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Message from the State Deputy

Message from the State Chaplain

“A Time to Reflect”



Vince R. Reyes



“My dear Brothers in the Lord, may your Advent be holy, your Christmas be happy, and your families be healthy.”

Fr. Jim Corrigan

Worthy Brothers, it is crunch time! We need your immediate help! This is with regards to the special promotion called MCGIVNEY2020 – which means “Free Online Membership for One Year.” It ends on December 31. Please kindly provide prospect names with phone numbers, either current or from an old list of church drives or landing page, to our State Membership Teams, for them to engage these prospects to either join the MCGIVNEY2020 or become a council member through the online exemplifications. We also would like to encourage our council officers or fraternal leaders to recruit at least one new member before Christmas or before the end of December – to avail of the MCGIVNEY2020 program.

Just like last year, the District Deputies have a Supreme incentive entitled “12 Knights before Christmas.” As you are aware, due to the ongoing and worsening COVID-19 pandemic, we do not have the ability to conduct church drives anywhere, anymore! In order for us to sustain the viability and to sustain the council’s growth, we have to be creative and proactive. The incentive for the Second Quarter is the same as the First Quarter. There will be two separate raffles for council’s submitting 5 prospect names and councils who have recruited 3 new members. At the Supreme level, the Top Jurisdiction Online Member Recruiter, for the months of November and December, in a Division will get a 10% reduction on its quota. We are in good position right now but then again, everything might change in a hurry depending upon the performance of other jurisdictions. Alberta belongs to Division 2. For the period of November 1 to December 3, Alberta is Ranked No. 1 with 133 new members. The No. 2 spot is Kansas with 81 new

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My dear Brothers, in the past month or so, have you found yourself halfway into the grocery store, or the bank, or the Church and then turned around and walked back to your vehicle? I have. Simply, it dawned on me, that I need to be wearing a mask when entering a public indoor space, and I had forgotten my mask in my truck. This is the way it is, and will be for the foreseeable future. Some of us are breathing a sigh of relief and some of us are not very happy about it. Regardless, this is the way things will be for the foreseeable future. It is what it is and the question for you and I is; what will we do with this?

If you are in the breathing a sigh of relief, it is straightforward. Go about your business, knowing that with a mask on, you are watching out for the welfare of others, and that they in turn, are watching out for you. If you are not enjoying the way the mask feels, if you find it an inconvenience, if you feel it is unnecessary, I propose that you view the mask as little bit of penance. No, not for your own shortcomings, (although that is perfectly fine as well) but because of the love you have for your family and friends. “Lord I offer this sacrifice for the well-being of my family, for the souls of my dearly departed loved ones, for those who have no one to pray for them.” At times, we find ourselves doing what we do not wish to do, something that perhaps we do not like or agree with. By offering the action, with sincerity, as a prayer or a sacrifice, for the

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From the IPSD

By Ron Schuster

MERRY CHRISTMAS BROTHER KNIGHTS AND FAMILIES

The above connotation on my title means more to our Knights Family and their families this year. It has been a year like no other for many of us with struggles that are at times, unmanageable.

Having said that, we have overcome many obstacles because of our STRONG family ties with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our STRONG faith as given us the hope that this will soon end.

I am as well aware of the effect this epidemic has had on a lot of Brother Knights and their family members. In some cases, some have gone to their eternal rest to be with our Lord. My heart goes out to all those who have gone through this hardship. We have lost a number of great Brother Knights this year.

Christmas is a time to celebrate in more ways than not. Of Course it is the time to reflect on the Birth of our Savior, the one who died for our sins and the one we rely on daily for his guidance. I know I certainly do.

During this year our Councils have not had many meetings and in some case no meetings. This does not mean that we don't care, because we do. Things have been tough, we all know that but we do care for each other and I am asking that you PLEASE reach out to the members of your Council's and let them know that you are always thinking of them and their families. It is called FATHERLISM. It is how we RESPECT each other, by not using words that may hurt someone, in how we project the correct verbiage and recollecting the respect deserved to each and everyone. Just as our Lord taught us. .

