



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Council 11053

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## Knights in Action SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

### Chaplain's Report



Dear Brother Knights,

May the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Brothers, here at St. John the Divine, we are slowly beginning to experience a sense of normalcy in our

parish community. I want to share with you a quick update of what has occurred since we re-opened.

For one, we are back to our regularly scheduled Masses, although with limited room due to social distancing directives. The requirement of the use of masks in the Church proper is now mandatory, with the exception for those who are unable, due to medical reasons. I have noticed a slow increase in attendance over the past few weeks as people become more comfortable, especially on Sunday. I encourage you to continue to support our parish Brothers as only Knights know how. You have been a port in the storm for all of us. For the many volunteers who have helped with our re-opening, I say thank you for your time and efforts. Without you, we could not have opened on schedule. If you can attend, please come to the parish. The directives have allowed us a way to worship in a safe environment while still maintaining a spirit of Catholic Christian charity. If you are unable to come, be aware that Bishop Ronald P. Fabbro has dispensed us from our Sunday obligation until the first Sunday of Advent 2020. However, I encourage you, if you have the technology to do so, to watch our streamed Masses which are available online at [sjtd.ca](http://sjtd.ca)

As we begin to open, we are also getting back into the regular celebration of the sacraments. We have several baptisms that are now being celebrated, as we welcome these little ones into the Church of God. We have also conducted funerals. Both our baptisms and funerals are celebrated with a limited number of people in the Church. I am hoping in the future, once we move forward in our phases, that we will be ready to celebrate our First Communions, Confirmations, and to also welcome our RCIA candidates into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please continue to pray for our parish community Brothers as they continue to encounter Christ through the sacraments.

On a final note, please pray for our future parish family as we will be familed up with St George's Parish. The official activation of the parish family will be announced at a future date and will include the pastor and associate pastor appointment of this parish family. This decision is one that the priest personnel of our diocese will be exploring, along with the Bishop's approval. I urge you to continue to work with our brothers and sisters at St. George's, to develop a working relationship focused on proclaiming the Gospel. My hope is that, once our parish family is activated, our Knights and the Knights of St. George parish will work collaboratively as our Knights have in the past, to live out the mission of our founder Venerable Michael J. McGivney.

Thank you for all your support and hard work in supporting not only St. John the Divine Parish but our Catholic Faith in your community, friends and acquaintances, through your good works and prayer. May God bless your efforts and may God bless you Brothers.

Vivat Jesus

Fr. Don, Chaplain



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### Deputy Grand Knight's Report



Good August Morning Brothers,

I trust you and your families are well as we are. This has been quite a different ride through the spring and summer than in past years, thanks to Covid-19.

My introduction to the shutdown occurred on our return to Toronto on Thursday, March 19, 2020, from a wonderful ten-day holiday at the Moon Palace Grand in Cancun, Mexico. It took one and a half hours to be processed after landing and we consequently missed our connecting flight to London. The ride home in a cab and subsequent tales would be best shared over some beer and wine. I quarantined for fourteen days and showed up at the Canada Bread Depot for my appointed shift for the "Bread Run" for the Soup Kitchen and the Food Bank. Ken, the warehouse manager, questioned my presence and since no one else showed up, I managed the sorting and stacking for the Food Bank truck. I have continued to do this weekly for our Council and the recipients since then. Brother Ted Bartlett has helped on his appointed shifts, as did Guy Pilley. My grandson, Isaac Metron, has been accompanying me since early May and has been a real boon for me and our recipients.

We certainly have missed our Friday Night Roast Beef and Fish Fry Dinners, as well as hosting the Bishops and Priests Dinner the Monday before Easter. We have also missed the Masses and celebrations of our faith at Church and seeing and socializing with each other but are forever grateful to Fr. Don Pumputis and Fr. Danny Santos for their joyful celebrations of Masses, adorations, and informal chats online.

Since Masses have returned with maximum of forty three attendees, I have attended 5:15 pm on most weekends. Eighteen parishioners showed up on the first Saturday in July and thirty-nine this past Saturday.

I know many of our congregation do not like to wear masks (as do I), and still more are wary of venturing out in public. Understandable!!!

Lastly, as we continue to work our way through this pandemic, ask God for strength for all of us, our leaders, and politicians. We will need all the Divine help God sends us.

***IF YOU HAVE ANY NEEDS, WHATEVER THEY MAY BE, PLEASE ASK!!!***

My grandmother helped teach me about God and Faith, when she would say in Arabic, "Ullah Bibiuk", GOD WILL PROVIDE!!!

