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Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we are now holding online monthly meetings. Every month we will send you a Zoom invitation, 2 days before the meeting so you can be part of the online meetings.

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers

As most of you know brother Frank Kouwenhoven is moving to the Okanagan at the end of February. We're losing a great brother Knight for our council. He did so much he took Charity Appeal, among other great duties. He helped me so much every time I asked him for help he was always there to lend a hand. HE WILL BE MISSED. God Bless you Frank

God Bless,

John Noel
Grand Knight

FAREWELL

My Brother Knights.

I am moving away from St. Bernadette Parish and from Joseph Krenn Council 8629.

In the first place, I like to thank the members for presenting me with a plaque that honoured me with service rendered, Yes, I am a member of the Knights for more than 52 years and of more than half of the years were at Council 8629.

My advice to our members, get involved. There is very much more to be a member than paying your dues. With the Covid-19 restricting us in meeting in person, if you own a laptop, iPad or any other device. Join your Council by going online, when the meetings are called. Remember when you joined the Knights, you promised to serve your Family, your Church and your community. Would you take a close look if you

can find a way to become an "ACTIVE" member. Most of our executive members have carried the Council for many years and they would be happy to see some new faces.

At this time, I. Would also like to thank the NEW CREW of our brother Knights, who have step up to the plate, to help Fr. Paul with the removal of the Christmas decoration and fill the necessary Usher duties as required. A special thanks to brother Terrence Chan to be willing to carry on with the many different responsibilities I have been involved with in our Parish. May the Council continue being an active part of St. Bernadette Parish.

And I will promise to stay I touch with the Council.

My. New address will be:

6360 Brown Rd.

West Kelowna B.C. V4T 7Y9

Vivat Jesu

Fraternal yours.

Frank Kouwenhoven

Your Executive 2018-2019

Grand Knight	John Noel
Deputy Grand Knight	Carlos Matos
Chaplain	Fr. Paul Than Bui
Financial Secretary	Nelson Pluff
Chancellor	Danny Guerrero
Recorder	Ben Dobranowski
Treasurer	Agnelo Pereira
Advocate	Pierre Roy
Warden	Coy Guerreo
Inside Guard	Ken Lamb
Outside Guard	David Racette
One-Year Trustee	Cec Erickson
Two-Year Trustee	Kevin Mitchell
Three-Year Trustee	Frank Kouwenhoven
District Deputy	Gary Klose
Field Agent	Mark Pan

Council Web Site

We invite you to visit: <http://kofc8629.ca>
Brother Knights, our council is now the first link on Google when you search kofc8629, the formal website name is kofc8629.ca - you do not need to add "www". Going forward all newsletter will be posted to the website in the "news" link at the top of the page, it will be in a PDF format for you to view or download.

Calvin Mitchell, PGK, Webmaster

State Young Adult & Squires Coordinator

Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon State Council

Chaplain's Message

Message from the Chaplain:

Dear Knights brothers

For more than two months we have been under the public health restrictions not to have mass in person. All of us we miss mass – we miss the Eucharist. At St. Bernadette, Sunday mass at 10:00 AM is live-streamed, followed by distributing drive through Holy Communion in the parking lot. I am amazed to see so many people coming to receive Communion after mass. Now we can count more than 100 peoples every Sunday. Thank God. Again I encourage you to come to receive Communion as Archbishop Miller once said that participation in a live streamed Mass before receiving Communion is "the best preparation for the Sacrament and very strongly encouraged." Lent is coming, starting with Ash Wednesday February 17. We don't know yet whether we are allowed to open the church for public in person mass or not. Whatever happens we trust in God and we are preparing Lent by changing our hearts and living fully the Gospel.

Stay safe and pray for each other.

In Christ,

Fr. Paul Bui

Upcoming Events

- February 4th General Meeting
- February 14th St. Valentine's Day
- February 15th Family Day
- February 16th Shrove Tuesday
- February 17th Ash Wednesday
- February 18th Executive Meeting

Committee Reports

Charity Appeal

Dear brother Knights,

The year of 2020 was an unprecedented year because of the coronavirus, and everyone was affected in one way or another by this pandemic that was persistent and would not let up. As members of the Knights of Columbus we too were persistent and did not let up either. The annual Charity Appeal is one of the biggest fundraising events of the year. Even though our Knights of Columbus Council were limited in what we could do to raise funds in 2020 to support our parish, our community and the charities that we support we stayed focused, soldiered on and reached an unexpected level of success with our annual Charity Appeal campaign. Much of this success is the result of the participation of our Council members. We appealed to everyone to please get on board and help us to achieve our goal in raising funds and you responded and delivered. It is amazing the amount of participation that we received not only from the members of the Knights of Columbus Council 8629 but also from our parishioners at St. Bernadette Parish both the church and the school.

This proves that together we are strong!