I leave you with this as it is my last message for each and everyone as it is my last 6 months on the State Board. THANK-YOU for giving me the privilege to be of service to you! It was truly an honor and a blessing.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND ALL THE VERY BEST FOR 2021.

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

**RON SCHUSTER
IPSD**

From the State Secretary

By Gaston Launière

"A heart that loves is always young." Greek Proverb.

The first half of the Columbian Year has nearly ended and we have so much to be thankful for. Let us resolve to continue meeting our respective goals for the greater good of our Order.

But FIRSTLY, form **185** (*Report of Council Officers*) needed to be submitted to the State Office and Supreme Office by July 1st of any year. This 2020-21 Columbian year, and as of November 2020, 93% of active Councils have submitted this form. Congrats! Still 7% pending.

SECONDLY, form **365** (*Service Program Personnel Report*) needed to be submitted before August 1st of any year as well. This form, once submitted, will help the State and the Supreme Offices to reach members in charge of the different programs / activities. This time, only 38% of active Councils have filled up their duties.

LASTLY, Supreme needs to have your form **1295** (*Semi annual Audit Report*) as we have to establish our non-profitable / charitable status towards IRS. This form MUST be in by Aug 15 & Feb 15 of any year. As it stands right now, 51% are delinquent.

Each Regional Director (*5 of us*) of this jurisdiction has a template of delinquent Councils and will be able to contact you and help you to fill out those forms (mentioned above) and send them out.



May this Christmas be a time of hope and happiness for you and your families and may Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney watch over you and guide you in the New Year.

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From the State Treasurer

By John Onyskiw

It is the time of the year again that we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of Christ. We know that the campaign to 'Keep Christ in Christmas' is about more than ensuring that religious symbols and greetings are reflected in our society, as meaningful as these expressions are. Rather, keeping Christ in Christmas begins in our hearts, and extends to those around us, especially in our homes and Parishes. This may be slightly challenging this year with the Pandemic. So, with the Advent season upon us, let us 'Keep Christ in Christmas' but let us celebrate the season within our family in a safe and responsible manner.

We are now in the process of preparing our next year's budget as well as getting all our financial documents ready for our external State Board audit. This is also to remind Councils to have them ready as we approached the end of this Calendar Year.

Councils, you should also start getting your financial affairs in order for your mid-year audit that must be submitted by February 15, 2020. Other reports that would normally be due but are cancelled for this year due to the pandemic (Soccer Challenge Participation Report 4567 and the Free Throw Championship Participation Report FT-1). However, the Individual Fraternal Activity Report 1728A is due in January 2020 and the Council Annual Fraternal Activity Report 1728 is due by January 31, 2020.

Brothers while it is important to conduct monthly meetings, it is imperative they be hosted in a safe and responsible manner with the preferred method being virtual (i.e.; Zoom or Google Hangouts) meetings. If you choose to host in-person meetings please observe the gathering guidelines outlined by our Chief Medical Officer for distancing, wearing masks, sanitizing, and allowable numbers present. We do not want to lose any members due to this pandemic.

On behalf of my wife, Judee and family, I wish everyone a Blessed and Safe Christmas and New Year.

Vivat Jesus!
John W. Onyskiw
State Treasurer

From the State Warden

By Rufus Awharitoma

Worthy Brother Knights, warmest fraternal greetings to you and your families. I pray this message finds you all in good health as we journey through this difficult time in our human experience. Brothers, while we observe social distancing and physical isolation, let us promote spiritual solidarity within our Councils, Parishes and Communities by leaving no neighbor behind.

Worthy Grand Knights, our Jurisdiction has always maintained steady and continuous progress in reporting our programs and council activities on time, all because of your leadership and commitment at the Council level. I want to use this opportunity to say a big thank you, and to encourage you to complete the following forms, **185, 365, 1295, and 1728** as some councils are yet to complete and submit these forms. Brothers, let's use this season of Advent to pray for God's healing of the world from the coronavirus, and the souls of all the faithful departed.

