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Grand Knights Comments

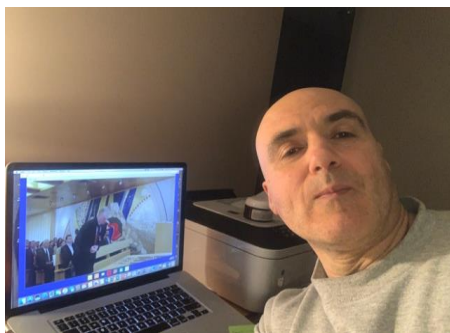


Having spoken with many of you over the phone, I can appreciate how anxious we all are to get everything behind us real soon. The frontline workers are putting themselves in harm's way to help treat the sick and they all ought to be commended. The Bishop began May by concentrating our Diocese to Mary Mother of the Church, seeking her protection during this pandemic. We entrust her intercession for this intention and entrust the health and well being of our families to her as well.

The month of May is dedicated to Mary. As brother Knights, I invite you to pray the Novena for Life from May 6th to 14th. We will be united as a council and as an Order with other Knights who will be saying this important Novena. **The Prayer card is included in this newsletter. May 14th coincides with the conclusion of the annual March for Life in Ottawa (which will take place virtually).**

Thank you for your generosity...we were able to donate \$1,005 to the Food Bank. As you know, many families are facing hardship due to job loss and supporting the Food Bank takes on a greater importance

As a new initiative, the Knights offered online Exemplification due to social distancing restrictions. As a result, welcome aboard to our newest member, brother **Rafal Schubert**, who did the online Exemplification with his family. Also, brothers **Gio Susini** and **Gerry Rucchin** also did the online Exemplification to advance to the Third Degree.



Gio Susini



Rafal Schubert & Family



Gerry Rucchin

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There are many other online opportunities for you to do the same should you wish to become a full Knight and advance to the Third Degree. Do it all from the comfort of your own home by registering for the free sessions. For current dates/times, please keep your eyes peeled on your Inbox and let me know if you would like to participate.

We will hold our May General Meeting using a tele-conference. No Wifi, no data, no computer ... **it is a telephone call** that you will make to place you into the meeting. I was able to borrow the conference line of the Canadian Federation of the Blind to host our meeting.

On Thursday May 14th at 7 pm, our meeting will take place. Please dial in prior to the start of the meeting. Here are the details:

1. If you have a Canadian long distance plan, dial 250-412-9600. (or dial Toll Free 1-800-898-8212). The first number is in British Columbia. To offset costs, please do not use the toll free number if you already have a long distance plan.
2. You will be asked for a Conference Number. Please enter 7124 then press the # key.
3. Please find a quiet spot to avoid any background noise because this would bleed into the conference call.

After we hold the meeting, we can brain storm on future virtual meetings.

This upcoming meeting is important because we will be nominating guys to stand for elections for the Executive. In June, we will hold the actual Elections through another virtual meeting.

In light of Covid-19, if you, or anyone that you know needs our assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-280-1643 and we can make arrangements.

Please stay safe and God bless you and your families



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Last Sunday we would have listened to the Gospel reading of the Good Shepherd. In Jesus' time, and still in some parts of the world today, shepherds know the personality of each of their sheep. Isolated for days at a time with his herd, the shepherd would talk to the animals, sing to them and sleep among them.

When he took them to a stream to water them, he also would come across other shepherds and their flocks, giving them a chance to socialize as the sheep mingled together at the water. There was no worry about which sheep belonged to which flock. When it was time to leave, the shepherds would call to their own sheep, who untangled themselves from the mix and followed the caring and familiar voice of their own shepherd. There aren't many sheep or shepherds in London but the message Jesus wants to share with us is relevant in 2020 as long as we take the story out of Palestine and bring it to London.

The image of the Good shepherd reminds us that he cares for all of us – as a unique person, unrepeatably destined to live with God forever – shaped in his image and likeness, unrepeatably. He knows us more intimately than we know ourselves. He knows what motivates us to do whatever. He knows how tough it is in this world at times. He suffered it himself. He will never stop loving us and

tracking us down. He will always search for us and when he finds us he hopes we will allow him to carry us home where we should be.

And he wants us to be shepherds as well in the way we return his love for us by loving others. To love as he loved is to care as he cared – not for a bland mass of humanity – but for every sister and brother who crosses our path - not simply those we like and those who like us but those we dislike on sight, those



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who have no socially redeeming qualities, the (in our eyes) strange people, those who live and think and even sin differently than we do.

More than anything else, to love as he loved is to care for the sheep that limp and hurt; those who hunger for bread, justice or love; those who have no place to sleep or eat; those who have no shoulder for a troubled heart; those who are imprisoned or entrapped behind bars or within themselves which is torture.

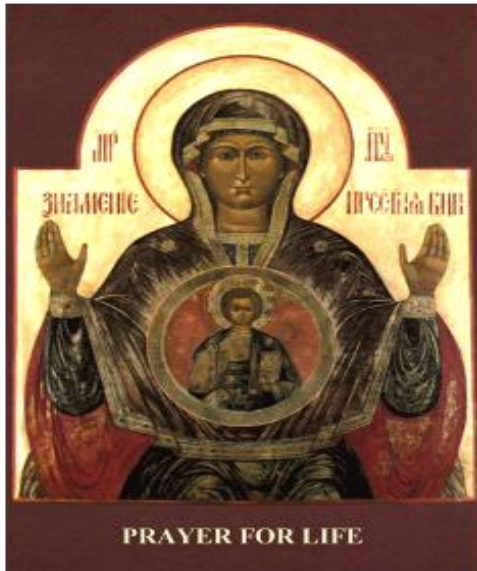
Our parish and our Knights accomplish this every time we serve. The caring acts of God are performed in hands that serve. Jesus is dependent on you and me to be shepherds of his flock in a caring and loving service of others. We become a source of hope, a light in the darkness, for those in need of help.



