



## Grand Knight's Report



This will be my last submission to the Knight's News as your Grand Knight. After serving you for the past 4 years it is time to step down. I look forward to the new and exciting executive officers leading us in the coming new Columbian Year 2025-2026.

It was an honor and a privilege to represent the

Council 5726 striving to fulfill our mission and mandate envisioned by Father Michael McGivney. Last year was very successful and thankfully encouraging as several new members have joined our Order. This added support made numerous worthy charities and community projects possible.

There is much to be done in our faith community as there is great need to overcome the hurdles facing our families, the Church and our culture, I am very confident that our new executives will lead our Council in that direction.

Knights are involved in most ministries in the Church but are not recognized for doing so. Being visible and identifiable as Knights will demonstrate the importance to the faith community of the devotion and dedication to our faith. Wearing our Council's 5726 new pins would be a start in the right direction. This will not only re-establish enthusiasm in our Order but encourage willingness for others to join the Knights of Columbus because they will have better understanding of the roll and the purpose of the Knights.

At this time I would like to express my sincere thanks to you Brothers for the support, guidance and the opportunity to represent you. Your assistance and encouragement will never be forgotten.

**Vivat Jesus**

**Kaz Sznerch**

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Call me Kaz 403-329-4901

## Council 5726 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



### Our Lady of Peace Council 5726

Invites you to join us  
in celebrating our Council's

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Friday, May 23, 2025**

Mass at 4:30 pm

Dinner at 6:15 pm

Our Lady of the Assumption Church  
and All Saints Hall, Lethbridge, AB

Please RSVP  
to [santamarialethbridge@gmail.com](mailto:santamarialethbridge@gmail.com)  
by May 11, 2025

Tickets are limited

In conjunction with the anniversary event, the  
**Grand Knights Awards** will also be presented.

Many thanks to the organizing committee for the  
hard work in putting this event together:

**Brothers John Henderson, Ben Rainault,  
Wendlin Wandler, Ken Tratch, Charles Barnes**

## Words From The Pulpit



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

- May 1<sup>st</sup> – International Workers' Day
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – Canada Health Day
- May 31<sup>st</sup> – Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – World Communications Day
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- June 15<sup>th</sup> – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – The Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
- June 27<sup>th</sup> – The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- June 27<sup>th</sup> – World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests
- June 28<sup>th</sup> – Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- June 29<sup>th</sup> – The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

The solemnness of Lent is finished along with the pain of Holy Week and we are now in the joyous season of Easter. Sometimes in this joy, we lose the sense of what Jesus went through. This is the reason we have the Crucifix, or cross with the corpus. Our Protestant brothers and sisters have just the empty cross, as a symbol of the Resurrection. For a proper perspective we must remember that our salvation is not predicated on just His Resurrection, but rather it is due to His Suffering (Passion), His Death, and then His Resurrection. Any one of these alone does not save us, it is only through the combination of all three. Another reason for us to periodically walk the Stations.

I talked about Fasting and Abstinence at the beginning of Lent. That each of us is meant to fast from something during the season. This was not primarily to be a suffering for us, but it does become one if done correctly. It is meant for you to have a conversion. So, if done correctly, what you gave up, you still should be giving up, but it has become your normal, a conversion.

This past year was a humbling and gratifying year, as I guided a large cohort of RCIA through the greatness of our faith. I stood with them as we Baptized 20 and then Confirmed 20. To see the fire of faith in their eyes is something that will stay with me. I was also blessed with the opportunity to assist at the Chrism Mass, where the Bishop blesses the oils to be used for the next year starting at the Easter Vigil. I carried the Oil of the Catechumens so the oil I assisted with was used in anointing the chests of the 20 being baptized and each time I Baptize someone this year; I will remember my walk in the Cathedral.

May the Peace of Christ be with you during this season of Easter. Please continue to pray for the healing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

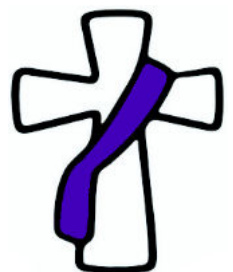
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**Mary, Holy Mother of God...Pray for us!**

**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!**



## From The Desk Of The Financial Secretary



Greetings, as your Financial Secretary, the Council is still in very good shape. Our 2024 budget was closed with a surplus of \$3,400 mainly due to better than forecasted fundraising and extra BINGOs. The budget for 2025 was

passed on December 10<sup>th</sup> but was amended on April 1<sup>st</sup>, with the addition of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. It was determined that with the surplus from last year we could afford to plan on a \$5,000 deficit and fund the full cost of the event.

Our membership continues to grow with the addition of three new members, so our Active roll is now at 95 of which 47 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](http://kofc.org/joinus).

The generation of Honorary & Honorary Life Cards is still on hold due to problems with the supplier.

