

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



In Service to One; In Service to All



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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



I would like to take the opportunity to thank the number of knights and members of St. Ann's parish for their support of the Knights Silver Rose Campaign. In total, about 100 individuals attended either in person or virtually. Many thanks to our District Deputy, David Fisher, who coordinated the Silver Rose campaign for the area, Brother Michael Moss who handled the logistics for our council and to Father Paul and Brother David Dayler for the wonderful service.

I invite all Brother Knights to attend our upcoming online General Meeting March 10th at 7:30 p.m. to learn more on our councils initiative for a new Council website. With this website we will see truly enhanced functionality and is very user friendly. Please join us this coming Wednesday.

Grand Knight
Fraternally Yours

Henry Van Vroenhoven, GK

Chaplain's Report from the February Meeting

Our Grand Knight Henry introduced our Parish Administrator, Father Paul Edmondstone as our Council Chaplain. Father reports the following that St. Ann's church would be participating in the Silver Rose Campaign on March 1, 2021. He asked how the knights can participate in this endeavour. He mentioned that in this difficult and challenging time due to the pandemic planning events would be difficult until restrictions were eased. He asked the knights to conduct a meeting to come up collectively with ideas. He would be more than happy to do whatever is recommended and possible. He suggested he could virtually stream a liturgy of prayers for the council. He asked the District Deputy if there is a formal prayer for the Silver Rose Campaign. David Fisher stated that various Councils do different things and at St. Ann's it will be at Father's and the Council's discretion as to how to proceed. Father says he is offering his service to help support the knights in any way he can and is looking forward to meeting all the knights in Church in the weeks ahead.

Answering the Call to the Priesthood: Hamilton Diocese Website



Events and Issues:

Tastes of Ancaster: Scott Rastin, there are no plans at this time for the continuation of this event for 2021

Golf Tourney: Paul Henderson said no planning activity scheduled as yet. It too may not occur in 2021. This event will be reviewed on a regular basis to determine the feasibility as we progress through the Coronavirus issue.

Hamilton Out of the Cold - Henry thanked Myles D'Arcy and Mike Creaghan for moving forward with The Out of the Cold request by loaning them our hot boxes which we have in storage. These boxes will be used for the packing and transporting of hot meals from St. McNab church. Mike Creaghan has offered to physically transport the boxes himself on Tuesday nights.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Father Paul will offer a Eucharistic Holy Hour each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. live-streamed on our YouTube Channel. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time with our Eucharistic Lord, to receive His blessings and to pray for healing for our world. Tune in for this wonderful hour of prayer until the end of the Lockdown when we can once again gather in the Church to Adore the Lord.

Charity Status - Henry Van Vroenhoven did communicate with Father and Paul Gibel about the requirements and next steps to make for our Council classified as a Charitable Organization. Paul Gibel reports he has gathered all the information and will continue to work together toward this end. He has reached out to an advisory group and is now awaiting a response. Once he has this he will keep us updated.

Council Website: We have agreed to no longer require the services of Shaun in managing the Council's website. We will engage our State Deputy, David Fisher, to take on this responsibility and will move forward with this initiative immediately. The web page has been neglected over the last few years and will require a complete overhaul.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS: Michael Moss

Church Director: Dan Marranca was not in attendance and a report was not provided.

Council Director: Todd Hornby was present and reported there the Traditional Grey Cup party was cancelled this year due to the pandemic shut

down. Further events will follow when as directed when the pandemic restrictions ease.

Family Life Director – This is a vacant position and a report was not provided. Henry states we are actively seeking a candidate for this position. The criteria has been loosened. Anyone interested please contact Henry at vanvr@sympatico.ca.

FROM THE DESK OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY



Condolences go out to Br. John Canaris and his family from our council on the passing of his father Frank, February 2. Condolences also to John's brothers and their families.

Condolences from our council go out to Mike and Jane Reilly and their family on the passing of Br. Mike's brother Peter Reilly on February 27th. Our condolences go out to all of the Reilly family.

The 29th Ancaster Community Food Drive, scheduled for Saturday March 6, 2021 will not take place this year because of the Covid19 pandemic. Thousands of people from the community of Ancaster, have come together in mid-winter in the past 29 years to replenish depleted shelves of the food bank agencies serving the city of Hamilton. There will be a virtual food drive campaign on Saturday March 6, 2021 and the Ancaster Community Food Drive will be looking for financial donations directly to the agencies supported by the Ancaster Food Drive.

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 me at nlast@cogeco.ca or **289-238-8017**.

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. Contact me at nlast@cogeco.ca or **289-238-8017** for any changes.

