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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,
Small-Town Knights Respond to Big Needs

The Knights of Columbus Father Francis Pitka Council 6323 in Syracuse, Ind, serves three surrounding communities-Syracuse, Syracuse, Milford and North Webster. The towns have a combined population of a little more than a few thousand and there is only one Catholic church in the area, St. Martin de Porres Parish. The coronavirus has affected the small town-and the Council. As soon as it hit, Life seemed to stop. The council canceled all in-person activities, including their monthly pancake breakfast. But the council's support for the local community couldn't stop. They knew that local charities depended on them and on their donations. This changed our whole outlook on everything, said Jeffery Goralczyk a member of the council and a Knights of Columbus field agent. The Knights brainstormed which charitable activities could help their community, deciding to continue their popular pancake breakfast format, while adhering to social-distancing guideline. They have so far held three breakfast serving nearly 1,250 meals, raising \$6,300 and donating more than 1,000 pounds of food. The Knights of Columbus has always supported the police, the fire department and the military and we feel that that is something we should continue on with. Goralczyk believes the council's activity fits into the Knights of Columbus, overall mission to leave no neighbor behinds, Supporting the community being there in solidarity with our priests, with our first responder, that is very important because that's what the Knights of Columbus is all about said Goralczyk

My dear brother Knights, hoping you and your family are all doing well in these trying times. Thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless you until we meet again.

God Bless,
Grand Knight John Noel

Your Executive 2020-2021

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District Deputy	Gary Klose
Field Agent	Jim Vukets

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

Letter from the Chaplain
Dear Knights brothers,

Summer is here. St. Bernadette church has been reopening on Sundays and Weekdays for public mass with restriction of 50 peoples. So far everything is going well even though some parishioners registered for mass have to wait for one or two weeks to be able to attend. Thank you the knights for organizing volunteers to sanitize the church after masses.

As we all struggle with the Covid-19, let us not lose hope and faith, especially let us follow the example of the Virgin Mary, our Mother as we prepare to celebrate her feast of the Assumption in August 15: Lord may your gentle hand guide us, so that in spite of doubts, difficulties and dangers, we may keep the stream of our lives following towards your kingdom.

Have a good and safe summer.

In Christ,

Fr. Paul Bui

Upcoming Events

- August 3rd BC Day
- August 6th General Meeting **Online**
- August 20th Executive Meeting **Online**

Committee Reports

No Committee Reports at this time.

The Lector's Ledger

AUGUST LECTOR'S LEDGER

THE CHURCH DOES NOT EXIST FOR MEN WHO ARE ALREADY GOOD, BUT TO HELP MEN BECOME GOOD.

HER SACRAMENTS ARE NOT PRIZES FOR THE PERFECT, BUT RATHER MEDICINE FOR THE SPIRITUALLY SICK AND WEAK.

As we put up with the many inconveniences and restrictions due to the pandemic, it is good to remember this quote from St. Catherine of Siena: "HOW BLIND ARE THOSE WHO DO NOT SEE THAT EVERYTHING THAT GOD ALLOWS TO HAPPEN IS ORDAINED FOR OUR GOOD AND OUR SALVATION"

In your prayer: "Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!

When you pray, you are talking to God. When you read scripture, God is talking to you.

This old Jewish woman was caught shoplifting a can of peaches.

She goes up before the magistrate and says: "I'm sorry, I never shoplifted before". The magistrate asks her, how many peaches were in the can. "There were 5 peaches" she replied. So the Magistrate says "okay, you get 5 days in jail" Her husband who is ticked off at her says "your honor, she also stole a can of peas!"

I BOUGHT SOME CAMOUFLAGE TROUSERS THE OTHER DAY, NOW I CAN'T FIND THEM.

District Deputy's Report

Brothers All

I pray that you and your families are all healthy and enjoying the Summer. Your council continues to hold

both Executive and General meetings via Zoom. When you receive the Zoom meeting invitation via email, I would encourage you to click and join the meeting. If you are unsure how the meetings work, feel free to contact me or any of your executive to walk you through the steps needed to attend the live virtual meetings.

Great News K of C BC and Yukon made the **CIRCLE OF HONOUR** placing 17 th in the whole order! With the help of councils like yours our Jurisdiction made 103.33% of it's membership recruitment Goal.

Check out your State Deputies July You tube message at <https://kofcbc.org/sd-message/>

Here is a link to the [Special Edition - State Organizational Meeting June 2020](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wAGhJxmfuxeGT3ohDyv22HpuL1RBKknc/view?usp=sharing)

Our History Founding and Early Acts

For those New members and old alike here are some interesting History notes about the Knights of Columbus <https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-history/index.html>

If you know of any candidates who would like to Join the Knights they can join online by simply clicking on this link and following the directions <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

Enjoy the Sunshine while it last's

May God Bless You

To Walk Forever IN Faith

IN Hope and IN LOVE

Gary Klose

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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

Brothers,

The world is slowly beginning its return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It'll likely be months before we know what normal looks like now.

You've probably heard the saying attributed to an unsavory (to say the least!) historical figure that "there are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happens."

It certainly feels that way now. We have crammed decades of changes into these last several weeks, and it's hard to know what change is permanent, and what changes will prove temporary.

Not everything is fluid though. I am struck by the resilience of the permanent things - our faith, our fraternity, our families. I'm sure you've seen the tremendous ways in which the Knights of Columbus in particular has proven itself equal yet again to this current challenge. Whether it was the establishment of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, or the launch of the diocesan loan fund, or just the every-day, every-city response of councils across the globe,

we have responded as we always do: swiftly, powerfully.

Sure we've had to cancel some things. We've had to have some virtual meetings. We've had to stay a safe distance apart. But our distance hasn't diminished our unity, nor has it changed our impact.

I continue to be proud to be a part of this great organization - especially in moments like this. And I know you are too.

That's why, for me, being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride. We all need life insurance. We all need to plan for retirement. We all need to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs.

But when it comes time to decide who to make those preparations with, and who to choose to buy those products from, we can choose to spend our money with the company who establishes a multi-million dollar loan funds for Catholic dioceses in their most desperate time of need, or we can go another route. We can choose to buy our insurance from a company who leaves no neighbor behind, or a company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is. We can prepare for our retirement with a company whose members are - once again - setting an example of true Christian charity for all to follow, or we can go in a different direction.

I would challenge you, whether you've never inquired or its been a long time - to take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner, and see what products and services we may have that might help you and your family. As we all start to get back to things, I can meet with you in person or by video, whichever you prefer, and we can have stress-free, no-commitment conversation about the possibilities.

It's a way to further your commitment to all that we stand for, and - at the same time - obtain some much needed peace of mind in times like these.

I hope we'll chat soon.



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Did you know?

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.