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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

My Brother Knights,

In many cultures greetings and salutations can take on religious significance. Especially in addressing a religious figure one would not say "hello" but "Praised by Jesus Christ" the response being, "Now and Forever."

At Easter time the greeting is, "The Lord is Risen" to which we respond the "Lord is Risen Indeed." In the Eastern tradition it is customary to actually repeat it three times. If one has ever been to an Eastern

liturgy, you would know their practice. Why do or say anything once when you can pray it three times? There is a story from Russia during communist times. The local communist leader entered a poor vigil to preach the official atheist doctrine of the regime. The local priest was not particularly bright nor an eloquent speaker so the young communist official decided to give him the platform as he was certain he would make a fool of himself. In no way would this priest be able to hold a candle to the brilliance of the official state doctrine.

The priest stood up and simply said three times, "The Lord is Risen" to which the villagers responded, "He is Risen indeed." The priest was subsequently executed. This simple declaration of faith in the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead was able to destroy the so-called power of the communist official. It is this faith in the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead which gives us boldness. Confident that he has conquered the grave we know that no power, principality and not even our own death can separate us from the love of God.

A blessed Easter to all, for the Lord is truly Risen.

Father Ed



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

March 2020 was the busiest month for our council. Activities and events were scheduled for every week of the month. The success of all these activities demonstrates the commitment, great teamwork and collaboration. These include the Silver Rose Prayer Service, Envelope delivery, Bottle Drive (record amount raised), Fraternal Insurance night, council meetings, Exemplification, volunteers for the St. Paul masses, in person distribution of donation cheques, and last but not least, the virtual Founders Day Mass. Thank you to each of you for making this the most successful month to date. Your participation is what helps in getting so much accomplished.

I take this opportunity to welcome Brother Frank (Francklyn Carvalho) who transferred into our council from Mississauga. Frank and his family now call Burlington their home. Brother Frank also, completed his Knighthood at the exemplification held on March 25th. Congratulations Brother Frank!!

We are into the final quarter of the fraternal year (ends June 30th), over the course of the next two or three months, our council will hold elections to the officer positions. I welcome each of you to consider being part of the executive and lead our council. We will use our council website for nominations. Please check with any brothers before putting their name forward for an officer position.

Brothers, as we pray during holy week, I request that you keep all our brothers and their families in your prayers.

Have a blessed Holy week, and with Easter coming up this weekend, I wish each of you and your families a very Happy Easter. May the blessings of our Lord Jesus be your guide. Amen.

Rohan



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Rick Lomas

April 1

Nicholas Barber

April 21

Loyola DeMello

April 30

Alan Read

April 30

... and with apologies for missing last month's birthdays, a belated Happy Birthday to the follow council members:

Martin Kapuscinski

March 5

Terence Rebello

March 11

Ron Caerells

March 12

John Rynn

March 22

Council News



Council Donation to Local Charities

At our February 24th council meeting, we re-visited the Council donations to local charities. It was decided to contribute \$1000 to the following local charitable organizations:

