

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



In Service to One; In Service to All



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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the Knights who worked on the Executive these past two years. I also wish to recognize the members of the council for their patience and support. I wanted to also thank our District Deputy, David Fisher, for his participation, support and valuable input. His guidance and support is greatly appreciated. These last two years were extremely challenging due to the pandemic but we got through it.

Although we were unable to have large venue activities to build council funds we did continue to provide support to the community through the regular donations.

I wish to thank Paul Gibel and Michael Creaghan for their continued efforts to create a Charitable Foundation. The official name of the Charity will be Ancaster Knights Charity Inc. A committee of Paul Gibel, Michael Creaghan and Cliff Bowman as Treasurer was named to direct this initiative toward a successful launch.

I wish Michael Moss success in his accepted role of Grand Knight and welcome new and returning members of the executive which will be a great team supporting Mike.

On behalf of the council I would like to thank Father Paul Edmondstone for the wonderful service he provided to our parish, as administrator, in the time he has been here. We wish him all the best in his new role as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Formosa. We also are looking forward to welcoming Father Peter Tuyen Nguyen as our new pastor.

Have a healthy and safe summer and our executive and general meetings will return in September.

Thank you and God Bless.
Henry Van Vroenhoven, GK

Council Events

Next General Council Meeting: Wednesday September 8, 2021, 7:30 p.m.
Location undecided. Information to follow by email in August.

Council Website



If you haven't already done so, take some time during the summer to check out our new website and add your photo. To assist you the information email from March announcing the website and how to navigate it is repeated below.

Brother Knights,

Our NEW website is up and running and easier than ever to access!

Our former website has been discontinued for information purposes but we have retained the URL which allows the opportunity to still type in www.kofcancaster.ca and be redirected to the new website.

This is an easier method for current and future Knights as well as the general public to access our information to discover the rich history and community spirit of our Council.

The URL for the new website is <http://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=10009> which is a much more difficult "handle" to remember but will also work as a means of access directly.

When you first type in www.kofcancaster.ca into your browser you may be presented with an error message about the site being unsafe. Please ignore that message and click on Advanced features or Continue Anyway.

If you have a VPN service running on your computer you may need to temporarily disable it the first time you try to access the www.kofcancaster.ca URL as it is redirecting and the VPN is seeing this as malicious. However, immediately after accessing the website you can restore your VPN and will be able to login every time after that with the VPN running. Of course the best thing to do is Bookmark the www.kofcancaster.ca website and place it at the top of your browser so that you can access it easily and often. As the new website continues to be populated you are encouraged to check back frequently to see what new initiatives we are undertaking. Hopefully this will enrich your experience as a Knight and make it easier to stay informed.

Finally, PLEASE click on Website Walk-Through Video as well as the Members Only tab to sign in and update your personal information.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask by clicking on the E-Mail Webmaster button at the top of the page.

Yours Faithfully,
Glenn Herrell

From The Desk Of The Financial Secretary



This is the last newsletter for this fraternal year.

We have a new executive for our council that was elect at our June 9 th virtual general meeting.

The term of office for the new executive will begin July 1 st the start of our new fraternal year.

Our new Grand Knight will be Michael Moss.

Congratulations to Michael and the entire new executive. A thank you to GK Henry Van Vroenhoven who has been the Grand Knight for the past two years and to those who served on the executive with him. Covid 19 has made Henry's term a lot more stressful.

The Knights of Columbus 2nd Ontario District will be presenting a virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification on Thursday June 24th , 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Candidates need to be 18 years of age, a Third Degree in good standing and a practicing catholic.

Dress code for the candidates is the new Fourth Degree Uniform, or a regular dark suit, white shirt and dark tie or a regular tuxedo, plain white pleated front tuxedo shirt with regular lay-down shirt collar and black bow tie. No shirt with a stand up collar allowed. Black shoes and socks are also required. Members of the Clergy and Deacons should wear their clerical garb.

Members of the Armed Forces, Police Officers and Fire-fighters dressed in Class A dress uniform shall be considered in proper attire for all Exemplification events.

Interested candidates can let me know at nlast@cogeco.ca or 289-238-8017.

Our council is always looking for new members. Ask a friend or a family member about joining the Knights of Columbus. New members need to be eighteen years of age and a practicing catholic. Our current membership is at 132 members.

We have a Semi-Annual Audit coming up which covers the period from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 that has to be completed and sent off to Supreme by August 15, 2021. This report has to be signed by our trustees and GK Henry.

With our fraternal year over on June 30th , membership dues notices will be sent out on July 1st.

Please look after paying your dues ASAP when you receive your notice.

For any insurance questions or you are interested in purchasing insurance the Field Agent for the Knights of Columbus Insurance is SK Grant Okpere at 289-426-2277.

Make sure you are social distancing, wearing your mask, washing your hands regularly and not having or attending large gatherings.

Get vaccinated if you haven't done so already.

This being our last newsletter for this fraternal year I hope all our Brother Knights, their wives and families have a safe and enjoyable summer and that an end comes to this Covid 19. Thanks to Julian D'Angela for preparing the newsletters.

