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Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we are 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,

First of all I thank our members for supporting your Council 8629 in the annual Charity Appeal fundraiser by purchasing the Knights of Columbus tickets. Your generosity and support will not go unnoticed. Whether you bought one ticket, or many be assured that every ticket purchased helps our cause in raising funds to support our parish and the charities we normally support. Your kindness and support of our charities is extremely appreciated, and God bless you.

Charity is at the heart of our work and faith - and it always has been. For the Knights of Columbus, charity means supporting a virtually boundless variety of projects. Our commitment to charitable service is just one of the many ways that we express our Catholic faith. We're here to build a daily bridge back to what matters, for our members and fellow Catholics. That is part of our Mission! It is a perfect opportunity to put your faith into action and involve the entire community in the rewarding charitable work done by your council. By helping others in many ways we also express love towards our brothers and sisters in Christ. When we leave this world, we take nothing with us but through your love for others you will leave plenty to go around, and you will be remembered forever by your love.

The month of January in this new year of 2022 is just over and now we enter into February. It is amazing how time just passes us by. February is also a special month of the year.

We celebrate Valentine's Day, also called **Saint Valentine's Day**. The **Feast of Saint Valentine** is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

There is numerous martyrdom stories associated with various Valentines. One account is of the

imprisonment of Saint Valentine of Rome, the former Bishop of Terni, Narnia and Amelia, for ministering to Christians and persecuted under the Roman Empire in the 3rd century. In an early tradition, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer. The legend claims he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution.

The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honour of Saint Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269. The day and date later became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries.

This month in honour of St. Valentine, show love to your spouse, children, all your family, and friends and to your brothers of the Knights of Columbus. On behalf of your Council 8629 Planning Committee, I express a sentiment of love to all of you. May love be in your heart and radiate from you to everyone around you every moment of your life. Happy Valentine's Day! May God bless you and family and His love shine upon you always.

Vivat Jesus!

*Carlos Matos
Grand Knight
Joseph Krenn
Council 8629*

Your Executive 2021-2022

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| 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
Three-Year Trustee
District Deputy
Field Agent

Tim McConnell
John Noel
John Noel
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.
Please let me know if you are having any challenges with our council website - kofc8629.ca
It is important and beneficial for all our members to have easy access to the council's latest news.
My contact email is 7.c.mitchell@gmail.com

Calvin Mitchell, PGK, Webmaster
State Young Adult & Squires Coordinator
Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon State Council

Chaplain's Message

Dear Knight Brothers,

On February 11 the church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It was on February 11, 1858 Mary appeared for the first time to a young girl, Bernadette Soubirous, in the grotto in Lourdes. At one of the apparitions, Mary said to Bernadette: "I am the Immaculate Conception." This year St. Bernadette parish will celebrate her feast with Novena prayers after daily masses (Feb 2-10) and conclude with special celebration on February 11. Lourdes has become a well known place for pilgrimage in the world. People come to our Lady of Lourdes to pray and to ask for healing. We cannot go for pilgrimage but we can honor her at home. As we celebrate her

feast with novena we pray that the Lord will continue to bless our parish community and to end the pandemic through her intercession and the intercession of St. Bernadette. Therefore, I invite you and your families to attend this celebration.

Brother knights and their families are invited to join the 9-day Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes from Feb 3rd through to 9th. The 10-minute daily prayers will be recited after the daily masses. Daily videos will air on the St. Bernadette Parish You Tube channel. The novena will be capped with the Eucharist on Feb. 11th – the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us

In Christ,
Fr. Paul Bui

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 2nd Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
- Feb. 3rd. General Meeting (on Zoom)
- Feb. 14th Valentine's Day
- Feb. 17th Executive Meeting
- Feb. 24th 4th Degree Meeting

Committee Reports

Charity Appeal – 2021-2022

Covered in the Grand Knight's Message

The Lector's Ledger

SIGN ON BC TRANSIT BUS: "EMERGENCY EXIT INSTRUCTIONS ARE LOCATED NEXT TO SEAT BEHIND"(Those are the exact words)

A retired couple bought a motor home and got 2 tee shirts that show a motor home behind trees with the caption:

"THE KIDS CAN'T MOVE BACK HOME IF THEY CAN'T FIND IT!"

I'm on two diets; I wasn't getting enough food on just one.

PANDEMIC "PROGRESS" At church, we must all wear a mask except for the Cantor and the Lector. I have decided to play the Lector's card and unmask in church. So, my position on council is useful after all!

Many people think it's their right to ask if you've had all your vaccines. Does this give me the right to ask them if they've been tested for AIDS, or Leprosy, or Syphilis? After all, those diseases killed more than Covid.

The year 2022 could be a year to try to understand our better half:

"Never make a woman angry. They can remember stuff that hasn't even happened yet"

Behind every angry woman stands a man who has absolutely no clue what he did wrong.

