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Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we are now holding online monthly meetings. Every month we will send you a Zoom invitation, 2 days before the meeting so you can be part of the online meetings.

## Grand Knight's Message

Brothers All,

Hello to everyone, my name is Carlos Matos and I have been a member of St. Bernadette Parish since 1983 and am one of the ushers mostly at the 11:30 Mass. Also, I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus for some time and am honoured to be nominated and elected as the next Grand Knight of Council 8629. Thank you to the nominating committee and to those members that joined the online zoom meeting to vote for the new council executive. I thank the past Executive members for their hard work in keeping the council together during this difficult year and wish them the very best as they move forward in their lives.

My purpose will be to serve as the Grand Knight of your council, to preside with the greatest of intentions to unite members of our council and to grow our membership in numbers. As the GK it will be my focus to be the facilitator and let the council engage in the various committees that we will form. During the month of July and August we will only have the Executive meetings (Officers Planning meetings) and suspend the general meetings until the month of September. I look forward to the installation of officers in the Fall and working side by side with our new executive team. Also, I look forward to contacting each and every one member of our council during the first few months of our term and getting to know you better and how we can be of service to you and at the same time support one another as council members. Please stay well and safe during this recovery time from the pandemic and may God Bless each and every one of you and your families.

Grand Knight

Carlos Matos

## Your Executive 2021-2022

Grand Knight	Carlos Matos
Deputy Grand Knight	Coy Guerrero
Chaplain	Fr. Paul Than Bui
Financial Secretary	Nelson Pluff
Chancellor	Calvin Mitchell
Recorder	Ben Dobranowski
Treasurer	Agnelo Pereira
Advocate	Pierre Roy
Warden	Ken Lamb
Inside Guard	Johnny Maala
Outside Guard	David Racette
One-Year Trustee	Warren Whitford
Two-Year Trustee	Tim McConnell
Three-Year Trustee	John Noel
District Deputy	John Noel
Field Agent	Mark Pan

## Council Web Site

We invite you to visit: <http://kofc8629.ca>  
*Brother Knights, our council is now the first link on Google when you search kofc8629, the formal website name is [kofc8629.ca](http://kofc8629.ca) - you do not need to add "www". Going forward all newsletter will be posted to the website in the "news" link at the top of the page, it will be in a PDF format for you to view or download.*  
Calvin Mitchell, PGK, Webmaster  
State Young Adult & Squires Coordinator  
Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon State Council

## Chaplain's Message

**By Fr. Jonathan D. Kalisch, O.P.**  
**Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development**

The month of August invites us to commemorate the witness of charity exemplified by Blessed Michael McGivney. In her wisdom, the Church placed his feast day (Aug. 13) between the day of his birth on earth (Aug. 12, 1852) and his entrance into eternity (Aug. 14, 1890). Pope Francis spoke about Father McGivney's witness to the universal Church in remarks the day after his beatification, "Dedicated to evangelization, he did everything possible to provide for the needs of the needy, promoting mutual aid. May his example be an impetus for us to witness ever more to the Gospel of charity" (Angelus Remarks, Nov. 1, 2020).

It was in the month of August 1882, shortly after founding the Knights of Columbus, that Father McGivney was tasked with spiritually preparing the convicted murderer James "Chip" Smith for his execution on Sept. 1. The Sunday before the hanging, Father McGivney celebrated Mass in jail for Chip with over 150 in attendance. The *New Haven Union* reported the following: "Father McGivney, who is Chip's spiritual advisor made an affecting address, which brought tears to the eyes of many. On behalf of James Smith the young curate asked the *ad hoc* congregation to pardon [him] for all the faults he may have given and at his request asks for the prayers of all of you that when next Friday comes he may die a holy death."

Reflecting on the part he had to play in preparing Chip for death, Father McGivney said, "I trust all of you will offer us fervent prayer to the throne of grace that God will strengthen us to perform the awful duty which we shall be called upon to perform before this time next Sunday. To me this comes almost as a crushing weight. If I could consistent with my duty be far away from here next Friday I should escape perhaps the most trying ordeal of my life, but this sad duty is placed in my way by providence and must be fulfilled." The day before Smith's execution, Father McGivney again offered Mass in the jail cell, remaining with Chip into

the night and accompanying him with prayer as he ascended the gallows.

