



Knights of Columbus

May 2022 Newsletter

ST. PETER'S PARISH COUNCIL 13404 – 533 CLARENCE STREET, LONDON, ONTARIO, N6G 3N1

Grand Knight's Comments: Dr. Martin Healy



We, as a Council, have been busy over the last month! During Holy Week several brothers supported the **Food Bank in their Spring Food Drive** by handing out fillable paper bags at the Cheapside and Adelaide Metro Store. A special thank you to all who helped and to **Br. James Vollmer** who organized and took on the lion's share of the shifts!

The food donations go to the food bank to help feed those in need in London. Additionally, we as a Council benefit in that we meet a

KofC Faith in Action - Family Program called Food for Families where Supreme donates \$100 back to the Council for every 1,000 pounds of food donated, which we in turn we use to further fund our good works.



This month we are in the midst of our **Electronics Recycling event** which will continue to May 29, 2022. It is called "**Spring Cleaning for a Cause.**" We are in our third week of the event and will receive donations of electronics from the public to be recycled. We have been manning a shipping container on Church property, and we will accept donations on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00

am to 2:00 pm. (See page 7 for further details)

We had a great first two weekends at the E-Waste Recycling Fundraiser with approximately 75 separate drop-offs. **Thanks to Brothers Ron S, Matt D, Mike W, Joe M, Tony Z, John N, Roger K, and John B** for manning the bin so far and thank you to those who have volunteered for future weekends.

We will be hosting a **Fraternal Benefits Night with our Insurance Field Agent Brother John Noonan** on Tuesday **June 7th** at 7:00 PM in our Chambers. This will be our first in-person event this year in our Chambers! It was originally to be held this week, but it was felt that next month would be better timing.



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At our May General Meeting (this Thursday...see the Zoom link in this newsletter) we will be accepting nominations to serve on the Council Executive. Any 3rd Degree Member in Good Standing is eligible to serve on the Executive. Please email me or call me if you would like to be nominated and for which position or positions and I will add you as a candidate.

As I mentioned, I won't be serving as Grand knight for the upcoming Fraternal Year due to work conflicts, so we will need someone to step into the role.

As some of you are aware **Brother Rafal Schubert has been providing his logistics expertise to help get medical assistance to Ukraine from London.** We as a council donated \$500 towards this effort. In late May **Br. Raf is travelling to Ukraine** to meet with partners to organize efficient ways in the future to get the much needed supplies to those fighting for their freedom. He has offered to bring monetary donations directly to the Knight's of Columbus council in Lviv. I will be bringing this up at our General Meeting.

Please pray that Brother Raf's mission succeeds and that he comes home safely. I have included his email discussing the project.

Letter from Brother Rafal Schubert

As per our conversation, I am going to Ukraine around the 20th of May. I will be in Lviv, where I have seen multiple postings about the council in Lviv on the official KofC social media account. If the district councils or the state would like to make a monetary donation, I am more than happy to do so in person. I can make the contacts with them and confirm donations.



Background: On the 1st of March 2022, as a result of the Invasion of Ukraine, the London Ukrainian Centre became the community lead in focusing humanitarian aid



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from the City of London. **The effort has to this day provided 60 metric tons of aid directly to Ukraine.** Above the international aid, LUC gave rise to a non-profit organization, London Ukrainian Humanitarian Action. LUHA went on and became the London Area leader in supporting housing, food security, legal assistance, medical coordination, and adaptive advocacy for those impacted by the crisis in Ukraine.

The group directly supports all newcomers and International Students in the London Area. LUC and LUHA continue their efforts.

Our last donation was a 53' sea container destined for Ukraine. The container was filled with vital materials for an orphanage in need and critical medical supplies in conflict areas. Our council's \$500 donations directly supported this container.

I am going over as part of a Logistics team designated to build partnerships and establish the most effective routes for our distribution.

For your Considerstion

Remember in your prayers
those who are ill and pray
For the repose of the
Souls deceased



Chaplains Message: FR. Jim Mockler

One of my favourite Gospel readings after Easter is the story of those who were walking to Emmaus, fully disheartened by all that had happened. You can read it in Luke 24.13-35. We can resonate with the two travellers because we too



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sometimes fail to grasp the connection between events and what happens to us. When something happens that we don't understand we naturally feel perplexed, wondering if there is any reason in these and other events. When we find ourselves in that situation Saint Luke would respond that there's a plan and that God plays a part in all of this. Ultimately this episode challenges us to trust in the God who as they say writes straight with crooked lines. The God who saw through his plan for his Son will do no less for us.

Along the way Jesus helps them to understand the meaning of his suffering, death and resurrection.

