



Knights of Columbus

January 2022 Newsletter

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Grand Knight's Comments



Dear Brothers,

Here we go again, another setback with Covid to start the New Year! I have heard from some of our fellow Brothers, who have expressed how difficult it has been. The inability to meet with their extended families over the Christmas holidays, the isolation from limiting personal contacts, and the fear of catching Covid have resulted in much anxiety, loneliness, and negative outlooks. I, too, have felt the 'let-down' with this latest wave in cases. Let us join in prayer to God to give us strength to face the challenges in front of us, alleviate our pain and fear, and give us hope that THIS will pass.

On Jan. 4, Auxiliary Bishop Dabrowski issued our Diocese's 22nd update on Covid Protocols; in it, **he states that all meeting places, including parish halls, are to be closed. The closure includes our Council Chambers.** At our last General Council Meeting, we discussed the possibility of restarting 'in-person' meetings and programs – these plans will have to wait.

Since the Pandemic has severely curtailed our fundraising work, our only source of income is through our yearly council dues. ***I ask each of you to fulfill his commitment to the Order, Council, and fellow brothers by promptly paying your annual dues (\$50) and doing your utmost to pay back any dues from the previous years.*** The methods of payment for your dues are found in this newsletter. [See page 7](#)

If you have not received a letter in the mail from Financial Secretary Brother James Vollmer, please email me with your address; the one we have on file might be incorrect. We have received 8 "Return to Sender" letters back from members whose addresses have not been updated.



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Our next General Meeting will again be held via Zoom. The link to the Meeting is found in this newsletter. If you do not have a computer and or internet, a phone number is provided so that you can call in. The number is long-distance (Toronto), so no charges will apply as long as you have a Canadian Calling Plan.

I look forward to seeing you all online at our Meeting on Thursday, January 13th at 7:00 pm.

Please continue to pray for our members and their families and our healthcare and front-line workers. Please also pray for an end to the Pandemic for all who have fallen ill because of it.

In Christ, Martin Healy

General Meeting Zoom Meeting

KofC 13404 January General Meeting

Time: Jan 13, 2022 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://fanshawec->

ca.zoom.us/j/94538465128?pwd=Y0h1T09BZjhlczQ1dWhqRWcxQjVDUT09

Meeting ID: 945 3846 5128

Passcode: 29010341

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

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Dear Brother Knights,

We are well into January, but it's not too late to wish you and those you love a Happy New Year!

May God give you the strength to get through the pandemic safely. May you watch over those entrusted to your care while recognizing the presence of Jesus in the midst of everyday life. May hope journey with you through times of fear, and may you experience God's love in all you do.

I will remember you and your family when I pray while being grateful for the contribution you make to the work of the Knights of Columbus.

Fr. Jim



Why Study Catholic Philosophy?

Fr. Chris

Philosophy can be an intimidating science to study, and for some it is considered an elitist, and useless waste of time. To some degree that judgment may be well earned by some examples of the philosophical community. **However, I'd argue that philosophy is in principle a human act**, and something that we do regardless of whether we formally study it in schools.



In our current *western culture* some would be esteemed more for their sophisticated vocabulary than a common-sense approach to life in general. We have philosophers like **David Hume** who espouse excessive **doubt** as a type of wisdom, meanwhile he adds, it's not worth living one's life as such. These impractical approaches to wisdom, can amount to the *doubt of wisdom* or its obscuring rather than its love. **And that is what philosophy ultimately is: a love**



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of wisdom. Catholic Philosophy helps us get out of these dark places, and helps us find the harmony in our own being, and a type of peace in our day.

Philosophy is not meant to be a place of *intellectual work* but rather a type of *delight* and *rest* in what is ultimately good.

From a biblical point of view, God commands Adam to be the first philosopher when he tells him to name all the creatures in the garden. The first act of the intellect, according to Aristotle is to *define* our terms. God wants man to exercise this ultimately *spiritual act* by way of distinguishing. Much of philosophy is a matter of discerning or distinguishing between one thing and another: good or evil, real or unreal, this or that, et cetera.

