

Blessed
Fr. Michael J. McGivney
1852 - 1890



Fr. Paul J.F. Wattson Council 8919

Our Lady of the Atonement Parish
2940 Forest Glade Dr., Windsor, ON,
N8R 1L5



Fr. Paul J.F. Wattson
1863- 1940

Council 8919 2020 / 2021 Executive

Co-Chaplains:	Fr. Rob Rocheleau
	Fr. Daniel Bombardier
Grand Knight:	Dave Algudady
Deputy Grand Knight:	Vincent Buglisi
Chancellor:	Keith Campbell
Financial Secretary:	Robert Cayea
Treasurer:	Dan Dumouchelle
Advocate:	Paul Ratko
Recorder:	Phil Berthiaume
Warden:	Mike Agius
Trustee (1 Yr):	Mike Charbonneau
(2 Yr):	John Sabga
(3 Yr):	Leo Viselli
Guards (Inside):	Dave Hodgeson
(Outside):	Tom Becksmith
(Outside 2):	Frank Lachance
Lecturer:	Jerry Laforet

Fr. Paul J.F. Wattson : Council 8919 Meetings:

General : 1st Tuesday of each month

Knights of Columbus Websites:

Knights of Columbus Supreme: www.kofc.org

Fr. Paul J.F. Wattson: www.kofc8919.org

Our Lady of the Atonement Parish:
eastwindsorcatholic.dol.ca

2020/2021 Fraternal Year Directors and Chairmen

Director	Faith in Action	Program Name	Chairman
Art Huggins	Faith	Spiritual Reflection	Art Huggins
		RSVP Program	Dave Algudady
		Choir	Bob Cayea
		Vocations	Art Huggins
		Light-Up for Christmas	Mike Agius
		Coins on a Mission	Tom Becksmith
Eduardo Aguilar	Community	Helping Hands (See Below)	Eduardo Aguilar
		Coats for Kids	Leo Viselli
		Bingo	Paul Ratko
		Charities	Jerry Laforet
		K of C Raffle	Dave Wilbur
		Hospice	Mike Agius
		Downtown Mission	Art Huggins
		Goodfellows	Keith Campbell
		Soccer Competition	Eduardo Aguilar
		Basketball Free Throw	Eduardo Aguilar
		Substance Abuse Poster Contest	Eduardo Aguilar
		Grade School VIP	John Barron
		Bursaries	John Barron
		Elections	Allen Topliffe
Hal Bushey	Family	Council Website	Dave Wilbur
		Council Newsletter	Dan Pergolesi
		Public Relations	Bob Cayea
		Awards Banquet	Keith Campbell
		Cooking Team	Leo Viselli
		Consecration to the Holy Family	Mike Charbonneau
		Food for Families (St. Vincent de Paul)	Hal Bushey
		Family of the Year / Month	Bob Haslam
		Keep Christ In Christmas	Hal Bushey
		Mother's Day Carnations	Dave Algudady
Tom Becksmith	Life	Parish Holiday Dinner	Paul Ratko
		Lenten Fish Fry	Keith Campbell
		Special Olympics	Denis Robillard
		March for Life	Tom Becksmith
		Pregnancy Center Support	Tom Becksmith
		Roses for Life	Allen Topliffe

Executive : 4th Tuesday of each month

Knights of Columbus State: www.ontariokofc.ca

Knights of Columbus LWDA: www.lwda.ca

4th Degree K of C 5th Ontario District:

www.kofc5thondistrict.com

Chaplain Fr. Daniel Message:

The Magnificat: Mary's Song of Praise (Luke 1:46-55)

Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

The month of May is known as a "Marian" month. In other words, May is a time of special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Church teaches that devotions must reflect and support the context of the liturgical year. This year, most of the month of May falls within the Easter season. Thus, May devotions will highlight the special sharing of the Blessed Virgin in the paschal mystery of Christ her Son, including the Pentecost event in which she joined with the apostles awaiting the gift of the Holy Spirit.

"In Mary most holy, we also see perfectly fulfilled the "sacramental" way that God comes down to meet his creatures and involves them in his saving work. From the Annunciation to Pentecost, Mary of Nazareth appears as someone whose freedom is completely open to God's will. Her immaculate conception is revealed precisely in her unconditional docility to God's word. Obedient faith in response to God's work shapes her life at every moment. A virgin attentive to God's word, she lives in complete harmony with his will ; she treasures in her heart the words that come to her from God and, piecing them together like a mosaic, she learns to understand them more deeply (cf. Lk 2:19, 51); Mary is the great Believer who places herself confidently in God's hands, abandoning herself to his will. (102) ... From the Annunciation to the Cross, Mary is the one who received the Word, made flesh within her and then silenced in death. It is she, lastly, who took into her arms the lifeless body of the one who truly loved his own "to the end" (Jn 13:1).

