

Knights of Columbus

December 2023 Newsletter

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

Grand Knight's Comments: Lawrence Jardine



Dear brothers, as we begin the season of advent, we anticipate the Christmas joy, hope for peace and brotherhood. This we must embrace and celebrate, in spite of, and perhaps because of war, hatred, enmity, anger, frustration. We may ask what can we do and it would be easy to offer some simple bromide, but what we offer is the innocent babe in the manger, and the Crucified Christ. As Catholics we know the story well, and we know the outcome and so we must continue our mission of brotherhood, of fellowship, of service.

“Peace On Earth and Goodwill To Men”

Our call is to serve the needy among us, not from some human desire, but because it is Christ's command – to love one another especially those most in need. We are brothers and we need to nourish our brotherhood. How can we invite our fellow knights to be with us? How can we engage more men to be with us? And what is this brotherhood we desire?

Have a peaceful and blessed Advent and Christmas season!!

The Christmas Get-Together



When: Monday December 18th

Time: Starts at 6 pm

Who: Brother Knights of St. Peter's council and their wives

Cost: \$20 per person (pay at the restaurant after your meal)

What: Buffet dinner, consisting of pizza, chicken strips, pasta, and salad. Plus, pop and coffee are also included. Alcoholic drinks are extra.

Location: Tony's Famous Italian Restaurant (also known as **Tony's Pizza**) (at the corner of Dundas and Quebec) 980 Dundas St. We have met here in the past when our council did the Christmas get-together.

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Insurance Agent's Message: Br. John Noonan

As we approach the end of the year and our thoughts turn to the angelic declaration of "Peace on Earth" and "Goodwill to Men". We remember Pope Francis' prayer for Peace where he prays Lord God of peace, hear our prayer. Keep alive within the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last....?



In our lives there is much going on: scurrying around buying a Christmas tree, getting it decorated; looking for that perfect gift for our spouse, our kids and maybe grandkids. There are parties and school Christmas shows. Seems like we're busier than ever.

But let me ask you to slow down for just a few minutes and consider some financial issues that come up at the end of the calendar year.

1. Because we're so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled, or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true but dental insurance and sometime even for vision coverage. Check with your Human Resource office or your health insurance carrier for details.
2. When it comes to health insurance, do you have a Health Savings account? Do you have to spend the money that's in there by year end? Some plans have a "use it or lose it" feature. Do you have to make a decision about how much to contribute next year? There are a couple of time sensitive issues. Again, make sure you check with your HR office or health insurance carrier.
3. If you have earned income for the year, will you contribute to a traditional RRSP or TFSA? Are you eligible to contribute more due to unused RRAP or TFSA contribution? Now is the time to start making plans.



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All of these issues come with rules and regulations and each individual situation is different. I'd be happy to discuss them with you.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces that God has showered on us, especially the gift of his son our Savior! Vivat Jesus!

Did You Know.....



The original **Stations of the Cross** were made of canvas and installed in 1889. They now reside at the Martyr's Shrine in Midland, Ontario. The old 14 canvas Stations of the Cross were replaced by the present carved wooden ones in 1926.

These were carved by Bavarian woodcarvers employed by the Globe Furniture Company in Waterloo, Ontario and dedicated by Bishop Fallon in 1926 in memory of his parents.

The **pews** were originally light colored but were stained a dark colour to match the colour of the new Stations of the Cross. They are numbered and bear Irish symbols. At one time you could pay and "rent" the place where you wished to sit.

Important Notice!!

Your Membership Fees are due January 01 2024

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