



KNIGHT'S NEWS

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Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

It has been my honor to serve Council 5726 as Financial Secretary for five years, Advocate one year, and as Grand Knight for the past two fraternal years. In those years our Council has accomplished many things. For example, we fund raised through working bingos in order to finance many worthy causes in our community including the investment of a good sum of money with the Lethbridge Community Foundation to support the poor children of Lethbridge. We have also served All Saints Parish by funding projects, serving in mass ministries, sponsoring the Coast to Coast rosary to dedicate our Country to God for two consecutive years in cooperation with Council 1490, participated in leading The Way of the Cross during many years at Lent, sponsoring and working at the All Saints Parish's summer Youth Camp. We have also taken the lead – as we usually do – in cleaning Camp Columbus for the new year, participated in travel nights to other councils, etc.. And, our Christmas parties are great! Yes, I have many great memories of those years!

We've also had our challenges over the years and largely met them. We have also always been able to find brothers to take the leadership of our Council – until recently. It seems to be more and more difficult to replace officers as time goes on because everyone has already taken their turn at leadership. That is a problem, I believe, generated by what has been our inability to find younger blood in our Council over the years, leading to fewer possibilities for replacement of leadership.

Perhaps I'm mistaken, but it is my conviction that if Knights take active part in parish ministries over time, that parishioners, and in particular young parishioners, will be encouraged to become a Knight in order to give the kind of service demonstrated by Knights. In short, by being visible and active in the leadership of Church ministries (not only mass ministries), then the Knights increase their worth to the community in the eyes of the fellows in the parish. Hopefully this results in more enthusiasm among younger men to want to be a Knight in order to serve the Faith community. But Knights must be visible and identifiable as Knights while doing all this in order for that to work. It isn't too late to do that improve the survivability of Council 5726. Perhaps implementing some of the programs listed in the Faith in Action documents for qualification as Star Council would be enough to guide us down that path and also encourage our members to do the things necessary to be of service to All Saints Parish. I think it is what Fr. Kevin meant when he encouraged us to be visible in the church. These might only be the musings of one Knight, but maybe it is worth considering?

In closing, I bid you all a farewell. Yes, I will remain a Knight, but not with Council 5726. I have agreed to be the District Deputy for district 36 this next fraternal year. I will also transfer to Council 9280 (West Side) because St. Martha's is in fact the parish I have attended and have participated in since 1994, because it is closer to my home, and because this move will facilitate my work as DD this coming year. I will see you still in K of C events that will unite us from time to time. I wish Council 5726 and its members all the best in their work and service to their community.

“God Bless you all and keep you.”

Ray Viel



2018-2019 Executive

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| Grand Knight | Ray Viel | 380-6460 | Deputy G K | Vacant | |
| Treasurer | Patrick Johnston | 381-8599 | Recorder | Rory Wright | 380-6614 |
| Chancellor | John Murray | 715-7490 | Advocate | Ken Tratch | 328-6275 |
| Warden | Henry Holst | 942-1514 | Inside Guard | Kaz Sznerch | 329-4901 |
| Outside Guard | Manfred Poehlmann | | Trustees- 3 years | Mark Joevenazzo | |
| | | | 2 years | Robert Niven | 320-9300 |
| | | | 1 year | Ed Hamel | 795-0284 |
| | | | Chaplain | VACANT | |
| | | | Lecturer | Al Laplante | 328-1153 |
| | | | Insurance Agent | Cleo Castillo | 228 7082 |
| <u>Appointed Officers</u> | | | | | |
| Financial Secretary | Peter Lilienthal | 308-4005 | | | |
| Bingo Team | Pat Johnston | 381-8599 | | | |
| Clubhouse Manager | Ben Rainault | 328-6101 | | | |



**Council Meetings
Officers/Member**

Meetings
September 8th
October 6th & 13th
7 PM

All Knights of Columbus are invited to both meetings to vote on motions, and made aware of current events happening in our council



Mark you calendar for September meeting. Election of officers, come out and meet your new executive

Sick and Distressed Members

Your visits prayers are appreciated



Bros. Andre Aucoin
Bros. Joe Chenier
Bros. Al Laplante
Bros. Richard Shelson

We pray for all sick Brother Knights and their spouses.

May they return to good health

During these days of Covid 19, let us pray for all members and give a helping hand to anyone in need

“ It’s OK to ask for help”



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Our Lady of Peace Council *** #5726



SANTA MARIA SOCIETY OF LETHBRIDGE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY SEPT.23,2020

7 PM CLUBHOUSE



ALL SANTA MARIA MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND BRING ANY ISSUES OR CONCERNS TO THE MEETING



DUE TO THE HEALTH GUIDELINES RE COVID 19, OUR ATTENDANCE WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PROTOCOLS, WE ARE LIMITED TO 25 IN ATTENDENCE.