Consequently, every time we approach the Body and Blood of Christ in the eucharistic liturgy, we also turn to her who, by her complete fidelity, received Christ's sacrifice for the whole Church. The Synod Fathers rightly declared that "Mary inaugurates the Church's participation in the sacrifice of the Redeemer." (104) She is the Immaculata, who receives God's gift unconditionally and is thus associated with his work of salvation. Mary of Nazareth, icon of the nascent Church, is the model for each of us, called to receive the gift that Jesus makes of himself in the Eucharist."





Sacramentum Ceratitis (Pope Benedict XVI)

My dear brother Knights, let us continue to honour Mary the mother of Christ and our patron. May she continue to challenge us to live out the gospel in service to the poor and marginalized everywhere.



“...Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.”

Your Brother in the Risen Lord,

Father Daniel Bombardier, Chaplain



Treasurer’s Report 2021

Bingo Account

Bank Balance	\$5,394.05
Committed	\$0.00
Actual Balance	\$5,394.05

General Account

Bank Balance	\$6,372.92
Committed	-\$838.45
Undeposited	\$0.00
Actual Balance	\$5,534.47

General Account-Cash

Cash on hand	\$459.00
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Grand Total

\$11,387.52

Stay safe Brothers.

Vivat Jesus,
Dan Dumouchelle
Treasurer

May 8, 2021

Chancellor Report:

Brother Knights,

Please pray for all who are sick or in distress. If anyone knows of someone who is sick or needs our prayers please let me know.”



Keith Campbell
Chancellor.

Financial Secretary Message:

I would like to congratulate the members of our council for the speedy payment of dues this year. All the dues that have to be collected are paid. You have made this year the easiest for a financial secretary to get the job of collecting dues done expeditiously. Thank you for doing your part to help your council.

I would like to welcome back to the council Brother Paul Carey. He decided to return to being a member. It is great to have him back with us. I also wish to welcome Andrew Deane as a new member of the council. I am glad that he wished to join us.

Elections will take place at the General Meeting on May 4. If you are willing to be a part of the council executive, please let your name stand in nomination. If you want a strong council, as ours has been for many years, be willing to do your part to help this legacy stand. It is a great experience.

Vivat Jesus



Bob Cayea,
Financial Secretary

Deputy Grand Knight Report:

Hello brother knights,

My brother knights as we celebrate the death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we look forward to the feast of Pentecost, or the decent of the Holy Spirit, which is on the, 23rd of May. So, we must all live our lives remembering that we are all Temples of The Holy Spirit.

On Tuesday, at our general meeting we had elections for our New Executive to run our Council, and all the officers were re-elected in their former positions for the new year.

Our Council also has three new members: Ammar Maalan & Raed Maalan. They both joined in December 2020, and Andrew Deane who joined in April 2021. Congratulations to our new Brothers.

Before I leave, I would like to thank our Grand Knight Dave, and officers for a job well done. God bless you all.

REMEMBER TO STAY SAFE.

Vincent
Buglisi
Deputy
Grand Knight





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Council 8919 2021 Executive Election

Nominees/Results as of May 3rd, 2021

<u>Grand Knight:</u>	David Algudady (Acclaimed)
<u>Deputy Gr. Knight:</u>	Vincente Buglisi (Acclaimed)
<u>Chancellor:</u>	Keith Campbell (Acclaimed)
<u>Recorder:</u>	(Vacant)
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Dan Dumouchelle (Acclaimed)
<u>Advocate:</u>	Paul Ratko (Acclaimed)
<u>Warden:</u>	Mike Agius (Acclaimed)
<u>Inside Guard:</u>	Tom Becksmith (Acclaimed)
<u>Outside Guard:</u>	Dave Hodgeson (Acclaimed)
<u>Outside Guard:</u>	Frank Lachance (Acclaimed)
<u>1 YR. Trustee:</u>	John Sabga (Acclaimed)
<u>2 YR. Trustee:</u>	Leo Viselli (Acclaimed)
<u>3 YR. Trustee:</u>	Michael Charbonneau (Acclaimed)



Fraternally yours,

Allen Topliffe, PGK, FDD
Elections Chairman

Membership:

Brothers,

Periodically throughout the year we come to you and ask you make an effort to speak to a family member, friend, neighbor or co-worker, about possibly joining our Order. All-to-often the request falls on deaf ears.

