



## Grand Knight's Report



I hope everyone had an enjoyable **Christmas** with family and friends, and were able to celebrate **New Year's Eve**. I know we are all hopeful for a peaceful and prosperous **2026!**

We will be continuing with our regular scheduled meetings with an **executive meeting on Tuesday**

**January 6th at 7:45 PM** our **general business meeting on Tuesday January 13th at 7:45 PM**. In February our **executive meeting will be on Tuesday February 3rd at 7:45 PM** and our **general business meeting will be on Tuesday February 10th at 7:45 PM**. Participation ensures we keep a vibrant and strong Knights of Columbus council.

Our regular bingo schedule continues with the first Wednesday of the month, **January 7th** and the first Wednesday, **February 4th**. Volunteers are requested to arrive at 5:00 PM. Bingo is our largest earning function, and without this income from bingo we could not make contributions to all the charitable organizations that we support. If you are able to volunteer for this, please contact the Bingo Chairman, **Brother John Murray at (403) 715-7490** to be added to his volunteer list.

At present we are looking for a volunteer to take over the position of **Breakfast Coordinator**. Until such time that someone steps forward to take on the responsibilities of this position, all further breakfasts are put on hold.

We also need someone to fill in the position of **Advocate** and the position of **Chairman of the Retention Committee**. These positions were vacated by **Brother Wendlin Wandler** who has graciously accepted taking over the position of **Treasurer**. For any matters or concerns relevant to the Treasurer, contact Wendlin at **(403)382-0520** or email to [treasurer@knightsocolumbus5726.org](mailto:treasurer@knightsocolumbus5726.org)

On **November 24th** I was honoured to be able to present our councils awards to deserving students at **St. Francis Junior High School** and on **December 8th** at **Catholic Central High School**.

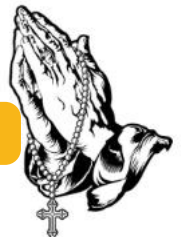
In this newsletter I am starting something new. I will be providing an article about a major Saint and/or feast day for each month. I'm starting with the **Feast Day of St. Basil The Great on January 2nd** and following with **Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes - St. Bernadette - February 11th**.

I am hoping you will enjoy reading the history of these saints and their stories. Let me know what you think.

**Vivat Jesus**  
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## Sick & Distressed Knights



Please pray for all our sick Brother Knights and their spouses. May they return to good health.

Your prayers and visits will be appreciated by:

**Brothers Joe Chenier, Gord Elliot, Rory Wright, Gary Bishoff, Douglas Miller, Maurice Lefebvre, and the Families of Pat Jonston, Bob Comstock and Andy Aucoin.**

## From The Desk Of The Financial Secretary



### From the Desk of the Financial Secretary

Greetings, as your Financial Secretary, the Council remains in good shape. Our 2025 budget was amended on April

1<sup>st</sup>, with the addition of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event and further amended this fall for the Clergy Night function. It was determined that with the surplus from last year we could afford to plan on a \$5,000.00 deficit and fund the full cost of the 60<sup>th</sup> and a further \$2,000.00 for Clergy Night. We are closing out the year on this track. A new Budget for 2026 will be voted on at our Business Meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our membership stands at an Active Members of 91 of which 43 are Honorary Life members and two Exempt members. This is a change from my last report due to the loss of two long-time Knights. If you know of someone who is looking for a way to express their Catholic faith, let them know that it is easy to join, just have them go to [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus).

The generation of Honorary & Honorary Life Cards has recommenced, and I am slowly receiving the cards missed over the past three years. I am distributing them as I receive.

Our next billing session has commenced, as of January 1st. Dues remain at \$40.00 for Regular Members and \$10.00 for Honorary Members. Honorary Life are exempt from payment. With the Postal Strike still active but in Back to Work status, I hope to be able to complete billing fully electronic. If you are reading this newsletter electronically, you should have received an email for the billing if you owe anything, if you have not, check your Junk folder and if not there, send me an email to state you haven't received it.

