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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, REVEREND MARTIN VALLELY



Dear Brothers,

What a delight it is for me to share Advent and Christmas with you for the first time, and once again to thank you for the warmth and

kindness, the fraternity, respect, and support, with which you have welcomed me into your parish family and into this Council. I am especially glad to have had the opportunity to participate in the Degree Ceremonies which have brought us several brand new Members in these recent days.

I have come to you having lost my parents some years back now. As is probably true for most of us at this time of year, I find myself fondly remembering the experiences of the Christmases of my childhood. After Dad had set up the Christmas tree and strung its lights (often a frustrating experience!), it was Mum's turn to go to work. She carefully and lovingly put up each decoration and bauble on the tree, and also put up the tinsel with great precision, even strand by strand.....arranging and re-arranging, straightening and neatening, several times over (some of you will at this point be saying, "So that's where he got it from!") But I would never have had the patience to do what Mum did!!). The crowning glory was our Christmas Crib. We had one of those big old-fashioned radios, and the space it occupied

under one of our living room lamp tables was just perfect for the size of the crib. So every year, out would go the radio, and in would go the crib. Each figure was placed "just so". There were three angels, each in a robe of a different colour, and the one in white was always perched on top of the stable. The problem was that the stable had a somewhat sloped roof. The jiggling and jostling of busy children like me invariably caused the angel to slide off, several times each Christmas season. That angel suffered more than its share of chips, bangs, and bruises in the course of its years of heralding the Good News of Our Saviour's birth!! In the midst of a living room setting that had every item perfectly in place, that sliding angel fortunately, and happily, kept things in perspective.

In some ways, that little "fallen" angel is my most fond memory of all. I think it taught me early that nothing in this life is ever perfect. We, who try to live and proclaim Jesus Christ every day, are likewise not ever perfect. But we have a duty to keep trying to grow in our likeness to the Innocent One who was born that night. The little angel also taught me that life will be full of disappointments, frustrations, failures, falling down and getting up (or getting picked up) again and again and again.

The Son of God did not become incarnate, a human being, and dwell in our midst, in order to keep us down and at a distance from him. Precisely the opposite. He became one of us in order to pick us up. I always see his poverty in the stable as a sign of his loving identification with our spiritual

poverty. Our state can lead us readily to despair, but the Child Jesus is rather the bringer of hope. In his name, Knights of Columbus are to be bringers of hope, too. All your activities, at Christmas and at other times during the year, in outreach to the poor, and in support of innocent and vulnerable human life, are a particularly strong reminder of the hope which flows from the presence of God, dwelling in our midst. I thank you, again and again, for your generous commitment and witness to the gracious Christ Child of hope and joy, and pray that you will experience that joy in your own lives and family settings.

May Advent and Christmas be, for you and yours, a rich, joyful experience of peace, blessing, and hope.

