



COMMUNION

Monthly Periodical of Fr. Ernie Deslippe Council 1467
265 Wellington Street. St. Thomas, Ontario N5R 2S6

March 2024



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers: While I don't have much to report this month, the first thing that I would like to do is thank all of the people that bought tickets for the **Spaghetti Dinner** and all of the people who helped to make it the success that it was. We will be hosting a **Pot Roast of Beef Dinner** on **Saturday March 9th at the Columbus Club** (please see the poster in this issue for details).

To all of the members of our council: If you haven't been to a business meeting in a while, please come on out to one and stay for a little fellowship after the meeting. It's a great way to catch up with your brother Knights.

The Knights usually do '**40 Cans of Lent**' but as of now we are still looking for someone to chair this project. If you are interested in coordinating this activity (or other events for that matter) or if you know of someone else that might want to take on one of these events, please contact me or any of the executive members.

Fraternally Yours,
Raymond Bernicky, Grand Knight, PGK (gk1467@ontariokofc.ca)



Father Ernie Deslippe (1929 - 2011) served as Council chaplain for over 46 years. He was born in Harrow Ontario on March 20, 1929 and was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John C. Cody on May 27, 1961 at St. Peter's Basilica, London Ontario. He celebrated his first Mass at St. Anthony of Padua parish in Harrow. Through his 50 years of ordained ministry, he served as associate pastor, Holy Angels' Parish, St. Thomas; and Administrator, St. Joseph Mission, Port Stanley. He was an inspiring priest, a leader with fortitude. Throughout his life he was a comforting power for disadvantaged people helping them to find a clear path to follow. He was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus who stressed that prayer is a vital tool. It helps to become confident, to see things in proper perspective, to give us vision, courage, strength and endurance, and to erode our impure motives.

He said holiness is not something we do for ourselves and instead something that God does in us. He invited us to open our hands to allow what we have to be shared, to flow out of us and we watch it multiplied. He understood that giving, not getting, is the generosity begets generosity. He pointed out that paying attention is one of the greatest compliments we can pay to another human being. Father Deslippe exemplified the mission of the Church to guide its followers to a fulfilling life. He was a great spiritual leader dedicated to prayer and always striving for virtue. Fr. Ernie was a strong advocate of learning and so Council awards a \$1000 scholarship in his name each year to a student that demonstrates the values and principles of the Gospel and is pursuing post-secondary education.

The Knights of Columbus (K of C) is a fraternal benefit society that was established in 1882 thanks to the efforts of **Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney**, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. The K of C has grown from several members in one council to more than 14,000 councils and approaching 2 million members worldwide. The Order holds true to its founding principles of **Charity, Unity** and **Fraternity**.

Bulletin submissions deadline: 25th of the month (Sept-May inclusive)

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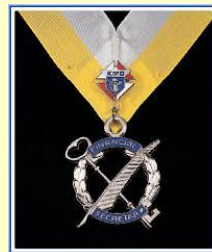
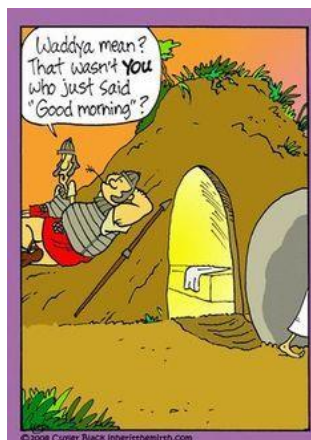


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Bro. SK Rob Weir dropped the puck to open the 'Knights with Stars' game at 'The Joe' on Friday Jan. 26th. Elgin County Knights provided free tickets to the game to foster family togetherness. The Stars beat the Strathroy Rockets 3-2.



FS CHAT

Thank you to all Brothers who have paid their dues for 2024. For those who have not yet paid, we appreciate you doing so ASAP. If you are having financial difficulty, please let me know.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!!

Arthur Beaudry, Francis Dadzie Jr., James Dewan, John Ferriman, Joseph Fric, Patrick Houston, Dean Kitts, Peter O'Donnell, David O'Grady, Gary Rayner, Greg Reynaert, Wilfrid Rose, Todd Sargent, Herman Schaap, Michael Smith, Steven Wachowiak & Dennis Walters.

