



KC December 2022 Newsletter

KC Men's Choir

The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on Sunday December 4 – 2nd Sunday of Advent. Brother Gerald Murnane led the choir and was joined by seven members of St. Charles KC Council. The KC Men's Choir is scheduled to sing at the 9:00 Mass on the first Sunday of each month.



December Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday December 11 was a success. There were about 100 people after the first Mass and about 75 people after the second Mass. There were enough volunteers for the two shifts of the pancake breakfast. All volunteers wore caps including KC caps from our storage to comply with cooking regulations. The next Pancake Breakfast is on January 8, 2023.

Keep Christ in Christmas

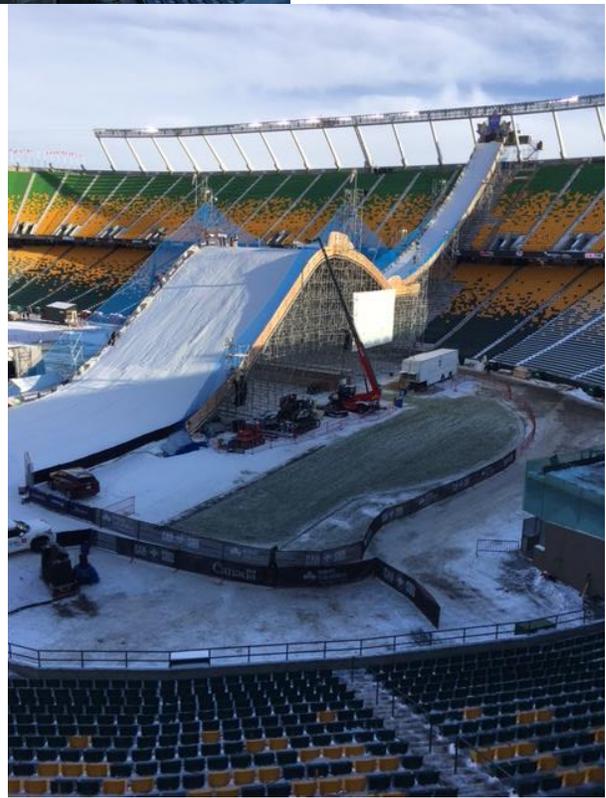
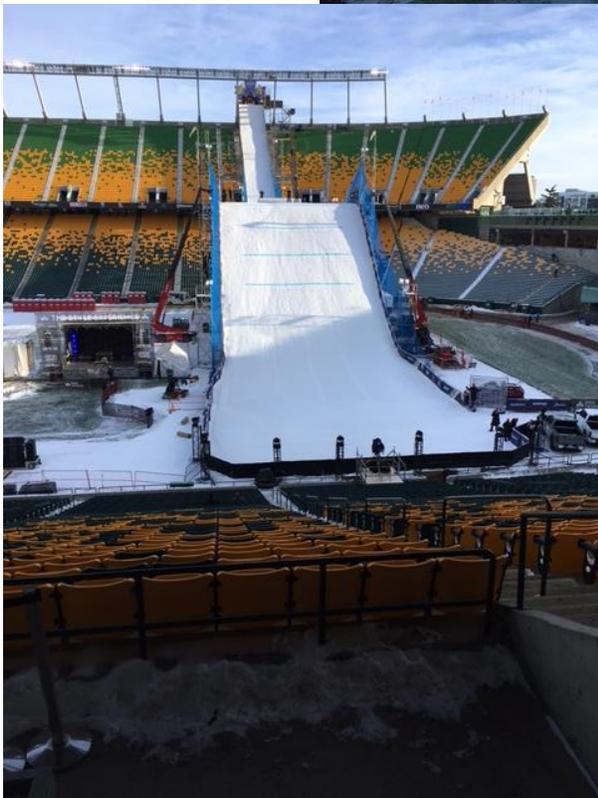
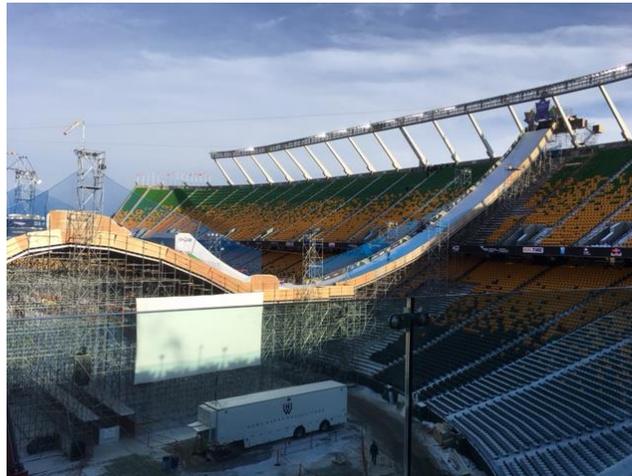
Many thanks to Brothers Pat Burant and George Pouliot for raising the KCIC banners at St. Charles Church. St. Charles Council helps fund the seven different KCIC billboard displays around Edmonton as purchased by KC Edmonton Chapter. Below is a picture of the KCIC billboard display at the intersection of 97 Street and 137 Avenue. The Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Program encourages councils to prompt their neighbors to shift from a preoccupation with materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving. KCIC activities include whatever efforts best suit the parish and community. The KCIC program promotes the true spirit of Christmas in homes, schools, parishes and communities. Councils evangelize society through their faithful acts, celebrations and a variety of activities.



