negative terms. They are bitter and resentful. They are frightened of change and wish for the good old days. The half empty glass is wasting away.

The Christmas Season is a time for hope. Hope is the virtue that we will always be open to love of God through his son Jesus.

Michael Creaghan – December 2019



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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,

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