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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Brother Knights

Happy New Year!

December was a busy month and a special thanks is due to all the brothers who helped out with organizing our Christmas Dinner, the seniors luncheon and decorating the church.

We have several events coming up both in January and February. There is an admissions degree on Monday, February 5th in Woodstock. If you have a friend, relative, son or grandson who is thinking about joining the Knights please get a form 100 filled out and contact Brother Eamon so we can get it read in at our next meeting.

Also on February 10th and 11th is our Valentines Breakfast. We need a lot of help for this event so please put it on your calendar. Several other event are happening please read the bulletin and mark those dates down. Our next Dinner is on Friday, January 19th. It will be Pork Roast and Brother Tony will be contacting the team that is scheduled to assist

with serving and cleanup. Brother Volker has applied for our license to hold our 2nd annual Elimination Draw, to be held Saturday, April 28th. Remember, anybody you know can by a ticket so start talking it up with friends, neighbors, co workers so this night will be a great success.

Other events:

Basketball Free Throw Contest - Friday, January 26th starting at 6:00pm at Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School. We will need 4 or 5 Knights. To help with the evening, please contact me, Bro. Tom Mills (519) 473-0479 or by email at tom.mills1955@gmailcom if you are available.

Vivat Jesus! Bro. Tom Mills
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"The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul."

-G.K. Chesterton

*Happy New Year
Brother Knights!*

Executive Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the Month



General Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the Month

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

The Splendor of Mercy

In 2005, Fr. Michael Prieur, retired professor at St. Peter's Seminary (better known to us in the Diocese as "Fr. Mickey"), published *Panes of Glory*, a book which illuminated our understanding and deepened our love for the majestic stained glass windows in the chapel of St. Peter's Seminary. This past year, Fr. Mickey has done it again. In his most recent book, *The Art of the Confessor: a Vademecum for Seminarians and Priests*, Fr. Mickey has shed the light of faith upon virtually every aspect of the sacrament of Reconciliation, in order to illuminate our minds and inflame our hearts for this great gift of God's forgiveness. The book is not only a compilation of Fr. Prieur's class notes and lectures, from over four decades of teaching the art of the confessor course at St. Peter's Seminary, (which would have been a gem in itself!); these pages are also filled with Fr. Mickey's own personal experiences of receiving, teaching and celebrating the sacrament of penance, along with the wisdom and advice from other theologians, pastors and spiritual writers. Bishop Fabbro, in his foreword to the book, calls *The Art of the Confessor* an exclamation mark to the Year of Mercy, which we have just finished celebrating in the universal Church. Fr. Mickey has indeed left all of us an open door to God's mercy as we now open the pages of his labour of love!

First, *The Art of the Confessor* is not just for priests and seminarians, although this audience is addressed particularly in the subtitle. This book is for all who are receiving, interested in, or intrigued by, the sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Prieur has written something for everybody. Beautiful art works depicting forgiveness and illustrating the sacrament of confession are displayed and described at the beginning of each chapter. My personal favourite is the Prodigal Son painting by Bartolomé Murillo, which includes an overjoyed Jack Russell terrier who joins in on the celebration, reminding all of us of the joy in heaven and in all of creation when one sinner repents. Along with the artistic masterpieces, the book also delves into wonderfully practical explanations of what the different dimensions of the sacrament are all about: contrition, confession, penance, reconciliation, satisfaction, etc. Many people wonder why the sacrament of confession is referred to by so many names – well, here you will find your answers!

Profound insights are also offered into the understanding of the different aspects of the priest's role in celebrating this

sacrament, as physician, teacher, judge and spiritual father. In reflecting on the fact that most people begin their confession with the words, *Bless me Father for I have sinned*, Fr. Prieur writes, "'Father', encourages both of us [priest and penitent] to remember that God, our heavenly Father, is merciful, kind and compassionate. His Son, Jesus Christ, incarnates these beautiful qualities *par excellence*." The reader will also be regaled by the counsel Fr. Mickey gives in using a formal examination of conscience and how to prepare best for confession with the proper dispositions.

Second, the book *The Art of the Confessor* is called a *vademecum*, Latin for 'go with me' or 'companion'. It is, however, not only the book, but the author who is a companion on the journey. For all of his priesthood, Fr. Prieur has walked with hundreds of priests, deacons, lay-ecclesial ministers and God's people from all over Canada in their journey of faith, and has now shared his love for reconciliation and forgiveness with us in book form. I am proud and privileged to have taken Fr. Mickey's classes during my formation at St. Peter's Seminary and blessed to have him as a brother priest. In reading *The Art of the Confessor* it is my prayer that you too will become part of this great journey toward our Merciful Father and be helped as Fr. Prieur walks with you as you go. One is truly on Holy Ground when reading this book as it is not simply good information on a page, but a life poured out in love for God and for his people. The book can be ordered and purchased at prieurpublications@gmail.com

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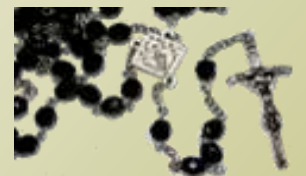
SICK & IN DISTRESS

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. In particular, we pray for Bro. Jack Fursman.

