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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, REVEREND MARTIN VALLELY



Dear Brothers,

These cold Winter days.....or, more exactly, these up-and-down-like-a-rollercoaster Winter days.....have sure been something to behold, haven't they? Some of us---ahem---were fortunate enough to get away to warmer places for a little while. But the Lord's good work, and notably the good work of the Knights Council 15920, continues unabated, no matter what the season. God bless you as you continue to serve with such enthusiasm and compassion!

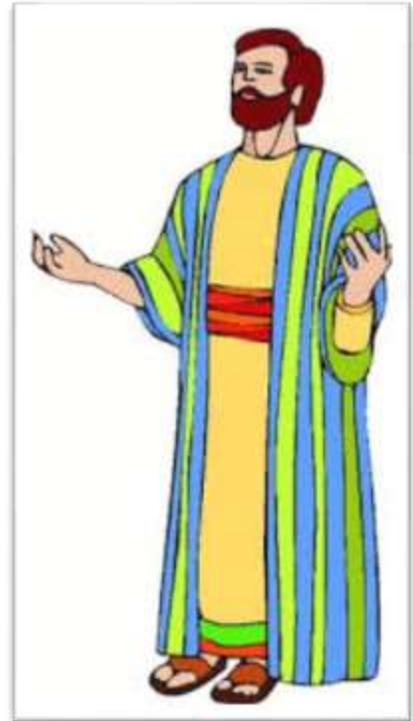
For such a short and seemingly dull and forgettable month, February presents us with some remarkable occasions in the Church, so that we may live and flourish as followers of the Lord. And I am not even including Valentine's Day!! Let me mention three of these.

On February 2nd, now thought of only as Groundhog Day in the world as large, we have traditionally honoured something quite a bit more substantial than groundhogs and shadows. It is the Feast honouring the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple, one of the great Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. (It has also traditionally been the day for blessing candles, and making them available for people to take and use in their homes as symbols of Christ, the Light of the world.) If you remember the story from Luke's Gospel, this was the occasion, 40 days after Jesus' birth, when the old prophet named Simeon swept the Child into his arms and praised God because the salvation promised to His people had finally arrived. Simeon was given the special grace to recognize just who Jesus was. But the joy of that moment was tinged with the sharp blow of the prophecy the old man uttered next. He said that this tiny Child would become the instrument for dividing people, because they would have to choose to be either for Him or against Him. He would win the promised salvation only by suffering and sacrifice, and even Mary would experience the "sword of sorrow". The Cross is already being foreseen. Anyone who wants to be a follower of this Messiah will need to take up the Cross, His Cross, in their own life. And that means you and me, as committed and mature disciples. Our light, given to us in our Baptism, must shine through the darkness.....but that means we have to deal with the darkness. And that is very painful.

So, this Christmas message promptly becomes a Lenten message, and that leads to my second mention. It is almost always the case that Lent begins in February.....if not, then only very shortly thereafter

in early March. Lent is of course that most Catholic of things, and we each have our own personal history of Lents gone by. Right now, as our Lent 2018 is close to beginning, I want to just focus on the carry-over from February 2nd and from our Baptism. Both of those occasions involve candles, our constant reminder that Jesus is the Light of the world, and that we are called to carry His light. Lent is fundamentally, not a time for “giving things up”, but rather a time for us to prayerfully and humbly rediscover our Baptismal roots. We get in touch with our deepest identity, that sacred place within where Christ our Saviour dwells. If our light has become dim, or crowded out by other things, Lent is the time to rekindle that light. And the means to get there are the traditional Lenten practices: prayer, sacrifices (including bodily disciplines, like fasting), and joyful and generous care for the poor. We do not do these things for their own sake, or to make ourselves feel accomplished, or just because we’ve always done them. We do these things to become more like the Christ Whose Light we bear. Try to keep that in mind this Lent, no matter how you choose to “make your Lent”. Think of that Light which you bear, and ask that It shine ever more brightly in your life.

