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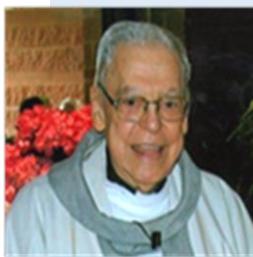
GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers:

This month marks the occasion of **Council leadership renewal** as a second round of nominations for Council Officer positions will be called for at our May Business Meeting, following which elections will be conducted or (as has been too often the case in recent years) acclamations and vacancies announced.

We are not just another service club. We need to break the 'STG' (*same ten guys ... if lucky*) pattern that many other organizations have come to rely on to get things done. So, I ask you to listen and then act on what the Holy Spirit may be calling on you to do *in service to one and in service to all*.

Fraternally Yours,
SK Harald Schraeder, PGK, DGK



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**.

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LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

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Council Faith Director Brother Blair Ferguson upon thanking **Dr. John Hofhuis** for speaking at Council's April 22nd Business Meeting about the status of the **Hospice of Elgin**: it's construction (started) and the services and programs to be provided at the facility and extended into the community.

ROSE SUNDAY

On the weekend of **May 4th & 5th**, Fr. Ernie Deslippe Council 1467 will be distributing lapel roses to promote **Right to Life of the Unborn**. Donations collected will benefit **Choose Life Elgin**, **Valora Place** (formerly *Violence Against Women Services Elgin County*) & **Fresh Start Support Services** in St. Thomas. We will need Brothers to station themselves at the entrances to the churches; **if you can help, please contact Bro. Patrick Houston (519-633-0724)**. Please be generous in support of this annual appeal to protect the rights of those who are not able to protect themselves, the innocent and the most vulnerable.



FS CHAT

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!!!

Alex Baca, Robert Bedard, Maurice (Moe) Brennan, Paul Buttazzoni, Jerry Collins, Joe Fleming, Jeremy Gorman, Peter Kuntz, Ciaran (John) Laverty, Clifford Marentette, John McGugan, Robert Millman, David Muscat, William (Bill) Ressler, Daniel Swift, Paul Vandeven & Bernardus (Ben) Veel.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

I am pleased to announce new Brothers who have recently joined our Council as new Knights or who have transferred to our Council: **Thomas Hovorka**, **Daniel O'Neil**, **Oscar Sunil** & **Paul Wolfs**.

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



JACKPOT TIME

May Assignments

- Saturday 18th, 6 - 8 p.m.: Otis Clifton & Roy Ewart
- Friday 24th, 2 – 4 p.m.: Jim Dewan & Bill Walker

Please arrive 10 minutes before your assigned time.

NOTE: A Fall / Winter bingo shirt is being ordered, please see Jim Dewan who has L / XL for you to try on before we place the order.

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.

Ladies Auxiliary

Welcome back to the Ladies Auxiliary!

Our May meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbus Club. We encourage all ladies to attend and help support the initiatives of the Knights of Columbus. We need all of you!

Please come and join other members as we plan our spring and fall agendas.

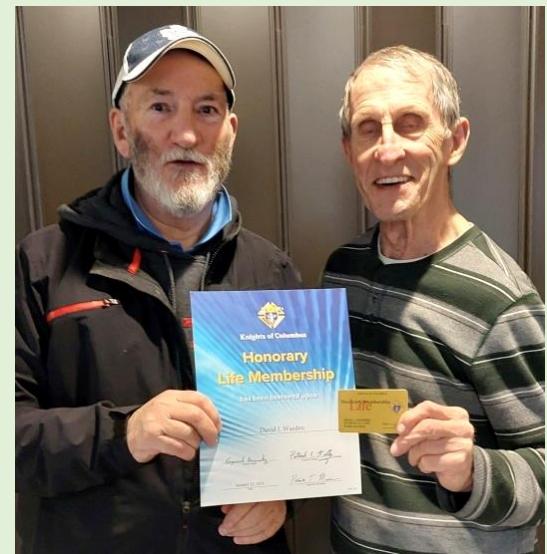
God Bless,
Sandi Hoffer, President

MARK THE DATES MAY EVENTS

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

- 4th-5th: ROSE SUNDAY Campaign (masses)
- 4th: Fish Fry (poster inside)
- 6th: Bishop Cody Assembly mtg.
- May 11th: Celtic Memories (poster inside)
- 12th: Mothers' Day
- 13th: FED Exec. Meeting
- 13th: Ladies Auxiliary
- 15th: Evening with Fr. John (6:30 pm, SA)
- 15th: Soup Brothers (9:30 am)
- 20th: Victoria Day
- 21st: Columbus Club Directors (Tues.)
- 25th: Elimination Draw & Dinner
- 27th: FED Business Meeting

Timely notices of events can be arranged by contacting PGK Martin Evers by email (martin.evers53@gmail.com) and requesting an eblast.



