



## Grand Knight's Report



The summer is slowly coming to an end, September brings the return to our regular routines. Hopefully with rested, rejuvenated minds and full of new ideas will make our council even more successful, exiting and fun filled.

We have several new events being planned for the coming months which will be nice addition to our existing

programs and a great way to kickstart the 2024-2025 Columbian Year. Being a family-oriented organization we can stay active with short business meetings and as well involve our family in various activities.

I would like to give a big thank you to Brother Ken Tratch for the beautiful Council Pins he designed and procured for us. They are easily visible and identifiable as our Council 5726, I am honoured and proud to wear it wherever I go, hopefully everyone remembers to wear it as well, and these pins are available at our club house. Reaching out to encourage Brothers to be active again or approaching new prospective members should open up discussions regarding the purpose of the

new historic pins.

Several of our Brothers have recently been called by our Lord to serve at his table, we will remember you in our prayers and thank you for your dedication to the Knights. Being an optimist I feel that men of the same faith can move mountains. Sharing our special given talents with our council will strengthens us all.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe remainder of the summer and see you at our meetings every second Tuesday of the month. Please join us as we would like to hear about your experiences.

God Bless  
Kaz. Sznerch

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## 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 here is anything that you would like added to the web page or any suggestions, please contact me.

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Webpage link is below:

## Scam Phone Messages

Please be on the lookout for **scam text messages** that purport to be from **Grand Knight Kaz Sznerch**.

The messages are asking for gift cards for veterans. **These are SCAMS! We will never send out text messages requesting money!**

If you read the messages carefully it is obvious that the writer is not an normal English speaker by the strange use of words and grammar.



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## Words From The Pulpit



Wow, summer is almost over. We are two-thirds through Ordinary Time. How is your growing in faith coming?

Here are some major celebrations which will occur over the next two months.

- September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Labour Day
- September 14<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- September 21<sup>st</sup> – Feast of Saint Matthew, apostle and evangelist
- September 30<sup>th</sup> – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- October 7<sup>th</sup> – Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
- October 14<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day
- October 18<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Saint Luke, evangelist
- October 28<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Saint Simon and Saint Jude, apostles
- November 1<sup>st</sup> – Solemnity of All Saints
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

As I am writing this article, I am reflecting on the month of August where we heard the Discourse on the Bread of Life from the Gospel according to St John. Jesus repeatedly said, “I am the Bread of Life.” This is one of seven times in the Gospel that Jesus uses the statement “I am.”

In isolation, the Bread of Life Discourse is more important but in the larger view, “I am,” the same statement God uses with Moses, is Jesus linking the words spoken to Moses to the words Jesus is now telling His disciples. He is God and God is He. We identify Him as God the Son, but also remember

that when we talk of the Trinity, we talk in singularity, One God.

We should never forget that where the Son is, the Father and the Spirit are also. So, the next time you see the Eucharist, as it is elevated during Mass, or at Adoration, or pass the Tabernacle, say the words uttered by St Thomas upon being reunited to Jesus after the Resurrection, “My Lord, and my God!” Recognize that it is Jesus’ body but also acknowledge the presence of God. This is why we genuflect to the Tabernacle and kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer. This was taught as a silent prayer, for God could hear what is in your heart, but somehow it got lost, so it is now a quiet prayer said so that those around us can hear us vocalize our faith.

May the Peace of Christ rest with you and your family and may you have a safe and enjoyable fall.

**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!**

## Pancake Breakfasts



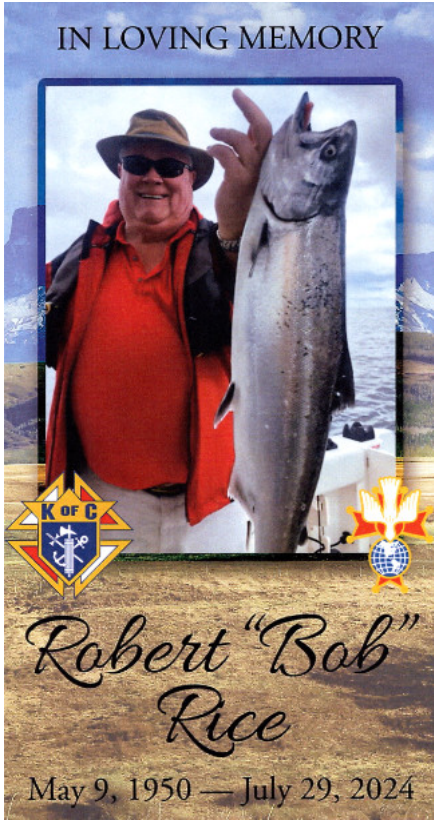
After the summer break we are gearing up to serve breakfasts again this fall!

Be sure to come to our breakfast on **September 8<sup>th</sup>**.

Proceeds from this breakfast will be donated to **Camp Columbus** in honour of our late **Brother Bob Rice**.

