# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9352**

St. Paul the Apostle, Alliston



2023

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## EXECUTIVE 2022-2023

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# Reverend Father Norberto EYULE St. Jaul's Parish Alliston, Ontario 705-435-6325



The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.

Taken from The Catholic Culture



# RICHARD DE FARIA

Grand Knight Council 9352

#### Brothers its a time of Action.

At the start of the Fraternal Year we discussed a number of ideas and activities, and we have put these into action. We are in the middle of it!

#### Completed:

- $\Rightarrow$  Potato Festival fundraising
- $\Rightarrow$  Poinsettias for widows at Christmas.
- ⇒ **Partially completed our Missionary Fundrais**ing. Parish Ministry Day attendance.
- ⇒ Community support **for fire** victim **Colin Drage** Ceremony for our Honorary Members
- $\Rightarrow$  New Badges for new members
- ⇒ Children's Christmas Party and Parish Social. Our first Muffin Bake
- $\Rightarrow \qquad \textbf{Monthly Rosary in person at the} \\ Church$
- $\Rightarrow$  Friday night Rosary sessions.
- ⇒ A Knights Christmas dinner/social

#### In Progress:

- $\Rightarrow$  Fraternal Benefits Day **Open House**
- $\Rightarrow$  Basketball Free Throw
- $\Rightarrow$  Abuse Poster Contest
- $\Rightarrow$  Into The **Breach videos**
- $\Rightarrow$  Valentines Dinner & Dance
- $\Rightarrow$  More Muffins.

#### A TIME OF ACTION- "DO NOT BE AFRAID!"

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#### Forthcoming:

- $\Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \textbf{Coldest Night of the} \\ \textbf{Year} \end{array}$
- ⇒ Possible Trivia night
- ⇒ Priest *BBQ* celebration
- ⇒ Spring cemetery clean up
- ⇒ Parish Picnic assistance

#### New Member ideas??

#### Some thoughts:

- $\Rightarrow$  In your opinion, what are we missing if you are not at the meeting- why not, what can we do better?
- ⇒ More Fraternity, more Faith, more Patriotism, more Community?
- $\Rightarrow How$ **do, or**have you,**fit in**?
- $\Rightarrow \quad \text{Where is your chal-} \\ \text{lenge?}$
- $\Rightarrow$  What can you step into, to help us maintain and grow into the future?
- ⇒ If you have been active, we have the Fraternal Survey to complete by month end - please tell us what you have participated in

### A time of action- "DO NOT BE AFRAID"

Richard De FARIA

Grand knight

# Andrew KOKELJ Past Grand Knight

#### SAINT JOSEPH

Last weekend, on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, I focused on St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus and the husband of Mary, who, while he never utters a single word in the Fospels, speaks volumes in his actions and the life he lived.

Joseph appears as the quiet man who is the strong and faithful guardian of first, the infant Jesus and Jesus who grows up with Mary and Joseph who lovingly care for him and ponder all that He is to be.

As the Gospel of Matthew makes known, Joseph was a man who lived right before God (more than a 'good; man) and his love for God was completed by his love for others, particularly and most especially, Mary, for he did not want to expose her to public disgrace when she is with child but he, engaged to her, has had no relations with her. And God so beautifully, to those who trust Him and live a life of faith before Him, takes care of the details of what appears to be an extremely confusing and messy situation, and just when God's help is needed.

As my mother used to say, "God never comes too soon or too late", He reveals through an angel wo appears to Joseph in the vivid dream, what God is doing in Mary's life and through her mysterious and marvellous pregnancy with the instruction that he is to take Mary as his wife,

And Joseph, faithful who loves God and neighbour in the human summation of the Great Commandment, takes Mary as his wife and loves her and the Saviour in her womb.

#### THE FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

This is a great feast day of the Church which rightly singles Mary, Jesus' Mother, out among all women who ever existed or will ever exist. Who is this woman whose true identity and presence is still such a cause of division between Catholics and non-Catholics?

