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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, MONSIGNOR MARTIN VALLELY

Dear Brothers,

Well, here we are in a relatively quiet time, where we once again have been labouring under something of a partial lockdown situation. But, as we near the two-year mark of this pandemic, things are evidently going to start easing up once again. So we keep praying that we can hold steady a while longer!

Plans are beginning to be put into place for marking this year the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Holy Rosary Parish. Our parish has a noble history of worship, community-building, and outreach. I continue to be so grateful to be part of all this, and I look forward to celebrating with you. Our overall thrust for this year is one of gratitude to God for all that we have been privileged to share, and looking to the future with confidence and renewed hope. One thing you can mark down on your calendars already: our parish's Lenten mini-retreat/mini-mission, April 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. This will feature our parish's own Father Mark Wendling, a member of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Trinity, presently doing ministry for his community in Detroit. We very eagerly await this time of grace and renewal, led by Father Mark. More details to follow!

In these first days of February, we are so blessed to have the Pilgrim Icon of Saint Joseph with us. This Knights initiative is intended to help us to see in Joseph a powerful model for our Christian lives, and particularly as men striving to be Christ-like leaders. We typically think of Joseph as "the strong, silent type". Contributing to that, I am sure, is the fact that we cannot point in the Gospels to even one word which he supposedly uttered. No doubt he did speak.....but the Gospel stories wish rather to underscore his spirit of attentive listening and unflinching obedience to God's will. It is never claimed that Joseph understood everything that was swirling around him. But he trusted God, and he acted. He took care of Mary and Jesus with loving tenderness and protection. So likewise he takes care of us, and he gives Catholic men a shining example of fidelity, courage, and strength. We always associate Saint Joseph with the Christmas story, of course; but his influence and his intercession give us hope throughout the whole year, and all of our lives. The Pilgrim Icon will remain before the altar until Friday the 4<sup>th</sup>; on that morning, special prayers will surround our usual morning Rosary and Mass. Be sure to come out and participate!

Valentine's Day will come soon after that, and it reminds me once again that one of the great pillars or principles on which the Knights are founded is charity. In fact, it is the first principle of the Knights. Charity does not refer to the kind of romantic love which is popularized by a secular celebration like

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Valentine's Day. Charity refers to that generous, self-sacrificing love which flows from the heart of God himself. To practice charity is to become as much like God as we possibly can. It is to stretch well beyond our limitations and our own personal concerns and interests, to make service to others a priority, to see Christ's face everywhere we turn. Knights of Columbus, dedicated as we are to the Gospel message and to true charity, must be outstanding in our desire to live that kind of love. It animates everything we do, including (but not limited to) the charitable activities and outreach for which the Knights are justly recognized and honoured. And remember, we do not do our good deeds just so that we can feel like "good-deed-doers" (as the Wizard of Oz once put it). We do them because it is what true, Christ-like love demands. As the Lord himself so wonderfully and directly put it, "Love one another as I have loved you (John 15:12). It is the great command.....but the result of living it out is that we are known now as his friends, not only as his servants (John 15:14-15). This is our fundamental identity, not just because we are Knights, but because we are believers. God strengthen your love for him and for others!!

In our walk through the Mass, we have now come to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. While we have certainly observed how important the Liturgy of the Word has become, it tends to still remain the case that the Liturgy of the Eucharist is considered to be the heart of the Mass. The central elements, the bread and wine, are brought forward and presented (well, we generally have not been doing this during COVID, but will look forward to resuming it soon enough). This presentation of the gifts, restored in the revised liturgy, calls to mind an earlier era when people brought all kinds of gifts forward in elaborate procession. Here, the bread and wine symbolize our own efforts, our very selves, offered to the Lord. The priest takes these gifts, and prays a "berakah", a benediction or blessing, which is modelled on Jewish table prayers. The words are very beautiful, but seldom heard by the congregation, on account of singing a hymn at that time: "Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.....for through your goodness we have received the bread/wine we offer you: fruit of the earth/vine, and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life/our spiritual drink. Blessed be God for ever."

Other actions which keen-eyed observers will note during this part of the ritual are the mixing of a little water into the wine in the chalice, the priest bowing over the bread and wine to silently pray, and the priest's washing of his hands. All these gestures have had a long history, with expansion and then simplification. The actions and the accompanying prayers are all meant to help the priest, and all of us, to prepare well for what lies ahead in the Eucharistic Prayer. We recognize that we are being called into intimate union with Christ, the Supreme Sacrifice; and we want to be ready in purity of heart and mind to enter into that most sacred of moments. Finally, the priest invites everyone to pray that our sacrifice (it's not just his, but ours) will be acceptable to God; all respond by affirming our desire that the accepted sacrifice will give God praise, and benefit us and indeed the whole body of believers. And a Prayer over the Gifts is offered, to reinforce that fervent hope and prayer of God's people. By this point, the congregation is standing once again, and we are ready, with our "Amen", to be drawn into the very heart of the Mass.