PAT JOHNSTON—PRESIDENT



“60” Plus

It has been almost 6 months since we have been able to have any activities or socials.

We hope this does not carry on to much longer but in the meantime

I hope you are all healthy,
Keeping your distance
Wearing mask.

Hope too see you all soon.

We will keep you posted as to developments happening with the Club.

From the Executive and President Ed Hamel



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**IN THESE UNPRE-
DICTABLE TIMES
WE HAVE NOT BEEN**

**ABLE TO HAVE MANY ACTIVITIES OR
GATHERINGS OF ANY KIND. WE HOPE**

**IT DOES NOT LAST TO LONG IN THE
MEANTIME WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO
START BREAKFAST WE WILL REQUIRE**

**MORE VOLUNTEERS TO KEEP SOCIAL
DISTANCING AND REGISTRATIONS. WE
WILL BE CALLING ON YOU!**

**STAY
HEALTHY**

**BROTHER
MANFRED
POEHLMANN**



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From the desk of the Financial Secretary

Greetings Brothers, as your Financial Secretary I can report to you that the Council remains in good shape despite the pandemic. Even though we have had a reduction in income, our respective expenses have been reduced as well. This is not to say that we have been very active for as you know there has been very little happening for us to be active in.

The one thing that we have been engaged in, and this has highlighted a problem for us, is the Leave no Neighbour behind initiative. We were directed by Supreme to contact each and every member of our Council to ensure everything was well. We did this but at the same time, I reached out via electronic means and mail to ensure our contact information was accurate and up-to-date.

We had only a mailing address for 47 members and only 19 have replied to my mailing. We also had email addresses for the other members. When I emailed all 58, sadly, only 19 responded. It makes my duty so much more difficult if I do not get responses from you when we try to communicate. I will be completing another round of contact in the next two months, please be decent enough to reply, if at all to just lower my blood pressure. Thank you.

I was humbled again to be asked by the State Deputy to act as the District Deputy for District #38 of our Council 5726 as well as Councils 1490, 4743 Taber, 4966 Vauxhall, and 5116 Brooks. This will be my third year in the role, and I look forward to the lowering of restrictions so I can meet all the Councils again face-to-face.

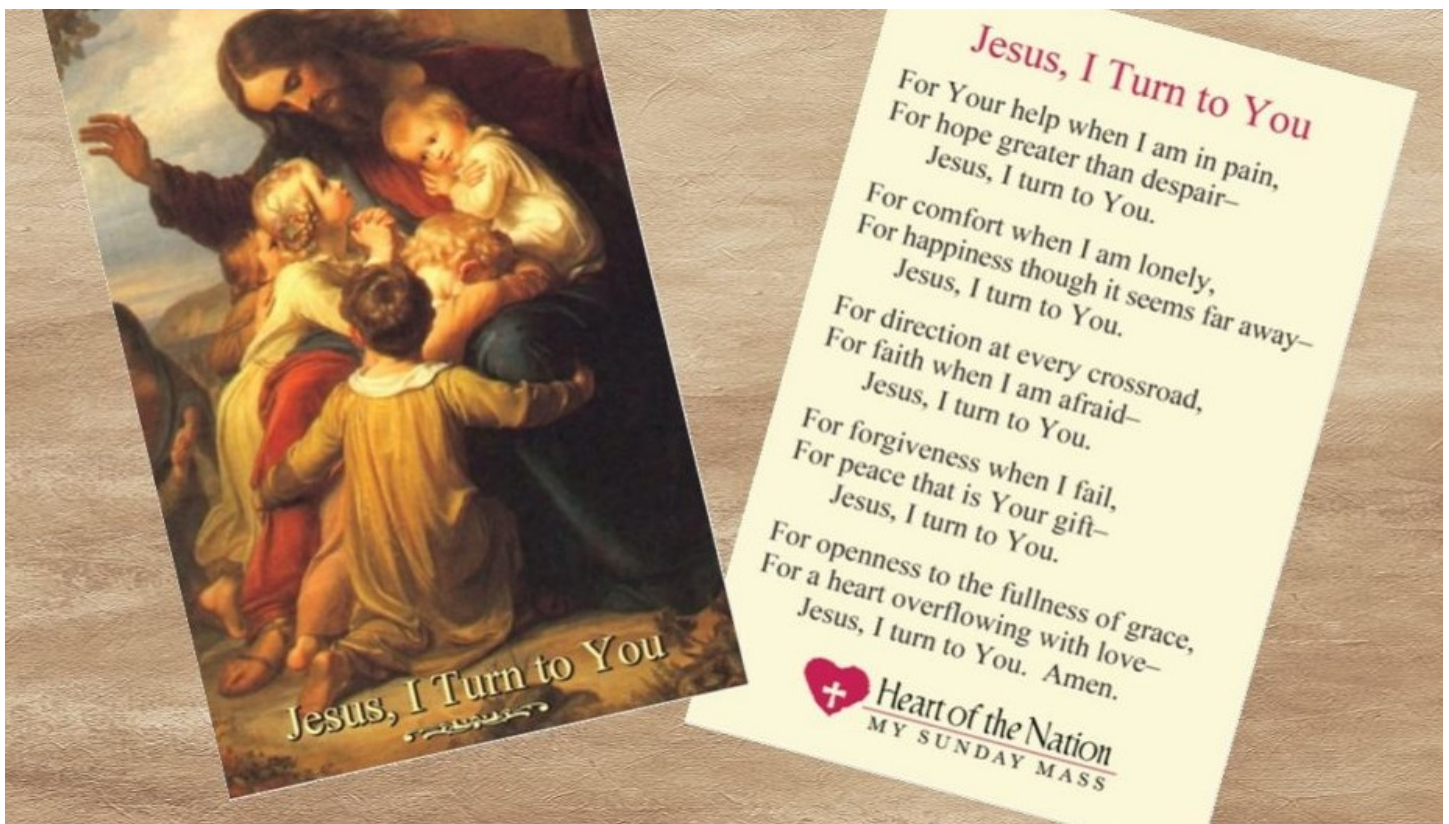
As a final note, but not the least important, I was humbled and blessed that Bishop McGrattan has accepted me into the formal Deaconate training program and I will be formally welcomed through the Rite of Acceptance at St Mary's Cathedral on October 18th. While this does not ensure I will become a deacon, it is the start of a long three-year road of increasing my faith and learning more about who I am. I ask for your prayers during this formation such that, God willing, I am called to this most important vocation.

