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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

My Brother Knights,

The day I am composing this letter is September 29th, the feast day of the Archangels, and later this week on October 2nd we will celebrate the memorial of the Guardian Angels.

Our faith tells us that the angels are spiritual creatures whose mission is to serve the Lord God, to do his bidding. God in His plentiful love sends the angels to watch over us, guide us and sometimes to inform us of God's plan for us. In fact, the name "Archangel" specifies that angel who was sent with a specific word. For example, it is the Archangel Gabriel who comes before the Virgin Mary to tell her of God's plan that she will bear the Son of God.

There are two popular prayers that seek the intercession of the angels.

The first is the prayer to St. Michael in which we ask the prince of the heavenly hosts to help us in our battle with the Devil.

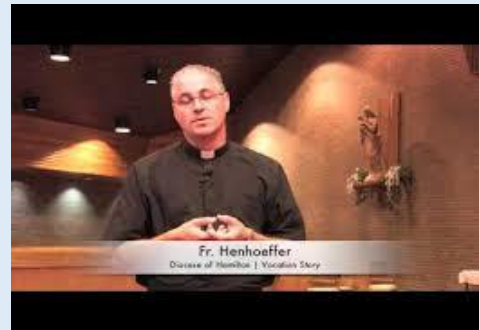
***St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.***



And the second is the simple prayer to our Guardian Angel.

*Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
To whom God's love
commits me here,
Ever this day,
be at my side,
To light and guard,
Rule and guide.
Amen.*

As we continue to journey through these difficult times may these prayers be a source of strength as we call upon the heavenly host for protection.



Father Ed

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

With everything around, I recall the song my grandmother used to sing to me. I share the words below. Acknowledgement to songwriters Johnson Oatman Jr, Edwin Othello Excell.

Listen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hb4JBNDWhOA>

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Refrain:

**Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.**

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by. (Refrain)

When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high. (Refrain)

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end. (Refrain)

Happy Thanksgiving to each of you and your families.

Vivat Jesus

GK Rohan Nazareth



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Tim J Lawlor

October 02

Rohan C Nazareth

October 08

Kenneth R Barrett

October 21

George Puthenkulam

October 29

Council News

Bottle Drive for Knights Charities: Success Story

(As requested by Alain Cayer, Territorial Growth Director – Canada. The purpose of this call for success stories is to share them with Brother Knights across Canada, through video conferences (in English and in French), particularly during this pandemic era. As a matter of fact, a program that became a success story in a Council, a District or even in a State may not be known at all in other jurisdictions.)

The St. Paul's Knights of Columbus Council 17397 was formed late 2019 with a little over 50 charter members. The tremendous support from our neighbouring councils and the Worthy District Deputy in obtaining the necessary items for council business meetings was both surprising and overwhelming.

Blessed with such goodwill and support as well as a fine group of Catholic gentlemen looking to help the parish pastor and parish community, St. Paul's was off to a great start. Then the Covid-19 pandemic happened, like all communities in Ontario, gatherings for events were not permitted including for Mass. The impact of the pandemic was so shocking and horrifying, the need for physical distancing to flatten the curve became the focus across the province, many people were genuinely scared and their future uncertain due to sudden unemployment.

Fortunately, Fr. Ed, Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle, was able to live stream weekly Mass, so parishioners were still able to virtually participate and gain the sense of community and spiritual support.

It seemed almost impossible for a fledgling Knights of Columbus council to achieve the expectations it aspired to when starting out. Slowly after making so much sacrifice to keep each other safe, the physical distance restrictions were eased, and parishioners could assemble and attend Mass.

Technology allowed the council to conduct its regular business through virtual meetings; however most council activities were suspended because of physical distancing requirements. Once the pandemic curve was flattened and attending Mass was possible it seemed the St. Paul's parish community was slowly reviving.

One of the first events St. Paul's Knights of Columbus council did was to hold a bottle drive. Empty beer, wine and liquor bottle donations would be collected, and the refunds would be used to support council charities. The pandemic has caused so much chaos; it was difficult to predict how much money would be raised. Once again Fr. Ed provided incredible support however estimates were conservative, and expectations were low. The feeling was to just try and what little is collected will help... it would be something good regardless.