Bro. David Warden receiving his **Honorary Life Membership Certificate & Card** from **SK Roy Esbaugh**. Congrats Dave!

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 Cochrell, Gerry & Miriam Costello, SK Case Hoffer's niece Robin DeLeemans, Sue Dewan, Martin Evers, John Jakobi Sr, Carl & Barb Kroepelin, 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 **Bro. Gordon La Verne ('Vern') Sim**, 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.

Editorial

By the time you read this, short of a 'miraculous' come-back, the Leafs will be out of the playoffs. One wonders how many Leafs' fans did actually spend silent time hoping for such a come-back, *praying* (in the ways many fans do) that the 'Hockey Gods' would hear their lamentations and intervene to cause the Leafs to prevail over, in this case, the apparently less-deserving Bruins. Sadly, one need not wonder whether they added to their petitions any for the cessation of wars, for social justice, or for an end poverty and the litany of other things that burden and even impoverish the spirits of so many people. It must indeed be challenging for God to discern authentic prayers from all the noise sent His way. Comparatively, one supposes Mary likely gets a purer stream of petitions routed through her, pursuant to the faithful reciting the **Memorare**, so we got that going for us.

As we know, the *best* prayers are the ones that implore God to **help us help ourselves** ... the '*please give me the strength to be the agent of Your grace that you made me to be*' ones, as opposed to the '*please, when you have a moment, can You fix this for me*' type. Two very timely, indeed very local, needs come to my mind (among a virtual galaxy of others) as worthy of our prayers: 1) Debt elimination at Holy Angels, and 2) Renewal of Council Leadership.

I hear you: "*Really?! That's what's top of mind for you? God help us.*" But bear with me. At the risk of offending pretty much everyone, I'll suggest that some people, if they are praying for anything related to those two, are using the *when You have a moment* approach, i.e.: *Please God, let someone win the lottery and give a lot of it to the church; Please God, make a whole bunch of people come back to church and make regular (and significant) offertory donations; Please God, let someone change their will to give everything to the church when they die; ... and with respect the other need: Please God, make someone else let his name stand for Grand Knight (or any of the other positions) or volunteer to coordinate a program or service.*

While what is considered 'miraculous' has seemingly been appropriated away from Christendom to describe secular 'coincidences', the term does remain relevant to us and especially when **we witness even the ordinary deeds of the faithful**. Like, whenever a person prays using the *give me the strength* approach, you should be able smell a miracle about the happen. So, as you recall Jesus' words (John 16:23), "*Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name*" ... just please remember how best to ask ... and then begin to **act** like you know He heard you.

Fraternally, Harald Schraeder, PGK

Fr. James Prins preparing to bless parishioners at the end of his first solemn mass at Holy Angels.



O Jesus, bless my parents and all those who have led me to Thy holy altar.

PRAY FOR ME

A Remembrance
of my
Ordination
to the Holy Priesthood
and of my
First Solemn Mass
April 27th and 28th, 2024
Fr. James Prins



Introibo ad altare Dei.
I will go unto the altar of God.



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Hosted by the Brothers of Father Ernie Deslippe Council 1467, Knights of Columbus.



SATURDAY MAY 4TH

FISH FRY

~ Featuring ~

Lake Erie Yellow Perch

COLUMBUS CLUB

265 Wellington Street, St. Thomas

COCKTAILS: 4 PM

TAKE-OUT: 4:30-5 PM

DINNER: 5 - 6:30 PM



TICKETS \$25

Advance only while supplies last & available from:

- Columbus Club (519-631-2166)
- Ray Bernicky (519-207-3168)
- Harald Schraeder (519-318-4189)
- Steve Wachowiak (226-984-9563)



COMMUNITY PROGRAM

SOUP BROTHERS: The Soup Brothers made **83 containers (32-oz)** of **Hamburger Vegetable Soup** for the St. Thomas - Elgin Food Bank on April 17th. The next soup day is **Wednesday May 15th**, 9 a.m. at the Columbus Club ... all are welcomed!

