



## Grand Knight's Report



Welcome everyone. Looks like spring is officially here, and even though we've had a few ups and downs with the weather, it looks like the double digit temperatures are hopefully here to stay! Time to get out, wash the windows, mow the lawn, and clean up the yards and patios.

Coming up in June we have our elections for the executive officers of our council. Most of the present members of the executive have allowed their names to stand for re-election. At this time we are still looking for someone to fill the position of Advocate and Outside Guard. If you are willing to let yourself be nominated for these positions please let me know as soon as possible. If we want to keep our council functioning, we need a full slate of officers. Most positions are not a lot of work so please step up and do your part. This helps guide the direction of our council.

A few dates to remember for **Bingo**, which is the first Wednesday of each month, are **Wednesday May 6th** and **Wednesday June 3rd**. If you would like to become a volunteer for bingo, please contact our **Bingo Chairman John Murray at (403) 715-7490**.

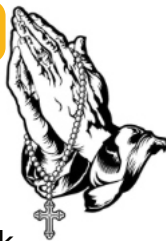
Mark down our council meeting dates that are upcoming for May and June. **Executive meeting May 5th at 7:45PM, General business meeting May 12th at 7:45PM, Executive meeting June 2nd at 7:45PM** and **General business meeting June 9th at 7:45PM**. All meetings are open to all members. Please attend if able to help us continue as a viable council.

We have a couple special days coming up along with a holiday weekend. **Sunday May 10th is Mother's Day, Monday May 18th is Victoria Day** and **Sunday June 21st is Father's Day**.

**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 Rory Wright, Ken Tratch, Gary Bishoff, Stan Herbst, Douglas Miller, Mary Kusalik, and our adopted child Patrck.**

## 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**.

**From The Desk Of The Financial Secretary**



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Greetings, as your Financial Secretary, the Council is in good shape.

Our membership stands at Active Members of 87 of which 41 are Honorary Life members and two Exempt members or just under 50%. This is a change from my last report due to Transfer In of one Insurance member, the joining of one Associate member along with the loss of one Insurance member who wished release and the Transfer of two members to Affiliate Status. We need new members, 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). Remind them it is free to join using the Promocode.

Our Billing is complete. If you wish to receive your Membership Card, come to a meeting. I am not mailing any out unless you contact me and explain why you can't make a meeting.

I just returned from the State Convention in Calgary as your Council's Delegate. It was a good Convention, and I appreciated the opportunity to represent you. As Clergy I had the honour of serving at both the Welcome Mass (Ukrainian Catholic Rite) and the Memorial Mass during which our seven members we lost since last Convention were raised up in prayer.

The cancelling of Pancake breakfasts is showing in our Budget, but fiscal management, such as not mailing our Membership cards, is lightening the impact. If this continues, we may need to review more of our expenditures.

**Many Blessings in Christ**  
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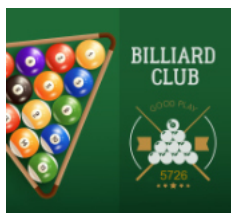
**Games Knight**



**Friday Social Club**

**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!**



All knights and their spouses are welcome to join us at the clubhouse every **Friday from 5:00 till 7:00 PM** for some refreshments and camaraderie with your fellow knights and friends!

Checkout the calendar for special events!

**Words From The Pulpit**



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

- May 8<sup>th</sup> – Anniversary of the Election of Pope Leo XIV
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – Anniversary of the Installation of Pope Leo XIV
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Confirmation Mass – Assumption Church 6pm
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of Pentecost
- May 25<sup>th</sup> – Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church – Ordinary Time begins
- May 31<sup>st</sup> – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
- June 7<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- June 13<sup>th</sup> – Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of the nativity of Saint John the Baptist (St. Jean-Baptiste Day)
- June 29<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

The Easter season is half over, how was your preparation during Lent and the celebration of the Easter Octave?

At the Convention, this past weekend, I heard a few good thoughts I would like to share. They resonated with me and I think they may with you.

First, if someone was to ask you about the Knights of Columbus, how would you answer? As explained to us, if someone is asking the best and probably only answer that will suffice is to tell them why you are a Knight. The problem with this is we frequently forget why we joined and can't explain it on short notice. If you have been finding the work surrounding your participation dragging, look back on your initial time and figure out your WHY. This reflection will help you through a possibly stale period of service, but it will also prepare you to answer that questioning person.

