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*Serving Holy Family Parish*

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Brother Knights

On January 26th the Council Basketball Free Throw contest was held. We had 26 students from the 4 Catholic elementary schools in our area. I want to Thank Bro. Darryl Lierman, Bro. Edgar Hooper and Bro. Andre Lisowyk for all their help

with this event. The winners of the Council Competition will now compete in the District Competition, to be held on Friday, February 16th at Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School. If you are able to help at this event, please let Bro. Don Highley know.

The Moving Crew - moved a bed January 30th for St. Vincent de Paul. The crew was made up of Bros. Tom **O'Brien, Joe Huybers, Larry Cushing, Stan Gabriel, Pat Lavigne** and Pat's son, Jeff. Thanks all that helped with this move!

The weekend of February 11th and 12th was our Valentines Breakfast. Thank you to all brothers who came out to help!

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Here are some dates to mark on you calendars:

### Spring Food Bank Drive

March 26 - 29th.

Once again we have been asked to distribute bags at the entrance to the Real Canadian Super Store at the corner of Oxford St. and Hyde Park Road. Further details will follow.

Brother Volker has received approval for our license to hold our 2nd annual Elimination Draw, to be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018. We will be selling 450 tickets this year. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Tickets can be sold to anyone over the age of 18, so start talking to friends, neighbours, co-workers.

Vivat Jesus!      Bro. Tom Mills  
Grand Knight



## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

What is discernment?



Dear Brother Knights,

As we begin our Lenten journey, we are also preparing ourselves for the next **“Come and See Discernment Retreat”** on the weekend of March 2-4<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Seminary. The weekend is geared to men 17 years old and up, who are discerning their vocation in life. All Catholic men benefit from these weekends, even if they are not called to the seminary for further discernment of the priesthood.

But what exactly is discernment? Fr. Timothy Gallagher O.M.V., a well known spiritual director, describes discernment as the process of having *“the courage to be spiritually aware, understand, and act upon God's will in one's life.”* And so, with God's grace and with the wisdom of the saints and doctors of the Church, we are called to be aware of the movements in our hearts, understand them, and then take action.

Often, we can fall in the trap of two extremes: 1) acting upon impulse without prayerful discernment, or 2) ending up in a state of perpetual discernment with no action being taken to move towards God's plan for us. The Come and See weekends encourage young men through an experience of seminary life, prayer, instruction, and fraternity, to gain the confidence required to take the next step in following Christ.

I would encourage our brother Knights to invite a young man from your own parish to the next Come and See weekend, and to benefit from this discernment. Joy and peace are the two fruits of any discernment, and wouldn't it be great to have more of these two gifts!

With my prayers,

Fr. Patrick Bénéteau  
Director of Vocations and Seminarians  
Diocese of London

### *Today's Lenten Reflection from the Gospel of Matthew Matthew 9:14-15*

Friends, in today's Gospel, people ask Jesus why he and his disciples do not fast when John and his disciples do. Jesus' answer is wonderful: “How can the guests at a wedding fast while the groom is still with them?” Could you imagine people fasting at a wedding banquet? It would be ridiculous!

Jesus later says, “No one pours new wine into old wineskins....” The new wine is the Gospel. The receptacle for this wine must be conformed to it, not the other way around.

To take in the Good News, we can't be living in the cramped space of our sinful souls. We can't have an “expect the worst” attitude. Instead we repent, or change the minds that we have. Another way to get at this is to say that like is known by like. If God is love, then only a soul that is on fire with love will properly take him in.

If you are interested in reading more of Bishop Barron's Lenten Gospel Reflections, take a look at <http://www.lentreflections.com/>.

For additional content from Bishop Barron, take a look at <http://www.wordonfire.org>.



#### SICK & IN DISTRESS

Your prayers are requested for all our brother knights and their families who are sick or in need of comforting. In particular, would you please pray for Bro. Ted Corcoran.

#### IN MEMORIAM

We pray for all of our Brother Knights who have gone before us. A complete list of our deceased brothers is available on the council's website: [http://www.kofc10561.com/council\\_history.htm](http://www.kofc10561.com/council_history.htm)



BASKETBALL FREE THROW

We had a good turnout on Friday, January 26th for the council free throw and we are now down to participants from just St. Georges and Holy Family parishes for the district throw. The District Free Throw took place on Friday, February 16th at Notre Dame. A big thanks to those brothers who came out to help. Bro.