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

- 1st: Ticket # 0287 Bill Walker
- 8th: Ticket # 0121 Lynda Goossens
- 15th: Ticket # 0233 Ken Couchman
- 22th: Ticket # 0297 Luc Audet
- 29th: Ticket # 0285 John Jakobi

Good luck for future weekly draws each Monday and the dinner & final draws on May 24th.

ORGANIZATION NAME CHANGE: Please be advised that *Violence Against Women's Services Elgin County* has undergone a name change to **Valora Place** (see also: <https://valoraplace.ca/>).

2024 Father Ernie Deslippe (FED) Scholarship

The application deadline is June 9th. Please refer to the Council website FED Scholarship page (<https://www.kofc1467.com/fed-scholarship>) to access the **Application Form** and **Application Guidelines**.

St. Ignatius of Loyola: Founder of the Jesuits

Do you know what Doc Martens are? Although more mainstream of late, since the 1970s Doc Martens have been associated with either punk rock or heavy metal. They are the favorite footwear of those who perform or listen to either type of music, the 8-hole boot being the preferred style. I myself have a pair of 8 holes that are getting on 40 years old and still in perfectly wearable condition. Now I'm not writing a footwear promo but I'm writing about Saints. We all have an image in our heads of what a Catholic Saint should perhaps look like and how they should behave, but I've come to understand that thought pattern should be erased from your mind. So, what do Doc Martens have to do with Saints? St. Pope John Paul II favorite footwear was not his red slippers but 8-hole black Doc Martens!! He liked them so much that one Christmas he ordered 100 pairs as presents, a pair for each of his personal staff, plus a new pair size 10 for himself. Now Docs are extremely comfortable but I bought mine because they fit in with the style of music I liked and performed. St. JP II even did them up ladder style. A Saint wearing type of footwear you might not expect isn't a far leap, but many Saints lead anything but a saintly life and in fact behaved about as far to the left of our Lord's teachings as you can imagine.



One such Saint is St. Ignatius of Loyola. Ignatius was born in his family's castle in Loyola, part of Biscay in 1491. His father was the Lord of Loyola and head of one of the most ancient and noble families of that country. His mother came from no less an illustrious background. Ignatius, or 'Ingio' as he was called then, was the youngest of 8 boys and 3 girls of this very rich and powerful family. Ignatius joined the military at the age of 17 and took to his new profession with zeal. He would strut through towns with his cape bellowing out behind him, extremely tight-fitting pants (sounds heavy metal), high leather boots, a dagger stuck in his waist band and a fine sword at his side. He was something and he wanted everyone to know it. He was also an expert dancer, a known womanizer, married women being his preferred targets. He was sensitive to insult and quick to anger which usually resulted in his sword being drawn, that more than once ended in his opponent dead or wounded. He used his connections and family prestige to escape prosecution. He was an expert soldier known for his courage and leadership at the age of 18 he went to fight for the 2nd Duke of Najera and faced many battles without even a scratch. At the Battle of Pamplona his luck ran dry when a French cannon ball ricocheted off a wall, struck his right leg and fractured many of the bones. Medicine being what it was then, but getting the best available because of whom he was, he underwent several operations where his leg bones were set and then rebroken in efforts to fix it. His main concern was how it would look and if he could ever dance again. Recovery was very long and required months lying immobile in bed. In order to divert the boredom of lying there staring at the ceiling, he asked for books to read. Ignatius usually read tales of adventure, military history such as the stories of El Cid or the Song of Roland, exploration books and books leaning to the naughty side. None of these books were available for him to read while he was convalescing, in fact the only book available was "The life of Christ and His Saints". The art work in the book captured his imagination first, which took him read what was depicted. He would read and reread this book over and over again. Finally, his one sister brought him another book entitled "De Vita Christi" by Ludolph of Saxony. This book would forever change his life. Reading this book changed him and he set aside his wild ways and vowed to devote his life to Christ and in particular to follow the teachings and example of the stigmatic St. Francis of Assisi. Ludolph encouraged his readers a type of meditation where the reader would mentally insert oneself into a scene of a Gospel story, such as standing beside the crib in the nativity scene or standing under the cross staring up at the crucified Christ. This method of meditation would become the basis of his spiritual exercises.

