

# BC & Yukon Knight



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**2012**



**Wil Wilmot**

## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

### STATE OFFICERS

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**Executive Secretary  
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Rev. Nicholas Boomars

The season of Advent is the beginning of our liturgical year and we look forward to Christmas and celebrating the birth of Christ our Lord and Savior. At this beginning of the liturgical and calendar years we also look forward with excitement and some trepidation to the events that lie ahead.

It is also at this time of the year that we look back, fondly remembering the success that we have enjoyed and learn from the other experiences encountered.

We have been blessed here in British Columbia & Yukon with the many successes we have enjoyed over the past twelve months. Among those are; the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Appeal, Regional Seminars, Chaplains Seminar, outstanding support to our Dioceses at all levels, the annual Silver Rose Run, Wheelchair distribution, March for Life, 40 Day Vigils, membership growth and many, many more that have shown our Order and our beliefs in a most positive light.

We are also indeed very blessed with a strong, dedicated and hardworking group of Program Directors and Chairmen who can take a great deal of pride and sense of accomplishment in what has been achieved over the last twelve months. Without their commitment and dedication none of the successes would have been achieved.

Our District Deputies also should be commended for their hard work and dedication. These 28 Brothers serve in the various Districts as the personal representative of both the State Deputy and the Supreme Knight and as such volunteer many hours ensuring the smooth running of the Councils under their responsibility.

None of our successes and programs could be undertaken without the support and involvement of our close to 11,200 members from Whitehorse to Sparwood; Fort St. John to Richmond and all points between. To you Brother Knights and your families, I extend the thanks of all for your commitment to Columbianism across our great jurisdiction.

From our Worthy State Chaplain, Bishop Gagnon, the State Officers and their families and in particular from Val and myself we wish all of you a most blessed and joy filled Christmas and God's blessings for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2013.

Vivat Jesus !

Fraternally,  
- Wil

November 27, 2012

Dear Brother Knights:

Advent and Christmas Blessings to you all!



I wish to share with you that I was impressed by the recent short editorial by Fr. Gabriel O'Donnell, O.P., in the October issue of the *Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter*, where he states:

*"In our culture, the two absolutes of human life – birth and death – are being marginalized, progressively removed from our experience. The result is that less attention is paid to the Giver of Life and to that which comes after death – judgment and eternal life."*

Fr. O'Donnell is referring here to the effects of abortion and euthanasia on our culture. He might also have referred to marriage as well, where the change to the definition of marriage is leading to a marginalization of the institution of marriage itself. When we speak of marginalization of human life and marriage, we are referring to a lessening of the value of human life as an unconditional human value and that marriage is, by its very nature, a conjugal relationship involving a complementarity of persons living in a relationship of life and love.

As we enter the holy season of Advent and faithfully travel the road towards the great season of Christmas, we need to be reminded that both of these beautiful liturgical periods are all about life, both human and divine, and about a marriage and a family through which God chose to save us and teach us important lessons. It is indeed, a spiritual bonus that all of this occurs within the context of the Year of Faith. Fr. Gabriel states that the culture in which we live is about both the "now" and the "me". To combat both of these imbalances he advocates entering "*...into the world of faith, the sphere of friendship with God....to leave behind the "now" and the "me"*."

When we enter the Season of Advent, we have two choices as Catholics. We can allow ourselves to be caught up in the frenzy of Christmas preparations, shopping and decorating during these four weeks, more or less ignoring the uniqueness and spiritual beauty of Advent. On the other hand we can sincerely seek to live the Advent spirit in our personal lives and in our homes. Advent comes to us regardless and it is up to us to decide to walk through that door and make a true Advent preparation for Christmas.

Pope Benedict, in his Apostolic Letter for the Year of Faith, describes faith as a door; he even entitles his letter: "*The Door of Faith [Porta Fidei]*." He reminds us that this door is always open for us and Christ is waiting for us on the other side, "ushering us into communion with God and offering entry into his Church." It is possible to enter that door when we listen carefully to the Word of God and when we allow our hearts to be transformed by his Grace.

Each day we are standing before that door of faith. We face many decisions in our lives: **to pray or not to pray; to love or not to love; to forgive or not to forgive; to do good or not; to witness Christ or not.** These are all examples of doors of faith where Christ is waiting to receive us and bring us close to Him and to strengthen us with his Grace and peace. Indeed, our faith is meant to be shared with others and when we do so, we grow in faith ourselves: "*Faith grows when it is lived as an experience of love received and when it is communicated as an experience of grace and joy.*"

The Christ Child is waiting to receive us at Christmas; let us walk through the Door of Faith during Advent and beyond, so as to enter into communion with Him.

Vivat Jesus!  
+Most Reverend Richard Gagnon  
Bishop of Victoria

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*Wil and Val Wilmot*

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*Herb and Clara Yang*

Executive Assistant to State Deputy

## STATE COUNCIL MID-YEAR MEETING

SHERATON VANCOUVER AIRPORT HOTEL

November 30—December 1, 2012



**STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS** at State Council Mid Year Meeting held at Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel November 30-December 1, 2012. In attendance were State Directors and Chairmen plus the District Deputies of the 29 Districts of British Columbia and Yukon State Council.

L-R: Immediate Past State Deputy Michael Yeo, State Advocate Peter Horsfield, State Secretary Ed Shawchuk, State Deputy Wil Wilmot (podium), State Treasurer Arcie Lim, State Warden Michael Gernat, Executive Assistant to State Deputy Herb Yang.



British Columbia and Yukon State Council Officers, Directors, Chairmen and District Deputies.

