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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, REVEREND MARTIN VALLELY



Dear Brothers,

I trust you are enjoying the summer delights, when hopefully a slower pace enables us to really savour all of God's creative activity

in the world, and to be all that much more thankful for the blessings we have received. At this time, when the Installation of the new Executive of Council 15920 is taking place, I express my appreciation to all the Brother Knights who have agreed to take on or to renew responsibilities in the governance of our excellent Council, and pledge them my support and prayers. Servant-leadership, genuinely and generously exercised, is always challenging. The servant-leader must be keenly aware that he is never in this for himself or his own personal advancement, but rather for the good of those with whom he collaborates, and those whom he serves. With God's guidance, we shall all try to be that kind of leader in the coming fraternal year.

In my first message last month, I reflected a bit on the fact that we all pray, "Give us this day our daily bread" when we offer the Lord's Prayer. In light of our recent Sunday Gospel, where Jesus teaches the Lord's Prayer in response to the disciples' direct and yearning request, "Lord, teach us to pray", I want to continue that reflection.....but this time focusing on those words, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven". Except for the opening word of praise of the Father,

this petition constitutes the first major petition of the Lord's Prayer. What we are saying here is that we want the entire foundation of our lives to rest on our commitment to seek what God wants, not the satisfaction of our own pleasures and urgencies. We recognize that God has a plan for this world, that the course of the world is truly heading somewhere, not randomly but deliberately.....and we want to go in that same direction!

If indeed this mysterious thing called "the kingdom of God" is like a seed which has been planted (to borrow imagery used by Jesus himself), then it follows that the Church to which we belong is like a first budding, or flowering forth, of the full growth of that seed. By our Baptism, we become part of that growth, and we become gardeners, tending that growth. Just like with actual gardeners, it is a thousand little things, done steadily and faithfully day after day, that ensures the growth of the garden. You don't just toss seed, walk away, and hope everything turns out for the best. You know you have to work at it. Same thing with the kingdom of God. The efforts we make to stay close to God in daily prayer and at Mass; the work of self-improvement, rooting out sin and advancing in virtue and in knowledge of our faith; the commitment to help others along the way, especially if they are in very tough situations and are ignored.....these are all the ways of helping to make the kingdom grow. And the challenge is incumbent on every one of us. It's not a job for "others".....it's my job.

I firmly believe that Knights of Columbus are men who realize all this. They may not often name it as such. But instinctively they know that their call as Knights is to live the whole package of Christian life, not just a little sampling of it. No one ever said it would always be easy or convenient. But that is exactly why we need to pray, "Thy kingdom come". We never want to forget that it is God's work we are doing, and that we simply cannot do it without him.

So, my friends, I encourage you to deepen your relationship of friendship with Jesus Christ. Do so by all the means which are available to you, but especially by prayer. The more devoted a Catholic gentleman you are, the more devoted a Knight of Columbus you will be. And, of course, I encourage every effort which is made to foster a good fraternal spirit among us, since we need one another on the journey.

May God's strength be with us in everything we ever do! Continue to enjoy the summer, and give God the glory in your words and actions. God bless you, your families, our Council, and our parish, and may his kingdom indeed come!

Father Martin Vallely
Chaplain

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to:

Bro. Sheldon and Sheila McCormack
August 10 – 25 years

Bro. Don and Nancy Prescott
August 15 – 46 years

Bro. Loy and Yolanda De Mello
August 29 – 35 years

CALENDAR OF COUNCIL EVENTS

Aug. 2 - Council Business Meeting
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Sept. 6 - Council Business Meeting
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Sept 11 - Thirty-Second Annual
Rosary Sunday
Martyrs' Shrine, Midland, On

Oct. 4 - Council Business Meeting
Oct. 7 - The feast of Our Lady of
the Most Holy Rosary
Oct. 11 - Special Olympics Bottle Drive

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Marcel Hilgerdenaar – August 2

Carlos Paixao – August 14

Reverend Martin Vallely – August 15



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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather and taking advantage of the summer when you can spend time outdoors with our family and friends. I know some of you are away at cottages or just away enjoying yourselves.....looking forward to seeing you when you return.

