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First Quarter Newsletter

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Knights of Columbus British Columbia and Yukon State Council

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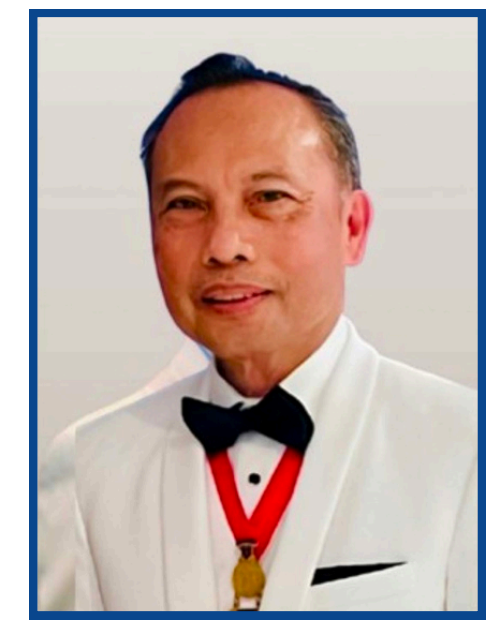

EDGAR NACAR
State Deputy, BC & Yukon

September 29, 2026

Your Excellency, Worthy State Officers and Dear Brother Knights,

As we close the first quarter of the 2026–2027 Fraternal Year, we face a sobering reality. We have achieved only 24% of our membership target. We currently rank 8th across the entire Order, yet only one council has reached its membership goal.

The year is still young, and we have time to turn these results around, but we cannot afford to become complacent. This moment calls us to action. Now is the time to renew our commitment, roll up our sleeves, and move forward together with greater energy, determination, and purpose.

I challenge every brother Knight to invite at least one more man from your parish to join the Knights of Columbus. He may be a friend, a neighbour, a fellow volunteer, or someone you regularly see at Mass. Do not assume he is uninterested or too busy. He may simply be waiting for someone to approach him personally, share our story, and invite him into our brotherhood.

I also ask you to reconnect with a brother you have not seen in a while. Reach out. Call him, ask how he and his family are doing, and remind him that he remains a valued member of our Order. Sometimes, one sincere conversation and one personal invitation are all it takes to bring a brother home.

Let us also give special attention to our newer members. Welcoming a man into the Order is only the beginning. We must help him feel accepted, included, and connected to his council's life. Invite him to participate in a program, serve on a committee, attend a social gathering, or take on a meaningful responsibility. When new members know that their presence matters and their contributions are valued, they are far more likely to remain active and deepen their commitment.

Our success this year cannot be measured by numbers alone. It must also be reflected in the strength, vitality, and spiritual life of our councils. A truly successful council welcomes new members, supports its brothers, serves its parish, strengthens families, defends life, and responds with compassion to the community's needs.

Several of our councils are already showing us what is possible. They are growing their membership while delivering outstanding programs in faith, family, life, and community. Their example proves that membership growth and meaningful service go hand in hand. When men see Brother Knights living their faith through visible acts of charity, unity, and fraternity, they are inspired to stand with us and join our mission.

Brothers, our Catholic faith is not meant to remain within the walls of the church. It must guide our words, shape our decisions, strengthen our families, and influence how we care for others each day. When the faith we profess is visible in the way we live, our lives become a powerful witness. Our kindness speaks more clearly, our integrity grows stronger, and our compassion reaches farther.

As we enter the next quarter of this Fraternal Year, I call on each of you to renew your personal commitment to our mission. Ask yourself: What more can I do for Christ, His Church, the Knights of Columbus, and those in need? Then let your answer become action.

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Let us commit ourselves to the following:

- Plan and conduct at least two focused membership drives before the end of the Fraternal Year, with clear goals, strong parish support, and personal follow-up with prospective members.
- Share the inspiring stories of what our councils are accomplishing. Let others see the families we support, the lives we touch, and the difference our charitable work makes in our parishes and communities.
- Work closely with our pastors and parish leaders to ensure that our programs respond to real needs and strengthen the spiritual and communal life of every parish we serve.
- Personally invite, welcome, and mentor new members so they can discover a genuine sense of belonging and purpose within our brotherhood.

Men in every parish are ready to say yes. They want to grow in faith, serve their communities, support their families, and become part of something greater than themselves. In many cases, they are simply waiting to be asked.

Let us be courageous in extending that invitation. Let us welcome every new member with warmth, accompany every brother with sincerity, and work together to build stronger councils. Through our shared commitment, we can continue to grow our Order, serve those in need, strengthen our parishes, and support the Church as one family in Christ.

My wife and I extend our deepest gratitude for all you do for the Knights of Columbus, the Church, and the communities we serve. We wish you and your loved ones continued blessings in the months ahead.

Let us move forward together, united in charity, strengthened by fraternity, and guided by faith, to make this Journey of Renewed Faith and the Pursuit of Peace meaningful.

Thank you, and God bless!

Vivat Jesus!

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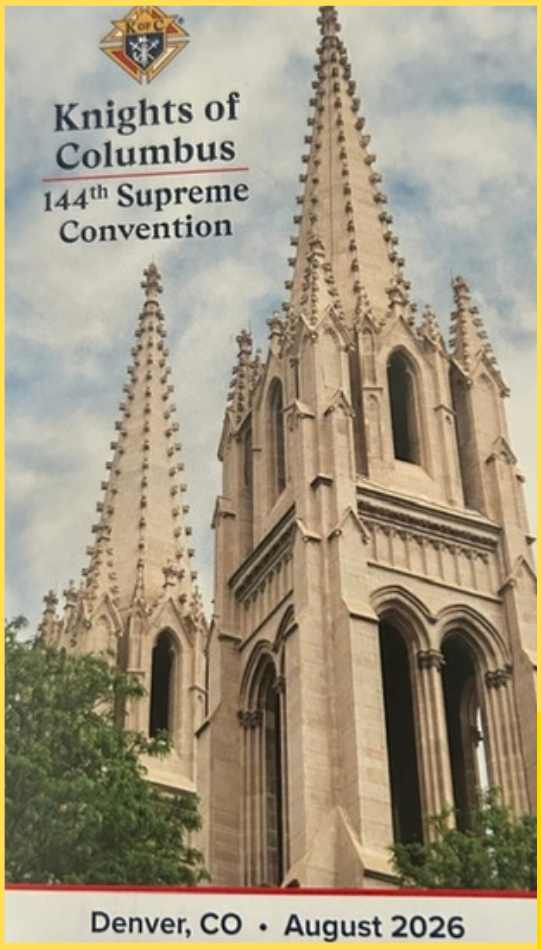
144th SUPREME CONVENTION
Denver, Colorado - Aug 2026



144th Supreme Convention – Denver, Colorado | August 2026

A wonderful moment with our State Deputy Officers and their families at the 144th Supreme Convention held in Denver, Colorado, in August 2026.

144th SUPREME CONVENTION
Denver, Colorado - Aug 2026

Worthy State Deputy
Bro. Edgar Nacar

An Inspiring Message from Our Worthy State Deputy

Our Worthy State Deputy, Bro. Edgar Nacar, delivering an inspiring and heartfelt message in the presence of Bishop Kwiatkowski, strengthened by the blessings, prayers, and spiritual guidance of our Ministers and Chaplains.

