

This Month's Meeting at the Back at the Francis J. Spence Diocesan Centre....



Knights of Columbus - 4th Degree
1st Ontario District
Archbishop James V. Cleary Assembly
#0857, Kingston, ON
1922 ~ 2016



Prayer for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the

adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.



What is the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy?

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy will be a major event in the Catholic Church, held from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8), 2015 to the Feast of Christ the King (November 20), 2016.

Like other previous jubilees, it will be a special, holy year of remission of sins and universal pardon, in this occasion focusing particularly on God's forgiveness and mercy. It is an *extraordinary* Jubilee because it had not been predetermined long before; usually ordinary jubilees take place every 25 or 50 years. In fact, the 2016 Jubilee was first announced by Pope Francis on March 13, 2015. It is the 27th Holy Year in history, following the ordinary 2000 Jubilee during the papacy of St. John Paul II. The opening day will also be the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council.

Pope Francis has stressed that he wishes the Jubilee to be celebrated not only in Rome but in all local churches around the world: for the first time holy doors will be open in single dioceses, usually in the main cathedral or in local historical churches. Here in the Archdiocese of Kingston, you will notice the Holy Door has been installed at the back of the cathedral. It will be blessed by Archbishop O'Brien on Sunday, Dec. 13th.

The Jubilee of Mercy was formally declared through the papal bull *Misericordiae Vultus*, (<http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en/giubileo/bolla.html>) issued on April 11, 2015, which emphasizes the importance of mercy and the need to "gaze" on it; the bull also recalls the need for the Church to be more open, keeping alive the spirit of the Second Vatican Council. In the bull Pope Francis, about the opening of the Holy Door, states: "the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instils hope".

Pilgrimage to the Holy Door

The main practice of the Jubilee Year is to make a pilgrimage to Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, primarily to the Tomb of Saint Peter. The pilgrimage symbolizes our spiritual journey to God's Kingdom. It was a penitential practice, calling forth a great effort on the part of each traveller.

In conjunction with the Jubilee or Holy Year was the practice of entering Saint Peter's Basilica through the Holy Door which was opened for its duration. The Holy Door symbolized entering into a new beginning of life in Christ and leaving behind an old way. It was a sign of the person's repentance for sins committed throughout life and desire for conversion. It meant abandoning a sinful life or practices to embrace the forgiveness of Christ in order to enter into a life of grace.

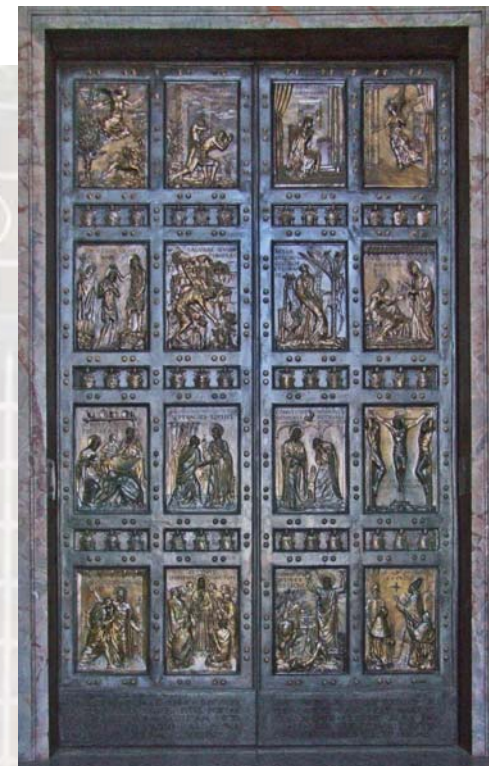
While times have changed and travelling is not as onerous as it once was, nevertheless, the financial and time commitment is just as great. So recognizing that many people will be unable to make a pilgrimage to Rome, the last few Jubilees have allowed each diocese to designate a church or shrine in which people might gain the Jubilee Indulgence. For the first time in this Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis has not only designated the cathedral of each diocese to be a place of pilgrimage, but also for each cathedral to have a Holy Door.

The Holy Door is based on two Scripture passages: John 10, when Jesus said, "I am the door." and Psalm 118. 20: "This is the door of the Lord where the just may enter." Besides physically leaving the world outside and entering into the courts of salvation, the Holy Door symbolizes leaving an old way of life and entering into a new life of grace with Christ.