Regis Trudel, FS1467@ontariokofc.ca; 226-688-6060



March Assignments

- 5th (Tuesday) 12 – 2 p.m.: Jim Dewan & Jim Coveny
- 15th (Friday) 4 – 6 p.m.: Bill Walker & Al Baca
- 28th (Thursday) 2 – 4 p.m.: Otis Clifton & Roy Ewart

Please arrive 10 minutes before your assigned time.

Did you know the Bingo crew generates well over half of Council's Charity giving each year? Thanks to Jackpot Time for giving Council the opportunity to raise funds to help the needy in our community.

Volunteers make the ordinary extraordinary.

MARK THE DATES MARCH EVENTS

All events take place at the Columbus Club at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- 4th: Bishop Cody Assembly mtg.
- 11th: FED Exec. Meeting
- 18th: Columbus Club Directors
- 18th: **St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck (5 pm)**
- 20th: Soup Brothers (**9:30 am**)
- 25th: FED Business Meeting
- 29th: **GOOD FRIDAY**
- 31st: **EASTER**

Timely notices of events can be arranged by contacting PGK Martin Evers by email (martin.evers53@gmail.com) and requesting an eblast. Please provide all the relevant information when making such request.

Ladies Auxiliary

Happy Easter from the Ladies Auxiliary.

See you in May.

God bless,
Sandi Hoffer, President



Please Pray for the Intentions of:

Malcolm & Gary Beckwith, Ron & Barry Buchanan, Randall (Otis) Clifton & his daughter Genevieve, Bro. Regis Trudel's niece Laura Church, Richard Cochrill, Gerry & Miriam Costello, SK Case Hoffer's niece Robin DeLeemans, Sue Dewan, Martin Evers, John Jakobi Sr, Carl & Barb Kroeplin, John Laverty, Jim Lumley, Cliff Marentette, Barry MacMillan, Madeline McIntosh, Matthew O'Gorman, John Nolan, Doug Pardey, Carl Pearson, Louise Perrier, Jack Sims, Alan Taylor, Case Terpstra, , Joan Vachon, Patricia (Pat) Vandevenne, Bro. SK Simon Vink's sister Jennifer Salomon, and Rob Weir. Please also pray for condolence for our widows and surviving family members.

Please pray for all our recently faithful departed, especially **Elizabeth ('Liz;') Kitts**, mother of **Bro. Dean**, **Fr. Sebastian's father Abraham Thuruthippalli**, and **Bro. John Vanderheyden** that through God's mercy they be welcomed by Jesus and are at peaceful repose in Heaven. Please pray as well for our brother Knights and their families impacted by the war in the Ukraine.

From Spring Training to Spring Cleaning

Dear Brother Knight:

While the new life of spring is in the air, there is still the winter debris everywhere. This echoes our spiritual life during Lent. The debris that gets covered up with the dark times of our life becomes more evident with the spiritual springtime of Easter Renewal. It is a time to look at the habits and clutter in our lives to make way for the newness of life. It is a time to take stock and recognize the things we have been wandering around or even tripping over that hinder our spiritual progress.

Especially as men of service, you can easily get trapped in the rut of habitual activity; busy doing good while not letting the grace at work all around you change and transform you. We can get lost in the immediate goals of our work and focus on success; instead of focusing on fidelity and realizing God's eternal goal of transforming us. We can run events and raise money efficiently; yet fail to respond in our hearts to the those we serve. Sadder still, we can fail to enter the joy of God's service of Grace.

The flavour of Lent changes midway as we prepare for Easter. Early in Lent, we focus on what we are doing during Lent. Our *Prayer, Fasting* and *Giving* take center stage at this stage. Yet, slowly we begin to appreciate what God is doing. During the *Passiontide*, the last two weeks of Lent, we focus most exclusively on Christ's passion.

