



Grand Knight's Report



Welcome all. As we approach fall, I hope everyone has had a great summer.

We look forward to a successful and productive next few months for our council. As always we need some new members and some more participation from our existing members.

Inside this newsletter there is a page calling for new members from our parish to join the Knights of Columbus (either Our Lady of Peace Council 5726 or Lethbridge Council 1490). If you know any eligible Catholic men in our parish, please pass this on to them and try to convince them to join. If you are a member and have not been participating, please try to do so. Even coming to a few meetings or helping out with bingo a few times a year would be extremely helpful in ensuring the success of the Knights of Columbus in our parish.

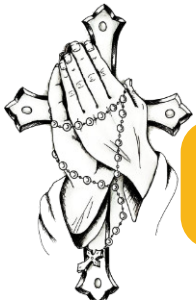
The meeting dates for the next two months are **General Meeting on Tuesday September 8th, Executive Meeting on Tuesday October 6th and General Meeting on Tuesday October 13th**. All meeting times are at **7:45 PM** after mass.

My wife Marilyn and I will be in Germany at the beginning of September and **Financial Secretary Deacon Peter Lilienthal** will be in Ireland, therefore the **Executive Meeting for September 1st is cancelled**. **Deputy Grand Knight Justin Dormer** will be chairing the **General Meeting on September 8th**.

Our bingo dates for the next two months are **Wednesday September 2nd at 5:00 PM** and **Wednesday October 7th at 5:00 PM**. If you can help out for this, please contact **Bingo Chairman Brother John Murray at (403) 715-7490**.

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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:

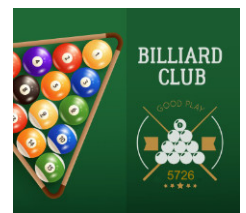
Brothers Garry Bishoff, Stan Herbst, Rory Wright, Douglas Miller, Mary Kusalik, Gerry Gallant, and our adopted child Patrick.



Games Knight

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!**



Words From The Pulpit



As I am writing this, I am just completing my packing for our family's pilgrimage to Ireland. September is still three weeks away, but I will be away until the Labour Day weekend.

Our pilgrimage is offset from the All Saints Parish one due to timing conflicts. We will

see most of what they will see as well as some they won't. We will be climbing Croagh Patrick, the fourth highest summit in Ireland, at 2,507 ft high, which Saint Patrick climbed in the fifth century and spent 40 days and nights in prayer. It is one of a few pilgrimage sites in Ireland and has had a chapel on the peak which has been there since the fifth century. We will also be at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on the feast day for the apparition. Many other locations as well. I am sure I will return with much to tell as we will also re-visit Blarney Castle and will again kiss the stone.

I continue to ask you to listen to Pope Leo IV, be the human in the world. Forgive people, show mercy, stand for justice, be generous, be humble, and try to leave the world just a little bit better than when you found it. This is all God wants of us. Be involved and not complacent, do not be afraid, do not shy away. Be involved!

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

- ☐ September 8th – Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ☐ September 14th – Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- ☐ September 15th – Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
- ☐ September 21st – Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist
- ☐ September 23rd – Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)
- ☐ September 26th – Feast of St Jean de Brébeuf and St Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions

- ☐ September 29th – Feast of St Michael, St Gabriel, St Raphael, Archangels
- ☐ October 2nd – Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels
- ☐ October 7th – Memorial of our Lady of the Rosary
- ☐ October 12th – Thanksgiving
- ☐ October 18th – World Mission Sunday
- ☐ October 28th – Feast of St Simon and St Jude, Apostles
- ☐ October 31st – All Hallowed Eve –
Clocks revert to Standard Time
- ☐ November 1st – Solemnity of All Saints
- ☐ November 2nd – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

From the Desk of the Financial Secretary

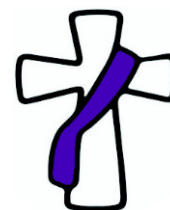
Greetings, we just finished our Annual Audit. As your Financial Secretary, the Council is in good shape.

Our membership stands at Active Members of 86 of which 40 are Honorary Life members and two Exempt members or just under 50%. We need more new 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. Remind them it is free to join using the Promocode.

Again, the Executive made the decision that I am not mailing out any membership cards unless there is a definitive need to have one. If this is the case, just email the reason and I will mail it out to you.