According to *Mondo Vaticano*, a mini-encyclopedia published by the Vatican, the practice of the Holy Door probably can be traced to the time of public penances in the early Church. Sinners would go to the bishop or priest to confess their grave sins, and in most cases, the bishop or priest would impose a public penance of several years. The person would stand between the outer and inner doors of the church, dressed in sack cloth, begging for the prayers of the people as they entered the church. When the time of public penance was completed, they were permitted to enter the church through the inner door to receive absolution, usually preceding the celebrations of the Easter Triduum.

With the passage of time, and the development of the Jubilee, a special door was constructed that remained closed and bricked over before and after the Jubilee. When the Holy Door was opened, it involved more than turning a key; it meant removing the bricks and mortar to reveal the door. Today, the Holy Door in St. Peter's and in the three other papal basilicas is bricked only on the inside.

Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Public Domain photo



Planning a Pilgrimage

In the spirit of the Jubilee, the Archbishop is inviting parishioners to come to the Cathedral in Kingston for a parish pilgrimage on a date chosen by your parish and priest. As in Rome, a reservation with the Cathedral is highly recommended for groups in order to participate in activities related to the Holy Door.

Days and Times for Pilgrimages: Tuesday, Friday and Sunday afternoons and evenings are recommended as prime times for pilgrimages. Wednesday afternoons are reserved for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation; therefore, silence is required and group activities are restricted.

Arrival: When they arrive, pilgrims are asked to gather at Saint Mary Parish Centre for a brief orientation before proceeding to the Cathedral and entering through the Holy Door. A printed pamphlet is available on the Archdiocesan website for parishes which are preparing a pilgrimage. Parishes are encouraged to print these for their pilgrims beforehand.

Celebrations: A number of communal celebrations are possible after entering through the Holy Door. These include the 1) Celebration of the Mass (except on Sunday, when the Parish Mass is celebrated at 7:30 pm); 2) Liturgy of the Word; 3) Liturgy of the Hours. 4) Stations of the Cross. Each group of pilgrims will be asked to advise the Cathedral staff which of these, if any, they plan to celebrate as a group.

Reservation: Saint Mary's Cathedral is also a parish church; and so there are parish activities that take place in the Cathedral and times when the Cathedral staff are not available. Thus, it is important that a reservation be made by phoning or emailing the Rector, Father Shawn Hughes, at Saint Mary's Cathedral. After confirming the date and time of their visit, groups are asked to complete a planning form, so that the Cathedral staff may be available and prepare for their visit. The form will be returned to the group by email or fax after a reservation has been confirmed.

Hospitality: Saint Mary Parish Centre will also be available for the pilgrims throughout their visit, where they might gather to eat bagged meals, if they choose to bring them.



Jubilee of Mercy - Calendar of Events

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 - Mass with the Archbishop at Providence Motherhouse, Kingston - 10:00am

Visit with Religious at the closing of the Year of Consecrated Life; Jubilee of Mercy visit with Sisters in the Infirmary.

Sunday, February 14, 2016 - Rite of Election at St. Mary's Cathedral - 4:00 pm

Those throughout the Archdiocese preparing for Baptism are formally accepted (elected) by the Archbishop to receive the Sacraments of Initiation in their respective parishes. All are welcome to attend this Liturgy of the Hours.

Monday to Thursday, March 14 to 17, 2016 - Mission of Mercy at St. Mary's Cathedral

Pilgrimage opportunity for parishioners to pass through the Holy Door prior to the Mission. Preacher is Father Ben Cameron CPM. of the Fathers of Mercy in Auburn, Kentucky. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions (5 pm to 7 pm), and Mission (7 to 8 pm.) Monday: Ask for Mercy: The Prodigal Son; Tuesday: Be Merciful: The Good Samaritan; Wednesday: Confidence in Mercy: The Sinful Woman; Thursday: The Cross: Wellspring of Infinite Divine Mercy. Free will donation taken up each evening.

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 - Mass of Chrism - 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral

The Holy Oils to be used throughout the Archdiocese by the Archbishop, priests and deacons for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Ordination are blessed and consecrated. These oils are brought to parishes for use in the Sacraments.