If you are receiving this newsletter by mail and not an Honorary Life or Exempt member, please send me an email so I can do the billing through that means. As always, eTransfer is my recommended means of payment although cash or cheque will

always be accepted. Communications and eTransfer through [FS.5726@shaw.ca](mailto:FS.5726@shaw.ca).

For those wondering where your dues go here is a quick reference:

Fixed costs per paying members	Supreme Costs	
As of January 1st 2025, State per capita was raised from \$19 to \$22, Insurance is ~\$1.29 each but ~\$2.41 per paying member.	per capita	3.50
	Advertising	1.00
<b>Total cost per Regular now ~\$30.91 of \$40 paid</b>	Pro Life	2.00
<b>Total cost per Honorary remains ~\$6.91 of \$10 paid</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6.50</b>

**Many Blessings in Christ**

**Deacon SK T Peter Lilienthal**

**Financial Secretary**  
**Fs5726@kofc.ab.ca**

**Mary, Holy Mother of God...Pray for us!**

**St Joseph, husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus...Pray for us!**

## Pancake Breakfasts

We are in dire need to find a volunteer to take up the position of **Breakfast Coordinator!** Until such time that someone steps up to take over this position, all future proposed breakfasts will be put on hold.

It is not a difficult job. We normally have 9 breakfasts a year, which requires you to line up volunteer workers, buy groceries, and organize the breakfast on Sunday morning. Training will be provided for you, along with a list of volunteer workers and spreadsheets for required groceries.

Are you available to take over this position?

Come to a meeting and volunteer or call **Manfred Poehlmann at (403) 360-4857**.



## Memorial Mass

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

*For the deceased Knights of:  
Lethbridge Council #1490  
Our Lady of Peace Council #5726  
St. Martha's Council #9280  
St. Patrick's Council #10457*



St. Martha's Catholic Church  
355 Columbia Blvd West, Lethbridge, AB

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

#### 2025 Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

*for the deceased Knights of Lethbridge Councils:  
#1490, #5726, #9280 and #10457*  
Hosted by Lethbridge Council #1490 on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

##### Celebrant

Father Valentine Suum

##### Commentator

Keith Schenker

##### Grand Knights

Tom Gardiner (regrets) Deacon Cliff Bogdan (#1490), Manfred Poehlmann, (#5726),  
Mark Nixon (#9280), Fred Ridding (#10457)

##### Greeters

Travis Zentner, Terry Graham, Justin Egger

##### Ushers

Lyle Parr, Ed Johnston, David Schoenewolf, Garry Spiess

##### Lectors

Bob Comchi, Stan Volk

##### Altar Server

Tom Jepp

##### Honour Guard

Michael Leeb, Faithful Navigator

##### Music

Jim Robinson

##### Presentation

The widow/family of our brother Knights who have died in this past year will be presented with a rosary donated by Warren Klug (Knights to Columbus Fraternal Benefits Advisor).

The widows will also receive a rose given by the Grand Knight of their spouses' council as a gift of remembrance. These roses were purchased by this year's host council #9280.



#### In Memory of the Deceased Members of Lethbridge Councils

##### Lethbridge Council #1490

John I. Tendler (Helen deceased)	January 23, 2025
Stan R. Hickie (Trish)	May 2, 2025
Guy D. Vervoort (Wilma deceased)	May 21, 2025
Onelio Fraulin (Rina)	October 18, 2025

##### Our Lady of Peace Council #5726

John White (Billie deceased)	May 6, 2025
Pat Johnston (Marie)	October 31, 2025

##### St. Martha's Council #9280

Steven Stewart (Linda)	March 4, 2024
John Roy Malec (Sharon deceased)	December 24, 2024
Ken Graham (Sally)	May 24, 2025
Henry Baumstark	August 15, 2025

##### St. Patrick's Council #10457

James "Jimmy" McKeown (Rita)	February 22, 2025
Carl Vavas (Ida)	July 28, 2025
Rdward Urbanczyk (Agnes)	September 18, 2025
Tim Rodzinyak (Ronald)	October 1, 2025
Bosco Baptista (Prisca)	November 8, 2025