Sadly, for them, many Christians still don't understand Out Blessed Mother even though they have a great love for sacred scripture which, as the Word of God, manifestly reveals Mary to us and to all generations as unique, sinless and the Universal Mother of us all.

WHY IS MARY UNIQUE BECAUSE, AS Fulton Sheen so succinctly put it: "You and I did not make our own mothers. But Christ did." And as God in the Flesh, God who always was "he could therefore make her the most beautiful and perfect woman who evert lived"



David BINNS bjsuperfan@outlook.com

SQUIRES UPDATE The Squires were very please with the invite to the Knights Christmas dinner.

A good time was had by all. We raised the Christmas Tree in the Church and put on the lights

On December 5, 2022, we are continuing our **Bottle/Can Drive** into the New Year 2023.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 11, 2023, to take the Christmas Tree down and return same to the Rectory.

To the Manse. We are planning a Community Bottle/Can Drive to finish our fund raiser.

Good news, we have gained two new members and are looking forward to 2023 for more members.

Vivat Jesus

David Binns Chief Counsellor



# Brother Michael CROWLEY

#### HOW ARE YOU PREPARING?

The Liturgical Year is a series of spiritual seasons The *Season of Advent* launches us into a new spiritual year by preparing us for a rebirth of Christ in our lives. The *Christmas Season*, which starts on Christmas Eve and ends with the Baptism of the Lord, will remind us that Jesus became one of us to show us the way to heaven.

Then a new season of "*Ordinary Time*" begins. It's not "ordinary" at all; it's "ordained" to be a season of learning, with Jesus as our teacher. *Lent* soon interrupts this for a season for examining how well we're living what Jesus teaches. This brings us to *Holy Week*, when we give to Jesus all the ways that we have rejected his teachings.

On *Easter Sunday*, we enter into a season of celebrating our victory over sin as we continue our journey of holiness. This season ends with Pentecost, when we recommit ourselves to the in-dwelling of Christ's Holy Spirit, who empowers us to learn more and live better the ways of holiness. Now the lessons of Ordinary Time resume until the end of the Liturgical Year.

Jesus gives us the fig tree as a visual aid for understanding the seasons of our faith. Fig trees produce fruit both in the spring and in autumn. Since the disciples, like other Jews, believed that the Messiah would usher in the reign of God at Passover time, Jesus used the fig tree to make a very specific point: His sacrificial death on the day after Passover would be the first harvest of the kingdom of God. Its fruit is our freedom from the deadly consequences of sin.

The second harvest is the autumn fruit. We see a wonderful image of this, its fruit is heaven. We have been resurrected into eternal life by accepting Jesus' sacrificial death for our sins.

In contrast, those who reject the sacrifice of Jesus and continue in their self-destructive sins to the very end have no eternal life in them. There is nothing to harvest.

When we're unhappy about someone else's spiritual growth, we should remember that we're all in different seasons of our souls.

What season are you in? Is it the winter of dying to self because your sins have left you cold and almost lifeless? Is your faith a seed waiting to sprout in early springtime? Are you a sapling Christian who's just beginning to gain strength? Is your relationship with Christ providing summer shade under which others find shelter? Are your branches reaching out to others? Have you begun to bear fruit by serving in ministry?

Remember the necessity of each season. Even the most dead-looking times have divine purposes.

**Remember:** "A Knight is a leader who stands in the breach. We defend the faith. We protect the family. And when a need arises, we rise to meet it – with charity, unity and fraternity"

Michael CROWLEY



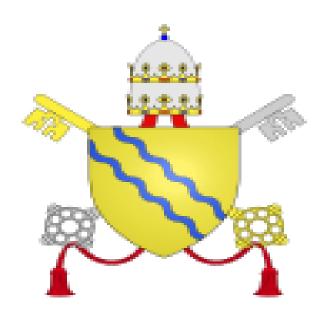
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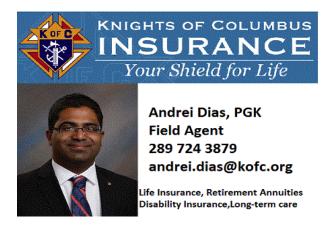
Pope St. Caius the 28<sup>th</sup>

Pope St. Caius the 28<sup>th</sup> Pope reigned as pope for 12 years, four months, and seven days, having been elected on December 17, 283 and dying April 22, 296.

