

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9352

St. Paul the Apostle, Alliston



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Executive Meetings 1st Thursday of every month

General Meetings 2nd Thursday of every month

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No further in person meetings. Please join us on Zoom



“Epiphany” means manifestation. And the “Epiphany of the Lord” is Jesus’ manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it’s also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him.

These Magi were “wise men” who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah.

God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the “star” that God is using to call you. It’s closer than you may think.

A second thing to note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us. If these astrologers from a foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound way, we must do the same. Perhaps you could try literally lying down prostrate in prayer this day, in imitation of the Magi, or at least do so in your heart through prayer. Adore Him with a complete surrender of your life.

. Lastly, the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is used for one who would die. Thus, their adoration is grounded in the truths of who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honor Him in this threefold way.

Reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. You are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah. What is God using to call you to Himself? When you discover Him, do not hesitate to acknowledge the full truth of who He is, lying prostrate before Him in complete and humble submission.

Lord, I love You and adore You. I lay my life before You and surrender all. You are my Divine King and Savior. My life is Yours. (Pray three times and then prostrate yourself before the Lord) Jesus, I trust in You.

EXECUTIVE 2020-2021

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Brothers

The promise and hope comes in New Year in January 2021 with a tempered exuberance, especially after what transpired in 2020.

Everyone has adjusted their routines on a daily basis as the pandemic continues to affect all areas of our lives. We have come to realize that many of the things we took for granted like visiting friends, going to the rink to watch a game, and meeting at Church are not available to us.

The usual Christmas celebrations and festivities were replaced with smaller in-home gatherings and virtual family zoom meetings. With the current lockdown measures in effect, our communities will be facing stricter restrictions as they cope with the changes.

We need to continue connecting with our Brother Knights whether it be by email or a simple phone call to make sure no one is left feeling isolated and forgotten,

Our Zoom Rosary has continued to be a beacon of prayer with a variety of participants from here and 'away' in *New Brunswick and Newfoundland*. Thank you Brother **Gonzalo**, Past Knight **Tom** and Brother **Mike** for leading the call to prayer.

Still time to get your tickets in for our first Member Draw next week. 32 tickets sold so far. Don't miss out!

Wishing you a safe and healthy year ahead,

Yours in Christ

ANDREW KOKELJ

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EXCITING NEWS

Although we can no longer meet in person in the short term, we are continuing with the spirit of the draws we usually hold at each of our General Meetings. The overall scheme is noted below and will be discussed in more detail at the upcoming General Meeting via Zoom.

State office is providing a reduction in some of the dues we pay per member, and in the same spirit your local Alliston Council will be reducing your membership dues by 20% this year. That will be a \$10/year fee reduction.

Knights of Columbus Supreme and State offices realise that during these trying times, it's difficult for Knights to have events to raise money for charitable causes and some members and their families are also going through financial and other stresses.

The knights are hoping that overall, the reduction in fees will also permit those more fortunate to give back to charity. Locally we are hoping that our Knights will be able to participate in the membership draws. For those who buy tickets this month, they will be eligible for the first early bird draw, which will have some additional prizes thrown in (donated).

The general scheme is as follows:

1. Winning Tickets will win a 50% share of the Total Sales Amount divided by the number of remaining draws. That is, if there was \$500 in the prize pot with 5 draws remaining, the \$100 prize would be shared with the Member receiving \$50 for himself with \$50 being deposited into the council charity gift account.
2. The Charitable portion would be paid out before June 30.
3. Tickets will only be sold to Council 9352 members who are in good standing.
4. Payment made by cash, cheque, e-transfer
5. Ticket numbers will have the member's KofC membership number written onto business card.
6. A list will be available for any member to view.
7. Multiple Tickets may be purchased throughout the Draw period.
8. Each ticket is \$12, so if you buy early, your ticket stays in the pot for every subsequent draw.
9. You can win more than once.
10. Any Tickets purchased prior to 5:00 pm on the draw date will be eligible for the draw.