As we celebrate Blessed Michael McGivney's witness to the Gospel of charity, may we show a similar impetus to those in need around us. In his Nov. 1 remarks, Pope Francis reminded the Church of the evangelical path taken by the saints and blessed: "Choosing purity, meekness and mercy; choosing to entrust oneself to the Lord in poverty of spirit and in affliction; dedicating oneself to justice and peace — all this means going against the current world's mindset, in respect to the culture of possession, of meaningless fun, of arrogance against the weakest." May Blessed Michael McGivney stir anew in us the charity that evangelizes. *Vivat Jesus!*

## Upcoming Events

- July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Day
- July 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> BC Day
- August 19<sup>th</sup> Blessed Michael McGivney's Memorial
- August 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting

## Committee Reports

No Reports at this time.

## The Lector's Ledger

We are continuing to lead the Rosaries on the First Five Saturdays at the grotto. Our next one is on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The plan is to have five groups recite the Rosary in their own language. This year, St. Joseph is being honored and is also our patron saint. Last week, we celebrated Father's day. It has been abundantly clear how influential fathers are in the home and how devastating it can be for families without a father. Our secular society, often portrays fathers as simpletons much like Homer Simpson. We, as fathers just take it with a grain of salt. We still can laugh at ourselves as we see in these jokes:

Then there's the father who laments that his 3 children are in university. He says he's getting poorer by degrees.

One little boy defined Father's Day as: "It's much like Mother's Day, but you don't spend as much on a present".

The difference between fathers and Non-fathers: Non-fathers play tennis; Fathers play pat-a-cake. Non-fathers wear silk ties with fancy logos; Fathers wear whatever they got at last Father's Day that doesn't match well.

A doting father used to sing his little children to sleep until one day he overheard his four year old tell his sibling; "If you pretend you're asleep, he stops"

## District Deputy's Report

Brothers All

Brothers starting July 1st I will be the new District deputy. I hope I will be getting everyone's support. I would like to thank our last DD Gary Klose for his hard work for the last three years.

God Bless,  
John Noel DD #27

## Attendance Lottery

As an incentive to attend the monthly meeting we hold an attendance lottery. If you are present and your number is drawn you will receive \$50.00.

If you are not present the \$50.00 is not given out. The winning number and member name is published in the Newsletter monthly.

**Until the Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions are removed and gatherings are permitted, we have postponed the Attendance Lottery.**

## Field Agent

Summer is in full swing; vacations and backyard barbeques, outdoor sports and yard work! I look forward to this time of year with flowers in bloom and thoughts of a much needed and anticipated summer vacation. I hope your summer is going well for you! In last month's message I mentioned taking stock of all the things that need to be done around the house. And I further suggested that taking stock should extend to seeing where you and your family stand when it comes to financial protection. It's interesting to read about Blessed Michael McGivney's attitude in *Faith and Fraternalism* by Christopher J. Kauffman: "Though he [Fr. McGivney] seems to have been well aware of the value of ceremonials as the binding force for fraternal unity, he spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature." You know the story well; how the untimely death of his father nearly derailed Fr. McGivney's plans to become a priest. As the curate of St. Mary's he encountered families in similar situations. So it's no wonder he was so practical when it came to making sure families were financially sound.

In my position I feel a deep kinship with Fr. McGivney in helping to protect Catholic families. I see myself as your partner in facing this planning process. You don't have to go it alone. With our new financial needs analysis tool, with cutting edge software, robust and in-depth, we can approach this together. Since my last message a number of members reached out to me. Let me give you a fictionalized account about two of them. I recently met with a brother Knight and his wife who have a couple of young children. Together, we were able to see that based on what this couple wanted for their family, there was a need in two particular areas. One, the brother's group life insurance, while free as a benefit, was not enough to do what he wanted his life insurance to do. He desired more to make sure, if he had an untimely passing, his wife and children could stay in the same home, could still attend Catholic grade school and could afford to make a college education a reality. The other area that he had not thought about was what I call the "death of his earning power." What if he became sick or hurt and could not work? His employer provided very minimal coverage for a few

months, but after that there was nothing. We explored how the Knights could fill that void and make his family whole. All this from spending time with me. The best part for him...and for you, is that this service is absolutely free. Many others in the industry charge fees for this kind of analysis. It's a fraternal benefit that I am happy to provide.

