



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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ST. GEORGE PARISH COUNCIL 10843 DISTRICT 49, 1164 COMMISSIONERS RD. W., LONDON, ONTARIO, N6K

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Brother Knights;

I will begin with a simple WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to the new fraternal year for our Knights Council. As I begin my second year as Grand Knight, my sincerest thoughts are expressed with OH MY!. It has been a huge learning curve and I pray that I can do better this year.

Over the summer our new executive has, through the opinion survey in July, striven to listen to your thoughts on who we should be and how we become that. We have also with the work of Bob Gallant our Treasurer, Phil Schmidt our Financial Secretary and our Trustees; John Ball, Gord DeVal and Wayne Cole, put together a budget that reviews 2022 and sets goals for 2023. Both will be brought to you at the September General Meeting on Monday, September 25th.

When I look at you, our Council, I see good and compassionate Catholic men. Men who are dedicated to their Faith, Families and Those in Need. I encourage each of you, as we begin our work this year, to “dip your toes into the work”. There is no need to cannonball into the deep end. If each of us, 140+ strong, did one thing, imagine what we could accomplish.

We have a few new projects in the hopper that we will be bringing to you. I will share a quote that I read almost daily to guide and to stay focussed. I do this not to preach but to share words that touch my heart that keep me grounded.

“This is the true joy in life, being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one. Being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it what I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.”

George Bernard Shaw

VIVAT JESUS ☐☐



From the Desk of the Deputy Grand Knight

Welcome back fellow Knights! I hope you had a wonderful summer with your families and friends.

We are excited to kick off a new year with many events planned already, such as the second annual

Family Tubing Night, Parish Breakfasts and annual Bottle Drive.

Get ready for a fun, faith-filled year where we can share our dedication to the service of others and our faith.

We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting of the year on Thursday September 25th .

‘Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven’ (Matthew 5:16)



Suggestion From Our Treasurer

Hint for Readers!

There is a simple way to get FREE or reduced price books of interest to you!

Go to BookBub.com and sign up. You can then set up your profile that includes the types of books you prefer, as well as they type such as “print” or “eReader”.

You will receive regular emails showing books that may be of interest to you. Usually the first one that appears will be FREE, but the ones that follow are generally at significantly reduced prices, like \$1.99 up to usually \$3.99. If you see something you want, click on the book and you will be redirected to the site providing it, like Amazon.ca. *(In some cases, like Amazon, you may need to already have an account.) You can then get your book directly from them.*

For those of you who use Kindle, like me, you will get your eBook immediately. If there is a charge, it will go to whichever credit card account set up in your account.

Over the last number of months I have acquired a number of books in this way. An additional benefit is that it sometimes leads me to check the book’s availability from London Public Library’s eBook collection - that way I get to read the book and not have to buy it! *(Most of you are likely aware that LPL’s card also lets you access books from libraries in Mississauga, Burlington, Ottawa, and Hamilton.)*

Bob Gallant



The Interrelationship between Works of Charity and Fraternity

The origin of Knights of Columbus is founded on works of charity and fraternity which serve as fundamental pillars in building a compassionate and harmonious organization. Both concepts, although distinct, share a profound interrelationship that fosters a sense of unity, empathy, and cooperation within our societies. While charity primarily focuses on helping those in need, fraternity emphasizes the bonds of brotherhood and solidarity among individuals. This article examines the interconnectedness of works of charity and fraternity and highlights their significant impact on fostering a more compassionate society of knights. We will look at four aspects.

1. Promoting Unity and Inclusiveness:

Works of charity and fraternity promote unity by bringing individuals together, overcoming social barriers, and encouraging inclusiveness. Charitable acts, such as volunteering at parish breakfasts or organizing bottle drives, provide opportunities for knights from different backgrounds to converge and collaborate in common benevolent objectives. Through these acts, we can break down societal divisions and foster a sense of fraternity, reinforcing the belief that everyone deserves compassion and support regardless of their background.

2. Fostering Empathy and Compassion:

Works of charity and fraternity go hand in hand in fostering empathy and compassion towards others. Charity initiatives allow us to witness firsthand the struggles and hardships faced by those less fortunate. By actively engaging in acts of charity, we develop a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by others, leading to increased empathy. Fraternity, on the other hand, emphasizes the importance of recognizing the shared humanity in all individuals. It nurtures a sense of solidarity, compelling us to extend our compassion beyond mere acts of charity to lasting commitments towards our brother knights.

3. Encouraging Social Responsibility:

Charitable works deeply rooted in fraternity, uphold the principle of collective social responsibility. By engaging in charitable activities Knights not only establish a platform for organized aid but also empower each other to assume a more active role in social progress. The concept of fraternity encourages us to recognize that society as a whole benefits when each member acts responsibly towards the well-being of others. Consequently, works of charity under the umbrella of fraternity become catalysts for societal transformation and sustainable progress.

4. Strengthening Communities:

Works of charity and fraternity work in unison to strengthen our Councils and our communities. The basic tenets of fraternity, such as mutual support, trust, and collaboration, foster closer-knit associations where we can rely on one another during times of need. Charitable initiatives address societal issues collectively, allowing us as to identify and address the root causes of problems. This collective effort builds resilience, solidarity, and a sense of pride within our Knight's community, ultimately leading to the sustainable development of its members.

