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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

Dear Brother Knights,

In the last month's message, I indicated that my purpose will be to serve as the Grand Knight of your council, to preside with the greatest of intentions to unite members of our council and to grow our membership in numbers. I will focus on being the facilitator and lead the council planning team in the various committees that we are forming. Also I will be asking all our council members to engage in activities that will ignite your enthusiasm and participation.

One of the things that we have been doing is the Faith in Action and Rosary program. We attend the first Saturday of the month Mass at 8:30am.

Afterwards we pray the Rosary, ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede in the ending of this covid-19 pandemic and also for world peace. Our next Mass will be on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and I hope to see more of our members attend and pray to Mother Mary together with us as a united voice.

In July and August, we had the Executive meetings (Officers Planning meetings) and suspended the general meetings. Our next general meeting will be on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Officers Planning meeting will be on September 16<sup>th</sup>. We were anticipating having our general meetings in person at the parish hall but due to the rise in covid-19 cases **we will continue to have meetings online through a zoom link**. Please check for an email from our Worthy Financial Secretary brother Nelson Pluff for the zoom link. **On September 25th after the Saturday 5pm Mass we will have the installation of Officers at St.**

**Bernadette church.** All members are welcome to attend Mass and stay for the installation ceremony.

This autumn season, our new executive team (Officers Planning team) will be working on ideas to promote unity amongst our council members and our parish community. Also, I will be contacting each and every member of our council going forward, getting to know you better and how we can be of service to you

as a council member. I will be sending all our members a survey form to ask for your input on how our council can do better to serve you, our parish and our community.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council have put together a "Covid-19 Recovery Plan" that we are looking at to see how our council can implement this strategy to work in favour of our council members. I encourage everyone to take the vaccines that have been approved and are the best defense against this deadly virus. Please stay well and safe during this recovery time from this pandemic and may God Bless each and every one of you and your families.

Fraternally,

Carlos Matos  
Grand Knight  
Joseph Krenn  
Council #8629

## 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](http://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

### Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

**They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."** (Gospel for Sept. 19, Mk 9:34-35)

Naturally, in every good undertaking — whether doing one's job, helping another or playing a sport — we ought to strive for excellence, for greatness. But here, Jesus gives that thinking a twist: If we want to be great in the kingdom of heaven, we must embrace humility and become servants. We must not seek headlines, but rather give of ourselves for the sake of others, for the common good. My brothers, let us

## Your Executive 2021-2022

Grand Knight	Carlos Matos
Deputy Grand Knight	Coy Guerrero
Chaplain	Fr. Paul Than Bui
Financial Secretary	Nelson Pluff
Chancellor	Calvin Mitchell
Recorder	Ben Dobranowski
Treasurer	Agnelo Pereira
Advocate	Pierre Roy
Warden	Ken Lamb
Inside Guard	Johnny Maala
Outside Guard	David Racette
One-Year Trustee	Warren Whitford
Two-Year Trustee	Tim McConnell
Three-Year Trustee	John Noel
District Deputy	John Noel
Field Agent	Mark Pan

forgo seeking earthly glory in favor of being selfless “team players” in building the kingdom of heaven.

## Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop

**William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to watch the “Leadership” episode of the *Into the Breach* video series and use the study guide to reflect on what true humility and service look like. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Soccer Challenge or Free Throw Championship program.

## Questions for Reflection:

Do you seek personal glory at the expense of others? Do you put your gifts at the service of God and your neighbor, or do you use them primarily to achieve praise and gain in this life? What is one concrete act you can do to grow in humility and give of yourself to others?

## Upcoming Events

- Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting (on Zoom)
- Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> Labour Day
- Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting
- Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting
- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

## Committee Reports

**No Reports at this time.**

## The Lector's Ledger

**JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT THE PANDEMIC WAS IN RECESSION AND WE COULD TOSS OUR MASKS, WE'RE GETTING HIT WITH ANOTHER WAVE. BC IS TRYING TO ELIMINATE IT BY "SMOKING IT OUT". EITHER THAT OR IT' THE POLITICIANS "BLOWING SMOKE" AT US AS THEY DO EVERY 4 YEARS. WE ARE STILL HOPING TO GO AHEAD WITH THE CASINO IN OCTOBER. IT COULD END UP BEING A "MASQUERADE" IF THEY IMPOSE MASKS. NEXT WEEK THE SCHOOLS ARE RETURNING. GOING BACK. I WAS WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SUMMER? ONE PUNDIT ADDED: "IT MUST HAVE GONE UP IN SMOKE!"**