On behalf of me and my family, we are wishing you and your families a wonderful Merry Christmas, and prosperous New Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Rufus Awharitoma
State Warden, Knight of Columbus Alberta & NWT

From the State Advocate

By Andy Soshalski

Dear Brothers,

This Christmas season may be the strangest in our lifespan. We are restricted to do too many things; we are not even allowed to pay visits to our friends and celebrate Christmas with extended family. I am not sure these draconian measures will really help fighting coronavirus, but we have to obey all these rules and regulations. So what we as Knights of Columbus can do to make the Christmas season brighter for Brother Knights and our neighbours? We can still call needy Brothers over the phone, and if they need help, we can bring some groceries, or other essentials and leave them on the door step. We can still donate money to some im-

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From the Agency

By Marc Bouchard General Agent

BLESSED FOUNDER: FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

“We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant, Fr. Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.” How many tens of millions, hundreds of millions of times has our loving God heard this sentence from the prayer for Fr. McGivney’s canonization? Asking only to fulfill God’s holy will; requested humbly. No doubt, you, like I, have been saying this prayer of supplication for years. Now those prayers have been answered as our Venerable Founder becomes our Blessed Founder. The journey began December 18, 1997 when the Cause for Sainthood was opened in Hartford, Connecticut by Archbishop Daniel Cronin. Nearly five years later the official document, the Positio, outlining the case for Fr. McGivney’s cause was sent to Rome. On March 15, 2008 Fr. McGivney was declared “Venerable” indicating he lived a life of heroic virtue. This year on May 27, nearly twenty-three years after his cause was opened, Pope Francis authorized a decree that a miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney’s intercession has been approved.

October 2020 will long be remembered as the month Fr. McGivney’s beatification mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. This was a great time of joy and happiness for all members of the Knights of Columbus.

Spotlighting our founder and his reasons for founding the Order; i.e., to strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner, this spotlight will draw more Catholic men to join with us. Our Order is an immense force for good in this world with the billions of dollars donated to worthy causes over the past decade, strengthening our fraternal bonds with acts of charity. The Knights of Columbus helps us husbands and fathers not only fortify our faith, but also provides an opportunity for us to protect our families.

Is it significant that the approved miracle involved the son of one of our general agents from our insurance program? I like to think so. When Patrick McGivney died unexpectedly, young Michael had to leave the seminary to help provide for his family. He and his family struggled through



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the loss of his father and then as the curate at St. Mary’s he saw parishioners facing similar situations. He saw a need and he took action. He organized; he led, he inspired. He was concerned with both the spiritual and the temporal well-being of those around him.

Speaking of being a man of action, now is the time for you to take action: You will soon receive, if you have not yet already received it, the **2020 Fraternal Survey**. It may be filled out in paper form or online. Whether on paper or online, please take a minute to complete it. It will be prefilled with much of your information to make it a snap to complete. It will provide information that will help our agents serve you better. There is a very informative insert included in the survey packet. Please take a minute to review that, too.

Our Fraternal Benefit Advisors consider it a worthy calling to carry on the work of our Blessed Founder. Please call your agent if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks to you for all the good works you carry out in the name of the Order. Your acts of charity are even more critical considering this current pandemic. Stay Safe.

Vivat Jesus!

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

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May every mark of affection and every gesture of friendship that you give to one another be a sign of God’s peace for you.

On behalf of my wife Danielle, my 3 children and my 5 grandchildren, I would like to extend a very Merry and Blessed Christmas to you and your families. Also, may your Council continue to grow in the New Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Gaston Launière
State Secretary / Secrétaire d’État

From the Program Director

By Sal Ficaccio

Worthy Brothers, rejoice on the fabulous occasion of the Beatification of our founder Father Michael Joseph McGivney on October 31, 2020 from Hartford, CT. For all those Brother Knights that missed the mass, it is still available from our Supreme website. It is an emotional experience to witness this mass.

