



1ST DEGREE
26 APR- ST. PATRICK'S
2ND/3RD DEGREE
15 JUNE - ST. CECILIA



COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 10, 2018 7:00PM
ASCENSION PARISH



Blood Donor Clinic

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC
6 JUNE 2019
4PM -8PM HARVEST
HILLS ALLIANCE



40 CANS FOR LENT
6 MARCH - 18 APRIL 2019

FAITH IN ACTION

Good Friday Promotion

Stations of the Cross - March 22nd

Ascension Council helped lead the Stations of the Cross at our parish on March 22nd. Thank you to all our Brother Knights, who on very short notice, participated in this event as part of our Good Friday promotion.





Grand Knight's Report

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T - 3 Year - Br. Kevin Power

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For council news and parish activities, visit our Knights of Columbus webpage at

www.ascensionparish.ca

Brothers,

March was another important month for our Council. We served our community and youth by participating in Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfasts at four of the schools in our parish community. Over 3000 pancakes were prepared and served.

We held a Movie Night where we watched 'For Greater Glory', a movie documenting the true story of the Cristeros War. In our times, where the Knights of Columbus are defending persecuted Christians, we saw how not too long ago our Brothers were being martyred for their faith and how the KofC also intervened then, to help bring an end to this war.

We also participated in a Lenten tradition by leading our parish in the Stations of the Cross.

This month we will hold our Spiritual Retreat on April 6th. Fr. Adrian will guide us in a study of 'Our Vocation as Men of God and Church History.' Stay tuned for a further email on this retreat and don't forget to RSVP to kofcascension@gmail.com.

On Good Friday Ascension Council will have twelve members registered for the Outdoor Way of the Cross. If you would also like to participate you can RSVP to kofcascension@gmail.com.

Finally, in May we will have the presentation of our Council Recognition Medals. Stay tuned for more information on date and times.

Fraternity,

Phil

GK

Parish News and Events: Br. Mark Holland



Now that we are celebrating Mass in the new sanctuary, we have a number of new Masses during the week and the new Mass times on the weekend. Our new weekend Mass times are Saturday at 6:00 PM and Sunday at 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM. During the week we have morning Masses Monday through Saturday at 9:00AM and evening Masses Tuesday through Friday at 6:30 PM. Reconciliation is also available at a number of new times: Tuesday through Saturday at 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM, Tuesday through Thursday at 6:00 PM - 6:25 PM, Saturday at 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM and Sunday at 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM.

Holy week will begin with Palm Sunday on the weekend of April 13/14 at our new regular weekend Mass times. Good Friday Masses are at noon and 3:00 PM and the Easter Vigil is at 9:30PM Saturday, April 20th. Please take note of the change in Mass times on Easter Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM.

Over the last three weekends at the Parish, starting on March 16/17, the Capital Campaign committee, our Pastors and the Renovation committee, have all been talking about us parishioners making a new three year Pledge of financial support to the Parish. All three groups spoke about being in our new sanctuary and our new responsibility to share in the costs, "not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice." The new program is call "Ascension Catholic Parish Pledges." Please join in and complete your pledge and return it to the office.



I would like to thank Br. Mark for his commitment to provide us with the latest Parish News.

This month Br. Mark prepared his report while on a family vacation to beautiful Mexico.

Mark, his wife Kim and daughter Chloe took time to share with us this image of Our Lady of Guadalupe that was proudly displayed at the resort where they were staying.

This artistic rendering of Juan Diego's Tilma is composed of painted tiles.

Thanks Mark!



Shrove Tuesday - 5 March 2019

Thank you to all our Brother Knights who volunteered to prepare pancakes at four different schools on Shrove Tuesday.

St. Bede's: Br. Trevor, Br. Leonard and Br. Russell.





Blessed Marie Rose: Br. Francis and Br. Dominic



St. Jerome: Br. Kevin, Br. Brian, Br. David and Br. Marco



Ascension of Our Lord: Br. Nelson, Br. Rommel and Br. Phil



HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN YOUR COUNCIL?

- A) Attend a Council Meeting.
- B) VOLUNTEER to Assist with a Service Program Category.
- C) Select a Particular Service Program of Interest.
- D) Participate in a Faith in Action Service Program.
- E) Send an email to [**kofcascension@gmail.com**](mailto:kofcascension@gmail.com)



Good Friday Promotion - Outdoor Way of the Cross 19 Apr 2019

Ascension Council will be supporting the Diocesan Outdoor Way of the Cross on Good Friday. To date there are twelve Knights from our Council registered to participate? There is a brief, yet mandatory, training session. If you would like to join us simple RSVP to kofcascension@gmail.com.