Of course, it describes the disciples' journey but also their progression from despair to incredible joy when they recognize the Risen Lord at the breaking of the bread. This can happen - it does happen to us... - every time we gather for the Eucharist – we recognize him here among us at the table and in the Word - when we read and pray with Scripture in private - every time we accompany someone or let someone accompany us on our faith journey. We talk about the joys and sorrows of life and when we add the dimension of faith we discover where Jesus is in all of it. Walking with Jesus – however it is for us - will always transform us. We encounter him. it is about love and inspires hope and joy. And that we are to pass on to others.



Roger Khouri, past Grand Knight of St. Peter's Knight of Columbus council, came up with the idea of donating a Bible to each of the new Catholics on behalf of our council. Thanks Roger. Also thanks to Doug Purssglove. He picked up the Bibles and put a personalized label on the inside of each Bible cover. The label showed the persons name, a message to welcome them into the community of faith and the date of the Easter Vigil.

Insurance Agent's Message: Br. John Noonan

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus 140 years ago with two purposes in mind: To strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the widow and orphan if the breadwinner died or could not work. Our Order continues his mission today. That two-pronged approach to the young Catholic men of New Haven, Connecticut was important then and even though much has changed





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in our society since 1882, I believe that approach is important now. I am honored and blessed to be a part of continuing that mission

While we work together to strengthen our brother Knights in their faith, I am able to work to secure the future for those who are left behind. For those who know me and the indispensable work I do for our members, you already have a good idea of how I do that work. But I'd like to take a minute to explain my approach. My approach is to help members solve problems. The most important thing I can do for you is listen: listen to what you want to accomplish, listen to what keeps you up at night, listen to the plans you have for you and your family's future. And the first step is to take stock of where a family is at the present...a snapshot of this time in your life. The Order has equipped me with a financial needs analysis platform to help you take that snapshot. We plug in the numbers and it does the calculations, taking any bias out of the process.

If your analysis shows there are gaps, we can discuss how to fill those gaps. We have a wide range of life insurance products that can be tailored to your needs if that is where the gap is. We have fixed rate annuities that are designed for retirement savings. Long-term care insurance and disability income insurance can provide peace of mind for the unexpected that life throws at us.

Stepping back and taking stock is not a difficult process and I try to make it as easy as possible. I can meet with you face to face or if you prefer, we can meet virtually. My goal is to fulfill Fr. McGivney's mission of taking care of every member and his family in this council. But I want to further his legacy and offer membership to every man eligible in the parish. His goal was to protect Catholic families...that's my goal, too. Vivat Jesus!

2022 Membership Fees Are Due

Please pay your annual \$50 membership fees NOW!

You can direct your payments to our Financial Secretary, James Vollmer, 411 Scenic Drive, London, Ontario, N6Z 3A9. Make your cheque payable to: "Knights of Columbus, Council 13404."

OR BY



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- Setting up the following email, treasurer13404@gmail.com in your on-line banking account/app you can pay our dues by electronic transfer from your bank account.
- Locate the spot in your online bank account /app where you can set up e-transfers/sending money electronically.
- Add our email address above allowing you to send money to us.
- Now complete the transfer process in your line bank account/app.
- Next, send an email from your email account to treasurer13404@gmail.com advising:
 1. How much money was just sent.
 2. The purpose of the transfer – membership dues or another reason.
 3. Provide the answer to the security question that you have added for the e-transfer/send money, allowing our Treasurer to complete the transfer of money to our account

Then the e-transfer/send money email from your bank account is opened by our Treasurer where he will accept the money directly to our council account.

In the event there are extenuating circumstances where you are unable to pay, please contact Grand Knight Martin Healy in confidence.

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Phone: 226-927-3749*

Spring Cleaning for a Cause

Our Council's E-Waste Collection Fundraiser

Where: St. Peter's Basilica Parking Lot

When: Continuing Saturdays and Sundays through to May 29th.

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Who: We still need brothers to cover a total of eight 2.5 hour shifts.

Contact: GK Martin Healy (226-927-3749) or Br. Roger Khouri (519-280-1643) to sign up.



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Spring cleaning? Got Junk? Don't throw out your unwanted electronics – Recycle them! Drop your old tv, computer, cell, tablet, batteries – anything electronic – Essentially, anything with a cord or anything that runs on a battery; we want it! For example, computers, monitors, TVs, audio/video players/recorders, stereo equipment, vacuums, tools, small kitchen appliances, scrap metal, exercise equipment, etc. We will collect your items during the entire month of May on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. So, please sign up to help operate the event and set aside your electronics and be ready to drop them off for our spring cleaning event!

In Memory of Robert Holmes

