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Saint Margaret Mary
Knights of Columbus
Council 9553
Charity Unity Fraternity

**Executive Meetings: Every First Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hearth Room.
General Meetings: Every Third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hearth Room.**

NOVEMBER 2011

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

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Community

Defund Abortions

October 22, Fr. Bill, Br. Paul Moralis, Br. Gregory Watson and I went to Queen's Park to attend a rally to defund abortions. There was a big turnout.

Bazaar

The bazaar was held on October 29. It was well attended. Thanks to the many Knights who volunteered their time in setting up and taking down of equipment on Friday and Saturday, and selling the turkey raffle tickets at the bazaar. It was a great demonstration in showing how easy the job can be when there are plenty of hands to help.

Basketball Free-throw & Alcohol and Substance Abuse Kits

Free-throw kits have been picked up from State Office. Poster Abuse kits have been ordered.

Mass for Deceased Parishoners of St. Margaret Mary Parish

A mass for the deceased parishoners of the St. Margaret Mary Parish who have passed away during this past year, will be held at the church @ 7:00pm on November 10. Knights will be needed to assist with the parking.

Fraternity - Good of the Order

Mass for Deceased Brothers of Council 9953

The mass for deceased members of Council 9553 was held on October 28. It was well attended. Thanks to our Brother Knights, Fr. Downey, our celebrant, and to the Color Guard.

New Brothers to Our Council

Third Degree was held on Sunday, October 30 at Council 5860. We had six candidates: Br. John Agapay, Br. Herb Dixon, Br. Anselmo Guevarra, Br. Paul Morais, Br. Leo Zarzuela, and Br. Vince Colonna. Congratulations and welcome to our six new brothers. There were six spectators in attendance from Council 9553. Thanks to the Grand Knight, Br. Frank Morelli and his team, for hosting and providing the delicious meal.

Changes to the Third Degree

Changes have been made to the Third Degree and were accepted by all those in attendance on Sunday, October 30. There is a new medallion which can only be received by new Brothers or those in attendance at a Third Degree.

Mass & Sympathy Cards to Our Brothers

Sent Br. Fred Tofani, Judge Gordon Sullivan's family, and Br. Fred Koops mass and sympathy cards on the passing of a brother, father and sister-in-law.

Mass for Deceased Brothers of the Knights of Columbus

A memorial mass will be held at St. Eugene's (corner of Parkdale and Queenston) on Saturday, November 5 @ 10:30.

Christmas Social

Time to start thinking about the Christmas social.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 14 - State: Family of the Month form 1993a - DUE

Nov 15 - 7:30 p Dundas 6579/83 St. Augustine's, 58 Sydenham Rd - 1st DEGREE RSVP Chet 289-921-0748

Nov 17 - 7p KofC 1454 - 222 Queenston Hall Family Social Night for all councils Hamilton.

Nov. 17 - Council 7969 St. Francis of Xavier - Peorgie Dinner

Nov 18 – Council #1454 Clergy Appreciation Night with Bishop Crosby - \$40ea - 222 Queenston Rd - 6:00p

Nov 18 - Fr. Sean P. O'Sullivan Ass'y #2580 - Wine Tasting Dinner @ St. Ann's Church 11 Wilson St W., Ancaster., 7:00 pm. - \$30ea

Call Gary K.- 905-689-0178 Nov. 19 - Bottle Drive - 1 - 3 pm

St. Margaret Mary East Shed

Nov. 25 - Turkey Raffle \$5 ea - 8pm - Council 1454 222 Queenston Rd,

Nov. 27 - Grey Cup Party - 5pm. Council # 1454

222 Queenston Rd, \$15ea Nov. 27 - Grey Cup Party -5 pm., Council 7969 - St. Francis Xavier, Stoney Creek

DECEMBER

Dec 6 - Executive Meeting

Dec 13 - Christmas Social

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Chaplain's Report - Father Mike Downey

Greetings to you as I submit this Chaplain's Report to you on November 11, 2011. On Remembrance Day, our heart go out to our War Veterans, those who gave their lives in the two great wars and all the other global conflicts so that our country of Canada would remain strong and free. We offer a big Thank You. Our school community of St. Margaret Mary is holding a service of remembrance this morning.

Our Church year draws to a close on November 20th, the Feast of Christ the King. This is followed by the beautiful season of Advent. Advent prepares us for Jesus' coming at the end of history and his first coming into our world as Lord and Saviour at Bethlehem. He is certainly Emmanuel, which means God is with us.

Bishop Douglas Crosby, our shepherd and guide, begins his second year as Bishop of Hamilton. Congratulation Bishop Crosby.

As we begin the campaign to "Keep Christ in Christmas" once again, may our joy be ever brighter and the campaign a smashing success.

The Advent season begins in preparation for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ. May our families be blessed and the work of the Knights of Columbus continues to flourish. May our Saviour Jesus Christ, his blessed Mother Mary and Joseph bless you. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Family of the Month

Interim Chairman Don Stacey Report

September

Don and Celine Benassi

Outstanding contribution towards installations made towards the Grand Knight, Church and the assistance provided at the General Meeting regarding the fraternal activity. Provided assistance by driving elder brother to doctor's appointment and helping those in need.

October

Fred Koops Family, Greg Watson (Son-in-law)

Fred and his Family made a contribution towards the council's newsletter especially the October Edition which provided an effective venue to communicate to our brothers. Greg provided assistance for the membership drive. Exemplary Family in both the Church and the Knights of Columbus Council.

November

Angelo and Anna Marie Venditti, Chris Zimmerman (Son-in-law)

Angelo's and Chris's families have been organizing and operating the penny sale for the Church Bazaar.

These families did a marvellous job and exemplify the values of the Church and the Knights of Columbus.