April 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <u>KofC Spiritual Reflection</u> 9:00am - 5:00pm
7	8	9	10 Council Meeting 7:00pm Rosary Program	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Good Friday - Outdoor Way of the Cross	20
21 Easter Sunday	22	23 	24	25	26 State Convention - Edmonton	27 State Convention
28 State Convention	29					

NOTES

Apr 6 - Council Spiritual Reflection 9:00am - 7:00pm at Ascension Parish. Hosted by Fr. Avi and Fr. Adrian. Mass at 5:pm followed by reception at 6:00pm.
 Apr 19 - Outdoor Way of the Cross at St. Mary's Cathedral.
 Apr 23 - Council Recognition Banquet to be held at the Sage Hill Retirement Residence, 6 Sage Hill Gardens. 6:30pm-9:30pm. Buffet Dinner \$15.
 Apr 26 - 28 - KofC State Convention to be held in Edmonton.

Major Degree Exemplification - 23 March

Congratulations to Br. Amaechi Ola, Br. James Dubash, Br. Kenny Murphy, Br. Leonard MacDonald and Br. Brian Mai, who completed their 2nd and 3rd Degrees on Saturday, 23 March. The Degree Coordinator, WDD Sal Ficaccio, is at far left.



"To know that the Father's Wisdom is in every cross, is faith. To trust that everything that happens to us is for our good, is hope. But to express our love for Him in the midst of darkness and aridity is the purest love."
-Mother Angelica





Knights of Columbus
ALBERTA / NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
ALBERTA SOUTH DISTRICT # 10
 Simon Fraser Province
 4th Degree Knights of Columbus



DRESS CODE FOR EXEMPLIFICATIONS

FOR CANDIDATES:

- Black or dark blue or dark gray suit (black preferred)
- White dress shirt with button cuffs and tie
- Black socks and shoes
- Active members of the Armed Forces, Police, and Firefighters may wear their full dress uniform

FOR HONOUR GUARD MEMBERS:

- The official dress uniform as described in the Laws and Rules OR
- Black tuxedo, white shirt, black bow tie, black cummerbund, black socks, black shoes, and social baldric under the coat PLUS black chapeau with colored plume, black cape with colored lining, white gloves, service baldric and sword

FOR MEMBERS:

- The official dress uniform as described in the Laws and Rules OR
- Black tuxedo, white shirt, black bow tie, black cummerbund, black socks, black shoes, and social baldric under the coat.
- Wearing a black or dark blue or dark gray business suit with social baldric is a last resort option for members attending an Exemplification.

FOR EXEMPLIFICATION TEAM MEMBERS:

- All team members to be dressed identically
- The official dress uniform as described in the Laws and Rules OR
- Robes



Candidate Dress

FOR THE BANQUET

- Dress for the banquet follows that for the Exemplification; ladies wear evening dress suitable for the occasion.

The official regalia dress for members will be outlined in the pending revision to the Color Corps Drill Manual.

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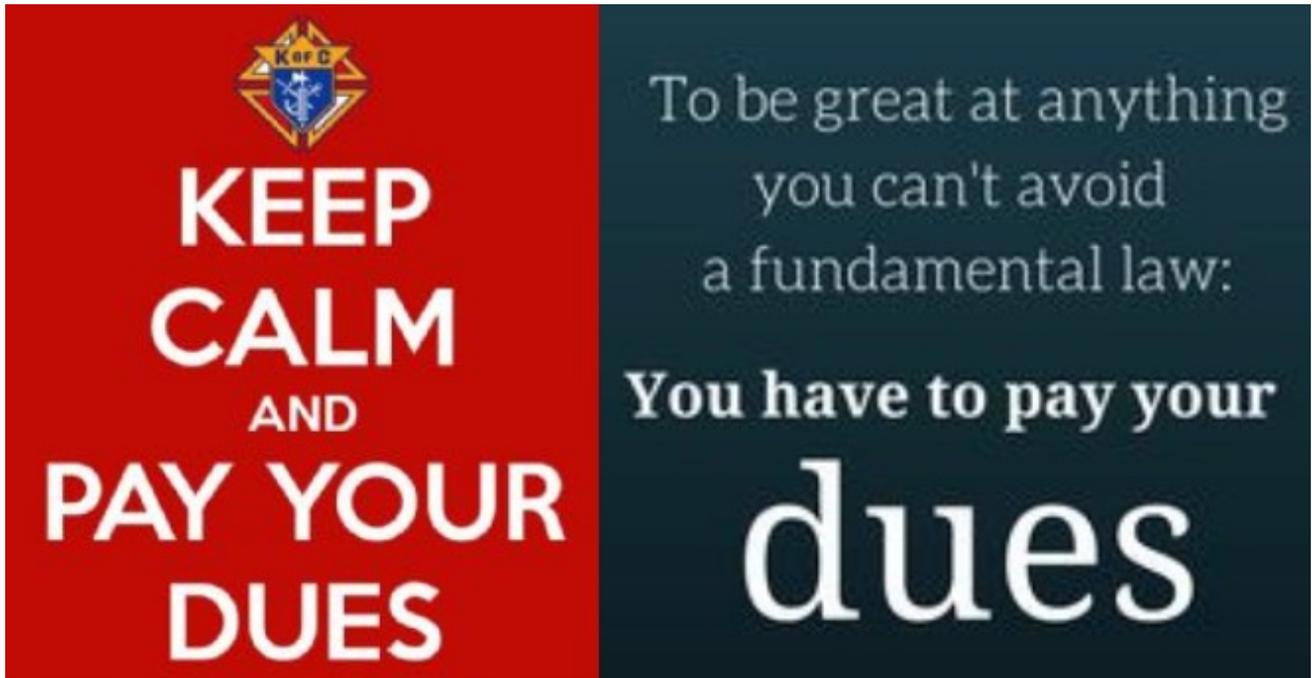


