



Starting with this edition, the copy of the newsletter that we email to members and widows will be greatly enhanced. The digital version will contain many more photos taken during events. The addition of these photos to the printed version is prohibitively expensive. If you are **not** presently receiving the email (digital) version and would like to start receiving it, please contact **Financial Secretary Deacon Peter Lilienthal** at [fs5726@kofc.ab.ca](mailto:fs5726@kofc.ab.ca). The digital copy of this newsletter will also be available on our website. See info at right.



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**Our Lady of Peace  
Council 5726  
Lethbridge, Alberta**

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## Grand Knight's Report



When Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Order 141 years ago, he didn't envision his Knights simply as helpful men in the community, but rather as men who embrace a leadership responsibility in works of charity, Catholic education, pro-life and the defence of religious liberty.

There are many hurdles facing our families, our church and our faith. This is evident in the large number of people who are only casual worshippers, or who have left the church, or have even lost their faith. If the church is to thrive every baptized Catholic must engage actively in our community.

Knights of Columbus, as lay leaders, as Blessed Michael McGivney believed with great conviction, have the courage to overcome the hurdles as well as creating opportunities for men to deepen their faith.

## 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, Patrick Barry, and Rory Wright.**

Christianity is no longer the formative basis of our society that it once was as the cultural circumstances have changed. That includes the realization that each of us is personally responsible to advance the mission of our Church and our Order.

For decades, Knights of Columbus has been called the "strong right arm of the Church." To continue to live up to the title, we must re-establish enthusiasm in our Order by being more visible, identifiable and active.

Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

**Grand Knight Kaz Sznerch**  
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## New Member

Welcome our newest member to **Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Peace Council 5726.**

### Braden Bilinski

Braden graduated from Catholic Central High School and is presently attending the University of Lethbridge.



**2023-2024 Executive Team**

Grand Knight	Kaz Sznerch
Deputy Grand Knight	Robert Niven
Recorder	Rory Wright
Treasurer	Patrick Johnston
Warden	Henry Holst
Advocate	Wendel Wandler
Chancellor	John Murray
Inside Guard	Manfred Poehlmann
Outside Guard	Dave Pittman
Trustee 3 Year	Jack Gleason
Trustee 2 Year	Ken Tratch
Trustee 1 Year	Al Laronde
Chaplain	Vacant
Lecturer	Vacant

**Appointed Officers / Positions**

Financial Secretary	Peter Lilienthal
Bingo Team	Pat Johnston
Bingo Team Alternate	John Murray
Clubhouse Manager	Ben Rainault
Breakfast Coordinator	Manfred Poehlmann
Newsletter/Website Editor	Manfred Poehlmann

**Support Our Brother Knights in Business**

We should be supporting any of our Brother Knights that are in business, or any other Catholic businesses whenever possible. If you own a business or know of any business that would like to be listed in the newsletter, please let me know their name, business name, phone number and email address. Please get their permission if you are not the owner.

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**Note from Editor**



A reminder that if anyone has any information, photos, announcements, etc. that they would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact me by email and I will try to get it into the next newsletter.

I need continued participation to keep the newsletter alive and relevant!

Thanks to the members that have contibuted to this newsletter.

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## Deacon Ordination

Our own **Brother Peter Lilienthal** was ordained as Deacon on November 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Cathedral in Calgary. Along with **Deacon Peter, Jim Manzara** from our parish was also ordained. **Deacon Jim** has been posted to All Saints Parish while **Deacon Peter** has been posted to St. Ambrose Parish in Coaldale.

**Congratulations to both.**

Thanks to brother **Ben Renault** for getting a few photos at the ceremony.





## Grey Cup Party



The Grey Cup party at Council 5726 was a resounding success, with approximately 40 attendees, including 10 members from Council 1490. The atmosphere was charged with excitement as Montreal and Winnipeg clashed in a thrilling game, culminating in Montreal's victory with a last-minute score of 28 to 24.

The event was well organized, and a special acknowledgment is extended to **Brothers Al Laronde, Ben Rainault, Alex Misak, and John Murray** for their efforts in putting together the festivities. Their hard work ensured that everyone could enjoy the game, the camaraderie, and the delicious food. At halftime, everyone was treated to a hearty spread of beef on a bun, accompanied by refreshing salads. The halftime feast added to the enjoyment of the game, creating a perfect balance of sportsmanship and socializing.



Following the game and halftime festivities, a group effort went into the cleanup, with a special note of appreciation for the ladies who contributed their time and effort to ensure the clubhouse was left in pristine condition. Their dedication did not go unnoticed and added to the sense of community that makes events like these memorable.

Throughout the evening, the anticipation heightened with the various pools and games. Congratulations were in order for the winners of the quarter pools: **John Murray, Raymond Blasetti, Marilyn Rainault and Marie Johnston**. The halftime and final score winners were **Mike Roberts and Bob Dolan**.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to all the Brother Knights, ladies, and guests who attended and contributed to the success of this social function. It was not just a celebration of football; it was a celebration of community, friendship, and shared enjoyment. The **Grey Cup party at Council 5726** will be remembered as a shining example of how a well-organized event can bring people together.