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*May the Peace of Christ Be in your Heart*



*And in your Home*



*During the Most Holy Season*



*and All through the New Year 2013*



**BC & Yukon State Officers, Directors, Chairmen and District Deputies**

Have you recruited...

ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH ?



## **OFFER another Family the Gift of Membership in the Knights of Columbus this CHRISTMAS**

John Lennon once wrote in his famous "Happy Christmas" song, "And so this is Christmas, and what have you done..." December 31 puts us half way through the Fraternal Year and it is time we all asked, "and what have WE done?"

We have been challenged to build our councils by looking for One New Member, per Council, per Month. It is time to assess where we are at. Are we on track to meet our membership targets? Did we participate in the October Membership drive in honour of our Chaplain? Do we have plans to participate in the Corporate Mass scheduled for 24-25 November? (See November 2012 issue for details). Are we taking any other local initiatives to find that one new member each month?

In his book, "Rediscover Catholicism" Matthew Kelly writes: "... (today) there is a great poverty... of men and women *willing to lead humanity along the right path* with the example of their own lives." The Knights of Columbus ARE on the right path, we do great works and we owe to every Catholic Family, the opportunity to have their family belong to our family. All YOU need to do is ask them.

### **What have we got coming up?**

December provides us with many opportunities for local councils to make a real presence in their church and community. Use December to conduct a local "Coats for Kids" program: [http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/community/coats\\_form.pdf](http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/service/community/coats_form.pdf) and/or participate in the "Food for Families" program. Supreme has just announced that for every \$500.00 a council donates to a local food bank, they will be reimbursed \$100.00 by the Supreme Office. A letter was sent to Grand Knights earlier in October. If your council wants to collect food instead, please use this form: [http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/food\\_for\\_families.pdf](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/food_for_families.pdf)

December 25 – on this Blessed day, don't miss opportunities to invite Catholics back to the Church and into our Order. Christmas provides us with the one day a year many wayward Catholics come to Mass. Make them feel welcome.

From my family to yours, may you enjoy the Blessings of this Holy Christmas season and we pray each of you enjoy a healthy, happy and Holy New Year.

May God bless you for all you do to help promote His kingdom here on earth.

### **B. Dan O'Hara, PSD**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Membership and Program Consultant

Supreme Department of Membership Growth

## CATHOLIC MENS CONFERENCE

### MAN ALIVE



**Kyle Neilson**, Director of Evangelization Archdiocese of Vancouver at the podium. **Seated are L-H Tom Peterson**, Founder of Catholics Come Home, **Peter Herbeck**, VP, Director of Missions Renewal Ministries and **Brian Patrick**, Host, Son Rises Morning Show.

#### Archbishop

**J. Michael Miller**CSB  
Principal Celebrant of the Mass held at Centre for Performing Arts in Vancouver, British Columbia last October 27, 2012.



**State Deputy Wil Wilmot**, PSD Michael Yeo, State Treasurer Arcie Lim, State Advocate Peter Horsfield, Executive Assistant to SD Herb Yang, State Communications Chairman Edgar Ursua, District Deputies Peter Siglos and Ming Lau, Holy Rosary Cathedral Council 14652 GK Denis Faucher and 2 prospective members.

## GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

by: State Deputy Wil Wilmot

In 2003 the Knights of Columbus partnered with the Global Wheelchair Mission in providing mobility to hundreds of thousands of people around the globe. Since 2003 local Councils of the Knights of Columbus have been actively fundraising in support of this most important program. Here in Canada our efforts are channeled through the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, headquartered in White Rock, B.C. which is affiliated with the Global Wheelchair Mission.

When a sponsoring organization such as the Knights of Columbus in a specific jurisdiction is able to fill a container (approx 280 wheelchairs) that organization is given the privilege of designating the recipient country and it is possible to send personnel to assist with actual distribution of the wheelchairs. Such was the case recently for the British Columbia & Yukon Knights of Columbus. Thanks to the tremendous effort of Brother Knights from across the entire jurisdiction along with the support of groups like the C.W.L., local businesses and generous individual donors the dream of a wheelchair distribution tied to a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe was realized.

Val and I arrived in Mexico City on October 11 and over the course of the next three days assisted in the distribution of close to 300 wheelchairs in three locations around the city. The first location was at the children's rehabilitation centre - Centro de Rehabilitación Infantil Teletón de México (C.R.I.T.). This world class rehabilitation centre is supported principally through the annual nationwide "Teletón". According to one of the spokespeople they currently have 1,500 patients and have a wait list of another 1,200 children needing specialized care and treatment. It was here that we gave out the largest portion of our chairs fitting children and young teenagers with their own means of mobility. The centre has a supply of chairs for use by patients while at the centre; however they are needed for other patients at other times, therefore outside the centre most of the young patients must be carried from place to place.



BC & Yukon State Deputy Wil Wilmot and State Deputy of California, Raymond Wariner

Left Photo shown is Mrs. Val Wilmot assisting SD Wil Wilmot.







The next day was another early start with a tour of and a wheelchair distribution at the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Following a very brief tour of most of the sites around the grounds of the shrine and a Mass celebrated by Msgr. Diego Monroy, Rector of the Basilica another 80 chairs were presented to mostly adult recipients.

The final day of distributions was held in downtown Mexico City at the Catedral Metropolitana de la Asunción de María (Metropolitan Cathedral of the Assumption of Mary of Mexico City).

The presentation of the chairs to the individuals leaves one with a great deal of joy and a sense of having made someone's life better. There were two recipients who left a far greater impression on me. The first a six or seven year old boy, Jesus, with quite severe physical limitation, however he was not willing to let life simply pass him by. He had a very infectious joy and he was determined to live life to its fullest.

