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## Message from the State Deputy

## Message from the State Chaplain

“A Journey to the Summit”



Vince R. Reyes

**I**t seems as if it was only yesterday when I assumed the position of State Deputy. Now the clock is ticking – less than a month before the end of the fraternal year. With that said, we still have a lot to accomplish to ensure the continued growth of our Councils in terms of programs, membership, and insurance. Buoyed by the fact that we had a strong start to the fraternal year, with great strides in the middle, we are pushing hard for even a stronger finish!

For every journey, there is a beginning, middle, end – and the in between. Looking back, the journey was long, wide, challenging, straight, crooked, winding, downhill, uphill, rough, smooth, bumpy – until reaching the final destination. It really does not matter where you came from but where you are heading. At the end of the day, the journey was well worth it, self-gratifying, and a good learning experience knowing that a few lives were touched, a difference to others was made, and goals were accomplished with flying colors that exceeded everybody’s expectations! That is a legacy worth remembering!

Our jurisdiction’s first-ever Statewide Novena for the Cause for Life in Canada, prior to the March for Life, was a huge success! It was held from May 5 to 13, broadcasted from coast to coast and some parts of the world! The main purpose of the Novena is to encourage our members and their families to come together as one united family, to pray together, and to continue our spiritual fight to establish a culture of life. We “walked the talk” and demonstrated positive actions that we remain steadfast and firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being from the moment of conception to natural death.

I would like to share with you a couple of comments from the Prayer Leaders:

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“Spring is on the way.”



Fr. Jim Corrigan

**M**y dear Brothers, the last State Affairs article I wrote, we were in the middle of our Lenten journey with summer weather in the air and golf on the horizon. Today I write in mid-May, in the week leading to Pentecost, with snow on the ground, and I am pretty sure I heard God laughing when I got up this morning. I would say that one of the great things about being an Albertan, is that we are a resilient bunch. God created us to be comfortable with what we know, but also with the ability to react/respond/rethink situations, as we are faced with them. Brothers, as we approach the May Victoria Day long weekend, with snow on the ground, restrictions in place, and numbers that are not coming down nearly quickly enough, we are grateful that our Lord created us to be the robust species that we are.

I am smiling as I write this because I do see light on the horizon. Just over fifty percent of Albertans have been vaccinated at least one time. In fact, with June being a month when we are expected to receive the largest number of vaccines ever, we expect to pass the United States in our roll out efficiency. Some months ago, I wrote two formation articles that spoke about the morality of receiving the vaccine. This, because I anticipated many Catholics being concerned about being vaccinated from a moral point of view. The Church has been clear, from the Holy Father to our Bishops, that when we are able to be vaccinated, we should do so. Brothers, that is plenty good enough for yours truly. This kind of di-

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## From the State Treasurer

By John Onyskiw

**B**rothers, the 2021 Annual State Convention was delayed until the last weekend in May. Consequently, the election results for the State Board positions and the delegates for the Supreme Convention are unknown as this article went to press. This was the second year the Annual State Convention was conducted in a virtual medium due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Let us hope it is the last as a virtual.

As we approach the summer months, remember that we are Knights of Columbus members 12 months of the year. That said, we are still under health restrictions that may curtail hosting events, functions, and meetings during July and August. So, we will all have to adjust accordingly as some areas may be open whereas others may not.

As we approach the end of the Columbian year, we need to submit the Semi-Annual Audit report to Supreme, along with the report of newly elected Council Officers. This information is also required at the State Office to ensure that your Council is receiving all the reports and newsletters that affect you for the upcoming year.

Incoming Financial Secretaries and Treasurers need to get all the information necessary to carry out their responsibilities. Councils need to ensure that Bank signing authorities are changed in a timely manner and meet the requirements of Council Bylaws and the Constitution.