*"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me,  
though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives  
and believes in Me shall never die."*

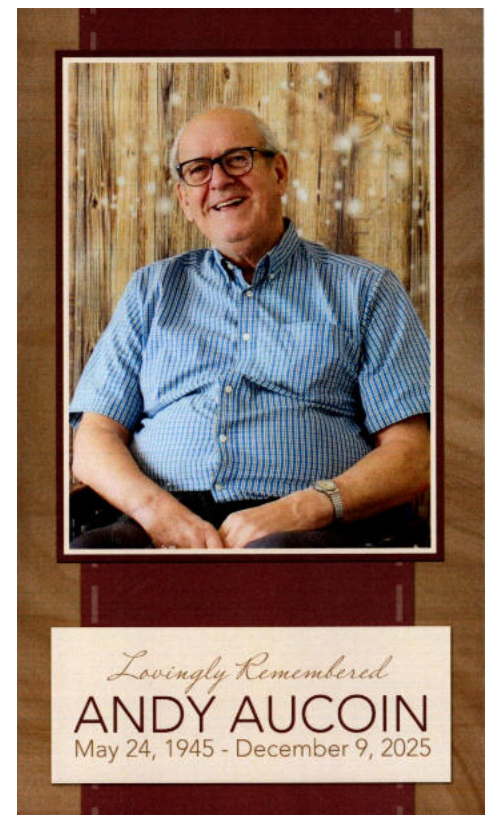
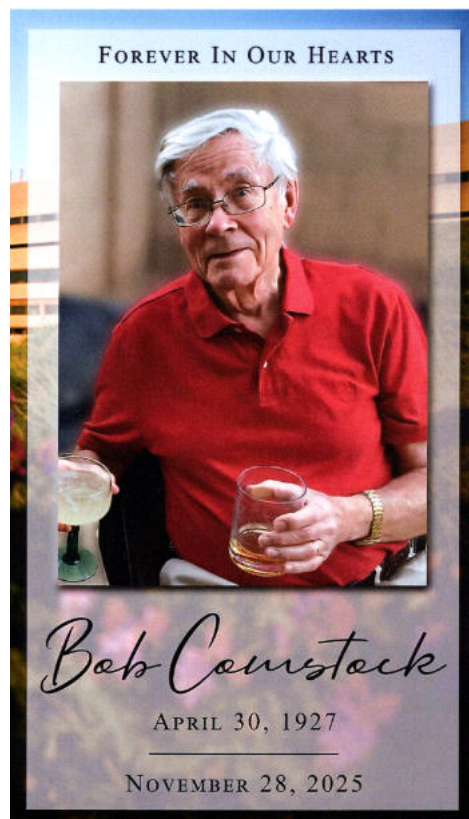
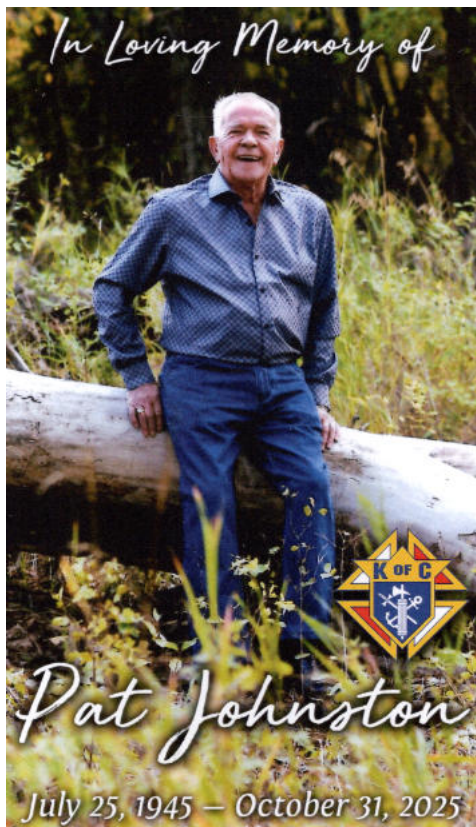
— John 11: 25-26

Those who love never leave us

##### Reception

To be held in St. Martha's Knights of Columbus Hall immediately following.  
Please join us!

