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COUNCIL CHAPLAIN, FATHER FRANCIS SALASIAR, C.S.C.



Dear Brother Knights,

Advent: A time of Hope

During this pandemic, we continue to find ourselves overwhelmed with a lot of worries and concerns with the financial situation, rising unemployment, and not knowing what our future looks like. Even though all of our fears and worries are real, the season of Advent signals the coming of eternal joy that awaits those who believe in the Lord. The Christ Child is coming! In such an announcement, transmitted from the unfathomable light of heaven, we are called to find the Hope of hopes, striking a fiery joy within the depths of our soul. Our Saviour is near, beckoning us to that place of eternal peace and wonder he has prepared for those who love him. Thus, Advent is a time of great hope and expectation. The season of Advent shouts: "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." Isaiah 41:10. The scripture promises and invites us to trust in the Lord. For we read, "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me..." (Psalm 23:4). We are believers and need to place our trust and hope in the Lord.

The season of advent invites us to have hope, amidst hopelessness. It invites us to trust in the Lord. Even though we continue to experience the strife, we the people of faith are called to remain in hope, hope for a better future, for the saviour is coming. This advent season, let us be transformed into people of hope as we wait for the Lord.

Fr. Francis Salasiar, CSC Chaplain

Message from the Grand Knight



Brothers:

December is the month of Christmas, and a time when families and friends gather to celebrate Christmas. This year, for many, it may be a bit different as we have to adhere to new rules for social gatherings. Let us remember that the meaning of Christmas is about the birth of our saviour, as well as celebrating mass. Christmas is defined as "Christ mass". We have to remember that for many of us, Christmas is a joyful time of the year, but also for many, it can be a sad part of the year. Losing a loved one in the month of December or during the Christmas season can be a very difficult time. The loneliness of spending Christmas in solitude can be hard on many people, especially those who are less fortunate within our community. We must have faith that Christ is with us at all times for he is always there for us. It is through prayer that we can communicate with our saviour. Let us work together as Knights of Columbus to ensure that we continue to help the needy during the holiday season, as well as throughout the course of the year. Let's open our hearts and our resources for the poor and truly hear "the cry of the poor" during the upcoming holiday season and beyond.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all our brothers in Christ and their families a Merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year!

Vivat Jesus and Fraternally Yours,

the date

Michael Mark Grand Knight Council 5073

Message from the Chancellor



Brothers:

This pandemic has legs, as it enters its ninth month here in Canada! Most meetings are now conducted virtually and likely to remain so for another year. We all face the same reality: As Knights of Columbus, our task begins in deciding how we can help others less fortunate than ourselves. It is likely to be more on a micro-scale for now: Shopping for a shut-in, helping a neighbor with fall clean-up, getting ready for winter, getting our flu shot. Masks, masks and more masks; avoiding crowds, maintaining our social bubble while maintaining social distancing. Going to church when able; attending mass online when not feasible....Helping out where we can, and supporting our local food bank, and so on.

Having an operation is trickier, with all the covid-19 precautions. Everything takes longer, and patients must be more patient as a result. Transportation can be tricky for many of us. However, "this too shall pass", as it did with other disasters, including the so-called Spanish (influenza A) pandemic of a hundred years ago. We must remain steadfast and hope in God for our eventual deliverance. We should and we must have faith in prayer, whether you go right to the top, as my wife does, or through a particular intermediary including Mary, Mother of God, via the rosary. The Lord's prayer is especially beautiful. May the Lord have mercy on us all, and bring us safely home. Amen.

Chancellor Dr. Larry Edwards

Pandemic Humour Corner 8th Edition

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My vacation this year





'I'm not going to be caught out again by lockdown. I'm moving in with my hairdresser' My kids wanted to know what it was like for me growing up. So I took their phones, shut off the internet, gave them a popcicle, told them to go outside till the street lights came

Always wears a mask. Compulsively washes hands. Letters of racoon rearranged spell

corona.

