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Message from the State Deputy

Message from the State Chaplain

“SPRING HAS SPRUNG”



Ferdie (FYM) Mendita

Spring is a sign of a new season and a new beginning, the end of darkness is on the way. After 2 long years of difficulties in our lives, the period of adversity is nearing an end, the world is now excited to see the glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel.

Dioceses around the world cancelled public masses to prevent the spread of Coronavirus but we continued attending the mass through live streaming, praying virtually and receiving spiritual communion.

While it was certainly challenging in many ways, it also showed how strong and dedicated we are as the members of the Knights of Columbus. We can take pride in the fact that when the pandemic brought the world to a yield and forced us to keep our distance from family, friends and from one another, the work we do, helped people to stay connected and spread hope to many.

Being a Knight is a gift, a gift from the Lord Almighty. We always say, “Where there’s a need, there’s a Knight”. We proved it especially during the pandemic, we did not leave no neighbor behind, and we assisted our parishes by giving our extra time to volunteer to make sure that our parishioners are safe. We, as the strong right arm of the Catholic Church, have always been strongly united with the Pope and we stand in solidarity with our Bishops, Priests and the Clergy.

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Fr. Jim Corrigan

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven” - (Ecc. 3, 1)

My dear Brothers, I write this on the first day of spring in Alberta. Today we encountered about four inches of good heavy wet snow and the worst road conditions I have traveled in all winter. This very winter-like event served for us a precursor to the coming of the light of spring and warm weather. I liken this event to the season of Lent which is the lead up to the coming of the light in the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. Brothers, we have weather that provides us with obstacles for accomplishing what we desire to accomplish. We have Lent which serves as an opportunity for us to self-impose things that assist us in coming to know more clearly, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have had a two-year bout of pandemic restrictions, which were in place for the good of our health, and definitely have had a negative impact on our mental health.

All this to say: “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven, (Ecc. 3, 1).” The snow yesterday foreshadowed the coming of some very lovely summer weather this week. Our Lenten journeys foreshadows the coming of the light into the world for the salvation of all. The pandemic has foreshadowed and recalled for us the great and many freedoms that sometimes we take for granted. It seems, that all things, those we embrace, those we would rather avoid, do have a purpose. This, in the sense that they are a lead up to something better. Brothers it is our faith that allows us to understand life in this way. Faith that is given

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From the State Secretary

By John Onyskiw

Welcome to the official start of Spring 2022... albeit in a few weeks thanks to a prediction by some obscure ground-hog somewhere. However, April is not far off and that bring us to the State Council Annual Convention at the Westin Hotel in Calgary the weekend of April 22nd to 24th.

All Councils in our jurisdiction should have received the Convention package consisting of Information about the Convention and Delegate Credentials. Each Council is expected to have two delegates attend the Convention as two votes are allotted to every Council. Only 3rd Degree members in good standing are eligible to attend the Convention. The on-line Convention Registration System has been available for a few weeks now. If the Grand Knight cannot attend, he will be expected to send a replacement. If you are unable to attend and have registered, the Convention Committee can assist you with registering an alternate Council member in your place. Remember, your voice cannot be heard if you do not attend.

As indicated Voting Delegates credential forms were distributed ahead allowing sufficient time for everyone to complete. Return only the yellow and pink copies to State Office by April 15th. The white copy must be presented to the Credentials Chairman at the registration desk of the Convention.

The Memorial Mass will be held at the Convention on Sunday morning to recognize and remember the deceased members. Please send in the Necrology for your Council. This list will be comprised of deceased members since the last Convention in April 2021. If you have any additions after you have submitted the Necrology form, just add them to another sheet and send it in to our Red Deer office.

In keeping with our fraternal benefits to all members, please ask the families of the deceased member if they would like to attend the Mass. Grand Knights and District Deputies should make arrangements for local families with respect to transportation to and from the services if required.