It should come as no surprise our membership is aging. Unless we ALL do our part to recruit, our Council stands little chance of existing beyond the next 10 years.

With the introduction of the online On-Demand Degree (all three degrees completed within a 45-minute session), and

the Supreme incentive of Free 1st Year membership for online registration, it has never been easier to join our Order and Council. Fraternally,

Greg MacDonald
Membership Director



From the Choir

It was fantastic to be able to attend mass again in person and not on YouTube. Hopefully we will be able to get back to normal and be able to sing.



I have found some new songs which I know you will like, and I can't wait to get practicing our new as well as our old music. I miss our Monday evening practices as it is also a great time for fellowship.

Since we are getting close to reopening the mass fully, we are in need of new choir members. Please come and join us. We are a fun group. We get together to practice on the Monday before we sing and we have posted on our K of C Website all of our songs. You do not need to purchase any music and as a member, you will be provided with a choir golf shirt.

Membership is open to all men of the parish regardless if they are a Knight of Columbus or not. We are proud to have you join us in the celebration of the Eucharist. Be a part of enhancing our liturgies.
WE NEED YOU.

Remember,

**"HE WHO SINGS,
PRAYS TWICE."**



Bob Cayea
Choir Director

District Deputy Report

Greetings Brother Knights,

COVID-19 and Government restrictions are still with us as we enter the 2nd third of this calendar year, and although there is light at the end of the tunnel, it still appears to be a good ways away.

We also now have only two months left in this fraternal year, and still much to do or plan for before the end of June. The month of May would typically be when we would hold Council Executive elections; however, as we are still under restrictions, postponing this to June is perfectly acceptable. Please inform your Council members so anyone interested in serving, has an opportunity to do so.

There is still time should your Council wish to pursue any of the prestigious awards available thru Supreme. These would include the McGivney Award (for attaining membership quota), Founders Award (for meeting the Fraternal Benefits Events requirements) and Columbian Award (for conducting the stipulated number of programs during the fraternal year). Supreme has made achieving any and all of these awards much easier this year, Councils should make the effort to take advantage.

Membership: Councils who would normally be required to recruit 10 or 11 new members, now only need 6. Those requiring 4 or 5, now only need 2.

Fraternal Benefit Events: Councils previously would need an increase in ‘Insured’ members of 4 for the larger Councils, and 2 for the smaller; now need only promote or an upcoming FBE or have a specified number attend on the evening of.

Programs: In past years, Councils would need to conduct 4 programs in each of the four pillars of Faith in Action (that being Faith, Community, Family and Life) for a total of 16 programs. In addition, each of the categories had a ‘Required’ programs that Councils must conduct. New, Councils only need conduct two (2) programs under each of the categories, and two additional under any category for a total of ten (10). The ‘Required’ programs have been done away with. Additionally, there are enough programs that can be done virtually and within the remaining timeframe, each Council has the opportunity to meet the requirements.

The new Training Menu for May has also been released. These training sessions are open to all K of C members and provide insightful information on a variety of topics. If you have not seen this month’s offerings, please ask any of your Executive members to forward a copy to you. Registration is required, but is easy and once registered, you will receive a link to the webinar which you will only need to click the day and time of the session.

The District is holding semi-monthly *Into the Breach* sessions. These are held on the second

and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM and are done thru ZOOM. The evening begins with a prayer, followed by watching a short video, and a brief discussion on the topic following. The entire evening lasts no more than one (1) hour. Also, Council participating in this event can earn one (or two) credits towards the Columbian Award under the 'Faith' category. Please make an effort to join us for at least one of these events.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to the current Executive members of each Council. As we close this fraternal year you have each proven to be the worthy leaders you committed to when you were installed to your positions. I hope each of you chooses to continue to serve in your current capacity, or another; but even if you choose to step down, I ask you continue to share your knowledge and passion for our Order with other members of your Council

Vivat Jesus,

Dan Pergolesi, PGK, PFN
District Deputy: District 76



Brother Knights of Council 8919,

Please find attached the Canada Training Menu for the month of **May** on next slide.

Topics include:

- 1.Council Elections
- 2.Council Officer Roles & Responsibilities
- 3.New Meeting Guidelines
- 4.Recruitment during Pandemic
- 5.Admissions & Balloting
- 6.Fraternal Benefits Event / Online Membership
- 7.Into the Breach.