Worthy Brothers, we have reached the half way mark of our Columbian Year and many programs are required to be put into place to achieve the Star Council Award. Several of our programs have been faced with obstacles that they were not able to be put into work. I would like to list a few programs that have minimal exposure to social distancing. Remember that these programs keep our members active and together:

FAITH

RSVP

Into the Breach

Spiritual Reflection

Icon Program

Rosary

Sacramental Gifts

COMMUNITY

Coats for Kids

Leave No Neighbor Behind

FAMILY

Food for Families

Family of the Month/Year

Family Fully Alive

Family Prayer Night

Keep Christ in Christmas

LIFE

Silver Rose

Novena for Life

Worthy Brothers, I would strongly encourage all Councils to participate in the program **"Leave No Neighbor Behind"**. This program is most successful by calling our Brother Knights and hearing a live voice. E-mails are great but not always read.

We need to be strong spiritually, physically and mentally. Together we can accomplish many things always with the help of our Lord.

Please keep in your prayers our State Faith Director, Gary Sherman, may his soul rest in peace.

On behalf of myself, my wife Betty and my family, we wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas and Peaceful, Healthy New Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Sal Ficaccio



From the Charitable Foundation

By Willis Winter, President



Merry Christmas to my Brother Knights and their families. I trust that your families are well as you face the challenges of this ongoing pandemic.

We hope to resume visits by the Foundation Directors to Councils in 2021. We want to ensure all Knights are aware of the Foundation and its work on your behalf.

Our investment portfolio performance has been quite satisfactory despite the volatility in the Canadian and US markets. The market value is now about \$ 3.17 million and is up about \$ 70,000 from the September 30, 2020 market value. No additional funds have been added to the portfolio during this period.

This last summer, your Foundation implemented a partnered giving program to assist and support Councils in the mission of charity within their local community. The ACF would match 50% a donation by a council or individual to a charity. We allocated \$20,000 in funds to this program. I am pleased to report that all the funds have been assigned; this program was very successful. Thank you for your support.

Your Foundation will have disbursed \$103,000 by year end to charities compared to a total of \$94,700 in 2019.

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to challenge us and our economy. Large and small businesses continue to be affected. Churches, community facilities, social groups, summer camps, and non-profit organizations of all stripes are greatly affected by it. Social distancing is the new normal.

There is a huge ongoing need for assistance in our communities. The ACF intends to continue the Partners in Charity program in 2021 to assist councils and individuals in supporting their communities.

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From the Membership Director N

By Leo Sosa

One Prospect Name at a Time: Membership Ripple Effect Program

Due to the global pandemic, the State Membership recruitment process, **“PROSPECT NAME DRIVE”**, is still the focus in this 2nd quarter to recruit Council members. Each Council will provide the **“PROSPECT NAME LIST”** with names and contact information at least equivalent to the number of quotas in membership for the Fraternal Year. Once the State Membership Team receives the list, the Membership Team member contacts the prospects. He will conduct an interview (explain about the order, benefits, expectations, how the prospect becomes a member), and then determine if the prospect is prepared to become a member. This membership recruitment process relies more on the State Membership Team to do the recruitment efforts to assist each of the Councils and Districts to attain their quota for Fraternal Year 2020-2021 and eventually the Star Council Award.

This State membership recruitment process is in line with the Supreme Council mandates to recruit new members to ensure the continued growth and well-being of our councils, districts and jurisdiction. For the 2020-2021 fraternal year, our quota as a jurisdiction is 753 new members.

In conjunctions with the mentioned **“PROSPECT NAME DRIVE”** that we launched at the beginning of this Fraternal Year; we would like to present the **“ONE PROSPECT AT A TIME: MEMBERSHIP RIPPLE EFFECT PROGRAM”**. This process starts with the officers of the councils. This is where the ripple begins, at each individual officer of the council. Once ripples become BIGGER and BIGGER, the Councils, Districts, Jurisdiction and the Order will reach each goal at the end of the Fraternal Year 2020-2021, not only the attainment of membership quota, but most especially spreading the basic principles of our Order (Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism) and evangelizing our Christian values within the **KofC** members in our parishes and communities.