The State Advocate will be sending information to your Councils concerning Resolutions at the Convention. The State Treasurer's reports will also

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From the State Treasurer

By Dave Wilson

Dear Brother Knights,

I am excited as I write this report that the Province of Alberta has lifted a significant number of COVID protocols with more to come if the pandemic reduces further. The plans from Councils to move from on line meetings to face to face is hopefully the start of getting back to the "new normal". My home Council's first comment was "when can we plan our first parish breakfast", the second half of this fraternal year should be buzzing with activity and re-energizing our Programs.

The State Budget has been approved with funds designated for more face to face meetings, the resurgence of the Padre Appreciation Dinners and the Annual State Convention. Funds to support Councils with programs that will be revitalized have been included.

Per capita invoices were mailed to all Councils in February. The planning process was diligent in order to keep these fees as low as possible and yet maintain a balanced budget; while being able to cover the program and State expenses to support the Councils.

The budget projects a small deficit which is dependent on the revenue from the per capita fees. In previous years we have had a significant number of dues remain outstanding. Thank you for your commitment in supporting the Order with your payments.

We added an EFT payment option this year to simplify the submission of funds. The Interact e-mail address is "stateoffice@kofc.ab.ca". Please include your Council number in the remarks section when submitting funds in this manner. Any future payments to State can be processed through this function.

A new 50/50 raffle is in place for this quarter with an unlimited payout, and a minimum of \$25,000. The draw will be made at the Annual State Convention on April 24th. The winner of the previous raffle won \$20,650.00 which was a welcome surprise just before Christmas.

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From the State Advocate

By Rufus Awharitoma

Warrest fraternal greetings worthy Brother Knights from our lord Jesus Christ, in whose mercies and grace we are still able to answer the call to serve humanity in our individual capacity. Our membership is the force that grows our Councils, and the practicality of our faith is the action that strengthens us fraternally. Thus, ensuring the survival and sustainability of our Councils.

Brothers, our Jurisdiction strives to maintain the longevity of the order in Alberta and Northwest Territories by keeping our Councils active. **Section 161** of the Charter and Constitution, and Laws of the Knight of Columbus, clearly establish the steps to be taken before any Council shall be suspended or dissolved. In the same vein, **Section 223** of our Constitution and Laws, offers the path to reinstatement of Councils. While **Section 161** gives Brother Knights the right to dissolve their local Council, **Section 224**, offers members of such Council in good standing the right to transfer their membership to another Council of their choice.

Brothers, the decline in Council activities and membership are some of the reasons, decisions are reached to dissolve a Council, as the burden of running the Council activities rest on a few. If this is the case, it is the collective responsibility of that Council Executives, District Deputy, and the State Executive Council (SS & SA), to ensure that due process is followed before the dissolution is approved by the supreme Council.

Worthy Brother Knights, the best approach to engaging our Council members is through the Leave No Neighbour Behind program, an initiative of the Supreme Council.

Vivat Jesus!

Rufus Awharitoma
State Advocate



From the IPSD

By Vince Reyes

As we slowly recover from the menace of the COVID-19 pandemic, we still live in a volatile, changing world. As you are aware, our daily lives are affected by risks and uncertainties like the Russian invasion of Ukraine, high gas prices, aging population, technology changes, unstable employment, rising house prices, and high cost of living. In spite of all of this, our unwavering faith in God, creativity and resiliency, coupled with a compassionate society, will enable us to weather the storms of discontent. Hope springs eternal! Contrary to the harsh realities of life, it is still a beautiful world! There are so many aspects in this world that are beyond our control. It follows logically, that we must focus our efforts and energies on what we can do, rather on what we cannot do.