The other was a young teenager, perhaps 12 or 13, but far more mature than his years. He gave one the impression that even at his young age he had come to grips with obstacles life had put in the way, but he was determined to push the limitations and perhaps by the grace of God and assistance from organizations such as the Knights of Columbus and the Wheelchair Foundation he can one day lead a life free of those restrictions.

We were happy to have the State Deputy of California, Raymond Warriner and Mrs. Perita Warriner along with State Deputy of Mexico South, Carlos Carrillo-Colorado and Canadian Wheelchair Foundation Director Christiana Flessner assisting with the distribution of the chairs. We would also express our deepest gratitude to the Caballeros de Colon of Mexico City for their most gracious hospitality and assistance. It truly was an experience of a lifetime.



BC & Yukon State Deputy Wil Wilmot and State Deputy of California, Raymond Warriner with Christiana Flessner, Canadian Wheelchair Foundation Director.

State Family Life Director  
ALBERTO NISPEROS

## STATE FAMILY PROGRAMS

2012– 2013

Brothers, the Columbian Year as well as the various programs and activities under the State of Family Life Directorship are well underway. I am please to inform you that the participation of councils province-wide, has been encouraging. For the other councils that have not yet done so, I urge you to please participate in worthwhile programs and activities.

Submissions from the different councils of the “Family of the Month” have been received by me and subsequently reported to the Supreme and State councils. The following have been randomly selected as follows:

- June - Bro. Gary & Sandy Klose, Joseph Krenn Council 8629, District #27, Surrey
- July - Bro. Leo & Dominica Chan, Corpus Christi Council 8538, District #3, Vancouver
- Aug. - Bro. Phillip & Ann Riley, Dr. Briggs Council 4597, District #2, Courtney
- Sept. - Bro. Gerard & Christine Kampman, St. James Council 4949, District #11, Vernon
- Oct. - Bro. Yui Shun & Evelyn Chow, Coquitlam Council 5540, District #28 Coquitlam

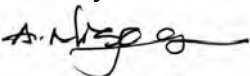
These families have rendered exemplary service to the council, church and community. They have enjoyed interaction with others, shown openness and honesty, and above all, exemplified Christian values. Recognition of the “Family of the Month/Year” can be done in several ways. Publications in the local newspaper and parish bulletins, and handing the awards during special events in the parish. Council 12861 of St. Monica Parish in Richmond, gives their award at the end of a Sunday mass witnessed by the whole parish community.

The circulation of the Blessed Icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe has had a good start this year. Progress reports and responses have been sent to me regularly, thanks to the Grand Knights of the different councils involved. Special mention to Saint John Council 4866 of the Resurrection Parish in Fort St. John, where the Blessed Icon was venerated for six consecutive days, each day officiated by a different brother knight, with approximately 80 people in attendance. Thomas Haney Council 5566 of Maple Ridge has had a total of nine masses and prayer services, celebrated by their Pastor and Council Chaplain Reverend Father Richard Au, in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A total of 390 devotees were in attendance at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Maple Ridge. Sacred Heart Council 15445 in Victoria worshiped the Blessed Icon in three weekend masses with more than 400 in total attendance. All these information from all participating council will be passed on to supreme council early in the New Year.

Once again, I would like to emphasize the importance of *Family Life*. I encourage everyone to focus, promote and strengthen it. How? Take a close look at what’s happening to our family life. Do we communicate, share, and take time to bond and grow with each other? Are there opportunities for improvement? If you ponder these questions, and take into consideration what we have and don’t have in regards to *Family Life*, we will find activities and functions that are vital in building the *family spirit* and resisting society’s ills. Remember that the Christmas Season is upon us, and that in the New Year, on February 11, 2013, we will be celebrating *Family Day*, marking the first time it is celebrated in B.C. Above all, please encourage members and their families to emulate the Holy Family.

In closing, my wife, Alma and I wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and a healthy and a prosperous new year.

Thank you & God Bless,



Alberto Nisperos  
State Family Life Director

**State Culture of Life Directors**  
**DALE and DEBBIE MCGREGOR**

## **CULTURE OF LIFE PROGRAMS**

### **2012– 2013**

This was a busy five months for Deborah, my wife, and I. We looked at organizing and refining the Pro-Life Program. One big change was in our job titles. Instead of the “Pro-Life” program, it is now the “Culture of Life” Program.

Most of the changes, strategies and activities is now on the State Web Site in a new section for the Pro Life Program and we strongly recommend that Councils, in particular the Council Culture of Life Program Directors, review this web page routinely to plan their local pro-life activities. The majority of our message is contained on this new web page section which Br. Jim Leong, State Webmaster, so graciously dedicated much time and effort to produce. Please refer to that section on the B.C./Yukon State Website for the complete information on the new pro-life-culture of life web page and all the associated strategies and activities.

The main thing to mention is that a new motion – Motion 408 – has been tabled in the House of Commons. Following motion 312’s defeat, Conservative MP Mark Warawa, Langley BC, introduced motion 408 to the House of Commons to support M-408 and condemn discrimination against females occurring through sex-selective pregnancy termination. Mr. Warawa’s assertion is that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation revealed that ultrasounds are being used in Canada to tell the sex of unborn child so that expecting parents can choose to terminate the pregnancy if the unborn child is a girl. He notes that sex selection was condemned by all national political parties and that 92% of Canadians believed sex-selective pregnancy termination “should be illegal”. (Enviro-nics poll) He also notes that the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada vehemently opposes sex-selection. Millions of girls have been lost through sex selective pregnancy termination, creating a global gender imbalance, causing girls to be trafficked into prostitution. Mr. Warawa has requested that Parliament needs to condemn this worst form of discrimination against females.