The response from the St. Paul's community was unbelievable, rather than collecting \$100 - \$200, the event raised \$1,390. It seemed everyone wanted to do some good no matter how small.

The other amazing outcome is the sense of fellowship among the council members during the event. It was so energizing and uplifting, the sense of something special had just happened was prevalent.

What was unknown at the time was the urgent humanitarian crisis that was about to occur: the devastating explosion in Lebanon. Just as the St. Paul's Knights of Columbus council was feeling satisfied in its recent achievement, Fr. Ed reached out and requested the council consider providing financial aid to this cause. The council quickly agreed to support this request and a sizeable donation to Development & Peace for the Crisis in Lebanon was made. The timing was such that the council contribution was doubled.

It is interesting how such a small event can help so many and be so gratifying... what a success!

DGK Greg Gillies

October Bottle Drive for Knights Charities

The St. Paul's Knight of Columbus council will be conducting a bottle drive to support its charities.

Empty beer, wine and liquor bottle donations will be collected in the church parking lot on Saturday October 17th and Sunday October 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Door to Door pickup can be arranged. Please go to our parish website (<http://kofc17397.org>) and click on the Knights of Columbus link for further details.

Please send an email to ggillies10@cogeco.ca if you can participate in this event.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of this event.

DGK Greg Gillies

New Knights of Columbus Exemplification – Saturday October 24, 2020

Council 17397 will hold an exemplification on Saturday October 24, 2020. @ 6:30 pm. All members are invited to attend and support our new brothers and see the new exemplification.

GK Rohan Nazareth

The following item was provided by the St Paul's CWL as a Thank You for support in their Food Bank campaign:

We wish to Thank You! for all of the support for the Burlington Food Bank!

We are so very pleased to announce that we donated **over 2800 pounds of food**, including a PC gift card and the cash which was accepted!! We truly appreciate the **KoC gentlemen** who assisted us all weekend, we could not have done it without them! We are attaching photos from the weekend; we hope you enjoy them. We are sorry we cannot post them all. It was so nice to see so many of you!



Angela Monaco (New CWL Member!)
and Berny Engel (an Original!)



Linda and Paul O'Connor stopped by on Saturday!



Co-President Shelley Monaco and
Past-President Eleanor Read



Shelley, Theresa Hawley, and
Co-President Susan Williams



The Saturday Crew!

Shelley, Karen Bradley, Angel a Villani,
Marian Ifill, Pat Murnaghan, Susan, and
Angela Monaco (Missing, Paul - KoC)



The Sunday Team!

Susan, Celia Lobo, Pat,
Father Ed - Thank you for the Blessing!,
Marian, Joe, Shelley, Diane Norman, Angela, Vince, Alex



At the Food Bank!

Shelley, Susan, Burlington Food Bank Manager - Bernie Parent, KoC Joe, Alex, and Vince

Have a wonderful week, and please stay well.
Peace and Blessings,
Susan and Shelley

PRAYER NETWORK

Your prayers are needed for our brothers and their families:

Barb and Stephanie Catena

Gary Smith

Ellard and Opal McBane

Loy De Mello

Rick Lomas

Vic Lefebvre

And for *all brothers* whose names may not listed above.

Thank you in advance 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.



COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & REMINDERS

- Maintain social or physical distancing practices.
- Sanitize hands before and after contact with others and any common surfaces.
- Wear a face covering or mask at all indoor public locations.
- When wearing masks or face covers, touch the sides only (i.e. when receiving communion).
- When attending mass, sanitizing of pews and all surfaces before and after the service required.

CALENDAR OF COUNCIL EVENTS

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

Saturday & Sunday October 17th & 18th – Next Bottle Drive!

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

Saturday October 24th – 1st Exemplification – 6:30 p.m.
(St Paul the Apostle Parish Hall)



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For anyone looking to work in the Insurance Industry
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