The same charity to which I referred earlier, the charity of Christ's own heart, is what draws us in. Let us never take his awesome gift for granted!

Blessings to you and yours,

Monsignor Martin Vallely  
Chaplain

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**GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE:**

Welcome to February Brothers!

It seems like winter was hiding for the first few months and now it has jumped out at us. As the white stuff continues to fall and temperatures bottom out below the frost line, we need to find ways to warm up!

The obvious choice is to start planning your Valentine’s Day festivities. Home cooked meal or perhaps a little foray into the restaurant scene (fingers crossed they stay open). Or maybe once the gyms open back up you can warm up by throwing some weights around so you can be the strongest Knight of Columbus in Burlington. You could build a roaring fire, grab some friends and family, a warm drink and cozy up all night long.

Whatever you choose to do this month to keep you warm, don’t forget to keep your mind, heart, and soul warm too. He is always there ready to listen; so give thanks for all we have been given.

Love each other with abundance today and every day.

God bless  
Mark



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**CALENDAR  
OF  
COUNCIL EVENTS**

**January 29 to February 4  
Pilgrim Icon of St Joseph  
Holy Rosary Church**

**Special Time of Prayer  
surrounding the 7:30 am Rosary  
and 8:00 am Mass  
February 4**

- Feb. 1 – Business Meeting – 7:00 pm  
**IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL ON ZOOM**
- Feb. 15 – Semi-Annual Audit Due
- Feb. 21 – Family Day Holiday
- Mar. 1 – Business Meeting – 7:00 pm
- Mar. 2 – **Ash Wednesday**
- Mar. 29 – Founder’s Day
- Apr. 5 – Business Meeting – 7:00 pm
- Apr. 15 – **Good Friday**
- Apr. 17 – **Easter**

**April 22 to 24  
Ontario State Convention**  
Sheraton on the Falls – Niagara Falls  
Further Details as they become available

**Halton Alive  
Life Talks Conference**  
Saturday, April 30, 2022  
Burlington Christian Fellowship  
2054 Mountainside Drive

**Holy Rosary 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration Milestones**

July 6, 1947 - First Mass celebrated  
at Chapel of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery  
1951 – Holy Rosary School Built  
May 1, 1955- 400 seat Church dedicated  
1987 – Church redesigned with a 180 rotation

### PRAYER NETWORK

*In charity, we pray for:*

Brothers

- Richard Cupido
- Aeneas Mac Isaac
- Michael Nelligan
- Henry Rudachyk
- Ted Zwolinski



Andria Freeman, sister-in-Law of Bro. Mark Freeman, Barrymore Beckley, brother of Bro. William Beckley; Steve Fleming, brother of Brother Ken Fleming, Evangeline Nelligan, and Shannon Wilken, wife and 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 905-330-3545 or by e-mail at [kofcholyrosary@outlook.com](mailto:kofcholyrosary@outlook.com)

### WRITTEN NOTICE OF MOTION

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

**Whereas**, the Finance Committee met on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> to review and discuss the preliminary budget for 2022, prepared by our Financial Secretary, Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and the Board of Trustees; and,

**Be it known that**, the Council budget with total receipts of \$22,457 and expenditures of \$22,457 resulting in a balanced budget will be presented, discussed and voted for approval at the February 1 General Meeting.

Submitted by:  
Ken Fleming, PGK  
Financial Secretary

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations:

Bro. Michael and Evangeline  
Nelligan  
February 4 – 54 years

Bro. Aldrin and Wendyann D Cunha  
February 8 – 24 years

Bro. Andrew and Eva Kemnitz  
February 23 – 54 years

Bro. Hugo and Lorena Aponte  
February 26 – 14 years

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Kevin Demeter – February 6
- Peter Marino – February 7
- Michael Capobianco – February 10
- Joe Milton – February 16
- Blair Breckenridge – February 21
- Claude Pepin – February 21
- Leonard Walker – February 23

### Holy Rosary Church 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



**July 6, 1947**

**Council News**

**January Marks The Beginning Of A New Year For Our Council  
And The End Of A Very Successful One**

As of March 29, 2022 our council will be 8 years old and still going strong. We have seen many changes over those 8 years including growth from 25 members to 67 members. Mark Freeman, our current Grand Knight is the fourth GK succeeding Don Prescott our founding Grand Knight; Ken Fleming and Joe Milton followed Don. Our council has won many awards too numerous to itemize here but certainly enough to make us all very proud. Maybe there are more in the works for 2021.



Despite the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic our council can look back at 2021 as one of our most successful, especially when we look at donations. We had 3 major fund raisers all accomplished in a safe “virtual” way that allowed us to donate \$16,000 to the various charities and organizations we support. Plus, the Special Olympics bottle drive was the best yet with an estimated 32,000 liquor and beer bottles and 24,500 beer cans collected and returned resulting in a donation to Special Olympics of over \$6,700.

