# Knights of Columbus

St. John the Divine, Council 11053 390 Baseline Road West, London, ON N6J 1W1





O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

**June 2012** 

## Chaplains' Message:

Dear Brother Knights,

As you know, our fellow and much beloved Knight, **Mike Clifford**, is at the hospital in palliative care at this time. We are deeply saddened by this situation, as are all Mike's family and friends. Mike has done so much for the knights and our parish community that we miss his involvement and presence in our Parish very much. I had the opportunity to visit Mike a couple times in the hospital and I can tell you that he is deeply appreciative of all your prayers and visits. Sometimes he even has a line-up of people, which shows how much Mike has impacted our lives.

We don't know why God may be calling Mike to a higher place, but he is very much at peace and full of the Holy Spirit. May his example of faithful service and dedication to the Knights inspire all of us to keep serving the Lord and building up our Parish community in faith and love. All our prayers and best wishes are with Mike at this time for comfort, strength and peace.

During this time, we also had a wonderful **Parish Mission** with **Fr. Eugene O' Reilly**. He could have been a great standup comedian if he never become a priest! Many people enjoyed his wit, but also appreciated his deep message of God's love. The most important truth we can believe is that God loves us. Some people think the Church speaks too much about God's love today, but the fact is we can never speak of it enough! We are grateful to Fr. Eugene for renewing us with this most fundamental and awesome truth of our faith.

We also celebrated the great feast of **Pentecost**: The Spirit of Love that God has sent and poured into our hearts, to empower us for our Christian mission in the world. Let us never forget the Holy Spirit's presence in our soul, and rejoice in the constant comfort, peace and guidance that he gives us. For he who lives and sows in the Spirit, will reap a harvest of eternal life.

Finally, I would like to thank the knights for all your help with the Garage Sale, and for hosting the Bishop Fabbro and the priests of our deanery to a dinner on June, 6. Your commitment to the priesthood and our Parish is second to none!

May God's Spirit Refresh and Bless You All, Fr. Pio

# **Grand Knights' Message:**

Brother Knights:
I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your support of the Knights of Columbus during the many years I have been your Grand Knight. I personally have treasured your advice in our many activities. My job as Grand Knight this past year has been made easier by your continued help and encouragement.
I have been blessed with your friendship, encouragement, and help during my three years as your Grand Knight. I will always remember my time with you.  May God bless and be gracious unto you.
A friend is someone who shares with you a smile, a tear, a hand. Friends are God's hands extended to help. They find joy, freely going the extra mile to help a friend in need just because they care.
Yours in Christ
Ted Bartlett – Grand Knight

# THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST JOHN THE DIVINE COUNCIL 11053 GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY MAY 14, 2013

- 1 Call to order: 7:35 PM by GK Ed Bartlett
- 2 Warden's report: Hugh Short reported that all in attendance were paid up members
- 3 Opening prayer: Led by Chancellor Bern Rollings
- 4 O Canada: Sung by all
- 5 Roll call of officers: Absentees were Mike Clifford, Alberto Sanchez, Bill McGrath, John Mac Isaac.
- 6 Minutes from General Meeting April 9, 2013: Motion by Bill Matheson, Seconded by George Krieger, Approved.
- 7 Treasurer's report: John Savel reported a book and bank balance of \$3,822.24 and moved to accept report, Seconded by Joe Metron. Approved
- 8 Financial Secretary's report: Mike Clifford seriously ill and report not available
- 9 Chancellor's report: Bern Rollings discussed visit with Mike Clifford at hospital. Rose Sunday collection was \$415 and Bern suggested that Council top it up to \$500.
  - A roast beef dinner is planned in our hall for approximately 25 priests. There will be a cash bar for beer and wine. The date is June 6.
  - Deputy Grand Knight's report: Gary Pullam discussed another BBQ at Ronald McDonald House and will try to get a July date.
- 10 Grand Knight's report: Ted Bartlett reported that a number of uncashed cheques for member's dues had been found. Ted has produced a list of members showing paid and unpaid and that he will be away in Columbia June 1-15.
- 11 4<sup>th</sup> Degree report: Rick Ostrowski reported that he would like to increase members from our council to 30 from the current 23. The exemplification is on June 22.
- 12 New business: Joe Metron reminded everyone that he still needs help for the BBQs at Mount Hope. The dates are June 6, July 4, Aug.1, Aug. 29. He will research dates and availability for a year end council dinner in June. George Krieger needed another person for the bread run. Jim Kehoe volunteered. Keith Campbell followed up discussion at last meeting on dinner advances. He moved that the advance be increased to \$1,000. Seconded by George Krieger.
  - Approved. Bill Matheson agreed to an advance of \$200 for the small priest's dinner.
- 13 Council Elections