His words remind us of the importance of keeping Christ and our faith at the centre of everything we do as Brother Knights, as we continue our mission of Faith, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Worth State Deputy Bro. Edgar Nacar and State Officers with Supreme Knight Bro. Patrick E. Kelly

Worthy State Deputy Bro. Edgar Nacar and some of our BC & Yukon State Officers were honoured to meet with **Supreme Knight Bro. Patrick E. Kelly** at the 144th Supreme Convention in Denver, Colorado.

Inspired by Bro. Kelly's powerful message and encouragement, our State Deputy and Officers returned energized and renewed in their commitment to serve the Knights of Columbus and the BC & Yukon Chapter.

144th SUPREME CONVENTION
Denver, Colorado - Aug 2026

United in Faith & Service

Our BC & Yukon State Officers strengthening their bonds of brotherhood and standing together in faith, fellowship, and service.

144th SUPREME CONVENTION
Denver, Colorado - Aug 2026

🙏 144th Supreme Convention – Family, Faith & Service

Inspiring messages from the **Head Table at the 144th Supreme Convention**, together with powerful reflections shared through the **Ladies Program**, highlighted an important truth: the strength of our Knights and our mission is deeply rooted in the support of our families.

144th SUPREME CONVENTION
Denver, Colorado - Aug 2026

🙏 **“In the ONE, We Are One.”** ❤️

A powerful reminder shared during the 144th Supreme Convention, encouraging our ladies to continue the incredible work they do in supporting our Brother Knights, their families, and the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

We were blessed and inspired by **Bishop Michael**, who encouraged our ladies to continue their great work with faith, dedication, and love.

Behind every strong Knight is a family and a community of support.

Herb Yang, Worthy IPSD
RIDE TO CONQUER CANCER - FUNDRAISER

SHARE

SUPPORT MY RIDE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CANCER RESEARCH

WORKOUT TO CONQUER CANCER 2026
HELD BY HERBERT YANG
https://workouttoconquercancer.ca/fundraiser/herbyang

$5,350.00 raised of $5,000

70 SUPPORTERS

MOVEMENT MINUTES

Track your minutes manually or via Strava. Visit our FAQ page for instructions.

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TEAM

KNIGHT RIDERS 2026
$23,455 of $25,000

In memory of my mother and father, I'm riding 100km with my Brother Knights to raise funds for cancer research—a cause that has deeply touched my family.

Cancer took both of my parents from us, but research gave us something priceless: more time. My father was diagnosed early with liver cancer and lived 19 more years—long enough to know and love all 22 of his grandchildren.

My mother lived four more years after her lung cancer diagnosis, giving us more memories, love, and moments together than we otherwise would have had.

Their extra years are proof that cancer research matters. It leads to earlier diagnoses, better treatments, longer lives, and hope for families facing cancer today.

As I ride, I'll carry my parents' memory with me—and ride for a future where more people survive and cures are found for all forms of cancer.

Please consider donating to support my ride and the research that gives families more precious time. Every contribution helps bring us closer to a world without cancer. Thank you for helping me honour my mother and father.

🚴 Ride to Conquer Cancer 🎗️

We are proud to recognize our **Worthy Past State Deputy, Bro. Herb Yang**, for participating in the Ride to Conquer Cancer.
His participation helped raise funds and awareness in support of cancer research and the ongoing fight against this devastating disease.

Thank you, Brother Herb for demonstrating the Knights of Columbus spirit of charity, service, and compassion and for supporting such an important cause.

👋 **Thank you for riding for a cause that touches so many lives!** 🎗️🚴

Faith in Action • Charity • Unity • Fraternity

Mark Pan, Worthy Field Agent
RIDE TO CONQUER CANCER Fundraiser

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HELP ME RAISE FUNDS FOR CANCER RESEARCH!

WORKOUT TO CONQUER CANCER 2026

HELD BY MARK PAN

https://workouttoconquercancer.ca/fundraiser/MarkPan

$2,600.00 raised of $5,000

20 SUPPORTERS

This year's Knight Riders 2026 event is a 100 km, one-day fundraising bike ride on Saturday, July 25, 2026, supporting the BC Cancer Foundation. Help me support this worthy cause by making a donation today!

ACTIVITY TRACKER PRESENTED BY Orchid MEDICAL & AESTHETIC CLINIC

Download your Certificate of Participation

🚴 Ride to Conquer Cancer 🎗️

We are proud to recognize our **Field Agent, Bro. Mark Pan** for participating in the Ride to Conquer Cancer. His participation helped raise funds and awareness in support of cancer research and the ongoing fight against this devastating disease.

Thank you, Brother Mark for demonstrating the Knights of Columbus spirit of charity, service, and compassion and for supporting such an important cause.

👋 **Thank you for riding for a cause that touches so many lives!** 🎗️🚴

Faith in Action • Charity • Unity • Fraternity

INSTALLATION OF STATE OFFICERS BC & YUKON

Worthy State Deputy Brother Edgar Nacar at the Installation of State Officers, standing alongside his wife, **Lady Imelda Nacar**.
A beautiful moment of faith, leadership, and partnership 🙏💙

Installation of all our BC & Yukon State Officers 🙏
A powerful and meaningful time to reflect, renew their vows, and reaffirm their shared mission of faith, charity, unity, and fraternity.

Honour Guards celebrating our State Officers during the Installation 🙏
Together, we are stronger. Together, we serve. Together, we build a stronger Knights of Columbus and BC & Yukon team. 💙

INSTALLATION OF STATE OFFICERS BC & YUKON

All our Brother Knights coming together to celebrate the Installation of our BC & Yukon State Officers. 🙏
A wonderful celebration of **brotherhood, faith, unity, and service** as we stand together in support of our State Officers and their renewed commitment to our shared mission.

Our BC & Yukon State Officers with their families ❤️🙏

A beautiful celebration of the families behind our leaders—whose love, encouragement, and support make their commitment to faith and service possible.
Together, we celebrate not only our State Officers, but the families who stand beside them every step of the way.

Welcoming our new Supreme Regional Growth Executive Bro. Billy Chrisman

Our Brother Knights warmly welcoming our new **Supreme Regional Growth Specialist, Bro. Billy Chrisman**, who delivered an insightful and inspiring message on growth, leadership, and strengthening our brotherhood.

His message was beautifully complemented by our **Worthy State Deputy, Brother Edgar Nacar**, reinforcing our shared commitment to building a stronger, more united Knights of Columbus across BC & Yukon.

Growing together. Serving together. Moving forward together. ⚔️🙏💙

District Deputy (DD) Meeting
July 2026

⚔️ Brother Knights & Families – District Deputy Meeting | July 2026 🙏

Brother Knights and their families to come together for fellowship, connection, and reflection at the District Deputy Meeting in July 2026.

Beyond the meetings, these gatherings provide an opportunity to strengthen our bonds as Brothers, share ideas, and reflect on the key priorities and opportunities across BC & Yukon as we continue working together to strengthen our mission of Faith, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Thank you to all our Brother Knights and families for your continued commitment, support, and dedication to the Knights of Columbus and our communities.

Together, we serve. Together, we grow. Together, we strengthen our mission. ⚔️

PSD Pin & Jewel - Bro. Herb Yang
All Star District Council - District 20, DD Bro. Elvis Atienza

PSD Pin & Mini Jewel Presentation

Congratulations to IPSD Brother Herb on receiving his PSD Pin and Mini Jewel, recognizing his dedicated service and leadership within the Knights of Columbus.

