



4TH NEWS

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MARCH 2015 CHARITY UNITY FRATERNITY PATRIOTISM

STATEMENT BY CARDINAL COLLINS ON SUPREME COURT DECISION ON ASSISTED SUICIDE



MEETING NOTICE!

“For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.” Psalm 31



In our days, as in the days of the psalmist, so many years ago, people can suffer grievously during their journey through this “valley of tears,” and may even be tempted to request assisted suicide. The Supreme Court has now allowed that, and at first glance, it may seem to be the compassionate thing to do.

There is certainly no need to take extreme measures to extend the length of life. When people are dying, we should surround them with love as they enter into their final experience on this earth, and relieve as best we can any suffering they endure. We need as a society to make effective palliative care more available. But there is a profound difference between compassionately journeying with someone who is dying, or who is suffering when not in danger of death, and killing that person, or helping that person to commit suicide. No one has a right to do that, and it is simply wrong for the state to allow or to encourage that.

Suicide is already a sadly common tragedy in our society, as persons facing what at the moment they feel to be intolerable suffering of some kind, decide to end their life. We all need to reach out compassionately to anyone contemplating suicide, and to offer whatever help we can to alleviate their pain, be it physical or psychological, so they can appreciate the value of their life, and know they are loved. But for anyone actually to assist them not to escape but to commit suicide is wrong. It is a perversion of the vocation of physicians to have them engaged in helping people to kill themselves. Physicians are called to be servants of healing, not agents of death.

Assisted suicide is the deceptively attractive face of euthanasia. The most compelling cases grip our attention and sway the debate, and so the Court opens the door to assisted suicide, all the while seeming to do less than it actually has done by surrounding its action with a set of limiting conditions, seeking to guarantee informed consent, as if that were the key issue. But the state is authorizing the killing of an innocent person, whatever controls are in place, and even those

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GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, March 19 , 2015
Location: Marian Hall
1494 Wallace Road
Sword Drill 7:15 pm
Meeting 8:00 pm

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Faithful Navigator's Note

Navigator's Message – March 2015

We are now well into the Lenten Season of the Church Calendar. A key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: **Baptism**. Preparation for Baptism and for renewing baptismal commitment lies at the heart of the season. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has reemphasized the baptismal character of Lent, especially through the restoration of the Catechumenate and its Lenten rituals. We see this in our individual parish RCIA Programs. Our challenge today is to renew our understanding of this important season of the Church year and to see how we can integrate our personal practices into this renewed perspective.

Why is Baptism so important in our Lenten understanding? Lent, as a 40-day season, developed in the fourth century from three merging sources; the first was the ancient paschal fast that began as a two-day observance before Easter but was gradually lengthened to 40 days. The second was the catechumenate as a process of preparation for Baptism, including an intense period of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation to be celebrated at Easter. The third was the Order of Penitents, which was modeled on the catechumenate and sought a second conversion for those who had fallen back into serious sin after Baptism. As the catechumens (candidates for Baptism) entered their final period of preparation for Baptism, the penitents and the rest of the community accompanied them on their journey and prepared to renew their baptismal vows at Easter. Lent, then, is radically baptismal.

I mention this for two reasons. Firstly, to make our Assembly members and their families aware that our parishes have a program for adults who wish to become Catholic, and secondly, it has been the practice of one of our Councils to welcome the new Catholic men from the program by offering them membership into our Order. I am pleased to say that we have several of our Sir Knights who began their journeys to Knighthood as a result of going through a Parish RCIA program and subsequently taking their Degrees. This Easter, I ask that you ask your Councils to consider extending an invitation of membership to those gentlemen who will be fully received into our faith from *your* parish. From that point, help guide them through the degrees to full Knighthood in the 4th Degree. In the meanwhile, please pray for those men who are in our Oakville Parishes RCIA programs on their final journey to the Easter sacraments.

On another note about membership, look inside your Councils for those good and worthy men – that should be all of them – who have not yet taken their final degrees. Help your Councils by encouraging the new members, and perhaps the older ones also, to take the lessons of the 2nd, and 3rd Degree and then proceed to full Knighthood in the 4th Degree. All this can be accomplished within several months in time for the next Exemplification this fall.

