



Grand Knight's Report



Do you brothers feel the same as I do that it seems that the time is disappearing faster than ever before? So many things I would like to do but there is always shortage of time to accomplish everything. Is it because I am slower or more meticulous or perhaps both that more time is required.

As we continue with our second half of our Columbian year and into 2025 I am so happy to see several young brothers joining our Council, as well some brothers resuming their attendance, it appears that we are moving in the right direction.

Our meetings and activities have been well supported. We continue to work bingos every first Wednesday of the month and pancake breakfasts once a month. The money raised is given to support school awards and various charities in our community.

We as Knights of Columbus have a mission to be the leaders in our church and in our community. There is much excitement in our council as we are in discussions of several new proposals, and would like input from everyone to be successful. Possibly starting Inter-Council sports competition (billiards, darts, shuffle board, or foosball) just to mention few activities, could be a start. If anyone has knowledge of or would like to participate in these sports, we would like to have you. Monday Game Night or should we name it Monday Knight's Sport Night, or perhaps Knight's Arcade Night has already started with billiards being played, but we are looking to expand that.

My wife Betty and I would like to wish everyone happiness and health and may Gods' blessings and peace fill your home in this 2025 and always. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank you

Brothers for the support you have given me this past year.

Vivat Jesus

Kaz. Sznerch

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2024 Memorial Mass

In Memory of the Deceased Members of Lethbridge Councils

Lethbridge Council #1490

- Joseph B Seeman January 23, 2024
- Jay Harris March 7, 2024
- John Zeinstra April 23, 2024
- Tony Paladino April 25, 2024

Our Lady of Peace Council #5726

- Peter Herauf April 24, 2024
- Robert E Rice July 29, 2024
- Patrick J Barry August 24, 2024

St. Martha's Council #9280

- John Elves January 7, 2024
- Robert (Bob) Hagerty
March 6, 2024
- Ellsworth Braun March 16, 2024
- Victor Royer April 29, 2024
- Myles Bourke July 4, 2024
- David Christensen August 2, 2024
- Peter Kish September 5, 2024

St. Peter & Paul's Council #10547

- Dudley Godoy May 11, 2024

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

- John 11: 25-26

Words From The Pulpit



Gloria in excelsis Deo

At most Masses we sing this song, we know it more as Glory to God in the highest. It is the song the angels sang to the shepherds, announcing the birth of our Saviour. It is and should always be a reminder to us that God so loved the world that He gave us



His only begotten Son.

Some major celebrations which will occur over the next two months.

- January 1st – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord)
- January 2nd – Memorial of St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors
- January 5th – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
- January 12th – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
- January 13th – Start of Ordinary Time
- January 25th – Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Apostle
- February 2nd – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
- February 22nd – Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle
- March 5th – Ash Wednesday – Beginning of Lent

As I sit and reflect on the season, I can't help but see that in a little over two months we enter Lent. This may sound like it is fast approaching when in fact it is near the latest it can be which is March 10th. As such, the Church tries not to put too many celebrations in the month of February.

Even though we will turn our minds over to the Passion, we should not forget that the Christmas

season for us lasts until January 12th, the Baptism of the Lord. Christmas is not just one day as our secular society would have you believe. Because they have been playing Christmas carols and holding Christmas sales since mid-November, they are ready to move on. Catholics on the other hand should have spent the time leading up to Christmas in a state of awe, as we reflect on His second coming and not His birth. It is not until November 17th when we turn to the scriptures about His birth.

Then Christmas and the Octave, the eight days we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. A common question is how long Christmas is; the answer depends, it is eight days if talking about the Octave, it is twelve days if you go until Epiphany and what was the Feast of the Baptism. This is the origin of the song. With the Church separating Epiphany from the Baptism, it added up to a week to the Christmas season.



All this to say, you have the right and a bit of an obligation to say Merry Christmas all the way until January 12th.

May the Peace of Christ rest with you and your family and may you enjoy this Christmas Season and have a fruitful New Year. May this slightly longer than normal Ordinary Time before Lent serve as a time to learn more about our faith.

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Mary, Holy Mother of God...Pray for us!
St Joseph, husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus...Pray for us!
All holy men and women, Saints of God...Pray for us!
St Basil...Pray for us!
St Patrick...Pray for us!



Sick & Distressed Knights



Please pray for all our sick Brother Knights and their spouses. May they return to good health. Your prayers and visits will be appreciated by **Brothers Andy Aucoin, Joe Chenier, Gary Bishoff, Douglas Miller, Gerry Gallant, Pat Johnston and our adopted child Patrick.**

From the Desk of the Financial Secretary

Bingo



Greetings, as your Financial Secretary, the Council is still in very good shape. Our 2024 budget still has a few items to close out, but we finished well above our projected. A new budget for 2025 was passed on December 10th and considers the costs and earnings experienced in this past

year.

Our membership is still growing with the addition of Transfers and new members, so our Active roll is now at 92 of which 46 are Honorary Life members. If you know of someone who is looking for a way to express their Catholic faith, let them know that it is easy to join, just have them go to kofc.org/joinus.

For those who have recently, or will, transition to Honorary or Honorary Life status, be advised that the transition will occur, but the generation of Honorary & Honorary Life Cards is currently on hold due to problems with the supplier.