**Here are signs I saw on seniors tee shirts:**

**"If you're happy and you know it, it's your meds!  
My relationship with whiskey is on the rocks!  
Patience is a virtue; it's just not one of my virtues.**

**Sign in a liquor store:**

The secret to enjoying good wine:

1. Open the bottle and allow it to breathe.
2. If it does not look like it's breathing, give it mouth to mouth.

**Studies show cows produce more milk when the farmer talks to them. It's a case of in one ear and out the udder.**

**Last week as I arrived at the cemetery, I felt uncomfortable when my GPS blurted out "You have reached your final destination."**

## District Deputy's Report

Brothers All

Our fall Charity Appeal will start on October 11th this year. We will not be going back to paper tickets and as such the board has sourced a handheld ticket printer that councils can use for [ in the mall] sales. We tested it with various members of the Vernon area. The feedback was positive.

We will also continue with online sales as we did last year. We had format [www.kofcdraw.net/c](http://www.kofcdraw.net/c) xxxxx where xxxxx was your council number. Both methods, the handheld and online will give council credit for your efforts.

The handhelds are \$40.00 per month plus \$20.00 cell charges. You can eliminate the cell charges if your location has Wifi, or you want to use your owns cells.

Our State Charity Appeal Chairman brother Dale Hofer will need to know if you want a handheld by September 10th so procurement ca be arranged. His e-mail is [dalekofc@gmail.com](mailto:dalekofc@gmail.com) You can choose to use the handheld for one month or throughout the whole campaign or not at all. If you have further questions, you can e-mail or call brother Dale . His number is 250-938-3253.

The BC Charity Foundation is ready to accept cheque donations from councils- Please make cheque payable to Knights of Columbus [BC] Charity Foundation [ with memo note ] [ Forest fire donation] We will then send the money to Bishop Joseph of Kamloops for the forest fire victims.

On the 25th of September we're going to have instillation of officers after 5pm mass. If you an elected officer you must be there you cannot have someone to substitute for you. All your families members are most welcome to attend.

God Bless,  
John Noel DD #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

Some events are the harbinger of the change in seasons: swallows returning to Capistrano, opening day for major league baseball, kids getting out of school for summer vacation (and then school shopping in August!), football season in the fall with Halloween and Thanksgiving and finally ending the year with a Christmas celebration.

One harbinger of September that has been like clockwork over the past number of years is our Knights of Columbus Fraternal Survey. It's my chance to stay in touch with you, see what's changed in your life and let you know I am here to be of service.

Just like last year the survey can be completed online; simple, fast and confidential.

I'm sure that as you look through the survey you might find a block to check; a subject you'd like some information on. Maybe you've been thinking about your life insurance and other benefits at work...are they adequate? Do I get to keep my group life insurance when I move to another job? Maybe you're thinking about a relative that's had a long term care event and all the agony and worry that entails.

Maybe it's time to get serious about retirement.

Perhaps you have some products and you need service—a change of beneficiary or owner...or maybe you've moved and we need to update your contact

information. Any of these can be addressed if you complete the survey.

In my travels around the area I often run into people who know the Knights of Columbus from our good works in the parish or community, our disaster response, support for Special Olympics and our prolife efforts. But very few of them know that we are a life insurance company...and we make no bones about that. After all Fr. McGivney saw that protecting our families was one of the two key reasons he brought those New Haven men together in the basement of St. Mary's in 1882.

"No doubt Father McGivney was motivated by the wish to keep young Catholics from entering the ranks of condemned secret societies and by the need to protect families during sickness and death." (*Faith and Fraternalism, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982*; Christopher J. Kauffman, pg.17)

Unite men of faith and protect our families. Our Order has been faithful to that mission for 139 years. With the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney I feel a renewed zeal to invite men to join the Order to reap those benefits of Unity, Charity and Fraternity. I am just as zealous to help protect Catholic families. Tempus fugit, memento mori!  
Vivat Jesus!

Vivat Jesus!