The pricing is set... the venue is booked... the tickets are now ready for purchase. We have been blessed with sponsors who have stepped forward to help cover some costs of putting on the 30th Anniversary Celebration of our Assembly. This allows us to provide you with an evening of good food, drink, fraternity, and some fine speechmaking, I'm sure, for an affordable price of \$45 each, \$90 per couple or \$360 per table (8). Tickets are limited and there will be assigned seating, so grab your partners and get a table or two. See the ad further in the newsletter for ticket purchase information.

I would like to remind you all that we are nearing the time when you, the membership, will be electing your Assembly Officers for the 2015 – 2016 fraternal year. Nominations will begin at our April general meeting, with further nominations and elections to be held at the Assembly May general meeting. **SK Milt Cowan, PGK, PFN, DD** has been appointed Elections Chairman. If you have an interest in sitting on the Executive Team, please contact him or have another Sir Knight nominate you at the April general meeting. Last item... please look at our Faithful Commander's calendar of Honour Guard commitments and volunteer your time for as many of these events as you are able. Any Sir Knight who is not but wishes to join our Colour Corps is urged to contact one of the Commanders. Our March General Meeting will be held at Marian Hall on Thursday, March 19th, 8pm. There will be a sword drill at 7:15pm.

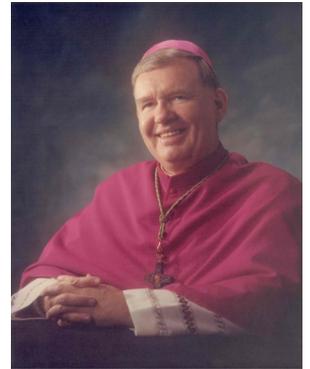
God bless in all that you are and all that you do. Vivat Jesus,

Brendan Wall, PGK, FN

Bishop Paul F Reding Assembly 1981



**BISHOP PAUL F. REDING
ASSEMBLY 1981**
(CHARTERED JUNE 8, 1984)
**30TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**



FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015
HOLIDAY INN

590 ARGUS ROAD, OAKVILLE (QEW & TRAFALGAR RD)

COCKTAILS: 6:00 PM DINNER: 7:00 PM

TICKETS: \$45.00

Tickets are now available.

This event is open to all members of the Knights of Columbus.

Seating is limited so please contact any of the following Sir Knights to reserve your tickets now:

SK Arthur O'Sullivan, *FT* at arthur@osullivan.ca
SK David Fisher, *FComm* at djfisher@cogeco.ca
SK Brendan Wall, *PGK, FN* at 1981navigator@gmail.com
SK Milt Cowan, *PGK, PFN, DD* at miltcowan@cogeco.ca or 905-842-4319

or...

any member of the Executive Team.



Knights of Columbus

**FOURTH
DEGREE**

Patriotic degree of the Order.



Faithful Pilot's Report

As of February 18, 2015, the following S.K.'s and Family Members are in need of our prayers:

Prayer List:

- SK Monsignor Roger Formosi, diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic and liver cancer
- Mary Sullivan, daughter of SK Ron Sullivan suffering from cancer and has undergone surgery
- Mary Laratta, sister of Lady Loretta Floris, Amyloidosis and extreme case of Lupus
- Fr. Frank Ruzzo, Associate Pastor, St. James Parish
- Henry Germann, father of PFN Steve Germann
- SK Gille LeCroix, member of Ontario State
- Joseph Bedek, father in Law of S.K. Brendan Wall, has a broken hip.
- Nicholas Floris, brother of S.K. Jacob Floris is recovering from a Colon cancer operation.
- Carmen Borg, mother-in-law of Bro Paul Saliba to your prayer list. She is seriously ill!
- S.K. Wayne Kendall PGK, PFN, FT – continues to receive chemotherapy
- Bro. Jack Paterson t asks for your prayers for his new health problems

“Dear Lord, we thank you for the blessings you have bestowed on us: health, employment, financial stability, friends and family. Please continue to guide us, strengthen us and extend your healing protection over our friends and family members. Please allow us to act righteously to provide comfort, healing, and earthly strength to our brothers and sisters, in Your name, with the skills to which you have gifted us. Lead us Lord and help us to do Your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your son, our Healer and Lord. Amen!”