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Mary, Holy Mother of God...Pray for us!
St Basil...Pray for us!
St Patrick...Pray for us!
All Holy Men and Women...Pray for us!



Canadian Saints September & October 2026

St. John de Brébeuf and St. Isaac Jogues: The Canadian Martyrs (September 26)

St. John de Brébeuf and St. Isaac Jogues are among the most revered missionaries in Canadian history. As members of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), they dedicated their lives to spreading Christianity among the Indigenous peoples of New France during the seventeenth century. Their courage, perseverance, and willingness to endure extreme hardship eventually led to their deaths, earning them recognition as two of the Canadian Martyrs. Their lives continue to inspire Christians through their example of faith, sacrifice, and devotion.

St. John de Brébeuf was born in Normandy, France, in 1593. He joined the Jesuit order at a young age and arrived in New France in 1625. Brébeuf devoted himself to learning the language and customs of the Huron-Wendat people, believing that understanding their culture was essential for sharing the Christian faith. He became fluent in the Huron language and even wrote dictionaries and catechisms to help other missionaries communicate effectively. Rather than imposing European customs, Brébeuf sought to build relationships based on respect and trust. Although he faced harsh winters, disease, hunger, and constant danger, he remained committed to his mission.

St. Isaac Jogues was born in Orléans, France, in 1607. He entered the Jesuit order and arrived in New France in 1636. Like Brébeuf, Jogues served among the Huron people, ministering to both Indigenous communities and French settlers. His missionary work became especially dangerous during conflicts between the Huron and the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy. In 1642, Jogues was captured by Mohawk warriors and endured months of brutal torture. Several of his fingers were severely mutilated, making it impossible for him to celebrate Mass in the usual manner. After escaping and returning to France, he received special permission from the Pope to continue celebrating the Eucharist despite his injuries.

Although many encouraged Jogues to remain safely in France, he felt called to return to New France. In 1646, while attempting to establish peace with the Mohawk, he was captured once again. He was killed on October 18, 1646, becoming one of the first Jesuit missionaries to die for his faith in North America.

Brébeuf met a similar fate. In 1649, during an attack on the Huron village of Saint Ignace, he and fellow missionary Gabriel Lalemant were captured. Brébeuf endured severe torture but continued to pray and encourage fellow Christians until his death. Witnesses reported that his courage strengthened the faith of those around him despite the horrific circumstances.

In 1930, Brébeuf, Jogues, and six other missionaries were canonized as saints by Pope Pius XI. Collectively known as the Canadian Martyrs or the North American Martyrs, they are remembered for their

unwavering commitment to their beliefs. Today, their legacy is preserved at shrines in Canada and the United States, where pilgrims reflect on their lives of service and sacrifice. While historians also recognize that missionary work took place within the broader context of European colonization and complex relationships with Indigenous peoples, the personal witness of Brébeuf and Jogues continues to be admired by many for their courage, compassion, and steadfast faith.

Blessed André Grasset (September 2)

Blessed André Grasset was a French Catholic priest whose faith and courage led him to become one of the martyrs of the French Revolution. Although he spent only a short time in Canada, his contributions to the Church in Quebec and his unwavering commitment to his beliefs have made him an important figure in Canadian Catholic history.

André Grasset was born in Montreal, Quebec, on April 3, 1758. His father had moved from France to New France, while his mother was Canadian-born. As a young man, André traveled to France to continue his education. He studied for the priesthood at the Seminary of Saint-Sulpice in Paris and was ordained a priest in 1783. He became known for his intelligence, humility, and dedication to serving the Church.

The French Revolution, which began in 1789, brought dramatic political and social change to France. The revolutionary government sought to reduce the influence of the Catholic Church and required priests to swear an oath of loyalty to the state. André Grasset refused to take this oath because he believed it conflicted with his loyalty to the Church and the Pope. His refusal made him a target of the revolutionary authorities.

On September 2, 1792, during the September Massacres, André Grasset was imprisoned at the Carmelite Monastery in Paris. Along with many other priests who had refused the oath, he was executed by a revolutionary mob. He was only thirty-four years old. His death became a powerful witness to his steadfast faith and commitment to his religious convictions.

In 1926, Pope Pius XI beatified André Grasset along with 190 other victims of the September Massacres. Today, Blessed André Grasset is remembered as the first Canadian-born martyr to be beatified. His life reminds Christians of the importance of remaining faithful to their beliefs, even in times of persecution and great personal sacrifice. His courage and devotion continue to inspire Catholics in Canada and around the world.