Tom is still looking for a volunteer to take on chairing this annual event. Following is a picture of the winners from our Council level event:



FIRST DEGREE (ADMISSIONS)

Our Council is hosting an Admissions (1st) Degree on Monday, February 26th. Candidates to arrive by 7.00pm and the Degree will commence at 7.30pm. This will take place in the hall at Holy Family Parish. We encourage as many members as possible to come out and witness the ceremony and support the new candidates - especially if you have not been to a degree since you took your own. You will be quite amazed at what you have forgotten!

ELIMINATION DRAW

Following the success of last year's program, council is planning to host another Elimination Draw this coming spring. We already have the license and tickets, which will go on sale in the near future. Bro. Pete Doiron will be providing the entertainment once again and Bro. Dave Condirston will be taking care of the food. Brothers will asked to get involved in selling tickets, and on the night of the event. Further details will be announced in the coming months.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Pete Dorion
- 4 George Warecki
- 5 Paul Pytel
- 7 Tony Leonardo
- 8 Chris Gardner
- 11 Dave Mitchell
- 21 Ed Valenciuik
- 22 Daniel Mills
- 24 Patrick Heffernan
- 26 Ralph Regan

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Geno Francolini
- 6 Clifford Poppleton
- 9 Michael Vandepoele
- 10 Don McMurray
- 11 John Ball
- 15 Bruce Weber
- 16 John Hogeterp
- 21 James Burr
- 22 Don Wilmot
- 24 David Stanford
- 25 Jeffrey Miller
- 27 Rev. Michael Prieur
- 29 David Condirston
- 29 Dennis Milne
- 31 Stephen Harrington

*Happy Birthday  
Brother Knights!*

The Fire of Easter

I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. In 2018, inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, "With you is forgiveness", this will take place from Friday, 9 March to Saturday, 10 March. In each diocese, at least one church will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession.

During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn

from the "new fire", this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds", and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me.

*Excerpted from Pope Francis' Lenten Message. The full version is available here, and is well worth the read:*

<http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2018/02/06/180206c.html>





CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

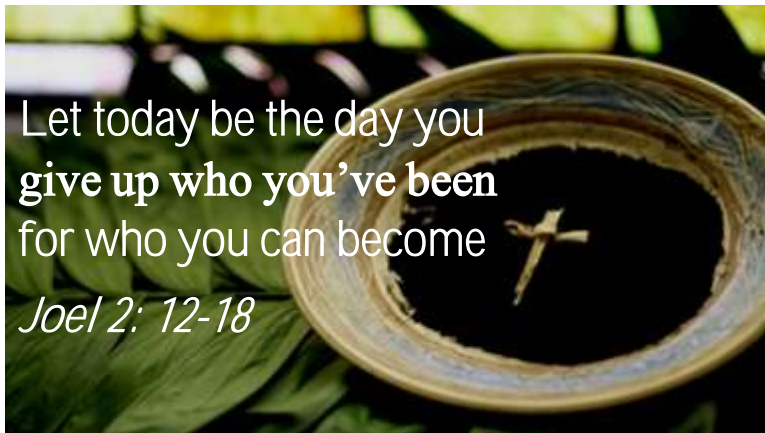
FEB	Tuesday 20th	7:30pm	Council General Meeting
MARCH	Tuesday 6th	7:30pm	Council Executive Meeting
	Tuesday 20th	7:30pm	Council General Meeting
	Monday 26th - Thursday 29th.		Spring Food Drive



BUS OUTREACH SCHEDULE	
February 18th	Pete Doiron
February 25th	Steve Andrusiak
March 4th	Paul Terek
March 11th	Larry Cushing
March 18th	Trevor Lobb

Check out the Council's website for more pictures!

 Please be advised that the family skating event has been cancelled this year. Council will be discussing the possibility of revisiting running this event for the parish in 2019.



Bro. Mark Lierman oversees final preparations for the Valentine's Breakfast.

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