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THE FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Father Gregory Kelly Assembly #0872

Faithful Navigator Vincent Capobianco; Faithful Friar Father Leo Burns, Admiral David Peters, Comptroller Angus MacDougell

MEETINGS:

Business meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Gregory's Parish, 122 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke, ON.

NAVIGATOR'S REPORT:

My brother Sir Knights,

As another Fraternal year draws to a close, I look back with pride at all that we have accomplished. I'm especially proud to have been the Faithful Navigator as Father Gregory Kelly Assembly celebrated its 60th Anniversary. This milestone was acknowledged with a Dinner & Dance Gala held October 21st, 2017. It was attended by our Worthy State Deputy Dan Heifferman and his Lady Rita. Everyone who attended deemed the event a great success.

I'm also very pleased that the attendance at our monthly meetings has been slowly increasing as is the fellowship following the business meetings.

Congratulations to our newest Sir Knights who were knighted in March 2018. We were especially happy to have our very own Father Leo Burns honoured at this exemplification.

I am happy to say that Father Gregory Kelly Assembly is alive and well and I look forward to many more opportunities to promote and strengthen our Assembly.

May the Good Lord, with the intercession of Father Michael McGivney, continue to bless and guide as we continue our journey to serve God, our communities and our country.

Vivat Jesus,

Vincent Capobianco

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FRIAR'S REPORT:

***'Tis the Month of Our Mother
The blessed and beautiful days
When our lips and our spirits
Are glowing with love and with praise.***

Remember that hymn? During this month of May, the Church and society remind us of some very important truths that we sometimes forget in our busy lives.

Mothers' Day reminds us of one of the most important people in our lives - our Mothers. We wouldn't be here without them. We owe them for giving their lives for us - for life, nourishment, health, our Faith, our basic education, knowledge and skills. God reminds us to honour our Mothers and Fathers.

The tie of love which unites us to our Mothers pre-dates our first days of life on earth and it never ends. It survives any separation of any kind, of any distance whether physical, medical, geographical or even spiritual and even death itself.

Hence the month of May reminds us that our Mothers continue to keep in touch with us through love, through watching over and caring for us, for praying for us that we will always love lives which make them proud of us, their sons.

Mothers' Day reminds us that we must always remember the lessons to live lives of goodness, of Faith as our Mothers taught us and to keep in touch with them, reminding us to pray for them each day and asking them to care for us and watch over us each moment of our lives.

But Mothers' Day also reminds us when Jesus was on the cross and he gave us the greatest Mother of all to watch over and care for us through this life and all of eternity. And so Mary continues to this day to watch over us and care for us. This month reminds us that Our Blessed Mother continues to watch over us and pray for us that we will lead lives of goodness and Faith, true to the values She taught us during her life in the Holy Land. But just as we should never forget our biological Mothers, we must never forget in the midst of our busy lives, our spiritual Mother Jesus gave us at Calvary.

When we joined the Knights of Columbus we were given a Rosary. At Lourdes and Fatima, Mary's message to us was to keep in touch with her every day by saying the Rosary. YOU'VE GOT A ROSARY, YOUR MOTHER MARY SAYS USE IT! NOT JUST IN MAY, BUT EVERY DAY OF YOUR LIFE.

Father L.D. Burns C.S.P.

ADMIRAL'S REPORT:

My Brother Sir Knights, I would like to thank all our Sir Knights who faithfully come out to the various Honour Guards of our Assembly. Your time, effort and dedication is highly appreciated and God bless you for what you do.

We are now in the second half of our Fraternal year, Our Honour Guards have been busy as requests have been pouring in and have grown over the years, and keeping this in mind, I request you my Brothers to please encourage our 3rd Degree Knights to join the Fourth Degree so we can have more members in our Honour Guard visibility. I am asking the Assembly's spokespersons, in each of the 7 councils we serve, to please promote membership in the Fourth Degree to our Third Degree brothers.

The Master has scheduled the next Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday June 2, 2018 at St. Demetrius Church in Etobicoke and the Degree is open to all Third Degree members in good standing. If you have any questions regarding recruitment, require membership material, or would like to have a member of the Assembly make a presentation about the Fourth Degree at your Council, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally,

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COMPROLLER'S REPORT:

Hello Brother Sir Knights,

I hope everyone had a good fraternal year and as the year is coming to an end, this is a good time to make sure your dues are up to date and you are carrying your current membership card.

There seems to be some confusion about when a 4th degree member becomes an honorary life or honorary member in the 4th degree. All our Reverend Fathers automatically become Honorary Life members in the 4th degree the same as they do in the 3rd degree. The rest of us brother knights need to serve 25 years in the 4th degree to gain the honorary status and that is granted only after we are 65 years old. This is the same way it applies to the 3rd degree. After the age of 70 with 25 years of service in the 4th degree a member becomes an Honorary Life member and no longer needs to pay dues.

Father Gregory Kelly Assembly has been reducing in size over the past several years due to the creation of new assemblies in the western part of the GTA. With the reduction in membership, it is more important that due paying members pay dues on time.

Members should know that dues are owing to the assembly after January 1st and we have until March 31st to pay our dues. After that we are considered in arrears and may become at risk of suspension.

Over the past few years the K of C has moved to doing member management online. Once this is fully set up, it becomes easier to manage our membership and any change in status by a member in the 3rd degree, we in the 4th are notified, usually by the end of the month. Being online makes us visible to the Supreme Council. No one has said anything to us yet but you can bet they wonder why we allow members to stay in arrears year after year. So you can count on this practice coming to an end.

Sir Knights if we know of any brother Sir Knight sick or in distress, please contact our Worthy Faithful Navigator, Vince or myself at the emails or phone numbers in this newsletter.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please note the following Honour Guards and Assembly events. If you can help, please show up at the time indicated. For Assembly events please bring along a candidate to introduce him to the Fourth Degree. If there is an interest, present him with a Form 4.

- ❖ **June 2nd** - 4th Degree Exemplification at St. Demetrius in Etobicoke, 125 La Rose Ave. Sign in at 9:00 am.
- ❖ **June 3rd** - We have several requests for honour guards to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi.
 - * Christ the King Parish, 3674 Lake Shore Boulevard West - 10:30 am Mass followed by a procession
 - * St. Gregory Parish, 122 Rathburn Road - 11:00 am Mass followed by a procession
 - * Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 480 Rathburn Road - 11:30 am Mass followed by a procession

❖ **June 28th** - The installation of Officers for Father Gregory Kelly will be taking place at St. Gregory's Parish, 122 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke at 7:00 pm.

❖ **September 9th** - Rosary Sunday - Martyrs' Shrine, Midland Ontario
12:00 p.m. - Outdoor Mass at the Polish Altar
2:30 p.m. Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and the Living Rosary and Benediction at the Papal Altar. Celebrant and Homilist Father Thomas M. Rosica, CSB.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: If you know of a Brother Knight or family member in need of our prayers, please let the Faithful Navigator know.

GOT AN IDEA OR COMMENT? Drop me a line at vince.cap@sympatico.ca or call me at 416-526-5928.