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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, MONSIGNOR MARTIN VALLELY



Dear Brothers,

Happy March (and “march” it is doing!) As Winter wears on (and on, and on, and on), we always long for warmer times and better things. Fair enough, as long

as we do not fail to be grateful for the gift of the present moment, whenever and wherever it is. God’s gift to us is always to be found in the present moment, and its opportunities to grow closer to him and to serve him.

I do not consider it an accident that Lent always begins while it is still Winter. The word “Lent” means “Springtime”, to be sure.....as Lent progresses, we do indeed move into the Spring, and prepare for a glorious Easter. But it starts in Winter, perhaps symbolizing a soul trapped in a kind of winter coldness, miserable, distant from God. Through our disciplines of prayer, self-sacrifice, and identification with the poor, tough as these can be, we learn how to soften and warm the heart and soul. We allow the Light, who is the Lord himself, to enter in and change us. And then, step by step, degree by degree, we become ready to burst into bloom once more, alive and on fire with Christ Jesus. Lent forces us to work on our faith at a point when we perhaps feel least like doing so. But we can be so grateful that we made the decision to die with Christ, to die to our bitterness and coldness of soul, and to live again.

The principal purpose of Lent is always to bring us back into touch with the grace we received in our Baptism. Since Lent was traditionally (and is again in our own times, thanks to the RCIA) the privileged period of immediate preparation for those seeking Baptism as adults, it becomes a time for the whole believing community to call to mind what we received when the Lord first chose us to be his own. As we support the adult candidates on their journey, we stop and think about whether we are remaining faithful to what God had in mind for us when he brought us into his family. If we have failed (and we all have, in many, many ways) then we must do the works of repairing the damage for our sinfulness, and ask the Lord to renew us in fresh outpourings of his grace.

A little later on this month, the Schedule of Lenten Confessions times, and of Holy Week and Easter ceremonies, will be made available to everyone. Brothers, you will do yourselves a great favour if you make a good Confession during Lent. A couple of years back, I wrote more extensively about this sacrament during Lent, and I repeat some of those thoughts here. One thing no one is likely to deny is that the Sacrament of Confession has fallen on hard times over these past few decades. The old Catholic habit of frequent Confession has now, for many Catholics, become something done very infrequently, if even at all. I have no intention of upbraiding or shaming anyone by my words, but I only want to encourage. We believe that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an “open door” into

the very heart of Christ Jesus, and my purpose is to invite you through that open door.

A pervasive, insistent theme throughout Scripture is that of God's infinite mercy. This is well summed up in Ezekiel 18:23: "Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord God, and not rather that they should turn from their ways and live?" The Lord longs for our coming home to him, and will do anything to bring us back. Jesus revealed this infinite mercy in both word and action, even to the Cross: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). We believe that Jesus intended this ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation to be passed on actively into the life of his Church. It is manifested in numerous diverse ways --- but a privileged form of it is the Sacrament of Penance. When we go to Confession, we encounter Christ himself; and he not only heals us of our sin, but he also strengthens us for the challenges ahead. Our sins fill us with shame and dread. They are like a weight on our shoulders, a chain binding us. His forgiveness sets us free. As a priest, I am so privileged to be able to witness this powerful moment of conversion and reconciliation --- a moment of which I, too, stand in need ---- we all do

Though making a confession has never been anyone's favourite thing to do, the rewards of it are abundant. As the priest says in conferring the absolution: "Through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace" If there is anything we need in our lives and in our world today, it is peace. It is very much like going to the doctor or dentist. No one really likes needing to do this. But it is the path to healing, so we do it. Jesus himself made that comparison, and he is referred to appropriately as The Divine Physician, the Healer of our every ill.

Pope Saint John Paul II said: "Confession is an act of honesty and courage --- an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God." And how is this for a thought-provoker: "To confess a fault freely is the next

thing to being innocent of it." (Publilius Syrus---a pagan Latin writer who lived before Christ!)