There will also be a Town Hall meeting with Supreme on May 25th at 8:00 PM.

Some of these sessions will be offered two times, so there is ample opportunity for you to participate.

These sessions will be beneficial to both your Executive and general members alike – please take advantage.

Fraternally,

Dan,
DD District 76

May 2021 Training Menu

Canada's Menu

Training schedule

Invitation for Officers & members across Canada

Alain Cayer, TGD
Francis McKen, RTD
Pierre Pelchat, RTD
Paul Perry, RGD
Denis Belanger, RTD
Wayne Fink, RTD
Ryan DeHaan, RGD
Shawn Veters, RTD
Team/Équipe Canada, TGD, RGD, TGD
Special session from Supreme

May / Mai

Eastern Time * (EST / EDT)

Heure de l'Est * (HNE / HAE)

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Ryan.DeHaan@KofC.org
Shawn.Veters@KofC.org

Day	Date	Subject	Trainer	Time 1	Time 2
TUE	4	Council Elections	Wayne	19:00	EDT
WED	5	Council Officer Roles & Responsibilities	Wayne	19:00	EDT
THU	6	New Meeting Guidelines	Shawn	21:45	EDT
SAT	8	Into the Breach	Denis	19:00	EDT
MON	10	Recruitment during Pandemic	Shawn	21:45	EDT
TUE	11	Frat. Ben. Event / Online Membership	Wayne	19:00	EDT
WED	12	Admissions & Balloting	Wayne	19:00	EDT
THU	13	Council Officer Roles & Responsibilities	Shawn	21:45	EDT
SAT	15	How to complete SP-7	Denis	19:00	EDT
MON	17	Council Elections	Shawn	21:45	EDT
TUE	18	New Meeting Guidelines	Wayne	19:00	EDT
WED	19	Recruitment during Pandemic	Wayne	19:00	EDT
THU	20	Frat. Ben. Event / Online Exemplification	Shawn	21:45	EDT
TUE	25	Town hall meeting with Supreme	TEAM	20:00	EDT

Jour	Date	Sujet	Formateur	Heure1	Heure2
MAR	4	Élections du Conseil - les 3 options légales en temps de pandémie	Francis	13:30	19:30 HAE
MER	5	Inscription au Prix Colombien (Nouveau formulaire SP7-F)	Pierre	19:00	HAE
LUN	10	Soirée des Bénéfices Fraternels / Recruter en temps de pandémie	Francis	19:30	HAE
MER	12	Rôles des Officiers de Conseil	Francis	13:30	19:30 HAE
LUN	17	Démystifier « Adhésion VS Exemplification » en ligne	Francis	19:30	HAE
MER	19	Nouvelle Méthode pour diriger une assemblée de Conseil	Francis	13:30	19:30 HAE
JEU	20	Assemblée publique « Town Hall » du Suprême, TOUS INVITÉS	Équipe	19:00	HAE
LUN	24	Soirée des Bénéfices Fraternels / Conduire une Cérémonie d'Exemplification	Francis	13:30	HAE
LUN	24	Programme de reprise post-COVID	Pierre	19:00	HAE
MER	26	Comité d'admission et Ballottage des prospects	Francis	19:30	HAE
LUN	31	Soirée des Bénéfices Fraternels / Dans la Brèche - La Famille	Francis	19:30	HAE

Please visit our K of C 8919 Website to view the [training schedules](#) under section “ NEWS and Announcement” page.

Community Director Report:

Brothers,

This is to inform you that our council won three awards for the Keep Christ in Christmas District Level Competition. Deena Shabo won first place under 11-14 Yrs age group.

While Daniel Shabo took 2nd place under 8-10 Yrs age group and David Shabo came 2nd place as well, under 5-7 Yrs age group.

Our Council also held the Substance Abuse / Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest in April. We had only two submissions – unfortunately, they were both in the 11 – 13 Yr Old category, and both submission were under the Drug Abuse category.

Congratulations to Deena Shabo who was awarded 1st place and Sofia Schincariol who was awarded second place, by the slimmest of margins.

Deena's poster will be submitted to the District for The next level of judging

Eduardo Aguilar
Community Director



Council Charities Report

Due to the bingos being virtually shut down and our income being minimal, we have not been able to help many of our Charities.

But in March, we were able to donate \$1200.00 to St Peter's Seminary to help 2 seminarians. I hope to find out soon who they are and then we can let the council members know.