It is therefore my privilege to thank each and every one that participated by buying tickets online through our Knights of Columbus annual Charity Appeal. You have done us proud! We are pleased! Without your involvement in purchasing tickets, we would not have

any funds to support any of our causes. A BIG thank you to all for your participation! May God bless you and your family always.

Charity Appeal Chair
Carlos Matos
Deputy Grand Knight

The Lector's Ledger

A recent column by Fr. Vincent Hawkswell in the BC Catholic, spoke on the need for a strong family unit. Our order has always promoted the importance of the family unit in our society. Even the Catechism of the Catholic Church says that the task of marriage and family is "to be at the service of society". In other words, a family should not center on just looking after itself, but to be open to help those in need. When our children see us helping others, it can plant a seed to do likewise when they go on their own. I notice this at St. Bernadette School where they have clothing drives; canned food drives and raise money for poor families through the Chalice program. Are our children aware of the programs that the knights support such as "Luke 15" House, Salvation Army, Surrey Food bank, Prolife Agape Street ministry and others? As knights, we tend to avoid bragging about our good deeds, but it doesn't hurt to at least remind our children (and grandchildren) of the charitable works that we do. It's more likely to inspire than to do likewise once they leave home.

N.B.: "When a man says, 'Honey, there's only two minutes left in the hockey game, it's the same amount of time when his wife says "Honey, I'll be ready in just two minutes"

Finland has closed its borders due to the pandemic. This means that no one can cross the "Finnish line".

The World Health Organization (WHO) quarantined some dogs to ensure they cannot pass on the Covid-19 virus. Once they passed the quarantine, WHO let the dogs out!

Link to all Council Sales <https://kofcbc.org/charity-appeal-ticket-sales-2020-campaign/>

Have you Purchased your Charity Appeal Tickets yet?

Here is Your Councils Link to Purchase Ticket <https://kofcdraw.net/c8629>

District Deputy's Report

Brothers All

I pray that all are safe and that soon, we may once again meet in person and celebrate mass once again in Church.

Charity Appeal Ticket Sales

Have you Purchased your Charity Appeal Tickets yet?

Here is Your Councils Link to Purchase Ticket
<https://kofcdraw.net/c8629>

With Covid and the lack of access to malls and personal contact Charity Appeal continues to struggle.

As of January 16,2021, 60,697 tickets have been sold. Total monies received for tickets sold by all council in **BC/Yukon = \$182,091.00**

We have now covered the **cost of the \$177,000.00 in prizes**

Brothers keep in mind that there are still commissions to Assend and advertising fees still to be paid for. It is looking grim for donations to our Bishops and councils. BC Gaming has stated that if Charity Appeal doesn't make a profit this will be strike one, if our next year's Charity Appeal doesn't make a profit, we will no longer be granted a gaming Licence!

Your Councils Current Ranking as of January 16,2021 for Charity Appeal ticket Sales Council #8629 Current ranking within BC/Yukon is #13
of tickets sold by council 1,132 that's 113 books

Novena Prayers on Zoom

Novena - Every Friday except 2nd Friday of the Month on Zoom at 8:30pm, hosted by

council 15564.

Meeting ID: 667 153 1177 Passcode: OLS15564

1. Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
2. Blessed Michael McGivney Canonization prayer
3. Holy Family Prayer

Novena-EveryMondayat7pm

Council 10889 has initiated a Monday prayer evening with the focus of bringing Brothers together in prayer. For 30 to 40 minutes Brothers meet, share an opening prayer then pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together. We then watch a video with strong messages like the "Into the Breach" or other spiritual messages. We finish with a reflection sharing and then a song of praise.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9450337306?pwd=MnNKUmo3SVdWRVhRQ0wrVjdJN2dvdz09>

Meeting ID: 945 033 7306 Passcode: 10889

Online Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

Are you an online member, 1st or 2nd Degree member?

BC/Yukon State Council invite all Councils to join us in a presentation of the Unified Ceremonial, to help welcome Online Members to your Council, new Members to the Order, and current First and Second Degree

Members to the Knighthood Degree of the Order.

The Ceremonial will start promptly at **7:30pm, on Thurs. January 28th**. The virtual room will be open at 7:00pm and we ask everyone who is planning to attend log in no later than 7:15pm.

No Candidate should be attending this ceremonial alone. We expect some members from his home Council to join him either virtually, or in person to watch it together.

For new Members (whether online or not), the usual Admission procedures are in place. The candidate must have already been voted on by his home Council before the evening of the Ceremonial.

We would appreciate the GK of each Council that is providing candidates to **email Marcel Renaud** (marcelrenaud.kofc@gmail.com) with the names of the candidates from his Council, whether they are new members, online members joining the Council, or current 1st or 2nd Degree members who wish to complete their journey to full Knighthood.

