



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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NEWSLETTER

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CHAPLAIN REV. FR. FRANK WAGNER, CSC, MESSAGE



My Brother Knights,

On February 22, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Pope Francis reminded us once again to care for creation. He said,

... when the human being lets himself be gripped by egoism, he ends up by ruining even the most beautiful things that were entrusted to him. And so it has happened also with Creation. We think of water. Water is a most beautiful thing and so important; water gives us life; it helps us in everything; but to exploit minerals, water is contaminated. Creation is soiled and destroyed. This is only one example. There are so many. With the tragic experience of sin, communion with God broken ... and we have ended up by corrupting Creation. And, unfortunately, the consequence of all this is dramatically before our eyes every day. When man breaks his communion with God, he loses his original beauty and ends up disfiguring everything around him; and where everything, at first referred back to the Father-Creator and to His infinite love, now it bears the sad and desolate sign of human pride and voracity. Human pride, exploiting Creation, destroys.

My brother Knights, Pope Francis' message can be a reminder of the interrelated aspects of the **three purposes of Lent** which begins March 1. See the Gospel for Ash Wednesday where Jesus calls us to metanoia [a change of heart/mind].... Metanoia includes recognizing our failures; and then, more importantly, metanoia moves us to constructive actions of the corporal works of mercy. **Give drink to the thirsty.** Some personal and collective practical ways of reminding ourselves about this would be: **fast** from using throw-away plastic water bottles; **pray** by giving thanks for the clean water every time we drink from our taps; **give alms** by advocating with our governments for clean water to be made available in our indigenous communities where poisoning of the rivers has occurred by unthinking mining activities. Happy Lent – Lent means Spring – Lent means New Life.

Sincerely in Christ and the spirit of Fr. McGiveney,

Fr. Frank Wagner, CSC



GRAND KNIGHT JOHN D'ADDARIO'S MESSAGE

March signals the start of the forty days of Lent. This is a time that we assess and deepen our faith. We are all on a journey that challenges our faith every day. An example can be found in our council. We as Knights must pray and be guided by the Holy Spirit on the future of our council.

Council 5073 was founded in the basement of St. John the Baptist on Brant Street in 1960. The foundation of the council was laid over the next ten years and in 1970 a hall was purchased at 2400 Industrial Street in Burlington. The Brothers of the time reached out to the other parishes in

Burlington and members were recruited from St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, St. Phillippe, Holy Rosary, St. Patrick and St. Paul the Apostle. The Council size increased and Brothers faced many challenges. This resulted in the forming of St. Antoine Daniel, St. Gabriel and Holy Rosary Councils.

Today, we still have a hall and represent four parishes in Burlington. We continue to have many challenges in our council but I am confident that we, like our brothers before us, can overcome these hurdles. Our Council needs your help and we have brothers who have started to research new projects and ways to do business to strengthen our council. Please share your talents and embrace projects and events.

Knights of Columbus Brothers do not sit on our laurels. We work together with other Brother Knights to serve in our community, our church and our organization no matter what council they are on.

CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY

Have faith, Brothers, that we can survive our current challenges and continue to make a difference.

Vivat Jesus,
John D'Addario, GK

Prayer Requests

In charity, unity and fellowship let us pray for the needs of our brother Knights and their families.

Paul Alley	Rosemary Madden
Alan Benoit	Donato Napoleone
Sean Browne	Nazerath Family
Riccardo Colaiani	Mana Pye
Fisher Family	Daniel Santoro
Brett Faucher	Udo Schmidt
Sylvia Gzkik	Father Sol, St. Peter and Paul Parish
Diane Hartman	

PRAYER IN TIME OF NEED

Lord Jesus you came into the world to heal our infirmities and to endure our sufferings. You went about healing all and bringing comfort to those in pain and need.

We come before you now in this time of need asking that you may be the source of our strength in body, courage in spirit and patience in pain.

May we join ourselves more closely to you on the Cross and in your suffering that through them we may draw our patience and hope.

Assist us and restore us to health so that united more closely to our family, the Church, we may give praise and honour to your name. Amen.