A special presentation was also made to **DD Bro. Elvis Atienza** for the **All Star District DD #20**, including the Incentive Gift — a K of C Watch — in recognition of outstanding dedication, leadership, and commitment to the Knights and the communities they serve.

District 1
Community BBQ, Meet The Teacher Night & Parking Lot Line Painting

WELCOME BACK BBQ
HOSTED BY S. PATRICK'S COUNCIL 7934
ST. PATRICK'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On September 14th, this long standing annual event brought together students, families and staff. "Cooking began at 3:30am but the onion and beef broth trick kept the burgers moist and flavourful!" Bro. Jim Pungente

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT & COMMUNITY BBQ
HOSTED BY ST. PATRICK'S COUNCIL 7934 & ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER COUNCIL 13356

On Sept 17th, the two Councils joined hands to host a Meet the Teacher Night and Community BBQ at St. Andrew's Regional High School. The school Principal, a Knight of Columbus, along with several teachers, joined in the effort to make the evening a success. The school community was deeply appreciative of the spirit of fellowship, service and community that the event inspired.

PARKING LOT LINE PAINTING
HOSTED BY S. PATRICK'S COUNCIL 7934
ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH

Volunteers from St. Patrick's Council 7934 painted the worn out parking lines at the Parish Church. 8 Knights dedicated their time over four evenings. Without spray machines, rollers were used, which increased application time and paint consumption. The new paint is latex based and the original was oil based, so a primer had to be used. This work saved the Parish a substantial amount over what a contractor would have charged.

District 23
Joint Soccer Tournament

District 23 Get-Together on the Field! The Joint Socceer (JC) Tournament ⚽💙

What a wonderful way to bring our Brother Knights together—with a joint soccer tournament that showcased our brothers in real action! Seeing our Brother Knights come together, compete with enthusiasm, and enjoy the game while being supported by family and friends made this more than just a soccer match!!

District 23
Joint Soccer Tournament
Winner & Runners Up

Congratulations Archbishop Duke Council 6855 for securing 1st place in the Annual Joint Soccer Tournament hosted by District 23!!

1st Runner's Up
Canadian Martyrs Council 12861

2nd Runner's Up
Christopher Columbus Council 10681

District 23
Joint Council Summer Picnic

Joint Council Picnic hosted by District 23 – Summer Community Picnic & BBQ ☀️⚔️💙

District 23 hosted another fun-filled and popular summer picnic, bringing together families, friends, and members of the community for a wonderful day of fellowship and laughter.

St. Eugene Council 1046
GK Lyle Stuart &
Donation to School in Cranbrook, BC

A special thank you to **Lyle Stuart, Grand Knight of Council 1046,** for helping make this meaningful contribution possible.

🙏 Knights of Columbus – Supporting St. Mary Catholic School

On September 17, the Knights of Columbus Council 1046 proudly purchased and donated essential supplies, including photocopy paper and tissues, to St. Mary Catholic School in Cranbrook, BC.

We extend our sincere thanks to **Vanessa Fer, Principal of St. Mary Catholic School**, for her continued partnership and commitment to the students and school community.Through acts of service and generosity, the Knights of Columbus continue to support our Catholic schools and strengthen our community. ❤️🙏

1283 Knightnews

JUNE 2026

COUNCIL 1081 PADRE DINNER

Council 1081 held their 46th annualPadre dinner at the John Paul II Archdiocesan Centre in Vancouver on June 8. Bishop Michael Kwiatkowski, Fr. Mykhailo Ozorovych, Fr. Yuriy Sakvuk, Fr. Mykhailo Postoluik, Fr. Mahder Tsegay and Deacon Paulos Teckle were accompanied by Council 1283 members Mike Crean, Ryan Crean, Otto Fuoss, Rod Giddens, Wally Licas, John Pavao, Francis Ribeiro and Dan Roxas.

JUNE EXEMPLIFICATION

Westminster Council1283 hosted an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity at St. Peter's Church on June 6. Five members were exemplified into Council 1283: Danilo Da Silva, Alexander Emanuelli, Bradley Hammond-Bonnell, Carlos Santiago and Victor Enrique Veregara De La Garza. Congratulations and welcome to to you all!

NEW EXECUTIVE

Asaresult of the elections held on May 25 and effective July 1 the new Council 1283 executive for 2026-2027 is: (Note: the FS is appointed by the Supreme Knight and the Chaplain and Lecturer are appointed by the GK)

Grand Knight	Dan Roxas	778-986-3757
Chaplain	Fr. Nick Meisl	604-522-4611
Dep. Grand Knight	Antonio Hoyos Calle	778-302-8521
Chancellor	Andy Boch	604-522-6076
Recorder	Danilo Flores	778-955-8548
Financial Secretary	Rod Giddens	778-888-2724
Treasurer	Roland Lambert	604-813-3588
Lecturer	Gerry Spindor	604-931-7108
Advocate	Bob Johnson	604-540-1522
Warden	Bruno Habib	778-951-3313
Inside Guard	Connor Rafferty	778-868-4085
Outside Guard	Marco Fritsch	236-970-7847
Trustee-3 Years	Wally Licas	604-613-2741
Trustee-2 Years	Francis Ribeiro	236-818-7898
Trustee-1 Year	Elvis Atienza	604-723-7266

JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH - PROTECT OUR FAMILY

Profiles

Juan Salas

Juan was born in Bogota, Colombia on March 28, 2005. He spent his childhood there and moved to Canada when he was 11 years and old. After some time he moved back to Colombia, and in October 2023 he moved back to Canada. Juan has one older brother. He attended elementary school in Colombia. During his first time living in Canada, he spent some time at the Seminary of Christ the King minor seminary with the Benedictines in Mission, BC. He finished high school in Colombia and continued upgrading courses at Vancouver Community College when he came back to Canada. Juan is a Seminarian for the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster, and has been working with Holy Eucharist Cathedral as a sacristan and student iconographer. He also worked for about a year at a warehouse in Vancouver. He is excited to complete his acceptance process into Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Edmonton, AB, which will begin in September. Juan was a parishioner at Holy Rosary Cathedral for some time, and has been a parishioner at Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral for the last 3 years. Juan joined

the Knights in May of 2025 and is a 3rd degree Knight in Council 1283. In his spare time Juan likes painting, both as a job but also a hobby and is especially interested in Eastern Christian art and iconography. He also likes camping and hiking as well as traveling.

BURSARIES AWARDED

TheKnights ofColumbus Westminster Council 1283 awarded 3 bursaries of $500 each to Mariya Lyseiko, who plans to go to Trinity Western University, Juan Munoz who plans to go to Fairleigh Dickinson University and Jacob Suico who plans to go to Douglas College. Congratulations and we wish you all the best!

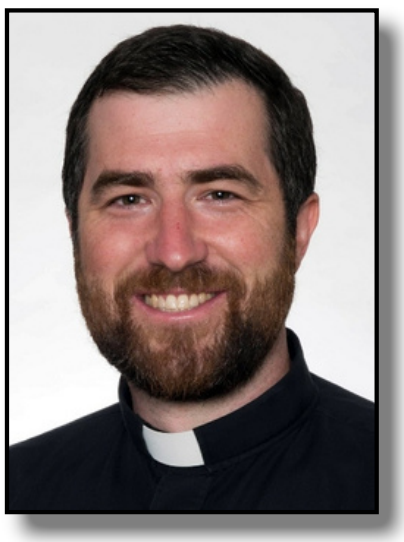
BIRTHDAYS

June birthday celebrants include Danilo Acosta, Domingo Almonte, Jose Cabalu, Anthony Craig, Marcio Dos Santos, Henry Hajdik, John Jonson, Joel Loreno, Dar Maddatu, Erwin Onting, John Pavao, Igor Pessoa, Peter Tolentino and Juan Vergara.