Now Ignatius was romantically involved with a certain woman but with his reading, dreaming and meditations he knew that the romantic dream was ending and a life of discernment was on the horizon. Instead of serving his earthly king he wanted to serve the King of Kings. He decided to go on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and kiss the dirt where Christ once walked. First, he went to Montserrat where he confessed his lengthy list of past sins, then laid at the feet of a Shrine to the Virgin Mary all night where, upon awaking, he laid his sword and dagger at the foot of the Virgin vowing never to hold them again. He gave away his fancy cape and clothes to the poor he met and put on clothes made of sack cloth. He did chores at a local hospital in exchange for food and shelter and spent hours praying in a nearby cave and formulating his Spiritual Exercises. He had many visions of the virgin and the baby Jesus and he knew the direction he was taking his life was the right path to glory. He made it to the Holy Land in 1523 and stayed there for the month of September. He returned to Europe and studied Theology at the University of Barcelona.

In 1527 he encountered a group of women who had been called before the Spanish Inquisition due to their zeal and enthusiasm for spirituality, love and reform. He was preaching on the street one day and a few of these women fell to the ground in convulsion, one was in a state of having a fit and another was yelling out in ecstasy. The authorities did not like this so he was called before the inquisition and subjected to questioning and while he passed and was released, he was somewhat shaken by the experience. Concerned about the risky environment, Ignatius left and went to Paris to

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study at the University of Paris. At the university, he gathered six close friends who listened to his ideas and sort of chose him as someone to follow. One of these was Francis Xavier, who would become a Saint himself. The Protestant turmoil was in full swing at this time and John Calvin had been forced to flee for his life. On August 15, 1534 Ignatius and his six companions met at the church of Saint Peter and took solemn vows to dedicate their lives to the teachings of Christ. This would become the beginning of the Jesuit order.

Ignatius, Peter Faber and Francis Xavier formed the Society of Jesus in 1539 and a year later Pope Paul III approved it and the Jesuits were born. The seven men set out across Europe right away establishing schools, colleges and seminaries. Ignatius decided to go outside of the confines of Europe to promote his new order and its teachings and his destination became India. Before he left, he wrote a letter to Xavier and he used the phrase "go set the world on fire", the motto of the Jesuits to this day. To be a Jesuit meant complete self-denial, devotion and obedience to the Pope and that everything be done to the greater glory of God. Ignatius' new order would indeed start the world on fire. The Jesuits would engage in evangelization and apostolic work in 112 nations. Their schools provided education to the poor and those who otherwise would never learn to read or write. They set up hospitals and funded research in medicine and treatment of illness. Jesuits experienced both success and failure when Christianizing the native populations of the new world throughout the 16th to 18th centuries. Despite all of this incredible work the order has often clashed with secular governments, often over the treatment of those native populations. Where governments wanted to enslave natives and put them into forced labour, the Jesuits saw them as brothers and sisters in Christ and so if they converted them to Catholicism the governments could not enslave them. They came into conflict with the bureaucrats left in charge by Columbus and even begged the Pope to expel them so that they could exploit the natives. Pope Clement XIV responded by suppressing the order and it would remain so until the suppression was lifted in 1814.

Jesuits have been active in Ontario for over 500 years. Eight were martyred by the native population. There was once a Catholic church in Wardsville (just before the golf course) called the church of the North American Martyrs and its cemetery remains with many pioneer families buried there. The cemetery is just off Hwy 2 (Longwoods Road) on the north side down a long laneway. There's an interesting grave marker for a young boy of age 7 that lists his cause of death as "A hex". Jesuit Fathers came to the St. Thomas area in 1632 and visited the "Neutral Indians" of what would become Elgin county. They gave names to each native settlement they visited and the one village that was located close to what is now the St. Thomas airport they named Notre Dame des Anges (Our Lady of the Holy Angels) which is why the third church built on Talbot street took that name. They traveled west along a well-worn path that traveled through the woods on the north shore of Lake Erie and that trail is pretty much where Highway 3 is to this day. When Father Brebeuf and Father Chaumonot went to visit a community they called St. Alexis, they were turned away and the village's medicine man forbade anyone to offer aid, food or shelter to the Black Robes and threatened anyone with death if they went against his demands. Because of this and as winter set in, the two Jesuits were forced to retreat back to their home base in Minden Ontario. When those two, soon to be martyred, returned to the site of St. Alexis around 1650 they found the village in ruins and the double palisade burnt to the ground. The villagers having refused to join the proposed Iroquois Confederacy were attacked and all the men and teenage boys killed and the women and children taken to the Brantford area to be assimilated into the confederacy. There is a hand drawn map in Montreal at Norte Dame that if you were to superimpose over a current map of the Lake Erie shoreline would show all the historic villages in the vicinity of the prehistoric earthworks west of St. Thomas, south of Iona, at Clearville and Windsor.

