



### We have updated our webpage!

If you haven't checked it out in a while have a look at it. Click on the new "History" link. This covers the history of the **Knights of Columbus in Canada, Alberta, and Our Lady Of Peace Council**

**#5726 in Lethbridge**, along with related organizations such as **Santa Maria Fraternal Recreation Society, Sixty Plus Club and Camp Columbus**. There are many interesting facts there about the Knights of Columbus in Canada from 1897 and our council over the years starting from inception in 1965!



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Council 5726  
Lethbridge, Alberta



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## Grand Knight's Report



We are now in our second half of the Columbian year. The time has gone by much too fast, a wise man once told me that the days get shorter as we age. As spring is soon upon us and with that we look forward to new and exciting activities to begin, therefore, we must manage our time wisely so that we can enjoy what comes with it. But we must

also remember our obligations to our families, our faith, and the dignity of human life.

Who is a Knight? It is a person who takes the opportunities to make a difference whether through community service, raising money for charities, schools, and the church.

Men like Harrison Butker, a Kansas City Chiefs kicker, Super Bowl victor in 2024, who joined the Knights as a student at Georgia Tech in 2015. Challenged the Knights to live their vocations with

conviction and joy. "The greatest impact that I will make with my time on this earth," he said "is remaining dedicated to my primary vocation – helping my family get to heaven."

It takes courage to be a Knight, Father McGivney had courage, like us he lived in the time of challenge and great need. God is calling us to fulfill a great task. It is the only way to overcome the hurdles facing the modern world.

Being visible, identifiable and active will show our family and friends our appreciation for what a Knight is. This will inspire others to join the brotherhood, a place where Catholic men can find fellowship and devote themselves to a higher purpose.

God Bless.

**Grand Knight Kaz Sznerch**  
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## 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 Douglas Miller**.



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## Financial Secretary Report



Greetings, as your Financial Secretary, the Council remains in good shape. Budget 2023 was closed out on February 2<sup>nd</sup> with an overspend of \$1,725 which was just under \$1,000 over what we approved a very good position to be in as it was due to the donations as a result of our breakfasts. A new budget for 2024 is approved and we are tracking well.

Dues collection is complete and as part of the distribution of Membership Cards was a letter detailing what the System has on record for each Member. I have requested confirmation or correction of the data. I have had good responses and some very good corrections to data which has been causing some problems. Thank you for your help.

I have received good responses from our Widows for information changes and have half on my email list now.

This is my first report after my Ordination. I have been getting used to the differences as well as my assignment to St Ambrose Parish in Coaldale. This is a temporary assignment until July 31<sup>st</sup> when I will be permanently assigned to my final Parish. I thank you all for your prayers during this process. As I have said to the Council Executive, I will continue in my role as Financial Secretary until such time as it causes a conflict with my Diaconate ministry.

In amongst the billing cycle, I also came down with the cold that has been going around. This caused me to lose my voice and so I was off cell phone for a bit as I couldn't talk. I received many voicemails which I unfortunately was unable to return. I apologize but am better now.

Many Blessings in Christ  
Deacon T Peter Lilienthal  
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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!**

## Words From The Pulpit

This would normally be a note from your Chaplain but as a Deacon I can only be assigned as Chaplain Designate if I am attached to All Saints Parish. As I am temporarily assigned to St Ambrose Parish, I cannot be so designated, so I am taking the liberty of writing to you.

Lent began on February 14<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday, and we are now about three weeks into the 40 days. The time of Lent is meant for us to imitate Christ's journey into the desert at the beginning of His ministry. As we move towards His Passion leading up to His death and Resurrection at Easter, I have a few things for you to think about.