July birthday celebrants include Sam Anderson, Czar Barcelona, Jim Bilesky, Richard Casas, Ryan Crean, Henry D'Souza, Marco Fritsch, Fr. David Hughes, Rob Kok, Wally Licas, Diego Lopez, Werner Meisl, Jerry Miehm, Paquito Muralla, Thang Nguyen, Lorne Penton and Cid Saguindan.

August birthday celebrants include Jonathan Alvarez, Albert Antolin, Bong Buiza, James Conroy, Barry Hayes, Antonio Hoyos Espinoza, Michael Kay, Joseph Neugebauer, Mykhailo Ozorovych Sr., Bill Popowitz, Jijo Tom Raj, Rick Tecson, Kristian Tibay and Brandy Valdez. **Congratulations to you all!**

PRAY THE ROSARY TO END ABORTION



Fr. Nick

CHRIST IS TRULY PRESENT IN THE EUCHARIST

by Rev. Nick Meisl

Dear Brothers,

Just recently, the Church celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Each time we gather for Mass, we participate in a ritual so familiar that we can easily overlook its depth. We walk forward in procession, and the priest or Eucharistic minister holds up the host and says, "The Body of Christ." We respond, "Amen." In that brief exchange, we proclaim one of the greatest mysteries of our Catholic faith: that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist.

This belief is not always easy. Surveys in recent years have shown that many Catholics struggle with belief in the Real Presence. Yet from the very beginning, the Church has held firmly to the words of Jesus at the Last Supper: "This is my body." Our faith rests not simply on what we can see or understand, but on trust in Christ himself.

The Church uses the word transubstantiation to describe this mystery. While the appearance of bread and wine remains the same, their deepest reality is transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharist reminds us that God is at work beyond what our eyes can perceive. Faith allows us to recognize that hidden reality.

Throughout history, stories of Eucharistic miracles have also strengthened belief. One famous account tells of a priest struggling with doubt during Mass when the host visibly began to bleed. Such stories inspired greater devotion to the Eucharist and even contributed to the spread of the feast of Corpus Christi throughout the Church. While Catholics are not required to believe in these miracles, they point us back to the words of Jesus and the mystery of his presence among us.

The Eucharist, however, is not only about Christ's presence in the consecrated host. St. Paul reminds us that the Church itself is the Body of Christ. In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul rebukes divisions within the community because the Eucharist calls believers into unity, charity, and service. We cannot receive the Body of Christ while ignoring Christ present in one another.

This truth has important implications for the Knights of Columbus. Charity is at the heart of your vocation and mission. Whenever councils support families in need, assist the sick, defend the vulnerable, or strengthen parish life, they continue the work of Christ himself. Like the loaves and fishes in the Gospel, even small acts offered to the Lord can be multiplied into blessings for many people.

The Eucharist is therefore both mystery and mission. We come forward saying "Amen" not only to Christ present on the altar, but also to Christ present in his Church and active through our lives. Nourished by the Body of Christ, we are sent out to become his hands and heart in the world.

Godblessyouand your families!
Fr. Nick Meisl

VOCATIONS ARE EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Don Bosco, Council 4767
Exemplification

⚔️ Council 4767 Exemplification – OLGC Parish 🙏

A heartfelt congratulations to the six newly initiated and exemplified Brothers of Don Bosco Council 4767! 🎉

A special thank you to WFS **Bro. Lyndon and WDGK Bro. Anthony** for doing an outstanding job leading today's exemplification ceremony.

Andrew Costales, State Warden, District Deputy #8
State Financial Secretary Trainer, Regional Membership Director

We also extend our sincere gratitude to **Pastor John Baptist Barnabas** for his wonderful support and active participation, including the investing of the Rosary and Lapel Pin.

May God bless our newly exemplified Brothers as they begin this beautiful journey of faith, service, charity, and fraternity.

Council 6855
50 Years Golden Jubilee
Souvenir Magazine Solicitation

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

FAITH
FRATERNITY
SERVICE
COMMUNITY

COUNCIL 6855

50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Golden Jubilee

HONOURING OUR PAST • CELEBRATING OUR PRESENT • BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Worthy Grand Knight and Brothers,

As you know, Council 6855 will be celebrating 50 years of service to our community. To commemorate this significant milestone and Golden Jubilee, the Council will be publishing a **Souvenir Magazine** highlighting the Council's achievements, activities and contributions throughout its 50 years, from its charter days to the present.

REQUEST FOR ADVERTISEMENTS & CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

We are reaching out to the District and would greatly appreciate your support through advertisements or congratulatory messages from your Council, members, families, businesses, or anyone who would like to share in this special milestone.

Please see the attached solicitation letter from Grand Knight Filip Krol, along with the advertising rate sheet outlining the available options.

Your support will help make this Golden Jubilee celebration a memorable one and will contribute to preserving the history and legacy of Council 6855.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

Please Join Us!

Saturday, October 17
5:00 p.m. Mass
Celebrated by
Archbishop Richard Smith
with Honor Guard from
Assembly 2485

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Kevin G. Mendonça
District Deputy #23
Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon
Home Council #6855

FAITH IN ACTION | STRONGER COMMUNITIES | SERVICE TO OTHERS | BROTHERHOOD FOR LIFE

Council 6855
50 Years Golden Jubilee
Souvenir Magazine Solicitation

Knights of Columbus
Archbishop Duke Council 6855
50th Anniversary Celebration
Oct 2026

Dated: 1st August 2026

From:
Grand Knight
Council 6855
Richmond,BC

To,
Donors, Sponsors, Advertisers,
District 23 Council Members, Assembly 2485 Members, Families & Friends

Re: Invitation to Advertise in Our 50th Anniversary Souvenir Magazine

*On behalf of the members of the **Knights of Columbus**, it is our pleasure to invite you to participate in a very special milestone as we celebrate **50 years of dedicated service to our community**.*

*For five decades, our Council has remained committed to the principles of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**, serving families, supporting charitable initiatives, assisting those in need, and contributing to the spiritual and social well-being of our community. As we commemorate this Golden Jubilee, we are publishing a **50th Anniversary Souvenir Magazine** to preserve our history, recognize our supporters, and celebrate the many individuals and organizations that have helped make our journey possible.*

We warmly invite your business or organization to place an advertisement in this commemorative publication. Your advertisement will not only provide valuable exposure to our members, families, friends, and the wider community, but will also demonstrate your support for an organization that has faithfully served the community for the past half century.

The proceeds from the souvenir magazine will help offset the costs of our anniversary celebrations and support the charitable and community outreach programs that the Knights of Columbus continues to undertake.

We have enclosed an advertising rate sheet and submission details for your convenience. We would be grateful if you would consider supporting this memorable occasion by placing an advertisement or extending a congratulatory message.

Thank you for your continued goodwill and generosity.