The **“ONE PROSPECT AT A TIME: MEMBERSHIP RIPPLE EFFECT PROGRAM”** will be run until the end of the Fraternal Year, but mostly monitored at the end of the 2nd quarter (**October-December 2020**) for the prospects to avail of the free e-Membership promotion of the Supreme Council as part

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From the State Life Director

By Gregory Amerongen

Dear Brother Knights, we continue to face the Corona virus and its effects. It is a time in which we are being tested in many ways as well as our family members. This is also a period that some Brother Knights find themselves alone due to various circumstances, whatever they may be. This is truly a test for us to extend our charity to Brothers in all ways; but it is not a time for us to retreat from helping the less fortunate. As you recall from your first degree, we are to pray the rosary as often as possible. If there was ever a time for prayers, this is one of those times. Then there are still other options within the area of Life Programs.

Novena for Life and other prayers

Consider praying for the unborn, your council, and family members. Start a new prayer group online by using Zoom - <https://zoom.us/> - to run this program through the internet.

March for Life (Featured)

Brothers, the Alberta March for Life continues to plan to hold a march for life next May, but how it will happen is still unfolding.

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.

Be sure to contact our State Special Olympics Chairman (north or south) and ask him how your council can participate in this worthy activity.

Christian Refugee Relief

Help **persecuted and at-risk Christians** facing genocide all over the world, particularly in the Middle East. The Knights of Columbus strives to bring awareness and support to those who have suffered for their faith through various parish-based programs and fundraisers.

Brothers, have your councils raise funds for persecuted Catholics around the world!

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Scholarship winners

Front Row Ethan Subasic son of Council 7432 member Michael Subasic, District Deputy, District 32 at St Bonaventure Parish and his wife Tammy Lee. (Ethan is on the left, Blue Jacket and light blue mask)

Back Row Patrick Wasch son of Council 7432 member John Wasch and his wife Mary-Kate. Patric is on the right in the photos, grey shirt and dark blue mask)



In the middle, is the recipient of the award: Cool Kornak (with Cheque on Display). To his Left is his immediate members of his family: Patrick Kornak (Father), Lysamma Kornak (Mother) and Luke Kornak (Brother). To His Right: KofC Officers: Andrew Egbase (Grand Knight), Renwick D'Souza (Deputy Grand Knight) and Kevin Dick (District Deputy #34).

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members. The No. 3 spot belongs to Louisiana with 76 new members. Worthy Brothers, let us focus on what we can do and not on what we cannot do. With everybody pulling in the same direction to achieve our goal, we are confident we will succeed. Without a doubt, a 10% reduction on a quota of 753 would be 75.3 members. That would be a tremendous reduction, moving us closer to attaining the Circle of Honor again, this time for 2020-2021. By working together, as a unified team, we can even move mountains. To accomplish this, we must believe in whatever we are doing. On top of this, "If the mountain will not come to Muhammed, then Muhammed must go to the mountain."

By all accounts, the Mid-Year Virtual District Deputies meeting, held on December 5, was a huge success! We were fortunate to have as a Supreme Guest, Mark McMullen, Senior Vice-President of Membership Growth and Marketing. There were 54 attendees, consisting of 26 District Deputies, State Board, State Program Team, State Membership Teams North/South, Agency, ACF, Ceremonial and Supreme. We appeal to each one of you who attended to bring back to their councils the best practices they acquired at the meeting.

Since mid-March of this year, due to the unexpected COVID-19 pandemic, the world was turned upside down – which resulted in our daily lives and times being dramatically changed. The forthcoming Christmas season will be particularly hard and painful for all of us because of the public restrictions being imposed on us. How do you react and cope to this new phenomenon? A few suggestions would be to find happiness in your daily routine, simplify your life, think about the well-being of others, slow down, and take time to reflect.

In conclusion, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Always have **hope** to uplift your spirits. Keep the **faith** alive. Recognize and appreciate that there is **joy** in everyday occurrences. And, show **peace** towards yourself and others!