The State Council insurance provider for 2021 is:  
Hendry Swinton McKenzie Insurance Services Inc.  
Vince Knight (agent)  
email: [vknight@hsmininsurance.com](mailto:vknight@hsmininsurance.com)

Councils may use the following link to apply for Special Event Insurance Coverage with Host Liquor present: <http://www.palcanada.com/images/stories/forms/alberta/specialeventsss.pdf>

I would like to thank everyone for your support over the past year. I would like to especially thank Brother Phil Birch, my assistant State Treasurer, for all his assistance and patience, and Shauna, our Red Deer office executive administrator, for keeping me on track.

Wishing everyone a prosperous and safe new Columbian Year!

Vivat Jesus!  
John W. Onyskiw

## From the State Secretary

By Gaston Launière

*“Things don’t just happen, you have to make them happen.” Dexter Yager*

**D**ear Brother Knights,  
As we approach the end of this 2021 Columbian Year, I would be remiss if I did not extend a sincere *thank you* to each and every District Deputy who served their respective Districts as DD during this past Columbian Year.

The 2021 **Virtual** Annual Convention is finally over and so are the elections for the new State Executive Board (SEB) for the new Columbian year. Congrats to all who were successful to get elected for this new 2021-22 year and my heart will be all the way with all of you for a successful year.

We have a few weeks left to this Columbia year and have Council elections before June 15. It is imperative that the Grand Knight ensures the list of new officers is sent to Supreme immediately. The latter cannot send information if they don’t know who the new slate of officers is and they will continue to send it to the Past Grand Knight until this information is forwarded.

Also, the State Office (Red Deer) needs to know who the New Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and Chaplain are for the next year. A form should have been sent to the Grand Knight requesting this information. Note that the list you send to Supreme does not get sent to the State Office and also that the Supreme list does not have the Financial Secretary on it as they are appointed by Supreme, therefore not on the elected list.

Thank you to those members who are continuing in office and welcome to those who have accepted new positions. Councils must also prepare for turnover of files, information, handbooks, etc. to the new executives. The Grand Knights Manual must be turned over to a new Grand Knight so he can have the resources needed to complete the responsibilities expected with his new position.

To the new or returning Grand Knights, we sincerely thank each and every one of you for serving or agreeing to serve your respective Councils as

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## From the Charitable Foundation

By Willis Winter, President



**F**raternal greetings to my Brother Knights. I pray that all are well in this third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The investment portfolio continues to do quite well. On March 31, 2021, the market value was about \$ 3.23 million compared to \$ 2.90 million on March

31, 2020. On April 30, 2021, it was \$ 3.36 million as volatility in the Canadian and US markets continues.

In 2020, your Foundation disbursed \$ 103,050 to charities. In addition, Councils donated \$ 96,672 to charities from their shares of the Charities Appeal raffle proceeds resulting in total 2020 donations of \$ 199,722.

The Foundations will disburse \$ 111,500 to charities in 2021. To date, we have disbursed around \$ 69,000 including the Partners in Charity program donations.

For 2021, the Charities Appeal raffle has been replaced with a 50/50 draw.

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

All of us have experienced severe limits on our traditional Council activities and fund raising events as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. To support charitable works at the Council level, we introduced the Partners in Charity program in 2020 and continued it in 2021.

We have had a tremendous response to the program this year. As a result, at our May 1, 2021 Board of Directors meeting, we increased the program funding from \$ 20,000 to \$ 30,000 for 2021. The ACF will match Council / Individual donations at 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>

Thank you for supporting the Partners in Charity program and extending works of charity in our jurisdiction.

Stay well. Vivat Jesus.

Willis Winter,

President, Alberta Charitable Foundation

## From the State Warden

By Rufus Awharitoma

**W**orthy Brother Knights, warm fraternal greetings from our lord Jesus Christ; in whose mercies we are privileged to see this day. Brothers as you may know that the month of May in our liturgical year is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which symbolizes God's boundless and passionate love for mankind.

