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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, REVEREND MARTIN VALLELY



Dear Brothers,

Well, they talk about the January/February “blahs”.....not to mention the storms (both of which I ---ahem--- conveniently managed to escape on account of my ---ahem---“travel” commitments).....But there is no “blah” for Holy Rosary Council Knights of Columbus, that’s for sure! You continue to keep busy and involved, caring and giving. And I repeat that I am particularly pleased by the great devotion our Council shows to the excellent mission of Special Olympics. God bless you as you continue your passionate care for so many who are in need.

We always associate February with love, since Saint Valentine’s Day keeps love in the forefront of our thoughts. This very weekend, we shall hear from Saint Paul’s famous and powerful words about the true meaning of love, as he wrote it in 1 Corinthians 12 – 13. Love, he tells us, is the greatest of all the gifts, and the one which lasts. I am ever more convinced that this is because love is the gift which, when exercised genuinely, makes us become like God, more than any other gift or talent. Genuine exercise of love means that it always seeks the good of the other, never the self. It is willing, as Paul says, to “bear all things.....endure all things.....” True love goes out of its way to pour itself out for others. In this, it imitates the complete outpouring of God’s own love in Jesus Christ. This kind of love is not a feeling, much less yet a whim or passing fancy. It is a choice, a choice made freely and renewed every day. Knights are called to be real lovers, most of all in this sense.

I spoke last month of Saint Paul and his letters. A recent celebration of his conversion (January 25th) leads me, this month, to pull together the Gospels and the letters by focusing on The Acts of the Apostles. This very important New Testament book is the direct follow-up to the Gospel of Luke, itself a focus of special study and reflection in the Sunday Liturgy of the Word this year. Luke’s Gospel takes the story right up to the Ascension of the Risen Jesus into heaven, and then Acts resumes the story at that very point. Acts is an account of the first beginnings of the Church. Told in a colourful narrative manner, it traces events beginning from Pentecost Sunday, encompassing such events and themes as the vision and lifestyles of the first Christian communities; the first persecutions (whether it be the harassment the Apostles endured, or the killing of Stephen, the first adult martyr, or the general and numerous attempts to attack and stamp out the Way of the followers of Jesus); the first threads of discussion about spreading the Gospel message beyond the Jewish communities; or the roles of Peter, James, and others in the development of authority structures in the infant church. The powerful inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit is emphasized throughout.

But the whole thrust of Acts heads in a different direction once the figure of Paul (originally known as Saul) begins to dominate. His conversion story is repeated at least twice in Acts, plus the follow-up that details how this erstwhile enemy of Christians became valued and trusted as the Gospel's foremost proclaimer. Key to this narrative is Paul's mission and determination to spread the Gospel message as far and wide as possible, and the decision made (after much discussion and even dissension) to not require all new converts to Christ to first embrace Judaism and the whole Old Testament law. (See especially Chapter 15, in the very middle of Acts, for that whole controversy, the echoes of which find expression in several of Paul's letters, especially his severe Letter to the Galatians.) As I have often said: if this "turning point" in the early history of the Church had not "turned" exactly as it did, you and I would not be Christians today. Christianity would have remained a narrow sect within Judaism, and probably have died out. The Spirit made very sure, in a most unusual and remarkable way, that Jesus' words about proclaiming the Gospel "to the very ends of the earth" would be fulfilled in spades.

The entire second half of Acts is a story of Paul's major missionary journeys, on some of which he was actually accompanied by Luke (Luke starts narrating that "we did this..." and "we went there...", etc.) He was a true eyewitness to, and participant in, the hard work of overcoming oppositions, getting the message through, and building Christian communities. Much is made of Paul's tribulations along the way, and Acts comes to its close when Paul had finally reached Rome, and is under a kind of house arrest. It stops short of recounting the martyrdom of Peter and Paul, which occurred in Rome around the years 67 A.D. Luke's Gospel and Acts were probably written about 20 years later.

I really encourage reading Acts. It reads like an adventure novel, and it can put us right into the adventurous spirit of the early Christians, in whose footsteps we walk today as we endeavour to share the Good News.

Blessings on you, brothers! And keep warm!!

Father Martin Vallely
Chaplain



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from a Brother Knight***

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A REMINDER FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

A "second notice" has been sent to remind you that your Annual Dues are now due. They were sent via e-mail, as a cost saving measure.

You may bring your payment to our next General meeting on Tuesday, February 5. We also accept credit card and interact/debit as a convenience to pay your dues.

Another option is to send your payment by Canada Post to my home address: 1404 Dewbourne Crescent, Burlington, L7M 1E7.