Yours sincerely,

Filip Krol

Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus
Archbishop Duke Council 6855
50th Anniversary Celebration
Oct 2026

Souvenir Magazine Advertisement Sales

Advertiser's / Sponsor's Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
_____
Phone Numbers: _____
Email Address: _____

The Magazine will be in FULL COLOUR size 8 ½" x 11"
Advertisers / Sponsors will receive a complimentary copy of the souvenir magazine.
The Committee reserves the right to reject an Advertisement or Message that goes against our policies and beliefs.

Advertisement Selection/Size: (Please check one)

INSIDE FRONT COVER	$ 800	
OUTSIDE BACK COVER	$ 900	
INSIDE BACK COVER	$ 750	
FULL PAGE (Center Fold) - 8 ¼ x 10 ¾	$ 350	
FULL PAGE - 8 ¼ x 10 ¾	$ 200	
HALF PAGE - 8 ¼ x 5 ¼	$ 150	
QUARTER PAGE - 4 x 5 ¼	$ 100	

Advertising Template: (Please check one)

Hard copy Template enclosed	
Business Card enclosed to be used as Template	
High resolution Digital file EMAIL: ferdinand.sobrinho@icloud.com Please contact Ferdinand Sobrinho (Tel: 604-2071058) if your file exceeds allowable email transmission limits. Advertising templates or Digital file & payment must be received on or before 1st Oct 2026	

Payment Terms:
Send e-transfer to kofcfund6855@gmail.com
(Please include the message "Payment for Ad in Souvenir Magazine" in the message/text section of the e-transfer)
OR Make cheque payable to 'Knights of Columbus Council #6855'

For further inquiries, please contact:
Council 6855 – Co-Ordinator
Kevin Mendonca
Mobile: 604-808 1187 EMail: kbmendonca@telus.net

Corpus Christi Council 8535
Get-together with our State Officers

☕ **Coffee, Fellowship & Brotherhood!** 🙏

Enjoying a cup of coffee and some fellowship following a successful Regional Meeting hosted by **Corpus Christi Council 8535.**

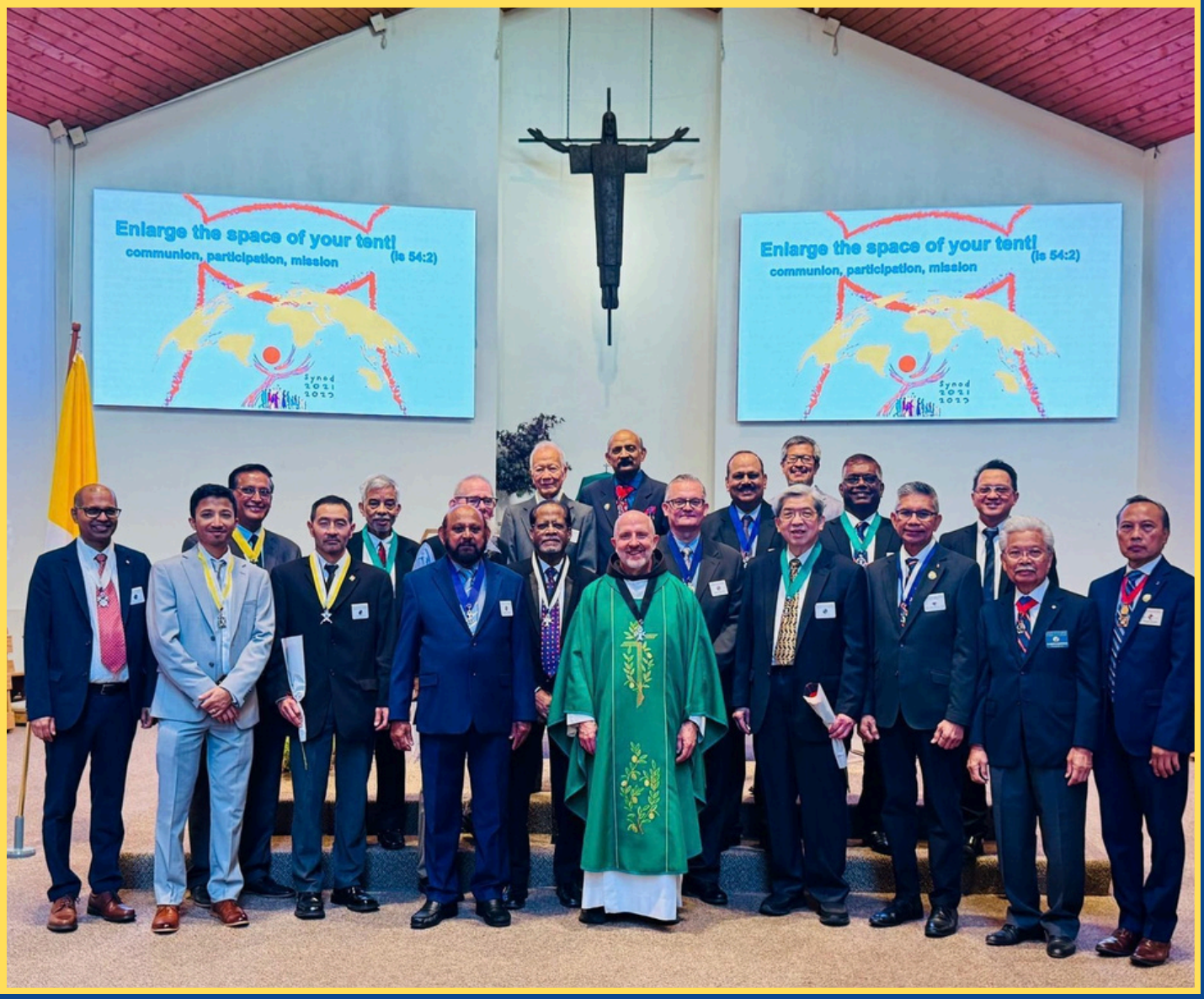
Council members had the opportunity to meet and engage with Worthy **State Deputy Bro. Edgar Nacar**, **PSD Bro. Ed Panes**, and **PSD Bro. Koon Ming Lau.**

A wonderful reminder that beyond our meetings and service, it is the brotherhood, friendship, and shared commitment to faith and community that brings us together.

Council 9703
Knights in Action
Removal of Parish Cross from Steeple

Brother Knights of **Council 9703** assist their Parish with removal of the cross from the steeple of the Church.
The cross was in peril of falling due to deterioration. Bro. Ray Erlich organized a cherry pickter and crane.
Ray, together wtih Bros. Andre Robin, Jordan Cook, Bert Van Der Sande and Roy Battilana stripped the copper and reading it for recycling. - Brother Manley McLachlan

Christopher Columbus, Council 10681 Installation Ceremony



Installation of Christopher Columbus Council 10681 ⚔️🙏

A wonderful celebration as Council 10681 installed its Council Officers, joined by our State Officers, DD, Council members, and Brother Knights from across our community.

