

STATE Affairs

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March 2020

Message from the State Deputy

Message from the State Chaplain

“KEEP THE FAITH ALIVE!”



Vince R. Reyes

The world has changed! Times have changed! Our lives have changed! As such, I hope this message finds you and your family in good health and in good spirits!

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei, China in December 2019 and was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) on March 11, 2020. Ever since then, this invisible monster and enemy has turned the world upside down. The COVID-19 pandemic spread its dominance around the world and wrought havoc in all aspects of our daily lives either socially, politically, economically, culturally, and religiously. Who could have imagined that churches, schools, shopping malls, theatres, cinemas, playgrounds, sports events, conferences, airports, businesses, restaurants, companies, government offices, and many more will be shut down? These closures along with several drastic measures, although very difficult and painful, were proclaimed to slow down the spread of the virus and to protect the safety and well-being of everybody. In spite of this, thousands of people get sick, are suffering, and the numbers of deaths continue to rise each day. In hindsight, how could anybody possibly put matters into proper perspectives during these unprecedented times?

Despite the current state of pandemonium caused

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**PUTTING OUR
“FAITH IN ACTION”**



Fr. Jim Corrigan

Dear Worthy Brothers in the Lord:

I write this as we begin the strangest and most different Holy Week that I am sure anyone has ever imagined or experienced. My prayers and fraternal best wishes are with you and your family as we journey together/apart through this unique time in history. Not able to go to Mass during Holy Week, not able to receive the Eucharist. These are things, that from a faith perspective are purely mind-boggling to comprehend. So, brothers, the situation is as it is and the question that we need to ask ourselves is what are we going to do about it? Well, we can and must absolutely adhere to the protocols and directions that have been levied by our Chief Medical Officer and our government leaders. These are key strategies necessary to overcome the covid virus that has caused such havoc literally throughout the world.

We can keep the faith. Archbishop Smith spoke well on Passion Sunday, about the importance of hope versus expectations. He noted expecting things to improve is much more of a selfish way of thinking, in that we somehow believe we are in charge and that we expect things will get better through our effort. It is true that we need to cooperate with the plethora of technical expertise in the world in order to have hope of prevailing. Hope however can only come to us with any degree of integrity when it is based on a solid foundation. I hope my shares in the

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From the State Secretary

By Gaston Launière

Golf is the most popular way of beating around the bush.

Brother Knights,

Thanks to all of you who came out to the District Deputy Semiannual Meeting in Red Deer last July and November 2019 and Immediate Past State Deputy Ball in November 2019. It was a great weekend!

Also, a sincere thanks to all State Chairmen and their teams, the Foundation, the Fourth Degree and our State Fraternal Benefits team for contributing to our meetings!

Grand Knights, please remember that your **District Deputy** is our State Deputy's personal representative and it is important that all Council Officers and members familiarize themselves with the respect due to the District Deputy.

The **District Deputy** should always be properly attired (*shirt and tie*) when attending meetings: should be seated in front near the Grand knight: should always be called upon to speak and all members should rise when he is introduced. He should always be seated at the head table at any Council function even if he is not on the speaking program.

The **District Deputy** should be in regular contact with all Grand Knights in his District and he should ensure that he is available to you when you call upon him for assistance.

Please ensure you do not forget any **State Board member** who may be a member of your Council or any Board member who may be in attendance at your meeting.

As stated in your Grand Knights Manual, a **District Deputy** or **State Board Officer** should be given the same courtesies as those recommended for the State Deputy.

A District Deputy or State Board member belonging to your Council may choose not to be introduced and placed at the front near the Grand Knight but they should be asked prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Here are some deadlines for the forms to be completed and program activities for this coming year:

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From the State Treasurer

By John Onyskiw

Happy Easter to everyone and welcome to the last quarter for this Columbian Year.

It certainly has not started as expected based on past years. Many of you are experiencing major changes in your daily lives due to this spreading Covid-19 virus. As well our Order has not escaped these changes.

Supreme has sent out a letter instructing all State Councils and subordinate Councils not to hold any business meetings, events or social gatherings.

Coupled with Supremes' directive the Province of Alberta has forbidden gatherings of more than 50 people. All to stop this deadly virus which so far is beyond our control.

As you are all aware the Annual State Convention is cancelled. Our State Deputy is inquiring with Supreme on next steps on how to conduct our year-end business and plan for the next Columbian Year. The two most important items for any State Council are Resolutions and Elections. Stay tuned.