Unverifiable tradition holds that St. Caius was born near modernday Croatia, belonged to a noble family, and was a relative of the Roman Emperor Diocletian.

He died while fleeing Roman persecution. St. Caius built many churches and expanded cemeteries in the face of the impending Roman persecution.





#### Dear Brother Knights and families,

Happy New Year to all my brothers and their families! I wish you peace, joy and good health this coming year!

It's that time of year when we make resolutions. Have you made any yet? Maybe the realistic question is, "Have you already broken some of them?"

Here are 10 popular New Year's resolutions from the internet along with some of my own:

1. Get in shape; for some of us this means to lose some weight, exercise more and staying fit; to stop smoking or eat healthier foods.

2. Stop procrastinating; I don't know about you, but I'm going to put this off for yet another year!

3. Improve my prayer life; there's an app for that! The Laudate app claims it is the most downloaded Catholic app. It has an immense library of prayers, devotions, daily readings, podcasts and Vatican documents.

4. Improve on a skill or develop a new hobby; maybe you want to lower your golf handicap or learn to bowl. Go for it!

5. Be more thankful; God has blessed me in so many ways and sometimes I forget to thank Him for all of those things...usually because I'm too busy asking for something else.

6. Spend more time with the people that matter most; sometimes I get so busy working, keeping the house up or going to some meeting, I forget the ones I do these things for. I've got to set aside more time to just be with them.

7. Reduce stress; in this sometimes hectic and seemingly crazy world, it's easy to get swallowed up in the latest tragedy and worry all the time. Cutting out those sources of stress or learning how to deal with them more effectively means a more settled life.

8. Read more; with so much on the internet, TV and radio it's easy for me to get lost in those. Reading for pleasure has become something of a lost art.

9. Spend wisely; it's so easy to spend money on things we really don't need, buy on a whim or because we're keeping up with the Joneses.

10. Review your current financial situation; it's always a good idea to take stock on a yearly basis.

Now this last resolution I can definitely help you keep. My resolution is to contact each of you this year to check in and if appropriate, set up a time to meet. We can update your information and see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. We'll take a look at your goals and aspirations and help make sure you're on track to reach them.

Vivat Jesu!

Andrei DIAS

# Edward Rooney

#### Membership Director

#### **Brothers**

#### Membership

Just a reminder that there are pamphlets and cards to give out to prospects after every mass. There are some packages in the ushers room and more in the Knights Closet.

Postcards are an excellent tool to hand out before or after Mass. As soon as we find out that an attendee is new to the parish you should try and get their information and hand them a card.

The intent is to have the banner up and pamphlets available at all Knight of Columbus sponsored events.

#### REMEMBER "ITS THE POWER OF ONE".

### Valentines Dinner and Dance

It's on and we are in the process of finalizing the caterer. We have been able to get the price point to \$100 per couple or \$50 each.

As soon as I can get the tickets printed they will be available for sale at the back of the church.

# The night will include decorations, door prizes, a silent Auction, a 50/50 Draw and a DJ. A cash Bar will be provided.

We encourage as many Knights as possible to attend and hopefully bring some friends.

We will need assistance in set up and running some of the events the night of. The intention is to do the tear down on Sunday morning.

Please call or email me with your intentions of attending and helping. 416-579-0859, "rooneye34@gmail.com".