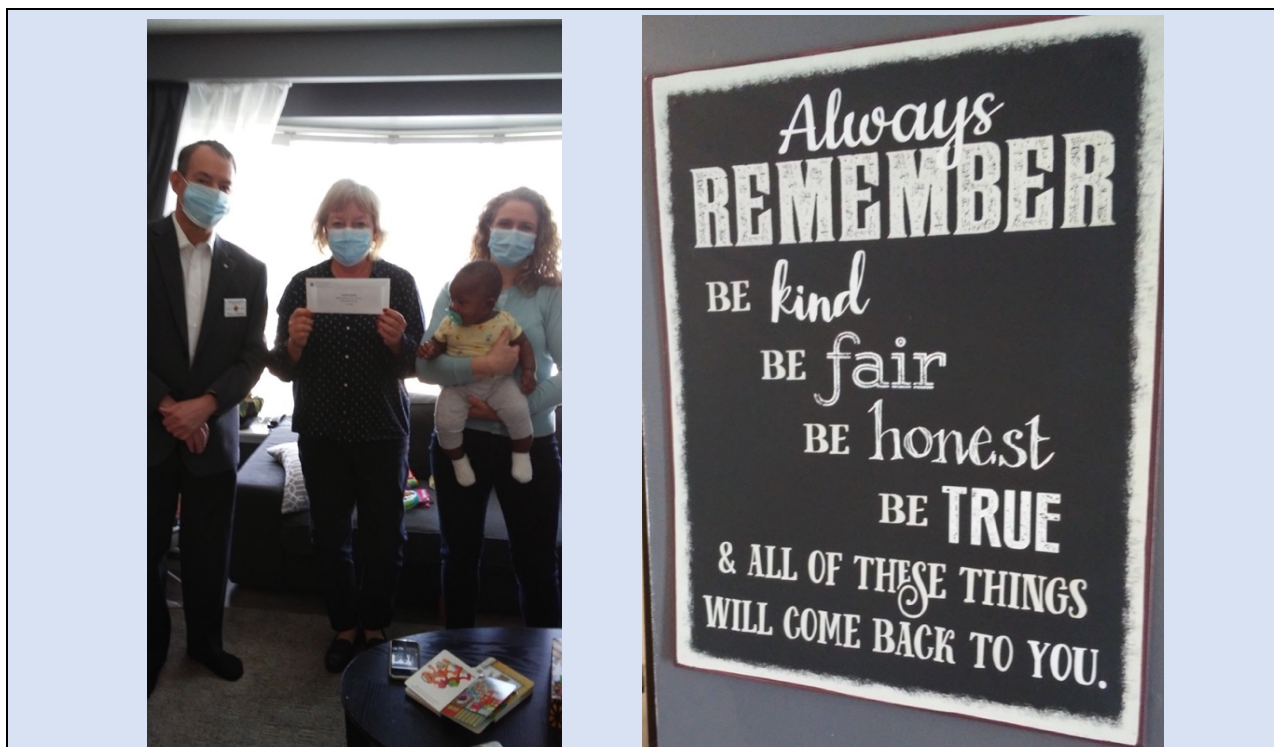
Halton Women's Place & Shifra Homes Inc.

This past month, it was the privilege of Brothers Paul O'Brien and Bob Flake to deliver the donations to these Charities in person.

Following is an account and pictures of the experience from our Brother Knights:

Shifra Homes (Paul O'Brien)





Halton Women's Place (Bob Flake)



On March 25th, on behalf of council # 17397, Brother Bob Flake presented a cheque of just over a thousand dollars to Halton Women's Place.

Carmello, a Manager of the facility, was very pleased that our council could help. She mentioned that the pandemic has presented several additional challenges for them. As new "clients" come to the facility, they must quarantine for two weeks. To enable this, they had to establish two suites that could accommodate the women and their children on a nearly full-time basis. In addition, all other "clients" at the shelter are not able to mingle to the same extent as under normal conditions. The physical distancing necessitates the preparation of separate meals for consumption in their own rooms. Mini fridges have been provided to each of the 30 rooms to make life a little more comfortable during the more restrictive pandemic conditions.

When asked if the pandemic had an impact on the demand for space at the shelter, Carmello gave a revealing response. Due to the much closer contact with abusive partners during the pandemic, the women and children that need the shelter find it more challenging to leave/escape. This indicates just how desperate the conditions are for some women in our own community.

We, as a council, should be proud to have helped this worthy facility.

Silver Rose Prayer Service (St Paul the Apostle Church, March 6)

History of the Silver Rose

Our Lady of Guadalupe did so much for her people in Mexico that, in 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, wanted to give something back to her. The group of young men in Knights of Columbus Council 2312 in Monterrey, Mexico, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. The rose was chosen to commemorate Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses, an important part of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The first rose was a natural rose and was blessed by Bishop John C. Cody of London. It was then flown to New York where it was received by Grand Knight Joseph Thomasen, who in turn, took it to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart. Mr. Hart then shepherded the rose to Dallas, Texas. There, Texas State Deputy Jack Collier received the rose and took it to Laredo, Texas, where it was finally given to the Squires from Monterrey, Mexico, at the International Bridge in Laredo. They ran the rose from the International Bridge through Sabinas Hidalgo N.L., Mexico, to Cienega de Flores and on to the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico, on December 12, 1960.