At our January State Board meeting the 2020 Budget was passed. It closely mirrors the 2019 budget with austerity and a commitment to meet all our commitments.

I wish to thank all those Councils who have paid their Council's State assessment for the Per Capita and Insurance. And to those Councils still with their Council's State assessment for the Per Capita and Insurance outstanding remember we require those funds for daily operations and our financial commitments so please remit them as soon as possible.

One item changed that affects our revenues is the new Exemplification. As you are aware State implemented this new (combined) Degree in January of this year. The past three Degrees are now combined into one Degree. No longer will we receive revenue from three Degrees as in the past.

Worthy Brothers please stay safe and follow instructions as laid out by our authorities. It is all for our benefit and to successfully stop to spread of this virus. This too will pass and hopefully with minimal disruption to all.

Vivat Jesus!
John W. Onyskiw
State Treasurer

From the State Advocate

By Andy Soshalski

Dear Brothers,

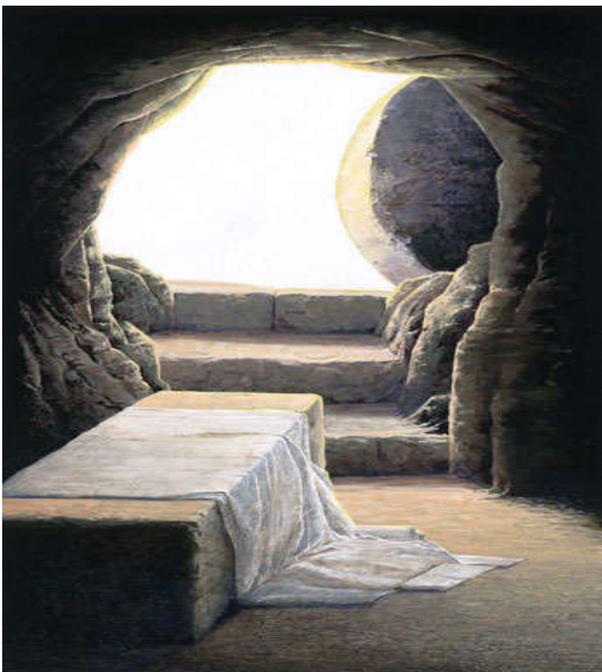
Lenten season always gives us some challenges. As Knights we dedicate our work to charity. Almsgiving which is one of the purposes of Lent, constitutes the chore of our work. Lots of Councils throughout the world are doing some extra charitable work this time. Brothers, please, do not forget those in need and in this way, the main lesson of the 1st degree will be fulfilled!

Next month Calgary will be hosting our annual State Convention. This time 13 resolutions will be put under your consideration. Please, read them carefully and discuss them thoroughly at your Council meetings. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call or email me. Being State Advocate, I will be happy to answer your questions.

Natalia and I wish you all and your families the most fruitful Lent and Happy Easter! Let the Risen Lord help us all in our lives, in our work and in our charitable activities!

Vivat Jesus!

Andy Soshalski,
State Advocate.



From the State Warden

By Rufus Awharitoma

Warden's Angle

Brother Knights, the strength of our order is deep rooted in our faith, the structure and traditions as given to us by our founding fathers. As Knights, we are expected to exemplify the virtue of a Catholic Gentleman and become an active and effective member of our chosen Councils.

These qualities require understanding the significance of the rigid code setting forth the degree of obedience, the order of precedence, the rules of official and social behaviour, and etiquette of the order. Simple known as "Knight of Columbus Protocol". As the saying goes, obedience is better than sacrifice.

When exemplifying the principles of the order in our Council meetings, events and social functions, it's expected we practice and maintain the standard of protocol as required of us at all time and as stipulated in section C-1 and C-2 in the Grand Knights Manual.

Generally, we tend to be very relaxed in putting this protocol into practice. And as such, we are gradually drifting away from the uniqueness that differentiate us from other charitable organization. At any stage of our involvement with the order, it's expected we master and follow the protocol at that stage. Our Council chambers should be our starting point.

When council meetings are conducted, the Grand Knight, must conduct the meeting in strict accordance with the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, supplemented by the Council's bylaws and according to Parliamentary Procedure. When a member wishes to speak, he does so by rising from his seat, addressing the chair by: "Worthy Grand Knight" and saluting at the same time, making a sign that indicating the body of the cross. The Grand Knight will return the salute and acknowledge the member, by making a sign, indicating the arm of the cross.