The time to demonstrate this love towards our neighbors is now. The Leave No Neighbor Behind initiative of the Supreme Council offers us this opportunity to show love, by taking time to reach out to Council members, parishioners, and priests. While the pandemic may have deprived us of physical gathering, spiritually we are in solidarity and connecting virtually for our meetings. Let us remember to follow these protocols, while attending virtual Council or Executive meetings

- Dress appropriately, including jewel of office if possible.
- Be aware of your surrounding, i.e., proper lighting and background noise.
- Mute microphone when not talking but when permitted to speak, that is after gaining the permission of the GK, salute with the traditional greeting "Worthy Grand Knight".
- Speak up, and keep your comment and contribution short and straight to the point.
- Avoid the temptation of eating while Council meeting is in progress.
- Be present, pay attention and minimise side distraction.
- Allow for all present to say something and go round to ask members about their welfare and how they are doing personally before adjourning the meeting.
- Remember to thank all present at the meeting.
- Ensure the good of the order is taken and delivered to the Chaplin; if not present at the meeting. Ensure that the minutes of the meeting are sent out to all members within 7 days after the meeting.

Remain Blessed,

Vivat Jesus!

Rufus Awharitoma

State Warden

Knight of Columbus

Alberta & Northwest Territories.

## From the Agency

By Marc Bouchard General Agent

### PERMANENT LIFE INSURANCE FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### What is it?

Permanent life insurance is our signature product. It provides money to your family when you die and builds cash value while you live. It's guaranteed. It's secure. It's dynamic.

#### Who needs it?

- Permanent life insurance is a great way to provide security for your family. It may be an ideal solution for people who are interested in:
- Providing money for final expenses so your family doesn't have to.
- Replacing income so that your family's financial life doesn't have to change in case you die suddenly.
- Providing college funds for your children in case of an untimely death.
- Protecting your spouse from the burden of a mortgage in the event of the unexpected.
- Giving a donation to a charity or special interest.
- Leaving a legacy.

#### How does it work?

Permanent life insurance – like all life insurance – is designed primarily to provide money (also known as a death benefit) to your designated beneficiary when you pass away – guaranteed.

All Knights of Columbus permanent life insurance policies have premiums that are guaranteed not to increase, so you won't have to worry about any surprises.

Our permanent life insurance policies also accrue cash value over time. Should the policy be eligible for any dividends (which are not guaranteed), you can also elect to put those proceeds back into your policy by purchasing additional paid-up insurance. Additional paid-up insurance increases your policy's death benefit and cash value. Your policy's cash value can be used as cash, either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy\*, or as collateral.

#### Product Options

**Limited Pay Whole Life**—Our flagship policy for maximum flexibility. You choose how many years to pay premiums, with a five-year minimum payment period. Selected when you apply, the payment period is fixed and guaranteed...precise and perfect for just about any life insurance planning need, even up to and through your retirement years.  
**Single Premium Whole Life**—Secure protection and start your legacy with one, single payment.

**Survivorship Universal Life**—A policy that insures two lives, has flexible premium payments and pays at the death of the second insured. Often used by couples for estate planning, estate conservation or estate equalization.

**Graded Death Benefit Whole Life**—No underwriting (limited underwriting in Canada) required for this final expense product.

#### Beneficiary Options

You decide who you want your death benefit to go to: a spouse, children, family, a trust, or even charity. You can have more than one beneficiary and can divide up the proceeds proportionally.

#### Additional Features and Benefits

There are several special features and benefits – often called riders – that are available on Knights of Columbus products that can enhance a policy in a variety of ways.

Contact your Knights of Columbus field agent today to learn more about our permanent life insurance products, and about the safety and security that we can help provide. Called 403-343-2242 or email [bouchardagencymail@kofc.org](mailto:bouchardagencymail@kofc.org) for the name of your local agent.

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

\*Surrender charges may apply to withdrawals and early surrender of the Survivorship Universal Life policy.





## From the Program Director

By Sal Ficaccio

**W**orthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights and Worthy Brothers all thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as State Program Director.

The State Virtual “Novena March for Life” on May 5-13 was a great experience and success. The Novena was broadcasted statewide, coast to coast and International. Many Brother Knights and their wife’s volunteered as readers and leaders of the decade of the rosary also joined by parishioners, their families and friends in prayer for the Unborn and Dignity of Life. Fr. Jim Corrigan, our State Chaplain, concluded the Novena with the “Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament”, streamed from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, in Sherwood Park.