For those of us still in town we had another successful bottle drive in early July ...so thank you everyone that came out and helped us generate another \$475 for the cause. I would also like to thank brothers Don Prescott, Joe Milton, Jim Hession, Aeneas Mac Isaac, Bob Judge and Vic Lefebvre for helping out at the Special Olympics Baseball Tournament at Sherwood Forest Park on July 16. We had a great time working with the Knights from the other 2 councils and as usual just being around the Special Olympics crowd it was a very rewarding experience.

We had our preliminary officers meeting in early July and I have been able to speak one on one with some of you in regards to planning for the council activities and the individual roles that I need you to take on. We will have our first formal officers meeting on August 14th and will hopefully come out of that meeting with an exciting and effective plan for the coming year.

We have set up a phone committee with brothers Howard McNamara, Stan Semeniuk and Jim Hession taking on this role. You may have already heard from them... I really appreciate them doing this for us. I still hope to be able to call you all frequently but this ensures everyone is aware of activities and events in time to plan them into their schedules. I hope my focus on electronic communications doesn't bother too many of you....unfortunately that is what I did in my working life keeping a US parent company up to date and it is the way I am most comfortable communicating. Brother Carlos will gradually work into his role as Lecturer and Programme Director as the golf season winds down over the coming weeks so you will hear more from him as well.

We had the Officers installation ceremony on July 28th and again I would like to thank all of the members that participated. A special thank you to our Pastor and Council Chaplin Father Valley for having a special Mass for the occasion. I also want to thank our District Deputy Steve Reynolds and the Honour Guard from Pope John Paul II Assembly for their parts in the ceremony.

The month of August looks fairly quiet for our council. We have our bottle drive and business meeting on Tuesday August 2nd. There is a special semi-annual audit meeting on August 9th during which we will be reviewing the financial records of the council with our Financial Secretary Vic Lefebvre, our Treasurer Ron Lehocki and our three trustees Aeneas Mac Isaac, Willie Joki, and Joe Baumgartner.

Please plan to attend our meeting on August 2nddon't forget to remind friends and neighbours to have their bottles ready for us and come out and help us sort and return them.

Ken Fleming,
Grand Knight

Special Olympics Bottle Drive - Tuesday, August 2

PRAYER NETWORK

In charity, we pray for:

Brother Loy De Mello
Richard Cupido, grandson of
Brother Guido
Linda Cupido, daughter-in-law
of Brother Guido
Shannon Wilken, daughter of
Bro. Michael Nelligan



Prayer for Healing

Almighty and merciful Father, by the power of your command, drive away from me all forms of sickness and disease. Restore strength to my body and joy to my spirit, so that in my renewed health, I may bless and serve you, now and forever more.

To be included in the Prayer Network, contact Bro. Vic Lefebvre at 905-336-3056 or by e-mail at kofcholyrosary@outlook.com

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Come early to the next meeting and learn how to take advantage of these tools to better communicate with your Brother Knights.

Financial Secretary Vic Lefebvre will provide hands on instructions starting at 6:30 pm.

July Events

Council Officers' first meeting of the year – July 10

The new council officers met after Mass on Sunday July 10 for the first time. The meeting was very brief as it was just intended to determine a schedule for future meetings and to start the process of planning activities and setting up individual roles for our members. The first formal meeting of officers will take place August 14th and then they will meet quarterly on the second Sunday starting on October 16.

A special thanks to those members that have agreed to take on a leadership role in certain categories of council activities as follows:

- Membership Director- Don Prescott
- Programme Director- Carlos Paixao
- Church activities- Vic Lefebvre / Melvin Ilagen
- Community activities- Jim Hession / Sam Cervoni
- Family / School activities- Joe Milton / David Lord
- Youth activities- Blair Breckenridge
- Under 40 member activities Joe Baumgartner / Melvin Ilagen
- Council entertainment activities Aeneas Mac Isaac
- Calling committee- Howard McNamara / Stan Semeniuk / Jim Hession

The individuals have agreed to be the point person(s) for those activities but they cannot do them alone, nor are they expected to...it is assumed that all council members will get involved in some or all of the council events.

