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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN FATHER DAVID WILHELM

Dear Brother Knights:

The Lord has risen and has appeared to his apostles! This is the good news of the Easter season, a time of joy and hope. And what a season it has been so far.

We were all saddened by the death of Pope Francis, who was called home to the Father on Monday, April 21, Easter Monday. I got the news as I was preparing to leave for Rome to attend the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, scheduled for Sunday, April 27. However, God had other plans, and the canonization was postponed. Instead, Bishop Bergie and I were given the privilege of viewing and praying for the Holy Father as he was lying in state in St. Peter's Basilica and later attending the Funeral Mass for our beloved Pope Francis. It was a blessing and an honour for us to be there, along with Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Seminarians and laypeople worldwide. 300,000 people filled St. Peter's and the Via della Conciliazione.



We later visited St. Maria Maggiore, where the remains of Pope Francis are interred. As per his request, his place of rest is very simple, in a niche near where he would pray before leaving for an Apostolic trip and again upon his return.

Rome was filled with young people who had also come to Rome to participate in the canonization of Carlo Acutis. Many were present for the funeral instead, along with many other pilgrims from all over the world who were in Rome for the Jubilee Year. These things together meant there were very large numbers of people at the funeral. The young people added a sense of exuberance and hopeful joy through song and celebration.



We later travelled to Assisi, where we could view the body of Carlo Acutis, visible to all in a glass tomb. He looked as if he was sleeping, dressed in the clothes worn typically of a teenager in 2006 when he died from leukemia. He is well known for his love of the Eucharist and his website documenting Eucharistic miracles worldwide (still accessible online today). [Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition](#)

Many of the cardinals in Rome have remained there for pre-conclave meetings and discussions about the Church's future direction under the guidance of a new pope, whom the Holy Spirit has already chosen and will confirm by their election. I wish to encourage you to pray daily for the Cardinals and the Church so that we may have a holy and pastoral pope who will lead the Church in fidelity to the gospel for many years to come.

I am constantly edified by God's grace, goodness, and providence, which made all of this come together in ways I could never have imagined. I was aware of the providential hand of God at work in the way things transpired, and I am grateful and enriched in my faith because of this blessed once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Dave Wilhelm
Chaplain



You're Invited

You and your wife are cordially invited to attend a 'Fraternal Benefits Night' ... an evening of valuable information sponsored by your Knights of Columbus Field Agent.

Come learn the many ways your membership in the Order can benefit you and your family.

Prospective members are welcome.

Date: May 6th, 2024 Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Holy Rosary Parish, Burlington, Plains Road

RSVP: Jim Hession - Council 15920

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Our programs were again recognized at this year's State Convention held in Ottawa. We were honoured to receive three division awards, one division honourable mention, the Trillium Bronze Award and the Jack Clancey Award for our support of the Special Olympics. The Division Awards were for Best Faith in Action – Community – for our 10th Anniversary Celebration, Best Faith in Action – Life – for our Celebration of Brothers Sam and Aeneas and for Best Division 5 Council. The Division Honourable Mention was for accomplishing 120% of our Membership Quota. We received Second Place in the Best Bulletin Category for our Division.

It was an honour for me to accept all these awards on your behalf. It is your dedication for our three pillars – Charity, Unity and Fraternity that our State Board recognized us with these awards. Thanks to every one of you.

On Tuesday, May 6, we are hosting a Fraternal Benefits night. This is an opportunity for you and your spouse to come and learn about the Benefits that we have as Brother Knights. It is also an opportunity for you to share this information with your fellow Catholics

We will be asked to put our BBQ skills to work on Thursday, May 29 for Holy Rosary School, Saturday, May 31 for Halton Alive and June 8 at our Annual Parish BBQ. Details will follow via emails.

We continue our Sunday Cobs “bread run” with thanks to Brother Jim Hession with occasional assistance from Pino Albanese, Blair Breckenridge, Ken Browne, Vic Lefebvre, Blaise Mac Isaac, Melvin Saldanha and Michael Walsh.

Council nominations were held at our April 1 Membership Meeting. The nominating committee continues to canvass our membership for potential nominees. The list of nominees will be published in the June Council News. Please consider stepping up to serve your Council as a Council Officer. All positions are open. **WE NEED YOU!!!!** To grow, a Council must have a change in its leadership. I urge you to study the duties of the Officers beginning on page 10 of this publication and consider allowing your name to be nominated. Remember the lesson of the “fibres” and the “rope”. Together there is nothing we can't accomplish!

