

FR. BONNER COUNCIL

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NEW MEMBERS

REFERENCE GUIDE



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1. INTRODUCTION

This reference material is intended to be a guide to new members of Fr. Bonner Council (#7599). The information contained is accurate to the best of the author's knowledge, but is not official material as sanctioned by the Knights Of Columbus, Supreme Council, which is the absolute authority, in the event that inaccuracies are contained within.

All information is relevant as of October 27, 2006.

Detail program and/or contact information contained within, regarding specific events, council officers, service program directors, committee chairmen, etc., may also be obtained from the monthly newsletter, the council roster, and by attending monthly meetings on a regular basis.

If the reader has any questions, concerns, or suggestions for improvements/additions for this document, please contact the current Grand Knight or any of the Past Grand Knights of Fr. Bonner Council, whose pictures are viewable in the church hallway immediately north of the Chapter Room:

Columbian Year	Grand Knight (GK) / Past Grand Knight (PGK)	Status
2007/2008	GK – Rob Liber	
2006/2007	PGK – Lou Normand	
2005/2006	PGK – Dick Flis	Deceased
2004/2005	PGK - Morris Chaban	
2002/ 2003 and 2003/2004	PGK - Michael Jette	
2001/2002	PGK - Tom Spiller	
2000/2001	PGK - Ken Vincent	
1998/1999 and 1999/2000	PGK - Ken Schwartz	
1996/1997 and 1997/1998	PGK - Randy Yatzcoff	Transferred
1994/1995 and 1995/1996	PGK - Paul Liber	
1993/1994	PGK – Dan Gau	
1992/1993	PGK – Wally Streit	
1991/1992	PGK – Bob Armstrong	Transferred
1989/1990 and 1990/1991	PGK – Ken Shivak	Transferred
1988/1989	PGK – Brian Heacock	Transferred
1987/1988	PGK – Jim Coyle	Transferred – picture not available
1985/1986 and 1986/1987	PGK – Jim Dowdell	Deceased
1983/1984 and 1984/1985	PGK – Syl Rokosh	
1982/1983	PGK – Syd Empson	Deceased
1980/1981 and 1981/1982	PGK – Vince O'Shea	Charter Grand Knight

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2. THE ORDER

2.1 History

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal benefit society that was formed by a Catholic priest to organize the "able and willing" to assist those in need. Today the Knights of Columbus contribute time and energy worldwide to service in communities and parishes. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882, by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut. On Oct. 2, 1881, a small group of men met in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven. Called together by their 29-year-old parish priest, these men formed a fraternal society that would one day become the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith. These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882. They were Knights of Columbus. Now, the Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 12,000 councils and 1.6 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.

The Order has been called "the strong right arm of the Church," and has been praised by popes, presidents and other world leaders, for support of the Church, programs of evangelization and Catholic education, civic involvement and aid to those in need.

Father McGivney's founding vision for the Order also included a life insurance program to provide for the widows and orphans of deceased members. Today the Knights of Columbus has more than \$50 billion of life insurance in force. Its insurance program has received the highest possible ratings from both the A. M. Best Co. and Standard & Poor's.

2.2 Knights In Action - Today

Knights donated \$1 million to Special Olympics to send athletes from the United States, Canada and Mexico to the 2003 international Summer Games in Ireland. They provided 2,000 wheelchairs to land mine victims and people with disabilities in Afghanistan. The nature of most service by Knights is determined locally. Knights in Illinois, for example, have devised a sophisticated system for providing interest-free financing for group homes for people with developmental disabilities; councils in the Philippines regularly conduct free medical and dental clinics for the poor.