The Squires were so enthused by the success of this effort that they wanted to invite other Squires from around the world to participate. They called on Squires from Texas and Ontario to join them. The Canadian Squires asked that the journey of the rose begin in their home and move from there through the United States, finishing at the Basilica in Mexico. After a year, the first rose had decomposed, so a group decided to make a bronze rose that would not age. When the Squires of Circle 660 in Monterrey heard of the bronze rose, they decided to make a similar rose. Silver was chosen for this new rose because it is a precious metal of Mexico. The first Silver Rose was blessed by Bishop Alfonso Espino Silva and sent to the Supreme Council headquarters of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CT. Both the Bronze Rose and the Silver Rose were received by Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart and were so admired by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York that he kept them for a special Mass before they were flown to Texas to once again be turned over to brother Knights at the midpoint of the International Bridge. After 1961, the program was conducted by the Knights of Texas and Mexico and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province of the Fourth Degree until the mid-1990s, when it was adopted as a Knights of Columbus Supreme Council program. In 2001, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson expanded the Silver Rose program further. "[This is] a perfect program for the Knights of Columbus," said Mr. Anderson. "Through it we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the Order, but we also reaffirm the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses." Today, eight roses run along different North American routes that include Canada, every U.S. state, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and Mexico. This tradition spreads devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and embodies international brotherhood as jointly nurtured across the continent.

Report from Brother Paul O'Brien

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon, it was great to see so many brother knights come out for another historic "first" for our young council. A Saturday afternoon can be a tough ask for our brothers who are working full time during the week and have family obligations on weekends. I acknowledge and appreciate their sacrifice. District Deputy Vic Lefebvre mentioned to me that he asks for the Silver Rose every year, and it had been seven years since he last had it. So, what an honour it was for our council to be able to get the rose and take full advantage of the opportunity by holding what I will simply call a professionally done prayer service. It was also great to see brothers Ron Caerels and Deacon Brian Dunn, who played key parts in the service. But for me, praying the rosary, with the rosary I was given when I became a knight, with Father Ed leading: Priceless.

If you missed the service and would like to view it, it is still available on Youtube:

[Knight of Columbus Silver Rose Prayer Service](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-05hJWh4BUM) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-05hJWh4BUM>)

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Knight of Columbus Silver Rose
Prayer Service.

By St. Paul the Apostle Burlington ON







BOTTLE DRIVE for CHARITIES RESULTS

Brother Knights of 17397,

Thank you, and congratulations to all the Brother Knights on our Charity Bottle Drive held on March 13 and 14 in the parking lot of St. Paul the Apostle Church.

With the sun beaming down on us to keep away the cold chill of the wind and a great fraternal team of Knights working together, we achieved our most successful charitable event yet, collecting a record \$2,490.00. With Covid-19 lockdowns recently lifted in our region, I think most Knights appreciated the opportunity to get out of the house and engage face-to-face, ...or even mask-to-mask from 6 ft in this case, ... and enjoy the camaraderie of our council brothers. I even saw some Brothers having fun out there.

Our plan was to increase the exposure of this event through word of mouth, email and social media posts on Facebook. In addition to Father Ed's weekly announcements at Mass, St. Paul's website had an announcement which was linked to our announcement on our website kofc17397.org and the parish Facebook page also had this event posted so that we could share and re-post as well. Due to our overwhelming marketing outreach, more people showed up with empties and we needed the assistance of more men than ever. Consider that \$2490, amidst some cash donations, means that we processed some 15,000 empties in two days.

Without the volunteerism of the many Knights, including some sons and high school students, we could not have achieved this result. It's a long list of Knights who supported and we could not have done it without each of your contributions. Special thanks to Fr. Ed for allowing us to host the event on Church grounds and Brothers Joe O, Vince M, Dave B, Tim C, Dino B, Tim L, Kevin G, Paul C, Paul O', Clive N, Tom M, Peter C, Rob P, Bob F, George P, Loy D, Carlos P, Rohan N, Ali K, Greg H and Greg G for all you help and support.