Remember to make your cheques payable to:
K of C Council 15920.

Vic Lefebvre, PGK, PFN, FDM
Financial Secretary

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

January was the month of the Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw and assisting the Special Olympics at their various events. It was also the month when our Council began assisting the Holy Rosary Elementary School by changing their school signs.

I attended The Burlington Foot Clinic on January 8 and picked up their donations of socks, obtained from their "Can you spare a pair?" Program. This year, they were only able to collect twenty pairs of new socks, men's and women's, plus one pair of Women's Winter Gloves. This is the second year that The Burlington Foot Clinic has run such a program. Subsequently, I hand delivered a Letter of Thanks to the Burlington Foot Clinic.

At our Council General Business Meeting on January 8, Brother Sam Cervoni accepted the appointment as Chancellor, replacing Brother Hugh Johns, who passed away last December. That evening, I presented Brother David Kenel, with the bag of socks I received from The Burlington Foot Clinic. Brother David also volunteers with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Salvation Army.

On January 10, our Council hosted a Special Olympics Basketball Qualifier, at Dr. Frank J. Hayden Secondary School getting the Special Olympic Athletes ready for the Basketball Free Throw Event. Unfortunately, the Halton Catholic District School Board cancelled all Community School Events due to inclement weather forecast for January 19. Fortunately, we were able to reschedule the event to February 16 at Assumption (Pearson) High School.

On January 14, three Brother Knights assisted Parishioner Janet James by taking all the Christmas decorations from the Church and returning them to the Church Basement for storage.

On January 20, Brother Vic Lefebvre hosted "The Best of Broadway" featuring The Toronto All-Star Big Band at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. It was a most enjoyable afternoon and all Burlington Councils and the Assembly made a profit of \$1,200.00 on this event.

On January 26, our Council assisted as Timekeepers and Scorekeepers at the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament held at Dr. Frank J. Hayden Secondary School. There were twenty-three Special Olympic Teams, from throughout Ontario participating.

On January 30, our Council hosted the Catch-18 Meeting at the Parish Centre, chaired by Brother Len Walker. In attendance were five members from our Council, plus two members from St. Gabriel's Council and two members from the Holy Rosary CWL. So far the Catch-18 Project has raised \$15,427.47, for Habitat for Humanity.

See you all at the meeting on February 5th.

Vivat Jesus

Joe Milton
Grand Knight

PRAYER NETWORK

In charity, we pray for:

Brother Don Prescott, PGK
 Brother Henry Rudachyk
 Brother Stan Semeniuk
 Brother Kees Van Asselt
 Brother Michael Nelligan
 Evangeline Nelligan, wife of Brother Michael
 Shannon Wilken, daughter of Bro. Michael
 Nelligan
 Richard Cupido, grandson of Brother Guido



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 – 52 years
Bro. Andrew and Ewa Kemnitz
February 23 – 52 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kevin Demeter – February 6
Joe Milton – February 16
Blair Breckenridge – February 21
Claude Pepin – February 21
Leonard Walker – February 23

CALENDAR OF COUNCIL EVENTS

- Feb. 5 – General Business Meeting – 7:00 pm
- Feb. 9 – Special Olympics Floor Hockey
 Haber Recreation Centre – 8:00 am
- Feb. 9 – **Valentine’s Dinner Dance**
 Holy Rosary Parish Centre
 Cocktails 6:15 – Dinner 7:00
 \$40.00 each
 All are Welcome
- Feb. 10 – Pasta Dinner at St. Gabriel’s Church
 6:00 to 9:00 pm
 \$15.00 each
- Feb. 15 – Special Olympics Dance
Basketball Free Throw
Assumption (Pearson) High School
1433 Headon Road
- Feb. 15 – Set-Up Friday Night at 6:00 pm
- Feb. 16 – Competitions Saturday – 8:00 am
- Feb. 19 – Special Olympics Flag Raising
 City Hall – 9:00 am
- Feb. 23 – Basketball Free Throw – Regionals
 Waterloo, Ontario
- Feb. 28 – Flag Relay Event at Haber Centre
 Details at Business Meeting
- Mar. 5 – **Shrove Tuesday**
 Details at Business Meeting
- Mar. 6 – **Ash Wednesday**
- Mar. 12 – General Business Meeting – 7:00 pm
- Mar. 16 – South Zone Meeting – 9:00 am
 St. Augustine Church – Dundas
- Mar. 30 – Live Talks Conference
- Mar. 31 – Knighthood Degree – 3:00 pm
 Annunciation of Our Lord Church
- Apr. 14 – **Palm Sunday**
- Apr. 19 – **Good Friday**
- Apr. 21 – **Easter**
- Apr. 26 to 28 – **Ontario State Convention**
 Sheraton on the Falls
 Niagara Falls, Ontario

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 Treasurer, the Grand Knight and the Board of Trustees have prepared a budget for the 2019 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 \$ **18,060** and expenditures of \$ **24,102** resulting in a deficit of \$ **6,042** as detailed in the budget will be discussed and voted for approval at the February 5 General Meeting.