For our **October 13<sup>th</sup>** breakfast we will be donating the proceeds in support of **Sister Meagan** who will be taking her final vows on **November 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**In Memoriam**



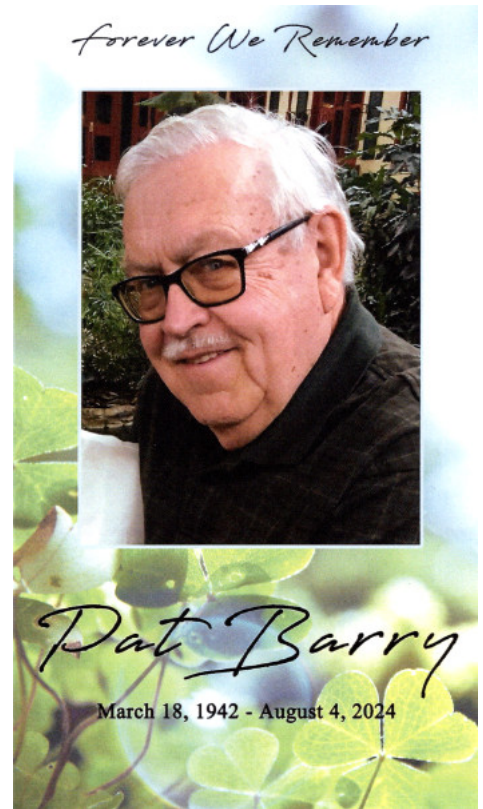
**ROBERT “BOB” EDWARD RICE**, loving husband of **Mieke Rice** (nee Groenenboom), passed away suddenly in their home in Waterton on Monday July 29, 2024 at the age of 74 years.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to **Mieke Rice** and her family for their generous donation of over **\$9,000 to Camp Columbus** in memory of Bob. This contribution, made by family and friends in place of flowers, honours Bob’s enduring support for **Camp Columbus** over the years.



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** and our adopted child Patrick.

Please pray also for Mieke Rice and the family of **Brother Bob Rice** and for Carol Barry and the family of **Brother Pat Barry**.



**PATRICK JOHN BARRY**, beloved husband of **Carol** (nee Otley) for sixty years. Patrick was born on March 18, 1942 and passed away on August 4th, 2024.

**Our sympathy and condolences go out to the families of our deceased brothers**

**Eternal rest grant unto them Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them**





**Camp Columbus**



**Camp Columbus 2024-year results:**

We started out strong with opening registrations earlier than normal Feb 15. The registrations came in steadily right through the end of July. We were up 15% over last year with 217 children able to attend Camp this year.

With September coming soon we still have 5 bookings with schools for the fall ending on Sept 20 at which point we will be closing the camp for the winter. We are presently looking at September 19, 20, and 21 for closing the camp, so keep those dates open and we will send emails out to our helpers for this event. Maybe even an overnight work camp so we can finish up all work necessary.

We had a problem with mice and wasps this year and will be re skirting the building with steel this fall. Hoping they can't eat through the steel as they did with the wood. Our camp licence process with Parks is getting better with each year and we had little problem obtaining this year's permit.

We have had our Fire, Heath and Food handling inspections and we passed all of them. If you are interested in looking at some of the activities that were done at Camp this year, go to Facebook and search Camp Columbus, there are several hundred pictures on the site showing many activities that the camper participated in this year. Looks like they had a lot of fun.

On a sad note, Bob Rice, our registrar passed suddenly in July and we have a few hiccups with registrations but made sure no child wasn't permitted to attend because paper work still in Bobs computer.

Speaking of that we are looking for a New registrar for next season. Will help with training and would supply a laptop to help with the process. It is a rewarding job and you are touching the lives of the younger generation and giving them an experience, they will never forget. Think about it and contact **John at [campcoljohn@gmail.com](mailto:campcoljohn@gmail.com)** and I will fill you in on the details.

**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!

**Free Barbecue**

As a welcome to the return to our Friday Social Club after the summer break, please join us for a

**FREE BARBECUE on September 20th**

**Menu**

- Barbecue Chicken Breasts
- Baked Beans
- Salads
- Dessert

Please RSVP to **Brother Ben Rainault** by **September 17th** (403) 635-1466

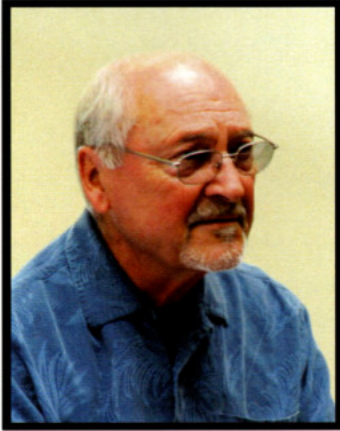


A couple months ago Brother Gerry Van Nistelrooy joined us at our Friday Night Social to celebrate his 95th birthday. (June 1)

**Congratulations Gerry!**

## Flashbacks

## Alex Misak 2017 Major Degree Honouree



Alex was born November 1935 in Coaldale, AB, the fourth child of five to Steve and Irma Misak.

