



Grand Knight's Report

The end of Columbian year 2022 - 23 has arrived. July 1 starts the new 2023 - 2024 year and I am looking forward to work with you to set up activities to fulfill our mission. And it is a privilege to do so alongside so many dedicated Brother Knights.

All the executives have answered Gods calling and returned for another year in office, it was humbling and awesome to see. We will continue to make the Council successful, exiting and fun filled.

Reaching out to all our Council's Brothers is my goal. I would like to know why some members have not found hour or two per month to join us. With so much unrest in the world I cannot think of a more fitting place than sharing few moments with the men of the same faith.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for your support and guidance during the past year. Without your assistance and encouragement we would not have achieved the success in supporting so many Charities, Schools and Scholarships.

Any suggestions would be appreciated and extremely valuable.

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Camp Columbus Registrations

Notice

Parents and Grandparents

There are still openings available in all weeks to book your child or grandchild in **Camp Columbus** this year. Please check our website for registration information:

<https://www.campcolumbus.com>

Major Donation



Grand Knight Kaz Sznerch presenting **Knights of Columbus # 5726** donation of **\$ 3,800.00** to the Holy Spirit School District for the Ready, Set, Go program from our Community Foundation investment.

Corpus Christi

On **Sunday June 11th**, All Saints Parish processed from Assumption Church and St. Basil Church to meet at Catholic Central High School to have a special ceremony celebrating this Christian demonstration of taking our Lord through the streets of Lethbridge.

We wish to thank the **Brother Knights** that walked in the procession, especially **Brother Andy Gruninger** who helped carry the monstrance from Assumption Church. Brother knights that were not able to walk showed up at CCHS for the closing ceremony and lovely light luncheon prepared by the CWL.



Thanks to brother Al Laronde for this report.

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Please make note of our upcoming meetings in July and August. There is a combined executive, general and social meeting on Tuesday July 11 at 7:00 PM, and a combined executive, general and social meeting on Tuesday August 8 at 7:00 PM.

Note that all meetings are open to all members.

Golf Tournament



We are planning a golf tournament for **Saturday September 16th**

Location: **Indian Hills Golf Course**

Tee Off Time: **12:00 Noon**

Format: **Mixed Teams - Best Ball - 9 Holes**

Cost: **Golf \$ 28.00 - Cart \$ 15.00 per person**

Meal: **Maggies Place (On Site Restaurant)**

If you are interested please call to register **before August 15th** so we can organize teams and advise golf club. If we get over 40 players we could have a shotgun start.



Call **Al Laronde at 403-327-0364** or **Alex Misak at 403-328-4522**

State Hockey Tournament

Congratulations to Brother Mark Heitman



Every year Mark travels to participate as a goaltender in the annual State Hockey tournament, which is held at various locations.

This year Mark came home with the best goalie throughout the whole tournament award.

Congratulations Mark and thanks for representing **Our Lady of Peace Council 5726** at this annual function.

Thanks to brother Al Laronde for this report.

Financial Secretary Report



Greetings, as your Financial Secretary, I can report to you that the Council remains in good shape. We are tracking very well within our budget throughout the year.

Email remains our main method of communication due to delay of regular mail and some

addresses not being maintained in our records. Of our 88 members, I have email addresses for 69. Please understand that I have two registers for emails, one is online with Supreme and the other is in my own email client. Most emails I send out, including billing and meeting announcements, are sent from the Supreme list, and will come to you with a generic address of Knights of Columbus Email (noreply@kofc.org). Due to spam filters, you may not be seeing these important emails so set it as a trusted source. If you have recently (within 2 years) moved or changed any of your contact information, drop me a note so I can keep everything updated.

For our widows, I am trying diligently to maintain contact and hope that our communications are getting through to you. As I currently only have email addresses for five of you, I ask your help in providing one. I would prefer to have 100% email coverage of both members and widows but understand that some of you do not have access to a computer. If you do and have not yet given me an email address, please do, so I am able to notify you of short notice information like funerals and such.

As a final note, but not the least important, I am now in my final weeks, awaiting a letter from Bishop McGrattan calling me to Ordination in the Diaconate. I am at peace with whatever the outcome of the decision, but I continue to ask for your prayers during this last portion of the formation such that, God willing, I am called to this most important vocation. If I am called, the Ordination will occur on November 18th at Saint Mary Cathedral in Calgary.

Many Blessings in Christ
T Peter Lilienthal, Financial Secretary
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Mary, Holy Mother of God...Pray for us!
St Joseph, Husband of Mary and Early Father of Jesus...Pray for us!

Pancake Breakfasts



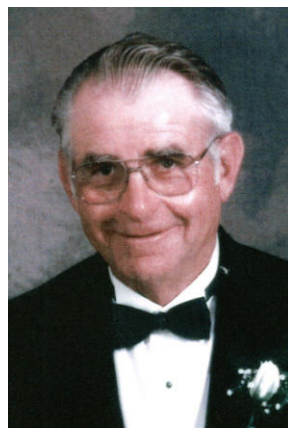
I would like to thank all the **Brother Knights** who helped with the **Sunday June 4th breakfast**. We had an excellent turnout of approximately 120 parishioners.