Sunday, April 3, 2016 - Divine Mercy Sunday - 2pm at St. Mary's Cathedral

Mass at 2 p.m. followed by Divine Mercy Devotions

Friday, May 13, 2016 - Year of Mercy and World Youth Day Presentation- 7 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral

A presentation by Sebastian Gomes from Salt & Light. Refreshments following presentation. Free will offering will be collected. All are welcome!

Thursday, June 2, 2016 - Vigil of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart - 4 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral

World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests - Day of Prayer with priests at St. Mary's Cathedral - Holy Hour: 4:00 to 5:00 pm; Dinner to follow.

Late Summer/early Fall 2016 - Mass with Volunteers and Workers of Mercy

Celebration with those who carry out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy throughout the Archdiocese. These include those who work and volunteer with food banks, Meals on Wheels, and soup kitchens; those who visit the sick, and bury the dead; and those involved with counselling and education, religious and sacramental instruction, RCIA, prayer groups, etc.

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 - Anniversary of the Dedication of Saint Mary's Cathedral - 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral

Saint Luke Productions presents Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy, a 90-minute dramatic presentation based on the life and message of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938). A parallel modern story within the drama offers audiences a compelling personal connection to the current moral issues of our times. This is a critically acclaimed inspirational presentation on God's Loving Mercy. \$20 per ticket. Limited seating; please book early. For reservations and payment, please contact alyng@cogeco.ca

Saturday, October 15, 2016 - Annual Shine Like the Son Youth Day - 9 am - 5pm at Holy Cross C.S.S. in Kingston.

Theme for this year is "Merciful Like the Father". Youth from Confirmation age -18 years of age are invited to join teens from across the Archdiocese for a day of faith and fun. More information at www.shineliketheson.com

Week of November 15 to 17, 2016 - Archbishop's Fundraising Dinner for Charitable Causes

Closing of the Jubilee of Mercy - Details to be announced at a later date.

The Faithful Navigator Report



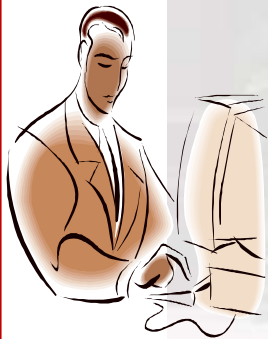
Sir Knights:

The birth of Christ and New Year's Day has just passed by us. Christmas and New Year's, is an important time of the year, known as "family time". This is a special time of the year that we celebrate Christ and "time "with our families. I hope we all took the time to enjoy this time with our families. Without them we would not be where we are today.

I want us to remember why we are Sir Knights. Why were we chosen to be Sir Knights? We've been asked to spread the word of God to our loved ones and our friends. We are to serve our families, our priests and The Lord. During the holiday period in spending time with our families, attending Church, celebrating Christmas and New Year's together continues that journey for us as Sir Knights. Let's not lose track of our lives and remember what our journey is. In our upcoming months try to continue to share time with your family, with Christ and our clergy. Participate at our meetings and upcoming functions. Help you priests at your parish. When was the last time you asked your priest to lunch? Or dropped by and visited him. They need our love as well.

In closing, I want to wish you all a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families. To our priests and His Grace I wish you all a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all and your families as well.

S/K David Cupido, Faithfull Navigator,



From Your Editor.....

**Thank You to those Knights who have submitted. I have truly enjoyed informing and even entertaining the Assembly and our Priests... with a new editor comes new ideas and a new outlook. Let us always remember that the 4th Degree is the Ceremonial Arm of Our Order... and the basis for Fraternity...
Let Us Share Our Projects/News/Events!!**





from Our Faithful Captain

Fellow Sir Knights

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Our December Christmas Social was another success, Thanks for all the attended. Time flies as that was our third time. Lady Sally & I had a ball organizing and seeing everyone there. Many thanks to all that helped again this year. With winter arriving, we will be having a dinner meeting in a couple of months. More info to be forthcoming. In closing I wish you all a happy and holy 2016!!

Your Faithful Captain.

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Faithful Comptroller

January 2016

The membership of Assembly 857 currently stands at 193 members. This is comprised of 36 Honorary Life; 3 Honorary; & 4 Disabled members. We have 21 Priests & 3 Deacons.

We welcomed a new member in Dec/15, SK Francois Bedard, into our Assembly, a transfer in from Verner ON. Francois is a member of Kingston Mills, Council 11886.