**Memorial Mass**

Our council had the honour of hosting the **Annual Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass** at Our Lady of the Assumption Church on Wednesday November 29 at 7:00 PM. **Father Kevin Tumback** was the celebrant and **Brother Ken Tratch** was the commentator.

A rosary and rose was presented to each spouse/ family member at the conclusion of the mass.

Deceased members of Lethbridge councils were:

St. Basil Council 1490 (Grand Knight Mike Roberts):  
 Ron Fabbi  
 Kalman Hegedes  
 Frank Pavka  
 Eugene Waters  
 Deacon William Young

Our Lady of Peace Council 5726 (Grand Knight Kaz Sznerch):  
 Matthias Harty

St. Martha's Council 9280 (Grand Knight Mark Dixon):  
 Michael Cormican  
 Ivan Rajcic  
 Fernand Nadeau  
 SK Fr. Salvador Ahumada-Ramirez

Saints Peter and Paul Council 10547 (Grand Knight Fred Ridding):  
 No deceased members in 2023

Thanks to all the brother knights of council 5726 who made this a special honour to the memory of our deceased brother knights.

Special thanks to **Our Lady of the Assumption CWL** for preparing the cheese and snack trays and a special thanks to **Cornerstone Funeral Home** for the printing of the programs and their generous donation toward the wine and cheese gathering after the program.







**\*\*\* Faith \*\*\* Family \*\*\* Fraternity\*\*\***

Please remember our upcoming meetings. There is a combined executive/general meeting on Tuesday January 9 at 7:00 PM, an executive meeting on Tuesday February 6 at 7:00 PM, and a general meeting on Tuesday February 13 at 7:00 PM.

***Note that all meetings are open to all members.***

Please keep in mind that we will be having a **breakfast** on **Sunday January 14** with the proceeds being donated to the **Parkinsons Society**. We will also be holding a breakfast on **Sunday February 11** with charity to still be determined (come to the January meeting with ideas for the charity).

**January Bingo** will be on **Wednesday January 3** and **February Bingo** will be on **Saturday February 17**. ***Note that this is an afternoon bingo that starts at 11:00 AM.***



**Saints Peter & Paul Fundraiser**

My wife Marilyn and I were pleased to attend the First Annual Dinner, Auction and Show for Council 10547's home parish, Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. This turned out to be a very successful fundraiser for their parish. There were approximately one hundred people attending the dinner, silent auction and entertainment provided by Ben Price and his magic show. The event was held at Paradise Canyon Golf Resort, who prepared an excellent meal.

Brother Manfred Poehlmann



**Pancake Breakfasts**



We have successfully completed serving breakfast for the parish on Sunday, November 12 and we have donated \$ **500.00** to the **Jack Ady Cancer Center** at the Lethbridge regional Hospital. At this breakfast we had the assistance of three young men from grade 12 Catholic Central High School. Helping with the breakfast were **Brody White, Dillan Ell** and **Dominick Yauck**. We are very appreciative of their help. They did and

excellent job. We also served a breakfast on Sunday December 10 and donated \$ **750.00** to **All Saints Parish** to cover the costs of new LED light fixtures in Assumption hall kitchen, hallway and washrooms. The installation of the new LED light fixtures was done by **Brothers John Henderson, Ben Renault** and **Manfred Poehlmann**. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the breakfasts and to the parish patrons who attended the breakfasts. Along with the December breakfast, the **Assumption CWL** also hosted a **bake sale**. They had a large assortment of delicious baked goods and the sale was well attended.





## St. Nicholas Children's Party

**Knights of Columbus Council 5726** is proud to have co-hosted the St. Nicholas Children's Party on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> at Assumption Hall. **Brothers John Murray** and **Kaz Sznerch** assisted brothers from **St. Basil Council 1490**.

Our own **Brother Deacon Peter Lilienthal** again reprised his role of **St. Nicholas** in his full period attire.

The hall was packed with children, parents and grandparents. The children had a great time getting their faces painted, playing games and doing various crafts. There were plenty of hot dogs, cookies, chips, candy canes and juice boxes for all to enjoy.

All the children got one or more stuffed animals or teddy bears as a gift to take home. There were three children's choirs from **St. Pauls School, Mother Theresa School** and **Assumption school** to entertain everyone with their joyous singing. Everyone in attendance had a great time.





## Christmas Party

Our council hosted a small **Christmas Party** in the clubhouse for our members, spouses and invited guests on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>. A great time was had by about 85 attendees.

Many thanks to **Brothers Ben Renault, John Murray** and **John Henderson** for making the arrangements. **Brother Alex Misak** made arrangements for the liquor expertly tended bar.

Guests began the evening with some refreshments and then had a wonderful supper of Chinese Food. A couple of **Susan Sheridan's** granddaughters; **Grace Hoffman** and **Sheridan Handsane**, assisted with getting ready and serving the food.

**Brother John Henderson** provided some background Christmas music and hosted a Christmas trivia game.

After that **Brother Manfred Poehlmann** provide some karaoke music for Christmas carols. We had some great voices participating with the singing of the carols, but unfortunately I don't believe we are ready to enter any choir competitions quite yet.

**Brother Ken Tratch** entertained on occasion with some of his jokes to keep the evening light hearted.

Everyone chipped in at the end to help clean up the hall after this joyous and entertaining event.















**Council Calendar of Events**

**January 2024**

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

**February 2024**

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