FIS World Cup Snowboard Jump

St. Charles KC Council continues to operate a beer booth at Commonwealth Stadium as its main fundraiser to support the various charity programs. The council has been working a beer booth since 1990 at stadium for all kinds of events including football games, concerts, and other events.

Ten beer booth volunteers from St. Charles Council worked the beer booth on Saturday December 10 from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Commonwealth Stadium for the FIS World Cup Snowboard Jump. Council members, family and friends worked at the stadium beer booth for fifteen different events in 2022 including Edmonton Elks football games, several concerts, the Monster Smash and the Snowboard Jump.



Christmas Bureau- Food Hamper Program

Several members of St. Charles Council supported the Edmonton Christmas Bureau and the Food Hamper Program by delivering 1,450 Christmas Food Hampers on Saturday December 17. Other council members also helped the Christmas Bureau by selling 50/50 tickets at Edmonton Oiler hockey games in December. The Christmas Bureau provided the following 2022 results:

17,335 applications have been approved for service, representing a 48% increase over 2021. That means 60,582 people have received a hamper, a Sobey's gift card, or a Walmart gift card. Last year the Edmonton Christmas Bureau served 35,905 people. That's a 69% increase this year. Breaking it down a little further, 6,962 teens received a card via Adopt a Teen, compared to 4,796 last year – a 45% increase.

The Christmas Bureau received \$125,300 from the Oilers for the 50/50s – thank you so much to everyone who donned a smock and sold tickets at the games.

KC Christmas Party

The KC Council celebrated their 2022 Christmas Party in the Activity Centre on Monday December 19. Many thanks go to Richard Cochrane, George Pouliot, Pat Burant, Blair MacCormac, Moe Roy and Doug Dixon who prepared the Christmas Dinner. Over eighty members, spouses and family members attended and celebrated the successes of St. Charles Council in 2022.

As is tradition, St. Charles Council collected clothing for the needy as part of the Christmas dinner celebration including: 102 pairs of socks, 22 pairs of gloves, 10 underwear, 9 sweaters, 33 toques, 10 jackets, 17 t-shirts, 19 scarfs and 4 pants. The clothes collected were delivered to the Bissell Centre by Ken Dufresne. Richard and Anita Cochrane used all remaining food from the dinner to deliver Christmas meals to three parish families suggested by St. Lucy School.

St. Charles Parish – Christmas Novena Masses Simbang Gabi 2022

St. Charles Council members co-sponsored the 6:30 PM Simbang Gabi Mass on Thursday December 22, 2022, including providing ushers and the music ministry. The Christmas Novena Masses (Simbang Gabi) is a devotional nine-day series of Masses devoted to the Blessed Mother in anticipation of Christmas.

Mother Teresa, No Greater Love

[MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE](#), a documentary produced by the Knights of Columbus, tells the inspirational story of one of the world's most revered saints. The critically acclaimed film was the second highest grossing documentary in US cinemas in 2022. This achievement speaks not only to the incredible story of Mother Teresa, but the desire of audiences to hear stories of faith. The film will be coming to Canadian screens January 22 and 23 at more than 51 Cineplex locations across 9 provinces.

Produced to coincide with the 25th anniversary of her passing, the film features never-before-seen footage of the beloved saint, rare access to the work of her religious community, the

Missionaries of Charity, today, and deeply moving witness accounts of persons whose lives were forever changed because of their encounters with mother.

MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized today through the religious order she founded, the Missionaries of Charity.

Tickets are on sale now!

[Buy Individual Tickets Now](#)



“Mother Teresa taught us that there are no expendable people. Everyone we encounter is made in the image of God. So, when she was feeding the hungry or holding the hands of someone as they lay dying, she was treating them as she would the most important person in her life, Jesus Christ himself.” - Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly

Council Events for January 2023

January 1	Sun		New Year's Day
January 1	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
January 4	Wed	19:30	Chapter Meeting
January 8	Sun	08:00	Pancake Breakfast
January 16	Mon	19:00	Combined Executive/General Meeting
January 21	Sat	18:30	KC Family Movie Night
January 31	Tue		Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity due

**Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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**CHARITIES APPEAL
ONLINE 50/50 FUNDRAISER**

St. Charles KC Council is supporting St. Charles Parish as the charity the Council intends to put the proceeds toward that result from the KC Charities Appeal online 50/50 fundraiser. You can visit www.koc5050.com to purchase tickets. Ticket sales ended at 12 noon on December 9, 2022. **The winning ticket number is 9103.**

Knights of Columbus Online Membership

Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting St. Charles Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. Knights follow the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, initiating and operating numerous programs and services directed towards the benefit of parishioners and the community at large.

For you to join the KC and obtain a membership number, please do so via this KC website:
[Join Us | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#).

For you to become a council KC member, please do so via the KC website. Here is the link:
[You're Invited \(kofc.org\)](#). Our KC council number is 8325. When you complete the noted
online exemplification, we will get an online certificate via email. Please forward the email and
certificate to jmommer@shaw.ca .