Grand Knights should at all times, refer to and address his officers by their proper title, setting the example for all Council members to follow. The

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From the Agency

By Tyler Bouchard, Assistant General Agent

March brings thoughts of spring. For some, it's time to begin Daylight Savings Time; a little more sunlight into the evenings as the days become longer. For those in the north, it means looking forward to the thaw after winter. For some it is welcome relief after months of frigid temperatures, howling winds and heavy snow. Some in the south, who enjoy the milder winters, now realize again that after spring, a hot summer ensues.

Spring also brings thoughts of spring cleaning. After being cooped up all winter, it's traditional in many households to do that deep cleaning all throughout the house. That means washing down walls and moving furniture to clean behind pieces that haven't seen the light of day since last year's cleaning. It means taking down and washing drapes and curtains; windows are washed inside and out. (Thank goodness for modern tilt windows that mean no time outside in the chillier weather.) This is a time when the whole family is expected to pitch in and my "Honey Do" list gets longer and longer. (Personally, I'm the window washing guy.) In days gone by when most everyone had a coal fired furnace, a winter of closed windows meant the walls needed a good washing. With gas, electric and hot water boilers there's less of a need to wash walls, but for some, it's still a tradition. Spring is a time of renewal and revival.

While you're getting rid of all the old cobwebs of winter and freshening the house, now is a great time to do some sprucing up with a fresh look at your family's financial security.

Your Knights of Columbus Field Agents have been trained to help you through that important exercise. Sit down with your agent for a free financial needs analysis using our Profiles+ Forecaster platform. They take the time to gather information from you, ask about your wants, needs and desires, and put together any recommendations to help you meet those needs.

With a wide range of products; life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, our agents can help you

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From the IPSD

By Ron J. Schuster

Worthy Brother Knights All,

We are now into the Lent Season and by the time you read this article we either are well into Lent or close to leaving this wonderful time of our Faith. But I'm not here to talk about Lent. What I want to discuss and what I would like you to please bring up at your next Council meeting. It is call Fraternalism and Unity.

Our Order was founded because of what we do for others, what we do for each other and our families. It was not founded just to go recruit new members and leave them out to the pastures and not getting them involved or asking them to participate in any and all activities which our Council's should be doing.

Council activities have over the last number of years diminished to the point where Councils now are not even having regular meetings and leaving their executive Leaders to wonder where do we or I go next. In order for us to survive it's not about how many quality members we get into the Councils it's how we get the ones we have, to contribute and to be appreciated. Once this is done your members will feel wanted, appreciated and will become an active member and will pay their dues.

Not one Brother Knight should blow their own horn and think that they are better than others. We are all in this together as one and as a team. Unity among us Brother Knights has to be strong as is the Fraternism, if not I fear that our great order will no longer be as it was or presently is.

So, let's all step to the plate and make this happen.

Wishing you and your Families and Blessed and Holy Easter.

God Bless you and you're Family

Ron Schuster
IPSD,

From the Program Director

By Sal Ficaccio

STAR COUNCIL



March 2020



Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights and Worthy Brothers all the “Faith in Action Program” are very important to our Order. Without these Programs we would not have a Family, Fraternal, and Charitable Organization. It was the wish of, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney that we provide these Programs for our Brother Knights. We are great full to see that many of our Councils are taking positive and more active roles in these Programs.

Worthy Grand Knights, many of the Councils have achieved the Father McGivney Award for membership growth and the Founders’ Award for insurance to attain the Star Award. The final steps and other criteria must be met before June 30, 2020.

-be compliant with training and background checks with safe environment requirements (refer FIA booklet pp8)

-submit the Program Personnel Report #365 due August 31, 2019

-submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity #1728 by January 31, 2020

-submit the Columbian Award Application #SP 7 by June 30, 2020

Note: Council is required to obtain 16 program credits to earn the Columbian Award (see FIA pp 10-11)

-remain current with assessments from Supreme Council headquarters.

Worthy Grand Knight take a few minutes of your time to comply and submit the required forms, therefore achieving honor for your Council and fellow Brothers for their accomplishment in the Order.

Good luck and May God always guide you and strengthen your Faith for the greater Glory of God and the Knights of Columbus.

See you all at the Annual Knights of Columbus Convention in Calgary.

