



Knights of Columbus

November 2021 Newsletter

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

Deputy Grand Knights Comments



Brothers,

As we remember and honour the sacrifice of all our Men and Women in the armed forces this Thursday, let us especially salute those Brother Knights who died in the service of Canada in our wars, both recent and past.

This past month our Council received the 2020-21 Columbian & Founders Award. This award is presented to the Knights of Columbus Councils that have both met their obligations in promoting the Order's top-rated insurance products and in showing excellence in programming and charitable outreach. **Our Council was one of only a few Councils in the London Deanery to achieve this status.** Indeed we were only just short of our membership quota to win the Star Council Award! All of you helped make this happen! **Additional thanks go to Former Grand Knight Roger Khouri, Financial Secretary James Vollmer, Field Agent John Noonan, and District Deputy Gary Masters in their efforts to get all the necessary paperwork completed and submitted on time.**



Editors Remarks:

Top Photo above. DGK Martin Healy is presented with the **Columbian & Founders Award** on behalf of our Council by **District Deputy Gary Masters**. Also, note the bottom photo of the Columbian & Founders Award.



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Bishop Fabbro promulgated on Oct. 21 a vaccination policy for all employees, staff, and volunteers engaged in ministry in the Church. This policy includes all of us. In short, all those involved in ministry will need to provide proof of double vaccination status to continue in ministry at the Church's service. The policy officially goes into effect on Dec. 1, 2021.

Our Council has been asked to:

Collect all vaccination certificates, and forward them to the Parish before Dec. 1, 2021. The most up-to-date version of the vaccination certificate is found here:

<https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/app-identity?viewId=YFTZ5Z4GFAPX>

We will discuss how we will implement this policy at our Nov. 11th General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Since we are not yet prepared to meet in person for our General Meetings at the Parish Centre, nor are we going to restart our Parish Service Activities immediately, we have some flexibility in submitting the required Proof of Vaccinations. That being said, as we do move forward, **ONLY members of our Council who are DOUBLE VACCINATED and have presented their proof of vaccination will be able to participate in Council activities held in person.**

Last month, we held our October General Meeting online via Zoom. Since all of our service work and fundraising work is on hold, our only source of income is through our yearly council dues. *Each of us must fulfill his commitment to the Order, Council, and fellow brothers by promptly paying your 2021-22 dues and doing your utmost to pay back any dues from the previous years.*

Our next General Meeting will again be held via Zoom. The link to the meeting is found in this newsletter. If you don't have a computer and or internet, a phone number is provided so that you can call in. We need to continue to meet in this way until most restrictions have been lifted.



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I want to thank all of you who have made time to participate in our virtual Council Meetings. Your participation has made it possible for us to continue to operate as a Council!

General Meeting Zoom Meeting

Topic: KofC 13404 November General Meeting

Time: Nov 11, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://fanshawec-ca.zoom.us/j/98565516087?pwd=UE9rKzZoWmkxN1ViMUUpkT0ZLQlBwUT09>

Meeting ID: 985 6551 6087

Passcode: 57283463

Dial this Toronto Long-Distance Number and follow the prompts:

+1 647 374 4685

No charges if you have an unlimited calling plan.



John Noonan Field Agent

November is national novel writing month and I want you to seriously consider doing just that.

Have you ever considered writing?

It could be to share your story, or it could be to share the story you have always wished was yours, and wanted to tell? In my opinion, *EVERYONE* has a story to share. Some of us have great imaginations and can conjure up faraway lands and eclectic characters. Others are fantastic at



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bringing life to our past experiences.

Others just need to start writing...*it is HIGHLY therapeutic.*

The best way to start?

No matter what you want to write, just start daily journaling. Keep your journal posts private... and safe. Keep writing every single day of the week – even if it is just 15 minutes a day. There are medical research studies that show the health benefits of journaling. And in honor of national novel writing month... I wanted to give you a kick start on this... and hopefully inspire you to start.

Some thoughts on how to get going:

- Pick the same time of the day to write. Early mornings are a great time for many. Nights work best for others. Try different times of the day and see which feels more natural and creative.
- Pen and paper. Computers are wonderful, but not nearly as therapeutic as a good old pen on paper. It gives you more time to gather your thoughts... and something magical happens when pen touches paper.
- Pick your place. Find a place that nurtures your creativity and desire for “you” time. Sometimes that is a coffee shop. Other times it is that spare bedroom and a desk that you never use. Go back to the same place, at the same time, every day for a month.
- Set a timer. Start with 15 minutes at a time. Then go to 30. Then 45. Etc. You will find that this becomes one of your favourite times of the day.
- If you are stuck on what to write about... pick something in the room, anything, and start writing about it. Or just start writing about how you have nothing to write about. Writers block is all in the mind, so you need to get out of your head and just start writing. The words quickly start to flow when you ignore feeling ‘stuck’
- Pick your favourite ‘writing hat’ or sweater. Develop your own writing ritual.
- Put on some soothing music. Baroque usually is a great background for your creative writing time.

The key to any of this though?

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To just get started. It all sounds good in theory... and the best of intentions may be made. But you have to write. Every day. Think about having your book in print. The people's lives you can touch. The relatives of yours that will love your legacy. Writing is a wonderful thing and today is the time to start!

**It took
"Click it or Ticket"
to get people to
wear a seatbelt.
I wonder if
"Mask it or Casket"
might work?**

Donald Ray Whatley



For The Good Of The Order

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