That said, let us come together and celebrate our faith, family, fraternity, culture, and heritage in the forthcoming in-person 112th Annual State Convention. This momentous event is going to be held from April 22 to 24, at the Westin Hotel Calgary Downtown. Your Convention Committee is working very diligently and hard to make this convention the best that can be! Our theme is: **“A Kaleidoscope of Culture and Heritage.”** Our presentations and activities will reflect on this theme throughout the weekend. We are honored with the presence of Bishop William T. McGrattan as the Main Celebrant, Bishop David Motiuk as the Concelebrant, together with Fr. Jim Corrigan and some priests on the Friday Opening Mass. During the dinner, there will be cultural presentations from the Italian and Filipino communities. Thank you to Bro. Sal Ficaccio for making these arrangements and to Father Valentino Albertan Assembly No. 3225 for hosting. For some refreshments and camaraderie, the Chapter Hospitality will welcome you with open arms on Friday and Saturday evenings. At the Saturday ladies’ luncheon, they have a prominent lady guest speaker and surprise giveaways. The major highlight of our celebration is the State Deputy’s Banquet wherein everybody can wear their traditional or cultural attire. This is the first time that it is going to happen in the Alberta State Convention, which will surely showcase the diversity of the membership as well as add color and pageantry in the evening. We will try to capture a fiesta like atmosphere! On Sunday morning, there will be a Memorial Mass, to be presided by Fr. Jim Corrigan, to remember and pray for our

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From the Agency

By Marc Bouchard General Agent

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2022!

As the daylight increases, I have set my sight on the New Year and what I would like to accomplish. Setting goals seems like a better idea than making the traditional New Year's resolutions. Another focus I have for goals this year is to follow the tips for everyday holiness from St. Teresa of Calcutta. I recently printed them out and posted them on my wall, so I see them each day. Here they are:

- 1. Speak as little about yourself as possible.**
Tip: Ask others about their day, and take time to listen!
- 2. Keep busy with your own affairs and not those of others.**
- 3. Avoid curiosity.**
Tip: She's talking about being nosey—the bad kind of curiosity!
- 4. Accept small irritations with good humor.**
- 5. Do not dwell on the faults of others.**
Remember: When you do this, you forget the GOOD in people and that they're a child of God, too!
- 6. Accept censures even if unmerited.**
Tip: By this, she means taking DISAPPROVAL in a humble way.
- 7. Be courteous and delicate even when provoked by someone.**
Tip: Know when to walk away or “stop responding.” This can be hard and require extra prayers.
- 8. Choose always the more difficult task.**

St. Teresa of Calcutta was known for her simplicity. These are simple tips, but often hard to do.

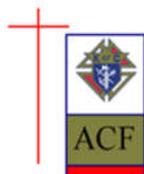
Many of you filled out the Annual Survey you received at the end of last year and the beginning of this year. Thanks to those that did! It allows us to update contact information and provide service for specific needs. If you did not yet complete it, I encourage you to complete and return it. It can be done online or by return mail. Please let us know how we may be of service to you and your family!

Vivat Jesus!

Marc Bouchard, CFP, CLU, ChFC, FIC
General Agent, AB/NWT

From the Charitable Foundation

By Willis Winter, President



Greetings to my Brother Knights. The Foundation Board of Directors held their first on-line meeting of the year on January 9, 2021. At this meeting, we disbursed \$ 36,000 to charities, roughly one-third of our annual disbursement quota as set by the Canada Revenue agency.

I am certain that all of us are pleased that our governments are finally taking measured steps to remove the restrictions that were imposed on us due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Life should gradually return to a new normal. We will be able to return to those activities we have missed – visits with friends, in-person meetings, Council and Church activities, and no masks! In time, we will be able to resume many of the traditional activities that our Councils held to support their charitable works.

The ACF Partners in Charity program was very successful last year in supporting and enhancing Councils' charitable works. In 2021, the Partners in Charity program took in \$ 40,971 from Councils and individuals and donated an additional 50 % to the charities designated by Councils. Thank you for supporting the program.

The ACF is continuing the matching donation program in 2022. The ACF will match Council / individual donations at up to 50% to a maximum of \$500 in ACF funds per donation. For this program, donations must be made to a registered charity that embraces Catholic values.

You can find further information and an application form on the State website at:

<https://kofc.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2020/06/FundraisingSheetRequest.pdf>

Our investment portfolio grew from \$ 3.33 million on December 31, 2020 to \$ 3.56 million on December 31, 2021 – a 6.8 % return. The equity market correction this January led to about a 4% reduction in our portfolio compared to a 6% drop in the markets. With energy prices and interest rates increasing, further corrections are likely.