In the Lord Jesus, Born for Us,

Father Martin Vallely  
Chaplain

**CALENDAR  
OF  
COUNCIL EVENTS**

Dec. 2 – Annual Turkey Roll  
7:00 pm  
Holy Rosary School Gym

Dec. 3 – Breakfast with Santa  
7:00 AM  
Holy Rosary School Gym

Dec. 6 – Council Business Meeting

Dec. 15-16 – Good Shepherd Food Drive  
Longo’s Markets – Fairview Street

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

Jan. 3 – Council Business Meeting

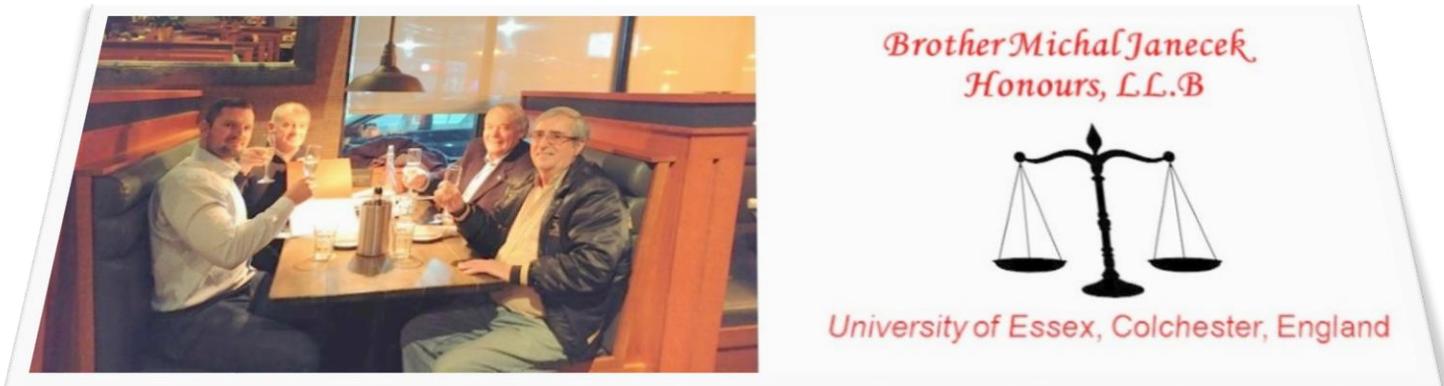
Jan. 12 – Possible Quarterly Card Party

Jan. 29 – Big Band Concert  
2:00 pm Matinee  
Burlington Performing Arts Centre

**ONE OF OUR KNIGHTS EARNS HIS LAW DEGREE**

Congratulations to Brother Michael Janecek for obtaining his law degree recently. Michael has been living in Toronto for the past several months so he could focus on completing the remaining requirements to earn his Honours, LL.B from the University of Essex, Colchester, England. Our Council presented a certificate of Commendation to Brother Michael at a special dinner meeting on November 24th arranged by Brother Vince Iantomasi. The dinner was attended by Financial Secretary Vic Lefebvre and Grand Knight Ken Fleming along with Michael and Vince.

**GREAT JOB MICHAEL!!!**



**GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:**

Welcome new Brothers Paul Edmondstone, Patrick Petrowski, Daniel Giroux and Earl Kent Roy to our council. I am confident they will find their experiences as a Knight will be both fulfilling and rewarding. Congratulations to membership chairman Don Prescott and to the other sponsors that encouraged our new members to join our energetic council. The four new members we added during November brings our count to 45 members and puts us in line for another STAR COUNCIL award for this fraternal year.

We started the very busy month of November with a great presentation from the Crime Stoppers organization of Halton. Their presentation was very educational and I am confident we as Knights can play a role in getting their message to the general public and youth in our community specifically. Once again thanks to Deputy Grand Knight Joe Milton for arranging to have them. We will keep in contact with them in order to learn more about how we can help. Thanks to all of our members that joined in the Remembrance Day ceremony in downtown Burlington on November 11...please see Lecturer and Program Director Carlos Paixao's write up in the council news.

Most of the month many of our Knights were working very hard on preparations for our annual Turkey roll set for December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chairman Blair Breckenridge has been very busy following up on the many tasks that need to be completed to ensure we have a successful event. We expect this to be one of the best events ever but it only happens with hard work from all of the council. We also have committed to help the Holy Rosary School to put on the Breakfast with Santa the morning after our Turkey roll. This will be a good way for our council to demonstrate our determination to help where ever help is required.

December will also be very busy with the Santa Claus parade on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>. Council 5073 takes the lead on the parade and some of our Knights will be needed to help. The Special Olympics athletes will be riding on the float again this year. On December 15 and 16 we will be doing the Longo's food drive to gather donations of non-perishable food for the Good Shepherd food Bank.

I would like all members to keep a couple of our most active Knights in your prayers. Although he will not complain we know that PGK Don Prescott is experiencing some pain in his other leg and so we pray for a quick recovery for Don. In a similar way you may not know that Brother Sam Cervoni is scheduled to go into hospital for the doctors to do some maintenance work in the area of his heart. Sam makes it sound like it's not a big deal but I would like you all to keep him in your prayers as well.

Finally Dianne and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the members of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Council as well as their families the best of the upcoming Christmas season. I hope you all remember that family is number one so please make sure you focus on your families this time of year but also remember to encourage everyone to "Keep Christ in Christmas".

