



KC December 2023 Newsletter

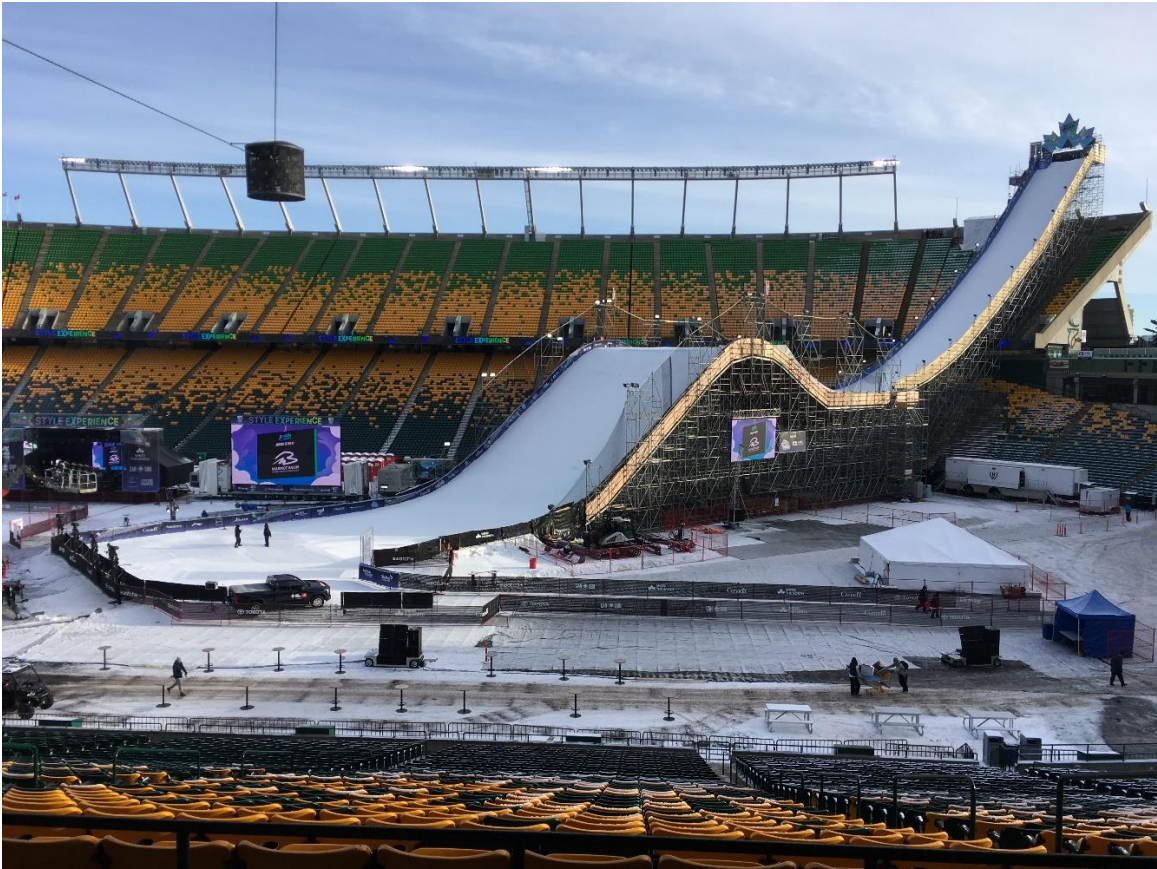
Council Events in December

- The KC Men's Choir sang at the 9:00 Mass on December 3 – 1st Sunday of Advent. 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 January 7 – Epiphany of the Lord.
- On Monday December 4, George Pouliot and John Mommersteeg put up two Keep Christ In Christmas banners on the fence around the Church. The KCIC Faith in Action 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. The Knights of Columbus offers multiple activities that promote Christmas and the season of Advent in their proper context: Journey to the Inn, Spread the Light of Christ, Crèche or Advent Wreath Blessing, and the Christmas Poster Contest. These programs are centered on the example of the Holy Family and the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