As a Brother Knight, I commend you not only to do good but to **grow in holiness by binding your service to the passion of Christ**. Your fellow brother knights have provided several opportunities for you to grow in Holiness during Lent. The *Men's Faith Series* at Holy Angels' has been excellent and the *Into the Breach* program provides great resources from the Supreme Council on faith formation.

I encourage you to grow in holiness and above that I encourage you to support your Brother Knights on their spiritual journeys. While the women in our life can make us want to be better men, it is our brothers and mentors that show us the way. We need each other not just to run events but to support us on our spiritual journey. While there are several fundraising groups in our community, a Knight is firstly a servant of the Kingdom of God. The very title "Sir Knight" points to the honour of Him you serve. **May this transformation into being an emissary of God be at the heart of every activity you and your brother Knights plan to do in the coming year.**

Our families have become so busy that Sunday no longer carries a special significance. May this Lent be a time where you make time to put Christ back at the heart of your family and the week. Sunday Eucharistic is an essential moment of transformation for Catholics. Surely, God hears your prayers whether you are kneeling in a pew at church or sitting at home on your couch. However, it is only when we gather in Christ that our offering becomes His offering. We take the small sacrifices we make each day and bind them to the one sacrifice of Christ each Sunday. The good we tried to do gets bound to the grace of God. The Eucharist is our sacrifice of praise that bears the fruit of Eternal gift. Ultimately, we need community because we need Christ.

Sincerely,

Fr. Peter Keller, Pastor
Elgin Roman Catholic Family of Parishes

Pope Francis' March Intention:
For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



Council awarded \$900, being the proceeds of the recent **Spaghetti Dinner**, to the **Hospice of Elgin**.

Shown are (L–R): **Pat Vandevenne**, ERCFP Bereavement Educator & member of the Hospice's Care & Quality Committee; **Carrie Ford**, Hospice of Elgin Campaign Director; and **Bro. SK Dr. Randall ('Otis') Clifton**, 'man of many skills' Council 1467. For more information about the Hospice, please visit their website (<https://www.elginhospice.com/>) and please consider a personal donation towards the building campaign.



COMMUNITY PROGRAM

SOUP BROTHERS: The Soup Brothers made **96 containers (32-oz) of Hamburger Tomato Vegetable Soup** for the St. Thomas - Elgin Food Bank on February 21st. The next soup day is **Wednesday March 20th**, 9 a.m. at the Columbus Club ... all are welcomed!

ELIMINATION DRAW: The winners of our \$50 weekly draws in February were:

- 5th: **Walter Molinaro** Ticket # 0347
- 12th: **Elizabeth Weir** Ticket # 0323
- 19th: **Donna Flynn** Ticket # 0145
- 26th: **Dan Denniss** Ticket # 0109

Good luck for future weekly draws each Monday.

DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

When we read the events of Jesus' baptism we learn, "*He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased"*" (Matthew 3:16-17). The great 20th century Catholic writer **Henri Nouwen** believed that we all are God's beloved, that we are all God's children, all brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. And yet: Do we always treat each other as such?

Let me share a funny story. When I was 17 years old, I could sit on my hair, I wore a black leather jacket and I drove a 1969 Mustang that you could hear long before you saw it. Now picture me as I went to pick up a girl for our first date. I knocked on the door and when her father answered, I said, "*Good evening. I'm here to pick up your daughter*". To which he replied, "*No, you're not*", and closed the door. I knocked again and when he answered I said, "*Please spend 15 minutes talking to me and, if after that you still won't let me take your daughter out, I'll leave and not come back*." So, at the end of the 15 minutes he was actually happy I was taking his daughter out. He came to see I was a polite, intelligent and highly motivated young man ... even as I happened to look like every teenage girl parent's worst nightmare. While a funny story, did it also illustrate whether that father treated me as a beloved son of God? Did he initially see me as his brother in Christ? Clearly not, and if I had just left, he would have continued to think the worst of me and anyone who looked like me, someone who didn't fit his idea of how someone should look.

How many of us, each and every day, fail to see the beloved in our fellow inhabitants on this blue marble?