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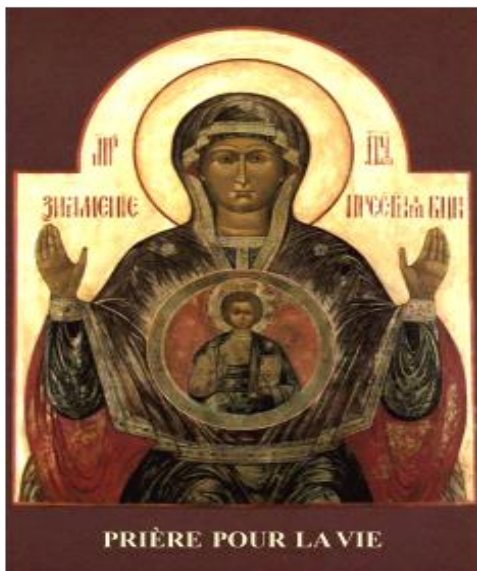
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O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

Pope John Paul II
Evangelium Vitae, 1995



O Marie, aube radieuse du nouveau monde, Mère des vivants, nous te confions la cause de la vie: Regarde, ô Mère, le grand nombre de bébés interdits de naître, des pauvres qui ont la vie si difficile, d'hommes et de femmes victimes de violences brutales, de personnes âgées et de malades tués dans l'indifférence ou par pitié égarée. Accorde à tous ceux et celles qui croient en ton Fils, de proclamer l'évangile de la vie avec honnêteté et amour aux gens de notre temps. Obtenez pour eux la grâce d'accepter cet Évangile comme un cadeau toujours nouveau, la joie de le célébrer avec gratitude tout au long de leur vie et le courage d'en témoigner résolument afin de bâtir avec tous les peuples de bonne volonté la civilisation de vérité et d'amour, à la louange et à la gloire de Dieu, le Créateur et protecteur de la vie. Amen.

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Duties of Council Officers

Grand Knight:

- Presides over all meetings
- Appoints program and membership directors
- Appoints committees as needed
- Countersigns cheques and orders for payment
- Responsible for the council's Admission (1st) Degree Team

Deputy Grand Knight:

- Assists the grand knight with operations of the council and any other duties assigned to him by the grand knight.
- In the absence of the grand knight, presides at council meetings
- Recommends to serve on the council's Retention Committee

Chancellor:

- Has the duty of strengthening the member's interest in council activities
- Assists the grand knight and deputy grand knight with their duties as assigned
- Recommended to service on the council's Admission Committee

Financial Secretary:

- Upon recommendation of the grand knight and the trustees, the financial secretary is appointed for a three-year team that is approved by the supreme knight.
- The prospective financial secretary must also complete and submit the *Application for Appointment as Financial Secretary (#FS101)*
- Under Section 130 of the Laws of the Order, he is automatically bonded in the amount of \$5000. Additional bonding may be provided at a cost of \$7 per thousand by contacting the supreme secretary's office
- Collects money, in the form of dues, from members. Responsible for sending billing notices and initiating retention measures by providing a list of delinquent members to the grand knight to prevent members from being suspended for non payment of dues.
- Ensure that the council membership records are updated and that new members sign the constitutional roll
- Receives from the Supreme Council Headquarters honorary and honorary life membership cards distribution to qualified members
- Files various reports and membership/insurance transactions with the Supreme Council Headquarters
- Responsible for completing and submitting the proper 990 for the council (USA only).
- Keeps the seal of the council and affixes the same to membership cards, resolutions and other official documents as necessary.



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Recorder:

- Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and Permanent record of all actions of the council and maintain all correspondence of the council

Treasurer:

- Charged with handling council funds
- Receives money from financial secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts
- Responsible for paying all council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council
- Under Section 130 of the Law of the Order, he is automatically bonded in the amount of \$5,000 when reported on the *Election of Officers form #(185)*. Additional bonding may be provided at a cost of \$7 per thousand by contacting the supreme secretary's office.

Lecturer:

- Appointed by the grand knight
- Responsible for providing suitable educational and entertaining programs under the "Good of the Order" section of council meetings

Advocate:

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council
- Should have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, Charter, Constitution & Laws, council by-laws, and *Method of Conducting Council Meetings (#10318)*
- When needed, will seek legal assistance from the State Advocate

Warden:

- Responsible for supervising and maintaining all council property
- Sets up council chambers for meeting for meetings and degree exemplifications
- Oversees inside and outside guards

Inside/Outside Guards:

- Attend the doors of the council chamber, checking for current membership cards and allowing entrance

Board of Trustees:

- Consists of grand knight and three other elected members
- Supervises all financial business of the council and conducts the semiannual audits
- Trustees are elected for terms of three years, two years and one year. At each regular election, the position of each trustee will be voted upon, with the current three - and two – year trustees moving on to become the two – and one year trustees, respectively

Chaplin:



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- Serves as spiritual advisor to the brother Knights and families of the council;
- Provides his message to members at the beginning of the meeting as outlined in the *Method of Conducting Meetings* (#10318) or whenever it best suits his schedule.



For The Good Of The Order



*Remember in your prayers
those who are ill and pray
for the repose of the
deceased souls*



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