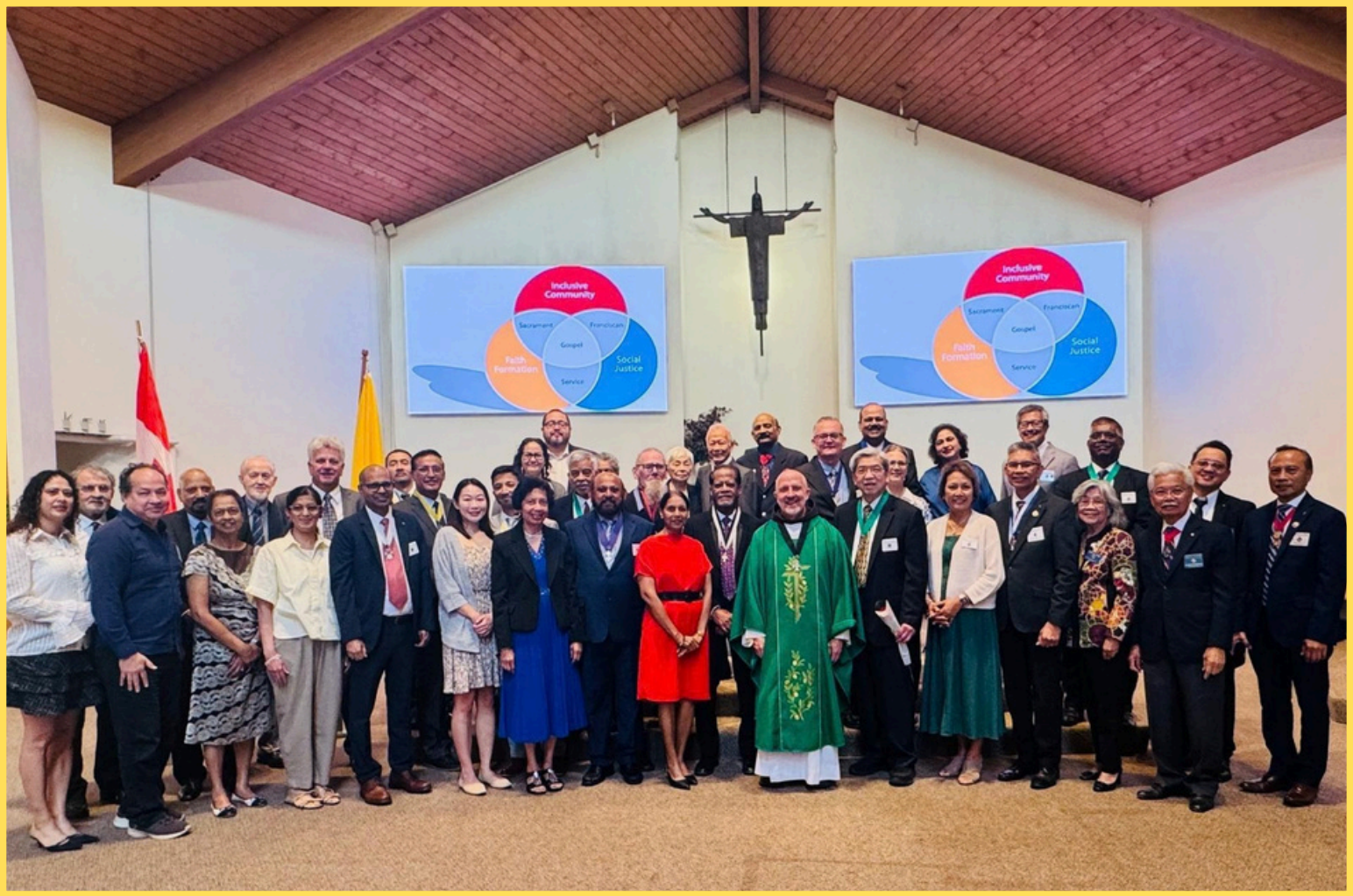
The Installation Mass was beautifully celebrated by Fr. Daniel Gurnick, Parish Priest of St. Joseph the Worker in Richmond.

We are grateful to everyone who came together to support and celebrate this important milestone.

GK Charles Pinto
Council 10681

Joining the celebration were the **families of our Brother Knights**, making the Installation of Christopher Columbus Council 10681 even more meaningful. ❤️🙏

Their presence was a beautiful reminder that faith, family, and fraternity go hand in hand.



Christopher Columbus 10681
Operation Baby Bottle Fundraiser
Appreciation from Cedar Pregnancy Centre

A heartfelt thank you to **Christopher Columbus Council 10681** for your incredible generosity and support of the Cedar Pregnancy Care Centre's Operational Baby Bottle Campaign. Through your commitment and the generosity of your members, an amazing **$1,583** was raised to support this important cause.

Cedar Pregnancy Care Centre

You Are Invited!

CAS AUTUMN ANNUAL BANQUET

Christian Advocacy Society
OF GREATER VANCOUVER

Celebrate with us in an evening of heartfelt inspiration & joy!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

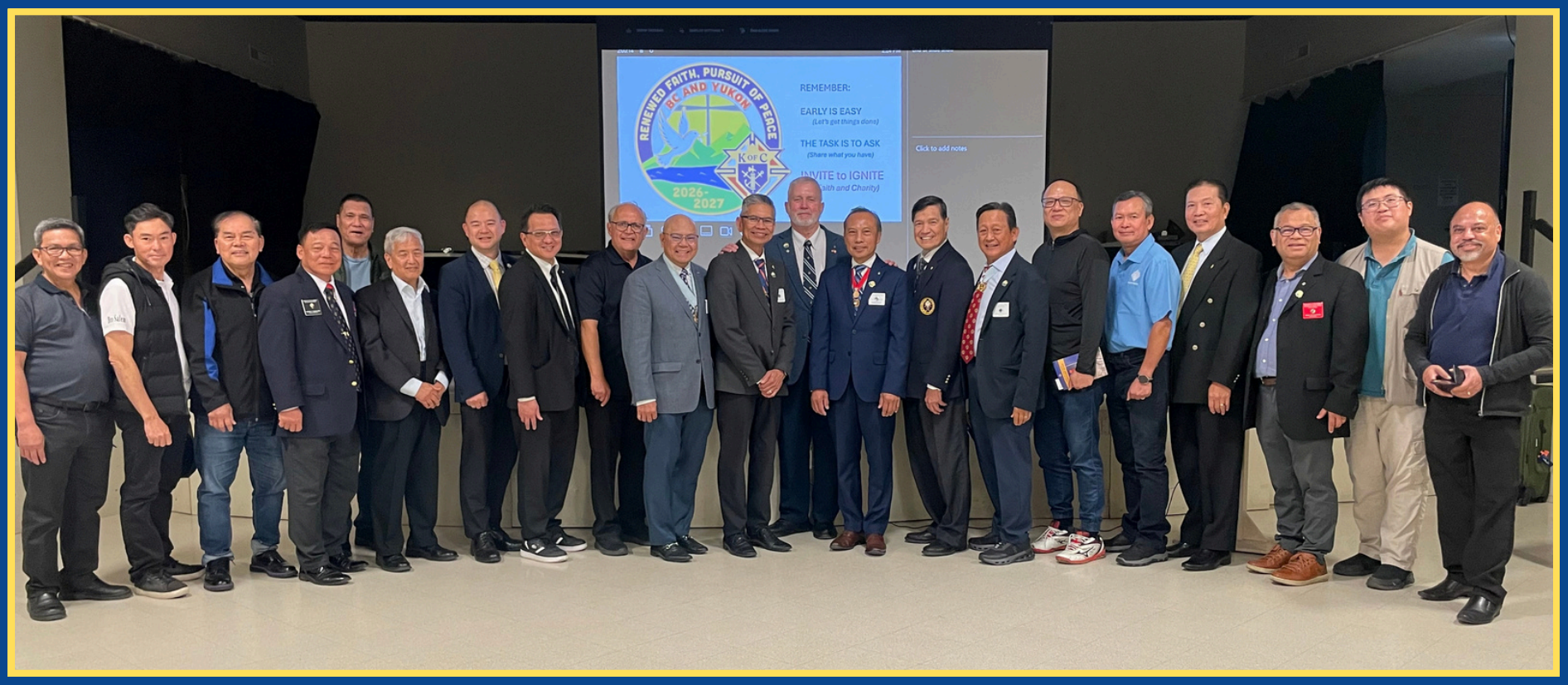
Location:
Italian Cultural Centre
3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver
Free parking on location.