Oddly, I know I'm just as guilty as the rest of you and don't always see people in the best light and judge all too quickly. We all know the commandment to "*Judge not lest ye be judged*" (Matthew 7:1) and yet we do it every day. When we see an attractive woman do we think "*What a beautiful woman?*" or "*I wonder if she is a doctor?*" (I know I fall in the first category). I'm guilty of many sins, including, in this case, lustful thinking and not instead seeing her as a beloved child of God. While I'm being a bit harsh on myself, I've been thinking lately how judgmental our world is. Indeed, are any of us even qualified to judge another? I think not. While we all have our faults and vices, our imperfect human nature allows our brain to generally rationalize what we do is just fine. Our brain convinces us it's a defense mechanism to shy away from someone who doesn't look or behave like what we expect of people, moreover to be generally suspicious of 'strangers'.

Our brothers and sisters that 'live rough' on the streets provide a glaring example. How many of us see them as God's beloved? I know it's difficult (especially when you see a young man screaming at a trash can expecting a response) and that we'd likely cross to the other side while avoiding eye contact. Once past, you'd likely think to yourself how odd and annoying that was, possibly even think it'd be better if he was gone altogether. To be honest, I'm not above that myself sometimes, even though I have a degree to work with that sector of population and have spent more than a few years helping troubled and distressed folk. While I left that profession due to personal health reasons, I doubt I would have lasted much longer. It was a very demanding job and very hard to not bring your 'work' home with you. Anyone who continues in that vocation, administering to the troubled, has my deepest respect and I pray they don't succumb to 'burn out'. I would think, whether they know it or not, they truly do see our brothers and sisters of the street as Beloved.

In the Old Testament book Leviticus, we read of how people with leprosy had to verbally self-proclaim themselves "*unclean, unclean*" when entering a town. They were also required to live apart, to live out of town. Comparatively, in the new testament, Jesus set about healing lepers with a touch of his hand and by saying "*You are clean*", he made them so. We can't of course perform miracles such as what Jesus did but we can see people as he did. Jesus saw the leper as a beloved child of God and treated him with love and compassion accordingly. I'm reminded of the AIDS/HIV epidemic of the 1980's and 90's. For a long time, those afflicted were treated like lepers of the modern day. People didn't want to be near them or even shake their hands for fear of catching the disease. Many felt they should be kept apart and some even wore T-shirts or carried signs that proclaimed 'Thank God for AIDS'. I'm fairly certain God had nothing to do with AIDS and that it wasn't His punishment for being homosexual. God saw them all as his beloved children and Jesus would have touched them with love and compassion and made them clean. I knew far too many people from this area who died of HIV; *not one of them was a homosexual*.

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Perhaps it's difficult to see others as beloved because we don't see ourselves as such, especially when we are critical of ourselves for not accomplishing what we set out to do or whenever we think we're not good enough or are failures. When we do so, we are not only being too hard on ourselves but are not seeing ourselves as beloved children of God. God forgives, we often don't. We often forget God's forgiveness. Remember that Jesus even petitioned His Father to have mercy on those who crucified him saying, "**Father, forgive them for they know not what they do**" (Mathew 23:34). I understand that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah, the Christ, but aren't we all supposed to do our best to emulate him?

The issue of abortion also comes to mind and before I go any further, I do not endorse abortion. That said, I do think we sometimes get lost on the path to righteousness. I spoke to our council's namesake once about a young girl that I had worked with who had had an abortion. Father Ernie, although saddened by the loss of a young innocent life, was more concerned with the young girl's life and regularly asked me if she was alright and getting the help and care she needed. So, while we prayed together for the young child lost to our existence, we also prayed for that young girl. Father Ernie saw her as a beloved child of God.