LETS MAKE THIS A REAL FUN NIGHT, RAISE SOME MONEY FOR OUR CHARITIES AND HOPEFULLY MAKE THIS AN ANNUAL! Vivat Jesus

Edward ROONEY





**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERARIES** 

## MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

<u>JANUARY 2023</u> – Daniel McDEVITT; Dr. Stephen TOMINI; James ARDITO; Rev. Christopher BENNETT; Greg KEAN; Edward CROTTY; Wayne MUNDY; Donald BERTRAND; Andrew KOKELJ; Donald SULKER

OUR MEMBERS' WIVES BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 2023 - Erika SULKER

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

<u>JANUARY 2023</u>—Jose & Patricia BURUCA; Joseph & Brenda PLUT

### OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

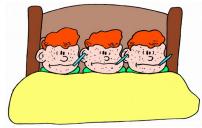
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### OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE SICK

Father C. BENNETT; Patrick St. ALMONT; Donald BERTRAND; James PURVIS; Bruce McCALLUM; Skip LANGEVIN; Ron GASTON; Aurele LEMIRE; Howard GALLANT



#### FOR THE FAMILIES OF OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ARE SICK

**IRENE** Sister of Aurele Lemire; Linda LEMIRE, wife of Aurele Lemire; Irma BO-GAART mother of George and Ann Bogaart; Greg COFFIN son of Tom and Diane Coffin; Vicky COFFIN, daughter of Tom and Diane Coffin; Nancy ROONEY wife of Edward Rooney; Father-in-law of Adam BORCZYK; Shane, nephew of Gonzalo De Romana;



Keep in your prayers William (Bill) MAES, dear brother of Madeline Skelton, passed away on Sat. Dec. 31, 2022

William (Bill) McCLEAN, Past Grand Knight of this Council passed away during the last week of December 2022

Minino ANTAO, Father and Father-in-law of John and Anu Antao

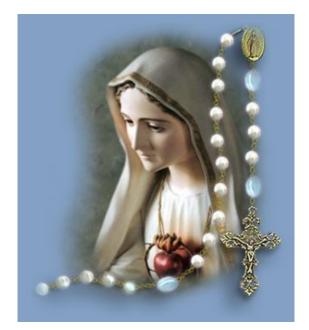
#### Father Christopher Bennett celebrated his 97th birthday today at Simcoe Manor.

While I there, I was able to deliver the certificate in recognition of his 71st anniversary of his Ordination. (June 1, 2022)

We wish him continued good health and thank him for many years of our spiritual care



Submitted by Andrew KOKELJ, Past Grand Knight



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023

# **GLORIOUS MYSTERY**

First Mystery	Brian SKELTON
Second Mystery	Richard de FARIA
Third Mystery	Randy Van VUGH
Fourth Mystery	Gonzalo De RAM
Fifth Mystery	Andrew KOKELJ

Mike CROWLEY

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Frank MacPHERSON



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CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY	Randy WALSH
•	John BLACKLAWS

INSURANCE PROGRAM......Andrei DIAS





You can't keep getting made at people for sucking the life out of you if you keep giving them the straw.

I never though orthopedic shoes would really work for me. But I stand corrected.

Once upon a time there was a king who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible king but he made a great ruler.

A Mexican magician says he will disappear on the count of 3. He says, "Uno, dos...." Poof. He disappeared without a tres.

I wrote a book on how to fall down the stairs. It's a step by step guide

My son was chewing on electric cords, so I had to ground him. It's OK, though. He's doing better and conducting himself properly.

My friend claims that he "accidentally" glued himself to his autobiography, but I don't believe him. But that's his story and he's sticking to it.

An armed man ran into a real estate agency and shouted "Nobody move".

In Britain it's called a lift, but Americans call itg an elevator. I guess we were just raised differently.

97% of people are stupid. Glad I'm in the other 5%.

The Almighty said to John, "Come forth and ye shall receive eternal life". But John came fifth and got a toaster instead.

I have two unwritten rules: 1. 2.

Submitted by Andrew Kokekl PGK