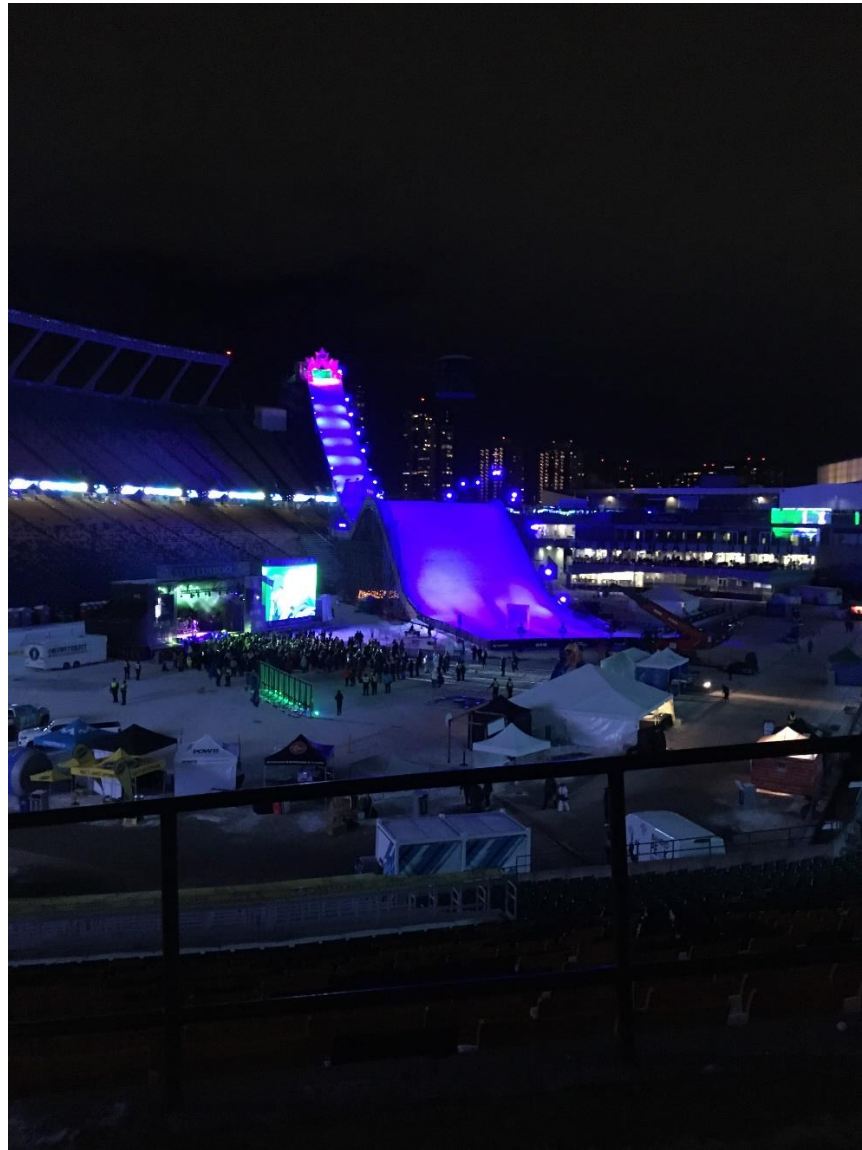




- The KC also conducted the KC Keep Christ In Christmas poster contest and invited parish families to take part. The contest is open to all children from ages 5 to 14. The children were invited to create a poster to reflect the true meaning of Christmas and that their artwork will bring others to remember Christ in Christmas. There are three categories for the competition with winners in each category: 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14 years old. Winners for each category will receive a monetary prize from the KC and their artwork will be submitted to the next level of judging for further awards and recognition. Last year, KC Supreme Council awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the three categories [2022-2023 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest International Champions \(kofc.org\)](https://www.kofc.org/2022-2023-Keep-Christ-in-Christmas-Poster-Contest-International-Champions).
- The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 10, was very successful. There was a lot of help from the twenty-six volunteers working both shifts. We hosted approximately 80 people after the 9:00 AM Mass and 120 people after the 11:00 AM Mass. The next Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday January 14.
- Several KC members helped the St. Charles CWL with the funeral lunch for 100 people on Friday December 15 at St. Charles Church. The KC members completed the cleanup after the lunch was prepared and served by the CWL.
- On Saturday December 9, sixteen beer booth volunteers worked in beer booth 6 at Commonwealth Stadium for the FIS World Snowboard Jump competition. In 2023, St. Charles Council members, spouses and friends worked at stadium for thirteen different events. St. Charles KC Council has worked a beer booth at Commonwealth Stadium since 1990. Funds from the beer booth are used to fulfill charitable donations and services for St. Charles Parish and other charitable groups in Edmonton. The main initiative this year is use beer booth funds to help complete maintenance work for the St. Charles Church and Rectory.







- On Saturday December 16, several St. Charles KC Council members helped deliver Christmas Hampers for the Edmonton Christmas Bureau to families in Edmonton.



- On Saturday December 16, St. Charles KC Council members helped sponsor the second Christmas Novena Mass (Simbang Gabi) at St. Charles Church by providing ushers, lectors, offerors, music ministry and refreshments after Mass in the Activity Centre.