Our 2022 budget will be reviewed and approved by the council at our February business meeting. Let’s keep up the great work and aim at making 2022 even better than ever.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COUNCIL ON ANOTHER GREAT YEAR**



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## Christmas Decorations Returned To The Basement For Another Year

Janet James does a great job maintaining the beautiful decorations in the church. This includes arranging for the appropriate flowers depending on the time of the church year but at Christmas she does a very elaborate and attractive arrangement of all of the symbols and traditional items that remind us all of this most important part of the Church year. It adds a special feeling to the whole experience of attending the services around the birth of Christ.

Unfortunately, time keeps marching on and we are now back into ordinary times in the Church calendar and so the Christmas decorations must be put away until next year. Janet and the ladies of the CWL helped to make the process of cleaning up the church a fun activity and our Knights did not want to miss the fun. So, on Monday January 10, several of our brothers joined the ladies to do some of the heavy lifting of the decorations from the Church to the basement storage rooms. A special thank you goes to brothers Ken Fleming, Vic Lefebvre, David Lord and Danny Morosin for pitching in to help the ladies and by the way to take home a beautiful poinsettia plant.



## Report of Fraternal Activities

Thank you to all of our members that took the time to complete the Fraternal Activities report in January. This report attempts to capture all of our time spent in 2021 on council activities, other charitable work, assisting at the Church or other works of compassion or fraternal/community caring. We reported over \$22,000 in direct cash payments and just over 5,000-man hours spread across the various categories as follows: Faith 30%, Family 10%, Community 40%, Life 20%. These hours include time spent supporting groups such as Special Olympics, Amputees and scouting. Other main areas of our focus have been on supporting the church both financially and physically in terms of church ministries, facilities repairs and event participation. Council activities included meetings, events and administrative activities.

Even though we might be considered a small council our overall contribution to the well-being of our community is by no means small. If we were to charge out our services (let's use \$35/hour) those 5,000 hours could be valued at over \$175,000. We also have to consider the value of non-cash donations we help with including Cobs Bread, Longo's food drive and the work our members do with the Salvation army and other service groups we could add several thousand dollars more. Putting a dollar value on our work is not something we want to dwell on because fulfilment and the satisfaction that comes from helping others is our payment. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!

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## Other Council Information

### **Bottle Drive:**

Our storage container is almost completely full and we are several months away from the official start for 2022. Thanks to a large contribution of bottles and cans organized by PGK Joe Milton in December and a huge pick-up of bottles at Sarah Hannon's home in Ancaster on Tuesday January 25; we are off to a great start in 2022. Special thanks to brothers Ken Fleming, Bob Judge, David Lord and Danny Morosin for braving the cold and picking up the bottles and cans in Ancaster. We rented a 15-foot U-Haul truck for this trip and it worked well... the truck was full. The first warm day in April we will be looking for some help to sort and count the bottles and cans to get them ready for a trip to the Beer Store Distribution Centre.

### **Council Dues:**

Just a reminder that council dues are now past due for some of you. You can send the \$60 payment to Ken Fleming, 19-218 Plains Road East, L7T 2C3 or call him at 905-335-6521 for credit card or e-transfer option. Another option is to come to the "in-person" meeting on Tuesday, February 1, pay your dues and pick up your 2022 membership card.

### **Council Audit:**

The semi-annual audit of our council books is required to be completed by February 15 so our Finance Committee will meet virtually at 7:30 PM on Monday, February 7 to complete the job.

## Pilgrim Icon of Saint Joseph



Our Council is proud to host the beautiful travelling Pilgrim Icon of Saint Joseph, a follow-up to the Year of Saint Joseph which had been proclaimed by Pope Francis.

The Icon is a replica of the Icon which resides in Saint Brother Andre's Oratory of Saint Joseph in Montreal. It provides a window into the life and mission of this courageous father, a man who was one of us, but called to demonstrate great faith, trust, obedience, determination and love.

Brother Knights, let's show our fellow parishioners that we are Men of Faith by making an extra effort to join them at morning Mass on Friday, February 4.

A special time of prayer will surround the 7:30 A.M. Rosary and 8:00 A.M. Mass, as we call on Saint Joseph's intercession to guard and protect the Church, the Body of Christ.



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## Knights In Action – January 2022

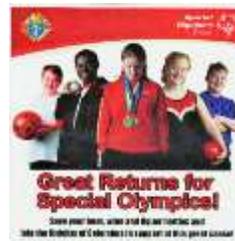
### Brothers Help Out at Holy Rosary

Several of our members pitched in to help the ladies of the CWL to remove and store the Christmas decorations from the Church during January.



### Special Olympics

We had an early start for our Special Olympics bottle collection this year with a trip to Ancaster to pick up a large driveway full of bottles and cans from the Hannon family.



### Cobs Bakery

The Cobs bread collection continues despite some setbacks including locating organizations able to make use of the hundreds of pounds of fresh bread made available by our members each week. Great work brothers, Jim Hession, Willie Joki, Vic Lefebvre and Stephen Verschuren.

