



# Knights of Columbus

May 2025 Newsletter

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

## Grand Knight's Comments: Joe Sales



During this month of May, in the Church, it is a time dedicated to honoring the **Mother of God**. Honoring Mary during this month is not just an one day thing but an entire month. As Knights, I strongly encourage you to familiarize yourself with different Marian devotions such as The Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We of course already know the Rosary but there are many who may not be familiar with other prayers and devotions that bring us closer to our spiritual mother.

At the time of this newsletter, The Church is in transition as we await news on a new Pope. As most know, Pope Francis died on Easter Monday. Let us pray for his soul and for the Cardinals who will be gathering in Conclave to select the next Holy Father. May the Holy Spirit be with them during this time.

As I am writing this article and thinking about the month of May, I can't help but think of various Popes who've had a devotion to Mary.

We are Knights. Throughout our journey in the order, we are encouraged to keep our rosaries on us as we go about our day. The Rosary is a weapon against all evil. Our Lady, Pray for us.

## Important Election Notice

With elections coming up for our Executive positions, **Nomination Night** will be held at our **May 8<sup>th</sup>** meeting. **Election Night** will be held at our **June 12<sup>th</sup>** meeting.

Regarding **Nomination Night**, if you are nominated and you are not interested in any particular executive role, you need to wait until election night to decline your nomination. (by in person, email, phone or letter).

However, **if you are nominated** and you wish to run, but are unable to attend the **June 12<sup>th</sup>** meeting to formally accept, please **contact our Grand Knight Joe Sales before-hand** and he can accept your behalf.



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## MATT'S MUSINGS: Addressing Our Religious Respectfully

I was chatting with an acquaintance that I'll call "Bill" recently. We were discussing others who might be joining us and Bill indicated that he thought "Frank" might come. I thought for a moment and when I couldn't think of who "Frank" was, I asked. The answer surprised me. Bill was referring to our Deacon, Deacon Frank to me.

Bill explained that he and Deacon Frank go way back.

Most know that my past life was as a litigation lawyer. Most may not know that when a lawyer enters or leaves a courtroom, or approaches a Judge, the Judge is to be bowed to. It is not the judge that is being respected (although he/she is) but his/her office.



I was a lawyer long enough and was smart enough in hiring young lawyers, that some of our Judges today used to work for me. If I meet these Judges in public or refer to them to a third party, I address them as Justice ..... If I am fortunate enough to interact with them privately, then I do refer to them by their first name. (Assuming they are still speaking to me)

When a Catholic man becomes a Deacon, Priest, Bishop or Pope, while they continue to be the man that they were, they also become so much more. Additionally, they enter a position that demands the utmost respect from all of us. Referring to our former Pope as "Francis" or our Bishop as "Fabbro" for whatever reason is disrespectful.

Unless you are in private with the Deacon/Priest and he has indicated that he prefers you to address him by his first name, it is just as disrespectful not to call him Deacon/Father. They are, after all, Jesus' representatives on earth. How hard is it to give them the proper respect?

Regardless of our personal feelings for any of our Religious, whether enmity or friendship, the position they occupy commands respect and we as Catholics, and especially as Knights, need to show it.



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We must also remember that people imitate each other, especially those that they think know what they are doing. Someone new to the Parish may think Deacon Frank is to be called "Frank" and start doing the same, worsening the issue.

As soon as a Catholic man becomes a man of God, whether Deacon, Priest, Bishop or Pope, he becomes the focus of intense attacks from Satan. Especially with our priests, Satan knows that without them we have no Eucharist. And, as St. Padre Pio said "It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

As a Deacon/Priest, he needs our prayers. He isn't just one of the boys any more. His position, and he, need our prayers, support and love. And, he needs to know he has them. The least we can do is honour him with his proper title. Their position comes at a cost we cannot begin to imagine.

It is important for ourselves, as well, to show proper respect. "That's just Charles, my bud." rather than "That's Father Charles my priest" invokes a whole different mindset. Think about it. We'll act differently. And, we should.

It goes without saying that the above is equally applicable to all women who become nuns.



After Fr. Daniel said Mass, two council members took part in the Stations of the Cross., Michael Wojtak and Larry Barrett did the readings at each Station .



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Father Prins presentation of the spiritual talk topic "**Jesus, the Bridegroom of the Church**" was **excellent!** Knights of Columbus members from both St. Peter's and St Michael's councils, as well wives and other church members were in attendance.

After the presentation, Father kindly answered many questions from the audience.

At the conclusion, a complimentary pizza lunch filled us all. Thanks to Roger Khouri for arranging the event and the food.



Our District Deputy **Gary Masters** is retiring from his DD position at the end of June. Gary attended many of our general meetings and always kept us informed on what was happening. Gary, thank you for all your time, hard work and dedication over the past 5 years!!

Our new DD, effective July 1<sup>st</sup> is **KEVIN BELANGER**

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



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**Note the email below to James Vollmer regarding the Food Bank results.** Thanks to James for all the work he does and to all the other Knights that helped out at the Food Bank!!

*Hi James.*

*A total of 315 bags were collected by the Knights at the Metro store at Cheapside & Adelaide. At 11 lbs per bag, this comes to 3465 lbs of food. And, at the rate of \$3.52 per pound of food, that brings a grand total of \$12,196.80 worth of food collected.*

*Please pass on our sincere thanks to everyone who participated and made such an impactful contribution to the success of the food drive.*

*Brian Ratcliffe  
General Manager*



Newly received Catholics. On behalf of our council, Roger Khouri gave each of them a "Book of Catholic Prayers".

From Lt to Rt: Kaitlyn MacLeod, John Bertelsen, (our newest Knight) Jacob Ogbonna, Bishop Fabbro, Myka Sanchez, Mark Brine and Roger Khouri

## Upcoming Events

1. Sunday, May 4 – After 11am Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica. Degree Exemplification. Refreshments to follow in Narthex.
2. Wednesday, May 14 – 7:00 pm - Mass for Life. St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, Bishop Ronald Fabbro presiding.