Editor's note: Also special thanks to our youth volunteers (Angelo, Myles, Nakul, Noah, Max, Sam, William and Grayson) who outdid the rest of us in energy, effort and efficiency. Oh, to be young again...

The outstanding result of this Bottle Drive means have made major strides to cover our forecasted charity donations for the year.

N.B., We accomplished this task safely as everybody was masked up, wearing gloves and trying to social distance throughout the two days of the event. Once again Council 17937 comes through showing our strength of unity, fraternity and charity. You should all be proud!

I look forward to our next Charity Bottle Drive...in May or July...still TBD. We have some great feedback to make the next one even more successful!

Vivat Jesus

Br. Bernie Moorcroft

Treasurer

Knights of Columbus



CATHOLIC CONSCIENCE WEBINAR (APRIL 21ST - 7:30 p.m.)

CATHOLIC CONSCIENCE PRESENTS:

RESISTING THROWAWAY CULTURE

How a Consistent Life Ethic can unite a fractured people

Join us for a conversation about how Catholics can transcend the left-right political divide and build a political culture of encounter and hospitality.

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In our conversation with Professor Camosy, we'll discuss:

- Our current state of toxic political polarization
- How a Catholic social vision can transcend both the political left and right, and resist the forces tearing us apart
- Pope Francis' idea of a throwaway culture vs. a culture of encounter, and what it would be like to live in the latter
- How do we consistently apply a Catholic life ethic across a range of issues?
- How can we live a culture of encounter in our ordinary lives as Christian citizens? What would the consequences be for our communities?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21ST @ 7:30-8:30 PM EST

RSVP ON EVENTBRITE @ <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/resisting-throwaway-culture-how-a-consistent-life-ethic-can-unite-us-tickets-147679893537>

MEET OUR SPEAKER, PROFESSOR CHARLES CAMOSY

Charles C. Camosy is associate professor of theological and social ethics at Fordham University. His work on ethics and policy moves beyond stale and lazy arguments which artificially pit liberals and conservatives against each other. Instead, Professor Camosy finds common ground by unpacking the real complexities of some of today's most passionately debated issues.

This article is contributed by Brother Peter Copeland, an active affiliate and proponent of the Catholic Conscience organization.

This is open to all and we encourage all brothers to share it with friends and family as this should have wide applicability and appeal.

The webinar will be posted on YouTube and various webpages sometime after the event. There is a participatory element if you join the webinar - asking questions etc.

If you would like more information on the Catholic Conscience organization, please drop into the website at <https://catholicconscience.org>. The latest newsletter is also available: <https://catholicconscience.org/newsletter/>.

EARTH DAY CLEANUP (Saturday April 24th)

Brother Paul O'Brien is organizing a team to help in the Earth Day cleanup on April 24th. There are many areas in our community that are in great need of our help in getting rid of the litter, waste and other unwanted material. Following is a short note from Br. Paul and a PDF file from the City of Burlington with additional information. Please help us keep Burlington clean and green and join in the effort.

Date: Saturday, April 24

Time: TBD (I would like to keep the total time commitment to around 1 1/2 hours in the morning.)

Where: TBD – suggestions include the Hydro right-of-way trails and the trails north and south of Dundas between Walkers and Appleby Lines.

I would like to determine the interest level for this event to proceed. If there are a minimum of 10 - 12 participants, that would be enough for me. The region of Halton COVID rules allows for a maximum of 25 people at an outdoor event.

We do need a commitment from Council members and other volunteers to assist in the effort.

Assuming the event goes ahead, I would like to register our council with Burlington Green in early April. They have been coordinating the "clean up" and "green up" activities since 2011. Advantages of registering include:

- 1) Access to free supplies (supplies are limited - first come, first served);
- 2) Possibly greater recognition for our council.
- 3) Chance to win 2 gift cards for Burlington Centre.
- 4) Chance to win more prizes, if we email some pictures of our clean-up to Burlington Green.

