



Knights of Columbus

January 2024 Newsletter

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

Grand Knight's Comments: Lawrence Jardine



Happy New Year. This is the 20th year since our founding in 2004, and the 120th anniversary of the Ontario State Council. What will you do this year for the Knights?

Let us resolve to strengthen our commitment to participate in the activities of the Knights in 2024.

What activities?

Membership Drive at St. Peter's at all Masses on February 4th and 11th.

Want more activities?

Come with your ideas to our regular monthly meeting on January 11 at 7 pm at St. Michaels' Parish Hall.

Hopefully a time of reflection during Lent.

St. Peter's Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Karaoke Night on January 27th from 7pm to 12am at St. Michael's Parish Hall.** "Mr. Music Man", Albin Kmet is organizing and running this event like he did a few years ago. We need volunteers. (Also see the advisement in the latest Church Bulletin).

It is a really fun night and is truly amazing how many great singers we have at St. Peter's Parish! So, plan on attending for an enjoyable night out



*Remember in our prays, Jack Hogan,
father of former Grand Knight Pat Hogan*



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IN MEMORY OF GEORGE BRUNTON SR.



IN MEMORY OF PAUL KRAUSKOPF



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Your 2024 Membership Fees Are Now Due

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, **Treasurer 13404@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 email account to **finsectkoc13404@gmail.com** advising:
 1. How much money was just sent.
 2. The purpose of the transfer – membership dues or another reason.
 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 Lawrence Jardine in confidence.

Email: lfjardine@gmail.com

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As we approach the end and our thoughts turn to the angelic declaration of "Peace on Earth" and "Goodwill to Men" we remember Pope Francis' Prayer for peace where he prays "Lord God of Peace, hear our prayer! ...Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last.



In our lives there was much going on; scurrying around buying a Christmas tree, getting it decorated; looking for that perfect gift for our spouse, our kids and maybe our grandkids. There are parties and school Christmas shows.

Seems like we are busier than ever.



But let me ask you if you did slow down just for a few minutes and considered some financial issues that may have come up at the end of the year.

1. Now in the new year, you may have already met your deductible on your health insurance plan by the end of 2023. Was that an opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off? The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage. Check with your Human Resources office or your insurance carrier for details.
2. When it comes to health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Did you have to spend the money that's in there by year end? Some plans have a "use it or lose it" feature. Did you have to make a decision about how much to contribute this year? There are a couple time sensitive issues. Again, make sure you check with your HR office or health insurance carrier.
3. If you have earned income for last year, will you contribute to a traditional RRSP, Spousal RRSP or TFSA? Are you eligible to contribute more due to unused RRSP or TFSA contribution room? Now is the time to start making plans.

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"We can get a discount on our health insurance if we list Google as our primary care physician."



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All of these issues come with rules and regulations and each individual situation is different. I'd be happy to discuss them with you.

Let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered upon us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior. Vivat Jesus.

Volunteers Needed



For the past 10 years St. Michael's Church, in conjunction with the Hunger Relief Action Coalition, **has been using its auditorium/kitchen to serve a hot meal** to those in need each Monday night.

St. Peter's K of C have been offered the opportunity to assist with serving the meals **on Monday January 22 and 29 from 5:30-6:30pm**. We need 6-8 volunteers for each night. This is an excellent opportunity to serve the needy in our community.

Please contact **Br. George Orsini** at orsiniq@live.ca if you are interested in volunteering your time for this worthy charitable cause. Thank you.

Pizza Night – Tony's Pizza Restaurant





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Did You Know

In the **Narthex**, the stained glass windows depict scenes from the Old Testament.

Windows show:

1. **Cain and Abel** (southeast side). Cain murdered his brother Abel.
2. **Abraham and Isaac** (southwest side). The Lamb in the bushes is to be sacrificed instead of Isaac.
3. **Melchisedech** (west side), High Priest and King of Salem. **Note:** Abraham and Melchisedech were buddies. Melchisedech brought out bread and wine, blessed Abraham, who in turn gave him one tenth of all he had acquired in his warfare. This is how giving the **tythe** came about.

The Baptismal font area was originally in the east side. Now the washrooms are in this area. Baptisms are presently done in the Sanctuary.

On the east side, north wall, are pictures of all the **Popes** starting with St. Peter to Pope Benedict. On the west side, north wall, there is a "**Liturgy Chart**" which is hidden by a bulletin board. It shows many things, such as dates of church events, etc.



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The two **water fonts** at the main entrance are made of green polished granite from Scotland. At the west entrance side there is a **room** where the priests occasionally put on their vestments. Also used for storage. There is a **stairway** to the choir loft and the organ.

Years ago, a "bell ringer" standing in the Narthex would ring the bell in the tower by a long rope attached to the bell. Now computerized.

Quotes - From Ed Condon

We are conditioned, internally and externally, for toil. Work is our default setting and, according to the Genesis narrative, our existential lot, borne of original sin.

Generally speaking, I don't think this is necessarily an altogether bad thing. We do *have* to work, after all. And, as St. John Paul II wrote in *Laborem exercens*, "work bears a particular mark of man and of humanity, the mark of a person operating within a community of persons."

Our endeavors, individual and mutual, are part of what forges and defines us as people, as a society. Rightly understood and pursued, work is a directing and living out of our creative impulses and earthly stewardship, proper to our nature as creatures made in the image and likeness of God.

But as the adopted children of that same God, liberated from sin and death by the coming in time and resurrection of His Son, feasting is no less proper to our nature and status, even if it is sometimes harder work than working — at least for some of us.

It's simply not possible to down tools entirely and take entire liturgical seasons off from our jobs, of course, and the Church doesn't have this expectation, either. But we are called to live our daily lives and our work with true joy; to feast on the job, so to speak.



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This can feel like a kind of hollow exhortation to be more “cheerful” around the house and office, but really it's something much deeper. Living our daily lives with joy, and radiating that joy, is a powerful evangelical witness, and it isn't something one can credibly fake, either.

Living joyfully in the truth of the Incarnation and Resurrection, a wise man once told me, is like walking around with a winning lottery ticket in your pocket: You haven't.



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