This will be a vote in parliament in the near future as it was for Motion 312. There is a petition on line at his web site for Knights to download to present to their parishes in support of MP Warawa’s motion. <http://www.markwarawa.com/> Information has been provided to the District Deputies again as we did for the Motion 312 strategy to pass on to the Grand Knights and Council Pro-Life Directors to start a campaign in parishes to garner support from the local MP’s in the parishes’ ridings to support Mr. Warawa’s motion. Please refer to this information to start your plans to assist on Motion 408 at the Council level.

Another noteworthy point is that in January 2013, the Culture of Life Baby Shower – Fifth Annual campaign should be launched by the local Councils. The purpose is to organize a clothing and supply drive to benefit pro-life organizations that help mothers to be and fathers who might otherwise choose abortion, and the unborn that might otherwise be denied the right to life. Council Culture of Life Directors should start preparing their plans to conduct this worthy event.

#### *Listing of Council Pro-Life Directors*

We would like to develop a list of the Culture of Life Directors in the Councils and obtain their e-mail address for communication purposes. Can all Councils please submit the names of their Culture of Life Program Directors to us at our e-mail address so we can develop a mailing list to disseminate information to the Councils’ Pro Life Directors quickly for consideration by the Council. Council Directors would still need to inform and guide their local Council executive on the particular issue at hand and recommend courses of action to the Council for approval. An example would be information on Motion 408. And I would actually like to talk with some Councils’ Culture of Life Directors every week via means such as phone or SKYPE or WINDOW Messenger to get a feel for what is happening in the various councils. It can get too easy to send e-mails instead of getting to know someone while having a coffee with someone over the phone or computer.

On behalf of our family, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

God Bless,

Dale and Debbie McGregor  
 Culture of Life Directors

**State Charity Appeal Chairman**  
**KEN REHMAN**

**BC CHARITY APPEAL**

2012– 2013

The Charity Appeal campaign is now half over. Unfortunately, the number of councils involved in the 2012/2013 campaign is down from last year. If you have not ordered tickets, there is still time. It only takes a couple of days to ship tickets to most areas of the province. Sales are always better closer to the draw dates.

From reports, sales are going well. Some councils have sold all books they ordered, while other councils have ordered more to sell. All participating councils are to be applauded for their efforts. It is an easy way to make a few dollars for your councils, as well as having funds to give to needy groups in your area.

Please remember the importance of returning all tickets. Also, remember the cut-off dates for sales so you have tickets on their way to the State Charity Appeal Chairman no later than two days after the cut-off dates. This, of course, means those with signing authority for your council will have to be available so you can send your council cheque with tickets.

I look forward to receipt of your clean, problem free tickets foils for deposit to the draw barrel.

My wife, Marie and I wish all of you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Joyous Healthy 2013.

Ken Rehman

State Charity Appeal Chairman

**State PR and Communication Chairman**  
**EDGAR URSUA**

**STATE NEWSLETTER**

It is gratifying to see the progress in the submission of Newsletters and Articles from the different Councils in British Columbia & Yukon, which have grown in numbers. Out of the 29 Districts in BC & Yukon, 18 has participated actively in making known the exciting events happening in their councils and districts which benefits the entire jurisdiction.

I take this opportunity in thanking these councils who have helped in making our State Newsletter an interesting quarterly bulletin to read and keeping us informed in the various activities of their service programs.

For the remaining 11 Districts, please do encourage and remind your Councils that Newsletter is a very effective tool in communicating to their council members and in providing with information of the programs in the Order. Delivering adequate information to members very well helps in Membership Retention.

For councils who have not initiated publishing newsletters but wishes to promote their programs, they may send photographs with captions in their article to e-mail [edziursua@shaw.ca](mailto:edziursua@shaw.ca).

My wife, Priscilla and I wish you and your families a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and may the New Year brings abundant blessings to each and every one of you.

A grace-filled New Year to all !!!

*Edgar C. Ursua*

State PR and Communications Chairman/Newsletter Editor

## State Convention and Conference Chairman KEVIN PINTO

## STATE CONVENTION 2013

Preparation for the 102<sup>nd</sup> BC & Yukon State Convention began under a sunny Richmond sky on August 11<sup>th</sup> with excitement and spirited enthusiasm. Cheerful memories of the 2012 convention encircled the table with the Mass being unanimously highlighted. Kevin Pinto expressed the view that the centrepiece of the convention should be the Mass.

Floral arrangements were confirmed and generously provided by the Verkerks.

Commitments from choirs for all of the Masses have been received except for Saturday.

The various sub-committees are now all in place:

District Chair:	Alberto Nisperos Council 6855
Entertainment:	Chair Happy Tay. Co-Chair Priscilla Ursua Council 6855
Registration:	Chair Ferdinand Sobrinho. Co-Chair Ken Chew Council 6855
Publicity & Advertising:	Chair Anna Sobrinho. Co-Chair Peter Sobrinho Council 10681
Ladies Program:	Chair Priscilla Ursua Co-Chair Elaine Pinto Council 6855
Treasurer:	Efren Guanzon Council 6855
Warden's Aide:	Michael Wong Council 11916
Liturgical:	Chair Douglas Welbanks Council 6855. Co-chair Vic Festejo Council 12861.

Brother Efren Guanzon formulated and presented a preliminary budget for the 2013 convention on November 30<sup>th</sup> to the Executive. Kevin Pinto outlined a summary of the committee's activities to the District Deputies on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Richmond Sheraton.

Brother Kevin also tabled a new initiative, a *Knights of Columbus* magazine with Happy Tay as chair. Happy Tay developed this initiative from the earlier publication.