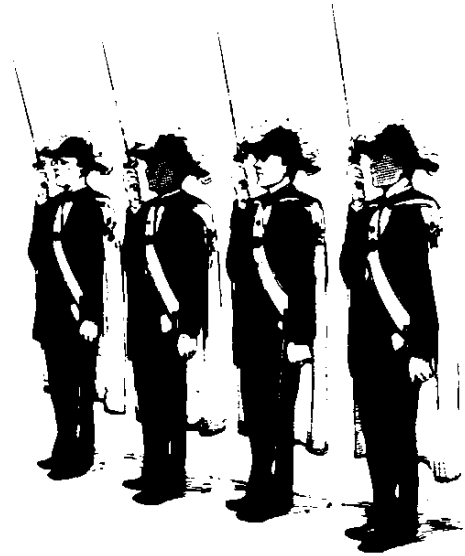
Wherever they exist, Knights continue the tradition of support for bishops and parish priests exemplified by Father McGivney. Each year tens of thousands of Catholics

attend the Marian Hour of Prayer programs, rosary prayer services, and pro-life Masses that the Knights sponsor.

As the Order has grown, its benevolence has increased. The Order continues to break all of its previous records for charitable contributions and volunteer service. In the past decade, the Knights have raised and donated nearly \$1 billion to numerous charitable causes and volunteered nearly 400 million hours of service. Last year alone, the Knights donated more than \$125 million and more than 60 million volunteer hours to charitable causes.

2.3 Degrees

Within the Order itself, there are four “Degrees” of Knighthood, each one meant to exemplify one of the four principles of **charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism**. The First Degree members are considered “junior” or “introductory” members. To become a full Knight, each member is encouraged to attain the Third Degree level (also known as the Major Degree, as 2nd and 3rd Degrees are attained on the same day). After which, a member can go on to the Fourth Degree, the one that embodies patriotism and is the most visible of all the Degrees. Fourth Degree members are recognizable by their attire that consists of the Baldric and/or Regalia (chapeau, cape, and sword), which are seen at public ceremonies where these members represent the Knights of Columbus (i.e. – parades, funerals, citizenship courts, etc.).



Each Degree has its own membership card; 1st Degree, Major Degree (3rd Degree), and 4th Degree. Members of the 1st and Major Degree are referred to as Brothers (abbreviation Bro.) or Brother Knights, and members of the 4th Degree are referred to as Sir Knights (abbreviation S/K).

2.4 Structure

The structure of the Knights of Columbus is illustrated by the following hierarchy (including governing position of each level):

Knights Of Columbus

International

Supreme Council
(Supreme Knight)
(Supreme Master - 4th Degree)

Fourth Degree

Regional

State Council
(State Deputy)

Province
(Vice Supreme Master)

Chapter
(President)

District
(District Deputy)

District
(Master Of 4th Degree)

Local

Council
(Grand Knight)

Assembly
(Faithful Navigator)

Squire / Squirette
Circle
(Chief Squire/Squirette)

Columbus Club
(President)

2.4.1 Supreme

The Supreme Council is the governing body of the Knights of Columbus and is responsible for the development of the organization as a whole. Supreme Council duties include establishing the Order in new regions and setting up regional authorities, defining and advancing its values and goals, undertaking organization-wide initiatives, promoting awareness of the Knights' mission worldwide, and protecting the families of members through its extensive insurance program.

2.4.2 State

The order is separated into geographic regional jurisdictions each of which is called a “State”. The word state comes from the fact that the order originated in the United States, and each U.S. state became a separate region within the order. Within the United States, the Knights of Columbus is made up of 50 States. In Canada, there are 10 States, each one corresponding to our 10 Canadian provinces. Mexico, Guatemala, the Philippines and other countries, would also be separated into states.

The State jurisdiction is headed by the State Board, which is made up of a State Deputy, State Chaplain, State Secretary, State Advocate, State Warden, and State Treasurer. The responsibility of the State Board is similar to the Supreme Council, but limited to the activities conducted within the assigned geographical region. As well, certain members of the State Board (the State Deputy, and the last living Past State Deputy) represent the Knights of Columbus for their jurisdiction at the Supreme Council.