SAL FICACCIO
Program Director

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January 31, 2020 State Resolutions for the betterment of our jurisdiction

January 31, 2020 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)

February 14, 2020 Your Annual Reports to be printed in the Convention Business Sessions [Book](#)

February 15, 2020 Semiannual AUDIT Report (#1295)

February 20, 2020 Padre Night >>> Polish Cultural Centre, Calgary

February 21-23, 2020 State Curling à Fort Sask.

February 29, 2020 Applications for nominations to elect members to the State Executive Board and also resolutions to elect delegates to the Supreme Convention.

February 29, 2020 Deadline for State Council Service Programs Awards (Faith / Family / Community / Life)

April 3-5, 2020 Hockey Tournament à Wainwright

April 24, 2020 Deceased Member Form (period April 29, 2019 to April 24, 2020)

April 24-26, 2020 State Convention à Calgary Westin Inn

April 30, 2020 SUPREME Scholarship (*Pro Deo & Pro Patria*)

May 8, 2020 Bishop Dinner à Calgary Telus Convention Centre

May 14, 2020 March for Life à Edmonton

May 31, 2020 STATE Council Scholarship (*for our Jurisdiction*)

August 4-6, 2020 Supreme Convention à Washington D.C.

October 2, 2020 Archbishop Dinner à Convention Center, Edmonton

November 5, 2020 Memorial Mass à St. Bonaventure Parish, Calgary

Please feel free to call on me at any time if you require more information.

Vivat Jesus!
Gaston Launière
State Secretary

From the Ceremonial Director

By Dan Barth, PSD

*M*any, if not all our Brother Knights believe that our ceremonials are all encompassing solely on our initiation degrees. This is far, far from the truth as indeed our initiations are not front and center for our Brother Knights. One of the most important parts of our ceremonials is **THE WAKE**.

One of the reasons we grieve the loss of a spouse, child, friend or Brother Knights is because we don't understand death. All we can do is place our trust in God and pray that our loved one is free of sickness or pain, distress and other earthly concerns.

As Knights, our families and we are not immune from feeling death's sting. I truly believe, however, that as members of a fraternity we have the obligation to help one another through times of loss and sadness.

We have the **WAKE and the ROSARY**. My Brother Knights, if you do nothing else in ceremonials, please commit yourself to praying the rosary at the Wake of your deceased members and families. Use your Council phone or email tree and disseminate the message when you learn of a Council member's death and schedule a rosary for him and his family as a group. **Wear your ceremonial baldric or council jacket as a symbol of unity in brotherhood.** In 1997, (**FORM # 2942**) a memorial ceremony that includes the praying of the rosary and the presentation of a certificate of condolence to the widow or family of the deceased Brother Knight was distributed. It is still there. Please review this service and implement it the next time your Council experiences a death.

It has been a long standing tradition of our Order that each Council remembers its deceased at a Memorial Mass held in November, the

month that includes All Souls Day. Each and every Council should carry out this beneficial practice, either singularly, District or Chapter level. Each Council, each year, on a date of their choosing should hold a Memorial Mass for all prior deceased Brother Knights of their Council. Your Council Chaplain should celebrate this mass. All the widows of the deceased Knights should receive an invitation to attend this very special Memorial Mass.

During our time of grief, confusion and even despair at ever understanding God's plan, let us **seek comfort in the Mass and the rosary given to us.**

Mary, Mother of the Church and protectress of our Order will guide the souls of our departed members to her Son.

Dan Barth, PSD
Ceremonial Director

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Grand Knight will set the proper dress code, and all officers must wear their jewel of office at all Council meeting and social events.

The Knight of Columbus protocol is a strategic asset, that help Councils find the right path to building a fraternal relationship that transcend beyond the Council Chambers. Brothers lets lead by example.

Vivat Jesus!

Rufus Awharitoma
State Warden
Knight of Columbus Alberta & NWT



INNISFAIL KNIGHTS COOK BREAKFAST

Our Lady of Peace Council #7203 Knights of Columbus cooked up Shrove Tuesday pancakes February 25, 2020 for St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School in Innisfail, Alberta. Over 300 students enjoyed the pancake breakfast, along with 40 school staff and a small group of parents. Knights had the griddle warmed up before 06:30 am that morning and endured -22 weather to cook for this annual school event.

From the Columbia Director

By Gregory Amerongen

*D*ear Brother Knights!

I greet you with fraternal cheer to you and your families with Lent on the horizon, Easter on its way, and the State Convention immediately following that. Spring and renewal are coming!