Your Foundation disbursed \$ 141,000 in 2021 to

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From the Membership Director S

By Gaston Launière

"CHEERFULNESS IS FULL OF SIGNIFICANCE; IT SUGGESTS GOOD HEALTH, A CLEAR CONSCIENCE, AND A SOUL AT PEACE WITH ALL HUMAN NATURE."
Charles Kingsley

Everyone knows by now that COVID-19 has done a lot of damages in every aspect of our lives for over a year or so. But yet, the *State Membership Team* never stopped working on prospecting new members. We ran a lot of Membership / Parish / Church Drives slowly, safely and successfully. It has been a very slow process considering that we suffice a major change in the registration of new candidates. But we are like the Everyday battery and we are still going, going and going...

OUR *State Membership TEAM* is composed of Bro. Greg Amerongen for the NORTH together with Bro. Orlando Damaso, Bro. Jesubala Gnanamuthu, Bro. Teddy Tuazon, Bro. Emmanuel Pana, Bro. Claude DeJoya, Bro. Ronaldo Marcos, Bro. Kazimierz Zieba & finally Bro. Tony Joseph & The 3 Musketeers for the SOUTH >> Bro. Gaston Launière, Bro. Roone Learmont & Bro. Brian Strawford.

The TEAM is always ready to help and waiting for your call so the TEAM can show up and participate in your drives with all the materials you need to run a wonderful drive.

As of February 18, 2022, our **"Daily Circle of Honor Goal Report"** shows that we have now initiated **546** new souls out of **651** (83.87%) needed to reach the **Circle of Honor** for this Columbian Year. Therefore, **105** are missing to complete this quota. Do you think we can do it? Yes of course. In the South, thanks to the 4 DD's (out of 12) and 7 GK's (out of 60) who worked so hard to bring those numbers up to where they stand right now during COVID time. This, of course, is to be added to what the North Team is bringing in. Now that the pandemic is leaving slowly, and churches are re-opening their doors, will we be able to reach our goal of 100% before the State Convention?

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From the State Pennies for Heaven Chairman

By Brian Strawford

Worthy Brother Knights,

The goal for the Pennies for Heaven program is to raise funds in support of our seminarians, our future Priests. We need the support of all our Brother Knights to achieve this goal. All donations small and large help us reach this happen.

There are two awards to that goal:

First is the State Chaplain's Award for the most money raised. The second is the MacDonald Award, this is awarded to the Council which has the best and most fraternal project to raise funds. The project will be judged on the type of project and involvement of the membership, not necessarily on the amount of money. Please send in your submissions. All great ideas can be shared with others in fundraising to reach our goal and help our seminarians. Please call me if you have any questions or suggestions.

For donations, Please make your cheques payable to the Alberta K of C State Council and mail to:
K of C State Council Office,
#4, 5579 47th Street,
Red Deer, AB T4N 1S1

I am looking forward to seeing all at our State Convention this year. Keep those Pennies Plus rolling!

Fraternally Yours,
Brian Strawford
Pennies for Heaven Chairman



(Continued from page 2) State Treasurer Dave Wilson

The Alberta State membership at the end of 2021 was 19,916. This was an increase of 604 versus last year. The honorary and honorary life members totaled 4649; an 89 member increase.

Thank you to the Councils that have diligently completed and forwarded the required reports to Supreme throughout the year. This on time reporting is vital in detailing the activities, programs and finances of the Order.

I am always open to receive feedback from any Council or members. My e-mail is ["st2021@kofc.ab.ca"](mailto:st2021@kofc.ab.ca)

Bless all of you and your families.
Thanks for all you do.

Vivat Jesus!

Dave Wilson



Council 12446 coordinates grass cutting and grounds maintenance at Saint Albert the Great Parish. The Knights and members of Couples for Christ volunteered their time on various weekends throughout the Summer.



