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COUNCIL MEETING
SEP 13, 2017 7:00PM



Blood Donor Clinic
20 OCTOBER
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HOLY NAME OF MARY
SEPTEMBER 12

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Most Holy Name of Mary



In accordance with Jewish custom our Lady's parents named her eight days after her birth, and were inspired to call her Mary. The feast of the Holy Name of Mary therefore follows that of her Birthday, as the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus follows Christmas. The feast originated in Spain and was approved by the Holy See in 1513; Innocent XI extended its observance to the whole Church in 1683 in thanksgiving to our Lady for the victory on September 12, 1683 by John Sobieski, king of Poland, over

the Turks, who were besieging Vienna and threatening the West. This day was commemorated in Vienna by creating a new kind of pastry and shaping it in the form of the Turkish half-moon. It was eaten along with coffee which was part of the booty from the Turks.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2014-09-12>

On this day dedicated to the Holy Name of Mary let us repeat that wonderful prayer of Saint Bernard, responding to Pope Benedict XVI's invitation to "invite everyone to become a trusting child before Mary, even as the Son of

God did. Saint Bernard says, and we say with him: 'Look to the star of the sea, call upon Mary ... in danger, in distress, in doubt, think of Mary, call upon Mary. May her name never be far from your lips, or far from your heart ... If you follow her, you will not stray; if you pray to her, you will not despair; if you turn your thoughts to her, you will not err. If she holds you, you will not fall; if she protects you, you need not fear; if she is your guide, you will not tire; if she is gracious to you, you will surely reach your destination'" (**Benedict XVI, address at Heiligenkreuz Abbey, September 9, 2007**).

Grand Knight's Report

As we close one Columbian Year and begin another I want to start by thanking our Chaplain Father Avi, our membership and our parishioners for an outstanding year. As your Grand Knight it has been my privilege to lead this amazing Council as we realized several significant milestones. This year we ran a very successful Surge Program which started with our Membership Recruitment Drive in October, culminating with the donation of our Toshiba Ultra-Sound machine to the Culture for Life in June. We delivered over 24 Major Programs to our Parish Community, donated thousands of volunteer hours and nearly \$40,000.00 in Charitable Giving. Some of our most notable initiatives were: Coats for Kids, 40 Cans for 40 Days, Basketball Free Throw Competition, Support of Vocations, Notre Dame – Scholarship Awards, Canadian Blood Donor Clinics – Vivos and the March for Life.

We have and will continue to be recognized for outstanding service. In December we were recognized as ‘Council of the Month’ for Alberta/NWT, April we were inducted into the “State Deputy’s Club” for outstanding membership recruitment, followed by the RSVP Award for Vocations and most recently an announcement in the KofC Knightline that our Council has received “Double Star Council” status. There will be many more awards to share with you in the month of September.

I am so proud of our membership growth and the diversity of our Council. Our Council membership is now representative of the diversity in our Parish Community. Most importantly, we have attracted young, energetic and well educated young men to strengthen our ranks. We hope that we will continue to be attractive to the men of our Parish and offer them an opportunity to make a meaningful difference in our community.

We are so excited to build on the momentum that we created this past year and we look forward to working with our Pastors and the Capital Campaign as we leverage our resources to support our Parish Renovations. We thank you for your support of the Knights Store Card Program; as this is our most significant fund raising program and a major source of funding to the renovations.

I look forward to sharing with you our many successes in the months to come.

Vivat Jesus,

Grand Knight, Kevin Power

2018 Ascension KofC Service Programs

Church

Keeping Christ in
Christmas
Support for Vocations
RSVP
Alter Servers'
Appreciation
Building the Domestic
Church

Community

St. Dismas Prison
Ministry
Blue Mass
Mustard Seed
Shrove Tuesday Breakfast

Council

Blood Donor Clinic
Wives' Appreciation
Stampede BBQ
Rorate Mass
Christmas/Easter-
Mass Setup

Culture of Life

March For Life

Family

Pumpkin Carving
40 Cans for Lent

Youth

Coats for kids
Basketball Free Throw
Scholarship Program

Padre's Corner: By Father Avi

I want to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for all you have done for our Parish. Our fraternity works so hard to support the Parish, and there are many groups who benefit from the work you do. There are the obvious visible signs of the work the Knights of Columbus performs, for example, the selling of the store cards, but there are also less obvious ways in which the Knights help others as well. The financial support you offer to the Parish is incredible, especially during these tough economic times that our City is in the midst of.