*Sincerely,  
Mark Pan  
Field Agent*



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## Good of the Order

### Prayers for the Deceased

All of our deceased Brother Knights and family members and recently

**Br Leslie Sequeira's father, Luke**

**Mr Lee Wurtz**

**Br Gary Klose's mother-in-law Lena**

**Br Emil Pereau**

**Br Rodolpho Cabael**

**Br Ray Branson's father**

**Br David Matthew's brother**

### Prayers for the Sick

*All of our sick Brother Knights and family members and recently*

Br Dan Lamont's wife, Rosalba

Br Gary Klose's family

Br Kevin Mitchell's brother-in-law, Maurice Melder

Br Al White

Br Pol Soberano

Br Moe Oullette

Br Agnelo Pereira's wife, Maria

Br Brian Wainwright

Br Gary Klose's wife's sister

Br John Smith's brother-in-law (Michael)  
and sister (Sherri)

Br Antony Roy Wyalakie

DD John Noel's wife, Pauline

## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree News

Dear Brother Knights of Council #8629,

Your Fourth-Degree assembly has officially had their first meeting of the 2021-22 fraternal year, and we are praying for a fruitful and COVID free year. As always, we are looking forward to working with our Third-Degree council to help create a safe and active community for their respective parish's.

I hope that your brother has taken my last work to heart and step up to volunteer as officers or committee leaders. To the same effect, I hope you take the opportunity to complete your degrees and join the Fourth-Degree.

God Bless,

Calvin Mitchell - Faithful Navigator

Calvin Mitchell | PGK #8629 | Youth and Young Adult Coordinator  
Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon State Council

## 2021 – 2022 Executive

Faithful Navigator : Calvin Mitchell

Faithful Comptroller: Nelson W. Pluff

Faithful Friar: FR. Amador Abundo

Faithful Captain: Gregory M. Farrugia

Faithful Admiral: Neil Atwater

Faithful Purser: Roger Charbonneau

Faithful Pilot: Stan Pidsadny

Faithful Scribe: Unassigned

Inner Sentinel: Mark Rickafort

Outer Sentinel: Dan Lamont

1 Yr. Trustee : Cec Erickson

2 Yr. Trustee : Brandon Bong

3 Yr. Trustee : Gary Klose

## 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>

Enter Promo Code **MCGIVNEY2020** for 12 months of free online membership

- THEIR GOOD WIFE'S NAME AND HOW MANY CHILDREN/ (OR GRANDKIDS)
- THE TYPE OF WORK OR CAREER THEY DO,
- SPECIAL SKILLS, AWARDS OR RECOGNITION THEY ATTAINED.
- WHAT HOBBIES, ADVENTURE OR EXOTIC TRAVEL THEY DID.
- WHAT'S LEFT ON THEIR "BUCKET LIST"
- ANY MATTER OF INTEREST THEY'RE WILLING TO SHARE.

THE GOAL IS TO BUILD FELLOWSHIP AND IT'S NOT MANDATORY. WHEN YOU AND YOUR "BRO" ARE READY, LET THE GRAND KNIGHT OR I KNOW SO YOU CAN BE SLOTTED IN. BROTHER AGNELO AND I DEMONSTRATED IT AT OUR APRIL 8 MEETING.

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL ME AT 604-572-3787 OR [paroy@telus.net](mailto:paroy@telus.net)

## KNOW YOUR BRO

OVER THE YEARS, WE'VE WORKED ALONGSIDE EACH OTHER IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE KNIGHTS OR IN THE PARISH KNOWING VERY LITTLE ABOUT EACH OTHER. THIS PROGRAM IS MEANT FOR US TO "KNOW YOUR BRO" BY INTRODUCING A BROTHER KNIGHT AT OUR COUNCIL MEETING. FIRST, YOU PAIR UP WITH A BROTHER KNIGHT AND YOU INTERVIEW EACH OTHER USING SOME OF THE TOPICS SHOWN BELOW. THEN, ON THE APPOINTED MEETING, YOU TAKE TURNS INTRODUCING YOUR "BRO" UNDER THE "GOOD OF THE ORDER". FIRST SELECT A KNIGHT, CONTACT EACH OTHER AND WRITE UP A HALF PAGE USING THE SUGGESTED TOPICS SHOWN BELOW. YOU WRITE IT UP THEN SEND IT TO EACH OTHER FOR EDITING AND APPROVAL, THEN LET ME OR THE GRAND KNIGHT KNOW SO WE CAN SLOT YOU IN. WRITE IT UP THEN SEND IT TO EACH OTHER FOR EDITING AND APPROVAL. TO GET THE DETAILS

YOU WOULD INTERVIEW EACH OTHER BY PHONE, OR EMAIL, WRITE DOWN THE DETAILS, THEN SEND IT TO EACH OTHER FOR APPROVAL AND EDITING. ON YOUR ASSIGNED NIGHT, YOU WILL EACH TAKE TURN TO PRESENT YOUR "BRO" AT THE MEETING. SUGGESTED TOPICS ARE:

- HOW LONG SINCE HE JOINED THE KNIGHTS AND POSITIONS HELD.