2.4.3 District

Each State jurisdiction is separated into sub groups called Districts. A District is typically a collection of 4 to 8 local councils that are in the same relative geographic proximity. Within the jurisdiction of “Alberta – Northwest Territories”, there are currently 33 districts. The custodian of each district is called the District Deputy. It is his job to ensure that each Council within his district is operating efficiently and upholding the principles of the Order.

2.4.4 Chapter

A Chapter is a discretionary collection of Councils for the purpose of taking advantage of a large concentration of councils in one geographic area. The officers who govern a Chapter are a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recorder, Chaplain, and Past President. Councils residing in the Chapter proximity have the option of joining the Chapter or not.

2.4.5 Council

The Council is the core unit of the order. Every individual who becomes a Knight of Columbus joins a Council, which is typically parish-based, although some Councils may represent more than one parish. Councils may sponsor Squire and/or Squirette Circles, and may form a Columbus Club.

2.4.6 Squire/Squirette Circle

Squire Circles are the equivalent to Knights of Columbus Councils, but are made up of young gentlemen who are between the ages of 12 to 18. The Squires program is a “pre-Knights” program, which caters to young Catholics for the intent of providing a foundation for religious and civic oriented qualities. Squires work and socialize as a group of friends, developing into Catholic leaders. Squires, upon reaching the age of 18 are encouraged to become members of the Knights, to continue their commitment to Columbianism.

A Squirette Circle is the female equivalent to a Squire Circle.

2.4.7 Columbus Club

In Alberta, the council's status is such that it cannot own property (i.e. – real estate) and/or have significant revenue streams without tax implications. However, by the forming of a "Club" under the definition of the Alberta's Society Act, a council can operate within "societies" legislation that has specific rules for raising and allocating funds. All funds obtained through bingos and casinos by societies are regulated by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission for donations to charitable recipients.

In Alberta, the objects of a society are:

- a) To acquire lands, by purchase or otherwise, erect or otherwise provide a building or buildings for community purposes.
- b) To encourage and promote amateur games and exercises
- c) To provide a meeting place for the consideration and discussion of questions affecting the interests of the community.
- d) To procure the delivery of lectures on social, educational, economic and other subjects, and to give and arrange musical and dramatic entertainments
- e) To establish and maintain a library and reading room.
- f) To provide the necessary equipment and furniture for carrying on its various objects
- g) To provide a centre and suitable meeting place for the various activities of the community.
- h) To sell, manage, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with the property of the society.
- i) To raise and donate funds for charitable purposes.

Therefore, many councils in Alberta form Columbus Clubs, some of which have then used fundraising proceeds to purchase council offices.

The executive positions of a Columbus Club are a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Directors.

2.4.8 The Fourth Degree – A Separate Structure

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is made up exclusively of Knights who have attained the level of the Fourth Degree. Every Third Degree Knight has the opportunity to the Fourth Degree, one year after initiation into the Order. The Fourth Degree is the patriotic arm of the order, and is the highest degree attainable within the Order.

The 4th Degree has it's own structure. Fourth Degree members (called Sir Knights) belong to Fourth Degree Assemblies (4th Degree equivalent of a Council). Each Assembly is headed by an individual called the Faithful Navigator. Each Assembly belongs to a 4th Degree district, and each district is headed by an individual called a "Master". Each district belongs to a province, and each province is headed by an individual called the Vice Supreme Master. The entire 4th Degree structure is headed by the Supreme Council of which the head of the 4th Degree is called the Supreme Master.

The Assembly is the core unit of the 4th Degree members. Fourth Degree members, as members of an Assembly, still retain their membership in a Council. Fourth Degree members of a Council can join any Assembly they choose.

