# THE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBIAN



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10681

### GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

WRITTEN BY WGK JAVIER HERERRA

Let's start with some news from overseas. We received news from Valentyn, our sponsored Squire in Ukraine. He is now 18 and defending his country in the East of Ukraine (the most intense fighting area). He calls only to his mother and doesn't speak long in terms of security. He calls every other day and says: "I am alive and ok" and hangs up. Let's pray for his well-being.

On a local side, big thank you to Bro. Darryl Fernandes, John Braganza and Clifford Faleiro who delivered 100's of hampers of non perishable food items to the Ukranian Church in New Westminster for Ukrainian refugees and to the St. Alban's

Worth to note is the departure from this World of Brother Mel Dear. We accompanied his family and friends in presence and in spirit at his funeral mass followed by reception on Thursday April 21st at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. The most important event was the opportunity to co-host in our own District 23, the 111th. BC and Yukon Convention. A 3 days event between April 22 and 24, full of enrichment activities at the council and personal level. Council 10681 won the State Life issues and State Faith in Action (Life Program) awards.

As a council we joined the District's Exemplification ceremony on April 19. We had a brand new member Brother Mc Mariano joining in addition to there current members (Brothers Sean Kato, William Rodrigues, Philip D'Sa and Anthony Thomas). We also hosted our Information Session on April 27, a well received session attended by Brother Michael Hulbert and Brother Calvin Baretto. Brother Michael has decided to join the order and will soon join us as a council member. We also had a great success with the Rosaries to donate towards Fiji, with more than 100 Rosaries collected.

Finally, we also hosted our monthly General and Executive meetings. We also had already started preparations for our Corporate Mass on Mother's Day on May 8th. at 11:15 as well as our next Community Breakfast on May 29th.

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# DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE



### Written by Bro. Ardee Bautista DD 23

My Dear Brother Knights

Having attended the 111th State Convention and AGM just this past weekend, it is an honor and pleasure to share with you all, that each of the Richmond Councils in District 23 received distinguished awards. I say this not to brag, but to simply acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all Richmond Councils! To recap, the following were the awards received by the Richmond Councils at this year's 111th State Convention:

Council 6855 - Faith In Action, Community Award; Council 10681 - Faith in Action, Life Award

& Life Issues Activity Award; Council 11916 - Largest Contribution to Pennies For Heaven, Highest Per Capita Contribution to Pennies For Heaven & Most Active Council Awards. Council 12816 - Faith in Action, Family Award.

I commend all Brother Knights who facilitated and participated in the various council programs. Truly, your hard work did not go unnoticed!

Being the Host District for this year's State Convention & AGM, I also wish to express my gratitude to all volunteers, comprised of brother Knights from all the Richmond Councils. You certainly helped in making the check ins of our registered delegates and guests go as smoothly as possible!

Easter is a time of new beginnings. As we are reminded of our Risen Christ, may we have an attitude of great hope. Let us continue to venture into more opportunities for which we can serve one another.

At this time of great turmoil in Ukraine, let us include in our prayers all the families displaced by this war. May the Lord also comfort those who have experienced tremendous loss due to war.

Please know that the Knights of Columbus are continuously helping the many lives affected by the war in Ukraine. One direct way to help is by donating any amount towards the Ukraine Solidarity Fund.

https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html

We are at the final quarter of our fraternal year 2021-22. I urge each of you to reach out to your council leaders and find out where you can help. Let us not be members on paper, but strive to become members in action.

May our Lord continue to bless each of you and your families during this Easter Season.

Vivat Jesus!

Ardee Bautista - District Deputy District 23 BC & Yukon State Council

## STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE



### Written by Bro. Edguardo Panes State deputy BC & Yukon

Worthy Brother Knights and Families of the Knights of Columbus
The 111th Annual General Meeting(AGM) and State convention are behind us. I
want to congratulate council 10681 for the achievements and recognition you
have received amongst other councils in District#23 and other Districts in our
jurisdiction. Congratulations on receiving the Best Culture of Life activityUltrasound machine initiative.

After two long years of hiatus, it was nice to see everyone in a person-to-person AGM. I like to extend my appreciation to the members of council 10681. The support you have given to this event, especially to our District Deputy Brother Ardee for the marketing and solicitation, leading the workforce of volunteers from District 23. The solicitation of sponsors (not an easy job) for the Annual Magazine and GK Javier Herrera and DGK Clifford Faleiro. I saw members of the Registration team Brothers-John Pearce, Maurice Fernandes, Oscar Ho, Johnny Sy, Sean Kato, David Buyser and others, who I don't have the names of, but you know who you are. Thank you very much.