Let us make every effort to draw close to the heart of the merciful Lord, whose only desire is to freely forgive and to unite us to himself.

Happy Lent, brothers!

Monsignor Martin Vallely
Chaplain

PRAYER NETWORK

In charity, we pray for:

Brothers

Fr. Mike Downey
Ken Browne
Richard Cupido
Jim Hession
Andrew Kemnitz
Henry Rudachyk
Ted Zwolinski

Evangeline Nelligan, and Shannon Wilken, wife and daughter of former 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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to:

Bro. Jim and Diane Hession
March 18 – 40 years

GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE:

Dear Brothers,

I greet you with the peace and love of Christ. As members of a Catholic Fraternal Organization, we are called to live in unity and fraternity with one another, just as Christ has called us to do. We are not just members of an organization, but we are a family united by our faith in God and our dedication to serving others.

In John 13:34-35, Jesus tells us, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this, all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." This commandment is not just a suggestion, but it is the foundation of our faith and our organization. We are called to love one another, to support one another, and to stand together in the face of adversity.

As Knights of Columbus, we are committed to living out this commandment through our charitable works, our prayer life and our commitment to the Church. We are called to be men of faith, men of action, and men of fraternity. Our local council provides us with the opportunity to build strong relationships with one another, to grow in our faith, and to serve our community.

Let us continue to strive for unity and fraternity in our council, and in all areas of our lives. Let us be a shining example of Christ's love to the world around us. May God bless you and your families.

Yours in Christ,

Mark, GK

"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." - Hebrews 10:25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Daniel Giroux March 7
 Dr. Patrick Petrowski March 8
 Joe Baumgartner March 24

**CALENDAR
 OF
 COUNCIL EVENTS**

Mar. 7 – Business Meeting – 7 pm

**Halton Alive
 Life Talks Conference**
 Saturday, March 25, 2023
 St. George’s Church
 4691 Palladium Way
 Burlington

Mar. 18 – Bottle Return
 Distribution Centre
 Stoney Creek

Mar. 29 – Founder’s Day

Mar. 31 – Stations of the Cross – 7 pm

Apr. 2 – **Palm Sunday**
 Apr. 4 – Business Meeting – 7 pm
 Apr. 7 – **Good Friday**
 Apr. 9 – **Easter**

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FINANCIAL ADVISER:**Worthy Brother Knights**

March this year, to me, means Spring and Spring cleaning, Lent and preparing for Easter, and the day when we're all a little bit Irish, St. Patrick's Day. Let me start with St. Patrick's Day. It's a nice break from the doldrums of winter and a brief respite from Lenten preparation. To all of my members, Irish or not, I say "Sláinte!"

This year we're immersed in Lent for the entire month as we look forward to Easter on April 9. This is a time of renewal and preparation for Holy Week, Christ's Passion, and his conquest over death in the Resurrection. May your focus be on generous giving and spreading peace to everyone you encounter.

Spring...we've been through the toughest part of winter and we begin to think about Spring. And Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal: trees may begin to bud and flowers begin to poke through in search of warmer temperatures. The Spring equinox means that daylight lasts as long as night with the earth spinning toward that summer solstice. Maybe, just maybe, winter is behind us. While you're getting rid of all the old cobwebs of winter and doing the annual spring cleaning, now is a great time to take a fresh look at your family's financial security.

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As your Knights of Columbus Field Agent I've been trained to help you through that important process. Sit down for a short meeting with me and we can use our newest and most advanced financial needs analysis platform that the Order has ever had. I'll take the time to gather information from you, ask about your wants, needs and desires, and put together any recommendations to help you meet those.. As always you're under no obligation.

I'll contact you soon to see if an appointment should be our next step.

Vivat Jesus!