Hugh Short and Mike Zabehaylo ran the election process

ELECTED	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NOMINEES</u>
Gary Pullam	Grand Knight	Gary Pullam, no other nominees
Bern Rollings	Chancellor	Bern Rollings, no other nominees
Hugh Short	Warden	Hugh Short, no other nominees
John Savel	Treasurer	John Savel, no other nominees

<u>ELECTED</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	NOMINEES
John Mac Isaac	Recorder	John Mac Isaac, no other nominees
		(Ted Bartlett has John's letter accepting)
Keith Campbell	Advocate	Keith Campbell, no other nominees
Bill Grenier	Inside Guard	Bill Grenier, no other nominees
Alberto Sanchez	Outside Guard	Alberto Sanchez, Joe Metron (declined)
		(Ted Bartlett has Alberto letter accepting)
OPEN Financial Secret		Appointed position, Tony Leonardo is
		willing to assume position
OPEN Trustee 3 years		Jim McLaughlin, Pete Mosey, both
		declined, no other nominees
OPEN Trustee 2 years		Incumbent Tony Leonardo will resign
		if appointed Financial Secretary
		Mario Camarra declined nomination

- 14 Good of the order: Intentions were offered and Bern led prayers.
- 15 Closing prayer and Ode
- 16 Adjournment 9:30
- 17 50 / 50 Draw

Respectfully submitted: Jim Kehoe filling in for John Mac Isaac

# **Next General meeting is June 11 2013.**



## 2013/14 Election Results

It is always great to see the V formation of geese flying to a destination. The V formation allows the flock to fly long distances as the lead goose cuts through the air setting up a slipstream for those behind. Each goose in the formation makes it easier for the geese behind to keep up. However, to keep the group going, the lead goose drops behind and a new goose moves up to take the lead. In sharing leadership, the entire flock benefits.

In May, our council held elections for the executive for next year. The results are as follows:

Chaplain – Father Pio
Past Grand Knight – Ted Bartlett
Grand Knight - Gary Pullam
Deputy Grand Knight – open
Chancellor – Bern Rollings
Warden – Hugh Short
Treasurer – John Savel
Financial Secretary – to be appointed
Recorder – John MacIsaac
Advocate – Keith Campbell

Inside Guard – Bill Grenier
Outside Guard – Alberto Sanchez
Trustee Three Year - open
Trustee Two Year - open
Trustee One Year – Leo Santos
Lecturer – to be appointed

Thanks to all who stepped up to lead our council members. However, we still need to fill three important positions in the executive. The Deputy Grand Knight is a crucial one. This position is to prepare for Grand Knight in two years. It is a time of learning and preparation. As Grand Knight, you have a lot of people to help you both in the executive and members of the council in general. The other two positions are for 3 year and 2 year Trustees. These are great positions to get involved with the executive. Normally, only the 3 year Trustee is elected. However, because of Mike Clifford's illness, Brother Tony Leonardo is prepared to take over the Financial Secretary role leaving the 2 year Trustee position open.

There will be another election in September for these positions. If you wish to nominate someone, please check with them first. Also, if you are interested in serving on one of these positions or wish to nominate someone, please contact **Hugh Short (519-472-7263)** or **Mike Zabehaylo (519-472-7434)** and we will be most pleased to put you on the list.

Have a great summer,

Brothers Hugh and Mike

# Garage Sale - 2013

After a hectic week of sorting, labeling, cooking, hauling and stacking, our annual garage sale was a great success. Thanks to a lot of parishioners who put many hours of work into the preparation and the sale itself. Pictured below are some of our own Knights in action. A tip of the hat to organizer Brother Bern.



"Let me tell you about my week!"



"Look, a holy relic."



"This chair was owned by Mayor Joe."



"Only \$35 and it's yours today."

# Garage Sale - 2013



Meet a shady salesman.



Now meet a silly salesman.



21, 22, 23, 24, ......



The breakfast club.

# Garage Sale - 2013



Two guys and fries.



Stirring pancake batter or stirring up trouble.