A complete list of our deceased brothers is available on the council's website:
http://www.kofc10561.com/council_history.htm



FRATERNAL SURVEY REMINDER

A reminder to complete the Fraternal Survey. It needs to be submitted to State by the end of January. The form is available online at <http://www.kofc10561.com/contact/fraternalsurvey/contactform.htm> and responses will be sent directly to the Grand Knight, to be tabulated, and forwarded to Supreme Council. Please take a moment to complete the form at your earliest convenience. For those who prefer to complete the survey by hand, a printable version is attached, which can be completed and returned to the Council's mailbox. If you have already completed it, thank you!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Edgar Hooper
- 7 Joe Huybers
- 9 Winston Bennett
- 9 Ioanis Vitsentzatos
- 10 Harry Giesen
- 12 Patrick Lavigne
- 20 William Gunn
- 21 Edward Pollesel
- 23 John Pegg

JANUARY 19th DINNER

We will be selling tickets after all Masses on the weekend of January 13-14 for the upcoming Dinner on Friday, January 19th. If you are able to assist with selling these tickets please contact Dave Condirston at 226-289-9449 or by email at davidajc@rogers.com. We will also need help with setup in the morning of the 19th at 9:00am, and on the night of the dinner, for serving and cleanup.

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



AN INTERESTING READ FROM
FR. JONATHAN KALISCH, O.P.
Excerpted from Chaplains Report

It Can All Be Different

Recently I spent a week on retreat with the Hermits of Bethlehem in Chester, N.J. I was beautifully surprised that a place like this exists and by my attraction to the silence and prayerful solitude. The experience of being unplugged from the constant barrage of emails, text messages and various media left me thinking that it all can be different.

As we begin the new year, it strikes me that the same can be said about the local Knights of Columbus council experience; it all can be different. Here at Supreme, we continue to encourage local councils to focus on faith formation and spiritual leadership, but such things can only take hold with the renewed involvement of our Knights in the field. Central to their success is the role you play as chaplain to our brother Knights and their families. You know their strengths and challenges and can pastorally elicit the new engagement needed to make their efforts more evangelical.

I urge each of you to regularly meet with the leadership of your council to chart a plan to equip the council to become a "field hospital" ready to receive and form new members. A key aspect along this journey is the individual member's spiritual growth and faith formation so that he can lead his family in prayer and increased sacramental practice.

Surveys of potential Knights show that younger men seek an opportunity to grow in the mature practice of their faith. What does your council have to offer such a man? Moreover, before planning any K of C meeting or function, leadership should ask whether a potential brother Knight could justify being away from his wife and children in order to participate in this particular event. If not, how can it be transformed to become an effective use of each Knight's time? These questions must regularly be asked in each council. Ultimately, a local council may need to change its culture in order to emphasize spiritual formation and faith fellowship in place of the business meeting culture.

Imagine if your council leadership did most of its business during an officers' meeting. Suppose you trained and equipped several brother Knights to be faith formation leaders in the council, men who could speak personally about the faith and lead other men by witness and example. What if the main monthly meeting began with a Holy Hour, Stations of the Cross, *Into the Breach* discussion or a faith-formation video? This could be followed by a brother Knight's witness and your teaching on a faith formation or spiritual topic. Finally, end with a fraternal social gathering.

Our brother Knights and the many potential future Knights are starving for such an approach. It all can be different. *Vivat Jesus.*



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY	Tuesday 16th	7:30pm	Council General Meeting
	Friday 19th	6:00pm	Council Dinner
	Tuesday 23rd	7:00pm	2nd Degree in Tillsonburg
	Friday 26th	6:00pm	Council Free Throw @ Notre Dame
	Sunday 28th	2:00pm	Knighting Degree (3rd) at Council 11128 in Sarnia
FEBRUARY	Monday 5th	7:00pm	1st Degree in Woodstock, Council 3515
	Tuesday 6th	7:30pm	Council Executive Meeting
	Sunday 11th	All Masses	Valentine's Breakfast After All Masses
	Wednesday 14th		Ash Wednesday
	Friday 16th	6:00pm	District Free Throw @ Notre Dame School
	Tuesday 20th	7:30pm	Council General Meeting

BUS OUTREACH SCHEDULE

January 21st	Stan Gabriel
January 28th	Patrick Heffernan
February 4th	Mike Meinert
February 11th	David Stanford
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!

BASKETBALL FREE THROW

Mark your calendars – The Council Free Throw will be held on Friday, January 26, 2018, starting at 6:00pm, at Notre Dame Elementary School. The District Free Throw will be on Friday, February 16th, 2018 at 6:00pm at Notre Dame Elementary School. The Regional Free Throw will be on Saturday, March 3rd, 2018 at 9:00am at St. Thomas Aquinas SS.



A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one
 Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain
 But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;
 Not by making your path easy,
 But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
 Not by taking hardships from you,
 But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
 But by keeping your face bright even in the shadows.
 Not by showing you when people and their causes need you most and by making you anxious to be there to help.
 God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.



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