Brothers, we have great news! The submission by Stephen Jackson, the Grand Knight of Council No. 1184 of Edmonton was received by Supreme a report of which has been included in a recent update of the Knights in Action web page. Br. Stephen spearheaded the changing the old choir loft in St Andrew's into a useable area to teach children a new program called the Catechesis of the Good Sheppard to help children

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From the Charitable Foundation

By Willis Winter, President

*G*reetings to my Brother Knights. On January 11, 2020, the Foundation Board of Directors held their first on-line meeting using G-suite. The meeting worked quite well as members were able to connect remotely rather than travelling to the State Office in Red Deer to meet.

On December 31, 2019, our long term investments were \$ 2.95 million. The final notices to fulfill pledges for the Catch the Spirit Campaign were sent out in January 2020. The campaign has been concluded; we owe a big thank you to our Past President Wally Streit for his herculean efforts for the campaign.

We remind all Councils and individuals to please fulfill their pledges.

Foundation Directors continue to visit Councils to share information about the Foundation's purpose, to explain how the Foundation obtains funds for charitable works, and to stress the importance of ongoing donations to the Foundation. We want to ensure all Knights are aware of the Foundation and its work on their behalf.

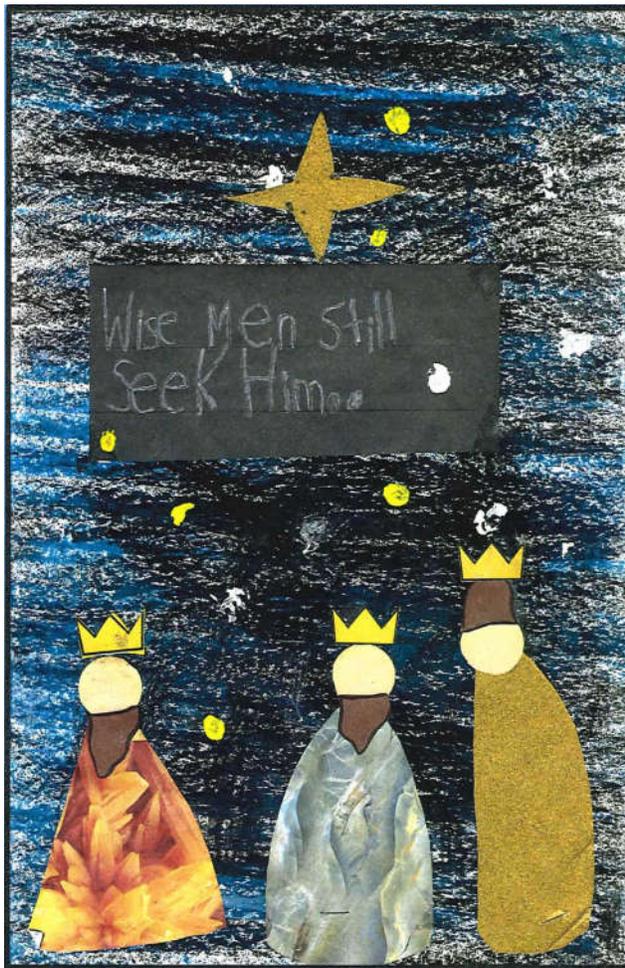
As a registered charity, we follow a conservative investment policy to ensure that the Foundation always has the funds available to meet its obligations without dipping into its capital. Today's low interest rates and the uncertain economic environment have resulted in our portfolio income being below the level of giving we must maintain as a charitable foundation.

Our Donations Chairman, Brother Wally Streit, advises that the Foundation is receiving more and more requests for donations. There is a huge need for assistance in our communities; it is a real challenge to decide which ones to help and which ones to forego. We can't help them all and are forced to limit the assistance we do provide.

For 2020, our total donations will be about \$ 104,000 compared to \$ 94,700 in 2019. At the January 11, 2020 Board meeting we approved donations totaling \$ 54,000. Roughly half of this was

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2019-2020
KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST
INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS



**Age 5-7 Division
(Grade K - 2)**

3rd Place

John Benedict A

Steve Mackevic

Council 7938

Calgary, Alberta

From the State Life Director

By Gregory Amerongen

Brother Knight!

I greet you with fraternal cheer to you and your families with Lent on the horizon, Easter on its way, and the State Convention immediately following that. Spring and renewal are coming!