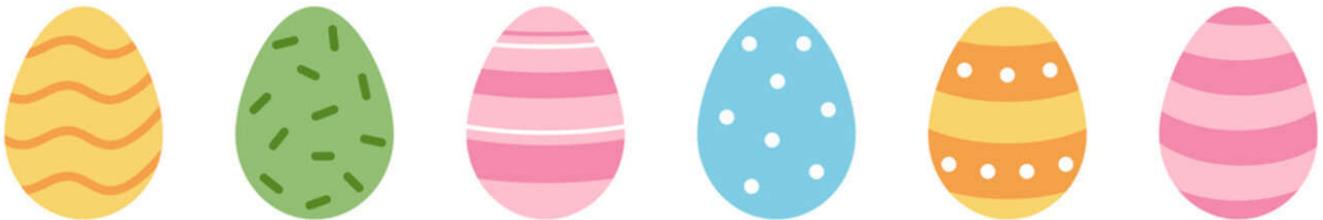
State Wheelchair Chairman, Richard Rajotte, collecting scrap metal to sell to scrap yards. He collects scrap copper, aluminum, pull tabs from pop cans and other metals.



Council #7061 standing in front of the Altar with the Silver Rose.



Council #7061 Installation of Officers



Happy Easter!

(Continued from page 1) State Deputy Ferdie (FYM) Mendita

We have shown what we can achieve when we work and think as a team, even when we can't always be together physically.

As we approach the Lenten Season, we are reminded that it is the time for penitential preparation for Easter, a preparation to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. It is now actually time to celebrate our recovery from the global pandemic, our recovery from the restricted Knights of Columbus activities.

We are now fortunate that the in-person Alberta State Convention is finally confirmed to be held in Calgary Westin Hotel on April 22-24, 2022. At this time, delegates must have already been registered, if not, please register through our website kofc.ab.ca.

On behalf of my wife, Merle and children, Ralph, Ron, Rose and Randy, I wish everyone an enjoyable Blessed Easter.
Vivat Jesus!

Ferdie (FYM) Mendita

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Brother Knights who passed away the previous year.

The online registration process is still ongoing at: www.kofc.ab.ca

DEADLINES:

March 16: advertising template and payment to the Convention Magazine

March 31: registration, extra tickets, and convention shirts payment

April 3: Westin Hotel room booking

Worthy Brothers and Ladies, the success of the convention lies in the hands of all of us!

Please register now and thank you for all of your support!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the convention! Safe travels!

Vivat Jesus!

Vince R. Reyes, IPSD
Convention Chairman

(Continued from page 1) State Chaplain Fr. Jim Corrigan

to us through God's good grace. (Remember Grace. "A freely given unmerited gift from God). The snow fall allows us to look ahead, and to know that things will be better shortly. To know we will appreciate our days even more when the sun shines upon us. Lent is that time when we may intentionally do without something, or perhaps we may challenge ourselves to do something we have not done previously. Whatever we endeavor during Lent, we are always looking ahead through the lens of faith, to celebrating the salvation of the world made possible by the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. As Catholic men of faith, throughout the pandemic, we always had hope, we always known that despite how challenging things were, we would overcome them, that God's good grace would prevail.

Now Brothers, in the spring of a new year it is time for those men they call Knights to come out of hibernation. To meet with the Brothers in person, to plan a pancake breakfast, to provide the ministries for a Sunday liturgy or host a Holy Hour, or a Rosary. Brothers, whatever the endeavor, it is time to step and do what we do. Always with prudence and the good will of your pastor. A call to action is what many of the Brothers are waiting for. "For everything there is a season... My dear Brothers in the Lord, the time is now for us to lead the charge into what will be a joyful rejuvenation and energizing time for our parishes and for those men they call Knights.

Happy Lent, Happy Spring and God's blessings.

Fr. Jim



From the State Program Director

By Joseph Duenas

Greetings Bro Knights!