## Recent Members We Have Lost



## Words From The Pulpit



**Some major celebrations which will occur over the next two months:**

- January 1<sup>st</sup> – The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- January 4<sup>th</sup> – The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
- January 11<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
- January 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Ends (Ordinary Time begins)
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
- February 18<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rite of Election

As you are reading this you are most likely winding down from the Christmas celebrations, because that is what society wants you to think. The reality of our faith and Church is that Christmas is celebrated all the way up to the Sunday following Epiphany, or the Baptism of the Lord, this year January 11<sup>th</sup>.

This fact leads many to not fully understand the Christmas season as it keeps changing each year. The best indication of the Christmas season is the song, 12 days of Christmas. Epiphany falls on January 6<sup>th</sup>, the twelfth day after Christmas, but to simplify celebrations, this Feast is moved to the nearest Sunday. The Sunday following this movement is thus the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord but only if the Sunday it is moved to is the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>, when it is moved to the Monday following Epiphany. You can see how this can be very confusing. I can't fix this confusion, but I can leave

you with this thought, Christmas doesn't end on December 26<sup>th</sup> but is a celebration of at least 12 days and as much as 19 days. So Merry Christmas!

My final piece will be a teaching moment on the twelve days of Christmas. Most of us grew up singing "*The 12 Days of Christmas*" as if it were nothing more than a cheerful holiday rhyme — a fun, whimsical melody celebrating birds, rings, and dancing figures. But the truth behind this song is far more sacred, far more courageous, and far more meaningful than most people ever imagine.

This beloved Christmas carol carries a hidden message of survival, one born during a time when Christians — especially Catholics — were forbidden to openly teach their children the foundations of the faith. So, they did what people of faith have *always* done in times of persecution: they became creative, they became clever, they wrapped truth in beauty, and Scripture in song. And so "*The 12 Days of Christmas*" was born — not as a festive jingle, but as a secret catechism, a coded way to pass down the Gospel when speaking it aloud could cost everything. By embedding doctrine into a simple song, families preserved what mattered most: the story of Christ, the structure of Scripture, the virtues of the Christian life, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the commandments, and the Creed

Children could memorize the song without suspicion...yet within its verses lived the truths of Christianity. What looked like a list of strange gifts was actually a **map of the Christian life**, cleverly disguised.

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**Mary, Holy Mother of God...Pray for us!**  
**St Joseph, husband of Mary and**  
**earthly father of Jesus...Pray for us!**  
**All holy men and women, Saints of**  
**God...Pray for us!**  
**St Basil...Pray for us!**  
**St Patrick...Pray for us!**





## THE 12 SYMBOLS — AND THEIR CHRISTIAN MEANING

### DAY 1 — A Partridge in a Pear Tree

Symbolizes **Jesus Christ**, the One who shelters and sacrifices for His children.

### DAY 2 — Two Turtle Doves

The **Old and New Testaments**, God speaking through Scripture.

### DAY 3 — Three French Hens

The theological virtues: **Faith, Hope, and Charity (Love)**. 1 Corinthians 13:13

### DAY 4 — Four Calling Birds

The **Four Gospels** — Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John — calling out the Good News.

### DAY 5 — Five Gold Rings

The **Pentateuch**, the first five books of the Bible — the foundation of creation and covenant.

### DAY 6 — Six Geese A-Laying

The **Six Days of Creation**, God bringing forth life.

### DAY 7 — Seven Swans A-Swimming

The **Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. Isaiah 11:2-3, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

### DAY 8 — Eight Maids A-Milking

The **Eight Beatitudes**, the blessings Jesus preached. Matthew 5:1-12, Luke 6:20-26

### DAY 9 — Nine Ladies Dancing

The **Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit**. ...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23

### DAY 10 — Ten Lords A-Leaping

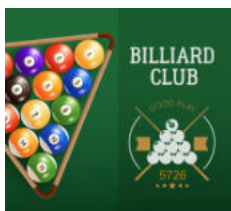
The **Ten Commandments**, leaping forth in moral authority.