Second, think of your service as a member of a drag-racing car team. At every race a multitude of people from the team work on different aspects of the car, logistics and feeding. When the race happens, it is only a few seconds, but everyone had an impact on those critical seconds. If the car wins, the driver's name and sponsor is known, but if the car loses there are no accolades. In either case, the work continues and preparation for the next race occurs. Such is our ministry of service. There are no great accolades to the workers, just an appreciation for the service performed. Everyone contributes but not everyone is noticed.

It is thus that our Pancake Breakfasts come to mind. We have cancelled the last five because no one is willing to step forward to be the driver. We have been losing the race these past six months and there have been no accolades or merit, but there has been a loss of community. I know we have a great team; all we need is the driver. I ask you to pray on this aspect of our Council needs.

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## Feast Day of St. Joseph The Worker - May 1

### The History of St. Joseph



St. Joseph is one of the most revered figures in Christian history, widely venerated as the foster father of Jesus Christ, the husband of the Virgin Mary, and a model of righteousness, humility, and obedience to God. Though the Gospels offer limited information about his life, the figure of St. Joseph has profoundly influenced Christian thought, devotion, and art for centuries.

### Biblical Accounts

St. Joseph is first introduced in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, though the details differ slightly in each account. According to Matthew, Joseph was a “just man” who lived in Nazareth and was betrothed to Mary, who was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Faced with this surprising and socially precarious situation, Joseph initially planned to divorce her quietly to avoid public disgrace. However, an angel appeared to him in a dream, instructing him to take Mary as his wife and to name the child Jesus, “because he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). Obedient to the divine command, Joseph accepted this mission, demonstrating faith and humility.

The Gospel of Luke emphasizes Joseph’s Davidic lineage, tracing his ancestry back to King David, which fulfilled Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah. Luke recounts Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem to register for the census, during which Jesus was born. Joseph’s role as protector and provider is further highlighted in the

narrative of the Flight into Egypt. When King Herod sought to kill the infant Jesus, Joseph was warned in a dream to flee with Mary and Jesus to Egypt, ensuring the child’s safety. Upon Herod’s death, Joseph was again guided by an angel to return to Israel, settling in Nazareth. These narratives underscore Joseph’s steadfastness, obedience, and care, despite living in a time of political turmoil and personal uncertainty.

### Joseph in Early Christian Thought

Early Christian writings outside the canonical Gospels provide little additional information about Joseph, and he is largely a silent figure in the infancy narratives. However, Church Fathers like St. Augustine and St. Ambrose began to emphasize his virtues and role in salvation history. Joseph was seen as the ultimate example of humility, selflessness, and devotion to God. His silence and lack of recorded words in Scripture became, paradoxically, a source of spiritual insight, emphasizing action over speech, obedience over questioning.

In the Eastern Christian tradition, Joseph was revered as a guardian and protector of the Holy Family. Icons often depict him as a mature, contemplative man holding a staff, sometimes flowering—a symbol of divine selection and purity. In the West, medieval theologians and artists elevated Joseph as a model of Christian fatherhood, depicting him with the Christ Child, reinforcing his paternal role.

### Devotional Life and Feast Days

The veneration of St. Joseph developed gradually over centuries. By the Middle Ages, devotion to Joseph was widespread, particularly among the Franciscans and Carmelites. The 15th century saw increased attention to his role in the Holy Family and his exemplary virtue. Popes began officially recognizing his importance, establishing feast days and prayers in his honor.

Pope Pius IX, in 1870, declared St. Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church, reflecting the enduring significance

of his protective and paternal qualities. Pope Leo XIII, in the late 19th century, wrote the encyclical *Quamquam Pluries*, emphasizing Joseph's model of labor, family devotion, and moral integrity. March 19, celebrated as the Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary, and May 1, observed as the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, highlight both his spiritual and laboring aspects, integrating social and devotional dimensions.

## Patronage and Symbolism

St. Joseph has been invoked as the patron saint of many groups and causes. He is considered the patron of fathers, workers, carpenters, immigrants, and a happy death. His association with work, particularly manual labor, stems from his trade as a carpenter, reflecting dignity in honest toil. Devotion to Joseph as protector of the dying arises from the belief that he died in the presence of Jesus and Mary, ensuring a peaceful passage into eternal life.