In moving forward, we have two more months before the end of the Fraternal year 2021-2022. It is time to get back to the council's goals and look for missing reports. An essential form to submit is form185, due no later than June 30 – have you made your slate of officers ready for the election and prepared to write for the Columbian award application SP-7 is due by June 30. Most important is Star Council, and I am sure your District Deputy brother Ardee will fill you up with the necessary information to finish this Fraternal year successfully.

Again, Congratulations to you all for winning those prestigious awards. Let us now look forward to the next Fraternal year. But first, let's get our membership numbers completed before the end of the Fraternal year. We are looking for 12 more members to reach 100%(COH) for our jurisdiction as of this writing. Any member you recruit is free with Promo code: MCGIVNEY2020 until June 30, 2022. Please take advantage of the promotion and some incentives still available.

God Bless, Vivat Jesus! Edgardo Panes, State Deputy Knights of Columbus British Columbia and Yukon State Council

### INSURANCE FEILD AGENT'S MESSAGE

### WRITTEN BY BRO.MARK PAN-FEILD AGENT

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus 140 years ago with two purposes in mind: To strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the widow and orphan if the breadwinner died or could not work. Our Order continues his mission today. That two-pronged approach to the young Catholic men of New Haven, Connecticut was important then and even though much has changed in our society since 1882, I believe that approach is important now. I am honored and blessed to be a part of continuing that mission.

While we work together to strengthen our brother Knights in their faith, I am able to work to secure the future for those who are left behind. For those who know me and the indispensable work I do for our members, you already have a good idea of how I do that work. But I'd like to take a minute to explain my approach.

My approach is to help members solve problems. The most important thing I can do for you is listen: listen to what you want to accomplish, listen to what keeps you up at night, listen to the plans you have for you and your family's future. And the first step is to take stock of where a family is at the present...a snapshot of this time in your life. The Order has equipped me with a financial needs analysis platform to help

The Order has equipped me with a financial needs analysis platform to help you take that snapshot. We plug in the numbers and it does the calculations, taking any bias out of the process.

If your analysis shows there are gaps, we can discuss how to fill those gaps. We have a wide range of life insurance products that can be tailored to your needs if that is where the gap is. We have fixed rate annuities that are designed for retirement savings. Long-term care insurance and disability income insurance can provide peace of mind for the unexpected that life throws at us.

Stepping back and taking stock is not a difficult process and I try to make it as easy as possible. I can meet with you face to face or if you prefer, we can meet virtually. My goal is to fulfill Fr. McGivney's mission of taking care of every member and his family in this council. But I want to further his legacy and offer membership to every man eligible in the parish. His goal was to protect Catholic families...that's my goal, too.

### In Memoriam PGK Bro. Melvin Dear 1943-2022

On April 12th, we lost our dear Brother and Past Grand Knight Melvin Dear.

His passing was sudden and came as a shock to all Parishioners and members. He is survived by his Wife Dee Dear and Sons Myles and Jay and their families.

Bro. Mel was a prominent member of our Council Executive Team and a council leader for many years. He was also an active member of various Pastoral ministries at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. His presence and Guidance will be sorely missed by All.



### In Memoriam PGK Bro. Melvin Dear 1943-2022

A funeral Mass and **Reception was held** at 1030 AM on **Thursday April 21st** to bid farewell to Bro. Mel. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Pierre Ducharme. Mass was followed by a reception at the Parish centre hosted by the Knights of our council. This reception was also well attended by

RIP\_Bro. Melvin Dear

**Family and friends** 

and parishioners of

St. Joseph The

Worker Parish.













As part of our Faith in action activities, Once again the **Knights donated** over 250 Bags of **Non Perishable** Food to the **Following Organizations:** Apr 7th: To Fr. Soo at Ukranian Church **Apr.11th: To Dianne Woodhouse at St. Alban's Anglican** Church Apr14th: To **Archbishop David Motiuk of the Ukranian Church** 











Council
Membership
Meeting
Apr11th In Person.

Our First In person meeting was held at the Parish Hall and was well attended by members and executives.









On April 25, we received a request from our Worthy PGK **Bro. John Pearce, for** Rosaries to be distributed to people in Fiji who were in need for them. A request went out to our membership and we are happy to advise that , we were able to donate 106 Rosaries that will be taken to Fiji by Bro. John's sister in law for distribution. A special Thank you Prayer will be said in favour of all donors. Thank you for your contribution.