### DAY 11 — Eleven Pipers Piping

The **Eleven Faithful Apostles**.

### DAY 12 — Twelve Drummers Drumming

The **Twelve Points of the Apostles' Creed** — the rhythm of what we believe.



## Games Knight

Join us in the Clubhouse every Monday Evening at 7:00 PM

for some billiards, shuffleboard, darts or foosball. Everyone is welcome.  
Join some of your brother knights for a great evening of **Games Knight!**



## Awards for Catholic School Students

Our Lady of Peace Council 5726 has donated to Awards Night at St. Francis Junior High School and Catholic Central High School for many years. This year I was honoured to be able to present the awards to many hard working and deserving students at both schools.

### St. Francis Junior High

St. Francis Junior High  
Awards Night



Bringing To Light The Best We Can Become



### Catholic Central High School

*Catholic Central  
High School*



#### Multiple Awards

4 or more subjects

all plaques and engraving were donated by Knights of Columbus #5726

#### Grade 10

Bella Amantea Science 10, Mathematics 10C, Religious Education 15, Sports Medicine 15

Alaina Doherty Show Choir 10, Musical Theatre 15, Choral Music 10, Drama 10

Hannah Haley Social Studies 10-1, Biology 20, Science 10, Mathematics 10C, Foods 1, Religious Education 15

#### Grade 11

Sophia Alger Social Studies 20-1, Musical Theatre 15, Drama 10, Choral Music 20, Religious Education 25

Emily Lane Biology 30, Spanish 20, Choral Music 10, English 20-1, Religious Education 25, Show Choir 10

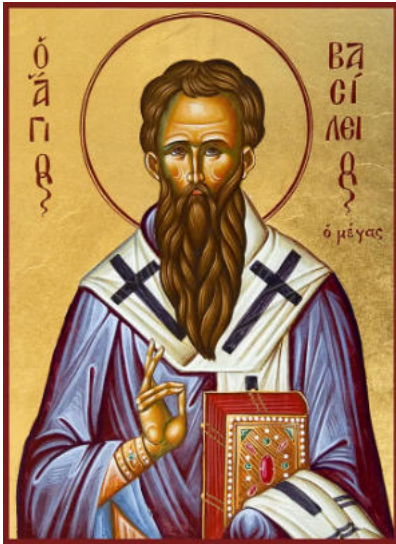
#### Grade 12

Madeline Russell French Language Arts 30, English 30-1, French Religious Education 35, Show Choir 20, Choral Music 30, Art 30



## Feast Day of St. Basil The Great - January 2

### St. Basil the Great: Life, Legacy, and Influence



St. Basil the Great (c. 329–379 AD) was a towering figure of early Christian history—bishop, theologian, monk, and reformer. He belonged to a remarkable family of saints and scholars who shaped Christian thought in the fourth century. His synthesis of classical learning and

Christian faith, his work for the poor, and his defense of orthodox doctrine left an enduring mark on both Eastern and Western Christianity.

#### Early Life and Education

Basil was born around 329 AD in Caesarea Mazaca, the capital of Cappadocia (modern-day Turkey). His family was part of the provincial aristocracy and notable for its deep Christian faith. His grandmother, Macrina the Elder, had endured persecution during the Diocletianic era and transmitted a strong tradition of devotion to her descendants. Basil's parents, Basil the Elder and Emmelia, were both highly educated and pious; several of their children—including Macrina the Younger, Gregory of Nyssa, and Peter of Sebaste—would become saints.

Basil received an exceptional education for his time. After early studies at home and in Caesarea, he continued his education in Constantinople and then at Athens, where he formed a lasting friendship with Gregory of Nazianzus. The two young scholars immersed themselves in philosophy, rhetoric, and classical literature, mastering the arts of Greek oratory that would later distinguish Basil's sermons and letters. Among their fellow students may have

been Julian, the future Roman emperor and later opponent of Christianity.