Regarding Programs, we are now approaching the homestretch of this *Columbian* year; and I trust that your councils and districts have already undertaken some *Life* Programs or are planning to do so, especially the required *Novena for Life* in preparation for the *Alberta March for Life*. You will find more details about the particular programs on our **Supreme website under Programs** <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/life/index.html>. Furthermore, our State Chairmen contact information is available through our State Roster. Of course, feel free to contact me any time.

Fraternally,

Brother Gregory Amerongen
Alberta-NWT State Life Director



“Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition” (St. John Paul II, 1995). The urgency of the threat to a culture of life in our world cannot be misunderstood. The Knights of Columbus vigorously defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life. Councils and parishes can work to build a culture of life and a civilization of love through programs.

NOVENA FOR LIFE (*REQUIRED / NEW*)



Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life in our na-

MARCH FOR LIFE (*FEATURED*)



Show public support for the right to life by attending the **Alberta March for Life on Thursday, May 14, 2020**. The brochure should be online by about March, 2020 at <https://albertamarchforlife.com/>.

CHRISTIAN REFUGEE RELIEF



Help save persecuted and at-risk Christians facing genocide all over the world, particularly in the Middle East.

From the Membership Director N

By Leo M. Sosa Jr.

Growing Our Alberta/NWT Jurisdiction

The Supreme Council mandates State jurisdictions to recruit because recruiting new members is essential to continued growth and well-being of our Councils, Districts and Jurisdiction. During Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's first address to the State Deputies, he stated that "we have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer every eligible Catholic man the opportunity and the privilege of membership in our Order."

Membership growth happens by asking catholic men 18 years and over in your Parish to join your Council, this is the way to fulfill this moral obligation for the Columbian Year June 2019 to June 2020, our Alberta Jurisdiction is mandated to recruit 753 new members.

Currently, our Jurisdiction had recruited 577 or 76.63% new members. To achieve our goal of 753 members, we need to recruit 176 new members by the end of this Columbian Year.

For your District and Council's recruiting efforts to succeed, you need to schedule church drives between now and June 30, 2020.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to bring the new members into your Councils, District and in our ranks. If you need assistance in the conduct of your church drive, please do not hesitate to contact me at sosaljr@gmail.com or [780-266-9832](tel:780-266-9832).

Thank you and God bless!

Leo Sosa, State Membership Director North
Alberta-NWT Jurisdiction
CY 2019 - 2020

District Deputy	Quota	Target Gain by Dec 31 (Q2)
DD1		6
DD3		8
DD4		5
DD5		4
DD6		5
DD7		15
DD8		2
DD9		8
DD10		5
DD11		5
DD12		4
DD13		-42
DD14		10
DD15		1
DD16		8
DD18		10
DD19		11
DD20		10
DD21		7
DD22		11
DD23		7
DD25		6
DD26		9
DD27		-6
DD28		11
DD29		-5
DD31		5
DD32		0
DD33		-1
DD34		7
DD36		4
DD37		5
DD38		13
DD39		11
COH		-14
Total		148

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for St. Mary's University, St. Joseph's Seminary, St. Vincent de Paul North of 60 Project, and Special Olympics. The balance will be disbursed at subsequent meetings during the year.

We rely on your generosity to fulfill all the needs that we encounter. Your donations, whether from individuals or Council, add to our share of the Charities Appeal ticket sales in supporting charitable giving. If you wish to make a tax deductible donation to the ACF, you can contact Willis Winter or Ron Bichel to obtain the form.

In 2020, all Knights will continue to face challenges and opportunities in building a Christian community. The Alberta Charitable Foundations can help your Council in its work of charity in your community. Refer to the Grand Knight's Manual to learn how.

Vivat Jesus.

Willis Winter,
President, Alberta Charitable Foundation

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plan for your family's financial security now and for many years to come. All with the safety and security of dealing with a company that shares your faith and beliefs and invests in accordance with Church teaching. Be sure to ask about the new life insurance product, the Protector NLG Universal Life. It may be a fit for your particular needs.

Get ready for spring, get your home freshened up and make sure your financial house is spruced up. It's an easy and friendly visit from your local agent, a Brother Knight. For the name of your agent, email bouchardagency@mail@kofc.org or phone: 403-343-2242.

Vivat Jesus!

Tyler Bouchard
Assistant General Agent

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build a relationship with God.`` Instead of having it subcontracted, they did the work for free! Then, Archbishop Smith blessed the choir loft on **September 12th** which is now named the Atrium of our lady of Guadalupe. To see more, go to <http://www.kofc.org/en/knights-in-action/> (although notably these reports only stay online for approximately one month). So, you can also view the same story on the Edmonton Archdiocese website at [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd helps kids build their own relationship with God - Grandin Media](#).