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Ken Fleming,  
Grand Knight

## PRAYER NETWORK

In charity, we pray for:

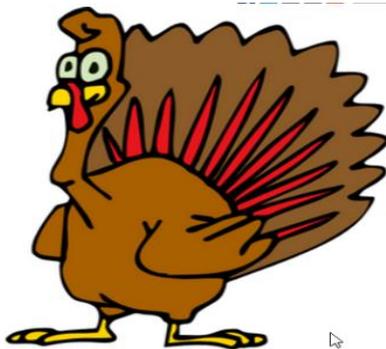
Brother Loy De Mello  
 Brother Sam Cervoni  
 Brother Don Prescott  
 Richard Cupido, grandson of  
 Brother Guido  
 Linda Cupido, daughter-in-law  
 of Brother Guido  
 Shannon Wilken, daughter of Bro. Michael  
 Nelligan



### *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](mailto:kofcholyrosary@outlook.com)



### Turkey Roll Prep

Brother Blair was cracking the whip over the Turkey Roll committee to ensure another successful event this year. There are only a couple of days left but there is still time to get tickets sold and get prizes for the Silent Auction.....gifts and or gift certificates for ladies and children are most in need...contact Brother Joe Baumgartner with your donations

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations:

*Bro. Melvin and Jennifer Ilagan  
 December 18 – 17 years*

*Bro. Howard and Lorraine McNamara  
 December 27 – 61 years*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Jim Hessian – December 8*

*Guido Cupido – December 10*

*Hugh Johns – December 13*

*Earl Kent Roy – December 29*



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**WELCOME NEW 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE MEMBERS TO OUR COUNCIL  
PAUL EDMONDSTONE, DANIEL GIROUX, PATRICK PETROWSKI, AND EARL KENT ROY**

On Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed Paul Edmondstone to our council. He is the 42nd member of our great council. Paul is studying for the priesthood and attends seminary in New York State so we were lucky to catch him at home while he was visiting his family for the US Thanksgiving. Paul is the son of Mary Edmondstone who is the Pastoral Minister for our Holy Rosary Parish.



On Tuesday November 29<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed three more new members to our growing council. Daniel Giroux, Patrick Petrowski and Earl Kent Roy received the Honours of the 1st degrees in a ceremony held in the Parish Centre. The degree was presented by our Brothers from Mary Mother of God Council of Oakville.



**OUR KNIGHTS SUPPORT OUR COUNTRY AND OUR CHURCH**

**Remembrance Day Parade in Burlington**

This year, again several of our Brother Knights joined the Pope John Paul II Assembly Honour Guard and participated in the Remembrance Day parade on November 11, 2016. The parade was marshalled at Central High School and followed the parade route that went from the school down Brant Street and ended in front of the cenotaph at Burlington City Hall.

The ceremony took place on a bright but brisk sunny day. It was a sombre and emotional one for all present, with many local groups represented, paying honour and tribute to our military veterans, past and present, and provided everyone an opportunity to appreciate the sacrifices made by the many courageous individuals when needed.

Sir Knight Brother Vic Lefebvre accompanied Sir Knight Brother Ron Milne from Council 5073 who laid a wreath honouring Canada's war dead on behalf of all the Burlington Knights of Columbus Councils and the Pope John Paul II Fourth Degree Assembly.



**CWL Bell Bazaar**



Several Brothers helped out at the Bell Bazaar held in the church hall on November 5 & 6. This year's event was another successful one especially the pie sale. Thanks to everyone that helped to set-up, clean-up and make pies for the ladies of the CWL.

**The Bell Bazaar**  
 Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>  
 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Holy Rosary Parish Centre  
 287 Plains Rd. E. (in Aldershot)

**SHOP EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS!**

- Country Kitchen—home baking & preserves
- Crafts—Hand-knitting, Christmas items & more
- Penny Sale—Fabulous prizes—\*CLOSES at 3:00 pm\*
- Costume Jewellery table
- Tea Room—Good food - great prices
- Kids!—Lucky Dips and a visit from Santa!

**FREE ADMISSION!**  
 Sponsored by Holy Rosary Catholic Women's League Burlington  
 \*Penny Sale Draw winners announced approx. 3:30 p.m.

**CRIME STOPPERS PRESENTATION AT OUR NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING**

Representatives of the Halton Region Crime Stoppers organization came to our November 1st meeting to provide us with some very interesting information about the purpose and many accomplishments of the crime stoppers movement.

Cal Miller (previously a reporter with the Toronto Star), Curt Allen (A member of Mary Mother of God K of C council in Oakville and a past Deputy Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounties) and Detective Paul Proto of the Halton Region police were on hand to speak to our council. Both Cal and Curt are volunteering their time to this worthy cause and as citizens of this community we should be grateful for their work. Detective Paul although he is compensated by Halton regional police, he is a one person team for the Crime Stoppers hotline. Paul pointed out many of the Crime Stoppers accomplishments in our own community to date including recovering over \$2.6 million worth of illegal drugs and having responded to over 1,000 anonymous tips. In the process, they have addressed issues including: human trafficking, bullying and animal cruelty to mention just a few of the areas of crime they help the police with.