The following S.K.'s and Family Members who have passed away:

- Madeline Bastien, mother of Lady Chantal Bastien, wife of Sir Knight Ronald Gauthier, December 26, 2014
- Sir Knight Joe MacPherson PGK, PFN, from Pope John Paul II Assembly, December 22, 2014
- Helen Thornton, Nov. 27, 2014 widow of SK Jack Thornton, mother SK Brian Thornton and SK Kevin Thornton;
- SK Bill Fitzpatrick, November 21, 2014
- SK Milan Kosturik, CG November 19, 2014
- Justin Floris, November 8, 2014, son of SK Faithful Pilot Jacob and Lady Loretta Floris
- Wim van de Vrande, October 29, 2014, father-in-law of SK Bill Wright, father of Lady Miriam Wright
- Lucas Fiorella – Oct 12, 2014 in his 19th year – friend of the Fisher family
- Elizabeth Watson – Oct 20, 2014 - Lady Margie Grier's Aunt and widow of Bro. Robert Watson of Dearborn Michigan
- Peggy Brophy –Sept. 15, 2014 - wife of Bro. Bernard Brophy who passed away in 2006.
- Bro. Hugh MacDonald-Sept., 12, 2014 –father-in-law of SK Michael Cassidy and father of Lady Jan Cassidy
- Josephine Dabrowski, Aunt of SK Milt Cowan, PGK, PFN, DD
- Nuala Ready, wife of 4th Degree Candidate James Ready, April 5th, 2014
- Lady Winnifred McGuire, wife of the late SK Mick McGuire, on March 28, 2014;
- Rita Gallant, mother of Frank Gallant Master 8th Ontario District, passed away in early March 2014

Mary Queen of Knights, Pray for Us

For these and for all those who might be in need of our prayers, we pray!

Sir Knight Jacob Floris, PGK, PDW Faithful Pilot

CONTACTS FOR INPUT OF SICK AND DECEASED:

S.K. Jacob Floris, Faithful Pilot, 4th Degree Bishop Paul F. Reding Assembly, 905-399-4400.

The following have been contacted either through the Grand Knights or directly to ensure the flow of information:

Marian Council 3881, GK Steve Maloney 905-847-0558

Sick and Deceased - S.K. Peter Bonfield, 905-844-2332 email = pmbonfield@sympatico.ca

Coordinators: - S.K. Bob McCarney, 905-844-6732, email = mccarneyb@skyline.net

- S.K. John O'Boyle, 905-634-0664 email = job35@bell.net

- S.K. Paul Waters, 905-319-9563, email = paulh2os@cogeco.ca

Mary Mother of God Council 14446, S.K. Milt Cowan PGK, PFN, 905-842-4319 email miltcowan@cogeco.ca



Faithful Commander's Corner

COMMANDERS' REPORT—MARCH 2015 DAVID FISHER

Sir Knights

We do not have many events requesting our Honour Guard in the month of March. However, please keep an eye on your email for any events that might be requested throughout the month. Our Worthy Vice Supreme Master, SK Brendan Saunders, has offered to host a Sword Drill for us prior to our April meeting. Please consider joining with us by bringing your Chapeau, Service Baldrick and Sword for the practice. More details will be provided in the April 4th News.

Special Event - Lenten Reflection for Men

SK John O'Boyle has asked us to consider joining in an event being hosted by the St John the Baptist Men's Group in Burlington. They have again put together an evening of reflection with the Most Reverend D. Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD, Bishop of Hamilton.

Here is what John has asked me to share with you:

“On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, join Hamilton Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, for an evening of worship, fellowship, good food and reflection on the spirituality of Catholic men in today's Church and world. Registration begins at 5:00 and Mass at 5:30 P.M., followed by a roast beef dinner and presentation. Location: Sisters of St Joseph Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Ave. Dundas. Tickets are \$25.00, and must be purchased in advance as space is limited.

For tickets, contact;

Tom Mancini, 905 632 4692/email: teagranny@me.com

Rod Ulmer 905637 0925/email: rodlor@lara.on.ca or

John Towler 905 639 5949/email: jctoeler@cogeco.ca”

As I have said from the start of our fraternal year, I am honoured to have been appointed as one of your Commanders and look forward to continuing to serve you as Commander, along with our Faithful Pilot and SK Jacob Floris.

Yours in Christ.

David Fisher – (905) 257-3316

Faithful Commander

Bishop Reding Assembly 1981

djlfisher@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENT INVITATIONS

Event: **Lenten Reflection for Men with the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD**

When: **Tuesday, March 24, 2015 – 5:00 pm – Mass at 5:30 pm – dinner following.**

Where: Sisters of St Joseph Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Ave. Dundas

Cost: Tickets are \$25.00, and must be purchased in advance from a member of the St John the Baptist Men's Group in Burlington, as space is limited. This request comes from SK John O'Boyle. See article above for ticket purchase details.

