

Knights of Columbus

April 2024 Newsletter

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

Grand Knight's Comments: Lawrence Jardine



Brothers: Entering the joy of the Easter season, let us “Rejoice and be glad”. It has been a year of achievement and camaraderie. We continue to build on the legacy of Brother Roger Khouri as we move forward with strengthening and growing our council.

We have much to accomplish in the months left in this fraternal year, and begin planning for the next one! Part of that planning is to begin thinking of how you can contribute to the council in the year ahead. We have been fortunate to enrol new members this year, and will continue to do so, as part of a growing dynamic parish family. Now, we need members to step forward to take leadership roles in the council. **We**

will be electing a new executive in June, so please consider offering your immense talents to the council, to the parish, to the community.

This year is the 20th anniversary of the forming of council 13404, and we are in the early stages of planning a celebration in the Fall. Any suggestions you have please let executive members know, Thanks to everyone for your growing interest in the council and its' work.

Peace of the Risen Lord, be with you.



Welcome to these three new recruits to our council. From left to right are **David Sumath**, **Peter Regier** and **Mark Liermon**. As a matter of interest our council has attained the objective of new members that Supreme wanted this fraternal year.

Many thanks to Matt Duffy, our council's recruitment director who has been doing an outstanding job of recruiting new members!!

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Lenten Reflection

Thanks to Father Daniel's **Lenten Reflection Evening**. This was a very informative and inspiring evening. Discussion took place around the **alabaster vessel** which contained a very expensive oil.

John 12: 1-8 describes an honorary dinner held at the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Jesus has recently raised Lazarus from the dead. Mary anoints Jesus with a very expensive oil. Judas objects to this expensive container of oil to anoint Jesus.

For more details refer to other Bible readings. See below for the Knights that attended.



One of community volunteer events is helping the **London City Food Bank** with their Spring & Thanksgiving Food Drives. This year the Food Bank asked us to hand out donation bags at the Metro store @ Adelaide Street & Cheapside Ave the week of March 25 to March 28 from noon to 6:00 pm.

I would like to thank the dozen or so brothers who stepped in to help cover the 48 volunteer hours. A special thanks to **John Zhang** who volunteered every day of the food drive. The results have not been tallied yet. (**James Vollmer, Food Drive Chair**)

Insurance Agent's Message: Br. John Noonan

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We spend six weeks each year during Lent, fasting, praying and almsgiving. We hope to unite our fasting and praying with Jesus' 40 days of fasting and praying in the desert to focus on preparing both our inner and outer selves to celebrate the great Easter feast. We give alms to identify with the great sacrifice of God giving his only begotten Son. **With Easter on March 31 this year, I hope this finds that you had a very blessed celebration of this central Christian feast!** Easter certainly brings thoughts of newness and renewal. We hope our fasting, praying and almsgiving renews our closeness to God.



As Spring settles in, I observe many rituals of the season, I think of newness and renewal. Outside beds are prepared for planting. I see the blossoms on trees and flowers reaching full bloom, lengthening of daylight, and a rush of sounds and sights not seen for many months. Schoolchildren begin to count down the days to summer vacation. Parents do the same counting down...perhaps without the joy of the children! Spring seems to elicit looking forward.



As I look forward to this Spring, I am renewed in my mission to meet with my members. I want to keep you apprised of any changes you might want to consider in your insurance program. I hope you will keep me apprised of any changes in your circumstances. Adjustments can be made to make sure that you are on the path to reach your goals.

The Order offers a diverse array of products to help you do that. Together we can complete or update your financial needs analysis. This can show where you stand and helps discover any gaps in protection you might have. **Our products:** life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance, are our core products to help protect you and your family.



I'll call on you soon to see if it makes sense to arrange for a meeting. Vivat Jesus!

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Did You Know

The **Lady Chapel** was the donation of the clergy of the Diocese to mark the 100th anniversary of the Diocese which occurred in 1956. It functions as a church separate from the main body of the Cathedral. It is used mostly for the daily Rosary, evening prayers, smaller weddings, funerals and special functions.

The **Marian Chapel** or **Lady Chapel** was built in 1958, at the same time the Sacristy and Bell Towers were built. Most Cathedral's have a Lady Chapel. The altar is the original one and was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fire destroyed the floor in January 1959. Cost to repair it was \$5,000. The present floor is formed of black and white marble squares. At one time it was covered in a rug to dampen the noise when walked upon.

Statue in the niche is **St. Francis of Assisi** who wrote the prayer: "*Lord make me an instrument of the Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love, etc.*"

The unifying symbol is the **Crown** which appears in the screen, candlesticks, tabernacle and lights. The interior decorations and furnishings, including the painting of Mary above the altar, were executed by **London Ontario artist, Phil Aziz**.

All the stain glass windows depicting scenes from the life of our Lady were completed by **local artist Christopher Wallis**. The beautiful east window depicts the fifth **Glorious Mystery of the Rosary**: i.e., "the crowning of Mary by Her Son as Queen of Heaven".

Above the heads of our Lord and our Lady, is the Holy Spirit in the form of a Dove. At the top is a **rare depiction of God the Father**.

If God Brings You To It, He will Bring You Through It

Happy Moments:	Praise God
Difficult Moments:	Seek God
Quiet Moments:	Worship God
Painful Moments:	Trust God

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This is a group photo of the RCIA candidates who became Catholics.

At the end of the Mass, on behalf of our Knights of Columbus, Roger Khouri presented them with a gift of a book of Catholic prayer.

Congratulations to all!

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