The final February grace which I here mention is an all-but-forgotten Feast which occurs on February 22nd. It is a day honouring the Chair (that is, the authority) of Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles and first Pope. How fitting that the figure of Peter graces the time when Lent is getting underway. Peter is our Saint of the Month for February, in our series on Saints who are particularly appropriate witnesses for men who are trying to serve Christ. Peter is the classic Lenten person. He always wanted to do great things for Jesus, because he loved Jesus very much. But he stumbled so often, on the rock of his own pride, his own fears, his own impulsiveness. There was probably no Apostle who needed Jesus’ teaching and guidance more than Peter, and that included lessons which Peter found very hard to swallow. Peter had much love, but it was not really an “I surrender to You” love.....at least, not at first. That would come. Peter had to get out of being, to use an expression of Pope Francis, “self-referential”. In other words, he needed to learn to take his eyes off of himself and what and how much he could do. Rather, he needed to turn his gaze entirely to his Lord. In no story of Peter does that stand out more than the stormy night when Jesus came walking on water towards the Apostles, struggling in their boat. When Peter demanded that the Lord call him to also walk on the water, towards Jesus, Jesus invited him. As long as Peter looked only at Jesus, he stayed up on the water. The instant he became self-referential again, thinking of himself and his abilities and his situation, down he went. Jesus called it, quite simply, a lack of faith. This Lent, let Peter be a reminder to us men that we are not necessarily meant to be big and strong and “do it all on our own”. We need Jesus, we depend on Him, we must keep our gaze on Him....and that is absolutely nothing to be ashamed of.



May you be blessed in this February, this “hidden gem” of a month.....and walk confidently by the Light of your Lord.

Father Martin Vallely
Chaplain

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Once again I find myself in a position where I am so grateful for the outstanding people we have in our council. We have just completed one of our busiest months and as usual our council got the job done and hopefully had fun doing it. January is always basketball, Special Olympics and Big Band month and I know it is hard especially with our cold weather to drag ourselves out to all of these events, but let me assure you the people we help are extremely thankful that we are here to do what we do. This year's Big Band concert was one of the best ever and financially was a great success thanks to the efforts of Brother Vic.

February is here already and the worst of the winter is behind us...just a month or so more we can start to think about spring. But in the meantime we have the Valentines Dinner and Dance to look forward to. Brother Ron Lehocki is hard at work getting everything ready for another fun evening. Saturday February 10 at 6 o'clock the fun starts with a bit of socializing followed by dinner and dancing. There will be spot dances and door prizes so this is a great opportunity to socialize with other members and reward our wives for putting up with us.

On February 13th we will be working with the ladies of the CWL to present the annual "Shrove Tuesday" pancake breakfast and dinner for the community. Volunteers will be needed to cook the pancakes and to serve the meal to the hungry guests. Later on in the month our parish will be having a very special "Town Hall" meeting. This event will give the parishioners an opportunity to influence the direction our parish takes. The Knights of Columbus play a very key leadership role in the parish and so I encourage all of you to come out and participate in this rare opportunity to help to mold the future of the parish and our community.

On February 24th we will have a unique opportunity to mentor some of the Special Olympics athletes. Special Olympics Ontario has chosen to do another "Athletes Leadership Training" course in our hall...mainly because of the great job we did last year. Please come out and help with this rare opportunity to help in the development of these special people. Remember wives are more than welcome to come out and help as well.

We had several of our members on the "Disabled" list recently and so I ask for your continued prayers that they get back to full health quickly. Brothers Hugh Johns, Joe Milton, Ken Browne and Vic Lefebvre appear to be well on their way to recovery so thanks for keeping them in your prayers.

We will be reviewing this year's council budget at our meeting on Tuesday, February 6th. We will also hear from Brother Len on the status of our Habitat for Humanity project "CATCH18"... so it should be interesting.....see you all there.