Let us pray that we can soon be helping more people again

Jerry Laforet,
Charities Chairman
May 8, 2021



Bingo's

My Brother Knights,

Once again, we are in another lock down. Hall has been shut, no parking lot bingos till all restrictions are lifted. The only thing playing now is the online bingos. From what I hear there will be no volunteers in the hall till the end of Nov.21. We have had a fair size deposit in the account for the month of March in the amount of \$1,096.10.

Not knowing what next month will bring. Sit tight eventually we will be back to normal.

Paul Ratko
Bingo Chairman



Cooking Team

The cooking team is still waiting by the sidelines to get back into the game!!

Stay positive in these trying times and reach out to one another even just say hello. Check on your neighbors and friends, especially the elderly to see if they need any assistance during these times of self isolation.

God Bless you all
Leo Viselli



Family Director Report

Supreme Council has a **Family Fully Alive** program which is designed to be flexible to meet the continuously changing needs of your family. A booklet containing monthly readings, prayers, meditations, and activities designed to enrich your family life can be found at;

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-fully-alive/10162-family-fully-alive-booklet.pdf>

You and your family are encouraged to access this valuable resource. You will find it strengthens your family ties and your Christian faith. While the booklet starts in December, you can start the readings anytime during the year.

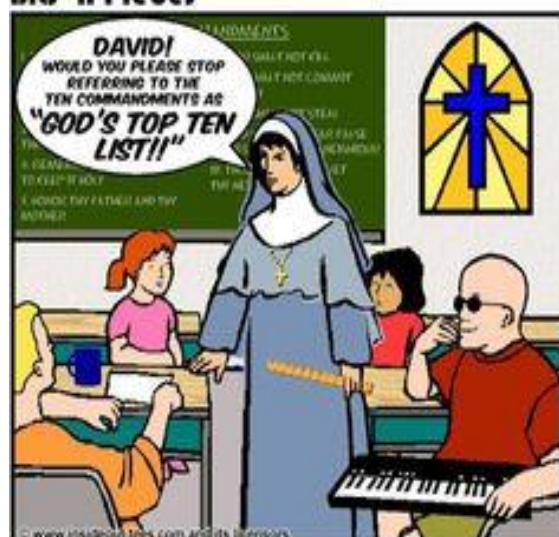
Feel free to share this link with other parishioners, family, and friends.

Respectfully submitted

Hal Bushey,
Family Director



Bits 'N Pieces



David Letterman: The Early Years

2021 Ontario State Virtual Convention:

This year delegates to the State Convention elected a new State Warden. Please congratulate Br. Henry Miller of Council 1388 in Toronto as the new State Warden.

Our Council also earned recognition this year achieving the Silver Trillium Award, as well as the Best Faith Program in Division 2 for *"Light up for Christmas"*, and Runner up in Division 2 under Family category, for *"Keep Christ in Christmas Lawn Signs"*.

Congratulation Br. Mike Agius and all those committing time to Hospice through the years, as we also were awarded the Longevity Award for *"Knights of Columbus Annual Fundraiser for Hospice"*. This is one of the major awards presented at Convention.

Congratulations all.

From The Vault



A priest was driving and gets stopped for speeding.

The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He asks, "Father, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest, fingers crossed. The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Praise be to God! He's done it again!"



Life Director Report:

Brothers,

I want to remind everyone of the following upcoming events. I encourage each of you to watch for postings on these events and if you are able, to participate.

- Virtual Rosary for Life.
- Novena for Life
- 40 Days for Life
(February 17 thru March 28, 2021.)
- International Day of the Unborn Child
(March 25, 2021.)
- Canada National March for Life in Ottawa
(To be held in May 2021, date TBD.)

Under the current COVID restrictions we will not hold a Maternity / Baby Shower at the parish this year. I encourage all Brother Knights to consider making donations, whether monetary or actual maternity needs, directly to

Birthright Windsor/Essex or Our Lady of Guadalupe Home.
Let us all support these women who have chosen life.

Tom Becksmith
Life Director



Bottle Drive for Special Olympics:



Brother Knights,

Due to covid 19 restrictions, the bottle drive will be rescheduled to a later date.

Dennis Robillard
Special Olympics Chairman



New Knights of Columbus Ontario State 50/50 Raffle:



On January 20, 2021 the new Ontario State Council 50/50 Raffle went live. This new program replaces the previous Annual Charities Raffle.

