



**THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

ST. BERNADETTE'S COUNCIL 10236

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Father(s), Fellow Parishioners

Good morning/afternoon, I am Terry Woods the Grand Knight of the St. Bernadette's Knights of Columbus. I am here to speak to you about the Knights, what we do, who we help and, most importantly, to ask those of you who can to join.

I am sure most of you have some knowledge of the Knights but perhaps I can add a little more information about us. We have been in the Parish since 1992 and today we number over a hundred members and, of course, the wives and families of those members. In fact our greatest supporters, enablers if you will, are these wives and families who give unstintingly of themselves and don't usually get too upset if some fraternal socializing goes a little late. This being one of the prime purposes of the Knights- I'm not kidding, you can look it up.

As Knights we engage in many charitable activities. We have a committee to help set up the Parish hall for funerals, we provide food for the A.L.S. walk, we run the New Years dance and the Church picnic, we put in the Monument to the Unborn, we have a basketball free throw for the kids and many other events. But we also provide funding to many worthwhile causes including bursaries, S.V.P., the Salvation Army, the Rose of Durham, the Boy Scouts, the Shepherd's Trust and 20 other equally deserving charities. Now, in order to do all this good work we must raise money and to that end we run a bingo which 7 Knights volunteer every Sunday night to work. Some have to stay late but the funding we are then able to provide to the needy in our parish makes it all worthwhile and we have fun doing it, honestly.

The Knights also look after their own. In fact that is why Father McGivney first created the Knights, to provide a safety net for the families of the parish he headed 130 years ago. And, to that end we Knights have our own insurance program, we pray for those Knights in need of help and we remember our departed Knights and we do not forget their widows. We also just plain help each other, be it a move, some work around the house or frankly anything for which you need assistance.

Now I'm going to treat you like Knights because we need your assistance. We need men willing to pitch in and help. We need wives and families willing to allow their men to join us to help us in this work. The time you devote will be up to you. It can be as little as 15 minutes or as long as you want it to be. We only ask that you be at least 18 years of age and a practicing Catholic. We have one meeting a month, which lasts something over an hour, and afterwards we have Socializing and Fellowship. In addition,

we have our own web site, which has many additional facts about us and what we do.
The address is <http://www.stbernadettekofc.ca>

So don't look up here and see me see yourself. See yourself next year giving this address, see yourself helping with the garden we are going to put in around the Monument to the Unborn, see yourself helping at the Parish picnic, see yourself handing out Mother's Day carnations after Mass, see yourself doing the good work that needs to be done. If this is the vision that you have of yourself then see me after Mass in the foyer, or call me, I'm in the Church bulletin. And, although it is a big decision to join the Knights, it is an easy one and it is one you'll be forever glad for having made I promise you.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!