



Knights of Columbus

December 2022 Newsletter

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



Grand Knight's Comments: Roger Khouri



While being in the midst of Advent, I hope that we can see parallels between this season and our own lives. For example, when we go on a trip, or when we have guests coming over, or when we are making an important life decision, a great deal of time is spent in preparing. Likewise, we can get a lot more out of Christmas when we spend time preparing. Sure, we can decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and attend Mass, but at the heart of the meaning of this event is Christ coming into the World. Our preparations should pivot on the impact and realization. So, we prepare for

his coming at Christmas, and we prepare for his eventual coming at the end of time. Standing brother and brother, let's pray that we can lead one another and our families to be fully prepared for Christ on December 25th and at the end of time.

Thanks so very much to bros **Martin Healy** and **Tony Zylstra** who organized our very first post-Covid breakfast. All of you who rolled up your sleeves and assisted at the breakfast deserve a huge thanks! Its been a long while since we've hosted an event and by all indications, it was very successful. Everyone who left the breakfast was simply raving about it. This event helped to also gather up our parish to build up a sense of community. **Congratulations gents for all your hard work!** (See more photos page 4).



We have a meeting coming up this Thursday in our Council Chambers at 7 pm. I do hope that you can attend. Also, we will be meeting up in early January for a social with your wives and brother Knights. Please stay tuned for further details. (See more photos Pg. 4). May our Lord richly bless you and your families.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Insurance Agent's Message: Br. John Noonan

Merry Christmas! To all my brothers and their families, I extend my very best wishes for a merry and a blessed Christmas. As we are celebrating the Christmas season, we give thanks that God sent his Only Begotten Son to live among us and save us! That gift from the Father sets the stage for our giving gifts at Christmas.



It seems we say it every year: "It's Christmas; where did the year go?" Seems like a good time to look back on the year and note all the gifts given by you and our members worldwide. As Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly mentioned in his annual report this year in Nashville, Tennessee, we have much to be thankful for and much more work ahead of us.

Consider these gifts that SK Kelly mentioned. The Order gave more than \$154 million and more than 48 million hours of volunteer service. But those are the big totals. Look at these specifics: we gave the gift of warmth to more than 150,000 children through the Coats for Kids campaign. We gave 8,891 physically challenged individuals the gift of mobility this year through our wheelchair program. We raised more than \$19 million for Ukraine support and gave those families the gift of respite at Mercy Centers and Easter packages. RSVP gave the gift of financial support to nearly 5,900 seminarians or postulants. And we had more than 450,000 members give the gift of life through donating blood. These are gifts that change lives. Real people, real individuals benefited from these gifts.

As I consider Christmas I think of the gift of support and encouragement that you have given me. I appreciate the opportunity to work with you and your families this past year and I look forward to a new year and renewing connections with you. Again, a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!



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Important Information

There was an insert page in St. Peter's December 4, 2022 church Parish Bulletin from the Diocese Of London. NOTE: In case you didn't get one, [the following is only part of the reasons leading to the Diocese decisions.](#)

“Through dialogue with the Diocese for the past 5 months, it has been determined the Parish Centre will be set for demolition in 2023. Future plans by the Diocese for the entire school property and north parking lot have not yet been determined. The five current tenants now have been notified and their leases will be terminated at the end of January and March. The Diocese will soon be soliciting quotes for asbestos removal and demolition. This is also a required approval process with the city of London.

Until such time, all the ministries and committees will continue to use the parish centre and a new financial agreement with the Diocese on rent and utilities has been negotiated. The North parking lot will return to the Diocese.

Though this may come as unsettling news to some, know that as we enter the Advent season, a time of hope, we want what is financially and pastorally responsible and viable for our parish community. The celebration of the Eucharist and the sacraments continues, and the tireless work of many ministries and committees will move forward uninterrupted. Discussions have already begun and will continue in the new year with all the parish ministry and committee heads to assess the needs of the groups that currently use the parish centre and look for alternate space at other venues or the facilities in the Family of Parishes”

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For The Good Of The Order



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

*This Christmas as we celebrate the miraculous gift of Christ, may
we share with others the joy that it brings.*

merry Christmas and Happy New year !!

Larry Barrett, Newsletter Editor