St. Ignatius died of malaria in Rome on July 31, 1556 and was Canonized March 12, 1622 by Pope Gregory the XV. I have barely touched on the incredible life of this Saint. His journey to India and beyond, and the accomplishments of he and his original six companions are mind boggling. The Jesuit order continues to complete the work begun by this man. I, like Ignatius, have read and reread the Lives of the Saints, The Golden Legions, A Saint a Day and others. If you don't have a book on the lives of Saints, I encourage you to get one. It is a fantastic way to begin your day as many are only a paragraph or two and others a couple of pages at most. Read the life of a Saint with your coffee and muffin, contemplate on their accomplishments, the obstacles they encountered and overcame and of their devotion to Christ and his teachings. None of them had an easy path; all had their struggles just like us. While the life of Jesus Christ is held up as a model to us, I have to admit it's a daunting task. Saints, on the other hand, are people we can relate to. People like St. Ignatius: a 'party animal' in his youth who, through a life-changing experience, came to see the path of the Lord as the right path to follow.

Fraternally, SK Blair Ferguson, Faith Director



Reflection

The month of May is dedicated by Catholics to Our Lady Mary, our intercessor.

As such, I thought then to reflect on the four *Magisterium-defined¹* **Marian Dogmas of the Catholic Church** that we hold to be infallible:



- **Mary's Perpetual Virginity:** This dogma, that Mary was a virgin before, during and after birth, was established through the Synod of Milan in the year 389.
- **Mary as Mother of God:** This dogma was an outcome of the Council of Ephesus in 431, that Mary is the means by which the Word became flesh (not that God's divinity began its existence from Mary).
- **Mary's Immaculate Conception:** Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854 that Mary, at her conception, was preserved immaculate from Original Sin.
- **Mary's Assumption into Heaven:** Pope Pius XII, as recently as 1950, announced that Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

Admittedly, the scriptural basis (when any exists) for each dogma is a subject of much study and debate. For example, while Matthew (13:55-56) tells us Jesus had brothers (James, Joseph, Judas and Simon) as well as unnamed sisters, I recall once having it 'explained' to me that Joseph, her spouse, was much older and thus brought these siblings into the marriage with Mary. Mary's Assumption is often said to be supported by Revelation 12:1, "*And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars*". Comparatively, we are all familiar with the arguably more clearly historically-based Gospel Nativity stories, at least those provided by two of the four evangelists (Mark and John skip the very early years).

Interestingly, the first reference to Mary in the bible is found at Isaiah (7:14), "*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Imman'u-el.*" The last (not including the above Revelations passage) is found at Acts (1:14), recounting a time immediately following Jesus' Ascension, "*All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.*"

Our relationship and dependence upon Mary, as captured so well by the **Memorare** prayer, is one of the key things that distinguishes our faith from many others, including other Christian ones. As Knights, we are reminded (as excerpted from our Supreme web site) that "*one of the defining characteristics of the Knights of Columbus is its members' deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Every Knight receives a rosary when he joins the Order and is encouraged to turn to Mary as his own Mother, so that she may lead him closer to her Son.*" I'm sure you'd agree, this month would be an especially good time to spend time with 'Mom'.

Fraternally, Harald Schraeder, DGK, PGK

¹ While these four have been specifically defined by the Magisterium, there are numerous other dogmas and doctrines about the Virgin Mary that have yet to be defined (e.g., the Annunciation of Mary is dogma because it is in the scriptures, but it has not been formally defined by the Magisterium).

Thinking of "Brotherhood":

I'm writing this as a Life Member, a member '*still in spirit*' of Council 1467, and one who took his First Degree '*the old way*' and in another era. As such, I recall that one of the things that was instilled in me as a new Knight was **one particular way** of showing 'brotherhood'. Of course, we show this quality **generally** when: selling Christmas trees or poppies together, working the usual bingos, taking on special projects on behalf of a particular charity, attending social functions, and even coming out to meetings for those who were so inclined. Nevertheless, it was impressed upon me that (based on the founding principle of being of service to widows and families) the one particular way of manifesting brotherhood was to participate in an **Honour Guard** at the funeral of a deceased Brother. It didn't really matter if the Brother was a close friend or not, or whether he was well known or not; it was a custom and almost an obligation to attend such a rite out of respect for both the deceased Brother and his family. That custom should not be allowed to die and we should make the effort to sustain it.