First of all. I would like to wish everyone a year of good health, prosperity, happiness and another successful year in 2022. We have all been through these pandemic times and thank God we are still here and have continued to remain active in our faith and perform the many good works of us, as Knights. Our Faith in Action programs are truly noteworthy and my gratitude to all those Councils who have utilized these activities and programs even during these uncertain times. Our rewards are the many lives we have touched and continue to touch.

The month of February is coming to a close. Being February associated with love, we not only celebrate it with our loved ones, but we should also think about the love of God amidst us. "As the Father has loved me, I also have loved you. Abide in my love... These things I have spoken to you that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full" (Jn 15: 9 – 11). When we abide in His love, we are called at times to do particular things in this life which only we are capable of doing. We must realize that we do have an impact on other people every time we speak or interact with them. It is when we use whatever talents we have been given for the good of another that God the Father is glorified in us. It is in the ordinary human kindnesses we do in His Spirit of love that we become one in Christ. February is also the month we celebrate Family Day. Next to God, our families are the most important part of our lives. Let us show our love by celebrating it and solidifying the strong bond with them.

I would like to report on the following Faith In Action Programs that have recently concluded and those that are coming soon.

Into the Breach Virtual Workshop – last February 11, the State Faith Program Team recently held a 1-hour workshop of "Into the Breach". The program was explained, sample videos and simulated discussions were shared amongst those in attendance.

St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon – the pilgrimage of the 3 St. Joseph Icon has started. The 3 icons were provided by Supreme to the AB/NWT State Council. 1 icon will travel and hopefully visit each Councils in Edmonton and Northern Alberta, another 1 in Red Deer and Central Alberta, and 1 in Calgary and Southern Alberta. Each areas have a coordinator. Councils are requested to schedule the icon transfer thru these coordinators.

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From the State Community Director

By Ross Szentmiklossy

Brother Knights, the past Columbian year was very successful for community projects. Coats for Kids and Wheelchair were well supported by our State Council. Now is the time to start planning for next year's Community activities. Supreme has some very good activities such as essay contest, homes for humanity and other activities listed in the website. If you can, try and think out of the box on projects your Council can take on. Thank you to the Chairman who have volunteered to take on various projects.

Vivat Jesus!

Ross Szentmiklossy
State Community Director and
Basketball Free Throw Chairman.

From the State Special Olympics/Mass for People With Special Needs Chairman South

By Michael Isakeit

Mass for Special needs.
The mass was held at 5 pm every Saturday at St. Patrick's parish Calgary. Since Covid it has not continued. TBA

Special Olympics Calgary will be holding events in April, more new to follow. Calgary Knights will be invited to volunteer at 2 day basketball (200 athletes from Western Canada, date etc to be confirmed. Looking to hold a Calgary Special Olympics basketball free throw event (maybe at St Mary's university in Calgary.)

Michael Isakeit



HAPPY EASTER!

From the State Life Director

By Gregory Amerongen

United in Fraternity for Charity

Brother Knights! Let's get moving on Life programs!

Novena For Life

Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life. Be innovative and plan to run this as an online program, if you don't do it in person.

March for Life (Featured)

Show public support for the right to life. Knights of Columbus Councils are encouraged to participate in or sponsor local, state/province, regional or national Marches for Life. **The Alberta March for Life** will be held on **Thursday May 12, 2022**.

Special Olympics (Featured)

Celebrate the worth and dignity of every human being through the Special Olympics. Knights of Columbus Councils can work with Special Olympics affiliates to determine how best to fund, sponsor or volunteer for events in the local community. Talk to our State Special Olympics Chairman (north or south) and ask him how your Council can participate in this worthy activity. The 2022 S.O. remains pending Covid policy protocols and may run in April or May. **S.O. Chairman Br. Michael Isakeit plans to issue an announcement shortly regarding volunteer opportunities.**

Mass for People with Special Needs

Welcome individuals and families who might not feel comfortable participating in a regularly scheduled Mass. Councils will sponsor a distinct Mass, conducted annually, for people with special needs. Brothers, please grant your Council members to encourage participation of any disabled Catholics, especially any who normally have difficulty attending mass.