Our billing season closed on April 14<sup>th</sup>, with two outstanding in payment but non-contactable. Therefore, we billed 45 members and 41 are paid, two were waived for different reasons. We collected \$1,415 with a cost of billing at \$109.88 due in large part that 18 members used eTransfer. To assist in our fundraising, the eTransfer address will be available for all payments to the Council.

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**Many Blessings in Christ**  
**Deacon SK T Peter Lilienthal**  
**Financial Secretary**  
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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!**



**The executive team of Council 5726**

**Come to our General Meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> for the election of new officers!**



**Notice From Fourth Degree**

**EXEMPLIFICATION**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE AB S DISTRICT #10**

Saturday, May 24th 2025

St. Martha's Church (355 Columbia Blvd. West, Lethbridge)

**HOST ASSEMBLY – Fr. Lacombe Assembly #0007**

**CHAIRMAN:** SK Michael J Leeb

**Comptroller of the Day** SK Tom Jepp

**AGENDA FOR THE DAY:**

- **Registration:** 12 pm
- **Exemplification:** (Nave of St. Martha's Church) 1 pm to 3 pm
- **Pictures:** 3 pm
- **General Meeting with Elections:** 3 pm – 4 pm (Optional)
- **Ladies Social:** 3 pm – 4 pm (Foyer of Church)
- **Mass:** (Church) 5 pm (Optional) with **Rosary:** 4:30 pm
- **Supper Banquet:** 6:30 PM. (Knight's Hall basement of Church) with Social 6 pm – 6:30 pm

**ASSEMBLY CONTACTS:**

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SK Tom Jepp (40) 331-8389 [tomjepp@telus.net](mailto:tomjepp@telus.net)

Members and invited guests please rsvp your banquet tickets by contacting either Michael J Leeb or Tom Jepp by May 17th! There still is time for prospective candidates to join this Exemplification by contacting Michael J Leeb or Tom Jepp.



## Pancake Breakfasts



We hosted a breakfast on **Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>** and were able to donate \$ **500.00** to the **Refugee Committee**

And another breakfast on **Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>** with a donation of \$ **500.00** to the **Diabetes Association**.

I encourage everyone to attend the breakfasts so that we can

keep making them a successful fundraiser for local charities. Since a lot of people do not carry cash with them and to help with breakfast donations attendees will now be able to make a donation by using e-transfer! E-transfers can be sent to:

[FS.5726@shaw.ca](mailto:FS.5726@shaw.ca)

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 come out to help with all the breakfasts.

There is no breakfast in May because of conflicts, so the next breakfast will be on **Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>** with the proceeds going to **Camp Columbus**. Please encourage everyone to attend to help with donations for this worthy cause.

Top right photo are refugees **Elias and Essa Takla** helping out serving breakfast on **Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Below right is a photo of **Owen Middleton, Brothers Hudson Dell and Braden Bilinski** who were serving at our breakfast on **Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>**. It is great to see that the younger knights are participating



## Council 5726 Web Page

Please continue to check out our web page. A lot of items are changed or have been added over the last few months. If there is anything that you would like added to the web page or any suggestions, please contact me.

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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, Douglas Miller, Gerry Gallant, Pat Johnston** and our adopted child **Patrick**.

## Camp Columbus



As of April 29th we have 109 campers registered for this season. Last year at this point we had 58 campers, so an increase of just over 80%.

Not sure of how many return campers but looks like we may have a record setting year if things keep going the way they are.

We have a full staff for the camp and several spares in case someone gets ill or has to be let go due to unforeseen circumstances.

At present we are still looking for a cook for the summer, but have a couple of people looking at the position. Hopefully one of them will accept.

Cleanup was set for May 3rd 2025, with installation of ceiling fans in the main hall, as well as painting some of the camp tables.

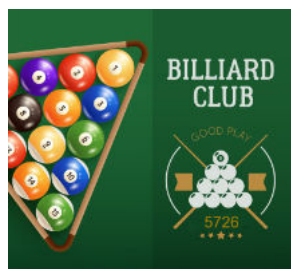
**Brother John Henderson**  
Camp Columbus Treasurer

## 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!

Checkout the calendar for special events!

## 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.  
549 - 30 St. N.  
Phone 403-320-7334  
**masteri@telusplanet.net**

**Brother Joe Chenier**  
Colony Distribution Inc.  
#2 572-39 St. North  
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## 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
Retention Chairman	Wendlin Wandler
Parish Council Rep	Phil Pothier

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## Knights of Columbus Insurance

### FIELD AGENT

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## Council Calendar of Events

### May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2 K of C Social 5:00 PM	3
4	5	6 Executive Meeting 7:00 PM	7 Bingo 5:00 PM	8	9 K of C Social 5:00 PM	10
11	12	13 General Meeting 7:00 PM	14	15	16 K of C Social 5:00 PM	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 K of C 5726 60th Anniversary	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 K of C Social 5:00 PM	31

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### June 2025

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

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