Members are asked to visit the Ontario State Website College of Knowledge to review the presentation explaining the program.

The program will initially launch with two pilot groups in select geographical areas. There will be four (4) quarterly draws

January 20th to April 1st;
April 2nd to June 30th;
July 1st to September 30th;
October 1st to December 31st.

Winners will be posted on the Ontario State webpage.

Tickets are:
15 Tickets for \$10.00
40 Tickets for \$20.00
100 Tickets for \$40.00

Councils not in the initial pilot group can purchase tickets through the following website: <https://www.kofontario5050.com/> but know only the initial pilot Councils will be credited at this time.

A complete list of charity donation recipients can be found on the State website. With the current pandemic, it is more important than ever for us as Knights to step up and support these charities by purchasing tickets.

Note, draw is open to all members, family and friends.

To learn more about the draw please visit www.ontariokofc.ca or contact State Director Jaime Libaque at (416) 416-7084 or jaimelibaque@rogers.com



Dear Worthy Brother Knights,

I would like to start by saying **THANK YOU** for your commitment to our Hospice, and our community, especially during these unique and difficult times.

Brothers, once again you have demonstrated your commitment to compassionate end of life care and are shining examples to all in our community. I am writing these few lines to tell you how much I personally appreciate your ongoing dedication to the Hospice movement.

Although we were unable to host our annual banquet, together we have made, and continue to make, a positive difference in our community, even during this pandemic. You should feel proud about your gift of kindness and participation towards such a wonderful agency.

Throughout the pandemic, The Hospice has remained operational, and actually, busier than ever! The Residential Homes (the buildings on site that patients go into for end-of-life care) have been full caring for patients and families. The Hospice “In Home” program that sends doctors and nurses to care for patients in their own home has grown. To give you an idea of this growth, normally doctors and nurses would be caring for about 160 patients at any given time. Due to patients wanting to stay home and be close to their family (as visitor restrictions are in place in long-term-care and at Hospitals), the team is now, at any given time, taking care of 250 patients in their own home!

Your support as a community partner ensures that the patients and families will always have somewhere to turn for help when they need it most. I know the Board of Directors, volunteers, staff and most especially the patients and families appreciate your generosity and your commitment to hospice palliative care in this region.

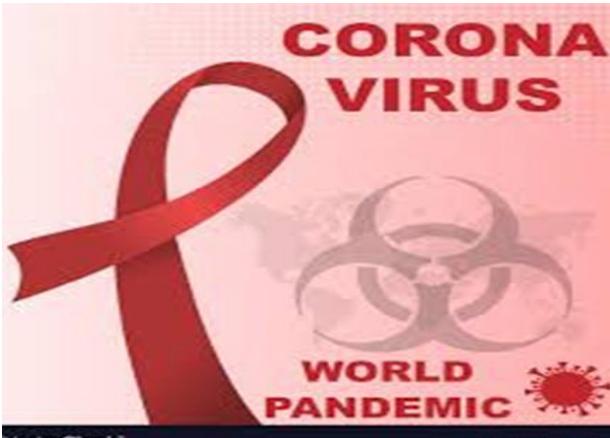
I sincerely encourage you to continue your support of Hospice in the years to come, and look forward to celebrating again soon, when it safe to do so, at our next Annual Knights of Columbus fundraiser.

Together we can continue to exercise and practice the four principles of our Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. May God bless and protect you and your families.

**The Knights of Columbus
Continue Support of the
Hospice of Windsor and
Essex County Inc.**

Mike Agius,
Annual Knights of Columbus
Fundraiser Founder and
Hospice Chairman





Behind the mask, there is one ministry for all. No role is too big, no protection too small.

It protects you and your loved ones during this time. Don't forget to pray always be kind and try to stay positive and learn to find time to relax. Loving God, Holy One, we understand your longing is for our wholeness and well-being.

Prayer During a Pandemic

Gracious Lord,

We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time.
We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.
We ache for our neighbours, standing before an uncertain future.
We pray: may love, not fear, go viral.
Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.
Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity.
Call us to profound trust in Your Faithful presence,
You, the God who does not abandon,
You, the Holy One,
living within us, among us, and around us in our beautiful yet wounded world.

Thank you for sharing this prayer
Michael Agius

May 8, 2021



New Executive Director of Hospice Windsor / Essex County Inc



Brother Knights,

Nancy Brockenshire is the new director at Hospice.