Speaking of Fr. Deslippe reminds me how he saw *everyone* as a beloved child of God. I knew him well as our Priest at St. Joseph's in Port Stanley. He performed the marriage ceremony for my two eldest sisters but the vast majority of his time was spent administering spiritual care for the patients at the St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospital. Many of the folks wandering the streets and yelling at garbage cans would have been well known to Father Ernie. He cared for, counselled and looked after thousands of people suffering from mental impairment. At some point, our elected officials turned their backs on those people and directed that all the 'psych' hospitals be closed and the patients scattered among 'group homes' or simply turned out to the streets. Father Ernie made himself available to those brothers and sisters at all times of the day. I recall Port Stanley had an out-patient house (a group home) for those from the psych hospital that were deemed to be able to live away from the institution with minimum care or supervision. On many occasions, one of those folks would come into St. Joe's during Mass in a distressed state and want to speak with Father right then and there. Father Ernie would very calmly stop Mass and tell them that he would be with them shortly and to just sit down and wait, which they would do because of the utmost respect they held for him. They knew that he saw them as beloved sons or daughters of God. Father Deslippe was a very special man and whoever chose him for our council's namesake chose wisely. **We would all be better Knights, indeed better men and brothers in Christ if we all attempted to be a little bit more like Father Ernie Deslippe to see each other and all those we encounter as beloved children of God.**

Fraternally, SK Blair Ferguson, Faith Director,



POT ROAST DINNER SATURDAY MARCH 9th, 2024

Hosted by Fr. Ernie Deslippe Council 1467,
Knights of Columbus

We'll be serving delicious, slow-cooked Pot Roast of Beef, with Yorkshire, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables & dessert **at the Columbus Club, 265 Wellington Street.**

TAKE-OUT 4:30 - 5 p.m.
DINE-IN 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Tickets \$20 / person

ADVANCE ONLY WHILE AVAILABLE

- Columbus Club (519-631-2166)
- Ray Bernicky (519-207-3168)
- Harald Schraeder (519-318-4189)



Dinner proceeds will benefit local community charities.



Featuring the young ladies of St. Thomas Express Volleyball Club who will be bussing tables, lifting spirits & raising funds for their trip to Edmonton this May to participate in a National Tournament.

Reflection

Filed under '[Only I think Like This](#)': If Lent is to Easter as Advent is to Christmas, does that make **St. Patrick's Day** a 'March Break' from the Lenten curriculum of Prayer, Fasting & Giving?

It was only a few years ago that I found out that you don't actually have to 'give anything up' for Lent and that instead you could offset going without things or activities by donating your time or treasure to some worthy cause. That you could essentially 'buy out' of having to sacrifice having your daily coffee, ProLine bet or need to swear in response to circumstances or people that cut in front of you in traffic or otherwise irk you.

Regardless of which path you might take (i.e. forswear things you like ... or swear while donating to charities), I've also learned it is very important not to make a big deal about how hard done you are by your particular Lenten 'sacrifice'. In other words, to heed well the evangelist Matthew's advice, "***Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven ... The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!***" (6:1; 22-23)

That last part, "*if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light*", resonates mightily in me as I read **Brother Blair's** article in this issue. Is Matthew suggesting you adopt a 'Pollyanna' world-view ... seeing everything through rosy-coloured glasses? I think not (and not only because he wouldn't have heard of Pollyanna or even know what 'glasses' are). What I believe he's saying is that if you can see through the guck (figurative and literal) that covers some people like a veneer, to essentially avoid judging their character on the basis of 'first impressions' and instead make the time to discern the beloved child of God within everyone, then my friend you will have sound eyes and can radiate light from within to help cleanse the guck away. Let me put it this way: **Are you able to see through the misery and despair that is only skin deep ... what is visible ... when encountering some people? Or do you 'see' what lies beneath ... often very deep ... the beloved child of God?**

Let's make no mistake: you may have to squint very hard to see the 'light' within some folk, especially those impacted by a history of abuse, neglect and trauma ... our brothers and sisters that through loneliness and sadness placed their lamps under bushels, contrary to what Jesus reminds all of us to be (Matthew 5:14-16), "***You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.***"

As Knights, we are called to lift the bushels that cover the lights that God intends each and every one of us to radiate and dispel the darkness into which many people find themselves these days. As He said (Matthew 5:7), "***Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy,***" so grab yourself some of His mercy by taking another long and reflective look at that person you might previously have turned away from ... while thinking hard on the adage (attributed to the 16th century preacher and English Reformer **John Bradford**), "***There but for the grace of God, go I.***"

May peace be with you, brother.