Vic Lefebvre
Grand Knight



ROSES FOR LIFE SUNDAY
MAY 10 – 11
AFTER ALL MASSES



We will be handing out a decorative “red rose” to all parishioners on their exit from church. In return, we will accept their donations which will be donated to the Pro-Life movement.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations

Monsignor Martin Valley
May 3 – 45 years

Rev. David Wilhelm
May 12 – 41 years

**CALENDAR
OF
COUNCIL EVENTS**

- May 6 – Fraternal Benefits Event – 7 pm
- May 10 – 11 – Roses for Life Sunday**
After all Masses
- May 19 – Victoria Day Weekend**
- May 20 – First Bottle Drive – 3 to 6 pm
- May 20 – Council Officer Planning Meeting
- May 29 – Holy Rosary School BBQ
- May 31 – Walk for Life – 9:30 am**
2054 Mountainside Drive

- June 1 to 7 – Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon
- June 3 – Membership Meeting – 7 pm
- ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS**
- June 8 – Parish BBQ
- June 14 – Spiritual Retreat at Mount Mary
- June 17 – Council Officer Planning Meeting – 7 pm

- July 1 – **Canada Day**
- July 8 – Bottle Drive – 3 to 6 pm
- July 8 – Membership Meeting – 7 pm
- July 8 – HCCF Charity Golf Tournament
1 pm Shotgun Start
Granite Ridge Golf Course
Milton
- July 22 – Council Officer Planning – Meeting

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATIONS**

Congratulations to:

- Bro. Mark and Bev Taylor*
May 10 – 38 years
- Bro. Daniel and Peggy Giroux*
May 16 – 43 years
- Bro. Marc and Susan Clare*
May 18 – 28 years
- Bro. Pine and Rosie Albanese*
May 29 – 42 years

PRAYER NETWORK

In charity, we pray for:



Brothers

- Msgr. Martin Vallely
- Ken Browne
- Aurel Chiasson
- Richard Cupido
- Ken Fleming
- Andrew Kemnitz
- Howard McNamara
- Lou Pennachetti
- Ted Zwolinski

Evangeline Nelligan, and Shannon Wilken, wife and daughter of former Bro. Michael Nelligan. Theresa Milton, wife of Brother Joe.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Bro. Rev. Mr. Stephane Zara – May 6
- Bro. Ken Browne – May 22
- Bro. Vic Lefebvre – May 28
- Bro. Aldrin D Cunha – May 31
- Bro. Brian McDermott – May 31
- Bro. Howard McNamara – May 31

MESSAGE FROM OUR FINANCIAL ADVISER:

Brothers Knights

Each of us is in a different phase of life. Some of us are younger, some of us are older. Perhaps you've spent a considerable amount of time planning for your financial future. Or, if you're like many people, you're not quite sure where to start.

You'll first want to ensure you're protected in case of the unexpected. Knights of Columbus life insurance can help give you peace of mind whether you have a growing family or simply want protection for years to come. It's important not to assume that coverage through a current employer is sufficient — what happens if you can no longer work, switch jobs, or retire? Make sure to have a life insurance plan in place to meet your future needs.

As you start to lay your financial foundation, it is essential to start preparing for retirement. The Knights of Columbus can offer you reliable annuity options to provide guaranteed retirement income.

It is essential to ensure you and your loved ones have the living benefits you need in place. Have you considered disability income insurance or long-term care insurance from Knights of Columbus?

Starting the process of exploring your insurance and financial security goals may feel daunting. Your agent is here to help. Set up time to talk to ensure you are on the right path to protecting your family, preparing for retirement, and ultimately ensuring your financial well-being.

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus

Aldrin D'Cunha

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Council News

122nd State Convention in Pictures – April 25 – 27, 2025

At the 122nd State Convention, Our Council was honoured with 6 Awards and 1 Honourable Mention:

- The Trillium Bronze Award
- Second Place for our Bulletin
- Community Pillar - Winner
- 10th Anniversary Council Celebration**
- Life Pillar – Winner
- Celebration of Brothers Sam and Aeneas**
- Membership Quota- Honourable Mention\
- 120% of Membership Quota**

In addition, Ella Bobanovic, 9 year old girl from Holy Rosary School received the Provincial Basketball Free Throw Champion Award.

On Friday night, I accepted the Best Council Award for Division 5 from State Deputy Bruce Poulin.



On Saturday, at the State Banquet, Brothers Aldrin and Wrenen D Cunha joined me in accepting the Jack Clancey Award from Special Olympics State Chairman Brother Joe Matthews.





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IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

Holy Rosary Parish Knights of Columbus council would like to invite you to a full day Men Spiritual Retreat at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster.

***When: Saturday, June 14/2025.**

***Where: Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster.**

***Cost: \$50 dollars per person.**

***Time: 9am to 7pm**

The retreat will be under the guidance of Father Jason Kuntz Vice-Rector for Formation at St. Peter's Seminary, London.

This is a great opportunity to pause and review your personal relationship with God and a great opportunity for prayer and silence.

The theme for our spiritual retreat is **"Virtue of Hope"**.