The home Council of each candidate is expected to provide the rosary and pin (Emblem of the Order) to the new Member at some convenient time soon after the evening of the Ceremonial.

[Join Zoom Meeting here](#)

Contact:

Marcel Renaud – email: <mailto:marcelrenaud.kofc@gmail.com>

Gary Klose
District Deputy #27

Attendance Lottery

As an incentive to attend the monthly meeting we hold an attendance lottery. If you are present and your number is drawn you will receive \$50.00.

If you are not present the \$50.00 is not given out. The winning number and member name is published in the Newsletter monthly.

Until the Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions are removed and gatherings are permitted, we have postponed the Attendance Lottery.

Field Agent

By the time you read this you and I have probably been working from home, sheltering in place or on lockdown for 11 months! Who would have thought it? I hope you and your family are safe and healthy. Being at home so much over the past 11 months has been different...mostly in a good way, although I think most of us have "corona virus fatigue." We'll keep socially distant and do our part by wearing a mask, but we're tired of all the restrictions. On the home front we've had our minor squabbles, but being at home has helped me have more dialogue with my family and has taught me how precious time together is. It's taught me to slow down, consider the important people in my life and resolve to keep this attitude when the restrictions are lifted.

This is the month of Valentine's Day and being home makes me appreciate my wife even more. Whether or not you have children at home, our spouses don't get nearly enough credit for all they do. What would we do without them? In *Fiddler on the Roof*, Mama and Golde sing, "Who must know the way to make a proper home...Who must raise a family and run the home?" Of course that song about "Tradition" is the old fashioned way of looking at "the mama." That's one theme of the play; the changing roles in the family and in society. Many of our spouses have the role of breadwinner, professional, provider, business owner, etc....and manage to also make a proper home, raise the family and run the household. They are remarkable!

So don't forget that dozen roses, the heart-shaped box of chocolates, the card or the gift as a token of

your love and letting her know how much she means to you. And if you want to really let her know how much you love her, take a few minutes with me and take stock of where you are with your life insurance and disability insurance coverage. With so many spouses in the workplace, it would be neglectful to not make sure they are properly protected. Many households rely on two incomes to pay the bills and the loss of either one, to an untimely death or an illness or accident that means one is unable to work, can be devastating.

I've met with many of you over the past months and I can continue to meet virtually over the computer...everyone stays safe. The Order has equipped me to make sure I can properly meet and service all my assigned brother knights and their families.

Let's spend a few minutes together and make sure everything is in place for the ones you love. Vivat Jesus!

*Sincerely,
Mark Pan
Field Agent*



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Good of the Order

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED

Br. John Smith Sister – Liz
Br John Nicado's aunt
Br Neil Jangula's wife Denise
Br Hardy Sullivan
Br Nick Kray
Br Chris Fox jr
Husband of Christina Lam

Br Wayne Brazeau
Br Frank Kowenhoven's wife Ineke and sister
Br Joe McVie's wife Grace
Past DKG Dan Lamont's mother
Esperenzo Tamondog
Br. Danny Guerrero's mother
Br Rene Perez's mother – Espeneta
Br Shawn Keigher
Br Ed Villeneuve's son
Br Mineguchie and his wife
Doreen Junk
Br Pol Soberano's mother-in-law,
Presence Acion
Br Neil Charlebois's wife Lois
Br Agnelo Pereira's mother, Aurora
Br Salvador Castro
Former State Deputy Bill Cahill
Br Kevin Mitchell's brother-in-law Roy Melder Br
Warren Whitford's sister-in-law, Donna
Br Ray Branson's mother

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Br Neil Charlebois
Br Gerry Gorrie
Br. Roger Charbonneau – I.C. Council
Br. Gary Klose's mother-in-law – Lena
Br. Tim McConnell and mother-in-law
Br. John Smith, his wife Ineke, his sister-in-law –
Carol, sister – Sheri, brother - Bernard
Br. Henry Juliane's wife Tess
Br Agnelo Pereira's nephew
GK John Noel's sister-in-law, Gail Sander, daughter-
in-law's mother, VoVo, sister, Donna
Past State Deputy's wife Matilda
Br Maurice Junk
Past DGK Dan Lamont's wife Rosalba, neice -
Samantha Batherst

Br Ed Villeneuve

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Br John Schollen's sister – Fran Reid
Br. Brian Wainwright & wife Joanne
Fr. Mieka
Br. Raphael Lal's wife Lalita
Anne Vuckets (niece of Br Jim Vuckets)

Br Mike & Irene Guszowaty
Br Pol Soberano's granddaughter Alexis
Br Neil Atwater's wife Mary (
Br Warren Whitford's father Tony,
father-in-law, Angelito Oteyza
Br. Neil Jengula
Br Rugulfo Cabaal
Br Jim Vukets
Helen Fournier
Maria Domingo (CWL)
Br Gary Klose's wife – Sandy Klose
Mike Garisto
Evelyn Belanger
Br Dominic Mgbrii's mother – Virginia