The representatives pointed out how important it would be for the Knights of Columbus to throw their support to the Crime Stoppers movement, especially since the Knights have a great reputation with the general public. We can play an important role in helping the Crime Stoppers by making the population aware of the movement whenever we have an opportunity. We can also help them in their fund raising events and helping to create a youth ministry in our churches. The Crime Stoppers movement relies 100% on fund raising and donations to support their activities. They try to focus on youth so that younger people can be made fully aware of ways that they can help prevent crime and eliminate bullying.

Thank you Brother Joe Milton for arranging to have Crime Stoppers to come to our meeting.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 2 – Turkey Roll – We need all of our members to come out to this very important event for our council. We are confident that this will be the biggest and best event ever so make sure you are there to enjoy it.
- Dec 3 – Breakfast with Santa – This is a fun event where we can help the Holy Rosary School feed and entertain the youth of our parish and their families. It is a great way for us to demonstrate how much the Knights can do and how much we enjoy doing it. You never know there may be future Knights there.
- Dec 4 – Burlington Santa Claus Parade – The Knights of Burlington present a great float for the parade and the Special Olympics athletes are invited to ride the float and they have a ball. So come on out and see the parade and help our Brother Knights clean up the float after the event.
- Dec 15 & 16 - Longo’s Food Drive – We need volunteers to come out for a couple of hours to help encourage shoppers to donate non-perishable food to the Good Shepherd Food Bank. Brother Vic Lefebvre is the chairman for this event. Last year we raised approximately 14000 lbs. of food

It’s that time of the year again, where we require your assistance in reporting our Personal Fraternal Activity to Supreme. We would very much appreciate if you would take time to fill the following survey and bring it to our meeting on January 3. We will compile the information and submit it.

 <p><b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</b></p>	<p><b>20__ SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY</b></p> <p><b>INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET</b></p>
<p><b>20__ ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET</b></p> <p>Over the last ten years, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$1.5 billion to charitable and benevolent causes and more than 682 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. <b>To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting.</b> This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.</p>	
<p>1. Number of visits you made during 20__ to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals ..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Bereaved — visits of condolence ..... _____</p>	
<p>2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 20__ ..... _____</p>	
<p>3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 20__:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Church Activities — service in all Church related activities ..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Community Activities — service in all community related activities ..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Youth Activities — service in all youth related activities ..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Habitat for Humanity — service in all related projects ..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Culture of Life Activities — service in all related projects ..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">VAVS ..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Food For Families ..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Special Olympics ..... _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above ..... _____</p>	
<p>4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 20__:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Sick/disabled members and their families — household chores, transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc. .... _____</p>	

**Knights in Action November 2016**

**Brothers help out at Holy Rosary School**

Brothers David Lord, Joe Milton and Ken Fleming come out several times a month to keep the school sign up to date. This month Brother Sam Cervoni donated a great mobile tool box for storing the letters and numbers for the sign and the office staff were very happy that the old boxes which were falling apart were replaced.



**Knights help out in the church**

Brother Sam Cervoni completed the job started last month by adding a couple of braces to the stand that the piano sits on in the Parish Centre. This was very timely as the piano was at risk of falling off and being damaged.



**Used Eye Glasses for Haiti**

Brother Blair Breckenridge is spearheading an initiative to collect used eye glasses for donation to the **B the Hope for Haiti Mission**.



Joanna Baumgartner wife of Brother Joe has already delivered over 200 pairs to the needy people in Haiti. The collection box will remain in the church so please continue to collect used eye glasses for this effort.

**Cob's Bakery**

Brother Aeneas Mc Isaac and his wife Barb continues to take a leadership role for the Knights by ensuring that every Sunday evening all of the unused baked goods from Cob's Bread in north Burlington is delivered to the Good Shepherd food bank. Brother Vic Lefebvre is also there most every Sunday to help deliver this significant community contribution.



Several of our knights have signed up to help Aeneas and Vic whenever they are needed. This is an excellent example of how the knights of our council work together in an unselfish way to help those in need.



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