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# **Upcoming Dates:**

April 20 General Meeting at St Clements Church Hall 6:30 pizza, 7:30 meeting

# **Websites of Interest**

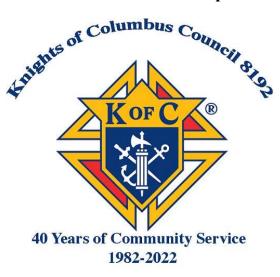
Newsletter Deadline: The Tuesday after the Executive Meeting

Submissions to the newsletter are welcome and expected from Chairmen of up-coming events and activities as well as reports on past activities. Please submit printed reports by email to John Bruder at bruderjr@yahoo.ca. Please note that content may be edited due to space limitations.

Lots of photos and information on our Facebook page. Go to Facebook and search for **Knights of Columbus, Elmira Ontario** 

# The Knightly News





Celebrate your faith this Easter

Knights of Columbus Father Hugh MacKinnon Council 8192 Elmira, Ontario

# **EXECUTIVE MEETING**

May Meeting Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023

Meeting Location: Internet Microsoft Team Meeting

Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

# **GENERAL MEETING**

April Meeting Date: Thursday, April 20 2023

Meeting Location: St Clements Church Hall

Meeting Time: Dinner at 6:30 pm. Meeting at 7:30

Agenda: Program Reports

Good of the Order

If you need a ride, please call an executive member or contact Br Todd Cowan at gk8192@ontariokofc.ca

# **Grand Knight's Message**

He has risen! Hallelujah!

As 40 days of Lent has finished with Easter, let us reflect on our journey. Was it life as usual-same ole same ole? Or did you find you drew closer to God?

Physically, I have shed almost 25 pounds from fasting, but more importantly, my spiritual growth has been significant. As the bible promises us in James 4:8 "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you". At the beginning of lent this year, I had downloaded an app on my phone called "Pray As you Go". It is a daily reading and prayer app that was created by the Jesuits in the UK. It continues to start my day off on the right foot. I have found when as we take time to draw closer to God, we are much more aware of His presence in our daily lives. Much like athletes work on their physical strength, we should be building our spiritual strength.

I am always surprised as lent comes to an end that the things I gave up during lent don't hold the same priority as it did before. And my new practices of prayer and bible readings continue well beyond the 40 days.

Fellowship with my Knights of Columbus brothers is critical in strengthening our spiritual muscles. As Grand Knight I will be continuing to expand our fellowship and growth at our general meetings and events with our own Council and our neighbouring Councils. This month's General Meeting will be held at St. Clement's Parish. In addition to our business meeting, we will be exploring strength in our brotherhood.

Also, as our fraternal year is winding down, please consider becoming more connected and involved in our council.

Vivat Jesus GK Todd

# <u>Birthdays</u>

# **Birthdays**

6 - Phil McKee 13 - Barry Lehmann
9 - Mike Snelling 18 - Steve Schill
11 - Jack Soeder 23 - Ron Stemmler
24 - Mike Schlupp

Happy birthday,

# brothers!

# March Pot of Gold

\$32.00 - Don Zinger (not present)

Next Month \$55.00 You have to be present to win.

50/50 Winners

1st @ \$10 – Todd Cowan 2nd @ \$8 – Phil McKee 3rd @ \$4 – Ray Denomme

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### ...from our Insurance rep

Easter greetings! As we roll through the first full month of spring, we celebrate Easter with thoughts of gratitude for the gift of new life. The Resurrection and thoughts of our Saviour's sacrifice and triumph over death are fresh in our minds and hearts. The dreariness of winter and Lent fade away with April rains that seem to have their own scent. All nature seems in bloom. Trees barren not long ago are now budding and flowers begin to poke through the warming soil. For many, it's their favourite season of the year.

Along with everything else going on in April, it is also Autism Awareness month. The Autism Speaks website (<a href="www.autismspeaks.org">www.autismspeaks.org</a>) contains much more information than I can give you here. Autism has been more widely discussed and better understood in recent years. Although the TV show "The Good Doctor" portrays a doctor who has autism, those with Autism Spectrum Disorder exhibit a broad range of characteristics. Many have much less functionality than the doctor portrayed on the show. I mention this because many of us know of someone who is on the autism spectrum. If diagnosed early in childhood and intervention begun, those with autism may still live a relatively normal life. However, many with autism struggle and have other complicating medical or psychological issues and need much support during their lives.

That's where the Knights of Columbus Family Fraternal Benefits may be able to help. The Family Fraternal Benefits cover a number of situations. One benefit addresses the child who is older than 60 days and younger than 18 and is uninsurable according to our ordinary underwriting practices. Many children with autism as a primary or secondary diagnosis fall into this category... uninsurable. For those children, the Order has a special family fraternal benefit that allows the issuing of an ordinary permanent life insurance policy on this uninsurable child. Some members may be unaware of this benefit, but it's great news for any parent with a child who does not qualify for life insurance. There are some other qualifiers for the parents and any other children in the family, including that the father must be a member in good standing in his council. I won't go into the others here, but this is a very worthwhile benefit, not only for those children wit h autism, but for any child who may be uninsurable.

If you know of a Catholic family that may have a child with autism or any family with a child who is uninsurable, please reach out to me. They may be unaware of this benefit. I will be happy to contact them to explain this valuable protection that is available. If you prefer, give my name and contact information to that parent so they can contact me at their convenience. As always, there is never any requirement to purchase any product, but a consultation about this benefit may bring them some small comfort.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve you, my members. Enjoy your spring!