Stay Safe

SK Nick Last PFN

For the Good of the Order

Pray for the Muslim family of five that was deliberately hit by a truck with four members being killed and the fifth still in the hospital.

Pray that discrimination against all for whatever reason ends.

Pray for all those working on the front lines, the doctors, nurses, paramedics who are in contact with patients having the Covid 19 virus.

Pray that the coronavirus it is put under control soon.

Pray for all those have their business affected by this coronavirus.

Keep our troops and their families in your prayers

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St. Ann Parish Online

St. Ann Parish has a YouTube Channel. There you will find a video of a Sunday Mass from St. Ann Church. The Mass is live- streamed.

St. Ann's Parish is also on Facebook with the masses available online as well.

<https://www.facebook.com/stannparishancaster/>

St. Ann's also has a website where you can find the recorded masses, homilies and bulletins. <https://stannparish.ca>

Make sure you are on the Parish email list so you receive the weekly bulletins.

Executive for the 2021-2022 Year

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We have a number of executive and director positions open. This is your opportunity to take a more active role in the council. Please contact Michael Moss if you would like to take on one of the positions.

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Lecturer's Talk: Michael Creaghan

Peace



Pax Vobiscum - At the end of Mass - go in peace - peace be in your heart and soul

Peace be with you - we wish this to our family and neighbour at the communion during Mass

Shalom - Jewish salutation that peace be within oneself, one's family and neighbour

As-salaam Alaikum (a-lay-kum) - Muslim salutation that peace be upon you

For 73 years there has been no peace in Israel and the Middle East. And as things are progressing there will be no peace in Israel for another 73 years.

Most Palestinians and most Israelis want peace and to live in harmony with each other. They realize that this can only come about with a two state solution. There have been countless peace negotiations with no success. Muslim terrorists and ultra right wing Jewish factions don't want peace. How can one claim to be a good Muslim or Jew and still want to kill the other? Where is SHALOM and where is AS-SALAAM ALAIKUM? Does life have so little value that when a Palestinian terrorist kills an Israeli Jew the Israeli army kills 20 Palestinians. Israel on a per capita basis has the strongest military force in the world. Israel also has nuclear weapons. It is very unlikely that the major arms manufacturers want peace.

Do we blame this on religion? Possibly the majority of Israelis are culturally Jewish but don't practice their faith. This is also true of most of the western people who are culturally Christian but don't practice their religion. With Muslims it may be different as their religion is both a belief and a way of life. All three of these religions and cultures are descendants of Abraham who believed there was but one God. At least this can be a starting position to peace negotiations.

With too many of the leaders on both sides there was, and there is, no intention in finding a peaceful solution . Their intentions were, and are, to maintain their power through corruption, greed, glory, fear, apprehension and miss information. The leaders of Hamas wanted war in order to keep control over its bitter rival the Palestinian Authority. Hamas claims to be the only true voice of the Palestinian people. Hamas now claims victory for it has now stopped Israeli expansion. A great victory even though hundreds of women and children were killed, buildings were blown up and most infrastructure destroyed. Hamas controls through fear and intimidation.

They speak for themselves and, in reality, don't care at all about the Palestinian people. Now look at Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He is in deep trouble. He cannot form a government, and he is being investigated on corruption charges which could send him to jail.

Why not start a little war to divert the heat away from himself. He claims he wants peace but will not negotiate with a terrorist organization. (The PLO before were also considered another terrorist organization.) Israeli settlement on disputed land and the attack on the Al-Aqsa Mosque by Israeli police gave

Hamas the justification to fire 4000 inaccurate rockets at Israeli settlements. Hamas still has 8000 rockets at war's end. A prominent Israeli journalist, Adam Raz, wrote of Netanyahu and Hamas that the war should be seen "not as a war between enemies but a collaboration between colleagues." (since writing this there has been a coalition among minority parties in the Knesset forcing Netanyahu out of office.)

Any peace in the Middle East is fragile. The majority of Palestinians and Israelis want peace which can only come through a two state solution. Most of the rest of the world wants peace.

The Americans, the British and the UN have all tried to help and failed and have failed for over 70 years.

It may be time to look at a totally novel solution. Everything up to now was done for control, power, glory and greed. Men looking after their own self interest. The result was total failure.

PUT THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE HANDS OF ISRAELI MOTHERS AND PALESTINIAN MOTHERS. This may sound ridiculous but think again. Mothers first priority is the protection and safety of their children and grandchildren. Mothers are not motivated by power and glory to the same extent as men. Mothers' motivations are harmony and peace.

Much of the information above has been from the article by Gwynne Dyer in The Spec, May 26, 2021.

If you do not follow the Mass on the internet St. Ann you should now make it a priority to listen to the sermon by Fr. Paul Edmondstone on Sunday, June 6th. He did an excellent presentation on the Catholic Church running of the Residential Schools. The truth hurts but must be told and not swept under the carpet.

Michael Creaghan June 2021