These two ladies work in an office and are not on

friendly terms. The older lady is always making

remarks about people's looks. One day, on her

return from lunch the older lady remarked: "I just

saw one of the ugliest women at the restaurant"

The younger woman replied "Oh, you must have

looked in the mirror". And that's when the fight

started.

Despite the old saying: "Never take your troubles to bed": many women still sleep with their husband.

District Deputy's Report

Brothers All

We just received out first & second call for the convention

DATE- April 22, 23 & 24- 2022

Location- Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel

Host District- District, Ardee Bautista- District Deputy

This will be 111th Annual State Council Meeting

If your not a delegate chosen to attend the convention you are still welcome to attend the convention on Saturday & Sunday with your travelling card. I hope to see you there.

Rosary Program- Faith in Action- Faith Programs- A Higher Purpose

Build faithful families and communities through rosary prayer. The Knights of Columbus Rosary Program encourages council to promote devotion to the rosary in our families and parishes by scheduling regular rosary prayer services. Kits with rosary ring, rosary prayer guides, and leader books are available for councils to order. This program encourages devotion to Mary, the patrons of our Order, and emphasizes the importance of prayer in the community and as a family. The Rosary Program encourages councils to schedule regular rosary prayer services on any day of the week, at any time of the year, with the guidance of their pastor. Councils should personally invite each family of the parish and offer attending family a copy of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Information Service's A Scriptural Rosary for the Family [#319]. Encourage families to read this booklet and lean how their faith can be strengthened through a devotion to Our Lady, while praying the rosary the rosary at home together regularly.

I just want to inform you that on Thursday January 27th I had surgery to remove my gallbladder at Delta Hospital. I will take a week to recuperate.

God Bless
DD#27 John Noel

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

My dear brother Knights,

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 or right at your own home if you wish. I leave that decision to you. But meet with me you should and make it sooner rather than later.

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

Vivat Jesus!
Vivat Jesus!

*Sincerely,
Mark Pan
Field Agent*



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Good of the Order

Prayers for the Departed

All of our deceased Brother Knights and family members and recently

Fr Boniface

CWL member Connie Hatterton

Br Ed Villanueva

Br John Smith's nephew

Br Don Janze

CWL member Maria Domingo

Br. John Smith's Sister - Sheri

First Nations, Inuit, Metis children that have died at residential schools

Those who died as a result of the floods and landslides and for their families

Those who have died from COVID-19 and those who continue to suffer

Prayers for the Sick

All of our sick Brother Knights and family members and recently

Br Dan Lamont's wife, Rosalba

Br Bob Johnson

Henry Imperial

WGK Carlos Matos' wife Fatima

DD John Noel's sister, Donna Noel

Br Gary Klose's wife, Sandy

Br "K" and his wife

Fr Meka

Br Cec Ericksen

Br Tim McConnell's sister-in-law

Br. Brian Wainwright

Br John Smith's sister – daughter & granddaughter

4th Degree News

Brother Knights,

Our assembly is always here with open arms to welcome you to the final stage of knighthood. In addition, we are here to help your council with any special event you have planned for the year to come. Please keep in mind as council and assemblies, we can still hold masses for special needs and/or service personnel.

If you know anyone who would benefit from these masses, please let us know and we can plan an event together.

*Viva Christo Rey,
Calvin Mitchell
Faithful Navigator*

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

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

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:

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.

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL ME AT 604-572-3787 OR paroy@telus.net

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

FAMILY OF THE MONTH – Jan 2022

The Carlos & Maria (Soc) Brosas family is the January 2022 Joseph Krenn Council Family of the Month awardee for St. Bernadette Parish. Congratulations and more power to them!

The **Knights of Columbus Family of the Month** program promotes the development of strong and vibrant families by recognizing the good work being done every day in the homes of our neighbors.

The Brosas family is a living witness to our Catholic values of love of the Eucharist, devotion to our faith, service to our Church and helping the community.

The Brosases have always actively supported St Bernadette Church – Maria as choir director (and now Parish Council representative for all choirs); Carlos as Eucharistic Minister. They have helped organize Parish fundraising events since the 90's. They had helped in the PREP Program, coached young and old alike on proclaiming the Word for masses and speaking public about faith.

Early-February 2022, we will have a Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Bernadette - which will also be shared online (via YouTube and Facebook) with the Filipino communities in Vancouver.

Their son, Anton, was a leader for Couples for Christ youth and young adults ministries. With his wife, Jen, they are actively engaged in the CFC Young Couples ministry and the Filipino Outreach Ministry for Vancouver.

Again, congratulations to our Caloy and Soc and their family members! May they grow further in their love for one another and continue to strive to follow the blessed model set forth for us by the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

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