On behalf of my family, children Stephanie and Richard, my beloved and soul-mate wife Ruby, I wish you all a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Prosperous New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Vince R. Reyes
State Deputy

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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.

Pregnancy Center Support (Featured)

Change hearts and minds about abortion by showing that the Knights of Columbus loves both mother and child before and after birth. Councils can provide material, financial, labor and other support to pro-life pregnancy centers that help women during pregnancy and following the birth of their newborn children.

Brothers, please support your local pregnancy center such as the Back Porch and Catholic Social Services' Gianna Center in Edmonton. I would appreciate if any Knights could advise me of the pro-life centers in Fort McMurray, Red Deer, Calgary, in Lethbridge, etc.

Silver Rose Alberta: Feb 29 - Mar28, 2021

The Silver Rose program is now continuing as scheduled. **Live-streamed prayer services remain the recommended option for the program.** Councils should continue to abide by any local civil or diocesan guidelines currently in place. Participating councils should contact appropriate district or state leadership, such as the state silver rose chairman, for their jurisdiction's route details and guidelines.

Brothers, last year the participation was somewhat modest, but we can do better this year! Plan to become involved and extend the enthusiasm for this excellent program among your council members and fellow parishioners.

May God bless you all with the intercession of Venerable Michael McGivney – Vivat Jesus!

Gregory Amerongen
State Life Director

From the Blessed Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman

By Jules Lacoursiere

What pride and happiness we should all experience with the recent Beatification of our Founder, the Blessed Father Michael McGivney. Let us share this by enrolling ourselves, our families and our friends in the Guild. By enrolling we can ask Blessed McGivney to intercede in overcoming this COVID-19 pandemic and helping us with our needs, especially our health ones! At present we have only 1566 Guild members in AB NWT. During this time of Advent and in preparation for Christmas let us make a sincere effort to join the Guild. Membership is free. You can join by completing the English-French form and mailing it to the address provided on the form or simply completing the on line form by registering to: kofc.org. Wishing a wonderful Advent-Christmas to all our Knights, families and friends!

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year 2021!

On vous invite de se joindre a LES AMIS DE BIENHEUREUX ABBE MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY. Vous n avez qu a remplir soit forme anglais-francais et le mettre a la poste et remis a notre Conseil Supreme ou en ligne en remplissant la forme trouve a kofc.org. Aidez nous a faire connaitre notre Bienheureux Fondateur et beneficie de son immense intercession!! A vous tous un Joyeux Noel et une Sainte, Heureuse Annee 2021!!

Vivat Jesus!
Jules Lacoursiere, FSD

From the Online Membership Director

By Jesubala Gnanamuthu

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings!

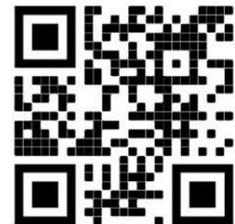
I am sure that you all are thrilled and enjoyed watching the historic event on Oct 31, 2020, where our beloved founder Father Michael McGivney was officially declared as a **Blessed Michael McGivney**. Our faith is that he is up there with God and intercedes for us perpetually. So let's continue to offer our prayers and petitions towards Blessed Michael McGivney especially to receive God's healing touch to end this pandemic permanently. **Blessed Michael McGivney Pray for us!**

Fast Facts: Online vs Council Membership

Online Membership (eMember)	Local Council Membership
It provides a digital membership experience , which will help the eMember to grow as a Catholic man and a Knight. He gets the same benefits as a regular council member without attending meetings, or being part of a Council. He then can become a regular local council member whenever he wants by attending exemplification ceremony (30 minutes) either online or on-demand links. (It's a new way to join in our online and pandemic culture)	This is the best way to experience the Knights of Columbus . The added benefit is that the member can choose the projects to be involved with his Church and within his own community along with digital experience to be strong in the Catholic Faith. He will receive regular updates from his local council regarding news and events in his area and be presented with frequent opportunities to work alongside Brother Knights in local councils.