Aldrin DCunha

Council News

2023 Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw

The 2023 Knights of Columbus Burlington Council and District Basketball Free Throw competitions took place at Notre Dame High school on Saturday February 4. This year's event was headed up by our brothers at St Paul the Apostle Council led by Brother Joe Oreskovic.

The event was a huge success with over 211 participants from 16 schools and the Special Olympians of Burlington. The Notre Dame gym was filled with the athletes and their families. The boys and girls competed in 6 age categories from age 9 to age 14 and the Special Olympics athletes competed in 3 categories, Recreational, Competitive and Advanced. The 15 winners will move on to the Regional Finals also being held at Notre Dame on March 4, 2023.

There were several celebrities there to encourage the participants and add some fun to the event. Federal MP Karina Gould, Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, Provincial MP Natalie Pierre, Halton Superintendent of education Aiman Flahat and our own Anthony Cordeiro Superintendent of the Halton Catholic Board.

Thank you to all the Brothers that came out to help and a special thank you to Mike Perron who brought his camera and took all of the pictures.





Kitchen Renovations Completed

I hope everyone has had a chance to peek into the newly renovated Parish Centre Kitchen. Brothers Ken Fleming and Sheldon McCormack along with Barb Mac Isaac of the CWL played key roles in the recruiting of contractors, design of the upgrades, buying the appliances and chairs and generally overseeing the job. The work was completed in just under two weeks on budget and as far as we can tell the ladies are very happy with the end result.

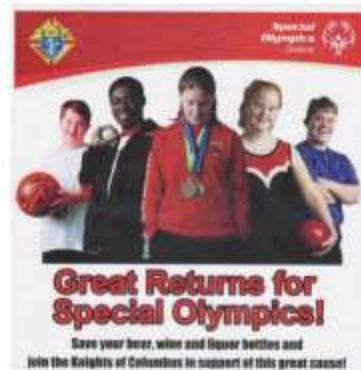
We had an opportunity to make use of the new facilities on the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day and everything worked well and should last for a few years. There are other jobs that need to be done around the Church and the Parish Rectory including upgrading the washrooms in the rectory, upgrading the gardens and watering system around the church, fixing the walkway at the front of the rectory and many more. If any members feel that they can help with suggestions for getting some of this done over the future months and years, subject to availability of funding of course, please come forward.



Winter Bottle Collection – February 16

Brothers David Lord, Blaise Mac Isaac braved the cold weather on February 16 to head over to Ancaster and pick up another driveway full of bottles and cans from the home of Sarah Hannon. Sarah's Mom Veronica called and let us know that lots of bottles and cans had gathered up since our last pick up in October. We also got a call from Connie Battaglia telling us that she had lots of cans and some bottles for us to pick up so we stopped in there on the way from Ancaster.

This latest volume of bottles and cans along with the bottles already in the container provided mostly by brothers Joe Milton and Howard Arsenault have pretty well filled the container, so a trip to the Distribution Centre is in order very soon.



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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Brother Joe Milton along with assistance from Brother Vic Lefebvre took charge of making this year's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner happen. The event took place on Tuesday, February 21 and it was a huge success with a large turnout at all three sittings.

Thank you to all of the Brothers that volunteered to help setting up the hall, cooking, serving the food and cleaning up after. You will notice in one of the pictures that our founding Grand Knight Brother Don Prescott has found yet another corner to call his own as he commandeered the south west corner where there is a new electrical outlet as his own pancake flipping spot. We estimate that around 300 people came out to enjoy the great pancakes, ham and fruit that Joe and his helpers did such a great job buying and preparing. There was a free will offering basket faithfully guarded by Brother Larry Helm at the door and it was very gratifying to see the very generous response from the people that came out. After paying for all of the food, etc. we netted \$1,400 which will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.



2023 Special Olympics Flag Raising

The week of February 27 to March 6 was proclaimed by the City of Burlington as Special Olympics Week. To honour the occasion and to promote the Special Olympics Movement, we organized a Special Flag Raising Ceremony that morning.