The 2016 membership dues for the 4th degree, will come due on Jan.1/16. Billing notices were sent out in Dec.15/15, stating balance due, according to your status. It was sent via email (to those using it) & by Canada Post. You, may pay dues at any time, and a card will be issued. If you not received a billing notice as of yet, please contact me.

It is time to fill out the volunteer hours form for 2015. I recently sent out via email, the form, which you can fill out, save as file, and send back to me. There will be printed copies of this form, at the regular meeting on Thu. Jan.14, 7pm, at the Diocesan Centre. These forms are necessary, for the K of C, to keep charity status & show we make a difference for those in need of assistance & support. These forms, must be handed in or sent, by Jan.31/16. Thanks, for your cooperation.

Please keep me informed of any changes in your personal "Contact Info", so our records can be kept current. Also, due to the increase in postal rates, we must try to curb expense where possible. The use of email & the internet, if used wisely, is an excellent way of moving information to our members. Those without, will still be informed by regular mail & by voice. If you have any concerns, please contact me.

During the winter season, let us be ever aware of those around us, who require assistance, and support to carry on. Our mission as Knights, empowers us to be there, for those in need. "Keep Christ at the centre of your daily life"

Vivat Jesus *FC S/K Dale*

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Attention!!!

“Y a-t-il 30 hommes prêts à fonder un conseil des Chevaliers de Colomb en la paroisse Saint-François-D'Assise?

Prière de communiquer avec :

Père Robert Masters (bobjmasters@gmail.com) ou

Allan J. Soini (allan.soini@gmail.com) ”



Faithful Admiral

Assembly Report

January/February 2016

Worthy Sir Knights: The past year has been a busy one for me when I reflect on the many activities that I have been a part of in my Council, this Assembly, and the Diocesan Association. This is not unlike other years. As you get older you notice it more when you start to slow with age. There are older members in the Knights than me, and many of them aren't able to participate at the level they used to be able to, due to ill health. There was a survey done not too long ago regarding this Assembly. The average age of all members was over 50. So what does that number mean to anyone. What it means by the process of elimination, if we don't start recruiting younger members our present numbers are going to dwindle like they have in other Service Clubs to the point of non existence. You can see the recruitment of third degree members into the fourth degree is very important for an Assembly's posterity. Who are the best recruiters of all. You people are. After all you know the 3rd degree Knights in your Councils better than I do and they know you. So don't be afraid to approach them outlining important reasons for

joining the 4th Degree. If they counter with the cost factor, point out to them that it isn't mandatory to be part of the Honour Guard right away. Eventually we would like that to happen and we have some regalia to make it happen. The tuxedo along with the accessories with the \$70.00 registration fee, properly filled out Form #4, and the Candidate Registration Form are the only requirements necessary for a 3rd Degree Knight to be exemplified in to the 4th Degree. On the Form #4 the Financial Secretary of his Council needs to sign off that the member's Council dues are paid up.

Since I'm speaking of Exemplifications, I'm sure that we all know that the Archbishop J.V. Cleary Assembly is hosting Exemplification 2016 here in Kingston on May 27th and 28th. That is definitely a plus for us because this means that we don't need to reserve or pay for Hotel/Motel accommodations at some other location. Therefore this is one less reason for Sir Knights, ladies, and candidates from this area not attending Exemplification 2016. So we expect to have lots of members and ladies out to support the candidates being exemplified. Please note that attendance at the Banquet after the Mass is not a requirement but we would like you to consider making this part of your weekend activities. St. Lawrence College has a

very good reputation when it comes to food. So that shouldn't be a problem. Further to this I'm pleased to report that the Committee members have been doing their due diligence in planning for this Exemplification. Not to be outdone the ladies have been meeting to plan their social at the same time as the actual exemplification of the candidates takes place.

In the coming days, I will be going out to the 9 Councils in this area to cover important aspects related to the 4th degree and help potential candidates understand what the 4th Degree is all about. This should also help sponsors in the recruitment process. If any 3rd degree members wish to join our 4th degree Assembly this would be the time to do so. Shortly there will be a bulletin going to all the 18 Assemblies in this District from Master Norm Fontaine which will cover the schedule of events on May 27th and 28th, registration of candidates, registration for the banquet, and other details. If you have any questions regarding this Exemplification, recruitment, or any other queries, please contact me. You can reach me, Garry Davis, at **613-384-3463 or Email gdavis24@cogeco.ca**

4th Degree Meeting December 10, 2015 – Francis J. Spence Centre

7:00 pm: Time was set aside for membership renewals and Christmas Social ticket purchases

7:25 The FNav, SK David Cupido, opened the meeting with 30 members present, one member arrived later.