Philosophy in many ways can be used to help us safeguard *Theology* from superstition or fundamentalism. While philosophy does not reveal to us what only God can reveal to us, it can help us unpack dogmatic truths in a manner that has integrity. For instance, Scripture does of itself not use the term Trinity, but it contains the very essence of that term's meaning when describing the three Divine Persons. Philosophy helps us tease these truths out of scripture without falling into the errors about who God is, and how He works.

Philosophy **is** also a type of *useless* study that human beings actually should be drawn toward. Our culture is fixated on what is practical, what puts us to work. We insist on being 'practical people,' but often this actually means we are utilitarian, a mere cog in a machine. We are busy-bodies, always looking for some application to our moral behaviour. We do not savour the truth or just want to be steeped into it for its own sake. In this regard, our western culture is unaware of the *speculative virtues*.

Study is an end in itself. If a person asks you why you are studying: you would rightly answer for the sake of leisure. And then you might explain that *leisure* is where we derive the term *school* from. The point is, our culture, and even in our Church, wants us to work-work-work, but not pray, not discern, not rest, and therefore not study for its own sake. Study itself is becomes no longer a restful activity, but is merely pragmatic and tiresome.

The ultimate end of the human person is to *rest in the Ultimate Truth, which is God.* To deny this dynamic in our lives, would be to cut out the very ultimate purpose for our existence, and aimlessly wonder from one practical means to another - like chasing a carrot on a stick. We focus on *what we are to do* but not *why*. *We lose a sense of wisdom.* Perhaps the world is afraid of what truths lie in the





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silence of our hearts, and that can only be heard in such silence? I do not know - but philosophy rightly orders our mind, giving us the spiritual 20-20 vision, we need to discern natural and things divine. When a God who is Wisdom itself comes to us, He tells us not to be afraid. Albeit none of it is possible without grace, might I suggest turning to Our Lady Seat of Wisdom for intercession.

If you'd like to get started, I might suggest looking into anything that **Peter Kreeft** writes. Here are some suggestions:

- *Summa of the Summa*
- *A Handbook of Catholic Apologetics*
- *Wisdom of the Heart: The Good, the true and the Beautiful*

If you are trying to make a connection between Spirituality and Philosophy take a look at this by **Bishop Robert Barron**:

- *St. Thomas Aquinas: Spiritual Master*





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Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!



As the daylight increases through January I set my sight on the new year and what I would like to accomplish. **Setting goals seems like a better idea than making the traditional New Year's resolutions.** Those resolutions seem to go by the wayside pretty quickly; maybe because they always seem the same year after year.

One goal I have set for this year is to check in with every single member. Many of you filled out the Annual Survey you received at the end of last year. Thanks to those that did! It allows me to update contact information and provide service for specific needs. If you did not yet complete it, I encourage you to complete and return it. It can be done online or by return mail.

Another focus I have for goals this year is to follow the tips for everyday holiness from St. Teresa of Calcutta. I recently printed them out and posted them on my refrigerator so I see them each day. Here they are:

1. Speak as little about yourself as possible.

Tip: Ask others about their day, and take time to listen!

2. Keep busy with your own affairs and not those of others.

3. Avoid curiosity.

Tip: She's talking about being nosy—the bad kind of curiosity!

4. Accept small irritations with good humor.

5. Do not dwell on the faults of others.

Remember: When you do this, you forget the GOOD in people and that they're a child of God, too!

6. Accept censures even if unmerited.

Tip: By this, she means taking DISAPPROVAL in a humble way.

7. Be courteous and delicate even when provoked by someone.

Tip: Know when to walk away or "stop responding." This can be hard and require extra prayers.

8. Choose always the more difficult task

St. Teresa of Calcutta was known for her simplicity. These are simple tips, but often hard to do. Please let me know how I may be of service to you and your family!

Again, best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!. Vivat Jesus!



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John Noonan

2022 Membership Fees Are Due

Please pay your annual \$50 membership fees NOW!

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, finsectkoc13404@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.
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 1. How much money was just sent.
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 3. Provide the answer to the security question that you have added for the e-transfer/send money, allowing our Treasurer to complete the transfer of money to our account

Then the e-transfer/send money email from your bank account is opened by our Treasurer where he will accept the money directly to our council account.

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

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For The Good Of The Order



*Remember in your prayers
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