God Bless

Joe Metron

Deputy Grand Knight



#### St. Jude Prayer *for the* Healing of Cancer

God of healing mercy,  
in Jesus your Son you stretch out  
your hand in compassion, restoring  
the sinner, healing the sick,  
and lifting up those bowed down.  
Embrace us now in your loving care,  
particularly those afflicted with cancer,  
for whom this intention is offered.  
May the Spirit of Jesus bring us  
all health in soul and body, that with  
joy and thanksgiving we may praise you  
for your goodness, through the same  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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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.

#### **The Role of Deputy Grand Knight:**

Assists the Grand Knight in his duties;

Presides over Council Meetings in the absence of the Grand Knight;

Presides over Member Retention Committee;

Training position for Council (Grand Knight);

Typically, the Council Program Director and, if so, oversees the work of all Council general programs and committees (See "Faith in Action" program booklet);

Works with Grand Knight with the selection of chairmen for all programs;

Helps the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary distribute materials from "Faith in Action" to all program chairmen;

Gathers and summarizes committee reports during Council meetings;

#### **The Role of Chancellor:**

In charge of total participation with membership with activities of the Council;

Chairman of Welcoming Committee by exercising special interest in new members;

Presides over the Admissions Committee;

May develop program to determine availability and interest of members in specific activities of Council and refer information to Grand Knight;

Works with the Council's Vocations Director

Liaison to the Parish;

Reminds members of fraternal responsibilities such as visiting the sick and members in distress.

### ***Spotlight On! Bro. Ted Bartlett***



It is almost difficult to know where to begin when you write an article on Bro. Ted Bartlett. In fact, I could not do it justice without the assistance of many people. These include Nives Davies, Colleen Kelly and Maureen Guichelaar, to mention a few. Ted has been such an integral part of St. John the Divine Parish and has shared his time and talents in many ministries, without reservation.



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His dedication as a Knight of Columbus is truly impressive. Ted has held many positions on Council. These included Grand Knight, Recorder, Chancellor, and Board of Trustees. In 2016 he was declared "Knight of the Year" of Council 11053. He is held in high regard by his fellow Bro. Knights and his advice is sought after to resolve delicate issues as they arise. He also holds the distinction of 4th. Degree Knight.

Apart from being a Knight, Ted is also an usher, lector, eucharistic minister and sacristan. A man of many talents, he manages to balance all of his responsibilities at the weekend Mass while also attending to the needs of Dennis Forhan, our blind parishioner, ensuring he is able to attend the 9:00 am Mass and receive the Eucharist. Many of us have noticed the care and dedication given to this task.

Ted is also a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. On one occasion, I had the privilege of accompanying him to meet a lady who was in need of furnishings and other items. I was truly humbled by the delicacy with which Ted approached this assignment, ensuring the lady's needs were met to the best of our ability, while maintaining the dignity and respect of the individual.

Ted is also highly respected by the Missions & Social Justice Committee. When I approached Maureen Guichelaar for some input, she responded with "The Prayer" by Dorothy J Loughran as an apt way to describe Ted's volunteer work:

"Arms outstretched to welcome all

Feet to hurry at Thy call

Eyes to see those in distress

That I may ease their loneliness"

Ted has worked together with the Missions & Social Justice Committee both at a local and global level for many years. He has a special place in his heart for the people of Choco, Columbia, especially the children and youth. He has spent countless hours over the years supporting their needs.

A separate article on Missions & Social Justice appears in this newsletter, written by Bro. Ted.

The father of ten children, Ted was happily married to his wife Pauline for 48 years before she passed away in 2007(RIP). A dedicated father, he is devoted to all of his children and is known to set off on cruises with his daughters around the world.

An important part of his day is spent walking about the neighborhood in an effort to maintain physical fitness and good health. I know from dining with Ted at Tim Hortons that he pays special attention to his diet and looks the picture of health, a shining example to all of us.

There is so much more to be written about Bro. Ted. Suffice it to say, that when the Good Lord beckons, as He will all of us, a resounding "Well done good and faithful servant" will echo in the heavens above.

On behalf of all of us, thank you so very much Ted for all you do.

Bro. Tony Nother



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### ***Basketball Free Throw:***

**By Bro. Nick Vecchio**

For the past number of years, the Knights of Columbus, Council 11053, has hosted a Basketball Free Throw Competition for elementary school children in the London area.



For some time now, the students from the London Islamic School have participated. Last year, Nayla Aoudjehane was our Council Champion for Girls age 9. Nayla then advanced to the District level and came second in the 2019 Provincial Free Throw Championship. This year Nayla continued her winning streak and was successful in taking the 2020 Provincial Champion Girls 10 years old, sinking 22 of 25 free throws.