Opening Ceremony was conducted. Opening Prayer lead by A/FFriar.

Opening Ode was sung

FFriar Report: Rev Fr SK Dan Ryan informed Assembly of the Opening of the Holy Door to take place 13 December at the 10:30 Mass and the Christmas Mass being held at Cathedral 25 December at 10:30.

FNav: Welcomed back SK Dale Tuepah and provided Christmas Greetings to the Assembly

The minutes of the Assembly meeting of the 12 November 2015 had been distributed via e-mail. Minutes were approved.

The **FCompt:**~ Sk Dale Tuepah confirmed membership roster at 193 Sir Knights.

November Revenue \$1921.42: including \$175 dues, \$41.10 good of the order and remainder Group Opportunities

November Expenses \$1691.42 to include Meeting Social \$71.34; Group Opportunities \$1620.08

December Pending Vouchers: Priest Retirement Fund \$500:00; St Joseph's Council for Billboard \$300:00, KofC Supplies \$124.92; D&G for Nametags \$44.00; FCompt Office expenses \$88.95; Diocesan Association dues \$25:00; Social \$83.35; Group Opportunities \$5458.35

Motion to approve the report was made by SK Dale Tuepah seconded by SK Garry Davis: **Carried**

The following **Committees** reported:~

SOCIAL: SK Wayne Fink - reported on the Christmas Social Survey results. 96% in favour of Our Lady of Fatima, 48% preferred Beef, 36% preferred turkey, music results (36% no music, 32% background, 12% band, 8% DJ, 8% dance, 4% single musician. Meal will be Prime Rib at Our Lady of Fatima with background music.

GUARD: SK Ben Greenwood – Thanked 10 SK who participated in Santa Claus Parade, requested Guard assistance at Cathedral with Archbishop presiding: 13 Dec 10:30 Opening of Holy Door, 25 Dec 10:30 Christmas Mass

SPECIAL EVENT:

SK Pete Scott - To date we have provided \$6254.29 in saving for 218 participants and have generated a net profit of \$2676.84 for event up to and including the 14 Nov Senators Game.

While very few Assembly Knights are participating the program is being well received by general public. Assistance in spreading the word is always welcome, especially to spouses, relatives neighbours and friends..

Upcoming in December

19 Dec Kingston Frontenacs game in Ottawa

30 Dec Senators versus New Jersey Devils in Ottawa, great stocking stuffer

8 Feb Senators versus Tampa Bay Lightning.

New activity, 15 April Bus Trip to National Arts Centre in Ottawa to watch the live Broadway performance of Sound of Music. This activity was specifically requested by St Mary's Cathedral Parish Staff in coordination with Fr Shawn.

2016 Blue Jay 5 games as listed on website.

FNav Remarks:

Thanked SK Scott Arnold for his great float design

Unfinished Business:

Charitable Means Committee recommends \$600 (within the approved Assembly budget) be donated to St Paul the Apostle for their Syrian Refugee family support. While much discussion ensued regarding whether support should go to multiple groups or just one, there was a desire to get the funds into use rather than hold pending for additional groups to be found. Motion by SK Wayne Fink to accept the Charitable Means Committee Recommendation, Seconded by SK Michael Mombourquette

Carried

SK Ian Moore's request for assistance with Bulletin Director was answered by SK Michael Mombourquette

New Business: None

Council Reports:

DD #93: SK John Kutz - 1st Degree 26 Jan @ St Josephs, 2nd Degree early Feb, District Poster contest and Free Throw being coordinated, planning underway to pass Special Olympic Flag through District

DD #20: SK Allan DeBenedetti - underlined the need for new member recruitment

12309 (St. Patrick's, Railton): NIL

11886 (Holy Name, Kingston Mills): NIL.

11670 (St. Joseph's): SK Lou Saulnier. 3 new 3rd degree members, read from prepared report

11524 (Blessed Sacrament, Amherstview): NIL

9652 (St. Paul's): SK Scott Arnold GK, Council exec meeting moved to 22 Dec, planning Christmas visits to widows, budget passed

7883 (St. Patrick's, Napanee): NIL.