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Saint Marguerite d'Youville (October 16)

Saint Marguerite d'Youville is one of Canada's most beloved saints and is remembered for her extraordinary compassion, generosity, and dedication to serving the poor. As the founder of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, commonly known as the Grey Nuns, she devoted her life to caring for those who were sick, abandoned, and in need. Her legacy continues to inspire people around the world to live lives of charity and selfless service.

Marguerite d'Youville was born Marie-Marguerite Dufrost de Lajemmerais on October 15, 1701, in Varennes, New France (now Quebec, Canada). Her father died when she was only seven years old, leaving her family in financial hardship. Despite these difficulties, she received an education through the generosity of others and developed a strong Catholic faith that would guide her throughout her life.

In 1722, Marguerite married François d'Youville, a merchant in Montreal. Their marriage was marked by many challenges, including financial problems and her husband's involvement in the illegal fur trade and alcohol trade. Together they had six children, but only two survived to adulthood. After François died in 1730, Marguerite was left a widow at the age of twenty-nine with debts and the responsibility of raising her children. Rather than becoming discouraged, she placed her trust in God and began helping the poor of Montreal.

Marguerite gathered a small group of women who shared her desire to serve those most in need. They cared for widows, orphans, the elderly, people with disabilities, and the sick, regardless of their background or social status. Because they wore grey habits and because of false rumors linking Marguerite to her late husband's business, the women became known as the "Grey Nuns." Although the nickname was originally meant as an insult, they accepted it with humility, and it eventually became the official name of their religious community.

In 1747, Marguerite and her companions took charge of Montreal's General Hospital. Under her leadership, the hospital became a refuge for the poor, the homeless, abandoned children, and the elderly. She also welcomed wounded soldiers and victims of disease. During a devastating fire in 1765, much of the hospital was destroyed. Despite this tragedy, Marguerite encouraged her community to persevere, and together they rebuilt the institution, continuing their mission of mercy.

Marguerite d'Youville died on December 23, 1771, after a lifetime devoted to serving others. Her reputation for holiness spread throughout Canada, and the Grey Nuns expanded their ministry across North America and beyond, establishing hospitals, schools, and charitable institutions.

In 1959, Pope John XXIII beatified Marguerite d'Youville, and in 1990, Pope John Paul II canonized her, making her the first person born in Canada to be declared a saint. Today, Saint Marguerite d'Youville is recognized as the patron saint of widows, the poor, and those who work in charitable organizations. Her life demonstrates that love, compassion, and faith can transform suffering into hope and inspire generations to care for those most in need.

Saint Jean de Brébeuf (October 19th)

Saint Jean de Brébeuf was a French Jesuit missionary whose courage, faith, and dedication made him one of the most well-known Canadian Martyrs. He

devoted over twenty years of his life to serving the Huron-Wendat people in New France, learning their language and culture while sharing the Christian faith. His perseverance through hardship and his willingness to sacrifice his life for his beliefs have made him an enduring symbol of missionary commitment and Christian witness.

Jean de Brébeuf was born on March 25, 1593, in Normandy, France. He entered the Society of Jesus, commonly known as the Jesuits, in 1617 and was ordained a priest a few years later. In 1625, he traveled to New France, where he began missionary work among the Indigenous peoples. Unlike many Europeans of his time, Brébeuf recognized the importance of understanding the culture of those he served. He immersed himself in the language and traditions of the Huron-Wendat, becoming fluent enough to write dictionaries, grammar guides, and catechisms that helped both missionaries and future scholars.

Life as a missionary in seventeenth-century Canada was extremely difficult. Brébeuf endured long journeys through forests and rivers, harsh winters, poor living conditions, disease, and frequent food shortages. Despite these hardships, he remained committed to living among the Huron-Wendat rather than separating himself from them. He admired many aspects of their culture, including their courage, hospitality, and strong sense of community. His willingness to share in their daily lives earned him respect, even among those who did not accept Christianity.

The political situation in New France became increasingly dangerous during the 1640s because of conflicts involving the Huron-Wendat and the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy. European diseases had also devastated many Indigenous communities, creating fear and social disruption. Some people blamed the missionaries for these outbreaks, while others welcomed their presence. These complex circumstances made missionary work both difficult and dangerous.