UPCOMING COLOUR CORPS & HONOUR GUARD COMMITMENTS

Event: **Confirmation with the Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehm, DD**

When: **Saturday, March 28, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.**

Where: St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church, 47 Reynolds St, Oakville

Time: HG to assemble by 10:00 am.

HG Attendance response cut-off: Sunday, March 21st

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Event: **Confirmation with the Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehm, DD**
When: **Saturday, March 28, 2015 - 1:30 p.m.**
Where: St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church, 47 Reynolds St, Oakville
Time: HG to assemble by 1:00 pm.
HG Attendance response cut-off: Sunday, March 21st

Other Confirmations scheduled in 2015:

Saturday, April 11, 11:00 a.m.
Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehm, DD - Saint Dominic Parish, 2415 Rebecca Street

Saturday, April 11, 2:00 p.m.
Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehm, DD - Saint Dominic Parish, 2415 Rebecca Street

Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 p.m.
Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, DD - St James Parish Hall, 231 Morden Road in Oakville



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Patriotic degree of the Order.



It give us great pleasure to announce that, as mentioned in a previous Newsletter regarding the Chalices and Ciborias from a previous year which did not make it to a meaningful Parish, that we are able to report that all four Chalice/Ciboria's have now been delivered to Rev. Fr. Thomas Vermiglio at St. Josephs Parish in Kitchener bound for African missions. The names of the S.K.'s are:

In honour of the late S.K. Thomas Smith - a chalice and paten
In honour of the late S.K. Barry Kay - a chalice and paten
In honour of the late S.K. Frank Urbanski - a ciborium with lid
In honour of the late S.K. Jerry Matters - a ciborium with lid

Vivat Jesus
S.K. Jacob N. Floris,
Faithful Pilot
Bishop Paul F. Reding Assembly 1981

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limitations can over time be swept away, leading to the more widespread practice of euthanasia. We have only to look at some European countries to see what lies ahead. We Canadians patriotically believe our country is special, but it is not so special as to be immune to the dynamics of increasing access to medical killing, as individualist rationales make persuasive the argument for that in more and more cases.

The court, recognizing that many physicians, faithful to their healing vocation, will not assist people to kill themselves, makes some very slight room for freedom of conscience. It trusts local Colleges of Physicians and other such groups to deal appropriately with the conscience issue.

This trust is misplaced. Currently the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is proposing a draft conscience policy which states that physicians who refuse to perform a procedure to which they morally object must arrange that the procedure gets done by someone else. In other words, they are compelled to become accomplices. I urge the College not to go through with this unjust policy, and I urge Ontarians, especially physicians, to speak up against it. First the politicians; now the physicians: the assault on freedom of conscience steadily advances in our country.

We all are on the way to death and should gain wisdom from contemplating that inescapable fact, so that we use each present moment to prepare for the moment of our death by living well. We should provide all who are suffering with the best medical assistance we can offer, especially in palliative care for those who are coming to the end of life. Most importantly, we should accompany each person with love, especially those without friends or family. But any society that authorizes killing people through assisted suicide and euthanasia has lost its moral compass.

By Thomas Cardinal Collins
February 10, 2015



Happy Birthday!

James Patrick Donnelly
Arthur J O Sullivan
Peter G Houzon
Daniel J Mc Cash
Steven G Reynolds
Joseph Di Paolo
Eduardo P Paguel
Rev Fr. Robert J Hetu
Robert Dorey
Benjamin D Nachuk
John D Paterson
Steve J Montague
Patrick J Zak
Patrick J Compagnon

Happy Anniversary



James and Ivy Mendez
John Eddy and Lori O'Boyle

Faithful Captain's Report

Dear Sir Knights,

As outlined on page 3 of the 4th News, tickets are now available for the 30th Anniversary celebration on June 12th. Please contact any of the Sir Knights listed for tickets or any member of the Executive Team listed on your right.