The official mascot of 2020:

Knights of Columbus Cash Calendar Winners

October 2020 Date Winner Ticket # Winner's Prize 1 Savanna DiLuca 1148 \$20 2 Regina Rodrigues 471 \$50 5 Shannon O'Brien 103 \$20 6 Josie Maljar 625 \$20 7 Barbara Joan Varga 1052 \$20 8 Lesley Ruskin 003 \$20 9 Meghan Pennell 368 \$50 12 Deborah Roussey 383 \$20 13 Helga Walz 1100 \$20 14 Mark Herod 120 \$20 15 Claire Landry 621 \$20 16 Irene Ridge 466 \$50 19 Mary Simon 901 \$20 20 Cathy VanHeukelom 188 \$20 21 Cindy Palmer 966 \$20 22 Lara Jackson 501 \$20 23 Susan Curran 817 \$50 26 Kate Power 903 \$20 27 Claire Laundry 621 \$20 28 Stefanie Carroll 212 \$20 29 Lisa Baty 404 \$20 30 Debby Murphy 759 \$50 Thanksgiving Shelagh Desrochers 94 \$150 Date of Draw October 29,2020 Drawn by: Gerry Kelly Witnessed by: Ron Milne, Tom O'Brien, Recorded by: John D'Addario

Pro-Life Update – November 2020

By our Life Director- Brother Paul Muller

Gala Results

Thank you so much to everyone who participated and sponsored the event. We had such a fun time with the Gala boxes and connecting over the virtual platform. You can check out some of the <u>event photos</u> online! Together we managed to raise \$25,000!

If you didn't get a chance to attend the Gala or make a donation we hope you'll consider making a donation today to help support pro-life education.

We are excited to put this money to work in the development of our Live it out pro-life resources that will provide parents and teachers with the tools to introduce and discuss pro-life topics with kids and youth. Listen to our Executive Director discuss this resource in her Gala presentation video (at haltonalive.ca), see pictures from the event, and check out our sponsors.

Christmas Already?

Yup! We are already in full Christmas planning mode. We have some exciting, creative ideas for our Candy Canes for Life campaign this year and we'll be needing volunteers! Join us again for Candy Canes for Life. Go to haltonalive.ca and contact Tawnya about getting involved.

We will be distributing 6000 postcards with a life-affirming message throughout Halton! These include cards for over 4000 residents of long-term care and retirement homes in Halton and Hamilton. Join us again in spreading cheer this Christmas! Register at <u>www.haltonalive.ca/ccflvolunteers</u>

Exciting news!

We have expanded our <u>Candy Canes for Life</u> Campaign to include 5000 elderly people living in long-term care and retirement homes. This is in addition to our regular postcard campaign.

In the month of December, approximately 5,000 elderly people at 42 different homes will receive the card below!



When Covid lockdowns first hit last March and the impact on our elderly community became apparent, Halton Alive moved quickly to launch our <u>Inspire Hope</u> campaign. We started connecting with long-term care homes throughout the region to bring hope and encouragement to seniors facing extreme loneliness and isolation. This Christmas we have expanded on those relationships by reaching out to 70 LTC and retirement homes to offer Christmas cards to their residents. So far, 42 locations have responded with great enthusiasm and thanks for this effort so we'll be impacting **5,000 residents and 2,300 staff.**

Donate toward the campaign or get involved!

Why Christmas Cards?

It's a simple gesture but it exemplifies pro-life values. At a time when euthanasia is presented as a solution, we want the elderly in our community to know they are loved. We believe each life matters and it is so important to find ways to be the light and hope in someone's life, especially during these dark times of isolation and loneliness. This is one way we can live out pro-life values in our community.



You can help!

- Help attach Candy Canes to postcards and drop them off at the homes.
- Help distribute our regular postcards in your community.

Get full volunteer details online and sign-up! Please be aware we are following safety protocols to ensure these cards will arrive Covid free! 3 ways to support pro-life in your gift giving:

1. "Life is a Gift" Ornament

Give on their behalf! This Christmas you can donate on behalf of someone and give the gift that supports life. In honour of your donation, we'll send them a custom "Life is a Gift" ornament, thank you note and income tax receipt.



ORDER NOW

2. Halton Alive Merch

Check out our Merch Shop! Here by popular demand...Now you can purchase Halton Alive branded items any time! Makes a great gift for you or the one you love.

VISIT THE SHOP



3. Carolina's Brownies gives back!



Remember those delicious brownies from our Gala-in-a-box? Carolina and her family are passionate pro-lifers and as a way of supporting Halton Alive, they are **donating back 10%** of all orders that use **promocode: HALTON** These are a perfect idea for gift giving in the time of Covid as each brownie is individually wrapped.

Office gifts | Holiday dessert | Teacher or Secretary gifts | Secret Santa

ORDER NOW

We are so excited about this new opportunity to connect with the elderly in our community. It's important we constantly seek ways to live out pro-life values and hope you take this opportunity to get involved! Enjoy the new merch store and gift giving ideas to help Halton Alive raise extra funds and continue our pro-life educational work!

