



# Knights of Columbus

February 2021 Newsletter

ST. PETER'S PARISH COUNCIL 13404 – 533 CLARENCE STREET, LONDON, ONTARIO, N6G 3N1

## Grand Knights Comments



Now that 2020 is behind us, we have this new year to trek through, trying to be filled with hope and promise. I do hope that all of you had a nice Christmas and New Year's holidays. We have a lot more time on our hands and I wish that we are seizing these opportunities to encounter our Lord in the silence and to renew our relationship with Him anew.

**As a friendly reminder, St. Valentine's Day is coming up on Sunday February 14th.** I didn't want the date to quickly arrive without you being prepared for your special

lady.

**Thanks to bros. Larry Barrett and James Vollmer**, who joined me in December to pray the Rosary via tele-conference. It was offered for our council, our families, and for the parish. Perhaps we could consider more of these virtual prayers as catholic gentlemen as ways we can bolster our faith and strengthen our brotherhood.

Because of the lockdown, our February project was canceled. Led by bro. John Bulsza, we were going to prepare and serve a take-out meal to the needy of the downtown core at St. Paul's Cathedral. Once lockdown is over, we can pursue the project again. **Thanks to bro John Bulsza** who is doing a lot of taste-testing and cooking different recipes to perfect the meal we'll be eventually serving.

**On February 17th, we will begin Lent with Ash Wednesday.** I wish you all a very blessed Lent that is fruitful.

I'm still picking all your collective brains about a possible online concert that we can host. I'd like you to suggest anyone you may know who has musical talent. Let's get the conversation started. It would be a fund-raiser.

**Please join us for our upcoming tele-conference General Meeting on Thursday February 11th at 7 pm.** Here are the instructions to join the tele-conference:

**1. Dial 1-866-931-8417**



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2. When prompted, enter the Conference Number: 8020
3. When prompted, enter the PIN: 875985
4. You will then be prompted to record your name and then you'll be connected into the conference.

Thanks brothers and catch you on Thursday night at 7 pm! God bless always!

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I'm repeating something I wrote in the bulletin two weeks ago because I think it's an important reminder as we reach out to care for others and take care of ourselves.

Would any change occur if we let the first words of our day be addressed to God expressing joy for a new day, for life, for health, for work, for retirement, for family, friends, and colleagues? Recognizing God is with me in all the actions I take each day causes enthusiasm for my life and work.



Last Thursday was Bell Let's Talk Day. It is an annual event to bring attention to the need for good mental health and to do what we can to support our own and that of others. Of course, we don't just limit this concern to one day. It must be a daily occurrence, not only by reaching out to others but letting them reach out to us in our need. We need to be less critical of others, do what we can to eliminate any stigma and fill our day with positive change and climb out of the rut of judgement and cynical criticism. Far too much of that exists – and it exists without any dialogue.

What are our coping mechanisms? Do we support others in theirs? We can help remove the stigma by actively supporting the process of recovery and treating each person we meet with dignity so they feel safe, respected, valued and cared for. **It's always good to talk but it is also necessary to listen.** We need to listen in the light, and we need to support others in the darkness. We are never alone.



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By the time you read this you and I have probably been working from home, sheltering in place or on lockdown for 11 months! Who would have thought it? I hope you and your family are safe and healthy.

Being at home so much over the past 11 months has been different...mostly in a good way, although I think most of us have "corona virus fatigue." We'll keep socially distant and do our part by wearing a mask, but we're tired of all the restrictions. On the home front we've had our minor squabbles, but being at home has helped me have more dialogue with my family and has taught me how precious time together is. It's taught me to slow down, consider the important people in my life and resolve to keep this attitude when the restrictions are lifted.

This is the month of Valentine's Day and being home makes me appreciate my wife even more. Whether or not you have children at home, our spouses don't get nearly enough credit for all they do. What would we do without them? In *Fiddler on the Roof*, Mama and Golde sing, "Who must know the way to make a proper home...Who must raise a family and run the home?" Of course that song about "Tradition" is the old fashioned way of looking at "the mama." That's one theme of the play; the changing roles in the family and in society. Many of our spouses have the role of breadwinner, professional, provider, business owner, etc....and manage to also make a proper home, raise the family and run the household. They are remarkable!

So don't forget that dozen roses, the heart-shaped box of chocolates, the card or the gift as a token of your love and letting her know how much she means to you. **And if you want to really let her know how much you love her, take a few minutes with me and take stock of where you are with your life insurance and disability insurance coverage.** With so many spouses in the workplace, it would be neglectful to not make sure they are properly protected. Many households rely on two incomes to pay the bills and the loss of either one, to an untimely death or an illness or accident that means one is unable to work, can be devastating.

I've met with many of you over the past months and I can continue to meet virtually over the computer...everyone stays safe. The Order has equipped me to make sure I can properly meet and service all my assigned brother knights and their families. Let's spend a few minutes together and make sure everything is in place for the ones you love.

**2021 Membership Fees Were Due in December!!**



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***Your annual \$50 membership fees were due December 31, 2020.***

***You can direct your payments to our Financial Secretary, James Vollmer, 411 Scenic Drive, London, Ontario, N6Z 3A9. Make your cheque payable to: "Knights of Columbus, Council 13404."***

### ***OR BY***

- Setting up the following email, [treasurer13404@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer13404@gmail.com) in your on-line banking account/app you can pay our dues by electronic transfer from your bank account.
- Locate the spot in your online bank account /app where you can set up e-transfers/sending money electronically.
- Add our email address above allowing you to send money to us.
- Now complete the transfer process in your line bank account/app.
- Next, send an email from your account to [treasurer13404@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer13404@gmail.com) advising:
  1. How much money was just sent.
  2. The purpose of the transfer – membership dues or another reason.

***In the event there are extenuating circumstances where you are unable to pay, please contact Grand Knight Roger Khouri in confidence.***

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