Vivat Jesus

Ken Fleming,
Grand Knight

PRAYER NETWORK

In charity, we pray for:

Brother Ken Browne
 Brother Hugh Johns
 Brother Joe Milton
 Brother Michael Nelligan
 Richard Cupido, grandson of
 Brother Guido
 Linda Cupido, daughter-in-law of Brother Guido
 Shannon Wilken, daughter of Bro. Michael Nelligan
 Evelyn Lefebvre, sister of Bro. Vic Lefebvre



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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations:

Bro. Michael and Evangeline Nelligan
February 4 – 51 years

Bro. Andrew and Ewa Kemnitz
February 23 – 51 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kevin Demeter – February 6

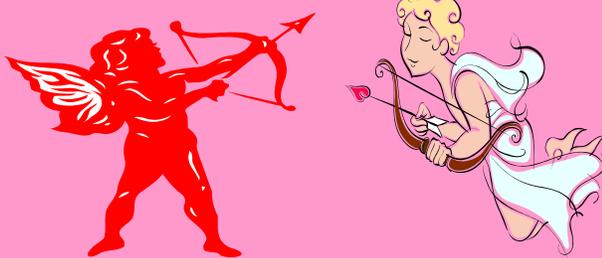
Joe Milton – February 16

Blair Breckenridge – February 21

Claude Pepin – February 21

Leonard Walker – February 23

VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10



COCKTAILS 6:15
DINNER 7:00

\$40.00 PER PERSON

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WRITTEN NOTICE OF MOTION:

Whereas, it is good practice to budget the Council's finances; and,

Whereas, the Financial Secretary, with the assistance of the Trustees and the Treasurer has prepared a budget for the 2018 calendar year; and,

Whereas, the budget was provided to the membership by e-mail and Canada Post for their perusal;

Be it known that, the Council budget with total receipts of **\$20,750** and expenditures of **\$20,212** and a surplus of **\$538** as detailed in the mailed budget will be discussed and voted for approval at the February 6 General Meeting.

Submitted by:
Vic Lefebvre, PGK

ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Our 2017 Fraternal Activity Report was submitted on January 19 and once again our council did an amazing job. Collectively, we contributed 9,898 hours of volunteer service, an increase of 1,486 hours over 2016. In addition, we donated 486 hours of fraternal service, an increase of 266 hours over 2016. We collected and donated \$14,984 directly to various charities and other organizations. Supreme suggests that volunteer hours have a value of \$23. If we include the value of the non-perishable food collected for the Food bank at Longo's and the weekly baked goods collected at Cob's bread, I estimate we have contributed almost \$350,000 to our community during 2017. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!

Vic Lefebvre, PGK
Financial Secretary

CALENDAR OF COUNCIL EVENTS

- Feb. 6 – General Business Meeting – 7:00 pm
Feb. 10 – Basketball Free Throw
District Competition
St. Thomas Aquinas High School
124 Dorval Drive
Oakville
9:00 am
Feb. 10 – **Valentine's Dinner Dance**
Holy Rosary Parish Centre
Doors Open at 6:15 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm
\$40.00 per person
Feb. 13 – **Shrove Tuesday**
8:30 am Breakfast
5:00 to 7:00 pm Dinner
Feb. 14 – **Ash Wednesday**
Feb. 18 – Executive Meeting
After 11:00 am Mass
Feb. 24 – Special Olympics Leadership Training
Holy Rosary Parish Centre
Details at General Meeting
Feb 27 – **Holy Rosary Parish Town Hall Meeting**
Parish Centre
7:30 to 9:00 pm
Mar. 6 – General Business Meeting
Mar. 9 – Stations of the Cross – 7:00 pm
Mar. 14 – Dennis Gibbons – Book Presentation
Mar. 25 – **Palm Sunday**
Mar. 30 – **Good Friday**
Apr. 1 – **Easter Sunday**
Apr. 14 – Diocesan Zone Meeting
St. Augustine Church
Dundas
Apr. 20 to 22 – **Ontario State Convention**
International Plaza Hotel
655 Dixon Road
Toronto

Council News

Special Olympics BFT Qualifier – January 11

On January 11, 2018 our council participated in the Special Olympics basketball team qualifier for the K of C Basketball free throw. This was the fourth year of our close relationship with this special group of people and the joy and satisfaction we get from it never diminishes.