The *Souvenir Magazine* would be a great way to tell the Knights special version of the Christian story

- .The magazine could provide details about the hotel, registration, the dates, times and location of the events, information about local restaurants, businesses and the sponsors of the Knights of Columbus.
- .The magazine would help promote better attendance.
- .The magazine would be an additional revenue stream to help keep costs and registration fees down.
- .The magazine would provide an opportunity for businesses that support the Christian message.

We plan to request Bishop Gagnon to highlight the magazine by promoting the Christian word in his special charismatic way and by acknowledging the Knights of Columbus's many activities and contribution to the parishes.

It is also planned to have The State Executive featured along with other important messages from prominent members.

The magazine committee proposes that all councils in the jurisdiction have a page or a half-page where their stories and messages would be placed.

The Editorial Committee for the magazine consists of Happy Tay, Kevin Pinto, Alberto Nisperos, Anna Sobrinho, Douglas Welbanks, Edgar and Priscilla Ursua, and Jose Ong.

**Charter Council**  
**DISTRICT 1 - Council 15445**  
**Victoria, British Columbia**



On Saturday November 3rd, 2012 Sacred Heart Parish celebrated a momentous occasion; the Knights of Columbus Charter presentation took place in the parish to officially welcome the new 15445 Council. This was the first charter presentation in Victoria in over ten years and marked the first-ever Knights of Columbus Council at Sacred Heart Parish. The event was celebrated with a Holy Mass and a small reception.

The Holy Mass was presided over by your Excellency Bishop Richard Gagnon, Father Alfred Alilio, Father Raphael Hong - Korean Community and various high-ranking Knights of Columbus officials were present within the congregation; State Deputy Wil Wilmot, District Deputy #1 John Vukovic, St Patrick Parish Council Grand Knight Martial Agueh, St Joseph The Worker Council Parish Grand Knight Shawn Leckie, Council 1256 Victoria Grand Knight Richard Grosset and Sidney-Peninsula Council Grand Knight Jaime Chamberlain, State Membership Director Roland Wauthy, Faithful Navigator Hank Francis and eighteen 4th degree honour guard.

After the Mass and the official presentation of the Charter, all were welcome to attend a reception in the church hall. Families, friends and many Knights of Columbus enjoyed an evening of refreshments and mingling. The overall atmosphere was cheerful and jubilant, appropriately so.

## Major Degree Exemplification Joint Districts 3, 4, 5, 20, 25 and 26



**Major Degree Exemplification** held at Corpus Christi in Vancouver, British Columbia last November 17, 2012. Hosted by Corpus Christi Council 8535, District Deputy #3 Ariel Estrada, the exemplification was attended by 57 candidates.

Degree Team led by State Secretary Edward Shawchuk and State Treasurer Arcie Lim. Also present, General Agent Richard Lee-Wah and District Deputies .

**Council 13072—District 4  
Saint Mary's Council  
Vancouver, B.C.  
Grand Knight: Gabriel Sta. Maria**

**VOCATION  
Program**



### 9th Annual Fr. Michael J. McGivney Memorial Golf Tournament

Saint Mary's Council 13072 hosted its 9th Annual Fr. Michael J McGivney Memorial Golf Tournament last September 30, 2012 at the Sunshine Woods Golf Center in Delta, B.C.

Net proceeds will be donated to the candidate to priesthood and religious life from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

# CHURCH Program

Keep Christ in Christmas, Church Activities

**Council 12202—District 11  
Mother Teresa Council  
Coldstream, B.C.  
Grand Knight: Bernie Lutes**

## Mother Teresa's Painting

Fr. Tony Ackerman presents a painting of our Council's namesake, Mother Teresa to Grand Knight, Bernie Lutes as District Deputy, Dale Hofer observes



**Council 5148—District 16  
Christ The King Council  
Kitimat, B.C.  
Grand Knight: Frank Mauro**

**Christ the King Council 5148** has once again is in the forefront in the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Church Program.

Come Storm, Snow, Ice, Rain, Sun or what ever the work has to be done. On a quite snow storm morning , five of the Knights members ventured out and changed the sign on the School from the 'Life is Beautiful' to Keep Christ in Christmas. This sign will stay up till some time in January when it will change back to the other side.

Grand Knight Frank Mauro and his members did a fantastic job during such a snow storm.

**Council 4680—District 17  
Dawson Creek Council  
Dawson Creek, B.C.  
Grand Knight: Leslie Dellow**



**Dawson Creek 4680 Knights** Doug Becotte (on ladder) and Rick Le Gear (holder) install the "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign on to the wall of Notre Dame Church.





# CHURCH Program

## Pennies for Heaven, Clergy, KofC Evangelization

**Council 13356—District 1  
Saint Joseph The Worker Council  
Victoria, B.C.  
Grand Knight: Shawn Leckie**

**Grand Knight Shawn Leckie of St. Joseph The Worker Council 13356** assists Bishop Richard Gagnon in the dedication and blessing of the new Marian Grotto at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Victoria B.C. on 20 OCT 2012. Many volunteer hours by dedicated Knights of Columbus, over the summer, resulted in this beautiful shrine to Our Blessed Virgin Mary. The shrine includes memorial plaques, granite benches, trees and plants, purchased in memory of a loved one, by parishioners, to help defray the cost. A wonderful place to come, sit, enjoy the quiet splendor of time spent in contemplation with Our Lady and our loved ones.



**Blessing of New Marian Grotto**

**Council 9125—District 7  
Port Coquitlam Council  
Port Coquitlam, B.C.  
Grand Knight: Priscilo(Loy)Tetangco**



**BEFORE.....and ..... AFTER**

Congratulations to all the Brother Knights & Parishioners who worked diligently for the completion of Assumption Centre. This wouldn't have been possible without your countless hours of volunteer work in finishing the Centre. You can realized the dedication when everyone pulls together to achieved a goal. Job Well Done.