For more information contact:

Cristian at clecanda@hamiltondiocese.com or by phone to (905) 634-7441.

Nomination and Election of Council Officers

Nominations for Council Officers took place at our April 1 Membership Meeting. A list of nominees will be posted in the June Council News publication. Nominations will re-opened at our June 3 Membership Meeting. Additional nominations will require a Seconder. Should you wish to nominate a Brother, in the spirit of Fraternity and Charity, obtain his permission before nominating him.

After nominations are closed, the chair will call upon all nominees (in the reverse order of being nominated) for their acceptance. If more than one accepts, an election will be held.

All members are eligible to nominate and vote for Council Officers. Only members who have obtained their 3rd degree by June 30, 2025 are eligible to be elected. All nominees who will not be present for the election, must provide written acceptance (email acceptable) to the Financial Secretary prior to the elections.



Duties of Council Officers



The following is a list of Elected Officers and their respective duties. All positions are for a term of one (1) year with the exception of Trustees who serve a three (3) year term.



The **Grand Knight** is the highest ranking officer of his Council and is responsible for the welfare of the Council. He presides over council meetings, acts an ex-officio member of all committees, appoints membership and program directors, convenes officers for a monthly meeting and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the State and Supreme Councils. He should also be aware of the Council's financial status and ensure that his signature appears on all cheques drawn. Additionally, the Grand Knight must ensure the membership, insurance and programming growth of his Council and the involvement of all its members.



The **Deputy Grand Knight** is the second in command. He assists the Grand Knight with duties assigned to him by the Grand Knight. Should the Grand Knight be absent from a Council meeting, the Deputy Grand Knight will preside. He is chairman of the Council's retention committee.



The **Chancellor** has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the Grand Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the Council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in Council activities. The Chancellor is chairman of the admission committee.



The **Recorder** is similar to a court reporter or a secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the Council and its correspondence.



The **Treasurer** is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining records of all Council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the Council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the Grand Knight. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses.



The **Advocate** is the legal representative of the Council and serves as the Council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the Council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with Council by-laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws, Methods of Conducting a Council meeting and Robert's Rules of Order.



The **Warden** is the "watchdog" for Council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the Council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial exemplifications, he will appoint and supervise the guards.



The Guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. The **Outside Guard** tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the **Inside Guard** checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.



The **Board of Trustees** consists of three members elected by the Council and the Grand Knight, who serves as chairman of the board. They oversee the work of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer and with the Deputy Grand Knight serve on the Council's retention committee. During Council elections, only the three-year trustee is voted on, with the others moving on to become two and one year Trustees, respectively.

The following is a list of Appointed Officers and their respective duties. With the exception of the Financial Secretary, whose appointment is for a three (3) year term, the Chaplain and Lecturer are on (1) year appointments.



The **Chaplain** is the spiritual advisor of the Council. His message at Council meetings provides an opportunity for him to educate Council members about any element of the faith, to offer spiritual reflection or to give any other appropriate intervention. The Grand Knight appoints a priest in accordance with any rules established by the Bishop of the diocese to serve as Council Chaplain.



The **Financial Secretary** is appointed by the Supreme Knight, upon recommendation of the Council. His main area of responsibility is maintain all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all moneys from all sources, including annual dues from Council members. He also handles supply orders for the Council officers and members, filing the Report of Officers and submitting all membership transactions to the Supreme Council.



The **Lecturer** is appointed by the Grand Knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the Council. He is responsible for the "Good of the Order" portion of Council Meetings.

Walk FOR Life

SAT. MAY 31, 2025

9:30am | 2054 Mountainside Dr. Burlington
or walk with friends in your own neighbourhood!

Register → **Raise funds**

Do the Walk → **BBQ refuel!**

This family-friendly event brings together pro-lifers to honour the unborn, support the vital work of Halton Alive, and enjoy a delicious BBQ. With each step of the 5k, we commemorate the 100,000 the lives lost to abortion each year in Canada.

REGISTER AT HALTONALIVE.CA/W4L

The poster features four polaroid-style photos on the left side: 1. A group of people, some wearing 'Alive' t-shirts, walking together. 2. A group of people at a table, possibly a registration or information booth. 3. A large group of people posing for a group photo outdoors. 4. A group of people walking on a path, with one person pushing a stroller.

Welcome to Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre

*437 Wilson Street East
Ancaster, ON L9G 3K4*



The Villa

Mark your calendar for our Retreat on
Saturday, June 14, 2025

More details coming soon

Here are previews of the wonderful
facilities: go to the website

[Mount Mary Retreat Centre | Diocese
of Hamilton](#)



Villa Gathering Space



Villa Kitchenette



The Pillars



Shrine

HCCF Charity Golf Classic

Tuesday July 8, 2025

Granite Ridge Golf Course, 9503 Dublin Line, Milton



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REGISTRATION DEADLINES
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