Join us for an evening of inspirational stories and joy!

Please RSVP by October 28.
Tickets: $62
Half Table: $248 (Seats 4)
Full Table: $484 (Seats 8)
A freewill offering will be taken.

To register: Call 604-525-0999 or visit **christianadvocacy.ca.**

Regional Seminar Hosted By St. Mary's Council 13072



📚 Regional Seminar | St. Mary's Council 13072 🙏

A successful Regional Seminar hosted by **St. Mary's Council 13072**, bringing together **Brother Knights** in fellowship, learning, and service.

The seminar was attended by **Worthy State Deputy Bro. Edgar Nacar** along with **several State Officers**, who shared their time, experience, and encouragement with our Brother Knights.

Together, we continue to strengthen our Councils, grow in faith, and build a **stronger Knights of Columbus presence throughout BC & Yukon.**

Vivat Jesus!

Honour Guards
Whistler Consecration
Roman Catholic Diocese of Kamloops

Our Brother Knights in an Honour Guard ceremony in Whistler

Pope John Paul 1 Assembly 2485
Canada Day Parade
July 1, 2026

Pope John Paul I Assembly 2485 at the Canada Day Parade on July 1st 2026 🇨🇦

Pope John Paul I Assembly 2485 proudly participated in the July 1st Canada Day Parade, representing the Knights of Columbus with pride, faith, and fraternity.
A wonderful opportunity to come together with our community and celebrate Canada, our shared values, and our commitment to service.

Padro Pio Assembly 3987
Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Padre Pio Assembly 3987 proudly served at the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. 🙏❤️

It was a beautiful opportunity for our Sir Knights to come together in faith, service, and fellowship as we honoured Our Lady of Sorrows and supported our parish community.

May Our Lady of Sorrows Parish continue to guide and bless our families, parish, and
Knights of Columbus community.

COATS FOR KIDS 2026

Call To Action

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM

Edgar Nacar, State Deputy; Ariel Estrada, State Advocate; Jim William, State Treasurer; Ardee Bautista, State Community Director & PSD Ed Panes

Knights of Columbus
BC & Yukon State Council

Coats For Kids
— FAITH IN ACTION —

Chevaliers de Colomb

Great News!
The Coats for Kids Program is Back!

Buy One Case, Get One Case Free (BOGO)

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council is continuing its **matching incentive program** for coats ordered through the **BC & Yukon State Council.** By participating, local councils can help provide warm winter coats to children and families in need throughout our communities.

To take advantage of this **matching program**, councils must complete the order form and submit it, along with payment, to **Brother Jim Williams, State Treasurer, at jimw.kofc@gmail.com.**

Individual members who wish to make a personal donation and receive a tax-deductible receipt should follow the **separate donation and tax receipt instructions provided in the Information Package.**

Act today! Submit your order, take advantage of the matching incentive, and help provide warm winter coats to children and families in need throughout British Columbia and Yukon.

Faith in Action Program Requirements

- Purchase a minimum of four (4) cases of Supreme Council-approved coats.
- Organize and host a Coats for Kids distribution event.
- Submit the activity using the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784).

Information Package Available

The 2026 Coats for Kids Information Package includes:

- Program overview and guidelines
- Coat ordering instructions including pick-up locations.
- Tax receipt process and donation procedures
- Donor information and reporting requirements

Please review the package carefully before placing your order.

Order Your Coats

Now is the perfect time to determine the types and quantities of coats your council wishes to order.
Adult coats are also available.
Browse available products and place orders through the Canadian Coats for Kids site:

Coats for Kids Canada
https://coatsforkids.mybrightsites.com/

Delivery & Pick-Up Information

Please note that the Supreme Council has limited delivery and pick-up locations this year.
Refer to the Order Form for complete details regarding available delivery and pick-up sites.

Additional **reference materials** include:

- Program Information Package
- Tax Receipt Instructions
- Donor List

For More Information

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HELP US KEEP CHILDREN WARM THIS WINTER

Your support through the Faith in Action: Coats for Kids Program makes a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families across British Columbia and Yukon. Together, we can ensure that no child faces winter without a warm coat.

Order today and maximize your impact with the Buy One, Get One Free offer!

BCC: District Deputies

Fraternally yours,

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Updated State Directory
Call To Action

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM
Christopher Chen, State Secretary

Knights of Columbus
BC & Yukon State Council

CHARITY
UNITY
FRATERNITY
PATRIOTISM

UPDATED

State Directory

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Worthy Sirs,

The recent updated State Directory has been posted to our website (www.kofcbc.org) under the sign-in menu and reflects information received up to **September 1st, 2026**. Please review your information in the directory to ensure that it is correct and complete.

Password Protected

The web pages are password protected. If you don't know the password, please send me an email at chrischen.kofc@gmail.com.

Need to Make Changes?

When making changes or requesting an update, please use the appropriate form based on your respective needs and changes.

Form 20A
Assembly State Directory Update Form
Form 20A

Form 20B
Council State Directory Update Form
Form 20B

Form 20E
State Officers / District Deputies / Directors and Chairmen State Directory Update Form
Form 20E

Form 20G
Field Agent State Directory Update Form
Form 20G

Please review your information at your earliest convenience
and let me know if you notice anything that requires to be changed or updated. I will make sure that the modification will be reflected in the next revision.

Your assistance and cooperation in maintaining our directory information timely and accurate are much appreciated.

God Bless,
Christopher Chen
State Secretary
Knights of Columbus
BC/Yukon Jurisdiction

Sent to:
State Officers, District Deputies, State Directors and Chairmen, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries.

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Government Debt and What It Means for Your Finances

Knights of Columbus INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Government Debt and What It Means for Your Finances

Government debt levels continue to rise across much of the developed world. The USA, Canada, and many other economies face the same underlying challenge: spending continues to outpace the political will to cut expenditures or raise taxes enough to close the gap. This is a structural trend that deserves attention in any long-term financial plan.