Fraternally, Harald Schraeder, DGK, PGK

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Psalm 40:1-3



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Brothers & Sir Knights: I keep stressing the importance of membership involvement with what's going on in our facility. To make these events successful, we need to get more members involved in attending our in-house events. We can do this by bringing our family, friends even neighbors. While we can try to rely on social media, lawn signs, etc., to promote ourselves, that is nowhere near as effective as word-of-mouth recommendations. We have great volunteers, great food and a great facility. So, please spread the word about what's going on at the Columbus Club and I hope to see you there.

The Club will be hosting the **Kinsmen Craft Beer & Steak Dinner** again this year on **April 20th**. Tickets are \$40 each and anybody interested can please contact me (519- 694 5137). Act fast since it is always a sold-out event.

Fraternally, Bro. / Sir Knight Roy Esbaugh, President

HELP NEEDED

The **Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario** (AGCO) has reminded license holders that, in addition to bar tenders, volunteers that sell drink tickets for events at licensed facilities such as the Columbus Club require **Smart Serve Certification**. With several major events planned such as Summerfest, the Club is in need of additional Bar Tenders and Ticket Sellers. Training is available online from the AGCO and the certification will be good for several years. Please consider getting involved to support your Columbus Club and **contact Brother Joe Fleming (519-633-0335) if you would be willing to become Smart Served!**

Catholic Corner

And He said to them, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19)

Hello and Happy Family Day! I am writing this while my son, Colin, is confidently driving us home from our Family Day ice fishing weekend in North Bay! A few friends of mine and their adult sons joined Colin and I in what has become our annual ice fishing trip north. Why is that important to know? Well, because at the start of every Lenten season I struggle with what to "give up!" Even the notion of giving something up that I can arbitrarily do without. Maybe you have these same thoughts as we try to remember Jesus spending 40 days in the wilderness with nothing. Doesn't exactly seem the same that I go 40 days without chocolate or chips, my two favourite snacks. This past weekend was certainly not a weekend to give up on many of our pleasures like chocolate, beer/alcohol, chips, snacks, or the various other favourite items we say we can do without for 40 days. As I reflect on my Lenten act and commitments, I am, however, renewed with works of charity at home. When I volunteer through our Council I am renewed with the fullness of Jesus Christ, the same as when I leave mass having received the Body of Christ and been filled with the words of scripture. I am filled with the same feeling today having spent the last 4 days with my son. I feel Jesus has looked after us, blessed us with many fish for the rest of the Fridays in Lent, and renewed in me a greater sense of love, caring and compassion. So, this year, instead of struggling to give up on something for 40 days I am committing to spend time at home with my family. Whether it be treating to a night out for dinner, a night at the movies, games night, working together at home on a project, or spending more time visiting my mother as she prepares to turn 90 in March. This also includes reaching out to my fellow Brother Knights to say hello and ensure they are doing well. It is amazing how a simple phone call can make someone's day and fill you with so much love and compassion from our Lord, Jesus Christ. Charity comes in all kinds of forms; we just need to be open to it. By putting others ahead of our needs, we are completing the works of Jesus as he commanded us to do: **"And the King will answer and say to them, assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of My brethren, you did it to me!"** (Matthew 25:40).

May God Bless and Keep You; Have Mercy and Forgiveness on Our Sins!

Happy and Blessed Lent! ☪ 🙏

Faithfully Your Brother, SK Rob Weir



Have An Ice Day!



The Elgin Patriot

Bishop John C. Cody Assembly 0879 / March 2024

Membership consists of Sir Knights from Councils 1467 & 4189



Thank you to SK Dennis Collins for chairing the March meeting during my illness.

Remember our St. Patrick's Day pot luck dinner on Sunday March 17th at the Columbus Club. There will be no admission charge but please just bring some food to share. You are welcome to bring your own cutlery as well. We will welcome a musician. Cocktails from 5 to 6 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Fraternally,
SK Henry Poirier FN, PGK, PFN, PDD

NOTICE: At our March 4th meeting, we will be discussing and then voting on the motion deferred from our February meeting about the website, namely to render a decision to renew / not renew our website subscription.