ENGAGING IN SERVICE



This is the tenth of several monthly articles that outlines what our duty as Knights of Columbus truly is. Our work as Knights focuses on six service categories of Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth. The K of C "Service Program" is organized around these topics. In this article we will continue to look at Council Activities and ways that we can dedicate our support of this category.

Council programs and activities help foster a sense of fraternity and family in the Knight of Columbus community. Members are our neighbours, friends and acquaintances. Opportunities are limited only by the imagination in this category.

Social Activities

Knights of Columbus programs should also include activities that offer members and their families a chance to get together and have fun. There are many ways we can do this, including:

- Having council dances or events with various holiday themes – New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Canada Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.
- Arranging an annual Open House for members and their families, possibly held in conjunction with a holiday or at any time of the year, with refreshments and special entertainment – games, dancers or singers, films, etc. We should invite prospective members and their families too.
- Celebrating our council's anniversary by sponsoring a First Degree exemplification; recognizing any members who share the council's birthday and display trophies and awards, council scrapbooks, photos etc.
- Holding Family Nights with a meal such as pizza, spaghetti, burgers and hot dogs, etc., and activities for the whole family, such as speakers on the topics of drugs, culture of life activities, crime; indoor and outdoor athletic events; board game competitions and whatever else we can think of.

In April's newsletter we will continue with more information on Council Activities.

For more information, please visit <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/service/index.html>, and review the "Surge ... with Service document.

John Schunk



*to our Brother Knights
who are celebrating during
the month of March*

- Robert Brand
- Adrian Burbano
- Ronald Caerels
- Brett Faucher
- John-Vincent Galliani
- Rev. Ronald Hodara
- Zeno Karcz
- Harry Murphy
- Colin Pye
- Normand Racine
- Dennis Roy
- John Rynn
- William Wright

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**MOTION TO BE PRESENTED
AT NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

2018 Cash Calendar Program

At the February 2017 General Meeting the Grand Knight reported on the Executive’s recommendation to reinstitute the Cash Calendar Program as one of our key initiatives for 2018.

The Executive is seeking council’s approval via a motion tabled by Br. Frank Miele to implement the cash calendar program for 2018 as well as cover the start-up costs up to a maximum of \$8,500.00. A major portion of the start-up costs will be used to cover the printing costs as well as other sundry expenses.

**PLEASE GIVE THIS MOTION YOUR ATTENTION AND
BE PREPARED TO VOTE ON IT AT THE MARCH
GENERAL MEETING.**

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**TO OUR BROTHER KNIGHT AND
HIS WIFE
WHO CELEBRATE
THEIR ANNIVERSARY
IN MARCH!**

Michael and Maureen MacDonald

KNIGHTS' MONTHLY MOMENTS

2017 – Special Olympics Sports Demonstration Night

Council 5073 with the other Councils in District 67 hosted and organized a special night of fun on February 16 at the Haber Center in Burlington in support of the 2017 Special Olympics Torch Relay.

Special Olympics athletes from Burlington and Oakville demonstrated their skills with local dignitaries, police, fire and EMS representatives who joined the Knights of Columbus and the athletes in a basketball free-throw competition, rhythmic gymnastics and floor hockey. A great night was had by all.



Knights Prepare and Serve At the St. Raphael Breakfast on February 26 after Both Masses



2017 – Special Olympics Flag Raising

Council 5073 along with the other three Knights of Columbus councils in Burlington organized a Flag Raising Ceremony for the City of Burlington, with the city being represented by Blair Lancaster, for the Special Olympic Flag Relay on February 8 at Assumption High School in Burlington.

This was a great event and kick off for the Special Olympics Torch Relay for Halton.



The Knights of Columbus Councils presented a cheque for \$1,000 to the Special Olympics Ontario organization.



Attendees signed the banner.

MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

March	Council Group	Time
6	Executive Meeting	7:00 p.m.
13	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.
20	Kolumbus Club	7:30 p.m.
30	Prayer Cenacle	6:30 p.m.
27	Fraternal Night	
Other Groups		
1 & 15 & 29	Matinee Bingo	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
7 & 21	Midnight Bingo	9 p.m. to 12 a.m.
Every Wednesday	Seniors' Club	9:30 a.m.

Please refer to our website www.kofc5073.ca for more information about these and other events.

Meet Our New Knights of Columbus Family Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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