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

The coronavirus is still a major problem and will be for some time. Many are not following the rules that have been put in place. Stay safe wear your mask, social distance and don't attend large gatherings.

SK Nick Last PFN

For the Good of the Order

Remember in your prayers Frank Canaris who passed away on February 2nd father of Br. John Canaris.

Remember in your prayers Peter Reilly brother of Br. Mike Reilly who passed away on February 27th

Keep SK Mike Hanmer in your prayers as he is recovering from the coronavirus.

Keep Br. Kevin Kelly in your prayers.

Remember our troops and their families in your prayers

If you know of any of our Brother Knights or members of their family who are sick or have passed away. Please let somebody know from the Good of The Order.

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ST. ANN PARISH YouTube CHANNEL

St. Ann Parish has a YouTube Channel. Here you will find a video of the Daily (Monday – Friday) and Sunday Masses from St. Ann Church. The Mass is live-streamed, so you can watch as it is happening. See Mass intentions to the left

for this week's schedule. Donations to help cover the cost of this endeavour are greatly appreciated. Please call the Parish Office to enquire as to how to help. The link to watch the Mass is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiR7MKdwrp8gQcPm7EaCboQ/featured>

Also St. Ann's Parish is also on Facebook.

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

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

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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 or Michael Moss 905 928 2750, m63moss@gmail.com

Lecturer's Talk: Michael Creaghan

WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND?

When my children were very young they always watched and listened to Mr. Rogers Neighbourhood. They probably listened more than watched as they played. It was just comforting hearing his voice. Mr. Rogers always started by saying, "Will you be my friend?"

While walking in the Dundas Valley, I pass people, smile and wish them well. They always smile and wish me well. It is the only time now that I see people without their face covered as they are outside and at a distance. I realize how important a beautiful smile is. It is a very simple statement of our humanity.

Loneliness is now the plague in our society. The Coronavirus has accelerated and accentuated this loneliness. So many people in nursing homes are more lonely than ill. They believe that they have been abandoned by their family and given into the care of someone else. And, now, even when dying, they cannot see their loved ones. This is the way our western society works.

In most other societies the elderly stay with their children. Jean Vanier has been a great influence on me. He is a man of empathy and spirituality. He recognizes God's love for all humanity. When I am selfish and inconsiderate, which is often, his spirit stings my conscience. Information has recently been revealed that for a long time he had a double life. He had sexual relations with several of his staff. He was in a position of power and authority which he abused. The executives at l'Arche were very proactive and did not sweep it under the carpet. There is no justification for Vanier's actions. But I ask, if God's judgment on him is harsh, what chance do any of us have. Please, let us celebrate all his wonderful accomplishments. Vanier did so much good, founding l'Arche communities all over the world (147 in 35 countries with 2 in Hamilton). He was a brilliant motivator and author of several books. He cared for the mentally challenged and disenfranchised who everyone else had abandoned. In 2015 he received the Templeton Award for Humanitarianism and Spiritualism (approximately \$3 million). This is what he accomplished but the man was much more. Vanier had a genius of spirit, an open minded and caring spirit of humility. He lived the belief that even the most humble tasks can be truly extraordinary. You perform these everyday tasks as acts of compassion and joy. The emphasis is on joy. The joy of loving and caring for the dispossessed in our society and doing this as a community. Now, please, let us re-evaluate and appreciate the front line workers in our nursing homes.

Vanier's emphasis for all of us is that we are social beings needing love, both to accept and to give. And as social beings we give love and receive love through family and community. His underlying principle is that all humans are sacred and loved by God. Today, loneliness is so much a part of our society.

You can listen to Jean Vanier's talks on our common humanity and our loneliness on the internet. In 1998, gave the Massey Lectures at the University of Toronto. Listen, you will really enjoy and come away with a spirit of hope. What was relevant then is even more relevant now. Google CBC Massey Lectures, Jean Vanier. 3 parts each about half an hour each.

And from his sister Teresa who began Palliative Care hospices all over England her prayer;

May oppressed people, and those who oppress them, set one another free

May those who are disabled, and those who think they are not, help one another

May those who need someone to listen to them, move the hearts of those who are too busy

May the homeless give joy to those who open their doors to them

May the poor open the hearts of the rich May the dying, who do not want to die, be comforted by

those who find it hard to live

May prisoners find true freedom and free others from fear

May those who sleep in the streets, share their kindness to those who do not understand them

May the hungry rip the veil from the eyes of those who do not hunger for justice

May those who live without hope, purify the hearts of those who are afraid of living

May the weak confuse the strong May hatred be surrounded by compassion

May violence be neutralized by men and women of peace And may we surrender to those who are totally vulnerable, so that we may be healed

Michael Creaghan , February 2021