FED Council 1467's **Soup Brothers** gather the 3rd Wednesday of the month to make soup for the **Elgin-St. Thomas Food Bank**. The 'Brothers' are comprised of Council (3rd Degree) and Assembly (4th) members and invite their fellow Brothers and Sir Knights to join them. The total weight of soup made each year is tracked and reported to Supreme under the **Food For Families Rebate** program which returns several hundred dollars to Council every year.

Pictured here are (L – R): SK Bill Walker, Bro. Ron Casier, SK Randal (Otis) Clifton, Bro. Luc Audet & SK Carl Pearson (photo by SK Harald Schraeder).

For These We Pray: Maurice Brennan, Gerry & Miriam Costello, Dino DeAngelo, Case Hoffer, James Lumley, Barry MacMillan, Doug Pardey, Alan Taylor, Joan Vachon, as well as for our deceased members, their spouses and families.

Faithful Friar Fr. Peter Keller

Navigator Henry Poirier

Captain Simon Vink

Pilot Tom Carr

Admiral Joe Fleming

Comptroller James Coveny

Scribe Case Hoffer / Rob Weir

Purser Orio Ortins

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Happy Easter! Easter is the very end of March, the 31st, so I will take this time to hope you conclude your Lenten observances with a celebration of the Resurrection! March is Ethics Awareness Month for the insurance industry. Oxford Languages defines ethics as “moral principles that govern a person’s behavior or the conducting of an activity”.

In many professions there is an ethical code that practitioners are to observe. In medicine, we’ve boiled down the Hippocratic oath to, “First, do no harm”. Attorneys have the American Bar Association’s “Model Rules of Professional Conduct”. In psychology there are codes of conduct for both treatment and for research. The insurance industry is no different. Here at the Knights of Columbus, I think all members are familiar with our founding principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. These have been ingrained in us. However, there are also four Core Values that all who represent the Knights subscribe to. By “represent the Knights” we include Supreme Officers, employees, independent contractors like me, and other vendors and contractors who are expected to live up to our four Core Values, which are specified in our Code of Ethics and Conduct Handbook:

- Integrity: Firm adherence to ethics, honesty, and a moral code.
- Professionalism: Promoting the highest standards in all we do.
- Excellence: Leading by example and constantly striving to be the best.
- Respect: Treating each other with the highest regard.

I consider it an honor to be assigned to serve your council and I take seriously my responsibility to care for each of you members. Furthering Blessed Michael McGivney’s vision of caring for the widow and orphan is my goal. I hope to always live up these Core Values in all my work with the council and with each and every one of you.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally, John P. Noonan, FIC, CPCA, 519-870-9675; john.noonan@kofc.org

Novena for Life

The Knights of Columbus Novena for Life will run Saturday March 16th through 24th, leading up to the **Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary & the KofC Day of the Unborn Child** on Monday, March 25th. Prayer cards and intentions will be available prior to masses. For those participating at home, all information (including intentions) will be accessible through the ERCFP on-line bulletins during that period (see: <https://elginrcparishes.ca/>).

We’re looking for some assistance from brother knights to lead the Novena on weekday mass dates listed below (please arrive 20 minutes early):

Sat. Mar. 16 - 4:30pm mass @ St. Anne’s
Mon. Mar. 18 - 8:00am mass @ Holy Angels’
Wed. Mar. 20 - 12:00pm mass @ Holy Angels’
Fri. Mar. 22 - 12:00am mass @ Holy Angels’
Sun. Mar. 24 - 9:00am mass @ Holy Angels’

Sun. Mar. 17 - 9:00am mass @ Holy Angels’
Tue. Mar. 19 - 8:00am mass @ St. Anne’s
Thu. Mar. 21 - 9:15am mass @ St. Anne’s
Sat. Mar. 23 - 4:30pm mass @ St. Anne’s

Please contact bro. P. Houston if you are able to assist: (519) 633-0724; pgouston@sympatico.ca.



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