

Happy birthday to our Bro. Knights celebrating their birthdays in Sept.:

Chris Barber
Bradford Wyse

Rick Jones
Richard James

Raymond Brown
Alain Foucault

On the new Fraternal Year

As we start another fraternal year, it is important that we all look back for a moment at the last few years and ask ourselves what have I done for my council? The last year and half have obviously been one of the most trying and difficult times ever. Covid-19 has very severely curtailed, or more often than not, completely eliminated most of our many usual activities. But now that Covid-19 is hopefully waning, it is time again to get busy. We can not stress enough the importance of members volunteering their time and talents. As a council, we are all aware that if the membership does not get involved, we all miss the opportunity to fulfill the very reasons why we became Knights --- to serve whenever we can. Let us never forget the exhortations some years ago of our former Chaplain, **Fr. Waldemar Podlasz**, namely that "Our God is a powerful God who has given us many blessings, and who now expects us to do our part by using the gifts that we have been given". To all Brothers who have generously volunteered over the past many years, thank you! It was because of your generous support that we were able to accomplish the many projects that we did. For those who were not able to be involved, we encourage you to come forward this coming year and offer your services. We really do need you; your presence will make a difference! Thank you and God bless you and your families. *H-JF, editor*

Cemetery Work Bees

On August 17, brothers of our council once again tackled the daunting task of cleaning up the parish cemetery and church grounds. Even though the grass was yellow and dried out, it seemed that those wonderful yellow and white flowers somehow just loved to grow in that sacred place! With weed-eaters and lawnmowers Bros. **Claude Francoeur, Dan DePape, Barry Webb, Jim Cassino, Greg Large, Dan Bossert, Tony Bucar, Ed Campbell, and David Kenny** worked and sweated for two hours to bring the cemetery and grounds back to respectability! In addition, Bro. **Dan DePape** put in another 8 hours of work, using all his mechanical know-how to get all those lawnmowers and weed-eaters back into working condition!!! At the end of the day however, all were rewarded with some great doughnuts and coffee! As always, thank you very much Brothers for a tough job well done.

On the Lighter Side

Did you ever wonder...???

— Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"? — Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour? — Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavour, and dishwashing liquid with real lemons?

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Executive meetings:

Last Wednesday of the month (Aug.-June) at 7:30 pm, virtual over Zoom

Regular meetings:

1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm, virtual over Zoom

Pancake breakfast:

Due to Covid-19 cancelled until further notice.

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Grand Knight	Dan Bossert	250-754-5219
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Chaplain	Fr. Harrison Ayre	250-753-3570
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Treasurer	Guy Doiron	250-619-2072
Lecturer	Claude Francoeur	250-754-2425
Advocate	Dan DePape	250-740-2521
Warden	Ed Campbell	250-754-7661
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Outside Guard	Chris Jeffs	250-619-0848
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Trustee 2 Years	Tony Bucar	250-754-3146
Trustee 3 Years	Ralph Van Wallegghem	250-802-8292

*Blessed are we who can laugh at ourselves....
For we shall never cease to be amused!*

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The Lessons of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

Dear Brothers:

You will recall that not long ago, all of our ceremonials and lessons were considered Private and Confidential and that each lesson took over an hour to complete. A couple of years ago, our Order decided to significantly condense the lessons, and since the “Charm of Secrecy” had long since vanished from North American society, family and friends are now to be invited to witness the important event. Council 9990 promptly responded by putting together a new Degree Team and scheduling the new ceremony for Saturday, March 21, 2020. But a couple of days before, we went into Lockdown.