The other couple was recently retired. Well past the stage of this former young couple. I completed a financial needs analysis for them. They were in very good shape financially; had all their proverbial ducks in a row in almost every area. The area that they were concerned with was an extended care event. How could they protect all that they had worked for and saved in the event of needing help with daily living activities? I was able to help them plan for that and shift the financial burden to the Knights. The other issue they looked at was setting aside a little of what they had saved to help their grandchildren. We were able to set up a plan to pass that money tax free to them.

Maybe you have similar concerns; meeting with me can allay them. I am your partner as we share our brotherhood in the Order. That kind of relationship is rarely found elsewhere in the financial services world. Let's get together and see where you stand.

Here it is August already...and the summer is more than halfway over. I hope that you are enjoying some rest and relaxation!

I can't seem to pick up anything to read, whether it's a newspaper, some type of news feed on my computer, or a periodical, without finding articles about retirement. With so many baby boomers getting to that age I guess I should expect it. Articles tell me how to boost my retirement, how to save for retirement, how to use certain plans to have a successful retirement. Some of these articles talk about maximizing the money that I've saved, some talk about maximizing my government benefits, some talk about how I can lower my taxes in retirement. Some articles talk about retirement without even retiring, they say keep on working or take on a new job in the gig economy. Frankly, that doesn't seem like much of a retirement to me.

When I retire I want to do some of those things I've put off over my working years: spend more time with family, travel, get immersed in my hobbies...those



kinds of things. I've begun a bucket list to keep track of all the things I'd like to do when I retire.

Here are a few of my thoughts about retirement:

1. I want to retire "to" something, not "from" something. Many believe that the rocking chair on the front porch kills retirees. Retirement means having something different to engage in, not simply sitting around and doing nothing.
2. "Begin with the end in sight." One of the seven habits of successful people as espoused by Stephen Covey. What do you want your retirement to look like? What do you want to do, where do you want to go, how do you want to continue to contribute to your church, your council, and your community?
3. Have goals and have a plan. If you begin with the end in sight, now you have to make a plan on how you want to get there. *Write it down, make it happen*, the book by Henriette Klauser might be helpful. A goal without a plan to get there is just a dream.

I've talked to a number of members and their spouses lately and retirement always comes up as a topic of conversation when we review their current situation. It doesn't seem to matter their age. I've had members as young as 35 and as old as 70 over the past couple of months want to talk about retirement and making sure that they're set at some point in the future. Let's face it, the 35 year old has a lot more time to plan. Time is an ally for him. As changes occur in the economy, he has time to make course corrections. He has time to contribute more to meet the family's income goals, he'll probably earn more as he progresses in his career. For the older member, time is no friend. Less time to earn income, less time to cope with the vagaries of the economy, and topped out in earning power. The closer one gets to the planned retirement age, the more important that a strategy be in place.

That's where I can help. Our new financial needs analysis tool allows me to plug in your personal information and let you see where you stand. Are you accumulating enough funds to meet your retirement income goal? Are there ways to make sure you'll never run out of money in retirement? Is

your money safe and secure, not following the whims of the market?

Let's get together and make sure you have a strategy to put you in the winner's circle.

Hope you and your family are well. Take care, God bless and be safe out there!

Vivat Jesus!

*Sincerely,  
Mark Pan  
Field Agent*



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*Protecting Catholic families since 1882.*

## Good of the Order

### PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED

*All of our deceased family members including,*  
Br. John Smith Sister – Liz  
Br John Nicado's aunt  
Br Neil Jangula's wife Denise  
Br Hardy Sullivan  
Br Nick Kray  
Br Chris Fox jr  
Husband of Christina Lam  
Br Wayne Brazeau