"Look Ginger, I'm wired."



Done!!!!!!!

### **Reflection and Prayer:**

#### Top 10 Quotes of Pope John Paul II at World Youth Day 2002

- 1. "People are made for happiness. Rightly, then, you thirst for happiness. Christ has the answer to this desire of yours. But he asks you to trust him. True joy is a victory, something which cannot be obtained without a long and difficult struggle. Christ holds the secret of this victory." (Welcoming Address, 2)
- 2. "The joy promised by the Beatitudes is the very joy of Jesus himself: a joy sought and found in *obedience* to the Father and in the gift of self to others. ...By looking at Jesus you will learn what it means to be poor in spirit, meek and merciful; what it means to seek justice, to be pure in heart, to be peacemakers." (Welcoming Address, 4, 5)
- 3. "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on the difficult path of the Gospel virtues." (Welcoming Address, 7)
- 4. "Christ alone is the cornerstone on which it is possible solidly to build one's existence. Only Christ known, contemplated and loved is the faithful friend who never lets us down, who becomes our travelling companion, and whose words warm our hearts (cf. *Lk* 24:13-35)." (Downsview Address, 3)
- 5. "The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with him in the building of the *civilization of love*." (Downsview Address, 4)
- 6. "Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are." (Downsview Address, 5)
- 7. "Why have you come together from all parts of the world? To say in your hearts: "Lord, to whom shall we go?" Who has the words of eternal life? "You have the words of eternal life" (Jn 6,68). Jesus the intimate friend of every young person has the words of life." (Closing Homily, 3)
- 8. "The world you are inheriting is a world which desperately needs a new sense of brotherhood and human solidarity. It is a world which needs to be touched and healed by the beauty and richness of God's love." (Closing Homily, 3)
- 9. "There are many priests, seminarians and consecrated persons here today; be close to them and support them! And if, in the depths of your hearts, you feel the same call to the priesthood or consecrated life, do not be afraid to follow Christ on the royal road of the Cross!" (Closing Homily, 5)
- 10. "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son." (Closing Homily, 5)

## **Knights of Columbus**

# How to Describe the Benefits of Membership

- COLUMBIA MAGAZINE Free subscription to the Order's monthly magazine examining issues of concern to Knights, Catholics and families.
- KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS ROSARY Blessed by the supreme chaplain, presented during the First Degree exemplification to each new member.
- DAILY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH Mass for deceased members and their wives, and deceased members of the Squires program, at birthplace of the Order.
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- ORPHAN BENEFIT \$80 monthly allotment for orphans of eligible families; up to \$7,000 in college scholarships available.
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  Fraternal Benefit; b) May purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance, or
  annuities up to one year after insured member's death; c) Receives a free lifetime
  subscription to Columbia; d) Eligible with her children for scholarships, student
  loans, etc.
- SCHOLARSHIPS Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children.
- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT Opportunity to build personal leadership skills, public speaking ability, organization skills, etc.
- FOURTH DEGREE Eligibility to join the "Patriotic Degree."
- HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP at Age 70 with 25 years of membership.
- MEMBERSHIP CARD Entitles participation in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities in nearly 13,000 councils throughout the world.
- ACTIVITIES FAMILY/YOUTH/RELIGIOUS/SOCIAL/ATHLETIC Participation in a variety of programs and activities conducted by local councils.

#### St. John the Divine Council 11053 - Executive - 2012/2013

Chaplain Past Grand Knight	Rev. Pio D'Oria Al Fortner	471-7022 472-8159
Grand Knight	Ted Bartlett	473-2210
Deputy Grand Knight	Gary Pullam (Sue)	641-3057
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Chancellor	Bern Rollings (Ruth)	657-5599
Warden	Hugh Short (Claire)	472-7263
Treasurer	John Savel (Sue)	657-0643
Financial Secretary	Mike Clifford	680-0791
Recorder	John MacIsaac (Katie)	657-1926
Advocate	Keith Campbell (Marilyn)	474-0242
Inside Guard	Rolando Cura (Estelita)	686-8658
Outside Guard	Berto Sanchez (Angela)	(226) 777-1494
Trustee 3 - Year	Tony Leonardo (Maria)	668-5619
Trustee 2 - Year	Leo Santos (Mary)	473-6516
Trustee 1 - Year	Bill McGrath	686-5429
Lecturer	Joe Metron (Ginger)	652-3435
Bulletin Editor	Tony Leonardo	668-5619
Public Relations Coordinator	Mike Zabehaylo (Mary Ellen)	472-7434
4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Representative	Rick Ostrowski (Lil)	641-4783
District Deputy	Gerrie Graat (Oda)	472-3935