As we move toward a new internal design of our Church, I know one aspect that won't change is the hard work, dedication and compassion our Fraternity consistently displays. The Ascension Council has worked so hard over the years to continue to serve others. I am so pleased to be a part of this Fraternity and I look forward to all that the future holds for this fine group of men.

Kudos Brother Knights

Congratulations Ascension Council

As part of our commitment to fulfilling the requirements of the KofC Service Programs, Ascension Council received the 2017 Vocation Sponsor Award in recognition of the support provided to Seminarian, Br. Mark Drapal. Our council donated \$1000 to support Br. Mark in his studies.



Ascension Council received the following letter from our Vocation Sponsor, Br. Mark Drapal:

Dear Brother Knights of Ascension Council #10065,

I thought I would send you a letter to update you on my formation and how my summer has been.

Last year I finished my fifth year of Seminary formation, which was also my first year of Theology. This coming year will be my second year of Theology, followed by my Internship Year, and afterwards my last year of Theology, which will also be my last year of formation (assuming everything goes smoothly).

Apart from his studies, there are also certain ministries or steps that a seminarian receives on his way to priestly ordination to both prepare him for his priestly ministry and celebrate his progress towards the priesthood. They are the following: Lector, Acolyte, Candidacy, Diaconal Ordination, and Priestly Ordination. Last summer I was installed into the ministry of Lector, and I have petitioned to be installed into the ministry of Acolyte this year. As these celebrations usually occur within the seminarian's diocese, I will be sure to inform you when and where I will receive them so that you can celebrate my progress with me.

This summer has flown by rather quickly and much has happened since we last met. For the month of July, I was working in the Archives at the Pastoral Centre compiling all of the policies of the diocese. It was both an interesting job (in terms of the content) and a mentally exhausting one (in terms of entering the data onto a computer), yet I have learned much from the experience which I will bring into my future ministry.

In early August, I was able to go camping to B.C. with my family for a week and a half.

Although the weather was rather hot and dry, the scenery was beautiful and it was a good break from work.

After I came back it was time for One Rock where I enjoyed altar serving for the Friday and Saturday Masses, volunteering at the Merchandise Table, and playing soccer with the High School students against the Priests. I also saw some of you there and had the pleasure of speaking with you.

At the moment, I am trying to enjoy what is left of my summer vacation, while at the same time preparing to head back to the seminary on Monday August 28th. It's hard to believe that my summer is almost over! I am not sure if we will be able to meet again before I leave, but I would like to thank you once more for all your help, and I look forward to your continued support.

Yours fraternally in Christ,

Mark Drapal

Why I Became a Blood Donor & You Should Too



By: KofC Field Agent Robert Pettigrew.

For many of you for whom I have seen over the last year as your Field Agent, you already know that my wife has Lupus which is a chronic autoimmune disease (www.lupuscanada.org). We were blessed in having our daughter in 2006 and as you may know or may not know, is that we will only ever have one child.

Unfortunately, at the end of my wife's pregnancy she had HELLP Syndrome [Class 1] (Hemolysis Elevated Liver enzymes & Low blood Platelets) which meant that she needed to be induced for delivery.

Her blood platelets had dropped to 44,000mm³ and then to 22,000mm³. During the labour, they were thinking about doing a C section but there was literally not enough blood in Foothills hospital to do this, as she was not able to clot anymore and even though she has a very common blood type (A+, 36% of the population www.blood.ca) the risks were just too high so my wife endured a 20+hr delivery.

Fortunately, my wife was able to deliver our daughter with no complications on a very cold and snowy Thursday morning and she was ok, for a little while. After being discharged Friday, she was back in the hospital the next day as her BP had spiked to 226/169, resulting in her being readmitted to hospital to get her BP under control. Being discharged on Sunday afternoon she was ok until she went in for blood tests on Tuesday and we were told to get her back into Emergency on Thursday right away as her blood platelets had dropped dangerously low to 12,000mm³ and on Thursday after testing, it was at 8,000mm³ and dropping fast from the symptoms that were present.

It was then that she was given an emergency transfusion of blood platelets, being escorted by a team of nurses around her so that she could not fall or bump into anything, to an empty cast room and administered the IV needle by the ER doctor in case anything went wrong.

If it wasn't for the generous blood donors who had generously donated blood & platelets in the weeks prior, my wife could be conceivably not be alive today as her condition was rapidly increasing towards spontaneous bleeding due to extremely low blood platelets.