Worthy Grand Knights, many of the Councils have achieved the Fr. 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, 2021.

- Be compliant with training and background checks with safe environment requirements (refer FIA booklet pp8)
- Submit the Program Personnel Report #365 due August 31, 2020
- Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity #1728 by January 31, 2021
- Submit the Columbian Award Application #SP 7 by June 30, 2021

**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.**

“Leave No Neighbor Behind” has been a successful program in communicating, keeping our Brother Knights informed and involved. **Make that phone call which is much appreciated.**

Worthy Grand Knight take a few minutes of your time to comply and submit the required forms,

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## From the State Pennies for Heaven Chairman

By Brian Strawford

**W**orthy Brother Knights,  
To my Brother Knights and to our new Knights. The goal of the Pennies for Heaven is to raise funds in support of the seminarians; our future priests. All donation large and small help us reach this worthy goal.

There are two awards to reach this 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 or Assembly which has the best project or event. This project will be judged on the type of project and involvement of the membership, not necessarily on the amount of money raised. Please send your submissions, all ideas can be shared with others in fund raising. All done in to help reach our goal to assist our seminarians. Please call me with you questions and suggestions.

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

I hope everyone is keeping your family’s safe and sound. I look forward to hearing from you.

Keep those Pennies Rolling in !

Fraternally Yours  
Brian Strawford

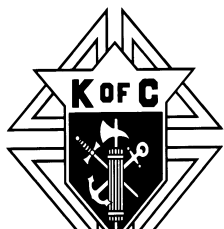
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their Grand Knight. Please remember that your District Deputy is our Supreme Knight’s personal representative and he is available to assist you in any way that he can.

Wishing you all a great and safe summer and a prosperous new Columbian Year!

Vivat Jesus!

**Gaston Launière**  
Secrétaire d’État / State Secretary,  
Alberta + TNO/NWT



Congratulations  
Families of the Month



2020-2021

**January 2021**

Brian & Joan Tucker  
Willis & Kathleen Winter

St. Peter Council #7070  
St. Bonaventure Council #7432

**February 2021**

Santo & Dany Lee Chines  
Don & Rita Culos  
Jam & Jackie Abello  
James & Anne Webb

St. Peter Council #7070  
St. Bonaventure Council #7432  
Our Lady of the Hill #13064  
Airdrie Council #8045

**March 2021**

Noel & Bev Koo  
Kevin & Dorianne Turner  
Bryon & Heather Oulton



St. Peter Council #7070  
St. Bonaventure Council #7432  
Our Lady of the Hill #13064

Winners of the Holy Family Picture

**January 2021**

Willis & Kathleen Winter

St. Bonaventure Council #7432

**February 2021**

James & Anne Webb

Airdrie Council #8045

**March 2021**

Noel & Bev Koo

St. Peter Council #7070

*"Stewards of Faith and Action"*



## JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TODAY!

Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical catholic" to mean a Catholic who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, *and* is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

### OUR HISTORY AND HERITAGE

Founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., and a group of parishioners. Their intent? To bring financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members and their families.

Today, Father McGivney is being considered for sainthood.

### WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A KNIGHT

We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first.

## From the Membership Director N

By Leo Sosa

### ONLINE MEMBERS – THE NEXT STEP

**M**any men become online members, providing a great opportunity for them to learn more about our faith and the Knights of Columbus. We understand that over 70% of the Order's recent new Council members came via online members.

If you, as Grand Knight or Financial Secretary, log onto "Officers Online" and scroll down to "Prospect List", you will see a complete list of all online members attached to your Council together with information for each.

Our message is that these men **can be an excellent source of new blood** for your Council. Therefore, it is very important that you **manage your list of online members**.

The first step is to have the names on the list approved by your Council. When you call an online member, ask him if he is agreeable to attending an **online exemplification**, then you need to send at a time convenient to the prospect, an invite together with the [Online Exemplification tab](#). Someone needs to follow up to ensure that he attends the exemplification. Some may at your invitation attend an in person exemplification to be conducted by your Council or by other Councils.