Now with the high rate of vaccinated people in our community and life returning to almost normal, Council 9990 Grand Knight **Norbert Grillmair** has reactivated the Degree Team and asked us to begin to prepare to exemplify the new lessons. All brothers who have not taken their Third Degree are encouraged to attend and take the one-half-hour lessons on Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. All Third Degree brothers are also encouraged to come and witness the new lessons. Family and friends are to be invited as well. We are targeting to host the Degree in the latter part of October, after a 6:00 pm Saturday Mass, at Holy Trinity Church. I look forward to seeing all my brothers and their family at this upcoming inaugural ceremony.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Loftus

(Editor's note: Bro. Jim Loftus is PDD, PGK and currently the head of the Degree Team for Council 9990. Our council was involved in the establishment of the original team that Bro. Jim refers to above. It seem appropriate that we continue to cooperate with Council 9990 in supporting this team so that we can have one, united and combined team for the whole Nanaimo area. This would have great advantages, not the least of which would be better and stronger ties between our councils, greater pool of candidates, better turn-outs at the ceremonies, etc., etc. We'll discuss this further at our Sept. meeting. H-JF)

REMINDER

1. Father Michael McGivney Guild. All members and their families are urged to join the Guild to advance the beatification process of our founder.

It's free and its easy! For full details and application form see our web-site at: <https://www.kofc3842.com/guild>

2. Please pray for all who are sick or in need, especially: Bros. **Bob Nielsen, Joe Wyse, Peter Gibb, Ben Denommé, Oscar Clemotte, Louis De Pagie, William O'Keefe, Ed Stumborg, Ralph Van Walleghem; Daisy Mah**, our Bulletin proof-reader; **Laura**, wife of Bro. **Greg Large; Diana**, wife of Bro. **Joe Walker**; and **Rina**, mother of Bro. **Jim Cassino**. Also, keep in your prayers all who have passed away, especially **Bro. Al Schickerowsky; Michael Bossert**, brother of G.K **Dan Bossert; Joe DePape & Denelda**, brother and sister-in-law of Bro. **Dan DePape; John Doiron**, brother of Bro. **Guy Doiron; Shiobhan**, and **Paul**, sister and nephew of **Kathy**, wife of Bro. **Hans Fadum**; and brother-in-law of Bro. **Barry Webb**.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly on Father McGivney's First Feast Day, August 13.

Today is a historic day for the Knights of Columbus and for the Catholic Church — it is the first feast day of our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney.

This is a day of celebration, reflection and prayer. The Church has chosen August 13 to honor our Founder because it falls one day after the anniversary of his birth and one day before the anniversary of his death, when he entered eternal life. During the 38 years in between, Father McGivney answered God's call to defend the family and the faith, most notably by founding the Knights of Columbus. In the words of our Supreme Convention theme, which were drawn from the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis on St. Joseph, our Founder truly embodied “creative courage” in service to God — and his example should inspire us all to live boldly in faith.

The [Papal Message](#) to the Supreme Convention observed that “The joyful event of Father McGivney's beatification, celebrated this past year in Hartford, marked a significant milestone in [the Order's] distinguished history and represents a summons to renewed fidelity to the founding principles of faith, fraternity and charitable assistance to those in need.” For many years, Knights and our families have prayed for our Founder's intercession. His presence in heaven was confirmed by the [miraculous healing of an unborn child](#), the son of a brother Knight. That miracle paved the way for Father McGivney's beatification last October, when he was raised to the honors of the altar ([Highlights](#), [Recap](#)). Now, we hope and pray for a second miracle, so that we may soon call Father McGivney a saint. August 13 will be a special day for the Knights of Columbus going forward. In the new opening prayer written for Masses honoring our Founder, we will hear the celebrant ask our Lord to grant that, like Blessed Michael, “we too may become vessels of mercy in our day and so enter into our heavenly inheritance.” This prayer is meant for every Knight, for in these words we find our life's work.

On this blessed day, I offer this prayer and pledge to work alongside you — creatively building up the Knights of Columbus, and courageously defending the family and the faith. And together with you, I give thanks to God for the good work He began in our Founder, and continues in us. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us! Happy Feast Day! Fraternally, **Patrick E. Kelly**, Supreme Knight

News bytes.....

- Please see connections to the latest **Connect State Newsletter**, our **State Debuty's** monthly YouTube messages, and his weekly **Advisory**, on our web site at: <https://www.kofc3842.com/news>
- We are happy to welcome two new brothers to our Council. Bro. **Arthur Gerrand** came to us from Santa Maria Council, Ladysmith, and Bro. **Oliver Bellomi** from St. Peter's University Council #7913, Jersey City, NJ. We wish both Brothers many years of happy and fruitful service to our council! Welcome Bros. Arthur and Oliver!