Submitted by:
 Vic Lefebvre, PGK
 Financial Secretary

ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Our 2018 Fraternal Activity Report was submitted on January 28 and once again our council did an amazing job. Collectively, we contributed 12,206 hours of volunteer service, an increase of 2,308 hours over 2017. In addition, we donated 1,508 hours of fraternal service, an increase of 1,022 hours over 2017.

We collected and donated \$25,861 directly to various charities and other organizations. Supreme suggests that volunteer hours have a value of \$24. 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 Cobs Bread, I estimate we have contributed almost \$425,000 to our community during 2018. **GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!**

Vic Lefebvre, PGK
 Financial Secretary

2019 STATE CHARITIES RAFFLE

The State Charities Raffle tickets are in. Brother Sam Cervoni has accepted the chairmanship for this event again this year. We had a good year last year where we sold all our allocated tickets.

We received 60 books (the same as last year). Although this Lottery is run by our State Council, we share in the proceeds.

We have participated in this lottery from our beginning as a Council and every year we have had at least one winner. Last year was no exception. Father Mike Downey was one of the winners.

See Brother Sam Cervoni for your tickets at the February 5 meeting.



Council News

1st Business Meeting of the Year Held On January 8, 2019

The 1st meeting of 2019 was held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday January 8. Attendance was great for this time of year and the members present were able to hear Brother Len Walker’s latest Lecturer’s report.

This time Len surprised us with information about our resident family of eagle’s and how the image of the eagle has significant meaning in our church history....great job Len as usual.



At the January meeting GK Joe Milton presented a large number of socks to Brother David Kenel for donation to the Salvation Army. This is the second year GK Joe has arranged to collect these “Socks for the needy”...thanks Joe and David.

Also at the meeting Brother Sam Cervoni was sworn in as our council Chancellor replacing our recently deceased beloved Brother Hugh Johns. Brother Hugh passed away in December after a valiant fight with cancer.



Signed Posts Permanently Installed In Burlington Habitat Build

During the month of January, all of the Habitat for Humanity posts that were signed by many people all across Burlington were permanently installed in the town homes being built on the Queensway.

These “posts” were made available for signing at our Holy Rosary Church, Notre Dame High School, St Gabriel’s parish and Assumption High School and others. You can see from the pictures dozens of posts were signed by many people who also made generous donations to the CATCH 18 project and Habitat for Humanity. Special mention goes to Brother Len Walker for his dedication to this project and to several other Knights that supported this worthy cause.

The Knights that contributed in a special way to this very successful project included our own Chaplin Father Martin Vallely for getting the idea underway at Holy Rosary with his support and Brother Anthony Cordeiro and Brother Stephen Clarke, Grand Knight of St. Gabriel’s Council. Most of the posts were signed at a special event arranged by Brother Anthony Cordeiro, Principal of Notre Dame High School.

The high school gym was commandeered to allow all of the students from Notre Dame and the students from St. Timothy’s elementary school to sign and make donations. In total 25 posts and over \$1,700 was raised by Anthony and the students in this one event.

In total over \$4,000 was raised by this post signing project including over \$2,300 in our own parish. In total the CATCH18 project has raised \$15,427 to date....great work Brother Len and team.



Special Olympics Basketball Free Throw Qualifier

The Burlington Special Olympics athletes took part in a special qualifier for the 2019 Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw on Thursday January 10 at the Haber Center in north Burlington.

Over 50 athletes grouped into 4 categories Advanced, Competitive, Recreational 1 and Recreational 2 which are based on skill levels competed to ensure they were qualified for this year's Basketball Free Throw Competitions.

A special thanks goes out to Brothers Sam Cervoni, Loy DeMelo, Ken Fleming, Jim Hession, David Lord and Joe Milton for coming out to score this event. Our Council took advantage of the event to present a cheque for \$1750 to the Burlington Special Olympics representing the proceeds from our 2018 Bottle Drive.



2019 Basketball Free Throw Cancelled and Rescheduled Due To Snow Storm

The annual Basketball Free Throw originally scheduled for January 19th had to be cancelled and rescheduled to February 16th due to a bad winter storm.