- 11 A total of 6 draws will be held on zoom meeting or in person at the monthly KofC Council 9352 General meeting in presence of at least 3 Knights.
12. Tentative dates: January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, 2021.
13. Stay tuned for follow up emails on e transfer addresses for ticket purchases and we anticipate the membership due invoices will be sent out soon and you will have an opportunity to pay your dues by cheque if you wish and also purchase tickets at the same time.
14. Stay tuned for additional emails.

Terms and conditions subject to change as required by law or other governing body.

Richard De Faria

Deputy Grand Knight

JESUS WAS BORN TO FREE US FROM SIN AND ALL OTHER FORCES THAT CONTROL US.

Epiphany is a celebration of the adoration of magi from the East who sought and found Christ the newborn king.

The Greek word "magi" meant oriental scientists. Also called astrologers, their worship of Jesus does not validate astrology, which assigns power over us to stars and planets; rather, it validates that Jesus was born to bring salvation to all, Gentiles as well as Jews. Their arrival at the manger demonstrates that Jesus was born for the sake of all who recognize that only God should have power over us. Jesus was born to free us from sin and all other forces that control us.

The magi also demonstrate that gift-giving is a normal part of worship. Their gift of gold honored Jesus as king. Their gift of incense honored Jesus as God. And their gift of myrrh honored the gift that Jesus would eventually give to us: his death. He was born to sacrifice his life for us. He took to the cross our sins, and then his resurrection destroyed the power of sin and the power of demons who tempt us to sin.

The gifts of the magi become gifts that we all give to Jesus: Gold represents our righteousness, which Christ's kingship over our lives makes possible so that we become more and more saintly each day. Incense represents our prayers going up to God - prayers that involve giving God the gift of our trust. And myrrh is the gift of suffering for Christ: the sacrifices we make for the sake of his ongoing mission of transforming our world.

The word "epiphany" means a moment of discovery, a revelation that changes our lives. Did the magi have an epiphany about Jesus when they came into his presence? Did they realize that they were looking at the Savior of the world? Did they want this little baby to save them from their own sins?

We can safely assume that they never forgot about their trip to Bethlehem. Surely they kept their ears open for news about him as the years went by. Probably they heard about the King of the Jews who was crucified.

We know that they in fact became very saintly Christians; their relics still exist and have been venerated since very early times.

What about you and me? Will we remember Jesus in some new way this year? Will our worship of him transform us? Will the power of sin be defeated by our faith in Christ when we face temptations?

Hopefully, we have been changed this Advent and Christmas Season by a new rebirth of Jesus into our lives and - through our lives - out into the world.

Reflection:

What's the gold you're giving to Jesus? What is your incense? What is your myrrh?

Community

Faith

Sharing:

Describe an epiphany you have had during this past Advent and the Season of Christmas. How will you take this out to others so that they, too, experience Christ more completely?

POPE

The Tenth Pope

PIUS I

Pope Pius I was the Bishop of Rome from c. 140 to his death c. 154, according to the *Abnuario Pontificio*. His dates are listed as 142 or 146 to 157 or 161, respectively. He is considered to have opposed both the Valentinians and Gnostics during his papacy.

He is considered a saint by the Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church with a feast day in 11th July, but it is unclear if he died as a martyr.

Pius is believed to have been born at Aquileia, in Northern Italy, during the late 1st century. His father was an Italian called "Rufinus", who was also a native of Aquileia according to the Liber Pontificalis.

According to the 2nd-century Muratorian Canon and the Liberian Catalogue, that he was the brother of Hermas, author of the text known as The Shepherd of Hermas.

STAY SAFE, SOCIAL DISTANCE AND WEAR A MASK!

WE WILL BEAT THIS VIRUS

Vivat Jesu
Michael Crawley



Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

The Knights of Columbus will be *offering a weekly online Zoom Rosary* for the parish intentions every *Friday at 8pm.*

We welcome you to join us by sending us your intentions and joining us in prayer.

These are very confusing and difficult times where the world at times sees evil as good and good as evil.

