



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

## KC June 2023 Newsletter

### 2023-2024 Executive



Congratulations to the 2023-2024 Council Executive team who were installed by District Deputy Gerald Bernakevitch on Monday June 19 at St. Charles Church.

John Mommersteeg – Grand Knight  
Fr. Marc Cramer – Chaplain  
Laurent Laforce – Treasurer  
George Pouliot – Advocate  
Lawrence Bacque – Inside Guard  
Pat Burant – Trustee Three Years  
Chad Edmonds – Trustee One Year  
Keith St. Louis – Faith Director  
Blair MacCormac – Community Director

Rob Fortier – Chancellor  
John McIntosh – Recorder  
John Grabow – Financial Secretary  
Ron Despins – Warden  
Doug Dixon – Outside Guard  
Ken Dufresne – Trustee Two Years  
Pat Roth – Lecturer  
Moe Roy – Family Director  
Joseph Yong – Life Director

### Council Events in June

- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on Sunday June 4 – Most Holy Trinity. Brother Gerald Murnane led the choir and was joined by 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. The Men's Choir sing again on Sunday July 2 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 11, went very well. There was a lot of help from the 25+ volunteers working both shifts. We hosted approximately 150 people after the 9:00 AM Mass and 120 people after the 11:00 AM Mass. The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday September 10.
- The council operated three different beer booths at Commonwealth Stadium in June. On Saturday June 3, over 50,000 fans packed the stadium for the Luke Combs concert. Twenty-five beer booth volunteers worked at the concert event for over five hours serving many of those fans. The revenue for the beer booth was almost \$84,000. On Sunday June 11, the Saskatchewan Roughriders came to town to play the Edmonton Elks. Saskatchewan won the football game 17 to 13 in front of over 32,000 fans. Nineteen beer booth volunteers worked that day and sold over \$15,000 in beer, coolers, wine, water and popcorn. On Sunday June 11, twelve beer booth volunteers worked at the beer booth. About 12,000 fans came out to cheer for the Elks but they lost again to the Toronto Argonauts 43 to 31. The beer booth revenue was \$4,581. Western Foods manages all the food and alcohol booths at Commonwealth Stadium. Our next beer booth is on Thursday July 13 when the Hamilton Tiger Cats come to play the Edmonton Elks.
- Pat Burant presented two \$500 council scholarships to very deserving winners – Kendra Merkowsky and Mateo Stagliano. The council received fifteen applications for the 2023 scholarship award.



### Yearend BBQ/Party – June 19, 2023

About 100 KC members, spouses and friends enjoyed the KC yearend BBQ on June 19, 2023, in the St. Charles Activity Centre after the KC Installation of Officers and KC meeting. Brother Richard Cochrane worked with brothers Pat Burant, George Pouliot, Len Storoschuk, Doug Dixon, Reggie Sim and Pat Roth to prepare and cook a wonderful BBQ steak and chicken meal.





Grand Knight John Mommersteeg chaired the event and presented the yearend awards to deserving council members. Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Yearend Award Recipients!



Doug Dixon – Rising Star



Lawrence Bacque – Knight of the Year



Laurent Laforce – Council Builder



Gerald Murnane – Outstanding Service

The council celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the year-end party. Below is the list of the council charter members for St. Charles Council.

**Charter Members – March 24, 1983**

Len Acker	Rene M Brodeur	Tom Dechaine
Mark Gregory	Peter Kostin	Robert Smith
Duane Attwell	Pat Burant	Frank Doll
Darrel Hope	Richard Mellott	Len Storoschuk
Harry Attwell	Martin Chelich	Gerald Dukart
George Jaenen	George Pouliot	William Surmon
Prisco Ballesteros	George Dean	Emery Gagnon
Rene Joly	Regent Pouliot	James Waring
Larry Belanger	Florian Dechaine	Ron Germaine
Robert Kohler	Joe Rosen	William Yuhar
Rene H Brodeur	Rev Alex Shahun	Bernie Zdunich

**KC Members with 40+ Years of Service – June 2023**

- Jules Loiselle – 65
- Raymond Proulx – 54
- Tom Dechaine – 53
- Nicholas Parrotta – 51
- Ken Dufresne – 51
- John Landry – 48
- Simon Dubuc – 48
- Richard Mellott – 47
- Edward Johnson – 46

Bernard Spenrath – 46  
Joe Rosen – 46  
Edward Croken – 45  
Ted Furigay – 45  
Ovide Dechaine – 44  
Gordon Byer – 44  
Michael Adamchick – 42  
Manuel Da Costa – 42  
Bernard Pasula - 42  
Lawrence Bacque – 41  
George Dean – 41  
Len Acker – 40  
Larry Belanger – 40  
Pat Burant – 40  
Gerald Dukart – 40  
George Pouliot – 40  
Len Storoschuk – 40  
Bernie Zdunich – 40  
Mel Foster – 40  
Leo Sam - 40

### **2022-2023 Year in Review**

Here is the summary list of program accomplishments for St. Charles Knights of Columbus Council 8325 in the 2022-2022 Columbian Year:

**Jul:** KC Men's Choir, Three Beer Booths (Elks football, Monster Jam)

**Aug:** KC Men's Choir, Two Beer Booths (Elks football)

**Sep:** KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, Two Beer Booths (Concert, Elks football), Grey Cup Raffle