From the proceeds we were able to donate **\$ 500.00** to the **Chinook Sexual Assault Centre**.

Through their organization they also have the **Chinook Child and Youth Advocacy Centre**, in which they advocate for sexually assaulted and abused children and youth. Gratefully accepting our donation is **Cheryl Patterson**.

Next proposed breakfast will be in September.
Breakfast Coordinator - Manfred Poehlmann

In Memorium



Our sympathy and condolences go out to the family of our deceased brother

Math Harty.

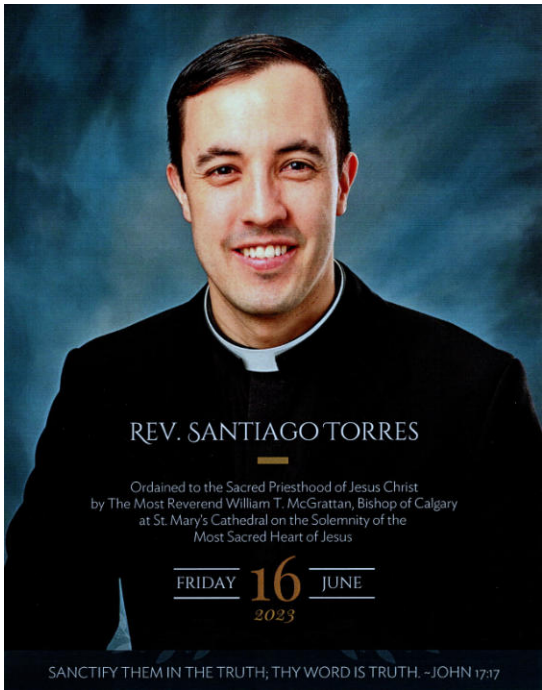
Eternal rest grant unto him Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him.

May He Rest In Peace

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**, family of **Art Oswald** and **Frank Machacek** on the loss of his wife **Agnes**.

Father Santiago Torres Ordination



Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Peace Council 5726 presenting a chasuble to **Father Santiago Torres** after Mass at Our Lady of Assumption Church on Sunday 18th June 2023 in recognition of his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ



From the desk of Trustee Ken Tratch



Brother Knights:

You may recall that our Council sponsors an Essay Contest at Catholic Central High School.

This year we had three excellent essays submitted that outline the history of our organization, its mission, goals that the Knights should strive for and areas that would interest young men to join the Knights of Columbus.

Each of the three students will receive a \$250 award for their submissions.

The three students were **Hanah Saga Wiebe**, **Elizabeth Spiess**, and **Gabe Anoos**.

Below is one of the essays.

The Knights of Columbus (K of C) was founded at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut during the 1880s. Michael J. McGivney, the Catholic priest who established the K of C, intended for the Order to be a mutual benefit society for Catholic immigrants. They provided an insurance system for members, which helped care for widows and orphans left behind when the main income earner of the family died. Gradually, Catholic men became more interested in the K of C, not only because of its benefits, but because the Order valued serving the Church, community, and family. Today the Knights of Columbus continues to provide life insurance, and as of 2021, has paid more than \$114 billion to over two million contracts. There are now over two million members of the K of C, and the organization has grown to support Catholic education, Catholic social and political causes, refugee relief, and local church communities. The founding principles of the Knights are charity and unity, with fraternity and patriotism being added subsequently (respectively, in 1885 and 1900.)

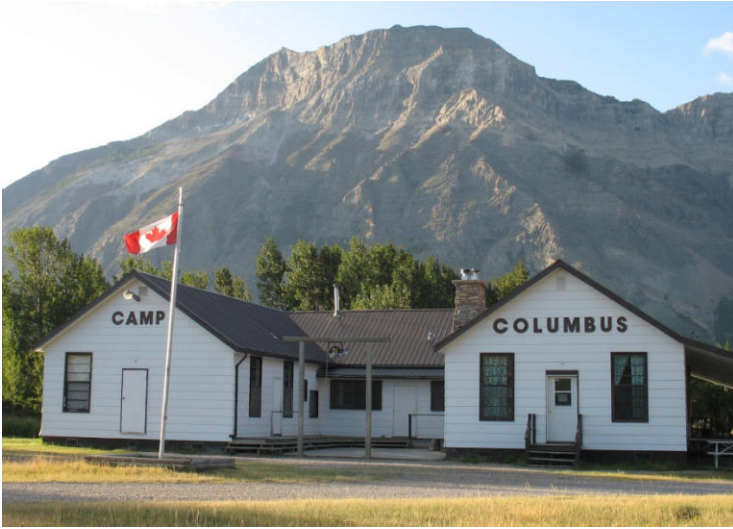
These principles serve as the basis of the K of C's core values: integrity, professionalism, excellence and respect. Overall, the Knights of Columbus aims to help society in charitable, social, and political ways through Catholic beliefs and empowers Catholic men to live their faith wherever they can.