**Fasting and Abstinence.** Days of Fasting and Abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Days of Abstinence alone are every Friday. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence is the foregoing of flesh in recognition of Jesus giving up His life for us. If you have already given up meat for other reasons, you are meant to give up something comparable or to be more penitential on those given days. All Catholics who are 18-59 are expected to Fast while those who are 14 and older are expected to abide by Abstinence. You are excused from Fast and Abstinence outside the age limits if you are physically or mentally ill, including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In keeping with the Gospel proclaimed on Ash Wednesday, do not make a spectacle of your Fasting and Abstinence, rather do it in silent contemplation of the suffering Christ endured for us all.

The majority of people, when Lent is mentioned, talk about giving up something, usually candy, chocolate, beer and the like. This is not the idea behind Lent, where we are reminded on Ash Wednesday to use Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving to enter a closer relationship with God. The giving-up or Fasting should be something pertinent that leads to a conversion of soul. Not something to forego for 40 days and then at Easter splurge to make up for the loss. Pick something you want to change in your life and use Lent to assist you; maybe give up a few minutes of your time each day to pray or read the Bible. It is not too late to start.

Pope Francis issued a short list to help you if you can't think of something.

May the Peace of Christ rest with you during this season of Lent

Deacon T Peter Lilienthal  
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### Pancake Breakfasts



We have successfully completed serving breakfast for the parish on Sunday, January 14 and we have donated \$ 500.00 to the Parkinsons Society.

We also served a breakfast on Sunday February 11 and donated \$ 500.00 to Scouts Canada 15<sup>th</sup> Lethbridge Group.

The Scouts sent over five of their finest to help out. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the breakfasts and to the parish patrons who attended the breakfasts.



### Motorcycle Rides



#### Invitation From Brother Wendel Wandler

Any fellow **K of C 5726** members or any **K of C** members from other councils who ride motorcycle, that would be interested in joining my wife **Dianna** and myself on day trips, please contact me at **(403) 382-0250**.

I am proposing trips in sunny Southern Alberta, southern B. C., and even into Montana for some afternoon rides, along with their wife, girlfriend, or maybe just you and your bike.

We could even do some local charity rides, for example (Cancer rides, LRH Children Toy rides, etc). I am open to other suggestions.

My wife likes to ride with me so please come and



join us for a spring, summer, or fall afternoons.

This could be enjoyable if we can get some members and wives to go on some scenic rides and have some good old camaraderie, in keeping with the **Knights of Columbus, Fraternity, Family, and Charity**.

Call Wendel at: **(403) 382-0250**

**Our Lady of Peace Council # 5726**

### Knights of Columbus Insurance

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### Friday Social Club

We had a well attended event to celebrate **Valentines Day** on **Friday February 16**.



**Brother Ben Renault** prepared ham, scalloped potatoes and glazed carrots for us all to enjoy! Some of the ladies also prepared tasty desserts: **Hazel** brought some "sex in a pan", **Polly** brought some "carrot cake" and **Marilyn** brought some "apple/rhubarb crisp". All the food was delicious.

Thanks also to **Brother Alex Mizsak** for tending bar as always.



Sorry I was too busy enjoying myself and forgot to take more photos!



### 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 |

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### New Member

We have a new member to our council that transferred from Milk River. We warmly welcome **Konrad Galts**.

### Support Our Brother Knights in Business

**Brother Andy Gruninger** - Master Electrician  
 Sudden Shock Electric Ltd.  
 Phone 403-330-6345

**Brother John Henderson** - (Scott & Shawn)  
 Master Image Ltd.  
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**Brother Joe Chenier**  
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## Council Calendar of Events

### March 2024

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

### April 2024

| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday                     | Wednesday       | Thursday | Friday                   | Saturday |
|---|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| 31  | 1      | 2 Executive Meeting 7:00 PM | 3 Bingo 5:00 PM | 4        | 5 K of C Social 5:00 PM  | 6        |
| 7   | 8      | 9 General Meeting 7:00 PM   | 10              | 11       | 12 K of C Social 5:00 PM | 13       |
| 14 K of C Breakfast 7:00 AM<br>(Charity to be determined) | 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                          | 1               | 2        | 3                        | 4        |