Many Blessings in Christ, healthy life and protection from the pandemic.



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

Peter Lilienthal - Financial Secretary



A MODEL FOR TODAY

The founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney was a central figure in the growth of Catholicism in America, and he remains a model today. His example of charity, evangelization and empowerment of the laity continues to bear fruit and guide Knights of Columbus around the world.



During his visit to the United States, Pope Benedict XVI cited Father McGivney as a key figure in “the impressive growth” of the Church in the United States, stating, “We need but think of the remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus.” Through the spiritual genius of Father McGivney, the Knights of Columbus has become a way for Catholic men to transform friends into brothers — brothers who care for one another. Just as those in need sought Father McGivney’s help in life, understanding that he was a “Good Samaritan” figure, more than 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus and their families, and many others around the world, continue to seek out Father McGivney as a heavenly helper in times of need today.

His heroic virtue was recognized in 2008 by the Vatican, which named him a Venerable Servant of God, and on May 26, 2020, Pope Francis approved a decree for a [miracle attributed to his intercession](#), opening the way for Father McGivney to be beatified on Oct. 31, 2020. A second approved miracle is needed for him to be canonized as a saint of the Catholic Church. Those who knew him best in life saw in him both a “genial” countenance and a man with an “iron will” to achieve the good. In sum, his founding of the Knights of Columbus “attests to the love in which he held his brother man.”

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| Sept 2 | Wednesday | Bingo | 5.00 PM | Winners |
| Sept 8 | Tuesday | K of C Officers/Member meeting Election | 7.00 PM | K of C Clubhouse |
| Sept.23 | Wednesday | Santa Maria Society of Lethbridge meeting | 7.00 PM | K of C Clubhouse |
| Oct. 6 | Tuesday | K of C Officers/Member meeting | 7.00PM | K of C Clubhouse |
| Oct. 7 | Wednesday | Bingo | 5.00 PM | Winners |
| Oct.13 | Tuesday | K of C Officers/Member meeting | 7.00PM | K of C Clubhouse |



“Memories”

For some reason I woke up at 3 AM this morning. As I lay there trying to sleep, I reminisced about the past couple of decades as a Knight with Council 5726. I thought of the bingos we used to work in the ‘90’s, and of how much those bingos earned the Council. If I remember correctly, there were 3 teams, and I was part of Jack Kinahan’s team, each team working one evening per month. Most evenings we worked earned us \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 or so, but I remember one night that pulled in more: well over \$10,000.00 if I remember correctly. It is still astounding to me! The Hall was usually so smoky from cigarette smoke we could barely see to the other end of the hall (different days back then). Today, the bingo hall is mostly empty, there is no smoking allowed, Council 5726 fields one team one evening per month, and we’re lucky to earn \$1,000.00 for that evening.

The days spent at Camp Columbus preparing the camp for the season were also a featured in my ruminations last night. Some who have never helped with that might think that it would be troublesome doing that, but it was always lots of fun; what with the camaraderie during the clean-up, the camaraderie and fun and games after the clean-up, the sense of accomplishment, and the food and the beer of course. This event still occurs once per year, and I encourage those who haven’t done that to try it out when the time comes (usually last weekend of April).

It is a great help to the camp! You might like it too!

Ray Viel



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