Whether he attends an online or in person exemplification, you will need to make sure the Financial Secretary transfers the new Council member from the Supreme online "Prospect List" to your Council and then make sure the new Council member is recorded as a third-degree member. At this point, you can send a congratulatory message and an "Activity Sheet", so he can share with you his interest in your Council activities. Please see a sample of an "Activity Sheet" below:

#### Sample Activity Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Nbr: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) \_\_\_ Grocery Card Program
- 2) \_\_\_ Community: Basketball Free Throw
- 3) \_\_\_ Family: Christmas Hampers
- 4) \_\_\_ Community: Family Activities, Retreats

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## From the State Life Director

By Gregory Amerongen

**D**ear Brother Knights, with increasing numbers of people being vaccinated and the majority surviving, we are surging ahead within the fruits of the Holy Ghost – hope, joy, and charity among others. Despite our various limitations over these last number of months, the Knights have continued to remain active through various online activities as well as at the parish level, serving in a variety of capacities. At the same time, we cannot overlook the fact that this period has left some of us isolated and alone which puts our principles to the spiritual test. Thankfully through God's grace and our prayers, we are rising to the occasion and persevering. Relative to our Life Programs.

#### **Novena for Life and other prayers**

I am happy to report that, thanks to Bro. Michael Subasic and many others, our Worthy State Deputy led us through our Novena for Life prayers which was a major success. What a blessing the internet can be when used for good purposes! I have heard of other councils having regular rosary and other prayers held online and I urge you to 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 went ahead with its virtual Pro-life Mass and March which can be viewed online thanks to Grandin Media and Holdsworth Design (Brian Holdsworth) for their media support. For more details, please go to the [Alberta March for Life](https://albertamarchforlife.com) website at <https://albertamarchforlife.com>.

#### **Special Olympics (Featured)**

Unfortunately, this program was restricted due to the Covid health regulations.

#### **Christian Refugee Relief**

Fundraising efforts, from what I heard, were limited this year and so it comes as little surprise that this program was also curtailed. Nonetheless, we look forward to the future for your councils to 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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### Mass for People with Special Needs

Brothers, as you know, our mass attendance capacities have unfortunately been whittled down to a scarce few, now being restricted to 15 people including the priest et al per parish regardless of its actual capacity. Nonetheless, when the health restrictions would be lifted, we look forward to re-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, et al.

### Silver Rose Alberta: February 29 - March 28, 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, in spite of the Covid virus the Silver Rose carried on throughout Alberta, starting in Calgary with five stops and then down the highway to Ponoka, Wetaskiwin, Spruce Grove, Sherwood Park, and five stops in Edmonton. It was successfully passed on to Saskatchewan on March 28 and we hope that anyone who wishes to participate next year should contact Br. Larry Ofner, our esteemed Silver Rose Chairman. Thanks to all the Knights that prayed the Rosary along the Silver Rose path.

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

Gregory Amerongen

## Columbia Chairman

By Gregory Amerongen

**D**ear Brother Knights, with increasing numbers of people being vaccinated and the majority surviving, we are surging ahead within the fruits of the Holy Ghost – hope, joy, and charity among others. Despite our various limitations over these last number of months, the Knights have continued to remain active through various online activities as well as at the parish level, serving in a variety of capacities. At the same time, we cannot overlook the fact that this period has left some of us isolated and alone which puts our principles to the spiritual test. Thankfully through God's grace and our prayers, we are rising to the occasion and persevering.

Relative to our submissions to the *Columbia*, I am glad to remind and encourage you to 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.

In closing, I wish each of you a joyful summer the future promise for us to reconvene once again and enjoy our principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism among our Brother Knights!

Vivat Jesus!

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

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therefore achieving honor for your Council and fellow Brothers for their accomplishment in the Order.

**Programs can be achieved by being creative and innovative by doing what we can do, not what we cannot do.**

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

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and healthy summer Covid-19 free!

