



Knights of Columbus

June 2025 Newsletter

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



Grand Knight's Comments: Joe Sales

"Come Back To The Sacred Heart"

During the month of June and throughout the summer months, we often see signs, symbols, and messages across our communities worldwide being promoted that don't align with our beliefs. This has me thinking about Romans 12:2 which says: "And be not conformed to this world; but be reformed in the newness of your mind, that you may prove what is the good, and the acceptable, and the perfect will of God."

As Knights, but most importantly, as Catholics, let us return to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is there where we will experience what is right and true. We receive the love and mercy of God through the Sacraments.

During the month of June, as Catholics, we keep in mind The Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is a beautiful devotion which I encourage fellow Knights to familiarize themselves with. Earlier this year, the Knights Columbus as an order launched its new Pilgrim Icon Program.

In regards to our council and the fraternal year, it's hard to believe that as a council we are at the end of the fraternal year. **I'd personally like to thank everyone from the executive to the general membership** who've put in time this past year to help make our council better and who've been involved in various efforts to promote charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

As the Grand Knight, It has been a real honor and privilege to serve the council, our family of parishes, and the local community. I have been learning so much this past year and it is my hope that as a council you will have faith in me again to lead us forward. Please pray for me and know I am praying for you.

One final note, I do invite all our members to attend our Council meeting on **June 12th, 2025 at 7:30pm** in the St JP2 Room at St Michael's. **We will conclude the nomination process and will hold Elections.**

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on Us.

Reminder - Election Night Notice



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if you were nominated at our last meeting on May 8th. and you are not interested in any particular executive role, as mentioned, **you need to decline your nomination at our June 12th meeting in person or by, email, phone or letter**). However, **if you are nominated** and you wish to run, but are unable to attend the **June 12th meeting** to formally accept it, please **contact our Grand Knight Joe Sales before-hand** and he can accept on your behalf.

Position	Current (24 – 25)	Nomination	Elected (25 – 26)
Grand Knight	Joseph Sales	Joseph Sales Melvin Imbroll	
Deputy Grand Knight	Melvin Imbroll	Michael Wojtak Matthew Duffy	
Chancellor	Michael Wojtak	Lawrence Jardine Roger Khouri	
Recorder	Michael Butler	Tyler Bulley not running for Recorder	Michael will be joining a new council
Treasurer	John Bulsza	John Bulsza Peter Rieger both not running	
Advocate	Matthew Duffy	Matthew Duffy Roger Khouri Lawrence Jardine	
Warden	Ullisses Caravajal-Ruiz	Ullisses Caravajal-Ruiz	
Inside Guard	Mark Liermann	Mark Lieman Joseph Sales	
Outside Guard	Tyler Bulley	Paolo Dicampo John Bertelson	
Trustee 1	Robert Luzius Vanin		
Trustee 2	Richard Morrison	Robert Luzius Vanin	Richard Resigned
Trustee 3	Nathan Marchand		Nathan Resigned

Please Note: **Financial Secretary & Lector** are appointed by the Grand Knight

Trustee: Year 1 moves to year 2 and year 2 to year 3



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A **Rosary Rally** was held at the grounds of St. Peter's Seminary. It was organized by **Mary Cahalan** a parish CWL member. A large number of persons attended, including Bishop Fabbro. Also, 6 members of our Knights of Columbus attended. One member was a flag bearer.

Thank you Mary for all your hard work and time organizing this event. (See photos below).



Our Knights collected empty bottles after Mass the weekend of May 24 and May 25.

At our June meeting we will discuss which charity we will donate the money too.

Thanks to the Knights who helped out.

MATT'S MUSINGS:



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Cafeteria Catholics



I was chatting with a colleague (another Catholic) at work. We were discussing potential candidates for our next Pope, prior to the recent election of Pope Leo XIV. My colleague was from Toronto so I mentioned that I would be very pleased if Cardinal Leo of Toronto were, despite his age, elected. My colleague grimaced and, while agreeing that Cardinal Leo had many tremendous attributes, commented that he disapproved of some of Cardinal Leo's



conservative views, citing specifically Cardinal Leo's opposition to birth control in Africa.

My colleague disliked Cardinal Leo's position because of the AIDs epidemic. I was very surprised by this comment. This colleague professed to be a practicing Catholic and yet stood in opposition, public opposition, to Church teaching. As Knights, and as Catholic men, we are called to accept, follow and spread the teachings of Christ which are explained to and for us by the Catholic Church. In my opinion, it is acceptable for us to wish the Church did things differently (as Knights we pray for the canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney, but to date, that has not happened) but to follow the Church's teachings faithfully, even if the Church doesn't listen to our wishes.

An incredible study in contrasts in this area is the comparison between St. Francis and Martin Luther. Both wanted things from the Church. St Francis wanted Pope Innocent to approve his Order. Initially St. Francis was rebuffed. He obeyed. Ultimately, Pope Innocent approved the Franciscans.



On the other hand, as everyone knows, **Martin Luther had grievances with the Catholic Church, which led to his writing his 95 Theses.** Pope Leo X ordered Luther to renounce his writings but, despite his vows at ordination, **Luther refused**, leading to the Protestant Reformation. For good measure Luther removed 7 books from the Bible just because he could (this latter point is not really relevant to my musings today, I just find it incredible that millions of people are deprived of 7 books of Holy Scripture just because some guy got rid of them-and they think Catholics are going to hell!-but that is the subject for another day.)



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The First Reading from May 17, Acts 13:44-52 shows the harm that lay people can do to the Catholic Church. (In that reading, the leading Jews of the city drove Paul and Barbabas out of the city) There is great power in the laity. Used improperly, it does the work of Satan.

Let us, as Knights and Catholics imitate St. Francis, not Martin Luther, and follow and build up the teachings of the Church, not just the ones we like, whether our disagreement is on birth control in Africa, abortion, the exclusivity of the two sexes, sex outside marriage (which is any sex outside a marriage in the Catholic Church whether heterosexual or homosexual) and the list does actually go on.



To paraphrase a quote of St. Augustine, if we follow the teachings of the Church that we like, and ignore the ones we don't like, we are not following the Church, we are following ourselves. **We are, in effect, Cafeteria Catholics, going down the line of teachings and picking what we like and leaving what we don't.**

Perhaps the world has always been this way, but it seems to me that we live in an age when everyone thinks they know better than anyone else. I'll leave the issue of whether or not this is correct when it comes to governments, but when it comes to the Catholic Church, as Knights and as Catholics we must absolutely get rid of that mindset and follow the Church's teachings.

I'm embarrassed to say that not that many years ago, I was unaware of many of the Church's teachings-my bad. **I am rectifying that and doing my best to follow the example of St. Francis, not Martin Luther.**



On Mothers Day, before and after each Mass and at all the Church entrances, our Knights of Columbus sold lapel emblems.

Thanks to James Vollmer for organizing this event and all the other volunteers.



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An **Exemplification** was held on May 25, at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica which was organized by St. John the Devine.

Our St. Peter's Knights of Columbus council had two new members join and received their third degree; namely **Sam Nelson and John Bertelsen**.

Welcome brothers to St. Peter's Knights of Columbus, Council 13404!

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