Iconography often emphasizes symbols connected to his virtues. The lily represents purity, the carpenter's tools symbolize labor and diligence, and the staff sometimes depicted with flowers signifies his divine selection and spiritual authority. Artistic representations of St. Joseph have evolved over centuries, ranging from humble, elderly man to a vigorous, youthful protector, reflecting theological and cultural shifts in his perception.

## Modern Devotion and Influence

In contemporary times, St. Joseph's relevance continues. He is a figure of inspiration for families, workers, and those seeking guidance in times of uncertainty. Devotions such as the "St. Joseph Novena" and the tradition of burying a statue of St. Joseph to aid in selling property reflect enduring folk and spiritual practices. The Year of St. Joseph, proclaimed by Pope Francis from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021, marked a renewed call to appreciate Joseph's model of faith, courage, and family devotion.

St. Joseph's life, though largely undocumented in Scripture, provides a blueprint for virtue. His silent obedience, care for his family, and steadfastness amidst adversity continue to resonate. Across centuries, he has symbolized the hidden, humble work that sustains life and

nurtures faith. As both a historical figure in the Gospel and a spiritual exemplar, St. Joseph bridges the human and divine, embodying devotion, protection, and humility in every age.

## Conclusion

St. Joseph's historical footprint may be modest in textual records, but its spiritual impact is monumental. From his quiet obedience in the Gospels to his recognition as Patron of the Universal Church, Joseph has inspired devotion, artistic expression, and moral reflection across the centuries. He stands as a model of fatherhood, labor, and unwavering faith—a figure whose humility and virtue continue to guide Christians worldwide. Through prayer, devotion, and reflection, the legacy of St. Joseph endures, a testament to the profound influence of a life lived in service to God and family.



## Feast Day of St. Boniface - June 5

### St. Boniface: Apostle and Patron Saint of Germany



St. Boniface (c. 675–754 AD), born Winfrid in Anglo-Saxon England, was one of the most influential missionaries and church reformers of the early Middle Ages. Through his tireless work in organizing and evangelizing the Germanic territories, he helped shape the

Christian identity of Europe and became known as the “**Apostle of Germany.**” His life reflects the dynamic meeting of cultures between the Celtic, Anglo-Saxon, and continental worlds, as well as the growing authority of the papacy in the West.

#### Early Life and Monastic Formation

Winfrid was born around 675 AD in the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Wessex, likely near Crediton in modern Devon. His parents were Christian and of noble birth. From an early age, he showed a deep religious inclination and intellectual curiosity. He was educated at Benedictine monasteries in Exeter and later Nursling, near Winchester, where he became a monk and a distinguished teacher of grammar, scripture, and theology.

By the age of thirty, Winfrid had been ordained a priest and gained a reputation for learning and holiness. Yet his ambitions reached beyond the cloister. Inspired by the example of earlier Irish and Anglo-Saxon missionaries like St. Columbanus, he felt called to spread the Christian faith to the pagan peoples of continental Europe. His monastic education gave him the discipline and conviction that would sustain him through decades of missionary struggle.

#### First Mission to the Continent

In 716 AD, Winfrid set out for Frisia (modern-day Netherlands) to assist the missionary Willibrord, who had been working among the Frisians. However, political upheaval and the resistance of the pagan ruler Radbod forced the mission to end prematurely. Winfrid returned to England discouraged but not defeated.

In 718, he made a decisive journey to **Rome**, where he met **Pope Gregory II**. The Pope recognized his zeal and learning and commissioned him as a missionary to the Germanic peoples east of the Rhine. At this time, the Pope gave him the new name **Bonifatius (Boniface)**—meaning “doer of good”—and entrusted him with the authority to preach, baptize, and organize the Church in the mission territories.

#### Missionary Work in Germany

Boniface began his mission in **Hesse** and **Thuringia**, regions where Christianity had made inroads but remained mixed with pagan customs and tribal loyalties. He worked patiently to convert local chieftains, build churches, and instruct the people in Christian teaching.

His most famous act took place near Fritzlar in Hesse, where he **cut down the sacred oak of Thor**—a massive tree revered by the local tribes as the dwelling of their god of thunder. When lightning did not strike him down, the onlookers were astonished. Boniface used the timber from the oak to build a church dedicated to St. Peter, demonstrating that the Christian God was mightier than the pagan deities. This dramatic gesture marked a turning point for Christianity in central Germany.