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward read the proclamation to the large group of Special Olympians in attendance and she had some encouraging words for them all. After her short speech, she took a lead role in getting the 50th Anniversary Flag hoisted onto the city flag pole. The flag will remain on the city flag pole for the entire week. SK Martin Marko 8th Ontario District Master was on hand to help with the event along with representatives of several other Burlington Councils and the Pope John Paul 11 Assembly. A donation of \$1,305 was made to Special Olympics representing donations from Assembly 3176 and four Councils including St Antoine-Daniel Council 10340, St Gabriel Council 10061, St Paul the Apostle Council 17397 and our Council. St Antoine-Daniel Council hosted refreshments in the basement of their Church immediately following the ceremony.

Shortly after the flag raising was completed, the city posted the event on Facebook with a small write up and pictures and this post was noticed by the Assistant Editor of the Knight of Columbus magazine “The Columbian”. She sent a message to Grand Knight Mark Freeman expressing the possibility of putting our flag raising event in the magazine. This is not confirmed but we are hoping that this can happen as Canada generally doesn’t get a lot of coverage from the magazine.



Upcoming Events in March

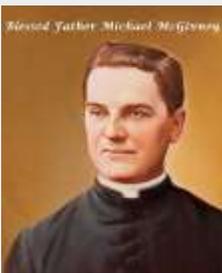
Saturday, March 4 – Regional Basketball Free Throw

Knights of the City of Burlington led by District Deputy John D’Addario have offered to host the Regionals this year. The event will take place at Notre Dame High School starting at 9 and running until noon. Several volunteers are required to help on the Friday night to set up and on the Saturday to do some scoring.



Saturday, March 18 – Bottle Return to the Distribution Centre

We need a couple of Brothers to help with this.



MARCH 29 FOUNDER’S DAY

Our Council and the Order were founded on this day.

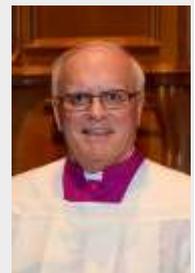
Our Charter Chaplain was born and died on this day.

**On Wednesday, March 29,
after the 8:00 am Mass**

let’s join together in remembrance

at Monsignor Edward House’s Grave at Holy Sepulchre

**to Celebrate Founder’s Day
and
Monsignor House in Prayer**



Friday, March 31 – Stations of the Cross

All of the ministries of the Parish have been asked to help with one of the Friday Stations of the Cross services during Lent. Our Council’s turn comes up March 31 so we need three (3) members to carry the cross and candles and accompany our Chaplain and Pastor Monsignor Vallely for the service.



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SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

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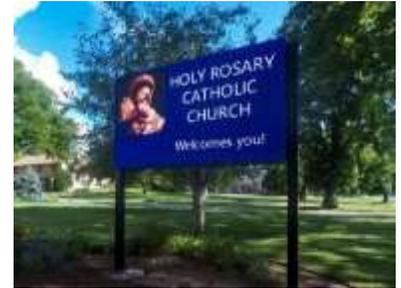
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Knights in Action February 2023

Brothers Help Out at Holy Rosary

Brothers Andrew Kemnitz, Vic Lefebvre, and Howard McNamara help out the parish by regularly serving at Masses and funerals. Brothers Ken Fleming, Jim Hession, David Lord, Joe Milton, Sheldon McCormack and Howard McNamara have been helping in the Parish Centre with the Heritage Room and the kitchen. Kitchen renovations were completed in February thanks to the efforts of Brothers Ken Fleming and Sheldon McCormack.



Special Olympics

Our first bottle drive for 2023 will take place on May 23 immediately following Victoria Day weekend. Several bottles and cans were picked up during February and they will be returned to the Distribution Centre on Saturday March 18.



Cobs Bakery

The Cobs bread team 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, Blaise Mac Isaac, Sheldon McCormack and Stephen Verschuren.