Despite this uncertain time, we need to continue our focus on membership growth. It is not about the numbers but there are more potential candidates – qualified catholic men looking for opportunities to help Church, Community and their Families. Moreover, we need to help them to get into our order and give them the opportunity to enjoy the rich experience from Knights of Columbus through many varied **Faith in Action** programs so that they could be stronger in **Catholic Faith** and transform them into **better Catholics, better Husbands, and better Fathers to lead the family.**

Scan this barcode using any smartphone camera to get Join Us link & Promo Code



Where to Recruit? (FREE Online Membership until December 31, 2020 - A perfect Christmas gift)

Church	Family
RCIA Sponsors Ushers Readers Office Members / Maintenance Personnel Teachers & Principals Youth Minsters / Team	God Parents Father-in-Law Brother-in-Law / Son-in-Law Uncles Sons Cousins

If you need help then you could collect the name and phone number of the prospects and let the State Membership Team know and we will connect with the prospects to complete the online enrollment process. Our team members are happy to help.

For questions related to online membership, reach out to me at (587) 372-7070 and leave a message if it goes to voicemail. I will return your call as early as possible or before the end of the day. Also, you could reach me at jesukofc@gmail.com.

Wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2021. *Jesus Never Fails! Vivat Jesus!*

Jesubala Gnanamuthu

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You can find an information sheet and application form for the program on the State website at <https://kofc.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2020/06/FundraisingSheetRequest.pdf>

Together, we can help extend works of charity throughout our jurisdiction.
Kathleen and I offer our best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and good health and happiness in the New Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Willis Winter,
President, Alberta Charitable Foundation

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benefit of our loved ones, it gives value and meaning to an otherwise undesirable action. If that is not enough for you, offer a decade of the rosary for your family. Don't worry, no one will be able to see your lips moving, (tee hee). All this to say and without wishing to sound like a cliché, we need to do what we need to do, so let's make lemonade out of lemons.

Finally, my dear Brothers, we have begun the season of Advent. The end of the Churches Liturgical year has arrived, and we have begun anew, the cycle of prayer that will continue until the Lord comes again. Personally, I am very grateful for this time, because it is familiar to me. There is much that has been different and strange for all of us this past nine months, so for me, familiar is good. Brothers, our church is familiar, our worship is familiar and at time when so much is different, I give thanks to God for the consistency of our Catholic Church. The storms of life and of pandemic will come and go, but our Church remains that faithful rock that we, our families, and our councils need to cling to at all times. My dear Brothers in the Lord, may your Advent be holy, your Christmas be happy, and your families be healthy.

God's blessings, Fr Jim

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of the canonization of our founder, **Father Michael J. McGivney**.

In order to assure the success of this program, we would like to request each individual Council officers to provide just one (1) prospect name with contact information (**full name, phone number, e-mail address, home address including postal code, date of birth, confirm if catholic**) to the State Membership Team. The best approach to take to get just one (1) prospect name is to talk initially to family members, extended family members and friends. If there is no eligible prospect name in the family circle, then you can go to the Parish members and communities.

Worthy Council Officers, let's start the ripples and ignite this **"ONE PROSPECT AT A TIME: MEMBERSHIP RIPPLE EFFECT PROGRAM"** right now by requesting your council officers to submit each officer just one (1) prospect name and make the ripples BIGGER and BIGGER for the good of the Council, District, Jurisdiction and Order. Your officers can submit their prospect name to sosaljr@gmail.com on or before the end of December for free e-Membership promotion and on the rest of the fraternal year 2020-2021.

Fraternal greetings to you from my family, have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Keep Christ in Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!



On Saturday, October 31 the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Hall sacristy was opened by the Most Reverend Bishop William T. McGrattan. Pictured with Bishop McGrattan from the left are Daryl MacDonald, Calgary Chapter President, Vince Reyes, State Deputy, Gaston Lauiniere, State Secretary and Dr. Gerry Turcotte, President and Vice-chancellor of St. Mary's University

From the Community Director

By Ross Szentmiklossy

Brother Knights, the Knights still offer many opportunities to assist in your community. Leave no Neighbor Behind, Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, Coats for Kids, and your imagination, are ways that the Knights can fulfill their good works.