The Rosary was given to us by our Lady as a weapon against the forces of evil the world. It's time to take up arms and engage the enemy.

“The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary” – St. Francis de Sales

Let's change this world for the better!!


Take up your Rosary and join us in prayer to glorify, rightly praise and love our Lord and saviour

Join Zoom Meeting


<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83125288299?pwd=bDYvVk84c2lDV05tQVRsN1RnRFpsdz09>

Your Brother in Christ,

Gonzalo De Romana



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Dear Brother Knights and families,

I hope you all had a nice Christmas Season, even though it may have been a very different one. I hope this year is much better and hopefully we will be able to meet again very soon, and get back to doing community and church projects.

Two important things to remember:

- ♦ *As of January 1st you can top up your Tax Free Savings account*
- ♦ *And the deadline for Registered Retirement Saving Plan contributions is March 2nd*

The Knights offer both products and have a minimum guaranteed interest rate.
Regards

Sincerely
Andrei DIAS



COMING EVENTS

Executive and General Meeting have been cancelled until further notice
Please join us on ZOOM for these meeting to get your opinion. Get involved. The Knights are only good as it's members. *Make us proud*

Rosary on ZOOM every Friday at 8:00 pm please join us.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83125288299?pwd=bDYyVk84c2lDV05tQVRsN1RnRFpsdz09>

Rosary Sunday has been put on hold until around January 28th.



This is the our Mother, the Blessed and wonderful Queen of Heaven





BIRTHDAYS + ANNIVERSARIES

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

January 2021— Rev. Allan GLASS; Andrew KOKEJL; Tim REINGEUITTE; Dr. Stephen TOMINI; James ARDITO; Rev. Christopher BENNETT; Gregory KEAN; Edward CROTTY; Wayne MUNDY; Donald SULKER; Donald BERTRAND; Cryil KURNATH; Daniel McDEVITT

OUR MEMBERS' WIVES BIRTHDAYS

December 2020—Fatima HEALY

January 2021— Erika SULKER





WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

January 2021– Jose & Patricia BURUCA; Joseph & Brenda PLUT



OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE SICK



Father C. BENNETT; Patrick St. ALMONT; Don SULKER; William SKELTON; Geoffrey Allan ROCHARD; Donald BERTRAND; Peter HART; Hubert COLARIS; Aurele LEMIRE; Austin HEAP; Moses TAVARES



OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

Charles HANCOCK; Ron RANGLES; Walter McCLOSKY; James McAULEY; Albert MORAN; Fergus SHEEHAN; Bert JESKY; Terry McCAULEY; Mel OXBY; Michael PARSONS; James McPARLAN; Jean CHARBONNEAU; Peter BROWN; John KENNEDY; Raul TARANCO; Lawrence SKELTON; Msgr Philip KENNEDY; Jean (John) GALLANT; Louis FONTAINE; Rev. Deacon Desmond CARROLL; Wayne MASON; Charles DONNELLY; Michael ROWETT; Kent TAYLOR;



FOR THE FAMILIES OF OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ARE SICK

Bridget HEAP Wife of Austin Heap; **Bob HARTE** Brother of Peter Harte; **Maureen HARTE** Sister-in-Law of Peter Harte; **IRENE** Sister of Aurele Lemire; **Arran DEEGAN** Son of Jason and Andrea Deegan; **Tyler HOLGATE's Mother;** **Maria TAVARES** wife of Moses Tavares; **Linda LEMIRE**, wife of Aurele Lemire; **Irma BOGAART** mother of George and Ann Bogaart; **Greg COFFIN** son of Tom and Diane Coffin; **Vicky COFFIN**, daughter of Tom and Diane Coffin;



FOR THE FAMILISE OF OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ARE DECEASED



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY,
JANUARY 17, 2021**

JOYFUL MYSTERY

First Mystery Michael CROWLEY

Second Mystery William SKELTON

Third Mystery Richard de FARIA

Fourth Mystery Randy Van VUGHT

Fifth Mystery Gonzalo De RAMANA