This year there were 47 athletes signed up to participate with 20 members in the Competitive group and 27 members in the Recreational group. A special thank you goes out to Brothers Bill Fraser, Ken Browne, Jim Hession, Willie Joki, Marc Clare, Sam Cervoni, David Lord and Ken Fleming for being there to keep score, pass out certificates and medals and generally have a good time. All of the participants were invited to participate in the upcoming K of C Basketball Free Throw set for January 20th at Notre Dame High School.



2018 K of C Basketball Free Throw – January 20

The 46th annual K of C Basketball Free Throw took place on Saturday January 20th at Notre Dame High School in North Burlington. This year’s event was chaired by Brother Tom Vermeltfoort of the Msgr. James Corbett Warren Memorial Council 5073 and it was a great success. Brothers David Lord, Joe Milton and Ken Fleming from our council were on the organizing committee and helped to make the event happen.

There were almost 300 participants in this year’s event including the Special Olympians and boys and girls aged 9 to 14 from 19 of the 55 schools in the Burlington area. There was a huge crowd of parents and other family members out to watch the exciting event which included speeches from Mayor Rick Goldring, MP Karina Gould and MPP Eleanor McMahon. Other Special guests included representatives from the Halton Catholic School board and the Halton School board.

Our Brother Mike Perron was the official photographer for the event and you can see the great job he did in the pictures below. Many more of the pictures will be shown at the next council meeting to be held on February 6th.

Thank you to the volunteers from our council that helped with the set-up the night before and the actual event. They were Brothers Don Prescott, Mark Freeman, Marc Clare, David Lord, Bob Judge, Sam Cervoni, Mike Perron and Ken Fleming.



Dr. Frank Hayden Invitational Basketball Tournament

Several members of our council helped out at the annual Dr. Frank Hayden Invitational Basketball Tournament held at the Haber Center in North Burlington. Dr. Hayden is the co-founder of the Special Olympics movement...unfortunately he was unable to attend this year due to an illness.

The Pope John Paul II colour guard were out to march in the opening ceremonies and as usual they did a masterful job of adding excitement to the event...thank you SK Frank Miele and the rest of the colour guard for supporting this worthy cause.

15 Special Olympics Basketball teams of varying skills from various parts of Southern Ontario were invited to compete in this tournament sponsored by Dr. Hayden.

Our Knights looked after the scoring in the “Knights Gym” for the event and so a special thanks goes to Brothers Don Prescott, Jim Hession, Bob Judge, Earl Kent Roy, David Lord, Sam Cervoni and Ken Fleming for doing a great job. The tournament was a huge success and everyone had a great time.



2018 Big Band Concert – January 28

On January 28, 2018, the annual K of C Big Band concert was held at the Burlington Performing Arts center. Chairman for the multi-council event was once again our own Financial Secretary SK Vic Lefebvre. This year’s concert had an open theme and was very much enjoyed by the 600 plus in attendance.

Brother Vic works tirelessly on this event every year and this year was no exception. Not only was the attendance near the record set a couple of years ago but the advertising revenue for our council was the best ever. All 4 councils and the assembly in Burlington participate in this event and share the proceeds of ticket sales. Advertising revenue is partially shared but each council can solicit its own advertisers and benefit exclusively for their efforts.



Update on Habitat for Humanity Project

Chairman of the council's Habitat for Humanity project "CATCH18" Brother Len Walker attended a planning meeting with the CEO of Habitat Halton on January 26th. The meeting was organized to present our plan for the 3 year long fund raising project which will involve local schools, other K of C Councils and the general public. Habitat will be starting in 2018 to build the 18 unit Crew-Goetz Landing project in Burlington and our council hopes to make a contribution to the funding for this project by organizing various events to help raise money,

We hope to start slowly with some projects planned for Holy Rosary School to take place in February. An example of some of the smaller projects would be a "stud painting" project where the children paint the actual studs that will eventually be used in the construction of the homes. Donators will pay nominal amounts for the painting of each of the potential 6,000 studs. This would take place in the school gym with the Habitat people doing most of the set-up and clean up.