On Tuesday, July 7, 2020, a group of enthusiastic Knights including Bros. David Peters, Ontario State Deputy, Mike Boric, Basketball Free Throw Chair, Martin Evers, London East Diocesan Association, who also photographed the event, Moe Lacerte Grand Knight, Council 11053, Nick Vecchio, coordinator of the Council's Basketball Free Throw Competition and Tony Nother, Publisher of "Knights in Action" newsletter, met at the London Islamic School. Our purpose was to present the 2020 Provincial Championship trophy for Girls, age 10 to, none other than, Nayla Aoudjehane, a student at the Islamic School.



Nayla won three competitions enroute to being crowned the 2020 Provincial Champion. Her total overall score was 55 out of 65, a remarkable 85% shooting average. Coincidentally, over thirty-seven thousand boys and girls, in various age groups, competed in the Province this year.

The trophy was presented to Nayla by Bro. David Peters who traveled from Brampton, ON to honor her accomplishments. The celebration was also attended by Nayla's proud mother Sabrina, school staff members and fellow students.

Congratulations to Nayla on her incredible achievement. We are looking forward to next year's competition and wish her all the very best!



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## Missions & Social Justice

By: Bro. Ted Bartlett

### Missions and Social Justice Committee Activities

Social Justice is an important act of solidarity working on behalf of the common good. It provides great opportunities for all parishioners to get involved in projects that lead to effective social change by making a difference in the world through compassion, dedication and philanthropy.

The following are areas in which Missions and Social Justice is presently involved:

#### *The Latin Night Fundraiser:*

An annual event is held to raise money for Afro and Indigenous school children in Choco, Colombia to complete their education by providing them with school supplies, sports equipment, computers, food and musical instruments. Many of these children planned on leaving school to join the Guerrilla Armies but are now focused on completing their education. Some have even earned scholarships to university.

#### *Development and Peace:*

(In coordination with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops)

This year, we are supporting indigenous Amazon peoples to protect their forests from being destroyed by the Brazilian Government for commercial purposes

- Support small farmers rights to use their own seeds
- Mining companies to respect the rights of third world populations

- Prevent water bottling companies from controlling water supplies
- Collecting used stamps for fund raising for Development and Peace

#### *Recycle Projects:*

Collection of eye glasses for the CNIB to send to third world countries

Plastic food containers for St. Paul's Daily Bread Food Bank which are then filled with food for the homeless

Metal pull tabs from pop cans to buy wheel chairs for those in need

Collecting used stamps as a fund raiser for Development and Peace

#### *Environmental:*

Recycling of plastic milk bags and used batteries as well as supplying containers for used fat, oils, and grease

#### *Common wellbeing of third world peoples*

CHOCO school children to help them finish their education.

Collecting used clothing for orphaned children in Colombia and other places where the need exists

#### *Cross Cultural Learner Centre (St. Joseph House)*

Collect hygiene items for new immigrants and obtain furniture in co-ordination with CCLC

#### *Coordination with St. Vincent de Paul Society*

To coordinate with St. Vincent de Paul Society and the CWL on local social justice issues



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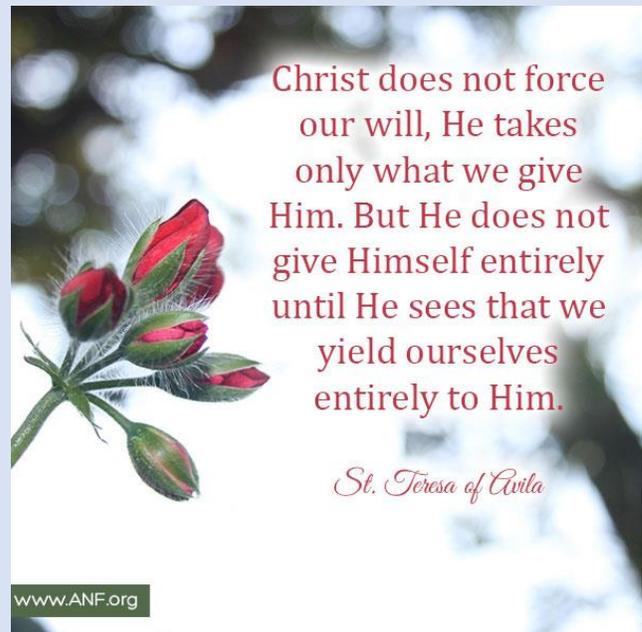
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### *Prayer Line*

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

### *Volunteers Required*

Volunteers are required for all Masses at St. John the Divine for both weekdays and weekends. There is a particular need at the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday morning. Responsibilities include greeting parishioners arriving at church, sanitizing hands, checking names and telephone numbers, escorting to pews, sanitizing church after each Mass on weekends. Without sufficient volunteers, Masses will be cancelled. If you are able to help out, please contact Nives Davies or Fr. Don at the Parish Office.



### *Saintly Quotes!*



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## **“Knights in Action” Newsletter**

Welcome to “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.

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