### **ROSARIES FOR FIJI**



Council Officer's Business Meeting Apr 26th .

Physical Meeting was planned for this day, however due to A positive Case identified during state convention, we changed to in Zoom session. Again, well attended



Degree
Exemplifications at St. Paul's Parish 5 CAndidates from our Council did their 3rd
Degree exemplifications hosted by Council 6855.

There were a tota of 35 members present for this exemplification



Parish Visioning
Supper And
Lenten Missions
Presented by
Mark Guevarra
Held on April 3rd
to 5th.

Well attended by Parishioners and Several members of our Council.



### BC & YUKON STATE CONVENTION

The 111th State BC & YUKON CONVENTION was held at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond.

WGK Javier and myself were the 2 official delegates that attended the convention this year.

Daily Mass and business meetings kept us busy through the week end which also included some entertainment on Friday evening and State deputy's Dinner on Saturday evening.

Pennies From heaven and Wheel Chair Foundation Collections were made during the event.

Several members from our council volunteered their time at the Registration and sale desk.











### BC & YUKON STATE CONVENTION

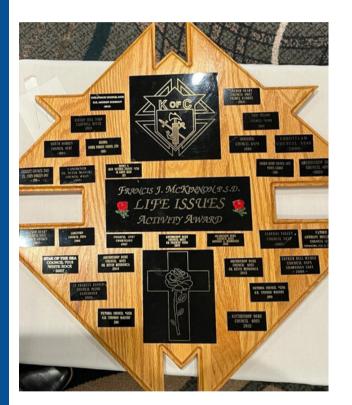
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District 23 did well at the
awards presentation with
our councils collectively
sweeping the Faith in action
Awards.

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Council 11916 (Canadian Martyrs) walked away with the Pennies From heaven and Faith Activity Awards.
Council 12681 (St. Monica's)
Took the Family Activity Award Council 6855 (St. Paul's Council) got the Community Activity Award.

The Most active council Award was deservingly awarded to Council 11916 (Canadian Martyrs) .

### Council & District Awards



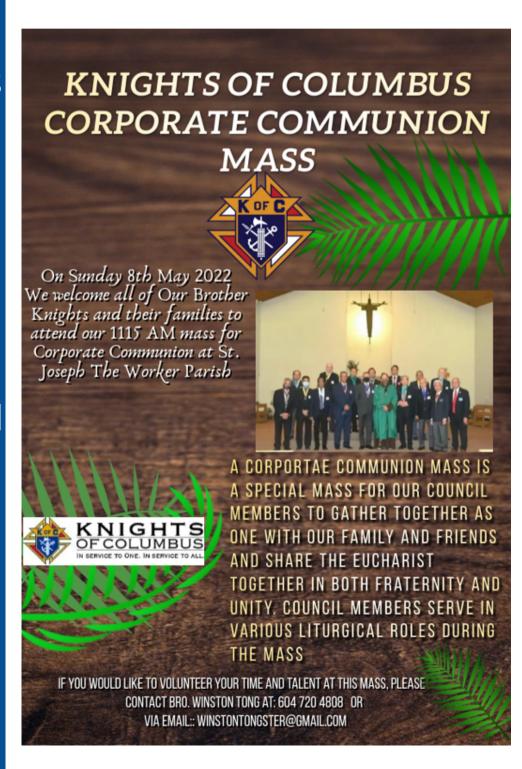




### FUTURE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES IN 2022

Corporate
Communion Mass
Sunday May 8th
at 1115 AM.

All Members and their families are encouraged to attend this Special Mass.



### FUTURE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES IN 2022

Mother's Day Flower Sale after All Masses May 7th and 8th

We will need
Volunteers after
each mass to
assist with Flower
Sales.



### FUTURE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES IN 2022

PENNIES & MORE FROM HEAVEN DATE: June 11/12 after all Masses Wheel Barrows will be placed on Gathering Space at St. Joseph to collect finds for our Seminarians



# UPCOMING EVENTS MAY 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS **COUNCIL 10681** 

### UPCOMING: EVENTS MAY

MAY 08

MAY 10 SALE AFTER ALL MASSES MAY7/8

CORPORATE MASS 1115 SUNDAY, MOTHERS DAY FLO

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING-7 PM IN PERSON AT CHURCH HALL

MAY 17 MONTHLY FAMILY ROSARY-7PM VIA ZOOM

MAY 24 MONTHLY OFFICERS BUSINESS MEETING AT 7 PM

IN PERSON-PASCHAL BREAU ROOM

MAY 29 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST AFTER 8 AND 9:30 MASS HOSTED JOINTLY WITH CWL



### UPCOMING EVENTS MAY 2022

MARCH FOR LIFE
This year's March
for Life event is
scheduled for
March 12th in
Victoria BC.
We are hoping that
some of our
Council members
will be available to
attend.