In March 1649, Haudenosaunee warriors attacked the Huron village of Saint Ignace, where Brébeuf and fellow Jesuit missionary Gabriel Lalemant were serving. Both men were captured and subjected to severe torture. According to eyewitness accounts recorded by fellow Jesuits, Brébeuf remained calm, prayed for his captors, and encouraged fellow Christians to remain faithful until his death on March 16, 1649. His courage during his final hours became a powerful example of steadfast faith.

In 1930, Pope Pius XI canonized Jean de Brébeuf along with seven other missionaries known collectively as the Canadian Martyrs, or the North American Martyrs. Their feast day is celebrated on September 26 in Canada and October 19 in the universal Catholic Church. Brébeuf is remembered not only for his willingness to die for his faith but also for his deep commitment to learning the language and customs of the Huron-Wendat people. Today, historians recognize that his missionary work took place within the broader and often difficult context of European colonization and Indigenous-settler relations. Even so, his personal example of perseverance, compassion, and devotion continues to inspire many people to serve others with humility, courage, and respect.

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A Call to Catholic Men of our Parish: Join and Serve Through the Knights of Columbus

Our parish is more than a building where we gather for Mass. It is a community of faith, family, friendship, and service. Each of us has been blessed with gifts, talents, time, and abilities that can help strengthen that community. One of the best ways Catholic men can put their faith into action is through the **Knights of Columbus**.

For more than a century, the Knights have provided Catholic men with an opportunity to live out the principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**. The organization gives us the opportunity not simply to talk about our faith, but to demonstrate it through service to others.

I encourage every man of our parish who is not currently a Knight to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. Membership is an opportunity to meet other Catholic men, build friendships, support our parish, assist families in need, and become involved in worthwhile charitable activities. You do not have to be an expert theologian, a community leader, or someone with unlimited free time. You simply need a willingness to help.

The good works of the Knights are seen in communities throughout the world. Knights support food drives, families experiencing hardship, people with disabilities, seminarians and religious vocations, pro-life initiatives, and numerous other charitable causes. They raise funds for worthy charities and provide assistance to people who need a helping hand.

But the Knights' work is particularly important **within our own parish**. Councils can assist with fundraisers, church maintenance and improvement projects, charitable collections, family activities, religious programs, and special parish events. Knights often provide the volunteers, organization, and financial support necessary to make these activities successful. Just as importantly, they help create a stronger sense of fellowship among parishioners.

For those men who are already members of the Knights of Columbus, I offer a second invitation: **become more involved**. A membership card alone does not make a Knight. Being a Knight means participating, volunteering, attending meetings and events when possible, supporting charitable projects, and encouraging other Catholic men to join. Even giving a few hours of your time can make a significant difference.

Our parish needs men who are willing to step forward—not because they seek recognition, but because they recognize that Christian faith calls us to serve. The Knights provide an organized and effective way to answer that call. If you have ever asked yourself, *"What more can I do for my parish and my community?"* perhaps the answer is right in front of you.

Join the Knights of Columbus. If you are already a Knight, become an active Knight.

Let us strengthen our parish, support our families, help those in need, and demonstrate our Catholic faith through action. Together, through charity, fraternity, and service, we can make a lasting difference.

Be a man of faith. Be a man of service. Be a Knight.

For information on how to join contact either of the two councils in our parish:

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Council Calendar of Events

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Executive Meeting 7:45 PM	2 Bingo 5:00 PM	3	4 K of C Social 5:00 PM	5
6	7 HAPPY LABOR DAY	8 General Meeting 7:45 PM	9	10	11 K of C Social 5:00 PM	12
13	14 Game Knight 7:00 PM Santa Maria Clubhouse	15	16	17	18 K of C Social 5:00 PM	19
20	21 Game Knight 7:00 PM Santa Maria Clubhouse	22	23	24	25 K of C Social 5:00 PM	26
27	28 Game Knight 7:00 PM Santa Maria Clubhouse	29	30	1	2	3

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October 2026

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27	28	29	30	1	2 K of C Social 5:00 PM	3
4	5 Game Knight 7:00 PM Santa Maria Clubhouse	6 Executive Meeting 7:45 PM	7 Bingo 5:00 PM	8	9 K of C Social 5:00 PM	10
11	12 Happy Thanksgiving	13 General Meeting 7:45 PM	14	15	16 K of C Social 5:00 PM	17
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