Most importantly, however, **Council 1184's submission has also been filed it for publication in the Columbia!** Hence, your perseverance has prevailed, brothers, and so we continue to look forward to receiving additional reports of future charitable activities, which we will consider for inclusion in both the print and electronic editions of "Knights in Action."

As a reminder, we look for two main types of stories:

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.

Finalement, mes chers Chevaliers, I wish each of you a hearty Lent to deepen your repentance with fasting (until your hunger is real) and almsgiving (so that your sacrifice may be crowned with charity to the less fortunate) and ultimately open your heart to greater fraternity within and outside of our fraternity of brother Knights!

Fraternellement,

Frère Gregory Amerongen
Alberta-NWT State *Columbia* Chairman

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MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (NEW)



Welcome individuals or families who might not normally feel comfortable participating in a regularly scheduled Mass.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS (FEATURED)



Celebrate the intrinsic worth and dignity of every single human being.

SILVER ROSE



Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life through this meaningful pilgrimage.

PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT (NEW)



Change public hearts and minds about abortion by showing love for both mother and child before and after birth.

ULTRASOUND (FEATURED)



Save lives and help women choose life by giving them the opportunity to view their unborn children on ultrasound machines at pro-life pregnancy centers.

For program details, go to the Supreme website:
Faith in Action: Life Programs: <http://www.kofc.org/en/programs/life/index.html> Questions: Gregory A. 587 566 4193
lifedirector@kofc.ab.ca

From the State Pennies for Heaven Chairman

By Brian Strawford

Worthy Brother Knights,

Towards our goals for the Pennies for Heaven program, we need the support of all our Brother Knights. We will succeed in support of our seminarians, our future Priests.

All donations large and small help us reach that goal.

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 project to raise money for Pennies for Heaven.

This project will be judged on the type of project and the 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 funds raising to reach our goal, helping 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 look forward to seeing all of you at our State Convention this April.
Keep those Pennies rolling in!

Fraternally Yours
Brian Strawford
Pennies for Heaven Chairman



From the Community Director

By Ross Szentmiklossy

The Regional basketball season is in full gear. I have listed the Councils that have registered with the State competition. There are some Councils that are participating in their areas as they are in a remote area.

Region #1 in Grande Prairie area Council 6596, 5849, 3025, 5368, 3241. I have not received the results as yet. Edmonton is having their regional Saturday March 14, at Saint Joseph's school Edmonton and area 2. Council 3437, 13064, 7070, 8325, 7061, 7599, 10519, have registered Region #3 Red Deer area will be having theirs in Red Deer. Councils 3408, 4748, 3553, are registered.

Region #4 in Calgary. The regional is scheduled to be held in Okotoks at Holy trinity Academy on Saturday March 21, 1pm Council #12446, 10337, 8045, 12419, 7938, 10065, 8470, Have registered. Region#5 in the Medicine Hat area Council #9502, 1732.

Councils 5368, 5849, they have completed the regional.

In total there are 25 Councils reporting. The regional medals have all been sent to the 5 regions.

This year if I can process All the results for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Alberta I will have the winners name on the plaques. I will distribute them to the DDs at convention in Calgary April 24, 25, 26.

Please keep your reports coming in as I would like to present the reports at the convention in Calgary.

Vivat Jesus !

Ross Szentmiklossy

Community Director

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stock market will go up, but if we are in the middle of a global downturn, my hope is a false hope, because it is not based on a solid foundation. As Catholic Christians, we are called to place our hope in Jesus Christ. The same Jesus Christ who became one like us though without sin, allowed Himself to be tortured and crucified at the hands of humans. The same Jesus who was raised from the dead by God the Father and ascended into heaven. The reading of the Passion always reminds me of the grim and brutal reality of what our Lord Jesus experienced on behalf of all humanity for the salvation of souls, our souls. Brothers we need to keep the faith because; "Our hope is in the Lord, Who made the heavens and the earth."