Over the next decade, Boniface founded numerous churches, monasteries, and bishoprics. He understood that a stable Christian community required not only converts but also educated clergy and well-organized dioceses. He invited monks and nuns from England to help establish monasteries, which became centers of learning and culture. One of his greatest foundations was **Fulda Abbey**, established in 744 under his disciple St.

Sturm. Fulda would become one of the most important religious centers of medieval Europe.

### Church Reformer and Organizer

Boniface's mission extended beyond simple evangelization. He was also a **reformer of the existing Frankish Church**, which had become lax and disorganized. Many local bishops were appointed by kings or nobles without papal approval, and moral discipline among clergy was uneven.

Working with the support of **Charles Martel** and his successors—particularly **Pepin the Short**—Boniface restructured the Church in the Frankish realms, held synods, and enforced canonical discipline. His loyalty to the papacy strengthened the ties between Rome and the emerging Frankish kingdom, laying the groundwork for the future alliance between the papacy and the Carolingian Empire under Charlemagne.

In 732, Pope Gregory III consecrated Boniface as **Archbishop** and later appointed him **Metropolitan of Mainz**, giving him authority over the German provinces. In this role, Boniface founded new dioceses at Würzburg, Erfurt, Eichstätt, and other centers, ensuring that each had trained clergy and clear episcopal leadership.

### Final Mission and Martyrdom

Despite his high office, Boniface never lost his missionary zeal. In 754 AD, at about 80 years old, he decided to return to **Frisia**, where he had first begun his missionary efforts decades earlier. He hoped to convert the remaining pagan tribes and strengthen the Christian communities there.

While preparing to confirm a group of new converts near **Dokkum**, in the northern Netherlands, Boniface and his companions were attacked by a band of pagan warriors. Rather than resist, Boniface ordered his followers not to fight. He held up a Gospel book as a shield and was struck down, dying a **martyr for the faith** on June 5, 754.

His body was brought back to **Fulda**, where he was buried. The abbey soon became a place of pilgrimage, and his tomb remains a national shrine of German

Catholicism.

### Legacy and Influence

St. Boniface's legacy is vast. He is remembered as the **spiritual founder of the German Church** and one of the great architects of medieval Christendom. His reforms brought unity, discipline, and Roman orthodoxy to the Church in northern Europe. His correspondence with popes, kings, and fellow missionaries reveals a man of practical intelligence, humility, and unwavering faith.

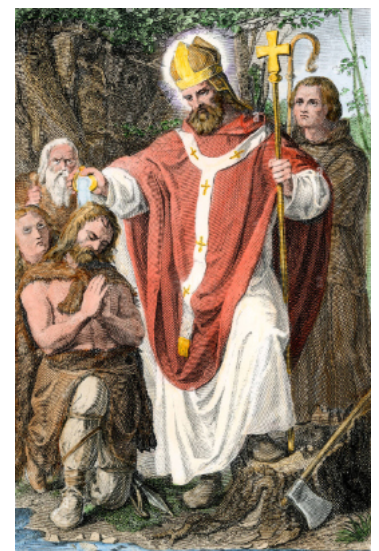
Boniface's work helped anchor Christianity deeply in the culture of the Germanic peoples. Within a few generations, the regions he evangelized became vital centers of learning and religious life. Fulda, in particular, preserved classical and Christian learning through the dark centuries of early medieval Europe.

The alliance he fostered between the **papacy and the Frankish rulers** would culminate in the crowning of Charlemagne as Holy Roman Emperor in 800 AD—an event that shaped Europe for centuries.

### Commemoration

St. Boniface is honored as the **Patron Saint of Germany** and of **brewers, tailors, and missionaries**. His feast day is celebrated on **June 5**. The oak tree, once a symbol of paganism, became for later generations a symbol of Christian courage and faith.

Boniface's life—marked by learning, obedience, and steadfast courage—embodies the spirit of the missionary Church. His story stands as a reminder that the Christianization of Europe was not achieved by conquest alone, but by persuasion, sacrifice, and the unyielding faith of one man who believed that the Gospel could transform a continent.



**2025-2026 Executive Team**

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**Council 5726 Web Page**

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**Council Calendar of Events**

**May 2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 K of C Social 5:00 PM	2
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