The rescheduled event will take place at Pearson / Assumption High School located at 1433 Headon Rd. in north Burlington. Unfortunately Notre Dame High School was not available for any Saturday that would have allowed us to finish the competition prior to the Regional finals scheduled for February 23rd in Waterloo.



2019 Big Band Concert

The 2019 Big Band Concert was held on Sunday January 20th at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. Event chairman and our own Financial Secretary did an amazing job again this year. The event was a success and although attendance was down a little from last year those in attendance enjoyed the “Broadway” theme. Brother Vic reports that once again the event made a profit and all of the investors including the four councils and the assembly will pocket a nice neat \$1,200 or so. Great job as usual Brother Vic.



2019 Flag Relay Underway

The 2019 Knights of Columbus Flag Relay got underway in January and will culminate in May at the Special Olympics International Youth Games being held in Toronto. Our district will be in possession of the flags from February 18 until March 3 when they will move to the next district.



A committee has been formed representing all of the Burlington Councils and the Assembly. They had their first meeting on January 29th and they enjoyed some wings at Pluckers. The first event for the Flag Relay will happen on Tuesday February 19th at Burlington City Hall where the flag will be raised on a city flag pole and a proclamation declaring that week as Special Olympics Week will be read by Mayor Marianne Meed Ward.

Please mark that date in your calendar and come on out....our Brothers at St. Antoine-Daniel council will be hosting coffee and pastries at St. Philippe Church right after the ceremony.

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Dr. Frank Hayden Special Olympics Basketball Tournament

On January 26th, several members of our council helped out at the Annual Dr. Frank Hayden Special Olympics Basketball Tournament held at Haber Recreation Centre. 23 SO teams from all around Ontario came out for this event which was actually a qualifier for the Special Olympics Winter Games which will happen in March. Special thanks goes out to Brothers Ken Fleming, Jim Hession, Willie Joki, Bob Judge, Vic Lefebvre, David Lord and Joe Milton for coming out for this event which lasted almost all day. A special thanks as well to the colour guard from Pope John Paul II Assembly who came out along with District Master Dan Lohin to make this a special day for the athletes.



**Pope John Paul II
Assembly 3176
Colour Guard
with
District Master
Dan Lohin
and
Dr. Hayden,
Founder
of
Special Olympics**



PHOTO-OP WITH DR. HAYDEN



TIMEKEEPERS AND SCOREKEEPERS IN ACTION



SPECIAL OLYMPIANS IN ACTION



Holy Rosary Parish Knights of Columbus



Valentine's Dinner & Dance

Saturday, February 9th, 2019

Cocktails 6:15 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm

Catered by
Ross Food Services

Menu

Appetizers

Fresh Garden Greens/Salad

Ciabatta Buns and Butter

Baked Penne/Garnished, with Tomato Sauce

Curry Pineapple Mango Chicken with Rice Pilaf

Stuffed Pork Loin with Apple Sauce and Pan Gravy

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Carrots, Broccoli and Yellow Turnip



Dessert Buffet with Fresh Fruit

Coffee and Tea

Cash Bar Raffles / Door Prizes Tickets \$40.00 each

Come dine, then dance to the Hits of Today & Yesterday with our DJ

Rockin' Robin

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!

Pasta Night

Sunday February 10, 2019

6:00pm - 9:00pm

St. Gabriel's Parish Hall



CELEBRATE VALENTINES



Adult	\$15
Child (10 & under) ..	\$10

Tickets available:
 After Mass or
 At the Parish office or
StGabrielsKofC@gmail.com



All you can eat! • Live music • 50/50 draw • Cash bar (wine & beer)



Knights in Action January 2019

Brothers help out at Holy Rosary

Brothers Sam Cervoni, Ken Fleming, David Lord, Howard McNamara and Joe Milton, help out around the school. Jobs include maintaining the sign, repairing various items around the school and watering the kid's garden. Last month Brother Sam and Brother Howard assembled a new salad bar for the school and the school ended up with two salad bars because the supplier decided it was cheaper to donate the first one that had some design issues rather than have it returned.



Special Olympics Bottle Drive

The 2019 Annual Bottle Drive in support of Special Olympics will start up again after the Victoria Weekend in May. Dates will be May 21, July 2, August 6, September 3 and October 15.



Cobs Bakery

Brother Aeneas Mac Isaac and his wife Barb continue 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.

We enjoy a great relationship with Cobs bread and this project has grown to include Knights from some of the other councils and the Assembly in Burlington. Some of the bread has been used to help supply buns to various charitable activities that the Knights do.