#### **June Birthdays:**

John Savel	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ron Leyes	June 13 <sup>th</sup>
Murray Hamilton	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rick Ostrowski	June 14th
John Mac Isaac	June 8th	Nick Vecchio	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Julian Smith	June 9th		

#### **Minute Meditations**

#### Ave Maria!

Jesus, we join you in celebrating this feast of your Mother. Trace in our hearts the lines of her love and her readiness of faith. As our years go by, with her prayers may we finally have the humility to belong to you alone. With the angels we sing, *Ave Maria*.

#### **Preparing for Jesus**

Holy Spirit, who leads us to prayer, help us to recognize the love you offer us. Awaken our souls to the mystery of Word made flesh in the womb of Mary. Purify our hearts so we can prepare for a fresh coming of Christ into our lives.

From: Holding Jesus



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#### **Protectors of God's Gifts**

In solidarity with Pope Francis and those in need, Knights are called to practice faith-inspired charity by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson



Carl A. Anderson

Three days after the election of Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio as Pope Francis, my wife, Dorian, and I made a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi to pray for our new Holy Father. In the Basilica of St. Francis, surrounded by the beautiful 700-year-old frescoes of Giotto depicting the life of the great saint, we meditated on St. Francis' commitment to a life of poverty and solidarity with the poor.

Those of us who live in the United States sometimes fail to realize that most Catholics throughout the world are actually very poor. We need to be ever mindful of the words of Pope Benedict XVI in his great encyclical on charity, *Deus Caritas Est*: "The Church is God's family in the world. In this family no one ought to go without the necessities of life" (25).

As Dorian and I walked in Assisi, it occurred to me that the cardinals of the conclave must have been reading this encyclical when they elected Pope Francis. As archbishop of Buenos Aires, then-Cardinal Bergoglio provided an extraordinary witness of solidarity with the poor. And soon after his election, Pope Francis told media representatives, "I would like a Church that is poor and for the poor!"

But building a Church "for the poor" can only happen if we strive for a deeper communion and solidarity among all Catholics — especially those on the American continent.

For the first time in history, we have a pope from the Western Hemisphere. Nearly 500 million Catholics live in Latin America and approximately 50 million Hispanics — most of whom are Catholic — live in the United States. Pope Francis can open up the possibility of a great renewal among Catholics in our hemisphere in a way similar to the experience of Catholics living behind the Iron Curtain when Pope John Paul II was elected in 1978.

Last December, the Knights of Columbus joined with the Pontifical Commission for Latin America in sponsoring a historic meeting at the Vatican to observe the 25th anniversary of *Ecclesia in America*, John Paul II's watershed document following the Synod for America. That document, like the synod itself, called Catholics in our hemisphere to a greater "encounter with the living Jesus Christ" as "the way to conversion, communion and solidarity in America." While much has been accomplished in this regard, much more still needs to be done.

The Knights of Columbus has been promoting greater solidarity throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Philippines for more than a century, and we can be authentically proud of the

tremendous charitable work that is accomplished every day by our Order. Last year alone, we provided 70 million hours of personal service and \$168 million to charity.

But there is much more to be done and all of us can do more.

As I stated during last year's Supreme Convention in Anaheim, Calif., if 30 million Catholics in the United States and Canada would join us in providing one hour of charitable service each month — just two minutes every day — the value of that commitment would be worth nearly \$8 billion.

As Catholics, though, we are called not just to volunteer service. In the words of Pope John Paul II, we are also called to practice "a charity that evangelizes" by revealing to others in our concern for them the love of Christ. This, too, is the deeper meaning of our Order's founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

During his inaugural Mass homily, Pope Francis spoke of the example of St. Joseph and challenged all of us to "be protectors of God's gifts!" How are we to do this as Catholics and as Knights of Columbus? The pope's answer was clear: "Let us protect Christ in our lives, so that we can protect others."

From the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica the night he was elected, Pope Francis told us that as Catholics we are all on a journey together. As Knights of Columbus, the signposts for our journey have always been clear: charity, unity and fraternity. Let us continue on our path now under the inspiration of our new guide and pope.

Vivat Jesus!