SPECIAL Request for PRAYERS

Br John Nicdao
Fr Boniface
Frontline workers, and those providing essential services and those in care homes
Br Pol Soberano
Br Thomas Mathews
Br Oswald Rego
Br. Moe Ouellette

Covid-19 Prevention

The following information was taken from the Government of Canada web site
Preventing coronavirus
Canadians should continue to think ahead about the actions that they can take to stay healthy and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Canada, including:

- [being prepared](#) in case you or a family member become ill
- following the latest [travel advice](#) from federal and provincial public health leaders:
 - [avoiding all non-essential travel](#), including [cruise ships](#)
 - quarantine (self-isolating) and monitoring for symptoms (cough, fever or difficulty breathing) for 14

days if you have travelled outside of Canada

- reducing contact with others by following the guidance for quarantine (self-isolating) or isolating
- practising physical (social) distancing and proper hygiene
- [wearing masks](#), if necessary

Physical (social) distancing

Together, we can slow the spread of COVID-19 by making a conscious effort to keep a physical distance between each other. [Physical \(social\) distancing](#) is proven to be one of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of illness during an outbreak.

This means making changes in your everyday routines to minimize close contact with others, including:

- avoiding crowded places and non-essential gatherings
- avoiding common greetings, such as handshakes
- limiting contact with people at higher risk like older adults and those in poor health
- keeping a distance of at least 2 arms-length (approximately 2 metres) from others

Hygiene

Proper hygiene can help reduce the risk of infection or spreading infection to others:

- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the washroom and when preparing food
 - use alcohol-based [hand sanitizer](#) if soap and water are not available
- when coughing or sneezing:
 - cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend of your arm, not your hand
 - dispose of any tissues you have used as soon as possible in a lined

waste basket and wash your hands afterwards

- avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands

Vulnerable populations

There is an increased risk of more severe outcomes for Canadians:

- aged 65 and over
- with compromised immune systems
- with underlying medical conditions

People that fall into these categories should reconsider attending gatherings. This includes large gatherings and even smaller events in crowded or enclosed settings.

If you have symptoms (cough, fever or difficulty breathing), do not attend a mass gathering, event or places where people gather. You could put someone whose health is vulnerable at risk.

National Prayer for Canada in the wake of Covid. 19

O God, We gather together separated by life-saving distancing, but united more than ever in spirit . We known we are in war against Covid-19 together, and the more together we are, the better and stronger we will emerge. We know the challenger are enormous, yet so are the opportunities. That weather we are in isolation with loved ones, or alone, we will have abundance of time. We know commit to using that time to the max, to help those in greater need in whatever way way we can. We known we all have the opportunity, and time to life saver and life enhancers. We give thanks for those who are on the front line taking care of those who are not well. We give thanks for researchers' who are working at breakneck speed to find cure and Vaccine. We give thanks for our leaders, federal, provincial and local, for dedication to all of us. We give thanks for the providers of our daily needs who go to work in spite of the risk. We give thanks for those who have ramped up their ability to produce life- saving supplies. We pray for the well-being of our life's saver. For those who are not well, that they reover fully. For those enduring difficulty, that they may overcome their challenges. We pray

that a cure and vaccine will soon available and that we all-family, found all Canadians, the entire world may be healed in body and spirit. We ask you, GOD to bless leaders, our front line care givers, our life savers and enhancers. We ask you O GOD, to bless Canada , to bless the world, to bless everyone

4th Degree News

Reminder to all Sir Knights to make an effort to attend the Zoom meeting on January 28th. We will be voting for the position of Faithful Purser. Sir Knight Frank Kouwenhoven our current Faithful Purser is moving to Kelowna next month.

Recruitment

K of C Membership drive - online

Join the Knights

We are looking for Catholic men ages 19 and over to join us and be a Knight!

1. invite a family member to join
2. ask a friend to join

What is a Knight? - Who are we?

We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better men for ourselves, our family, be good role models and to put charity and community first.

What we do

Local councils are the basic unit of the Knights and are mostly based in parishes. Each local council works to assist with the needs of its community consistent with the principles of the Order. A Knights of Columbus council can work wonders with its many

programs and can help change the community, city or neighborhood in which you live.

A successful Knights of Columbus program depends on people taking the initial idea, modifying it to suit specific situations and local needs, then implementing the program in the way it works. The Knights of Columbus Faith in Action Programs are designed to engage the council members in various activities across a host of categories.

Be a member and join our Council

We are in need of eager and energetic men to implement existing programs and lead in programs created by the Council members with the goal to help our members, parish and community.

BECOME AN ONLINE MEMBER FOR FREE!*

Join online Link: <http://kofc.org>

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