The Knights of Lethbridge should continue to support and sponsor Catholic education. I believe that funding school activities (for example, providing lunch for students, rewarding money to students with high grades, and offering scholarships and contests like this essay contest) is an ideal way to support the community, although one way I think that the Knights of Lethbridge could develop is by improving the promotion of the K of C in the community and informing people of the organization, what it does, and how it helps. I feel that if there was more information available at my school or in the city, I would be more inclined to join the K of C. After researching the Knights with no prior knowledge, I want to become more involved with the organization and I believe that other students and youth would do the same if they knew more about the Knights. Along with better promotion, I feel that utilizing social media and an online presence would increase the amount of people reached and would get more young people to interact and find out about the K of C. I also believe that making opportunities specifically for youth to get to know the organization would be a great step forward into attracting people, for example, volunteering opportunities for youth, working directly with schools for events, and holding an event where students and young people can gather and learn more about the Knights of Columbus.

Essay by Gabe Anoos

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

Camp Columbus - Waterton Lakes National Park



In 1954, Southern Alberta Knights of Columbus, under the direction and urging of then District Deputy Urban Pittman, applied to Waterton Lakes National Park managers to build a fourth youth camp in the park. The representatives from the Knights suggested four potential locations. Two were on Pass Creek in the Blakiston Valley, one was along Upper Waterton Lake and one was along Middle Waterton Lake opposite Vimy Peak. At first, park officials were hesitant to allow construction of another camp in the park but relented having no good reason to object. The Upper Waterton Lake location was rejected out of hand, leaving three other potential sites to be examined. The Middle Waterton Lake site was finally approved and became home to the final permanent youth camp in the park, right after Tee-La-Da Girls Camp. Of the four original youth camps in the park, only Camp Columbus and Canyon Camp remain (Canyon Camp is undergoing reconstruction after the 2017 fire destroyed the camp).

After the approval, the Knights of Columbus quickly set about fundraising for the construction of the camp. All the Knights in the area got behind the project in a big way beginning with a door to door canvas of Catholic residents in Lethbridge, Pincher Creek, Milk River and Taber, selling tickets for a draw with the proceeds going toward camp construction.

Plans for the camp were drawn up by May in 1956 and by July construction of the building began. Estimated to cost \$25,000, the camp was built by Sieben and Schamber, general contractors from Milk River. On July 1, 1957, the facility was finished and an open house was held incorporating Dominion Day activities. The ceremonies began with a flag raising while a band from Milk River played "O Canada". Throughout the afternoon, the public was invited to participate in bingo

and outdoor games. Topping off the attraction was a barbecue for some 1,200 people.

One week later, the first 10-day camp session for children ages 10-14 opened under the supervision of Bruce Field, camp manager. In later years, the age limit was lowered to 8 years and the time at camp reduced to five days per session for 50 participants each. Open to all children regardless of religious affiliation, the camping activities included water safety, canoeing, team sports, lake swimming, horseback riding at the nearby stable, boat rides on commercial vessels and the ever-popular hiking and evening campfires. When the new town swimming pool opened in 1960, the Camp Columbus kids became regulars at the facility.

Camp sessions continued in the following year and have been held every year since for boys and girls emphasizing Christian spirit, concern for a fragile environment, cooperation with others and maintenance of individuality.

In the past nearly 70 years, many Knights have given freely of their time to keep Camp Columbus operational for many generations of young people. We should be grateful to all those Brother Knights. Our Lady of Peace Council members, have been instrumental in fundraising and working to maintain the camp. Brother Alex Misak stands out for his dedication to Camp Columbus for many years! Thanks to Bob Rice for taking over registrations from Gord Elliot and John Henderson for taking over the position of treasurer from Alex Misak.

On May 27th we held our yearly pre-opening cleanup at the camp with brother Knights Lee Hochstein, Pat Johnston, John Henderson, Dave Pittman, John Murray, Henry Holst, Bert Sauer, and Manfred Poehlmann along with wives Faye Henderson, Polly Holst and Marilyn Arnold who kept the men in line and showed us how it should be done properly. Alex Misak made arrangements and provided refreshments.

The present executive are Lee Hochstein (President), Pat Johnston (vice president), John Henderson (Treasurer), Rick Czarny (secretary), Bob Rice (Registrations), Wayne Britton (director), Lou Dooper (director), Morris Pittman, and Bert Sauer.

This history of Camp Columbus is from Waterton Lakes National Park information and conversions with brother Knights. Editor - Manfred Poehlmann

Camp Columbus - Clean-up Photos



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:

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and I will try to get it into the next newsletter.

Manfred Poehlmann

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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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Friday Socials

Come join us for our Social at the clubhouse between 5:00 and 7:00 PM every Friday for some great camaraderie, conversation and refreshments!





Council Calendar of Events

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Canada Day
2	3	4	5 Bingo 5:00 PM	6	7 K of C Social 5:00 PM	8
9	10	11 Combined Meeting/Social 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	29
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August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bingo 5:00 PM	3	4 K of C Social 5:00 PM	5
6	7 Heritage Day National Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Holocaust	8 Combined Meeting/Social 7:00 PM	9	10	11 K of C Social 5:00 PM	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 K of C Social 5:00 PM	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 K of C Social 5:00 PM	26
27	28	29	30	31		