Fraternally, Brother Gord Smith



HOLY ANGELS' RECYCLERS

A dedicated team of volunteers has been collecting newsprint, aluminum cans, and refundable alcohol containers that they convert into cash. They do this in response to **Sr. Mary Boere's** call to action in 2000 to help pay down the church restoration debt. Once materials have accumulated to a desired level, the team loads up vehicles for transport to commercial recyclers where the products are weighed and redeemed for cash. A recent 'shipping day' realized almost **\$2,500!** The project relies on parishioners donating recyclable materials and sadly the supply of materials has been diminishing over the years and shipping days have become more infrequent.

Bro. Henry Valks (519-631-4498) is one of the project coordinators and invites all his brother Knights to participate in this signature fraternal and charitable project for the benefit of the parish. **Please contact Bro. Henry to learn more ... To join the team or to at least contribute materials.**

Catholic Corner

"I am the good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me" John 10:14

We were blessed at Saint Anne's the 3rd weekend of April to have **Fr. Jason Kuntz**, Vice-Rector St. Peter's Seminary, provide his homily about the above Gospel of John. It was different and upon reflecting on his words, I had two initial thoughts. First, that different *isn't* a bad thing. Often, we assess things that are different as negative and even bad. Many folks with anxiety, like me, do not like change, at least initially. In this case, a difference and change in narrative was a good thing. It caused me to reflect deeper on the Gospel reading and even led to me having a deep conversation with my mother whom I visited after mass. The second thought was how his view was 180 degrees from my traditional thinking regarding this gospel. On the surface, Jesus saying He is our shepherd just makes sense. He is the leader and master of the flock. We are His flock, and He protects us from harm. It says so right in the Our Father prayer, "**and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from all evil**". This is the traditional thinking concerning Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Fr. Kuntz' homily presented an image of humility, as shepherds were lower class and viewed as untrustworthy. Wait, what? Jesus as low class and untrustworthy? Can't be! After all things He is the Son of God. It presented the image of what Jesus really was when he took the form of one of us and walked the earth. He could have come as a King and ruled like kings did in this time. No, instead He related Himself to the lowest, a lowly shepherd, one hired to spend nights in the fields protecting someone else's goods. This is the Jesus to which I can relate. One who would fend off the wolf (evil) to protect each and everyone of the sheep under his care. This is the Jesus who I want and strive to follow. He knows my name, all our names, and we know His voice even if we choose not to listen. While I know I have chosen easy over difficult, wrong over right, sin over not sinning, hearing a Gospel like Sunday's explained in such a simplistic way gave me hope. I know Jesus will protect me from evil as I am His. I must listen to His voice and that is where the hard part and challenge come in. I have free will which is my choice to choose. I must be open to the word of God, listen for the voice of God and respond with, "**Here I am Lord!**" Can I be humble like the Lord? Am I willing to lay down my life to protect others? Tough questions and questions that each one of us must ask ourselves and, in my case, I do every day. These are questions to ponder as we live out our faith daily in the Lord Jesus Christ as He has asked us to do. In closing, I ask you keep my family and myself in your prayers and I will do the same for you, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Faithfully Your Brother,
SK Rob Weir





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Sir Knights:

Our Fraternal Year is quickly coming to an end.

Last month we had nominations for our next Fraternal year. Nominations will end at our next meeting and elections will take place. I hope we have a good turnout for that meeting.

Our **Annual Pork Roast & Picnic** will take place on July 1st at the home of SK Case and Lady Joyce Terpstra on Jamestown Line in Copenhagen between 3 and 7 p.m. I hope you plan on joining us. Everyone has a great time!

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



SKs Harald Schraeder & Tom Carr exhibiting strong & charitable fraternity ... in spite of the other's misguided NHL team allegiance.

Pope Francis' May Intention:
For the formation of religious
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We pray that religious women & men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

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 family members, who we pray have been embraced by God in Heaven.

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The Kinsman / Columbus Club held a sold-out Craft Beer / Steak Night April 20th with 150 guests present. It was an amazing event. The profits for the Kinsmen went to their charity **Cystic Fibrosis**. The Columbus Club's monies will be invested in maintaining your building, for repairs and renovations. This is an annual event so please consider joining in next April and we'll keep you in touch.

The 19th annual **Summerfest** is coming on June 21-22. This is another event you don't want to miss and has become a signature community music festival. Proceeds will benefit the **Hospice of Elgin** again this year. See you there!

I'm looking for help with the annual **CMHA picnic at Pinafore Park** on May 8th (11- 1 pm), please call me (519 694 9137).

Fraternally,
Roy Esbaugh, President



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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**. 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!



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