Whoa! Hold it Right There B. Ray...

Cute and cuddly, you are behind enemy lines.

Br. Ray took in an Oiler game last week while visiting his family. Don't be fooled by the secret police in the background. He's just waiting for Br. Ray to unveil the Flames jersey underneath his jacket.

Wait a minute, is that Gene Príncipe?





Council Recognition Medal

As many of you know, Ascension Council is commissioning a Council Medal, or Jewel, to award active members of our Council who have distinguished themselves through their volunteerism and commitment to our Council. You will be able to wear this Jewel at all Council Activities. It will also provide you with a piece of memorabilia to acknowledge your service to the Knights of Columbus.

The criteria to earn this medal are the following:

1. Attend one council meeting during the 2018-2019 Columbian Year;
2. Participate on one of our Charitable Outreach Teams and attend one Charitable Outreach function during the 2018-2019 Columbian Year; and
3. Attend one Faith in Action activity during the 2018-2019 Columbian Year.

Honourary Lifetime Members qualify automatically for the medal.

In order to ensure we do not overlook eligible Knights from our council and to provide ample notice to all Knights of the many opportunities that remain to qualify for this medal, I am asking all Knights of our Council to complete this online form:

<https://form.jotform.com/90114957058258>

By doing so you will be able to evaluate where your participation needs to be for the remaining 5 months of the Columbian Year. Please provide your comments in the comments section of the form.



Hike for Life - 11 May @ Princess Island Park

The John Bosco Trophy is awarded annually to the KofC Council with the greatest representation at the Calgary Hike for Life. Keep Saturday, May 11th open in your calendar and join us for a wonderful spring morning standing up for the Culture of Life. Zoom in to read a little bit about the history of this trophy.



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COUNCIL 7432
2014

ST. MARK'S
COUNCIL 8870
2015

ST. JOHN BOSCO
COUNCIL 8146
2016

ST. DON BOSCO
COUNCIL 8146
2017

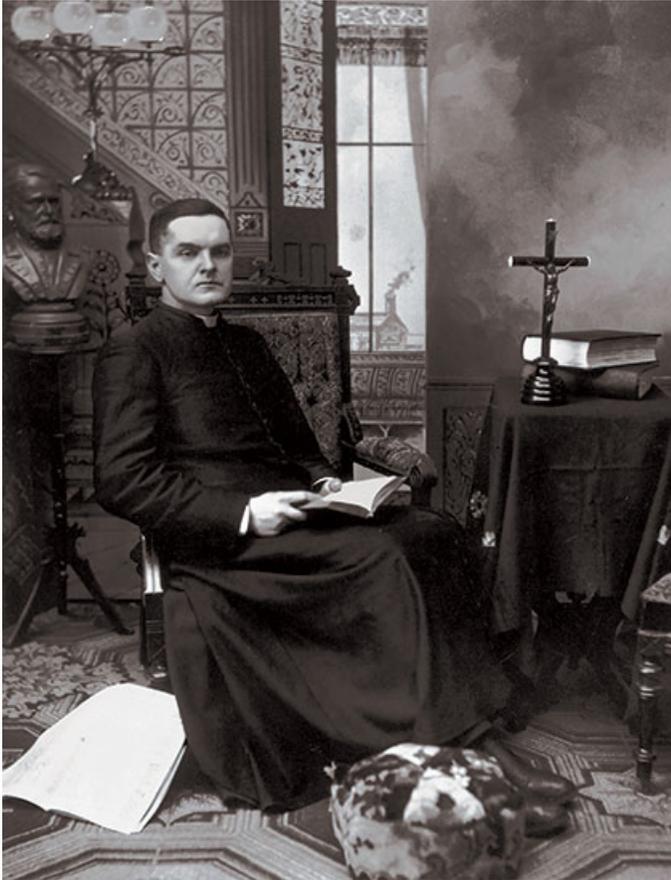
ST. DON BOSCO
COUNCIL 8146
2018

2019 Wives' Appreciation Night

Ascension Council will host our annual Wives' Appreciation Night on May 25th. The evening will feature a catered dinner followed by a games night. There will also be select raffle items available. Ticket prices will be held at \$25 a couple. There are still a few details to be firmed up by our planning committee, however, our purpose remains to provide an affordable and memorable evening to honour and recognize our wives who are so important to the work we do. Stay tuned for more details. If you would like to become involved in the planning committee or share your ideas you can send an email to kofcascension@gmail.com.