### **Completion of Assumption Parish Center—Coquitlam, B.C.**

## COMMUNITY Program

Coats for Kids, Special Olympics, Catholic Health

**Council 5246 —District 29**  
**Prince George Council**  
**Prince George, B.C.**  
**Grand Knight: Joseph Haddock**



### Prince George Council 5246 in Coats for Kids Program

We have requested and were granted permission to use \$3000 to buy winter coats for the needy in Inner City schools. The project is now underway. The coats are ordered and will be here soon. We will need help in sorting the coats and handing them out to the children. For the first time around we will be doing Quinson, St.Mary's, Harwin, Sacred Heart and Ron Brent Schools. If there are any coats left over we will do another school. This is a fantastic project so let me know if you want to help

**Council 3478—District 24**  
**Chilliwack Council**  
**Chilliwack, B.C.**  
**Grand Knight: Denis Kevany**

### The GIFT of WARMTH

Chilliwack Council 3478, in implementation for Supreme Council's Coats for Kids Program, have purchased four(4) boxes of coats and have 3 boxes (36 coats) distributed through the Chilliwack Community Center.

The 4th box has been allocated to St. Mary's Christmas Hampers.

### District 29 Prince George Festival of Trees

The Knights Tree," Reflecting the Face of God "was a great example of Knights working together in Prince George to spread the work of Christian giving and belief. Council 8927, Council 8318 , Council 5246 and Father Thomas Assembly were able to support the Knight's Tree and its Charities in the Festival of the Trees.

Our Schools of St Mary's , Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception did amazing projects. St Mary's CWL and their members helped Festival of the Trees coordinator Dorothy Mynen decorate the tree and the environment and donated to this project. What great work was accomplished!



# COMMUNITY Program

Coats for Kids, Special Olympics, Catholic Health

**Council 3842—District 21**  
**Mid Island Council**  
 Nanaimo, B.C.  
 Grand Knight: Richard Jones

In support of a needy school in Nanaimo, British Columbia, Mid-Island Council #3842 helped celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Foundation Anniversary of Park Avenue School by putting up a Community Pancake Breakfast last October 26, 2012. Hot Pancakes and Sausages were served to well over 500 students, parents, teachers and families and were thoroughly enjoyed by all as was evident by the many happy and smiling faces.

**Mid-Island Knights making a DIFFERENCE !**



**Rick Jones, Angelo Petraroia, Leo Poirier, Claude Francoeur, Brian King, Dan DePape. Not in photo Hans Fadum**

**Council 12202—District 11**  
**Mother Teresa Council**  
 Coldstream, B.C.  
 Grand Knight: Bernie Lutes



**\$\$\$ Canadian Tire Money \$\$\$**

A number of years ago the Knights of Columbus Council 12202 placed the box on the left in the Narthex of Our Lady of the Valley Church asking parishioners to drop in their spare Canadian Tire money. On October 16, 2012 we opened the box! To our delight we found much more than we had anticipated. The picture to the right shows just some of the money that was collected. Thank you to everyone for just slightly over \$210.00 in Canadian Tire money and cash.

During the recent Oktoberfest four bundles of \$45.00 of Canadian Tire money were auctioned off for \$35.00 per bundle. One successful bidder was so pleased with the supper, band and friendly atmosphere that he donated his bundle back for sale. Net result, we received \$180.00 Canadian money for the \$180.00 in Canadian Tire money. We think it was a great deal!!

The box is back in the Narthex, take a look around and bring in your spare Canadian Tire money!

# COUNCIL Program

Council Activities , Fraternalism, Knight of the Month

**Council 15564—District 4  
Our Lady of Sorrows Council  
Vancouver, B.C.  
Grand Knight: Edgar Nacar**



**Our Lady Of Sorrows Charter Council 15564** NEWLY exemplified Major Degree (2nd and 3rd) Knights held at Corpus Christi in Vancouver, British Columbia last November 17, 2012.

In photo are Degree Team State Secretary Ed Shawchuk and State Treasurer Arcie Jose Lim.

**Council 9479—District 3  
Saint Joseph Council  
Vancouver, B.C.  
Grand Knight: Joel Salvador**

## Rosary Night ...for the Past 10 Years

The statue of Virgin Mary together with the Divine

Mercy had been visiting the homes of brother Knights and their families at St. Joseph Council #9479, for the past 10 years.

Our Lady stays in their home for 7 or 14 days and while in their home prays the family rosary and devotion to the Divine Mercy.



# COUNCIL Program

Athletics, Fraternalism, Eyeglass Collection, State Golf

**Council 1283 —District 20**  
**Westminster Council**  
**New Westminster, B.C.**  
**Grand Knight: Rod Giddens**

## Westminster Council 1283 on its 105<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary



On Dec. 1 Westminster Council 1283 celebrated their 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a dinner at St. Peter's Church Hall. Mayor Wayne Wright brought greetings from the City of New Westminster and read a proclamation declaring Nov. 25 to Dec. 1 Knights of Columbus Week and December 1 Knights of Columbus Day in the city. Bill Cahill, PSD, brought greetings from the BC & Yukon Council as well as Supreme Council. Our Chaplain Fr. Martin Moser offered grace and Msgr. Bernard Rossi gave an inspirational and entertaining talk on his experiences at World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain.

