

Knights of Columbus

August/September 2023 Newsletter

ST. PETER'S PARISH COUNCIL 13404, 511 CHEAPSIDE STREET, LONDON, ONTARIO, N5Y 3X5

Grand Knight's Comments: Lawrence Jardine



Brother Knights: As we begin a new fraternal year, let us renew our commitment to the principles of the Order - **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**. Our works and fellowship are built on these. We face new challenges, but that alone is not new. We need to find a way to seek new opportunities.

This year our new executive is working together to bring to fruition our desire to serve the parish of St. Peter's, as well as the larger community. With that in mind we will continue to be active in the **Thanksgiving Food Drive**, as organized by Brother **Ron Schroeder**. We will assist our pastor (and chaplain) in serving the needs of parishioners in faith development - there are many programs that we can access from Supreme. We will look to opportunities for social gatherings given the constraints. We will discover that we can be creative in this new environment.

Just as the Council persevered during the challenges of the years of COVID shutdowns and virtual meetings, under the leadership of Past Grand Knight, SK **Roger Khouri**, we can learn to adapt.

We have two challenges- **1)** we need to build by recruiting new members, especially among the younger men in our parish. **2)** We need to engage more fully in **all** aspects of this brotherhood. I challenge every member to think of ways to support these goals (charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism) and bring forward your ideas to the council directly.

We will continue to meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at St. Michael's centre, and look forward to your presence and your active participation. Vivat Jesu.

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Father Chris and his parents.

So long Father, we will miss you

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**Come and See our
Bishop of London
His Excellency
Bishop Ronald P Fabbro**



**On November 25th 2023
at St. Anne's Church
20 Morrison Ave
St. Thomas Ontario**



**Join us for Mass at 4:30 pm and a Milestone Dinner in
the St Anne's Centre at 6:30 pm
with Social and Cocktails between 5:30 and 6:30pm.
All of this for only \$40.00 per person.**



Showcase your Council or Assembly's Anniversary or Special Event in a Slideshow during the meal.

This event is co-sponsored by London East and London West Diocesan Associations

Contact your Grand Knight, District Deputy or Faithful Navigator For registration information.

Door Prizes and other events will be available.

Any profits produced by this event will be donated to St. Peters Seminary

Deadline for registration will be November 6th 2023

Please register early for this event.



Supported by St. Anne's Centre and the Smoking Caboose BBQ

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Did You Know.....



Choir Loft and Organs:

The **Choir Loft** was created over the Narthex when the church was built. The present majestic **Casavant Organ** was built in 1926 in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec. It has three keyboards, 3869 pipes and 59 stops. The previous keyboard of 1885, was a smaller two manual instrument built by Samuel Warren.

The choir loft was extended forward to accommodate the new organ in 1926 to provide space for the choir. Originally, there were two balconies on either side of the choir loft. These were taken out when the new extension took place.

The statue on the east side of the choir loft is a statue of the Angel Gabriel. The statue on the west side of the choir loft is the Blessed Virgin Mary. It originally was in the East Transept which is now the St. Joseph Chapel.

Prior to the building of the "Lady Chapel in 1958, the present St. Joseph Chapel was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As a result, the two Lancet windows still pertain the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Reminder

All our **General and Executive meetings** are held in the **St. John Paul II room** which is on the second floor.

Directions: Use the **south entrance door**. Go down the hall to the Narthex and take the stairs of the Narthex (or the elevator) to the 2nd floor. The John Paul II room is the 3rd door on the left.

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Insurance Agent's Message: Br. John Noonan

I was watching television the other day and saw an advertisement with the theme, "Shop Local". The ad touted the many benefits of putting your dollars to work with businesses that are owned and operated by those folks who live and work right in your community. In addition to supporting the local neighborhood and community, the ad pointed to the personal service and the unique products one can find locally.



Big box stores are great, they are convenient and provide goods at competitive prices. But many products are uniform; you can get the same thing at many other places. Their service is sometimes wanting. I can remember wandering in a big box retailer looking for help. However, when I shop at some of my favourite local spots, I always get a genuine greeting, personal help and the feeling that they really appreciate me being there and supporting them.

All this got me thinking about our local councils. The Order is doing great things in countries far and wide. We have big ideas, big plans...and they are important and had tremendous impact on making our world better. But on a local level you members are the face of the Knights of Columbus. When our local Catholic community thinks of the Knights of Columbus, I'm sure it is you members who come to mind. Our Catholic community sees all the good works you do locally. They see you volunteering to help at parish events, supporting your pastor in his needs. Local folks see you handing out coats for kids, holding fundraisers to help local families, taking the lead at sacramental events and visiting the home bound. For the Catholics in the council and in the parish-, you, my brother Knights...you, are the Knights of Columbus. You represent all that is good in our Order. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

Our Supreme Convention in Orlando Florida, highlighted the many accomplishments from previous fraternal year. I think we can all be justly proud of the difference the Knights of Columbus makes. Thank you for all that you do! I want to congratulate you on your contribution o the Order's success and especially for the impact you in the council have had on the local Catholic community. Vivat Jesus