7224 (Our Lady of Lourdes): SK Joseph Hamilton. Knights hosting socials after Sunday Mass, set up Nativity Scene, 29 Jan next Spaghetti Dinner

4177 (Gananoque): SK Stephen Henderson: 4 new members awaiting their 1st degree

728 (Frontenac): SK Doug Snider; hosting Breakfast 17 December.

Fraternal Agent: SK Stephen Henderson: Provided Benefit in-

formation and reminded members that money left to people through an insurance policy bypasses probate

Diocesan Director: SK Bill Coppens – 3rd Degree 23 Jan in Cobourg, 5 Mar in Brockville, reminded members of Diocesan Assn meeting and elections 16 January @ St Mary's Parish Centre. Advised District 73 has a new council.

Good of the Order: SK Pete Scott was rewarded with \$47, Rev Fr Dan Ryan received two tickets to 11 Dec Frontenac's home game.





Please give me a call to book your appointment. I can be reached on my cell 613-770-4092, or at home 613-766-7648, or by email at stephen.henderson@kofc.org

God Bless, Stephen Henderson - Fraternal Benefits Advisor

Cover your basic retirement needs with guaranteed income

The most important thing about CPP/ OAS retirement benefits is that you can't outlive them; they provide a monthly payment you'll be able to count on as long as you live. But for most of us, this income alone won't provide a satisfactory standard of living. Retirement plans such as RRSPs and RRIFs can raise your standard of living in retirement—as long as that money lasts. One way you can convert some of your retirement funds into guaranteed income for life is with a Knights of Columbus immediate annuity. Single-premium immediate annuities, sometimes called "income annuities," are designed to provide a reliable, regular income for retirees. As with all annuities, the single-premium annuity is an insurance product. With the single-premium annuity, you pay a lump sum, and generally you can begin receiving payments the following month. As with CPP/OAS, you can select a payout option on your annuity so that you're guaranteed a payment every month for as long as you live. You can also add your spouse as the joint owner so that, in the event of your death, ownership rights of the annuity—including the right to receive all future payments due under the contract—will pass to your spouse. To see whether an income annuity is right for you, start by estimating your basic monthly retirement expenses: housing, food, transportation, insurance, out-of-pocket medical expenses, etc. Subtract from this total the guaranteed monthly income you can expect through CPP/OAS (plus any defined-benefit pension plans or annuities you already have). What's left over is how much additional monthly income you should consider generating with an income annuity. With your basic monthly expenses covered by *guaranteed* income, you can use other retirement plan proceeds for the good stuff: travel, hobbies, indulging your loved ones on occasion—the things you've been working so hard for. Let me help. Please get in touch if you'd like to know more about the Knights of Columbus annuity options. ☒



Upcoming Group Events..... GROUP SALES....

**Kingston Frontenacs vs Owen Sound Attack 29 January @KRock \$18 Adult / \$13 youth.
Purchase through or website portal**

**Ottawa Senators versus Tampa Bay Lightning 8 February.
Knights Group Rate of \$85 per seat in Section 104. Guaranteed seating deadline is 15 January, after that our unsold seats are turned back in for general sales.**

Kingston Frontenacs vs Ottawa 67 19 February in Ottawa \$16 each Purchase through or website portal

Kingston Frontenacs vs Niagara Ice Dogs 21 February @KRock \$18 Adult / \$13 youth. Purchase through or website portal

Kingston Frontenacs vs Mississauga Steelheads 11 March @KRock \$18 Adult / \$13 youth. Purchase through or website portal

**Ottawa Senators versus Washington Capitals Tuesday 22 Mar
Knights Group Rate of \$85 per seat in Section 104. Guaranteed seating deadline is 29 February, after that our unsold seats are turned back in for general sales.**

**Ottawa Senators versus Pittsburgh Penguins 5 April
Knights Group Rate of \$110 with transportation from Kingston or \$85 per seat u-drive. Guaranteed seating deadline is 15 March after that our unsold seats are turned back in for general sales.**

SOUND OF MUSIC AT NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE OTTAWA

15 APRIL 2016 - 8PM PERFORMANCE

24 Passenger Bus from Kingston \$140 per person

26 U-drive seats so you can meet family and friends at the performance \$82 per person

Those bus participants who are registered and paid by 15 January 2016 will be entered in an early bird draw for a \$50 gift card. 27 February 2016 is our deadline for guaranteed seating as we must release all unsold tickets at that time.