**Council 9703 - District 1**  
**Saanich Peninsula Council**  
**Sidney, B.C.**  
**Grand Knight: Jamie Chamberlain**

## OKTOBERFEST

Once again Council # 9703 held their Annual Oktoberfest dinner event at St Elizabeth Church on Friday evening, October 26<sup>th</sup>. A scrumptious meal consisting of German bratwurst, scalloped potatoes, sauerkraut, and a special cabbage dish, topped off with ice cream and pie prepared and served by the Knights was enjoyed by 230 adults and children. One of the evening highlights was the Children's Halloween pumpkin parade and the awarding of the prizes for the best costumes. A raffle was held for some great prizes which raised almost \$500 for the Council's charity funds. The evening ended with several games of horse racing which was enjoyed by all ages. Several K of C dignitaries were in attendance, including Wil Wilmot, State Deputy, and his wife Val. All in all a great meal and a good time was had by everyone in attendance.

# COUNCIL Program

Council Activities , Fraternalism, Knight of the Month

**Council 10681—District 23  
Christopher Columbus  
Richmond, B.C.  
Grand Knight: Peter Sobrinho**

**Round Table at  
Ukrainian Church  
in Richmond,  
British Columbia**



A ROUND TABLE BETWEEN COUNCIL 10681 AND THE HOLY DORMITION MOTHER OF GOD UKRAINIAN CHURCH SITUATED ON RAILWAY AVENUE, WAS ONCE AGAIN ARRANGED TO DEVELOP AND STIMULATE CO-OPERATION AND PARTICIPATION BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORING PARISHES.

FR. EDWARD EVANKO OF THE UKRAINIAN CHURCH, AGREED UPON OCTOBER 28, 2012, FOR THE EVENT. COUNCIL 10681 MEMBERS WITH THEIR WIVES AND WDD BRO. ED PANES AND HIS WIFE PARTICIPATED. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A PANCAKE BREAKFAST, WHICH WAS HOSTED AND CONDUCTED AT THEIR PARISH HALL. THE EVENT WAS WELL COODINATED BY BREAKFAST CHAIRMAN BRO. DAVID JOE AND WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, WITH MANY KNIGHTS AND PARISHIONERS ATTENDING. THE PURPOSE WAS TO STIMULATE INTERACTION BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE TWO PARISHES AS WELL AS PROMOTE AWARENESS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AMONGST THE UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY AND TRY TO RECRUIT MEMBERS WHO WILL INITIALLY BE PART OF COUNCIL 10681, TILL A FULL-FLEDGED COUNCIL IS FORMED AT THE UKRAINIAN CHURCH.

**Council 11916 - District 23  
Canadian Martyrs Council  
Richmond, B.C.  
Grand Knight: Michael Wong**

Supreme Membership and Program Consultant Bro. Dan O'Hara, PSD conducted an Officers Training Seminar to District 23 Richmond Councils last October 9, 2012 which was hosted by Canadian Martyrs Council 11916.



# COUNCIL Program

Athletics, Fraternalism, Eyeglass Collection, State Golf

District 23 Richmond, B.C.

Archbishop Duke  
Council 6855

## 3RD ANNUAL INTER-PARISH COMMUNITY BASKETBALL



District Deputy #23 **Edgardo Panes** thanking District 23 Councils for keeping up to the values of Sportsmanship during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Inter-Parish Community Basketball hosted by Archbishop Duke Council 6855, Richmond, B.C.



**St. Joseph Parish Council 10681 Team Champion and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner Canadian Martyrs Council 11916**



**Archbishop Duke Council 6855 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner and 4<sup>th</sup> Placer St. Monica Council 12861**

# CULTURE OF LIFE

40-Days for Life, March for Life, Silver Rose Run

Council 6855 —District 23  
Archbishop Duke Council  
Richmond, B.C.  
Grand Knight: Kevin Mendonca



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE in November 2012

Knights of Columbus  
Archbishop Duke Council  
6855, Richmond, B.C.

A total of 75 vigil hours were fulfilled  
by 61 Knights and St. Paul Parishioners  
during the November 4, 2012 Vigil.



Photo above: IP Grand Knight 6855 Edgar Ursua and wife, Priscilla with Executive Officers and members of Archbishop Duke Council 6855. Below is GK 6555 Kevin Mendonca joined by wife Bridget and KofC Culture of Life Couple Lorenzo and Julie Ranada, Chaplain Rev. Fr. Rodney Nootebos, St. Paul Parish Pro-Life Core Leaders Brother Knight Patrick and Caroline Macken. Also in attendance are 6855 Past Grand Knights Kim Ng, Stan Leong, and Americo Silva





# CULTURE OF LIFE

40-Days for Life, March for Life, Silver Rose Run

**Council 7015—District 27**  
**Star of the Sea Council**  
**White Rock, B.C.**  
**Grand Knight: Wayne Brazeau**

With the Year of Faith emphasis on evangelization and the Culture of Life, the Knights of Columbus, Star of the Sea Council 7015 and Cloverdale Council 7276 in collaboration with the Surrey-Delta Pro-Life Society have ventured into the visual media of billboard advertising.

Two colourful, highly visible messages of “Keep Christ in Christmas” and “Abortion Stops a Beating Heart” are displayed on a large, lighted billboard. This is located along Highway 99 approaching the Douglas crossing to the USA.

## Billboard Advertisement



**Council 6767 —District 24**  
**Archbishop Johnson Council**  
**Abbotsford, B.C.**  
**Grand Knight: Zoltan Vertes**

**Abbotsford, B.C.**  
**RIGHT TO LIFE**  
**Fundraising Event**



A fundraising dinner was held on Friday, November 2nd, and over 400 people attended the well planned event.

About 25 high-school teenagers came to help, and about a dozen members of the Knights of Columbus prepared, cooked and served the food and drink.