We can keep the faith and we can look out for, and after, one another. Brothers we have been blessed with the opportunity to put our "Faith in Action" as a result of this Pandemic. Through the initiative of Supreme, "Leave no Neighbor Behind," and our State Board's creativity, we have been called to put our faith into action. We have been asked by State to set up systems within our councils that will enable us to literally check in, on all our brother Knights and their families, (almost 20,000 brothers in Alberta). Needless to say, the average age of our Brothers puts most of us in some risk category or another on the covid spectrum. Brothers in the coming weeks you will be asked by your council executive to engage in calling our brothers at their homes. You may not make the call; you may receive the call. Our Worthy State Deputy, Vince Reyes was pleased to receive a call from one of his local council members who was checking on him and his family. This is the time and the opportunity for us to in a very real way, live out our fraternal bond with one another. Whether we make the call or whether receive the call, brothers we need to look out for one another and our families, particularly during this strange time in our history.

The Lord works in mysterious ways, but this virus has presented us with the perfect opportunity to put our "Faith in Action." God's blessings to you and your families during this most holy of holy different Holy Weeks that we will ever experience.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Jim Corrigan
State Chaplain

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by the COVID-19 pandemic, the human beings' spirit of kindness, resiliency, unity, love, and faith has risen and flourishes even in the most difficult of circumstances. We offer our prayers, gratitude, and appreciation to all the first responders, the front-line workers of essential services, and the unsung heroes. Their bravery, care, and courage in their field of expertise brings comfort to the elderly, sick, vulnerable, and the needy. We recognize our health care professionals for their daily briefings and advice on how to stay safe and healthy. We are thankful to our government leaders in making wise decisions for the good of all and for infusing much needed financial aid to help businesses and the thousands of unemployed, in order to stabilize the population and the sagging economy. We always admire our teachers and educators for continuing to teach the students by virtual means. On a personal note, as parents, we are very proud of our own family heroes, my dearest wife who works in a specialty clinic with the AHS, a daughter who is a Catholic school teacher and a son who is an Advanced Care Paramedic.

We would like to commend our council leadership, members, and families for heeding the advice and recommendations of the Supreme Knight, civic leaders, and health care officials by practising social distancing of 6 feet, no personal contact meetings, events, and gatherings and personal hygiene of washing hands with soap and water as often as possible. Suggested forms of how to conduct meetings are by conference call, Skype, Google Groups, or other methods. As per the Supreme Knight's strong suggestion, echoed by our Worthy State Chaplain Fr. Jim Corrigan in his letter sent to all recently, it is important for a council to "set up a call tree to contact members and ascertain their well-being." As your State Deputy, I am most interested in receiving feedback from you about this initiative. Also, you may share with me your council or assembly and/or members' best practices and acts of kindness in this time of crisis so as to serve as an inspiration to all of us and others. Further, a helpful resource to have is a copy of the "Leave No Neighbor Behind – Coronavirus Pandemic Guidebook for Knights of Columbus Councils."

A few quick updates:

The Virtual Convention 2020 will be held before the end of May, awaiting guidelines from Supreme.

- The 2021 State Convention is on April 23-25 at the Westin Calgary.
- Thanks to Bro. Ray Martin for stepping up to the plate in overseeing, before and after, the draws while Chair Dave Allen was sidelined due to heart problems
- Sad news about the passing of Former District Deputy Henk Kouwenberg-sincerest condolences to beloved wife Barb and family. Barb did the karaoke entertainment at the Friday Night social at the State Convention, 2 years ago, in Calgary.
- On a happy note, congratulations to John Benedict Angeles for placing Third Place in the Age 5-7 Division of the Supreme Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, activity undertaken by Steve Mackevic Council 7938 in Calgary, led by GK Perry Michael Cavanagh and coordinated by Bro. Terry McDonough and Bro. Frank Drewniak.

Every day, as the world turns, let us show an act of kindness and a helping hand to others, even in our own little way. As Pope Francis stated, "We are one human family. Let us bring all hostilities to a halt. May our joint fight against the COVID-19 pandemic bring everyone to recognize the great need to reinforce brotherly and sisterly bonds."

United together, we will make a great difference and with the Lord's guidance, we will overcome, triumph, and get out of this crisis stronger than ever!

May God bless and keep us and our family always!
Be safe and stay well.

Happy Easter To All!

Vivat Jesus!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ANNUAL STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Details to follow.

STATE ANNUAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT CANCELLED

**ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION CALGARY WESTIN HOTEL
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We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers:

Please keep in your prayers the family of Brother Henk Kouwenberg who passed away March 24 2020 in Calgary.

Please keep in your prayers the family of Brother Lloyd Hellman who passed away February 20, 2020 in Medicine Hat.

*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.*