Silver Rose Alberta: February 29 - March 28, 2021

The Silver Rose program is raring to get started in the New Year, but participating Councils should contact appropriate district or state leadership, such as the State Silver Rose Chairman, for their jurisdiction's route details and guidelines.

Chairman Br. Larry Ofner has this program running exceedingly well. For those who didn't participate this year, please plan to do it next year!

May God bless you with a prayerful 40 days of Lent and 50 days of Easter!

Vivat Jesus!

Br. Gregory Amerongen

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charities compared to \$ 103,050 in 2020 and \$ 94,700 in 2019. The Partners in Charity program boosted our charitable giving in 2021.

ACF Directors continue to make on-line visits to Councils and Chapters to provide information about the Foundation's program and activities to Council members.

Together, we can help extend works of charity throughout our jurisdiction.

Vivat Jesus!

Willis Winter,

President, Alberta Charitable Foundation

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be sent. Please review them with all your Council members, and if there are any questions make sure your delegates are prepared to bring them to the Convention.

The Alberta Northwest Territories, Knights of Columbus State program of Scholarships provides fifteen (15) \$ 750.00 scholarships annually. This program is open to Alberta/ NWT Knights in good standings, their wives, children, grandchildren, and to Widows of deceased Knights in good standings. These scholarships are for post-secondary study. This program is intended to supplement and enhance the various scholarships and bursary programs currently offered by several Councils and to provide opportunities in areas where no scholarships currently exist. Application deadline for 2022 is May 31st. Application forms can be obtained from your Grand Knight or downloaded from www.kofc.ab.ca.

God Bless you all and Vivat Jesus!

John W. Onyskiw

State Secretary



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State Wide Holy Hour – the 3rd State wide Holy Hour will be on Saturday, March 19 at 10:00 am to commemorate the feast day of St. Joseph. The Holy Hour will be held at St. Gerard's Parish in Calgary. A live stream feed will be available for those joining virtually.

Coats for Kids – this program is winding down and we would like to thank all the Councils that have participated. The list of Councils was included in the Faith In Action 3rd Quarter Bulletin.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest – State winners in each age Division have been selected. The original art works of these students were mailed and sent to Supreme Office for International judging. The winners will be announced by March 15.

Silver Rose Program – the Silver Rose journey will start in Alberta on February 26 and will stay in our province until March 27. Our Silver Rose Chairman Bro Larry Ofner has already filled up the schedules for Councils that would host Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrim Icon. Schedules have also been included in the Faith In Action 3rd Quarter Bulletin.

March for Life / Novena for Life – the March for Life will be held on Thursday, May 12 2022. Our March for Life Chairman Bro Greg Amerongen will provide more details as we get closer to the date. The State Life Program Team is planning to hold a Novena for Life leading to the March for Life.

State Program Entries Submissions are due Friday, February 25, 2022. All entries should be sent to the Red Deer State Office. The winners in each FIA categories will be awarded at the 2022 Annual State Convention. Good luck and thank you to all Councils who submitted their entries this year.

Thank you Brothers for all the hard work! Now that Covid restrictions have been somewhat lifted, our Councils still have time to plan and execute Faith In Action programs before this Columbian Year ends. Lenten Season started on March 2nd. There are a handful of Lenten and Holy Week Programs that Councils can look at. If you need help or have any questions or suggestions, the State Program Team will always be here to assist you.

Let us Keep our Faith Alive. Yours in Christ.

Vivat Jesus!

Bro Joseph Duenas
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United in Fraternity for Charity

From the Membership Director N

By Gregory Amerongen

Brother Knights!
God wills that every Catholic man exercise the divine charity that was infused into his soul at Baptism and the same supernatural charity that is received in Holy Communion and again the same sacramental charity that is restored through sacramental Confession!

The Knights provide Catholic men that opportunity!

Where are you in this process? God needs your heads, hands, and feet ... to get off of the couch and easy chair and help us recruit the men who are waiting to be invited into our august Order and Worthy Jurisdiction.