#### Conversion and Monastic Calling

After completing his studies, Basil returned home to teach rhetoric and pursue a worldly career. However, under the influence of his sister Macrina the Younger, he underwent a profound spiritual awakening. In his own words, he “wasted much time in vanity” before discovering the “true philosophy” of the Gospel. Around 356 AD he was baptized and soon resolved to dedicate himself wholly to God.

Basil traveled through Egypt, Syria, and Palestine to study monastic life firsthand. These journeys impressed upon him the potential of organized ascetic communities as a means of pursuing holiness while remaining socially responsible. When he returned to Cappadocia, he founded a monastery on the family estate near the Iris River in Pontus. There he composed the *Asceticon*—a set of rules and spiritual instructions that balanced prayer, manual labor, study, and community life. These writings later became foundational for Eastern Orthodox monasticism and remain influential today.

#### Priest and Theologian

By 364 AD, Basil had been ordained a priest by Bishop Eusebius of Caesarea. The church at that time faced deep theological conflict arising from Arianism—the belief that the Son was a created being and not fully divine. Basil initially withdrew to monastic life to avoid controversy, but mounting divisions in the Cappadocian church compelled him to act. Reconciled with Eusebius, Basil became a key defender of Nicene orthodoxy, emphasizing the full divinity of the Son and the Holy Spirit.



**Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes - St. Bernadette - February 11****Our Lady of Lourdes: History, Apparitions, and Legacy**

**Our Lady of Lourdes is one of the most celebrated Marian apparitions in the Catholic Church**, with her feast day observed on February 11. The story of Lourdes is not only a tale of miraculous visions but also a profound example of faith,

humility, and the enduring appeal of the Virgin Mary in modern Catholic spirituality. The apparitions and the ensuing devotion transformed the small town of Lourdes in southwestern France into one of the world's foremost pilgrimage sites.

**Historical Context**

In the mid-19th century, France was undergoing a period of social and political turbulence. The country had experienced the upheavals of the French Revolution, Napoleonic wars, and numerous shifts in government, leaving many communities in poverty and spiritual uncertainty. At the same time, the 19th century witnessed a revival of Catholic devotion, especially in rural areas where faith remained strong despite social change.

Lourdes was a small, relatively unknown market town in the Pyrenees, with a population largely engaged in agriculture. It was within this quiet setting that an extraordinary event occurred in 1858, which would bring the town—and its people—global attention.

**The Apparitions of Bernadette Soubirous**

The central figure in the Lourdes story is Bernadette Soubirous (1844–1879), a 14-year-old peasant girl.

Bernadette came from a poor family; her father, a miller, struggled to make ends meet, and the family lived in a damp, unhealthy house. Bernadette herself suffered from ill health, including asthma, which made her a fragile young girl.

On February 11, 1858, while gathering firewood near the Grotto of Massabielle, Bernadette reported seeing a beautiful lady dressed in white, with a blue sash around her waist, holding a rosary and standing atop a small rock. The lady, later identified as the Virgin Mary, reportedly spoke to Bernadette, instructing her to pray, do penance, and encourage others to come in devotion.

Over the course of 18 apparitions, which continued until July 16, 1858, Bernadette received messages emphasizing prayer, penance, and devotion to the Immaculate Conception—a belief that Mary was conceived without original sin. This was significant because the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception had been formally declared only four years earlier, in 1854, by Pope Pius IX. Through these apparitions, Mary's connection to the Church's teaching was emphasized, and the young peasant girl became the unlikely vessel for an extraordinary spiritual message.

**The Miraculous Spring**

During one of the apparitions, the Lady instructed Bernadette to drink from a spring and wash in its waters, even though no water was visible at the site. Bernadette dug in the mud and discovered a small stream that continues to flow to this day. The spring of Lourdes has since been associated with numerous healing miracles, both physical and spiritual, and has become a focal point for pilgrims seeking hope, comfort, and divine intervention.

Scientific studies have been conducted on the Lourdes water, which is considered clean but not unique in chemical composition. Despite this,



### *...Our Lady of Lourdes, continued*

countless testimonies of healing and transformation continue to draw millions to the grotto each year, attesting to the profound faith and devotion inspired by the site rather than the physical properties of the water alone.