This is her quote,

"A few years ago, I spent six weeks in a Hospice Residential Home room with a loved one, watching the Hospice philosophy and mission unfold on a daily basis," Nancy recalls. "Today I feel very fortunate and honored to be joining a team who is so dedicated to providing exceptional compassionate care for patients and families in Windsor and Essex County."

Congratulations to
Nancy Brockenshire

Michael Agius





Earth day Vocation

Better to be famous or loved

Earth Day Every Day

What we all do now to save the planet, our children and grandchildren, will benefit from it in the future. Make these Earth Day tips part of your daily routine—
You'll be surprised by how easy it is to save the planet in little ways every day.

Share: 9 Little Ways to Celebrate Earth Day Every Day

Earth Day is April 22 every year. On this day, people around the north America celebrate the planet and tout the [Earth Day facts](#) they've learned. Learning [how to recycle](#) and posting pictures of the [recycle symbol](#) is well and good, but so is taking extra steps that last long beyond Earth Day—steps such as pursuing a [zero waste](#) lifestyle or committing to practicing Earth Day tips every day of the year.

[Recycling](#) and maintaining a comprehensive [recycling system](#) is one way to practice Earth Day tips every day, but there's more to be done—and these tips outline nine little ways almost anyone can treat every day like Earth Day. Every little bit helps reduce harm to the planet, and small changes can add up to a major impact. Start these tips this Earth Day and keep following them; you might be surprised how easy it is.

1 -- Stop using plastic—seriously.
Plastic in landfills can take up to 1,000 years to decompose, and more than 300 million metric tons of plastic are produced each year, about half of which is destined to be used only once. To cut back on plastics, ditch the disposable plastic bottle and carry a cute reusable [water bottle](#) instead, bring cloth totes to the supermarket (not plastic bags), use bar soap (rather than liquid), and buy grocery items packaged in glass—all easy steps toward a zero waste lifestyle. If you've got to use plastic, cardboard, or other recyclable materials, always be sure to recycle them or use [zero waste disposal](#) options to remove them responsibly.

2 -- Order the veggie burger.

Did you know that nearly one-fifth of man-made greenhouse gas emissions (which help drive climate change) are generated by the meat industry? Start by experimenting with [vegetarian mains](#) on Meatless Monday, and see if you can kick it up a notch from there.

3 -- Look for the Fair Trade label.

Buying Fair Trade products—from food to clothing and home goods—means supporting a global movement of sustainability that emphasizes empowering local farmers and workers and improving their labor conditions. Fair Trade also includes efforts toward fair pricing and distribution: paying people well to produce goods in a way that doesn't deplete natural resources.



4 -- Use food scraps to grow more food. Rather than toss your fruit and veggie scraps into the kitchen trash can, deposit them in a compost bin and turn your waste into nutrient-rich soil. Then plant some herbs and veggies and watch your garden flourish!

5--Leave the car keys on the hook. Transportation methods (including cars) are responsible for nearly 30 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S., so before you peel out of the driveway, consider walking, biking, taking the bus or train, or finding someone to carpool with to reduce your contribution to that number.

6--Become a water watcher. We use about 80-100 gallons of water a day. Little lifestyle tweaks like choosing a short shower over a bath, turning off the tap while brushing your teeth, and only running the dishwasher and washing machine when they're full can go a long way in reducing your water consumption—and making sure we've got enough for the future.

7--Buy new light bulbs.

Replacing a traditional incandescent light bulb with an energy efficient CFL or LED bulb can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Spend money now, save in the long run: Energy-efficient bulbs need to be changed less frequently, and they reduce waste and pollution. (Gentle reminder: Always turn off the lights when you leave a room.)

8--Dress for the season.

Instead of turning up the thermostat in winter, be more energy efficient by grabbing

a sweatshirt. Likewise, come summer, wear shorts and a t-shirt indoors to avoid over-using your AC.

9--Clean out your mailbox.

We must express our gratitude to Mother Earth by taking care of it; by protecting it and by making it a healthier and greener place to live.

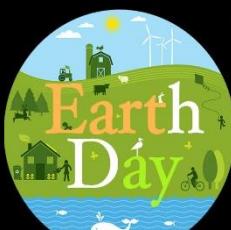
Wishing you and your family Happy Earth Day!

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2021 World Day of Vocations, April 25, 2021



https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/papa-francesco_20210319_58-messaggio-giornatamondiale-vocazioni.html

EARTH DAY QUOTES



Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed.

(By= BuildMeBest)

May 8, 2021

Michael Agius



Fourth Degree Report.