DD's: Call your GK's. GK's: Be open to have a recruitment drive. True, there's not much going on with some Councils. True again, some Councils are tired and weary ... yes, just like when Saint Peter told Jesus he was fishing all night without catching any fish; and then Jesus tells him to go fish again and Saint Peter catches more fish than he can handle. The lesson: start recruiting and new members should help restore your Council's activities and morale. Do the work – get the results!

Once you've booked your recruitment drive, please call me and our team will come to help you.
Blessed Lent and Happy Easter 2022!

Br. Gregory Amerongen
State Membership Director North

Columbia Chairman

By Gregory Amerongen

Greetings, Brother Knights!
Brothers, I have received and forwarded to the Supreme editorial board a few stories from you and look forward to receiving more for the **Canadian content submissions** which Supreme desires to publish in the **Columbia**, please send me any of the following two main types of stories to get our excellent stories into our flagship magazine!

1. Council events that are scheduled at least two to three months from when I would receive your submission. They should be characterized as very impressive and remarkable events that would attract the attention of other Canadian Knights throughout the province.

2. Council members who have served in extremely remarkable ways and whose lives reflect our principles to an unparalleled degree. They are our unsung heroes.

Let's get published!

Blessed Lent and Happy Easter!

Br. Gregory Amerongen
Alberta-NWT State *Columbia* Chairman



Congratulations

Families of the Month

2021-2022



November 2021

Ron Syroishka & Angie Steciw
Donald & Sharon Rasko
Jean & Diana Boucher

Father Dubois Council #7092
St. Bonaventure Council #7432
Our Lady of the Hill Council #13064

December 2021

Gilberto & Marjorie Caguiat
Joe & Belinda Halbach

St. Bonaventure Council #7432
Our Lady of the Hill Council #13064

January 2022

Kevin & Dana Wiens
Dan & Julie Robertson
Butch Hillman & Carman Gracian

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Winners of the Holy Family Picture

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION CALGARY WESTIN HOTEL
(DOWNTOWN) APRIL 22, 23 & 24, 2022**

(When applying for Athletic events, please use the specific form. Forms can be found in the GK Manual in Section F-1, pages 2-3.)

Form #100 Belongs in All of These Places

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



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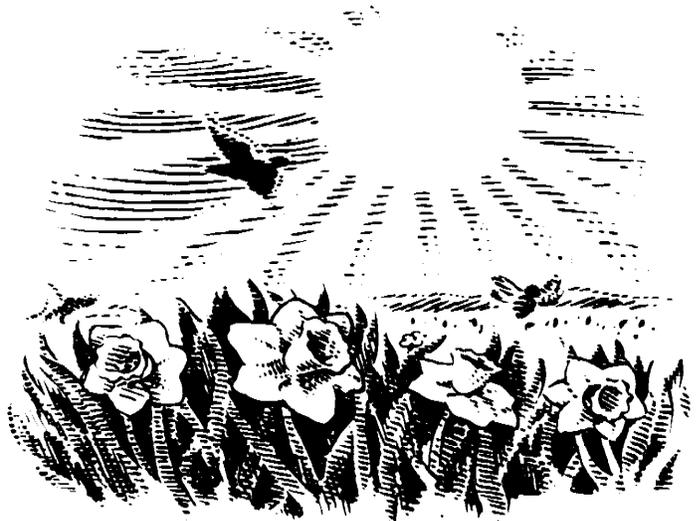
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The results have been very positive for the simple fact that a Catholic man is much more likely to volunteer a few hours of his time for a worthy cause for his Parish or community than he is to sign up to become a Knight. In reality however, it is just a stepping stone to his joining our Order because once he works with the Brother Knights a couple of times, he ends up becoming a Knight. It is simply a much easier way to bring a Catholic gentleman to our Order, both for him and a lot of us that would prefer to avoid asking an unknown man in the Parish to join the Knights. Again, I would encourage all Councils to consider this approach during this Columbian year.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

VIVAT JESUS!
Gaston Launière

State Membership Director South
Directeur des Membres - Sud



*We offer our heartfelt sympathy and
prayers:*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*