If anyone wants to assist in this celebration please contact the Faithful Navigator.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Vivat Jesus

Pat Guay, Faithful Captain Bishop Reding Assembly 1981

K of C Gives \$400,000 for Humanitarian Aid in Ukraine

(CNS photo/Sergey Polezhaka, Reuters)



New Contact Information:

Any member whose contact information (addresses, phone numbers and email addresses) has changed in any way should notify the Faithful Comptroller at Tel:(905) 849-6773

Email: ronkwapis@bell.net

We require the correct information if we are to serve you to the best of our ability

2014/2015 BISHOP REDING OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Faithful Friar:
Fr. Louis Lenssen CRSP

Faithful Navigator:
Brendan Wall, PGK

Faithful Captain
Pat Guay

Faithful Admiral:
Steve Germann, PFN

Faithful Pilot:
Jacob Floris PGK, PDW

Faithful Comptroller:
Ron Kwapis

Faithful Purser:
Brian Thornton

Faithful Scribe:
Ron van der Steen

Faithful Inner Sentinel:
Manuel Medeiros

Faithful Outer Sentinel:
Arthur O'Sullivan

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Faithful Trustee 2016:
Paul Waters PGK, PDD, PFN

Faithful Trustee 2017:
Wayne Kendall PFN, PGK

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Martin Kosterman PGK, FDD

Communications Director:
vacant

Faithful Lead Commander:
David Fisher

OTHER OFFICERS

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Jacob Floris PGK, PDW

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Brian Dobson

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Webmaster:
David Fisher

Knights of Columbus Sets Insurance Record for 14th Consecutive Year *Record Caps Year of Milestones for the Order*

The Knights of Columbus recorded its 14th consecutive year of growth in insurance sales in 2014 with \$8.24 billion in new life insurance sold. The K of C now has more than \$96 billion of life insurance in force. The record sales have led to an increase of nearly \$50 billion in the last decade.

“In 133 years of operation, the Knights of Columbus has helped meet the spiritual and financial needs of Catholic families while also serving the community through charitable works,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “We are pleased to have had great success on both of these fronts, which comes from our continued commitment to our founding mission of serving our neighbor consistent with Catholic social teaching. The continued growth in our insurance sales is a testament to our business model and to our close to 1,400 professional agents, who are the cornerstone of that model.”

Supreme Knight Anderson explained that record-breaking results mean that the K of C has “helped its members to protect their families while simultaneously enabling the Knights to support those most in need and the many works of the Catholic Church.”

This record concludes a year of milestones and accolades for the organization. In March, the Knights of Columbus was named a 2014 "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute, an independent center for research promoting best practices in corporate ethics and governance. It was one of only two companies named in the “life insurance” category and one of fewer than 150 total companies worldwide to earn this distinction.

In June, the Knights retained its spot on the Fortune 1000, and earned its 39th consecutive A++, Superior rating for financial strength — the highest rating available — from ratings agency AM Best. No insurer in North America is more highly rated than the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights enjoys a stalwart reputation for financial security, has one of the lowest lapse rates in the industry and offers a product line designed to provide life insurance, annuities, disability income and long-term care policies to meet the needs of Catholic families.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

◀ February	~ March 2015 ~						April ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3	4	5	6 World Day of Prayer 1:30 pm St. Dominic Parish Development and Peace Pasta Supper Fundraiser \$15 1555 Upper Ottawa Hamilton ON devlp.ham@rogers.com Stations of the Cross MMOG 7 pm St. Michael's Parish 7:30 pm	7 MMOG – Council 14446 March Madness Dinner & Dance St. Volodymyr Centre \$65 nlee808@gmail.com	
8	9 St. Andrew's Lenten Parish Mission 7:30 – 9pm	10 St. Andrew's Lenten Parish Mission 7:30 – 9pm 3881 General Meeting 7:30 pm	11 St. Andrew's Lenten Parish Mission 7:30 – 9pm	12	13 Stations of the Cross MMOG 7 pm St. Michael's Parish 7:30 pm	14	
15 St. Patrick's Day Party Marian Council 3881 – Marian Hall 2 pm	16	17 	18	19 General Meeting Marian Hall 1494 Wallace Rd. 7:15 pm Sword Drill 8:00 pm Meeting	20 Stations of the Cross MMOG 7 pm St. Michael's Parish 7:30 pm	21	
22	23	24 Lenten Reflection for Men with Bishop Crosby – Sisters of St. Joseph – Dundas ON 5 pm (Mass and Dinner \$25) 14446 General Meeting 7:30 pm	25	26	27 Faith in Action Lunch St Andrew's Parish –Marian Room 12:45pm – Maureen Parrya 905-338-0346 Stations of the Cross MMOG 7 pm St. Michael's 7:30 pm	28	
29 	30 Holy Week 	31	Notes: 				