10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE FOUNDER OF THE K OF C



FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY IS A TIMELESS WITNESS TO THE FAITH

Maybe you're an old pro and already knew that Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Conn. in 1882. Maybe you already knew that he envisioned a Catholic order that would help Catholic men to remain steadfast in faith while providing insurance for their families.

But you probably didn't know these facts:

1. Not only Catholics, but even Protestants were inspired by Father McGivney's witness of faith.

Alida Harwood, the daughter of a prominent Episcopal minister in New Haven, frequented Mass at St. Mary's Church where Father McGivney served. When Alida contracted malaria at the age of 25 and lay on her death bed, it was Father McGivney that she asked to see.

2. He was a heck of a baseball player.

We know that in one game with his seminary team he scored three runs, contributing to a big victory with a score of 23-6. He paved the way for a long history of baseball players who would join the Knights, including these MLB legends.

3. More forward-thinking than Yale? Father McGivney pushed the boundaries as a theater director.

At a time when, according to Parish Priest, nearby Yale University was limiting theater to only male actors, Father McGivney welcomed women to perform when he directed his parish's St. Patrick's Day play in 1880.

4. He helped young people take charge of their lives and create a better future.

Father McGivney saw that many young men were neglecting their religion and turning to alcohol abuse. In response, he founded St. Joseph's Total Abstinence and Literary Society, a group that helped young men stay strong in the faith and become active in their communities. They organized and participated in sports and theatrical productions. McGivney offered members a meeting space with books, magazines, newspapers and a piano. No doubt, Father McGivney's experience with this group prepared him when he later founded the Knights of Columbus.

5. His vision for the role of the laity was very unusual for the time.

Seventy-seven years ahead of the Second Vatican Council, the idea that a Catholic organization could be led by laymen was quite extraordinary. Yet that was Father McGivney's vision for the Knights of Columbus.

6. He ministered to inmates.

Father McGivney was responsible for ministering to inmates in the city jail. One inmate was 21-year-old Chip Smith, who — while drunk — shot and killed a police officer. Smith was convicted for first-degree murder and sentenced to be hanged.

Father McGivney visited him daily, and, on the day of Smith's execution, the priest was filled with sorrow. Just before he died, Smith comforted him: "Father, your saintly ministrations have enabled me to meet death without a tremor. Do not fear for me, I must not break down now."

7. He was only 38 years old when he died.

And that's actually not surprising — life expectancy was short for priests in Connecticut in the 19th century, when the Catholic population was growing, disease was common and the priests were overworked.

8. He's on the path to sainthood.

His cause for canonization is open, and he was given the title "Venerable Servant of God" by the Holy See in 2008. You can help promote devotion to this Servant of God — [click here](#) to join the Father McGivney Guild.

9. His belongings were burned when he died.

When Father McGivney died of tuberculosis, his personal items were burned to prevent the spreading of the disease. Only a small number of his writings and belongings survived.

10. He is known to intercede especially in four areas (from Columbia magazine):

- Employment and finances. Just as parishioners looked to Father McGivney for help when “No Irish need apply” was often included in job postings, so today many receive help when they are laid off or seeking a better job.
- Substance abuse. In Father McGivney’s day, alcoholism afflicted the immigrant population, and many now find relief from drug or alcohol abuse after praying to him.
- Family reconciliation. Father McGivney helped immigrant families struggling to stay together and to make ends meet. Today, Father McGivney continues to respond to the prayers of families.
- Return to the faith. Father McGivney founded the Order to keep men from joining anti-Catholic societies. Today, many Catholics receive favors when calling upon him to help their fallen-away children return to Mass.

NEED A PRAYER ANSWERED? ASK FATHER MCGIVNEY.**WHY YOU SHOULD PRAY FOR FATHER MCGIVNEY’S INTERCESSION**

Need help finding a job? Know someone struggling with substance abuse? Family at odds with one another? Battling an illness? Loved one fallen away from the faith?

Try praying through Father Michael J. McGivney’s intercession.

Father McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, may become a saint, after being declared venerable in 2008, which means that he displayed “heroic virtue” in his life.

<https://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/praying-for-father-mcgivneys-intercession.html>

[Links to K of C Publications](#)

Columbia Magazine <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/index.html>

Knightline <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/publications/lc/knightline/index.html>

Chaplain's Report <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/chaplains/index.html>