He moved to Lethbridge in 1950 and attended St. Joseph's High School. In 1955, he joined the automotive industry and worked as a sales representative for 32 years, retiring in 1991.

He met the love of his life in 1959 while she was teaching at Gilbert Paterson School and they were married during the summer of 1960. Alex and Ruby are proud parents of four children;

Cheryl graduated with Distinction from the U of L, received her Masters at Columbia University in New York and her PhD in Oxford, England on a Rhodes Scholarship.

Brad also graduated from the U of L and is a probation officer working out of the Langley office.

Kevin earned his Masters in Education and has taught in Prague, Mexico and Turkey before settling down in Toronto, where he currently teaches at T.F.S., the only French private school in Toronto.

Christine graduated with an Arts Degree, taught in South Korea, Taiwan and Yellowknife and is currently teaching in Edmonton.

Alex and Ruby have five wonderful grandchildren, four of whom are attending graduate school in New York, Toronto and Vancouver. Alex joined the Knights in Columbus Council #1490 in 1959, not taking on an executive position due to his work that took him out of town on meeting nights. Alex and Ruby, along with their family, enjoyed many family activities that the Knights of Columbus offered including family picnics, camp outs, baseball and golf tournaments, children's Christmas parties and others.

In 1985-86, he became Grand Knight of Council

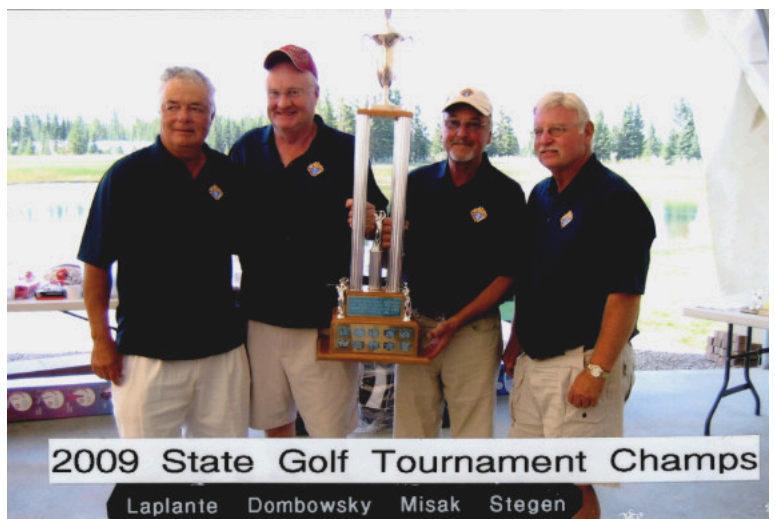
#1490, receiving the Star Council Award with the generous help of FS. Fred Erler. Brother Fred was extremely efficient with his experience in the RCMP Fraud Squad.

State Deputy Charles Pratt asked Alex to organize and start a new chapter in the south so in 1987, the Southern Alberta Chapter was formed. The first Chapter President was Brother Con Schoening, member of Council #5726, followed by Alex. That year, Alex received the Council Knight of the Year Award from Council #1490. Alex was District Deputy (District #31) from 1990 to 1991, receiving the Star District Award and the New Council Award for instituting St. Patrick's Council #10547 on February 11, 1991.

After transferring to Council #5726, Alex thought he could slow down and spend more time on the golf course, his favourite pass time (not so). He became Grand Knight (1999-2000) and received his second Council of the Year Award. Alex became Chapter President again in 2009 and helped organize one of the best State Golf Tournaments, held at Paradise Canyon Golf and Country Club.

Presently he serves as Advocate of #5726 and is Treasurer with Camp Columbus. In the spring and fall, he serves as Caretaker Manager with the Parks Canada Ecosystem Investigator Camps.

Alex is an Honorary Life Member of both the third and fourth degree.



Al Laplante Dwight Dombowsky Alex Misak Jim Stegen

**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	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

### September 2024

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 <small>(Proceeds to Camp Columbus In Honour Of Brother Bob Rice)</small>	9	10 General Meeting 7:00 PM	11	12	13 K of C Social 5:00 PM	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 K of C Social 5:00 PM <b>FREE BARBECUE</b>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 K of C Social 5:00 PM	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

### October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 Executive Meeting 7:00 PM	2 Bingo 5:00 PM	3	4 K of C Social 5:00 PM	5
6	7	8 General Meeting 7:00 PM	9	10	11 K of C Social 5:00 PM	12
13 K of C Breakfast 7:00 AM <small>(Proceeds to Support Sister Meagan)</small>	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	1	2