**Oct:** KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, Three Beer Booths (Elk's football), KC Movie Night, Padre Night, KC Open House, Coats for Kids for Parish Schools

**Nov:** KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, Beer Booth Volunteer Appreciation at Jubilations, KC Movie Night

**Dec:** KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, One Beer Booth (Snowboard Big Air), Christmas Hampers, Christmas Party, KCIC Posters and Billboard

**Jan:** KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, KC Movie Night

**Feb:** KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, KC Movie Night, Family Day Celebration

**Mar:** KC Men's Choir, Stations of the Cross, Pancake Breakfast, Free Throw (Council, District, Regional, Provincial), KC Movie Night, KC State Hockey

**Apr:** KC State Hockey, Bill Marshall Memorial Hockey Tournament, KC Men's Choir, Easter Vigil, March for Life Pasta Supper Fundraiser, KC Movie Night, KC State Convention

**May:** KC Church Drive, KC Men's Choir, Family Bowling, Pancake Breakfast, Rose Sale, March for Life, Beer Booth (Elk's Football), KC Scholarships

**Jun:** KC Men's Choir, Pancake Breakfast, Three beer booths (Concert, Elks football), Yearend Party, Council Retreat

### **Charities Supported in 2022-2023**

- KC Pennies For Heaven
- Christmas Bureau
- Coats for Kids – Four Parish Schools
- Father Troy Basketball Tournament

- Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples
- Terra Centre
- CWL
- RCIA
- Our Lady of Victory Camp
- St. Charles Parish (oven racks, freezer, novena masses, rectory kitchen)
- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Edmonton Food Bank
- Marian Centre
- Gianna Centre
- Alberta March For Life
- Special Olympics Edmonton

### **St. Charles Council Retreat – June 24, 2023**

Brothers Keith St. Louis and Pat Roth successfully organized and ran the one-day 2023 St. Charles Council Retreat on Saturday June 24 at the Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre [Mt. Carmel Edmonton - Home Page » Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre \(mountcarmeledmonton.ca\)](#).

Sixteen council members participated in the spiritual event which included Mass, Lunch, talks by Deacon Joe and Father Kevin, rosary at the outdoor alter, outdoor way of the cross, music celebrations, quiet time and dinner.





### Council Events for July, August, and September 2023

July 1	Sat		Canada Day
July 1	Sat		Report of Officers due
July 2	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
July 13	Thu	19:00	CFL – Hamilton vs Edmonton
July 29	Sat	17:00	CFL – BC vs Edmonton
August 1	Tue		Service Program Personnel Report due
August 1-3	Tue-Thu		141st KC Supreme Convention ( )
August 6	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
August 10	Thu	19:00	CFL – Winnipeg vs Edmonton
August 27	Sun	17:00	CFL – Ottawa vs Edmonton
August 15	Tue		Semiannual Audit Report due
September 3	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
September 4	Mon		Labor Day
September 6	Wed	19:30	Chapter Meeting
September 9	Sat	17:00	CFL – Calgary vs Edmonton
September 10	Sun	08:00	Pancake Breakfast
September 16	Sat	18:30	KC Family Movie Night (?)
September 18	Mon	19:00	Combined Executive/General Meeting
September 22	Fri	19:00	CFL – BC vs Edmonton



## Faith in Action

The KC Faith in Action model recognizes the changing needs of men in the twenty-first century. It seeks to balance all their key priorities for Faith, Family, Community and Life. The simplicity of Faith in Action is that it limits the number of required programs to earn the Columbian Award and, most importantly, allows councils to concentrate on implementing quality faith-filled family programs. Our goal is for men to lead their family in service — not leave their family for service.

More information is on the Knights of Columbus website at [Knights of Columbus | Catholic Fraternal Organization \(kofc.org\)](http://Knights of Columbus | Catholic Fraternal Organization (kofc.org)).

FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP Into the Breach Spiritual Reflection Holy Hour Pilgrim Icon Program Building the Domestic Church Kiosk Rosary Program Sacramental Gifts	Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity Disaster Preparedness Free Throw Championship Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Soccer/Hockey Challenge Helping Hands
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families Family of the Month/Year Family Fully Alive Family Prayer Night Keep Christ in Christmas Family Week Consecration to the Holy Family Good Friday Family Promotion	March for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Initiative Pregnancy Center Support Christian Refugee Relief Silver Rose Mass for People with Special Needs Novena for Life

### Facts about the Knights of Columbus

- Founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney at Saint Mary’s Church in New Haven, Connecticut.
- The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world.
- The four principles of the Order are: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.
- The KC is chartered to serve and provide financial aid and assistance to members and their families.
- The Order has grown to more than 16,242 councils.
- KC total membership exceeds 2 million Catholic families.
- Last year, KC members contributed over \$187 million to countless charitable efforts.
- Last year, KC members devoted over 77 million volunteer hours to their communities.
- The St. Charles Council is now 40 years old as it was chartered on March 24, 1983.
- The St. Charles Council has 186 members currently.

### 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.

### **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 \(kofc.org\)](http://www.kofc.org).

For you to become a council KC member, please do so via the KC website. Here is the link: [You're Invited \(kofc.org\)](http://www.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](mailto:jmommer@shaw.ca) .