**THURSDAY MAY 12, 2022** 

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:00PM Protestant Prayer Service Central Baptist Church 833 Pandora Avenue, Victoria, BC

12:00PM Mass at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral 740 View Street, Victoria, BC

1:45PM March leaves from Centennial Square down Government Street

to the B.C. Legislature

### **FOR MORE INFO:**

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## Worker Parish Welcome to the Gill Family to St. Joseph the Worker Parish

On April 1st 2022, Our Parish Refugee Committee welcomed the Gill Family to Vancouver BC.
The Gill Family Fled to Thailand from Pakistan due to issues with the Pakistan Govt.

After 8 long years of hard work by the Archdiocese and the various ministries representing St. Joseph the Worker Parish and ably supported by members of our Council, the Family of 6 finally arrived to Vancouver.

ON April 18th, there was a
Welcome Party arranged for
the Gill Family and was
attended by Parishioners
and members of our
Council







### 2021-2022 COUNCIL OFFICERS



GRAND KNIGHT-JAVIER HERERRA
DEP. GRAND KNIGHT-CLIFFORD FALEIRO
CHAPLAIN-FR. PIERRE DUCHARME
CHANCELLOR-ANGELO OLIVEROS
FINANCIAL SECRETARY-ALAN REGO
TREASURER-IVOR MORAES
ADVOCATE-MAURICE FERNANDES
WARDEN-PAUL MARTINS
RECORDER-SEAN KATO
INSIDE GUARD-MARIO SIMOES
OUTSIDE GUARD-JOHN BRAGANZA
TRUSTEE 1 YEAR-DAVID BUYSER
TRUSTEE 2 YEAR-JOHNNY SY
TRUSTEE-3RD YEAR-WINSTOIN TONG



























## 2021-2022 SERVICE PROGRAM DIRECTORS

### **Council 10681**

### **Service Program Organization Chart**

(2021/22)



Bro. Javier Herera (Grand Knight)



Bro. Clifford Faleiro (PROGRAM Director)



Bro. Clifford Faleiro (DGK) (MEMBERSHIP Director-Recruitement)

- Recruitment Teams
- Retention
- Insurance
   Promotion



Bro. John Ward (FAITH Director)

Spiritual Reflections

Holy Hour

Holy Rosary

Sacramental Gifts

Into the Breach

Fr. Michael McGivney

Prayer Hour



Bro. Darryl Fernandes (FAMILY Director)

- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Food For Families
- Family Fully Alive
- · Family of the Month/Year
- Family Prayer Night
   Family Week
- Keep Christ in Christmas
- Decency



Bro. Mel Dear (COMMUNITY Director)

- Coats for Kids
- Global Wheelchair
   Mission
- Habitat For Humanity
- Catholic Citizenship
   Essay Contest
- Disaster Preparedness
- Free Throw Contest
- Soccer Challenge
- Leave No Neighbour



Bro. Angelo Oliveros (LIFE Director)

- Novena for Life
- March For Life
- Special Olympics
- Ultrasound
- · Christian Refugee Relief
- Mass for People with special needs
- Pregnancy Support
- Silver Rose

### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS OF MEMBER KNIGHTS

### **MAY 2022**

PRINCE	AKUS	05-17-1994
CLAUDIO	ANDOL	05-17-1975
VENERANDO	CAJAYON	05-08-1945
VILA	CARVALHO	05-20-1934
JOEY	CASILLA	05-02-1970
JOSE	CID	05-17-1960
RICARDO	CLAUR	05-30-1958
PHILIP	D'SA	05-19-1956
JUAN	GARFIAS	05-29-1959
PAUL	MARTINS	05-06-1969
MICHAEL	PANES	05-29-1993
NERY	SANTOS	05-26-1954
RODNEY	SUMAYDENG	05-09-1962
WILBERTO	TONG	05-29-1984
FRANCISCO	VELASCO	05-26-1949
GIULIANO	ZANARDO	05-12-1935

HAPPY BIRTHDAY