Visit www.jvcleary857.com for details or contact SK Pete Scott grouprates@jvcleary857.com to reserve.

Happy New Year

Pete Scott

Archdiocese Association News

January 1, 2016 Happy New Year 2016 !

The association executive wish all our brother knights a Happy New Year! As January marks the mid-way point of our fraternal year, may every council have a strong and successful finish to their council year, enjoy membership growth and a strong spirit of fraternity.

Keep In Our Prayers

Please keep our State Deputy Alain Cayer and his family in your prayers. Alain's father Richard passed away December 21, just before Christmas.

January 16, 2016 Annual Diocesan Association Meeting. Kingston

Saturday, January 16 is our Annual Diocesan Association Meeting in which we will elect a new executive to take leadership for the new fraternal year. The meeting will start at 9:30 am at St Mary's Parish Centre, 260 Brock St., Kingston. Positions up for election are Diocesan Director, Secretary/Recorder, Treasure, Trustee/Training Director, and Trustee/Seminarian Director. Any third degree knight in good standing can run for office by being nominated and seconded at the annual meeting, it's that simple. Brothers, plan now attend, to nominate, to vote and to elect your choice for association offices for the new fraternal year. Hopefully every councils and assembly will now to bring a contingent of members representing your council or assembly to the meeting. There will also be important speakers, activity reports and business items to discuss at the meeting, i.e. University Hospital Foundation of Kingston have asked to speak about a special appeal they are presenting to the knights. In a couple days a more detailed agenda will be sent out to councils and assemblies along with the minutes of the previous meeting,

Some Upcoming Degrees

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| January 23, 2016 | 3 rd Degree | 1 pm at K of C Community Centre, Cobourg. Contact D.D. Hugh Penney.
Candidates register 45 min. earlier |
| January 31, 2016 | 3 rd Degree | 2 pm at Farrell Hall, 186 Gore St E., Perth Contact Pat Loftus.
Candidates register 445 min. earlier. |
| March 5, 2016 | 3 rd Degree | 1 pm at St Mary's Catholic School, Brockville. Contact D.D. Rick Fraser.
Candidates register 45 min. earlier. |
| May 27 & 28, 2016 | 4 th Degree | Kingston. Contact S.K. Garry Davis for more information. |



Christmas Message from Archbishop O'Brien

Christmas is “a wonderful time of the year”. For many people, the holiday season is a break from their routine – a chance to travel and to spend time with family and friends. It is an occasion to brighten up the dark days of winter with lights, music, and sports. Christmas is also a season of goodwill, when we tend to be more sensitive to the needs of others and more generous in our care for the lonely, the sick, and those in financial need.



This year, our celebration of Christmas falls within the Jubilee Year of Mercy and is an opportunity to remind ourselves of what is at the heart of this festive season. Pope Francis, in proclaiming the Year of Mercy, began with these words: “*Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy... Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person, reveals the mercy of the Father.*”

One of the Christmas readings expresses how Christ’s coming among us as man reveals the kindness and love of God our Saviour for us. It was not that we deserved it because of our good deeds. “*It was for no reason except God’s own compassion that he saved us.*” (Tit.3, 4-7)

The celebration of Christmas is certainly a privileged moment in the Year of Mercy. It is a time to recognize God’s desire to be close to us through his Son, who shares our human condition and who knows our joys and sorrows. It is also an occasion to celebrate God’s longing for us to be with him forever. As St. Leo the Great expressed it: “*God becomes human so that humanity might become divine*”.

The theme of the Jubilee Year, ‘Merciful like the Father’, invites us to respond to the Father’s mercy, revealed in the birth of the Christ Child, by reaching out to others in the practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These are gestures whereby we show our concern for the materially deprived; the lonely; the sick; as well as those experiencing spiritual poverty – inner emptiness or spiritual and moral confusion.

It would be my hope and prayer that, as we celebrate the feast of Christmas this Jubilee Year, we will recognize more readily God’s mercy toward us, which has been revealed in the person of his Son, who invites us to follow his example and be “merciful like the Father”.

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