Defund Abortion Rally

October 22, 2011
 Hundreds of people attended the Rally at Queen's Park on Saturday, October 22, 2011, calling on Premier Dalton McGuinty and his government to defund abortions. Among them were pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish Fr. Bill Trusz with our 3 brothers from Hamilton Council 9553 GK Jim Hannam Br. Paul Moralis and Br. Gregory Wilson.

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GREAT 'CATHOLICISM' TV SERIES

Our 30-second reviewers are high on the 'breathtaking' scope of Father Barron 'Catholicism' series on PBS, but less than thrilled with the new release about FBI head J. Edgar Hoover.

If you're in the mood for a good read instead, check out our thumbs-up look at Michael D. O'Brien's new book 'The Father's Tale' Visit us at www.fathersforgood.org



Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights of 9553 - October 28, 2011

Although the Knights of Columbus is rightly known for tending to the material needs of others, offering Mass for the deceased is also fulfilling the theme of the Supreme Convention, I Am My Brother's Keeper, said Supreme Chaplain Bishop William Lori.

A mass was celebrated to pay homage to our brothers that have gone before us. All the celebrants, from the priest Fr. Michael Downey who just received his third degree earlier this year, were members of the Order.

THE FINAL INSPECTION

The soldier stood and faced God,
Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining,
Just as brightly as his brass.

‘Step forward now, you soldier,
How shall I deal with you ?
Have you always turned the other
cheek ?

To My Church have you been true?
The soldier squared his shoulders and
said,

‘No, Lord, I guess I ain’t.
Because those of us who carry guns,
Can’t always be a saint.

I’ve had to work most Sundays,
And at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I’ve been violent,
Because the world is awfully rough.

But, I never took a penny,
That wasn’t mine to keep...

Though I worked a lot of overtime,
When the bills got just too steep.
And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God, forgive me,
I’ve wept unmanly tears.

I know I don’t deserve a place,
Among the people here.

They never wanted me around,
Except to calm their fears.

If you’ve a place for me here, Lord,
It needn’t be so grand.

I never expected or had too much,
But if you don’t, I’ll understand.

There was a silence all around the
throne,

Where the saints had often trod.

As the soldier waited quietly,
For the judgment of his God.

‘Step forward now, you soldier,
You’ve borne your burdens well.

Walk peacefully on Heaven’s streets,
You’ve done your time in Hell.’

Author Unknown~

It’s the Military, not the reporter, who
has given us the freedom of the
press. It’s the Military, not the poet,
who has given us the freedom of
speech. It’s the Military, not the
politicians, that ensures our right to
Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of
Happiness. It’s the Military who salutes
the flag, who serves beneath the flag,
and whose coffin is draped by
the flag.

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Parents must be aware of what their kids are watching

By Teresa Tomeo

“If parents only knew what they are up against when it comes to raising children and keeping their family together in our media saturated culture.” I find myself saying this over and over again as I continue to write, present and teach on media awareness and activism. It’s not that very many people disagree about the high level of toxicity out there on the Internet and the airwaves; it’s that most of them don’t realize just how bad it really is and the terrible toll our culture can take – and is taking – on our faith and our families. And unfortunately most moms and dads don’t make a real effort to control media consumption – not only for their children but for themselves. Since my area of expertise is media and cultural issues, I am up to my eyeballs daily poring over yet one more study or survey connecting the dots between the messages that bombard us 24/7 and the decline in morality, as well as the many other societal ills we see around us – abortion, sexual promiscuity, rampant pornography, aggressive and other disturbing behavior in young people, and a whole host of other problems. The continual flow of statistics and eye-opening reports, of course, serve as an affirmation for my ministry.

Just recently, for example, there was an alarming survey taken of 1,100 teen girls across America showing more than half of those questioned believe that Reality TV programs such as Jersey Shore and The Hills, are “mainly real and unscripted.” Yet nothing could be further from the truth. These impressionable young women also told researchers in this same survey that thanks to these types of shows, they expect more drama in their own lives and believe that gossiping, being mean, and telling lies to get ahead are as natural as brushing their teeth and combing their hair. More than anything, it’s the personal stories of the walking wounded that keeps me working, especially the testimonies of young people. Probably one of the most moving letters I received came from a 16-year-old from the Midwest. She attended a wonderful Catholic high school and by her own admission had parents who loved her. Yet in the handwritten note I received in the mail about two weeks after my presentation at her school, this teen admitted she struggled not only with depression and an eating disorder but she also cut herself frequently. She was only able to stop and come out of her depressed state after serious counseling. She thanked me for my talk in which I frankly discussed my only battle with an eating disorder. Why did she spend what is supposed to be some of the best years of her young life in so much pain? Her answers: peer pressures along with messages from the media that made her feel she just wasn’t good enough.

That’s why I wrote my most recent book, *Extreme Makeover; Women Transformed by Christ, Not Conformed to the Culture*. While *Extreme Makeover* takes an in-depth look at the long list of lies told to women by the culture over the last 40-plus years, including radical feminism and the contraception craze, as one priest told me who read the book, “men will benefit from reading it too.” Mothers, fathers, single women and men, all of us need to realize that while we certainly can’t blame the media for all of our many issues, we can’t ignore it either. We can all use an “extreme” media or cultural makeover. This book provides plenty of additional research on why the Church teachings on life, marriage, sexuality, and the dignity of women are spot on. It also provides a media makeover plan as well as plenty of testimonies of women like me who experienced their own spiritual transformation or “extreme makeover.” As the Archbishop of Philadelphia, Charles J. Chaput proclaims, “we need to know how the media work so they don’t work on us.” I hope you’ll join me in my efforts to make a difference in the media.

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