- The St. Charles KC Council held its KC Christmas Party on Monday December 16 in the St. Charles Activity Centre. KC member Mack Luke led the team (John Mommersteeg, George Pouliot, Dan McDonough, Cole Jensen, John Grabow, Blair McCormac, Richard Cochrane, Pat Roth, Stephen Bourque) to cook and prepare the turkey dinner including the spring mix salad appetizer, entre items (roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots with turkey gravy and cranberry sauce), dessert (assorted cheesecakes) and the bar offerings as well as decorate the activity centre for the KC Christmas Party. There were over one hundred

knights, spouses and friends who attended the Christmas Party. The attendees also brought several pieces of winter clothing including gloves, toques, scarves and coats which Ken Dufresne delivered to the St. Vincent de Paul society.

Council Events for January 2024

January 1	Mon		New Year's Day
January 3	Wed	19:30	Chapter Meeting
January 7	Sun	09:00	Men's Choir
January 13	Sat	10:00	COR Meeting
January 14	Sun	08:00	Pancake Breakfast
January 15	Mon	19:00	Combined Executive/General Meeting
January 20	Sat	18:30	KC Family Movie Night (?)
January 31	Wed		Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity due

ATTENTION MEN OF ST. CHARLES PARISH

Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

The men of Knights of Columbus, St Charles Council No.8325 are excited to share the implementation of “COR”. “COR” is a gathering of men in the parish for the purpose of evangelization and Catholic faith formation. “COR” is Christ Centered brotherhood. The “COR” Meeting is a faith-based initiative of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council to form and strengthen Knights and the Catholic men of the parish in faith and virtue. Each “COR” Meeting does this by strengthening relationships with Jesus Christ and one another, through the three Key Elements of Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity. The word “COR” is Latin for heart and the root of the word courage. Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity all begin with the heart and direct the heart in relationship to God and each other in true charity.

The goals of each “COR” Meeting are to provide the opportunity for Catholic men:

- to encounter Christ;
- to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood;
- to share their faith, as brothers, and bring souls to Jesus Christ.

Our First “COR” will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024, 10:00am (start) in St Charles Parish – Columbian Room. Come join your brother parishioners for coffee and donuts, prayer and fraternity; come find out why COR is life-changing. We are also hoping to determine what times work best for everyone moving forward.

If you have questions or required additional information about COR, please reach out to: Jim Fitzpatrick at: 780-474-6693 or 780-999-8377 | email: fitzjamesmyrla@gmail.com or Deacon Bong Estoque at 780-278-7672 | email: bongestoque1@gmail.com

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 187 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 \(kofc.org\)](#).

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 .