“Leave No Neighbor Behind” can be achieved by phoning members, making sure they are alright and if they need any assistance. Form a committee in your Council, offer to donate gift cards for food, deliver groceries etc. if required.

“Canadian Wheelchair Foundation” offers another opportunity to serve your community. Wheelchairs can be purchased for roughly \$225.00. Council 7070 in Edmonton has raised funds by collecting scrap metal, tops off of aluminum cans, advertising in the parish bulletin. The council sent the CWF \$625.00. Richard Rajotte is the contact for State CWF and he would love to share his experiences and ways to fund raise with you. His information is in the K of C Roster.

“Coats for Kids” for roughly \$325.00 your council can purchase a box of 12 coats either boys or girls. Buy 2 boxes and mix them so each box has boys and girls. Our council #12446 in Calgary purchased 2 boxes and donated one to the Calgary Women’s Shelter and one box to Saint Vincent de Paul for their Christmas hampers. The information and how to order is on the website approximately 1 week delivery.

“Imagination” your parish church, community has had to cut back spending and maintenance as attendance has been low due to Covid restrictions in place. Talk to your priests and parish administrators to see if they require assistance in different areas. Take in the parish recycling to the depot is an easy example.

Brother Knights, above all be safe, use texting, emails, and phone calls. Keep your 6’ distance and wear your masks.

Vivat Jesus!

Ross Szentmiklossy,
State Community Director

From the State Pennies for Heaven Chairman

By Brian Strawford

Worthy Brother Knights,

I appreciate and thank all that contributed to the Pennies for Heaven Program. All fund’s assist the Seminarians in our jurisdiction.

To have your Councils registered for this financial year, please make your contribution before December 31,2020.

For donations, please make your cheque 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

My best wishes to all Brother Knights and their families. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,
Brian Strawford
Pennies for Heaven Chairman



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portant cases, and we certainly can and must pray!

One of my prayers is that the situation will get to norm, and we can resume our face to face meetings, that there will be no restrictions in the churches, and we can freely contact each other, hug our friends, and pay visits to our friends and family. Meanwhile we can still attend Holy Masses, which is extremely important for the well being of any Catholic gentleman. Let us use this opportunity as much as possible, for we never know what is waiting for us in the nearest future.

Our annual convention is scheduled for April, as usual, and the deadline for resolutions is January 31st. Let’s hope that this time we will have a face to face meeting, though we cannot exclude other formats.

Let Our Newborn Lord bless you, Brothers, and your families, and protect all of us in these uneasy times!

Natalia and I wish all of you fruitful and blessed Advent and Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!
Andy Soshalski,
State Advocate

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION CALGARY WESTIN HOTEL
(DOWNTOWN) APRIL 23, 24 & 25, 2021**

(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.)

From the Red Deer State Office

Wishing everyone a Holy and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Shauna

THE ABC'S OF MOTHER TERESA

Always have the courage to say sorry.
Be kind, be compassionate.
Control your judgements.
Do not let yourself get discouraged.
Every minute is precious, do not waste your time.
Find out what is nice in each other.
Give until it hurts.
Have deep respect for each other.
If you really want to love God, love one another.
Just do small things with great love.
Kep your heart clean.
Learn to pray, love to pray & pray often.
Make time for each other in your family.
Never tell lies.
Only believe-you are precious to Him (God).
Put love in whatever you do.
Quite a lot of people have forgotten what love is....so begin to give the joy of loving.
Refrain for prejudice.
Smile at each other.
Take the trouble to listen.
Use your talents for the glory of God.
Very often, we look but we do not see. Let us look & do see
When humiliation comes, accept it & offer it.
X-cuse (Excuse) rather than accuse.
You must learn to forgive.
Zeal is the second name for love. Do not lose that Zeal!

(Words of Mother Teresa of Calcutta)



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We offer our heartfelt sympathy and prayers:

Please keep in your prayers the family of Brother and Financial Secretary Kevin McCormack who passed away August 8, 2020 in Clandonald

*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.*