### **Recognition and Pilgrimage**

Initially, Bernadette faced skepticism and even hostility from local authorities and clergy, who questioned the authenticity of her visions. However, a rigorous investigation by the Church eventually ...

validated her experiences. In 1862, Bishop Bertrand-Sévère Laurence of Tarbes formally recognized the apparitions as worthy of belief, establishing Lourdes as an official site of Marian devotion.

Following this recognition, Lourdes quickly became a major pilgrimage destination. Infrastructure was developed to accommodate growing numbers of visitors, including the construction of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, built above the grotto, and later, the Basilica of St. Pius X for large gatherings. The town transformed into a spiritual hub, welcoming millions of pilgrims annually, including the sick, disabled, and those seeking renewal of faith.

### **Spiritual and Cultural Impact**

Our Lady of Lourdes represents hope, healing, and humility. The message delivered through Bernadette emphasizes simplicity, obedience, and devotion rather than grandeur or theological complexity. Pilgrims often speak of profound spiritual experiences, personal conversions, and physical healings at Lourdes, many of which have been officially recognized as miracles after medical and ecclesiastical examination.

Lourdes also inspired a global movement of charitable work and service. The Hospitalité Notre-Dame de Lourdes, founded to assist the sick and disabled, embodies Mary's call to compassion and

service. Furthermore, the Lourdes story has become part of Catholic culture worldwide, influencing literature, music, and devotional practices.

### **Bernadette Soubirous: Sainthood and Legacy**

Bernadette herself led a life of humble devotion after the apparitions. She joined the Sisters of Charity of Nevers, where she lived quietly and in poor health until her death in 1879. She was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1933, and her body remains incorrupt, displayed in the convent of Nevers. Bernadette's life and example continue to inspire faith, perseverance, and humility.

### **Modern Devotion**

Today, Lourdes is one of the most visited pilgrimage sites in the world, drawing over six million visitors annually. The grotto, spring, and basilicas remain central to Catholic devotion, while the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11 commemorates the first apparition. Pope John Paul II elevated the significance of Lourdes in the Church, particularly highlighting its message of healing, faith, and Marian devotion.

### **Conclusion**

The story of Our Lady of Lourdes demonstrates the power of faith and humility to touch hearts across generations. From a poor, sickly girl in rural France to a global center of pilgrimage, Lourdes exemplifies the enduring influence of Mary as a spiritual guide and source of comfort. The apparitions, the miraculous spring, and the devoted witness of St. Bernadette remind the faithful that the divine can manifest in the simplest and most unexpected circumstances, offering hope, healing, and a path to deeper spiritual life.



## Clergy Appreciation Night

**Our Lady of Peace Council 5726** hosted **Clergy Appreciation Night** on **November 10th**, in Assumption Hall.

The evenings event was well received by all the clergy in attendance as well as all the council members and guests.

We had a wonderful roast beef dinner that was prepared and served by **Cheryl Neufeld**.

After dinner the clergy were treated to a silent auction that had a slight twist. The clergy were given candies with which to bid on the items, but the bid items were not known. Each item had a clue to what it was that had to be deciphered by the clergy. Guests could also help any of the clergy if they wished. During the second phase of the auction, an additional candies were given to the clergy and an additional clue was turned over for each item. The clergy really seemed to enjoy the auction and most went away with a prize.

After the auction, **Ralph and Travis Zentner**, along with **Doug Hazuda** and **Pat Siedlecki** presented each of the clergy with a personalized garment bag. Thanks to **Cornerstone Funeral Home** for providing these gifts.

Many thanks to the members of our Clergy Night Committee for all the work they put into this that made it such a great success. Thanks to **Brothers John Henderson, Wendlin Wandler, Ben Renault and John Murray**. They really made this a memorable event.





Clergy Night Photos cont'd.





## Christmas Party

We held our annual **Christmas Party** during our regular **Friday Night Social** on **December 12th**.

