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## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

As we have completed our Lenten journey last month we now commence our Easter journey. A time for us to renew our commitment to faith, hope and love. I encourage all of us to the Knights of Columbus website ([www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)) and learn more about the life of our founder Blessed Michael J. McGivney.

Unfortunately we had to postpone the initiation to our council the two new members registered via e-membership. We are looking to hold a live ceremonial later this month so that these new members can become members of our Council. Please continue to pray and encourage young men to become Knights.

During the month of April we will be holding two food collections at the parish:

April 10 – St Albert Foodbank

April 24 – Lac Ste Anne / Lady of Mercy Oblate Parishes

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. The collections are held in the church parking lot between 10am and noon. Grocery gift cards (Safeway, Sobeys, Save On Foods and Superstore) are available for purchase during each food collection.

Our next General Meeting will be held online using ZOOM, on **Wednesday** April 21 at 7:00pm. The link to join the meeting will be emailed at a later date. I am very happy to report that Eoin Murray from Catholic Social Services will be our guest speaker. Eoin has a long and storied knowledge of the services Catholic Social Services provides. I strongly urge all of you to attend.

## Your Executive

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At our May General Meeting, we will be electing the Executive for the next Columbian year. If you would like to run for office please contact Br. Brian Wolbert ([BWOLBERT@ENTERPRISEPAPER.COM](mailto:BWOLBERT@ENTERPRISEPAPER.COM)) or Br. Terry Sperling ([ST.SPERLING@TELUS.NET](mailto:ST.SPERLING@TELUS.NET)). Remember the wise saying "Many hands makes light work". Please consider serving with the next Executive.

A couple more updates:

- we are awaiting for the Edmonton Chapter of the Knights of Columbus to determine how we can with assist with the "security system upgrades" at Sacred Heart Parish.
- the Charities Appeal campaign is being held online this year, so far close to \$40,000 has been raised. Thus rather than purchasing paper tickets, this year you will need to purchase tickets online at this site: <https://www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/kocab/33>

I conclude with the Monthly Challenge from our Supreme Chaplain.

***While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself."*** (Gospel for April 18, Lk 24:36-39)

After Jesus rose from the dead, the apostles were confused and afraid. But showing them his wounds, Jesus proved his identity. Whenever we find ourselves confused or fearful, let us remember that Christ is risen, and that it was "*by his wounds we were healed*" (Is 53:5). If Christ had not suffered and died, he could not have risen from the dead: without Good Friday; there would be no Easter Sunday. May we unite our suffering to Christ's, rejoice always in his resurrection and base our lives on his peace and presence among us.

#### **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to visit your local parish and pray the Stations of the Cross. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Family Fully Alive program to aid your fellow parishioners in remembering Christ's passion, in anticipation of his resurrection.

#### **Questions for Reflection:**

When you are suffering, do you tend to find yourself forgetting God or drawing closer to him? What does it mean to "offer it up" when we are suffering? How does the reality of Christ's resurrection offer us comfort, peace and hope during the trials and tribulations of this life?

In Christ,

***Brother Bernie Hyciu*** - Grand Knight

## Chaplain's Corner

### Divine Mercy Sunday

**On this Second Sunday of Easter, the church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy. United as a community of believers, we continue to express our joy and faith in the risen Christ. As we celebrate the victory of Christ over death, there is one crucial thing we must remember. This is that we must be united to bear an effective witness to the resurrected Christ as the early church did.**

**As we celebrate divine mercy Sunday today, we are reminded that God extended his mercy to us by allowing his son to pay the ransom for our sins. Christ accomplished this through his paschal mystery.**

**Finally, we must also extend this mercy to others. Hence, we are called to be apostles of mercy. So, as we spread the good news of Christ's resurrection, we must give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is because, his mercy and generosity endure forever.**

Have you checked out the Knights of Columbus website lately? The site is packed with information. Any one who wishes to join the Knights may do so on line,. There are also many interesting articles and videos. The following is one of many.

### **JUNÍPERO SERRA — A MAN OF GOD, A MISSION OF LOVE**

This film tells the remarkable story of one of the most influential figures in American history. Canonized in 2015 by Pope Francis, St. Junípero Serra was a courageous witness to the Catholic faith and a defender of human dignity.

<https://www.kofc.org>

We invite you to check out the our Council's 4742 website:

[www.stalbertcouncil4742.ca](http://www.stalbertcouncil4742.ca)

### **Good of the Order**

Keep in your prayers our brothers Gerry Buccini and Raymond Boutin

Those who are suffering from Covid 19 and those that are sick including Bob Pampu's granddaughter, Mickey Casavant's wife Astrid, Bernie McCracken's wife Elaine and Liam Connelly's wife Lorna.

Those who have recently passed away.

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We cannot visit our fellow Brothers who are ill and in continuing care however the visits will resume when possible. If you are aware of a Knight who is ill or who passed away, please call Br. Tony Csilics. (780) 458-0065

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

### April 2021

- 10 - Saturday Food collection at the Church
- 21 - Wednesday 7 PM, General Meeting via ZOOM
- 24 - Saturday Food collection at the Church

### May 2021

- 3 - Executive Meeting via ZOOM
- 8 - Saturday Food collection at the Church
- 9 - Mother's Day
- 19 - Wednesday 7 PM, General Meeting via ZOOM
- 22 - Saturday Food collection at the Church



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CHARITIES APPEAL  
ONLINE 50/50 FUNDRAISER**

This year's Charities Appeal Fundraiser is being held online. Rather than purchasing tickets in a paper form, you now purchase your tickets only online. The link below is in support of Council 4742.

<https://www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/kocab/33>

### **Food Drives - Grocery Gift Cards**

Food Drives and Grocery Gift Card Sales continue every second Saturday from 10 until noon. **This Saturday (April 10) the food collection at the church parking lot is in support of the St Albert Food Bank. Grocery Gift cards will also be available - between 10am and noon. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.**

Reminder: If you have changed your email and/or mailing address, please notify Tony Csilics.

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Reminder to all that your 2021 membership dues are now due. For those who have already paid, your membership card is on the way.

Thank you to all those brother knights who have already submitted payment.

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