Sir Knights,

Let us remember in our prayers for SK.Bob Kane, and SK John McFadden. Both were in hospital, and now at home recovering and resting comfortably. God grant them both speedy recoveries. I have not heard or received any nominations for this year's elections. Hearing the executive will remain the same except for SK Faithful Admiral Dan Pergolesi is stepping down and being replaced by SK Frank Renaud. A formal election will be held at our zoom meeting in May, conducted by our worthy district master. I will expect all executive members to be in attendance. I attended our district five meeting this past weekend via zoom conducted by our district master and a very important, touching subject was brought up.

Checking in with our senior members. This comes from one of the FNs, SK Kevin Belanger from the London area. SK Kevin had not heard from one of his SKS Mike Downing for 3 to 4 days and became worried. He sent the police to Mike's residence where he was found deceased. The family was notified, and they wanted nothing to do with Mike. "Do want you want with him, we don't care". SK Kevin, being a funeral director made sure this SK received a proper burial. With the help of the city of London this was made possible. He needed a grave marker which cost well over \$4000.00. Donations came in from numerous councils, however there was an amount outstanding. The amount was donated by our District five. Please SKS, I urge you to check up on our senior members, whether they live with their spouses or alone. Make sure they are OK.

Our new 3rd year trustee for the district is FN SK Paul Brownlee. Welcome aboard. Remember to recruit new members. If you sign someone, please let me know. I will line up either an in person or virtual exemplification.

Sir Knights, please stay safe and be patient as we go through another lockdown. Get vaccinated when you can. I got mine.



ViVat Jesus:

SK Paul Ratko
FN-RDD-PGK



"Life insurance is a combination of caring, commitment and common sense." Howard Wight

LIFE INSURANCE FOR EVERY STAGE OF LIFE

Most people will need more life insurance when they reach 65 than they need at 35, if they are married with two children and a mortgage. Times have changed, but many advisors are still selling life insurance as if people are going to die at 65 years of age. With today's mortality tables, people need long-term, permanent life insurance. The current statistics show that for every 100 people starting their careers at age 25, by the time they are 65, only 13 will be dead. That means 87 are still alive. There's a good chance they'll need more life insurance than they do now. They will need personal permanent life insurance.

The old axiom is still true that people are going to die before 65 or after 65 - one or the other. Most will die after 65. The older they get, the more needs they have. We want to be selling life insurance for all stages of life.

Shown below is an outline that we've prepared showing the importance of life insurance for every stage in life.

CHILDREN

- Guarantee Insurability • Cash Value Accumulation • Final Expenses • Lower Premiums

SINGLE

- Guarantee Insurability • Cash Value Accumulation • Final Expenses • Lower Premiums
- Debt Protection

MARRIED/NO CHILDREN

- Guarantee Insurability • Cash Value Accumulation • Final Expenses • Debt Protection
- Mortgage Acceleration • Income Needs • Lifestyle Protection

MARRIED W/CHILDREN

- Cash Value Accumulation • Final Expenses • Debt Protection • Mortgage Acceleration
- Income Needs • Lifestyle Protection • Future Funding for Emergency • Education Fund

EMPTY NESTERS

- Cash Value Accumulation • Final Expenses • Debt Protection • Mortgage Acceleration
- Income Needs • Lifestyle Protection • Future Funding for Emergency
- Maximize Pension • Social Security Offset • Replace Group Insurance • Gifts

SENIORS

- Final Expenses • Social Security Offset
- Mortgage Acceleration • Debt Protection
- Maximize Pension • Lifestyle Protection
- Future Funding for Emergency • Gifts
- Replace Group Insurance • Income Needs
- Equalization of Inheritances • Legacy/Charity
- Wealth Replacement • Dynasty Trust Funding

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"The Widow's Plight"

Husband & Wife Alive**\$2,500 monthly pension****1,100 his CPP****600 her CPP****1236 combined OAS****\$5,436 monthly Income****(\$65,232 a year)****Wife now a Widow****\$1,250 survivor pension****1,100 survivor's CPP****618 Single OAS****\$2,968 monthly Income****(\$35,616 a year)**

This is a typical situation for a widow.

She loses half of the husbands pension

She can only get bumped upto the maximum for CPP

And the husbands Old Age Security is lost

A widow usually experiences a 40-50% loss of Total Income

This is a difficultly situation for her

Don't be lulled into a false comfort zone because its all okay now

We can issue life insurance up to age 80

Its not too late to act!

Ascension Day – May 13, 2021