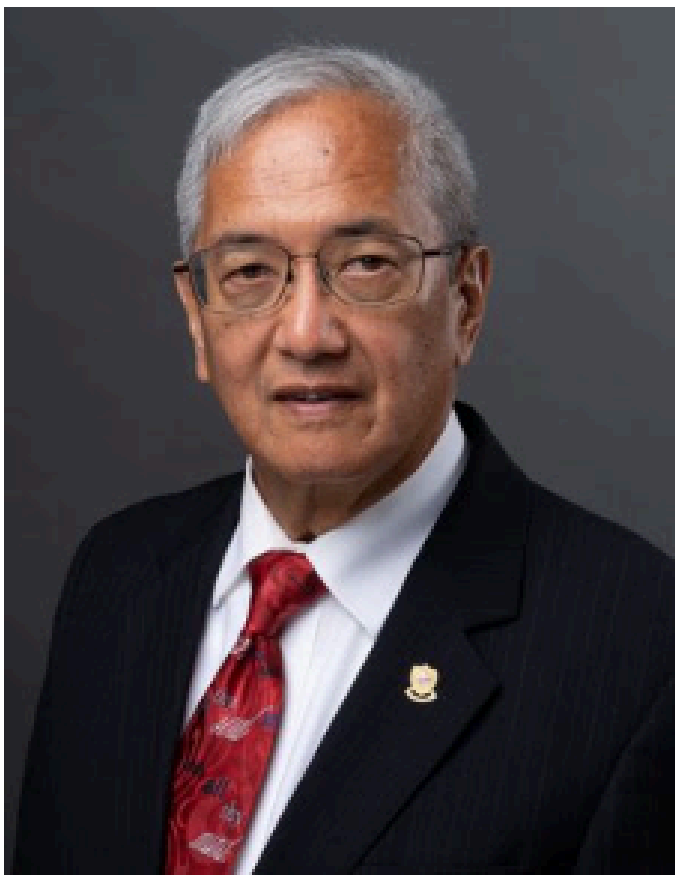
One clear signal has been the rise in bond yields, reflecting growing investor concern about the sustainability of government borrowing.

This creates a double-edged effect. Higher yields make bonds and savings vehicles more attractive to income-focused investors. At the same time, they make borrowing more expensive—raising costs for mortgages, loans, and business financing, which can weigh on household budgets and economic growth. What benefits savers burdens borrowers.

This tension is likely to persist, with implications for interest rates, inflation, and market volatility in the years ahead.

None of this calls for panic, but it does call for staying informed and adjusting strategies thoughtfully as conditions evolve.

I hope you'll read these articles, which delve into these and other relevant issues, and share them with family and friends who could also benefit from their contents.



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News for Knights Around The World

A special message - “When It Mattered Most”

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WEEKLY NEWS FOR KNIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD

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This Friday marks the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York and Arlington, Virginia, on Sept. 11, 2001. The unprecedented attacks took the lives of nearly 3,000 people, among them 46 Knights of Columbus — 12 firefighters, six law enforcement officers and 28 other victims. On this solemn anniversary, the Knights of Columbus join in prayer for the souls of those who died and for the families and friends they left behind.

The Tribute in Light illuminates the New York City skyline on Sept. 11, 2018, as seen from Jersey City, N.J. (Gary Hershorn / Getty Images)

When It Mattered Most

Following the terrorist attacks on 9/11, the Order quickly established the $1 million Heroes Fund, providing $3,000 to the families of full-time law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel who died in the rescue and recovery efforts. Through the Order’s scholarship program for the children of Knights of Columbus first responders, more than 30 children affected by 9/11 have received scholarships over the years, including some who were infants at the time of the attacks.

In addition, through the longstanding Francis P. Matthews and John E. Swift **Educational Trust Scholarships**, named for past supreme knights, the Order provided funds for Catholic college tuition to children of Knights of Columbus first responders who were killed in the performance of their duties or declared permanently disabled as a result of their rescue and recovery efforts.

More than 30 children affected by 9/11 have received such scholarships over the years, including some who were infants at the time of the attacks.
Among the nearly 3,000 people killed on 9/11 were 46 members of the Knights of Columbus, including 12 firefighters and six law enforcement officers.

“It’s a wonderful thing that the Knights did,” said Ken, a member of Memorare Council 3476 in Seaford for the past 30 years. “It’s not so much the money, it’s the thought that goes into it. The firefighters have such a strong bond of fellowship, just like the Knights do.
That’s why I’m a member.”

Ken Haskell stands at the south pool of the 9/11 Memorial beside the engraved names of his two brothers, Thomas and Timothy, both FDNY firefighters who died Sept. 11, 2001. (Photo by Radhika Chalasani)

Blue Mass

A Special Mass in Honour
Honouring Those Who Serve and Protect
of Our First Responders

Join us as we come together in prayer and thanksgiving for the men and women who serve our communities — police officers, firefighters, paramedics, emergency personnel, and other first responders.

Let us pray for their safety and protection,
their families, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

St. Joseph The Worker Parish,
4451 Williams Road, Richmond BC

Saturday, November 14, 2026
At 9:00 a.m.

FIRST RESPONDERS & FAMILIES ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME

If you have friends or relatives who are first responders,
please extend this special invitation to them.
Seats may be reserved through our Faithful Navigator.

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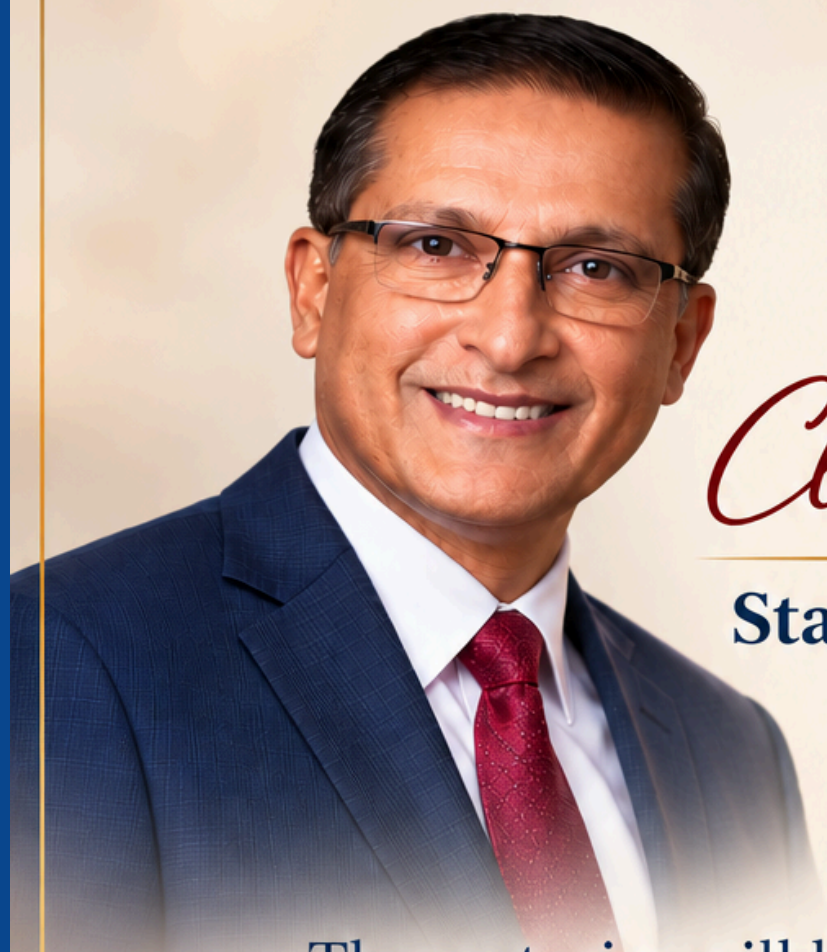

Clifford Faleiro

State Publicity & PR Chair
BC & Yukon

These stories will live on long after the moments have passed—that is the power of

storytelling through visuals.

Every photograph captures **not just an event,**
but the ***spirit of our Brotherhood***,
the ***joy of fellowship***, and the
legacy of service we create together.

| *Submit your story today.*

Please connect with me,
I'd love to hear from you!

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