Sincerely, Elea Hofman Executive Director



Remembrance Day Update

By our Family Director: Brother Rennie Milne



I presented the cheque that Brother Jim Csordas gave me to the 1st Vice President and Chairman of the Poppy Fund of Branch 60 on November 20th. I tried to get a photograph but much to my chagrin, the batteries in my camera weren't charged.

The local Canadian Legion is currently closed until Dec. 14, but they are open for take-out fish & chips on Fridays.

The Legion appreciated the donation and thanked our Council 5073 for our support.

Blessings,

Rennie

Pasta Night at Columbus Hall



The pasta night event held at Columbus Hall on the evening of November 21st from 5pm-8pm was a huge success even with Halton Region being placed in the "Red Zone" by the province of Ontario. This project had to be conducted on a "take-out" only platform, and it was still well supported by brother Knights, their families and friends within our local community. We sold well over a hundred orders of pasta dinners, and was able to raise some much needed funds. It is truly a sign of our community coming together to support the Knights of Columbus and our hall.

We would like to thank brother David D'Souza and his team for all their hard work in putting this dinner together! This is truly an example of Knights in action. We all assisted in getting the word out to eveyone about this event, as well as informing other Knights of Columbus Councils about this event. All in all, it was truly a team effort with emphasis on the "quarterback", brother David D'Souza.

<u>Awards</u>

I am pleased to inform everyone that our council won the Columbian and Founder's award for the fraternal year of 2019/2020. I was presented with the plaque by our district deputy SK David Fisher on November 6th, 2020. Our council was the only one within district 83 that won this award. We have a lot to be proud of as a council. For those who are not familiar with the Columbian & Founder's award and what it stands for, I have a short definition for your perusal.

Columbrian and Founder's Award: The Columbian and Founder's Award is presented to a council for **excellence** in sponsoring programs that serve the church, community, families, culture of life, and youth organizations, as well as council members.

When I applied and submitted the application for this award back in the spring, I did not expect that we would have a chance to win this coveted award. When I received a phone call from our district deputy that he had something for me, I still had no idea at the time that it was the Columbian & Founder's Award. I was extremely overwhelmed and honoured when he and I met in person while exhibiting COVID 19 protocols.

Below is a picture of me holding the plaque in the Friel Room at our hall wearing my Grand Knight Jewel.

I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each and everyone of my brother Knights within Council 5073 who made this award to our council possible. Because without all of your hard work, we would not be able to accomplish great things within our beloved community. Most of all, without our Lord being in the center of our life, and guiding us accordingly, none of this would be possible.

Vivat Jesus, Michael Mark Grand Knight



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,



Please Pray for the Following People:

- Gary Smith
- The Jakubcak family
- Patrick Crowley
- Richard Vaughan
- Monsignor Ray Modeski
- Ignatius McDonald
- Frank Hartman
- Riccardo Colaianni
- The Enhaynes Family
- Judy Lalonde
- Meghan Patty Tepall
- Kerrie Newscombe
- Tony Van Dalen
- Sam Whalen
- Leo Russell
- Andrew Hallett
- Herb Lane
- Karen Beemo
- Ron & Teresa Milne
- Ronald Milne Jr.
- Mary MacDonald & Family
- Ingrid Brown
- Robert Chisholm
- Helen Edwards
- Gloria MacDonald
- Gloria Campbell
- The Giorgini Family
- Marty Smith & Family

- Larry Edwards
- Jack Stefnitz
- The soul of the father of brother John Enhaynes
- All the people globally affected in any way by the Corona Virus

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 1st Sunday of Advent <i>Happy Birthday</i> Javier R Rubatto	30	1 Happy Birthday John K Boyd Paul A Brown Paul Muller	2 Happy Birthday John A Colterman	3	4 Happy Birthday Rocco DeVito	5 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Constantino Uliano
6	7 Council Executive Meeting	8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	9	10	11	12 Happy Birthday John D Bennett Bert G Van Dalen
13	14 Council General Meeting	15 H.C.C. Meeting	16 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Friar Reto J Davatz	17	18	19 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Alan J Benoit
20 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Bernard D Ward	21 BKC Meeting <i>Happy Birthday</i> Tom M Flannery	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day
27	28 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Jere E Hartnett	29	30 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Robert B Flewelling	31 <i>Happy Birthday</i> William Mather	1	2

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL



