



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Council 11053

c/o St John the Divine Parish  
390 Baseline Rd W  
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## Knights in Action MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

### Grand Knight's Report

#### Council Leadership



*At our Knights of Columbus Council Meeting in May, all members will have the responsibility to cast their ballot to elect members to serve in a variety of leadership positions on the Council's Executive Committee for 2020-2021. I*

*encourage each member to review the "job description" for all positions and start thinking about who might be best suited to fill the roles. When doing so, please consider skill set, enthusiasm, energy, availability, as well as their vision of our Council for the future.*

#### Recruitment

*Brother Tony Nother has been working with Kevin Belanger, our District Deputy, on a Recruitment Program. Together they are developing a strategy to help us recruit new members. This will occur following all Masses on the weekend of March 21, 2020. Tony will provide more information as soon as it becomes available. I encourage everyone to support and help these efforts.*

*I also encourage all of our Knights to consider approaching any practicing Catholic man you may wish to recommend to join Council 11053. Take the opportunity to invite them to any of our events before inviting them to a meeting to let them know what we are all about. The future of our Council depends on new members if it is to survive. We also need new ideas to help our Council grow and flourish under the Faith in Action Guidelines.*

*Moe Lacerte, Grand Knight - Vivat Jesus!*

### Chaplain's Report

#### Lenten Message

*The Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you brothers as we begin to enter into this most sacred time in Christendom. The presence of our Knights of Columbus*

*Council #11053 is one of comfort and strength, and the visible arm of this most virtuous order for our parish St John the Divine.*



*In faith and trust in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and the protection of our founder, the Rev. Michael J. McGivney, we continue to perform*

*the works of spreading the Gospel's message, growing fraternal friendship against seemingly insurmountable odds. I can't stress enough the importance of prayer and attendance at mass for us along with the sacrament of confession. We are brothers, a sacramental people and this allows us to navigate the difficult situations that the Knights of Columbus face in the 21st century.*

*Your presence is seen and felt in parishes around the globe, but most importantly here at St John the Divine at liturgical events and devotional practices (i.e. Stations of the Cross, Rosary and Divine Mercy Sunday etc.).*

*My friends and brothers, you are the bulwark for our Parish and I pray you find solace in the pillars of the Lenten season of Almsgiving, Prayer, and Fasting. In faith and trust in Our Lord Jesus Christ we will prevail.*

*In Christ, Fraternally yours*

*Rev. Don Pumputis  
Pastor/Administrator  
St John the Divine Parish*



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## **Free Throw Basketball** – Nick Vecchio

*The Knights of Columbus, Council 11053 held a Free Throw Basketball Tournament on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at Jean Vanier Elementary School with a lot of energy and enthusiasm inside the gymnasium.*



*Competitors came from three area schools - Jean Vanier, Westmount Public School and the London Islamic School. In total, 25 students*

*represented their schools. Although the competition was at a high level, the students were incredibly supportive of each other, sharing applause with "high fives" all around.*

*Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped by registering the students, filling in as judges and providing treats and snacks. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the host school Jean Vanier for allowing us the use of the gymnasium and for welcoming us.*



*Congratulations to all winner and competitors! Good luck in the Regional Finals!*

## **Italian Dinner** - Moe Lacerte

*The Italian Pasta Dinner on Friday, January 31, 2020 was a tremendous success. Many thanks to an army of parishioners as well as a number of Brother Knights. Everyone volunteered their time and talents and worked as dedicated and focused teams with shopping, purchasing of food, preparation and cooking of food and the setting up of tables in the hall.*

*Entertainment was provided by a young, talented violinist and background music added to the ambiance of the evening. Finally our table servers and clean-up crew came through with flying colors. It is absolutely amazing what can be accomplished when dedicated parishioners work together.*

## **Prayer for the canonization of Fr. Michael J. McGivney**

*God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.*

*Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.)*



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## **The Power of Prayer!**

*The confidential Prayer Line at St. John Divine was activated approximately two years ago. Since then, the group has grown to fifteen volunteers who pray in many ways including the Mass, the rosary, novenas, certain prayers that they prefer and all are offered for the intentions of those who access the Prayer Line. Intentions are taken over the phone and a fan out system has been initiated to relay the prayer request to the volunteers who then offer prayers.*



*Some requests are anonymous from callers who do not wish their names mentioned and this is respected. Intentions are usually on the Prayer Line for a month unless otherwise requested and callers are asked to notify the Prayer Line if they wish prayers to be continued or not. Some examples of requests include prayers for strength to go through surgery, loss of employment, a family having a difficult time, conversion of non believers. Occasionally, the Prayer Line will be notified of patients successfully recovering from surgery or going into remission. At other times, those for whom prayers are offered pass away but the prayers are always appreciated by the family or friends.*

*Please contact the St. John Divine Confidential Prayer Line at 519-281-9580 if you are in need of special prayers for yourself or a loved one. Intentions may be left on the Prayer Line or anonymously, if you wish.*

## **Divine Mercy Sunday**

*Come and join us on Sunday, April 19th for Divine Mercy Sunday. Starting at 3 pm with a Liturgy of the Word, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, with time for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and silent adoration. Confession will also be available, so come out and join us at St. John the Divine this Blessed day.*

*Fr. Don Pumputis*

## **Join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**

*A number of members of our Council are members of the Fourth Degree. This Patriotic Degree is committed to the preservation of our Church, our Order and to the many nations that the Knights serve. They are often seen as Honour Guards at public events and funerals.*

*Our local Assembly is the Jerome P. McNamara Assembly. It serves councils in west London. We meet on the second Monday of each month at St. George Parish Hall at 7:30 pm. Meetings seldom last for more than an hour. Although there are no fund raising activities, we serve as voluntary pall bearers for funeral homes. Donations are made and we give several thousand dollars each year to the St. Peter's Seminary and the London Food Bank.*

*An Exemplification will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2020 in Tillsonburg. It runs from 10:00 am to 7 pm. There is also a program for the Ladies. For more detailed information, check the website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). Applications must be received by April 5, 2020. They must be given to Faithful Navigator Don Highley by this date.*

*For more information, please talk to one of our Fourth Degree members.*

**Brother Mike Zabehaylo**



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## **What do we do as Knights of Columbus???**

*Over the next several "Knights in Action" Newsletters, we will highlight what we actually do as Knights and provide a "job description" for each role. This information is taken directly from State archives and is for your edification and information.*

### **Council Officers Duties and Responsibilities**

*Each local council elects twelve officers and appoints others to oversee the business of the council. The Duties & Responsibilities of these officers are to promote growth of the Order and to insure valuable and effective programming is being conducted within the church and the community.*

*The duties of all council officers are outlined in the Laws of the Order in Section 135.*

*With the elected and appointed officers, the council appoints several directors and chairman to conduct activities of the council and recruit new members.*

*The council leadership works together as a team to develop lasting friendships and ensure harmony exists among all the members.*

*Communications and information is shared with all the members on a timely basis.*

*The officers must project a positive attitude at all times, remembering that our goal is to serve the Church, the community and our families in the Spirit of Christ.*

### **"Knights in Action" Newsletter**

*Welcome to the first edition of "Knights in Action". We hope you find it both informative and interesting. The frequency of the newsletter will be determined by the amount of information we are able to gather. It is also designed to keep you abreast of important activities*

*occurring within our Council and Parish. We especially look forward to reaching out to our Bro. Knights who have not been active within the Council for some time and we extend a warm welcome to you to return at any time.*

*Articles for inclusion in our newsletter may be forwarded to Tony Nother, Editor at:  
[another@execulink.com](mailto:another@execulink.com)*

**Wills and Estate planning Seminar** *On Wednesday evening April 22, 2020, the CWL and K of C Council will be co-sponsoring a seminar regarding Wills & Estate Planning in the parish hall of St. John Divine. Kimberly Cura is an active member of our Parish and an associate lawyer at Lerner LLP, where she practices estate and power of attorney litigation and corporate/commercial litigation. Kimberley and Hilary Leitch will be presenting a one-hour educational seminar, followed by an opportunity to raise questions on the topic of wills and estates. Broadly speaking, they will cover estate planning and administration, as well as legal options in times of conflict e.g. when wills are challenged, when executors don't get along, etc.*

*This event is free and open to the general public, April 22<sup>nd</sup> commencing at 6:30 PM*

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Mark your Calendar!**

*March 3, 2020 – Executive Meeting  
March 10, 2020 - Council Meeting  
March 27, 2020 – Parish Dinner  
April 6, 2020 – Diocesan Priests Dinner  
April 7, 2020 – Executive Meeting  
April 14, 2020 – Council Meeting  
April 19, 2020 – Divine Mercy Sunday  
April 22, 2020 – Wills and Estate planning Seminar  
April 24, 2020 – Parish Dinner  
April 26, 2020 - 4<sup>th</sup>. Degree Exemplification, Tillsonburg*