Sometime in March or April we hope to organize is a special fund raising dinner and dance with the proceeds going entirely to the Habitat building project. Members of other area councils and members of the general public will be invited to attend this kick-off dinner which we hope to have at the Burlington Golf and Country Club. For a reasonable price donators will be presented with a great meal some refreshments and hopefully some live music provided by our Brother Steve Marsh's and his band.

A whole lot of work has to be done to make this happen so let's all get behind Len and his Habitat committee as this worthwhile project gets underway. As you know Habitat for Humanity is one of the major charities that both State and Supreme of the Knights of Columbus consider a primary focus for the Knights.

Members work with Salvation Army to bring food to the poor

As though they don't do enough already Brothers Joe Baumgartner and David Kenel recently volunteered to help the Salvation Army provide a "Soup Truck" to feed the poor. Brother David, Brother Joe and his daughter Mia can be seen in the pictures below working on the soup truck and feeding the needy. Great job guys and Mia.



Socks for the Needy

Deputy Grand Knight Joe Milton made a tremendous contribution to our community recently as he initiated an effort to work with the Burlington Foot Clinic and their “Can you spare a pair” programme. Joe arranged to obtain 59 pairs of socks and 1 pair of winter mitts which he subsequently donated to the needy on behalf of Holy Rosary Council.

Joe sorted the socks into ones suitable for women and children and he donated them to the Holy Rosary St. Vincent de Paul society for distribution to the needy families they serve. The ones more suitable to men he gave to our Brother David Kenel who works with the Salvation Army and he will ensure they go to the needy helped by that group. David has been spearheading a “socks for the needy” programme for a long time and so this worked out perfectly. Please remember David if you have an opportunity to obtain socks at any time in the future.

Brother Joe subsequently sent a thank you letter to the Burlington Foot Clinic on behalf of our council. Congratulations Joe on a job well done. By the way we hope you are completely recovered from your recent bout with pneumonia.



Grand Knight Ken Fleming presents Brother Mark Freeman with his First Degree Certificate. Welcome to our council and we hope you get the same enjoyment and satisfaction the rest of us get from being involved in council activities.

Grand Knight Ken Fleming recognizes the special effort of Deputy Grand Knight Joe Milton and Brother David Kenel with their efforts to provide warm socks to the needy.



JOIN THE “CALL FOR CONSCIENCE” IN THE HAMILTON DIOCESE

The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing healthcare workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients.

The Diocese of Hamilton wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers.

Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, **write a letter (sample on the next page)** to our Provincial Member of Parliament and consider adding your e-mail address to the Conscience Coalitions network to receive future information.

We all need to join the “Call for Conscience” taking place between February 6th and March 31st.

The message above was copied from the February 4 Holy Rosary Church Bulletin. As Knights of Columbus, Catholic citizens, it is our obligation to ensure that our voice be heard.

Our Chaplain, Father Martin, has urged us to join Bishop Crosby and the Diocese of Hamilton to protect the rights of our healthcare workers and to urge our Provincial Government to address the lack of quality palliative care in our province.

Grand Knight Ken Fleming e-mailed all of us a sample of the following letter. Print it, sign it and mail it today.

Vic Lefebvre, PGK, PFN, FDM
Editor

February 3, 2018

The Honourable Eleanor McMahon, M.P.P.
President of the Treasury Board
Minister Responsible for Digital Government
99 Wellesley Street West
Room 4320
Toronto, ON M7A 1W3

Dear Ms McMahon:

As Ontario prepares for an election shortly, and as my current MPP for Burlington, I would like to ask for your commitment to protecting the rights of health care professionals and facilities in our province. I am also deeply concerned about the most vulnerable among us, in light of the legalization of assisted suicide in Canada in June 2016.