Br Frank Kowenhoven's wife Ineke and sister  
Br Joe McVie's wife Grace  
Past DKG Dan Lamont's mother  
    Esperenzo Tamondog  
Br. Danny Guerrero's mother  
Br Rene Perez's mother – Espeneta  
Br Shawn Keigher  
Br Ed Villanueva's son  
Br Mineguchie and his wife  
Doreen Junk  
Br Pol Soberano's mother-in-law,  
    Presence Acion  
Br Neil Charlebois's wife Lois  
Br Agnelo Pereira's mother, Aurora  
Br Salvador Castro  
Former State Deputy Bill Cahill  
Br Kevin Mitchell's brother-in-law Roy Melder Br  
Warren Whitford's sister-in-law, Donna  
Br Ray Branson's mother  
Bella Toh  
DGK Carlos Matos' cousin  
Br Leslie Sequeira's father, Luke Sequeira (Mar'21)  
Br Al White  
Br. Tim McConnell's mother-in-law  
Mr Lee Wurtz  
Br. Gerry Gorrie

## **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Br Neil Charlebois  
Br Gerry Gorrie  
Br. Roger Charbonneau – I.C. Council  
Br. Tim McConnell  
Br. John Smith, his wife Ineke, his sister-in-law –  
    Carol, and his 4 siblings  
Br. Henry Juliane's wife Tess  
Br Agnelo Pereira's nephew  
GK John Noel's sister-in-law, Gail Sander,  
    daughter-in-law's mother, VoVo, sister, Donna

## **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Past State Deputy's wife Matilda  
Br Maurice Junk  
Past DGK Dan Lamont's wife Rosalba, niece -  
    Samantha Batherst  
Br Ed Villanueva  
Br John Schollen's sister – Fran Reid  
Br. Brian Wainwright & wife Joanne  
Fr. Mieka  
Br. Raphael Lal's wife Lalita  
Br Jim Vukets

Anne Vuckets (niece of Br Jim Vuckets)  
Br Mike & Irene Guszowaty  
Br Pol Soberano's granddaughter Alexis  
Br Neil Atwater's wife Mary (  
    Br Warren Whitford's father Tony,  
    and father-in-law, Angelito Oteyza  
Br. Neil Jengula  
Br Rugulfo Cabael  
Helen Fournier  
Maria Domingo (CWL)  
Br. Gary Klose's family and mother-in-law – Lena  
Br Gary Klose's wife – Sandy  
Br Gary Klose's wife Sandy's brother Jack Dunn  
Mike Garisto  
Evelyn Belanger  
Br Dominic Mgbiri's mother – Virginia  
Br Oswald Rego  
Br Moe Ouellette  
Br Pol Soberano  
Br Kevin Mitchell's brother-in-law Maurice Melder  
Br Agnelo Pereira's wife, Maria  
Br Gary Klose's granddaughter

## **SPECIAL Request for PRAYERS**

Br John Nicdao  
Fr Boniface  
Br Thomas Mathews  
Frontline workers, and those providing essential  
    services and those in care homes

*Updated: Apr 18/2021*

## **4<sup>th</sup> Degree News**

Dear Brother Knights of Council #8629,

I would like to congratulate your new board of office for the 2021-22 fraternal year. Rest assured that even if you were nervous to accept the role that your brother knights are there to support you. To the brother who turned down the opportunity, don't be afraid, it is a priceless experience. To the brothers who were not approached, don't be shy, put your name forward for consideration. I promise you that fulfilling the role is easier than you think it is.

As I step into my role as Faithful Navigator at our fourth degree assembly, my first action must be to encourage any interested third degree member to join us. If you wish to find out more about the fourth degree, feel free to contact me anytime. We are hoping to have our first in person meeting this month and we will keep you updated on our progress. Please let us know if your council is in need of any assistance from the assembly.