Finally, as we enter a new year, remember that your annual dues will be billed to you on January 1st. As most of you receive everything through email, the bill will also come this way to save money. Do not forget it, as I must send a Second notice a month later if it is unpaid and that costs the Council postage, paper and time. It remains the best, easiest, and lowest cost to pay your bills through eTransfer to FS.5726@shaw.ca. Payment early, or for multiple years, is also beneficial to the Council.

Many Blessings in Christ
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Mary, Holy Mother of God...Pray for us!
St Joseph, husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus...Pray for us!

One of our major fundraising events during the year is Bingo, which our council volunteers for on the first Wednesday of each month, along with two or three V-Bingo's during the year. Along with our regular council members, who consistently volunteer for our bingo dates, we also on occasion were joined by three of our newest young members. We would like to thank **Braden, Riley & Hudson** for volunteering their time. Their support is greatly appreciated!



Council 5726 Web Page

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Pancake Breakfasts



We had a very successful breakfast on Sunday **November 10th** with proceeds from the breakfast and additional funds from our council, we were able to donate \$ **500.00** to the **Jack Ady Cancer Centre** here in Lethbridge at the Regional Hospital.

Our breakfast on Sunday **December 15th**, was held in conjunction with the **CWL** from **Assumption Church** who had their annual **Christmas Bake Sale**. We had a great turnout and with the proceeds from this breakfast and additional funds from our council, we were able to donate \$ **500.00** to **Prolife Alberta**.

I would like to thank all the parishioners that attended the breakfasts and made donations to these charities. I would like to especially thank all the Knights that came out to help with all the breakfasts during 2024.

Our upcoming breakfasts are **January 12th** and **February 9th**. **Come out and support our council.**

GREY CUP PARTY 2024

We had our **GREY CUP PARTY** on Sunday **November 17th, 2024**

The party was well attended by about 40 people that viewed an interesting game until the 4th quarter and there were many who shared winnings of football pools.

Winners of quarter scores were **Jim Wensveen, Joan Pittman, John Murray, Karen Laronde, John & Faye Hendersen, John Wensveen** and **Janice Iverson**.

Winners of big pools were: 1/2 time **Gord Elliott**, Final score **Al Laronde**.

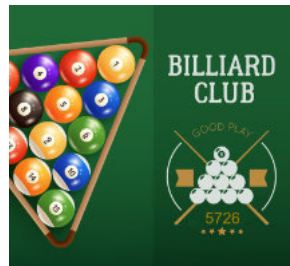
Thanks to everyone that brought appetizers, **Ben Rainault** for the meal of pizza, wings, and salad, Thank you **Alex Misak** for tending the bar, and **John Murray** for helping with the 1/4 pool sales. A great time was had by all.

Games Knight



Come join us in the Clubhouse every Monday Evening at 7:00 PM

for some billiards, shuffleboard, darts or foosball. Everyone is welcome. Join some of your brother knights for a great evening of **Games Knight!**





Friday Social Club



All knights and their spouses are welcome to join us at the clubhouse every **Friday from 5:00 till 7:00 PM** for some refreshments and camaraderie with your fellow knights and friends!

On **Friday December 20th** we had our **Christmas** celebration.

Everyone brought their favourite appetizers and/or desserts to share with all those in attendance. Those in attendance had a great time and enjoyed the evening with the other knights and their spouses.

Check out the photos!





2023-2024 Executive Team

Grand Knight	Kaz Sznerch
Deputy Grand Knight	Manfred Poehlmann
Recorder	Rory Wright
Treasurer	Patrick Johnston
Warden	Henry Holst
Advocate	Wendlin Wandler
Chancellor	John Murray
Inside Guard	Justin Dormer
Outside Guard	Dave Pittman
Trustee 3 Year	Ben Rainault
Trustee 2 Year	Jack Gleason
Trustee 1 Year	Ken Tratch
Chaplain	Vacant
Lecturer	Ben Rainault

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Appointed Officers / Positions

Financial Secretary	Deacon Peter Lilienthal
Bingo Chairman	Pat Johnston
Bingo Team Alternate	John Murray
Clubhouse Manager	Ben Rainault
Breakfast Coordinator	Manfred Poehlmann
Newsletter/Website Editor	Manfred Poehlmann
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Council Calendar of Events

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 Bingo 5:00 PM	2	3 K of C Social 5:00 PM	4
5	6	7 Executive Meeting 7:00 PM	8	9	10 K of C Social 5:00 PM	11
12 K of C Breakfast 7:00 AM Donations to Parkinsons Society	13	14 General Meeting 7:00 PM	15	16	17 K of C Social 5:00 PM	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 K of C Social 5:00 PM	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 K of C Social 5:00 PM	1

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February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31 K of C Social 5:00 PM	1
2	3	4 Executive Meeting 7:00 PM	5 Bingo 5:00 PM	6	7 K of C Social 5:00 PM	8
9 K of C Breakfast & 7:00 AM (Donations to Scouts)	10	11 General Meeting 7:00 PM	12	13	14 K of C Social 5:00 PM	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 K of C Social 5:00 PM	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 K of C Social 5:00 PM	1

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