Here is the link to the Burlington Green "Clean Up Green Up" website:

<https://www.burlingtongreen.org/programs/clean-up-green-up/>

MESSAGE FROM FIELD AGENT (Aldrin D'Cunha)

Brother Knights

Easter greetings to all my members and your families! As a time of preparation, Lent helped us focus on the sacrifice of Good Friday and the hope of the Resurrection. I hope this season brings you much joy and happiness!

That sense of rebirth that comes with our Easter celebrations also can be noticed in the change in weather. Some daffodils and tulips are poking through the soil, the temperature is creeping upward, and we hope April showers are in store and not that precipitation that has to be shoveled! As I looked around my yard, I see much that needs tending to after the winter weather. I've got a few plants to transplant, some clean-up needed around the outside of the house, I see a need for an expanded driveway...and my "honey do" list is getting longer and longer.

I've found that I'm much more efficient with a list of chores if I write down all that I need to do. Then I go back through my list and rank order them for importance. Sometimes I get to choose the order; sometimes the order is chosen for me. In either event, the best part comes when I get to cross off the chore as being done. Maybe it's the visual of seeing one more item completed...it gives me a sense of accomplishment.

In addition to the outside chores, I have several others that always come at this time of year. I've got windows to wash and other "spring cleaning" in the house. The vehicles could use a good cleaning inside and out and I know there will be some major project to sift through a pile or maybe even a room of things we don't need, don't want, or don't fit anymore.

In keeping with that list theme, put me on the list; up at the top since it relates to your family's financial security. A virtual meeting over the computer is a way for us to meet safely and efficiently. We can discuss your needs, wants and desires. What's changed? Let's make sure nothing stands in the way of reaching your goals. The Order has provided me with a new need's analysis program - Navi Plan to help you track where you are, where you want to go and how well you're progressing on your financial journey.

Mine is an item you can cross off your list and really feel good about it.

Wishing you Easter joy!

Vivat Jesus!

Aldrin D'Cunha





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Registration is required to attend:

Three Ways Prudent Investors Use Life Insurance

Tuesday March 30, 2021 7:00 pm EST

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HFIll4zHRymvWC8CzkdXYQ

Life Insurance Beneficiary Mistakes You Will Regret and How to Prevent Them

Tuesday April 13, 2021 6:00 pm PST

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Qz3xid0kTWuRUUnJU0oii0Q

How to Eliminate Essential Financial Insecurity in the Pandemic

Wednesday April 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm EST Register Here:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SpysT0HuQgyDpmmr73lOSg

Wednesday April 28th, 2021 at 6:00 pm PST Register Here:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0MvBuO2fSU28PATkKN8DZw

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PRAYER NETWORK

Your prayers are needed for our brothers and their families:

Peter Uko and family (R.I.P. Dr. Donatus K. Uko, father of Peter)

Jenn and Tim Lawlor and family

Mother of Tim Lawlor (R.I.P.)

Loretta Souza (sister of Loy DeMello)

Tyler Gillies (nephew of DGK Greg)

Karen Morrison (R.I.P.)

Ian, Ellard and Opal McBane

Eleanor Read (wife of Alan)

Maureen Edgar

Pat Oreskovic (Aunt of Joe)

Nazareth Family

All Nursing and Retirement Home Residents, Staff and Workers

Barb and Stephanie Catena

Brother Gary Smith and family

Ricky Resijan (R.I.P.) cousin of Rob Pevec

Thomas' wife (recently delivered a baby; congratulations Thomas and family!)

All brothers in our council and their families.

Thank you for your prayers.

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.***



CALENDAR OF COUNCIL EVENTS

***Most Council Events have been suspended due to the
COVID-19 Pandemic with the following exceptions.***

Tuesday April 13th (9 p.m.), Wednesday April 21st (7 p.m.), and Wednesday April 28th (9 p.m.) – Jim Ruta presentations (please contact Br. Aldrin).

Wednesday April 21st – Council Business Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday April 21st – Catholic Conscience Webinar (Prof. Camosy) – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday April 24th – Earth Day Cleanup (TBD ~11:00 a.m.)