Vivat Jesus!

Dev Bhagwat

# Lecturer's Report

- Wishing you and your family a very Happy and Blessed Easter. May the glory and the
  promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and to those you
  hold most dear.
- Please remember in our prayers the good health of our brother Knights and their families.
- Please welcome to our council 8192, Knights of Council Field Agent, Dev S. Bhagwat on his transfer to council 8192; our Chaplain, Father Peter Meyer on his transfer to our council and our new member from St. Clements Church, Steven Shippard. Welcome brothers.
- The month of April started with a bang:
  - April 1<sup>st</sup> Maple Syrup Festival was a great success. Thank you to our members and brother Knights from Council 1504 for all your help.
  - April 4<sup>th</sup> The Knights of Columbus has a beautiful Lenten Stations of the Cross.
  - In April, we begin the process of nominating a new Executive council for the coming year. Please consider volunteering your time for these important positions. This month's centerfold describes the executive positions' duties and responsibilities.
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> BBQ at St. Clements School 4:30 6:00 pm more details at April meeting.
- May 11<sup>th</sup> The next general meeting is at Brother Ron Stemmler's place, 3260
   Northfield Drive. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Elections will be held for the executive positions on this night. This is followed by our traditional chili and fellowship. Please bring a lawn chair for comfort. For directions, please call brother Ray at (519)669-3854.
- May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Rose Sunday Will be needing help giving out Roses on Mother's Day weekend.
- Thursday, June 8, 2023 is our annual family BBQ and fellowship at Diane Smith and Paul Shutsa's place, 1079 Floradale Road, RR#4, Elmira. More details in the May Knightly News.

Vivat Jesus Ray Denomme

# Knights of Columbus Executive Roles

# **Grand Knight**

The Grand Knight is responsible for the overall welfare of the Council. Elected annually by the Council membership, the Grand Knight must provide thoughtful and inspired leadership to the 15 Council officers and service program chairmen and members of the Council.

# Special Duties:

- to preside over Council meetings
- to act as an ex-officio member of all committees
- to appoint the membership and program directors and work with them on the selection of service program activities chairmen and membership recruitment and retention chairmen
- to convene officers for a monthly meeting (Executive Meeting)
- to appoint special committees not mandated by the laws of the Council
- to oversee the proper exemplification of the First Degree
- to make sure that all reports and reporting forms required by the state of Supreme Council offices are submitted on time

The Grand Knight also interacts with the Financial Secretary and Treasurer to insure the Council is meeting its financial obligations to the Supreme and State Council and others. Most importantly, the Grand Knight is responsible for recommending a Chaplain and appointing a Lecturer.

# **Deputy Grand Knight**

The Deputy Grand Knight is the second in command in the local Council. He is elected annually, assisting the Grand Knight in the operation of Council affairs and is responsible for any duties assigned to him by the Grand Knight. In the absence of the Grand Knight, he presides at Council meetings and functions as the Grand Knight would at the meeting.

# Chancellor

The Chancellor is elected annually to serve the Council in a variety of ways:

- he assists the Grand Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight in the execution of their duties
- he takes charge of the Council during the incapacity or extended absence of both
- with the co-operation of the Grand Knight, he has the important duty of strengthening the members' interest in Council activities

### Treasurer

The Treasurer is in charge of handling all Council funds. He receives money from the Financial Secretary and issues a receipt for such. He is also responsible for depositing all money in the proper Council accounts. The Treasurer is responsible for keeping accurate accounts of the monies in the general expense fund of the Council and the amount of money in any special funds established by the Council. The Treasurer issues payments to the Supreme Council on all assessments made by it to the Council and for all orders of the Council.

# Recorder

The Recorder is elected annually. The Recorder functions in much the same way that a court reporter or secretary. He is responsible for keeping a true record of all the doings of the Council and for conducting all correspondence of the Council

# Inside & Outside Guards

Both positions are elected annually. The Inside Guard attends the inner door of the council chamber, checking on paid up membership cards before allowing entrance to the council chamber. The outside guard tends the outer door of the council chamber admitting all visitors to the inner door.

### Advocate

The Advocate is the "legal representative" of the Council and should serve as the Council's attorney in case of trail and investigation of any manner of interest to the Council. The Advocate need not be a member of the legal profession, however, he should be thoroughly familiar with all of the laws of the Order as stated in the "Charter, Constitution and Laws" and with the Council bylaws. When a by-law is to be revised, he serves as the Chairman of the revision committee. It is the Advocate's duty to keep the meetings "on track" and ensure that proper parliamentary procedure is followed (according to Robert's Rules of Order).

# Warden

The Warden is elected annually. He is responsible for supervising and maintaining all Council property, except that which belongs to the Financial Secretary. The Warden sets up the Council chambers for meetings and degrees and appoints and supervises guards for ceremonial exemplification. He should also oversee the inside and outside Guards and make sure they are fulfilling the duties assigned to them

### **Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees consists of the Grand Knight and three members elected by the Council. Trustees supervise all financial business of the Council. They serve as auditors for the semi-annual audits and oversee the work of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer. The Grand Knight is the chairman of the board.

Trustees are elected for terms of three years, two years and one year. At each regular election, only the position of three year Trustee will be voted upon, the current three and two year trustees move down to become two and one year Trustees