Specifically, the conscience rights of health professionals need to be protected through provincial legislation. The current care coordination service operated in Ontario, unlike those in other jurisdictions, still forces doctors to provide referrals, thus participating in the procedure. Five doctors are currently challenging the policies of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario that require them to choose between their conscience and their careers. We should be protecting these physicians rather than forcing them to fight for rights guaranteed in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Advocates of euthanasia/assisted suicide are lobbying strongly to force any publicly funded health care facility to offer euthanasia/assisted suicide. While no medical procedure is offered in every facility across the province, proponents are demanding this of facilities that have deeply rooted principles that will not allow them to kill their patients.

Finally, with only 1/3 of Canadians having access to quality palliative care, we should not be surprised to see a dramatic increase in euthanasia/assisted suicide cases. Studies show that people are fearful of pain and loneliness. Both of these issues can be directly addressed by palliative care. I believe that if all Ontarians had access to quality palliative care, many would not pursue assisted death.

Your position and that of your party will have a direct impact on my vote this June. I am respectfully asking you the following:

1. Will you support legislation to protect doctors, nurses and other health care providers who are being forced to participate in assisted suicide/euthanasia through making a referral?
2. How will you protect facilities from being forced to offer euthanasia/assisted suicide on their premises?
3. How does your party plan to address the lack of quality palliative care in our province?

I appreciate you addressing these concerns directly and look forward to your reply. Know that I very much respect the important role that our elected officials play in serving the citizens of our Province.

Thank you,

Knights in Action January 2018

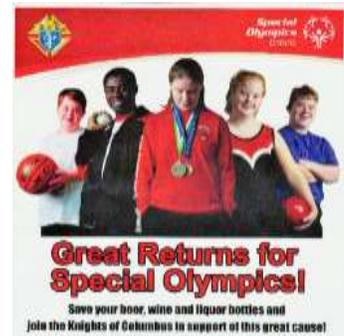
Brothers help out at Holy Rosary School

Brothers David Lord, Joe Milton, Sam Cervoni and Ken Fleming come out several times a month to keep the school sign up to date.



Special Olympics Bottle Drive

The 2018 bottle drive will start up on the Tuesday following the Victoria Day weekend next year and as usual we will have a collection after all long weekends until Thanksgiving. Thanks to everyone that helped in 2017.....we raised \$2,100 for the Special Olympics, a cheque was presented to them in December.



Cobs Bakery

Brother Aeneas Mac 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 Cobs 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.

2nd Cobs Bakery night

Brother Vic Lefebvre has arranged a second night for picking up bread at Cobs that the Pope John Paul Assembly is looking after Great work Vic.



Holy Rosary Parish Knights of Columbus



Valentine's Dinner & Dance

Saturday, February 10th, 2018

Cocktails 6:15 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm



Bring your Valentine and come on out for an evening of dining, dancing and fun. Enjoy great music, door prizes spot dances and raffle

Cash Bar Tickets \$40.00 each

Come dine, then dance to the Hits of Today & Yesterday
Couples, singles, groups—all (19+) are welcome.

For tickets call Ron or Susan at 905-521-9445 or purchase following Mass every weekend until they're gone.

Get your tickets early for this fun-filled evening!



Shrove Tuesday



FEB 13, 2018
8:30AM AND 5 - 7 PM
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
AND DINNER

Holy Rosary Parish

Please join us for our annual Pancake Breakfast and Dinner to be held in the church hall. Bring your family and friends and let the CWL and the Knights serve you a great breakfast at 8:30 or Dinner between 5 and 7 pm. This will be a perfect way to prepare for the Lenten season.



**HOLY ROSARY
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST
AND DINNER**

**COME AND JOIN
US AS WE BEGIN
THE LENTEN
SEASON**

**Fluffy pancakes
and ham served
with maple syrup.**

**This event is a
free will offering
proceeds go to St.
Vincent de Paul
and
Burl. Food Bank**

**HOLY ROSARY
CHURCH**

287 Plains Rd. East

Burlington

February 13, 2018
8:30AM and 5 PM to 7 PM