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Conclusion:

Works of charity and fraternity are intimately intertwined, and their interrelationship plays a crucial role in forging a compassionate and harmonious Knights of Columbus society. By promoting unity, inclusiveness, empathy, and social responsibility, these concepts not only address immediate needs but also prioritize the welfare of the collective. Such works strengthen the fabric of our councils, parishes and communities and empower us to have a positive impact on society. As we progress, it is essential to recognize the significance of the interrelationship between charity and fraternity, fostering a society that embraces compassion, solidarity, and mutual support.

By: Ken Walsh, Lecturer

Fall 2023 Bottle, Clothing and Food Drive

Congratulation to all the brothers who came out to successfully collect and deposit bottles, raising funds for our various charities. Food items were collected for the Byron Food Bank while clothing items are taken to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. All gifts are received with thanks.

Serving our Sister Organization: The Catholic Womens' League

Sunday September 10, 2023, a few brave brothers ventured into the realm of the gentler gender and shopped, cooked and served a breakfast to the St. George Catholic Womens' League. Everyone seemed to enjoy the abundance of food and fellowship prior to the ladies meeting. Many thanks to all who took part.

2023-2024 Officers

Grand Knight	Frank Galizia
Chaplain	Fr. John Pirt
Deputy Grand Knight	Jason Howlett
Chancellor	Blaine Prentice
Recorder	John Nuvoloni
Financial Secretary	Phil Schmidt
Treasurer	Bob Gallant
Advocate	Paul Rybka
Warden	Lawrence Nuvoloni
Lecturer	Ken Walsh
Inside Guard	Wim Schweer
Outside Guard	Mike duDomaine
Third Year Trustee	John Ball
Second Year Trustee	Gord DeVal
First Year Trustee	Wayne Cole



2023/24 St, George Knights of Columbus (10843) Calendar

UPDATED September 14 2023

MONTH 2022/23	OFFICER'S Mtg. 7:00PM <i>NOTE: 2nd <u>Tuesday</u></i>	GENERAL Mtg. 7:30 PM <i>4th Monday (November is exception)</i>	Parish Breakfasts	Special EVENTS
September '23 Labour Day-4th	Install Officers - Aug.17 <u>1st OfficersMtg-</u> <u>SEPT. 12th</u>	25th	Sept 10th <u>CWL Brunch-serve</u>	Sept. 9th <u>Bottle Drive</u> <u>8:30 AM-2:30 PM</u>
October Thanksgiving- 9th	10th	23rd	<u>#1Breakfast 29th</u> KitchenClean 23rd	<u>October 2-6 Thanksgiving Food Drive Noon-6:00 PM</u> Newsletter TBD
November	14th	20th <u>NOTE: 27th has a Church Christmas Dinner booked</u>	<u>#2Breakfast 26th</u>	Blood Donor Clinic - TBD CHRISTMAS CARD sales November&December TBD
December	12th	** Social w/ Spouses 15th	Dec.6th? Light up for Christ	Newsletter TBD
January '24	9th	22nd	<u>#3Breakfast 28th</u>	FAMILY EVENT@Boler Mt.
February FamilyDay-19th	13th <u>NOTE: also Shrove Tuesday</u>	26th	<u>#4 Breakfast 25th</u>	<u>Elim.Draw/Din/DJ FEB/3 7:00PM</u> Shrove Tuesday Feb.13
March NOTE: March Break 11-15	5th to avoid March Break	25th		<u>St.Paddy's Day 17th party on 15th</u> Metro FOOD DRIVE 25-28 EASTER 31st
April	9th	22nd	<u>#5Breakfast 7th</u>	Newsletter TBD
May Victoria Day Wknd- 20th	14th	27th	<u>#6Breakfast 5th</u> May CWL garage sale 11th Rose Sunday TBD BIRTHRIGHT Dv.TBD Pasta Dinner 3rdTBD	May 25th <u>Bottle Drive</u>
June	11th	NOTE: (social)	Kitchen Clean 17th TBD	Newsletter TBD

St. George Knights of Columbus, Council 10843 Member Birthdays

September Birthdays

Day	Name
07	Patrick M Callaghan
07	Jeremy J Mahood
07	John J Nuvoloni
11	Paul F Loreto
16	Stephen Kedves
16	David M O'Brien
17	Philip John Valiquette
18	Jason Frolow
18	Andre J Lisowyk
18	Peter J Vanwiechen
20	John H Ahlers
22	Larry D Marks
23	G. Wayne Cole
23	Phillip M Schmidt
30	Terence J Lyng

October Birthdays

Day	Name
11	Patrick L Noonan
13	Frank Galizia
14	Robert N De Ryk
15	Dr Terence J D'souza Md
15	Lawrence T Nuvoloni
16	Paul J Bushey
19	Sandy Peter Massaro
20	Robert G Cashen
20	John Joseph Soares
21	Charlie Renaud
21	Shaun F Udovic
29	Mathieu Rochon