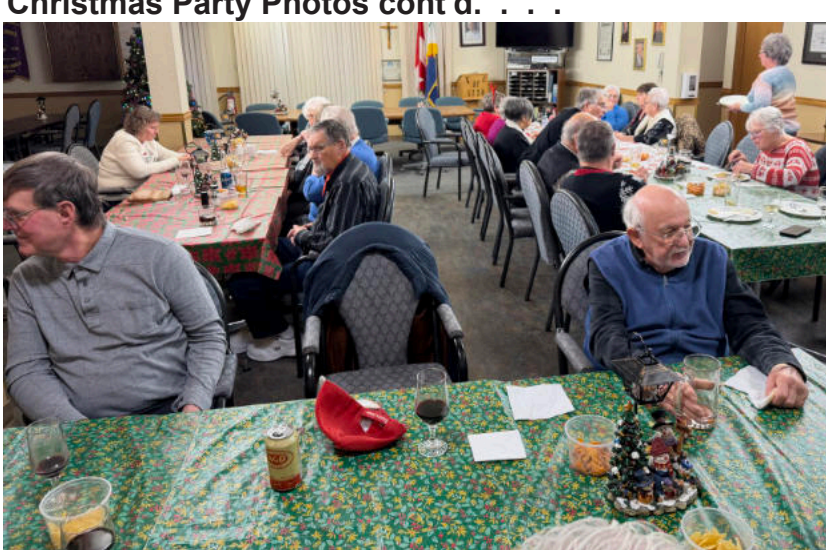
This year we held a pot luck with the social club providing the ham. There were several types of potatoes, vegetables, and desserts brought by the members and guests participating in the get together. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely, and it was nice to get together with so many members, spouses and guests.

Thanks to our Friday Social coordinator **Brother Ben Renault** and our regular bartender **Brother Alec Misak**.





Christmas Party Photos cont'd. . . .





## Grey Cup Party



### Grey Cup Party Summary

Approximately 30 people attended the 2025 Grey Cup party.

Thanks to all who contributed snacks for munching during the game and special thanks to **Brother Ben Rainault** and his team for supplying beef on a bun, salads and coleslaw during halftime. Thanks also to all the ladies for helping with the clean up.

We also celebrated an early birthday for **Brother Alec Misak**.

Congratulations to pool winners, **John Murray, Garry Bishoff, Al Laronde, Alex Misak and Art Vandenberg**, 3 winning tickets were unclaimed and we donated the winnings to Pennies from Heaven.

A good time was had by all and we had a very joyful and entertaining get together.

Thanks **Brother Al Laronde** for the report.





## 2025-2026 Executive Team

Grand Knight	Manfred Poehlmann
Deputy Grand Knight	Justin Dormer
Recorder	Rory Wright
Treasurer	Wendlin Wandler
Warden	Charles Barnes
Advocate	Vacant
Chancellor	John Murray
Inside Guard	Konrad Galts
Outside Guard	Dave Pittman
Trustee 3 Year	Kaz Sznerch
Trustee 2 Year	Ben Rainault
Trustee 1 Year	John Gleason
Chaplain	Vacant
Lecturer	Ben Rainault

## Appointed Officers / Positions

Financial Secretary	Deacon Peter Lilienthal
Bingo Chairman	John Murray
Clubhouse Manager	Ben Rainault
Breakfast Coordinator	Vacant
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## Council Calendar of Events

### January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	1 	2 K of C Social 5:00 PM	3
4 	5 Game Knight 7:00 PM Santa Maria Clubhouse	6 <b>Executive Meeting 7:45 PM</b>	7 <b>Bingo 5:00 PM</b>	8	9 K of C Social 5:00 PM	10
11	12 Game Knight 7:00 PM Santa Maria Clubhouse	13 <b>General Meeting 7:45 PM</b>	14	15	16 K of C Social 5:00 PM	17
18	19 Game Knight 7:00 PM Santa Maria Clubhouse	20	21	22	23 K of C Social 5:00 PM	24
25	26 Game Knight 7:00 PM Santa Maria Clubhouse	27	28	29	30 K of C Social 5:00 PM	31

### February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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