SAL FICACCIO  
Program Director

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- 5) \_\_\_ Community/Faith in Action: Habitat for Humanity
- 6) \_\_\_ Community: Marian Centre
- 7) \_\_\_ Community: Pancake Breakfast
- 8) \_\_\_ Family: Parish Barbeque
- 9) \_\_\_ Community: Pasta Dinner
- 10) \_\_\_ Community: Seniors Social Dinner
- 11) \_\_\_ Family: Youth Activities
- 12) \_\_\_ Faith: Knights of Columbus Monthly Mass
- 13) \_\_\_ Community: Parish Coffee after mass
- 14) \_\_\_ Life: March for Life/Pro-life Vigil
- 15) \_\_\_ Faith: Marian Mass
- 16) \_\_\_ Community: Charity Appeals (vehicle raffle)
- 17) \_\_\_ Community: Special Olympics
- 18) \_\_\_ Community: Mothers' Day Roses

Vivat Jesus!

Leo Sosa  
State Membership Director North

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rection on a moral issue has not and would not ever be taken lightly by our Church leadership, because it is about salvation. Their salvation.

As a priest, when I find myself in a place where I am asked to give counsel to an individual about a matter of a serious nature, I ask myself this question. "If I had to explain what I have counseled this person, to the Lord Himself, how would it be received, by the Lord? That is my acid test. Why? Because bad advice on a serious matter is not about their salvation, it is about my salvation. My sole duty and responsibility as a Catholic priest is to help you Brothers, to the best of my ability to get to heaven. If I do my job well, I hope to slide in through the Pearly Gates, behind you, on your coat tails.

Brothers, morally, get vaccinated as soon as you possibly can. If there is something else holding you back, I offer you my prayerful best wishes. My hopeful prayer is that we will be able to travel in the summer as I would really like to hit some golf balls in the 110-degree heat of the Arizona desert. The good news here Brothers is that we are moving in a positive direction. We will be back to in person meetings and gatherings in the foreseeable future. I pray that you will be able to host fun-filled family and friends' events during this summer season. Regardless of the timing my dear Brothers, we are moving forward with the good Lord guiding our progress with His ever-vigilant protection and loving gaze fixed upon us.

My dear Brothers in the Lord, may our loving God bless you, your families, and your Councils, with happy, healthy, and holy summers. May we all come into the fall, refreshed, and inspired by the Holy Spirit to fulfill our God's divine plan for us, as it is revealed to us, all in His good time.

Blessings,

Fr Jim

## 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.)**



Three members of Sacred Heart Council 3408 in Red Deer helping one of our seniors move into her new home

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“Worthy State Deputy Vince: My wife is happy tonight at the Virtual Rosary as you mentioned it to be our anniversary of 25 years. Actually, it is 45 years – but she now feels very young with your kind words. Thank you, Brother.” From Brother Dan and Lady Maria Killoran.

“Blessings from our home to yours! The last nine days has been one of the most powerful prayer experiences of my life. I have been praying the Rosary for a long time, just would like to say there was something very special about having so many men leading the Rosary, somehow it had more spiritual, somber feeling. Thank you for this amazing, holy experience. Yours in Christ, Maureen Ross.”

As a State Deputy, sometimes it is a lonely place and it carries a lot of responsibility. Yet, at the end of the day, it is gratifying knowing that you try your best to do the job without any hidden agenda. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your trust and confidence. Furthermore, it is through each individual’s effort, countless hours, and dedication towards our cause that “Stewards of Faith and Action” has successfully become a reality. All of you are appreciated beyond measure. To save the best for last, so to speak, to my family, children Stephanie and Richard, my beloved, the love of my life, and soul-mate wife Ruby, for their never-ending support, inspiration, understanding, for helping me to get up when I am down, time and again, and love – from the bottom of my heart, thank you!

In closing, I am truly proud and blessed to have had the opportunity to serve you, the great Alberta/NWT jurisdiction for the last two years!

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Vince R. Reyes  
State Deputy  
2019-2021

***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.***