God Bless,

Calvin Mitchell - Faithful Navigator

Calvin Mitchell | PGK #8629 | Youth and Young Adult Coordinator  
Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon State Council

## 2021 – 2022 Executive

Faithful Navigator : Calvin Mitchell

Faithful Comptroller: Nelson W. Pluff

Faithful Friar: FR. Amador Abundo

Faithful Captain: Gregory M. Farrugia

Faithful Admiral: Neil Atwater

Faithful Purser: Roger Charbonneau

Faithful Pilot: Stan Pidsadny

Faithful Scribe: Unassigned

Inner Sentinel: Mark Rickafort

Outer Sentinel: Dan Lamont

1 Yr. Trustee : Cec Erickson

2 Yr. Trustee : Brandon Bong

3 Yr. Trustee : Gary Klose

## Recruitment

### **K of C Membership drive - online**

#### **Join the Knights**

**We are looking for Catholic men ages 19 and over to join us and be a Knight!**

1. invite a family member to join
2. ask a friend to join

#### **What is a Knight? - Who are we?**

**We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better men for ourselves, our family, be good role models and to put charity and community first.**

#### **What we do**

Local councils are the basic unit of the Knights and are mostly based in parishes. Each local council works to assist with the needs of its community consistent with the principles of the Order. A Knights of Columbus council can work wonders with its many programs and can help change the community, city or neighborhood in which you live.

A successful Knights of Columbus program depends on people taking the initial idea, modifying it to suit specific situations and local needs, then implementing the program in the way it works. The Knights of Columbus Faith in Action Programs are designed to engage the council members in various activities across a host of categories.

#### **Be a member and join our Council**

We are in need of eager and energetic men to implement existing programs and lead in programs created by the Council members with the goal to help our members, parish and community.

**BECOME AN ONLINE MEMBER FOR FREE!\***

Join online Link: <http://kofc.org>

Enter Promo Code **MCGIVNEY2020** for 12 months of free online membership

- WHAT'S LEFT ON THEIR "BUCKET LIST"
- ANY MATTER OF INTEREST THEY'RE WILLING TO SHARE.

THE GOAL IS TO BUILD FELLOWSHIP AND IT'S NOT MANDATORY. WHEN YOU AND YOUR "BRO" ARE READY, LET THE GRAND KNIGHT OR I KNOW SO YOU CAN BE SLOTTED IN. BROTHER AGNELO AND I DEMONSTRATED IT AT OUR APRIL 8 MEETING.

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL ME AT 604-572-3787 OR [paroy@telus.net](mailto:paroy@telus.net)

## KNOW YOUR BRO

OVER THE YEARS, WE'VE WORKED ALONGSIDE EACH OTHER IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE KNIGHTS OR IN THE PARISH KNOWING VERY LITTLE ABOUT EACH OTHER. THIS PROGRAM IS MEANT FOR US TO "KNOW YOUR BRO" BY INTRODUCING A BROTHER KNIGHT AT OUR COUNCIL MEETING. FIRST, YOU PAIR UP WITH A BROTHER KNIGHT AND YOU INTERVIEW EACH OTHER USING SOME OF THE TOPICS SHOWN BELOW. THEN, ON THE APPOINTED MEETING, YOU TAKE TURNS INTRODUCING YOUR "BRO" UNDER THE "GOOD OF THE ORDER". FIRST SELECT A KNIGHT, CONTACT EACH OTHER AND WRITE UP A HALF PAGE USING THE SUGGESTED TOPICS SHOWN BELOW. YOU WRITE IT UP THEN SEND IT TO EACH OTHER FOR EDITING AND APPROVAL, THEN LET ME OR THE GRAND KNIGHT KNOW SO WE CAN SLOT YOU IN. WRITE IT UP THEN SEND IT TO EACH OTHER FOR EDITING AND APPROVAL. TO GET THE DETAILS

YOU WOULD INTERVIEW EACH OTHER BY PHONE, OR EMAIL, WRITE DOWN THE DETAILS, THEN SEND IT TO EACH OTHER FOR APPROVAL AND EDITING. ON YOUR ASSIGNED NIGHT, YOU WILL EACH TAKE TURN TO PRESENT YOUR "BRO" AT THE MEETING. SUGGESTED TOPICS ARE:

- HOW LONG SINCE HE JOINED THE KNIGHTS AND POSITIONS HELD.
- THEIR GOOD WIFE'S NAME AND HOW MANY CHILDREN/ (OR GRANDKIDS)
- THE TYPE OF WORK OR CAREER THEY DO,
- SPECIAL SKILLS, AWARDS OR RECOGNITION THEY ATTAINED.
- WHAT HOBBIES, ADVENTURE OR EXOTIC TRAVEL THEY DID.