Afterwards, I became a blood donor myself to support other families, especially since I have a rare blood type (B+, 7.6% of the population) and have done over 20 whole blood donations.

I hope that you will take some time out of your busy schedule and choose to help protect another family by donating blood, it can make all the difference in the world and it's an act of Charity that can save a life! If you are unable to donate blood, please consider donating your time as a volunteer at a clinic; this is a considerable resource contribution as well!

If you are blood donor already, thank you for donating and making a difference to society; I hope to see you continuing to donate by making an appointment now at www.blood.ca



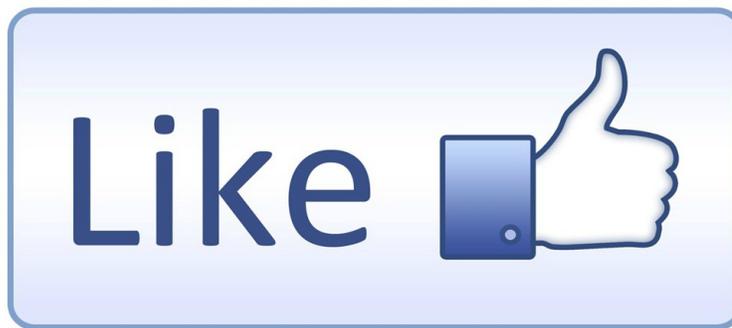
You can download the Canadian Blood Services app as well on the Google Play or iTunes store.

The next blood donor clinic the Knights of Columbus council 10065 are volunteering at is on August 25 at Vivo 11950 Country Village Link NE from 4pm to 8pm.

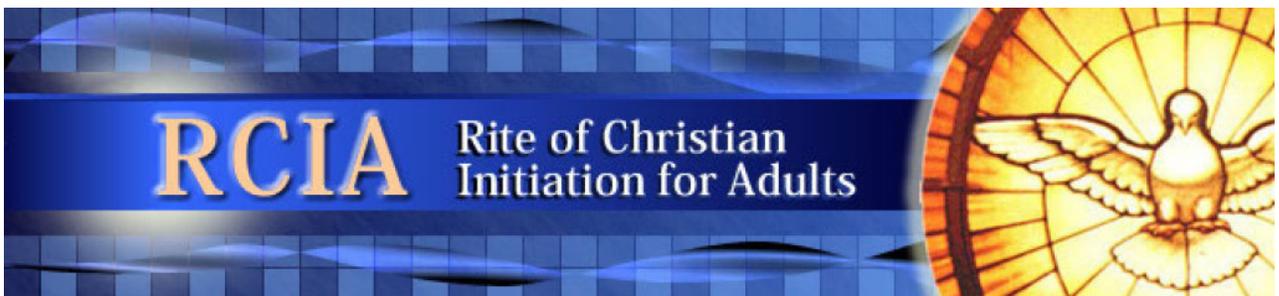
<https://blood.ca/en/blood/becoming-donor>

<https://blood.ca/en/becoming-volunteer>

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Please click on Br. Robert's Facebook page and**



<https://www.facebook.com/robertpettigrewkofc/>



The RCIA team at Ascension parish is looking for people to become sponsors for this years RCIA program. For those people that are interested or have questions please contact Cory or Robert

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Robert: robkehrig@gmail.com 403-620-9090

[Ever Wonder Why You Are Catholic?](#)

To watch a compelling episode of Father Spitzer's Universe click on the link below. If you are running short on time, fast forward to minute 16:00 and watch the 10 minute segment until minute 26:00 for the answer to your question. Going through a period of suffering? Catch the last 10 minutes of this episode.



<https://youtu.be/UMrDite5Y>



Holiness is not for wimps and the cross is not negotiable, sweetheart, it's a requirement.

- Mother Angelica

Parish News: By Brother Mark Holland

Both of our new Priest have celebrated several masses already and are quickly becoming part of our parish community. Please continue to welcome and support Father Rodel and Father Anthony in their new roles at Ascension.

With the start of the new school year, many of the Parish ministries are sending out new schedules and conducting training sessions. If you are involved in any of the liturgical ministries such as Lectors, Ushers, Greeters or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please ensure you check your emails for the new schedules. Training for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are the scheduled for the end of August and mid-September. If you are interested in joining either of these rewarding ministries, please contact Nancy at the office for the specific training dates.

The Parish bulletin will be starting again in September and will have several important dates for fall activities. Please pick up a bulletin when they become available.



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>