Thanks to Bro. John Brown who was the Chef for the dinner, and also special thanks to all those Knights who helped that day and evening..

**Council 5246 —District 29**  
**Prince George Council**  
**Prince George, B.C.**  
**Grand Knight: Joseph Haddock**

**Prince George, B.C.**  
**Crisis Pregnancy Centre**  
**3rd Annual Fundraiser**

A big thank you to all those who came out to the 3rd Annual Fundraiser for the Prince George Crisis Pregnancy Centre on September 22nd.

The evening raised over \$14,000 for the centre to do its work. This total is in addition to the donations from businesses and individuals who covered all the costs of the meal, thereby making all the evening's tickets free for the guests.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the evening and to all who support the centre throughout the year.

Culture of Life: Dorothy and Dick Mynen,  
 Chairpersons

# CULTURE OF LIFE

40-Days for Life, March for Life, Silver Rose Run

**Council 4597—District 2**  
**Dr. Briggs Council**  
**Courtenay, B.C.**  
**Grand Knight: Theodore Fortosky**



Life Chain 2012  
 at **Courtenay, B.C.**

**Council 4597**

*and*

Life Chain 2012  
 at **Nanaimo, B.C.**

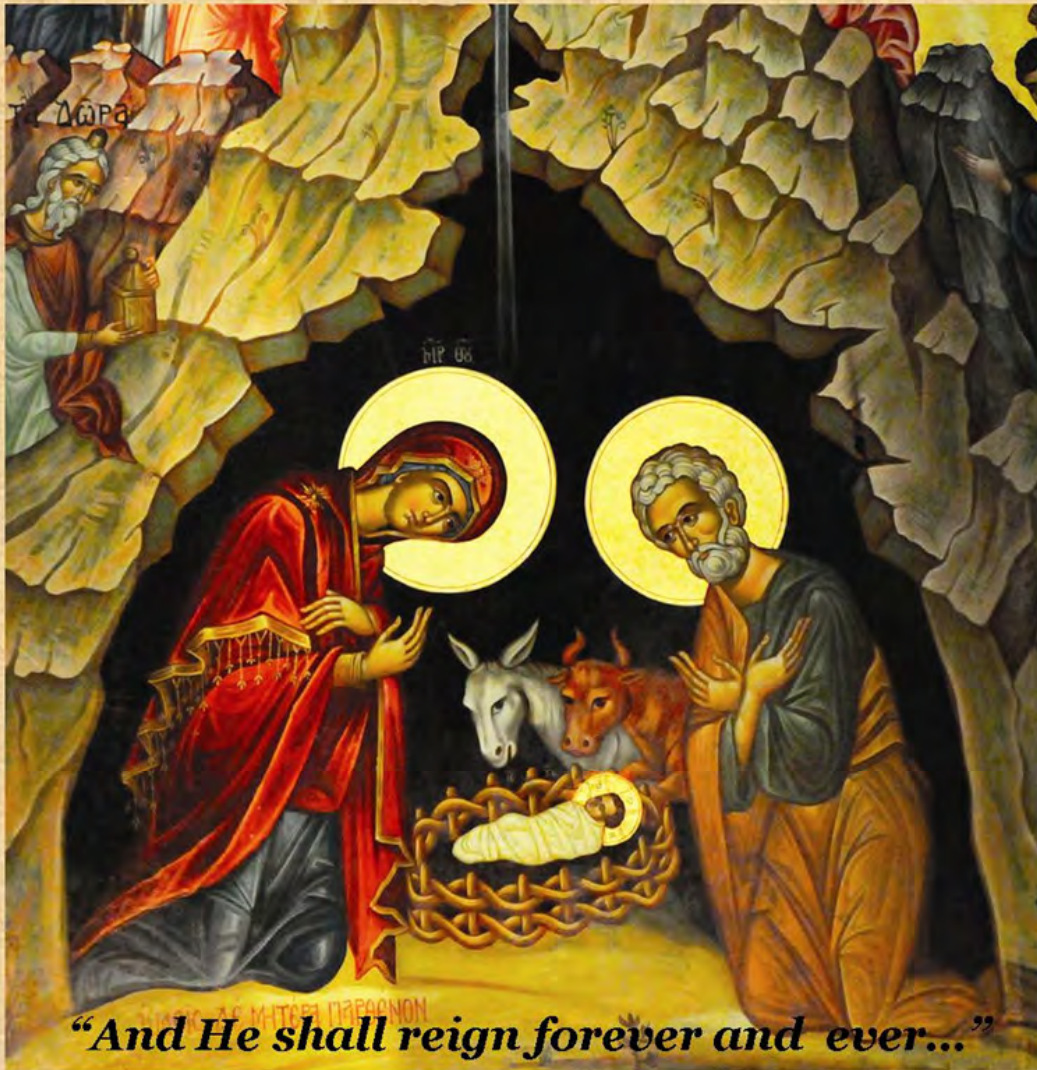
**Council 9990**



**Council 9990—District 21**  
**Holy Trinity Council**  
**Nanaimo, B.C.**  
**Grand Knight: Richard Pistone**



**Holy Trinity Council 9990** were blessed with excellent weather that greeted an enthusiastic crowd that participated in this year's LIFE CHAIN. Gathered along the Island Highway adjacent to Canadian Tire and Woodgrove Centre, the LIFE CHAIN was a clear message to over 1000 vehicles and many pedestrians that the issue of Abortion is not closed. Indeed, times are changing and there is a growing willingness to talk about life and the need to protect the most vulnerable among us. To all the folks who participated in this year's Life Chain and their families and friends, we owe them a very special thanks for their efforts.



### Merry Christmas

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