Installation of Council Officers- July 28

District Deputy Steve Reynolds presided over the Installation of our new council officers on Thursday, July 28th. The ceremony began with Mass at 7 pm celebrated by our Chaplin Father Martin Vallely. Members of the Pope John Paul II Honour Guard were on hand to help emphasise the importance of this event. The installation took place in the church hall followed by refreshments. Many of our council members and their families attended along with Knights from other councils in the area.



Opening remarks by G.K. Ken Fleming and D.D. Steve Reynolds and Installation of Chaplain Father Martin Vallely





Top – Officers receive their charge
Below – Officers pledge their oath of office





Officers form a “Living Cross” and receive the final charge



Top – Closing remarks from Grand Knight Ken Fleming



Right – G.K. Ken Fleming presents a plaque of appreciation to Past Grand Knight Don Prescott



Top – Council 15920 Executive 2016-2017
Below – Officers with their wives



2nd 2016 BOTTLE DRIVE- JULY 5

We had another successful Bottle collection day on Tuesday July 5. We collected over \$475 to add to the \$700 we collected in May. We are well on our way to surpassing last year's amount and we still have 3 more collection days. We are still on pace to show a 50% increase over last year. The next collection day is August 2nd so please continue your great work and bring in your bottles and encourage others to donate as well. The August collection day also falls on the same day as our business meeting as it did in July and will in September as well. I would hate to disrupt the good thing we have going but maybe we should consider moving the collections to the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday so it isn't such a long day. We can discuss at our next meeting.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASBALL TOURNAMENT –JULY 16

On July 16th we worked with our brother Knights from St. Gabriel's council and Msgr. James Corbett Warren Memorial council to do a barbeque for the Ontario Special Olympics. The tournament this year was organized by the Burlington Special Olympics headed up by Cate Hawkins the co-ordinator. There were teams from all around Southern Ontario and we ended up feeding over 200 hungry athletes, coaches, family members and volunteers. Thanks goes out to Brothers Don Prescott, Joe Milton, Jim Hession, Aeneas Mac Isaac, Bob Judge, Vic Lefebvre and Ken Fleming from our council and also to Brother Grand Knights Stephen Clarke and John D'Addario and several members of their respective councils. This is the second event where we have worked with our brother councils and it is great to get an opportunity to meet and get to know them better. We have another event coming up in September involving the Special Olympics...we will advise more about that event as we get closer to the date.



Knights in Action July 2016

Carpenter Hospice

The Carpenter Hospice held a meeting in our church hall on July 6 to continue their efforts to enhance palliative care in Burlington. Representatives for the 4 area churches were invited. The Knights will be involved with the Hospice initiative over the coming months.



2016 Special Olympics Bottle Drive

The next Special Olympics bottle drive is planned for Tuesday Aug 2 between 4 and 6 pm. Knights are reminded to canvass their neighbourhoods for bottle donations and to come out to help. Our previous collection days were a huge success with over \$900 collected for the Special Olympics.



Cob's Bakery –every Sunday

Brother Aeneas and his wife Barb along with a core of our members continue to ensure that all of the excess baked goods available from the Cob's bread store in north Burlington is delivered to the Good Shepherd food bank every Sunday evening between 6 and 8 PM.

I encourage any member that does not participate in this very rewarding activity to contact brother Aeneas and offer to help out whenever possible.



Thanks again to Aeneas and his wife Barb along with Master Vic Lefebvre and all of the other knights that help out.

Thirty-second Annual

ROSARY SUNDAY

September 11, 2016 Martyrs' Shrine, Midland, ON

Site of Holy Doors for Jubilee Year of Mercy



12:00 p.m.: Outdoor Mass at the Polish Altar

Outdoor Confessions prior to Mass.

2:30 p.m.: Procession of the Blessed Sacrament with the Living Rosary and Benediction at the Papal Altar.

Celebrant and Homilist:
Rev. Father Bernard Carroll S.J.
Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph, Ont.

- * Bring your rosary, your lawn chair or blanket, and your family.
- * Enter by way of the special Rosary Sunday entrance off Ogden's Beach Road.

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