Fourth Degree members are especially recognizable at public functions when they wear their regalia (chapeau, baldric, cape, and sword). Regalia is worn when the Knights provide a "Colour Guard". Different positions of the Colour Guard are identifiable by the different colours that are found on the plume on their chapeau and the lining of their cape. The positions identified in the colour guard are as follows:

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|-------------------|--|
| ▪ Suite or Tuxedo | Supreme Master |
| ▪ Blue | Vice Supreme Master of the 4 th Degree Province |
| ▪ Gold or Yellow | Master of the 4 th Degree District |
| ▪ Green | Marshall of the local Assembly |
| ▪ Purple | Commander of the local Assembly |
| ▪ White | Navigator of the local Assembly |
| ▪ Red | Regular members of the local Assembly |

2.5 Logistics of Fr. Bonner Council

As a new member of the Knights of Columbus, you belong to **Father Bonner Council (#7599)**. The details of the overall structure of the Knights (as per September 12, 2006) with regard to Fr. Bonner Council are as follows:

Supreme - The Supreme Office is located in New Haven, Connecticut. Carl Anderson is the Supreme Knight, and Archbishop Thomas Daily is the Supreme Chaplain.

State – Fr. Bonner Council belongs to the jurisdiction (state) of "Alberta - Northwest Territories" has its office in Red Deer, and has the following members on the State Board:

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| ▪ State Deputy | Wally Steit |
| ▪ State Chaplain | Fr. Henry Rosenbaum |
| ▪ State Secretary | Neil Gannon |
| ▪ State Advocate | Gary Johnson |
| ▪ State Warden | Jim Myhre |
| ▪ State Treasurer | Brad Cody |

District - Within the Edmonton area, there are currently 8 districts. Fr. Bonner Council belongs to District 14, and the District Deputy is Vince Reyes.

Chapter - In the jurisdiction of "Alberta – Northwest Territories", there are currently 3 chapters:

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|-------------------------|---|
| ▪ Edmonton Chapter | - representing 42 Councils and 6 Assemblies |
| ▪ Calgary Chapter | - representing 33 Councils and 2 Assemblies |
| ▪ South Alberta Chapter | - representing 23 Councils and 2 Assemblies |

Fr. Bonner Council is a member of Edmonton Chapter.

The executive members of Edmonton Chapter are as follows:

- President Dean Rombough
- Vice President Paul Weisenberger
- Treasurer Marvin Sigfuson
- Recorder Gerald Bernakevitch
- Past President Brad Cody
- Chaplain Rev. Frank Stempfle

Council - The Council at St. Thomas More Parish in Edmonton is named "Father Bonner Council". The Council's number is 7599.

The officers of Fr. Bonner Council are:

- Grand Knight Rob Liber
- Deputy Grand Knight Steve Hughes
- Chaplain Fr. Sylvain Casavant
- Chancellor Lou Normand
- Financial Secretary Arnold Lorenz
- Recorder Anthony Allen
- Treasurer Tom Spiller
- Advocate John Hogan
- Warden Al Girard
- Inside Guard Ivan Hren
- Outside Guard Jim Wenger
- Lecturer Vacant
- Trustee 1 Year Dennis Bedard
- Trustee 2 Year Ray Moschuk
- Trustee 3 Year Jack Clements

Squires – Fr. Bonner Council currently sponsors Squire Circle #3682 - "Fr. Paul Kingston Circle". The Circle was chartered on October 4, 1988. The Squire Circle is not active at this time.

Squirettes – currently Fr. Bonner Council does not sponsor a Squirette Circle, although for the period of 1990 To 1998, Fr. Bonner sponsored a Squirette Circle #30, "Our Lady Of The Way".

Columbus Club – Fr. Bonner Council formed a Columbus Club in 1993 to raise money to support funding requirements for the new St. Thomas More Church building. The executive of the Columbus Club is as follows:

- President Tom Spiller
- Vice President Roger Fortin
- Treasurer Ken Shivak
- Secretary Rose Vincent
- Director Lou Normand
- Director Nelson Choma
- Director Real Demers

Fourth Degree Assembly –Fr. Bonner Council has members of the 4th Degree. In the Edmonton area, there are 6 Assemblies to chose 4th Degree membership from. Most 4th Degree members of Fr. Bonner (but not all) belong to St. Joseph Assembly (#005) which is the first 4th degree assembly in the Edmonton area. The office for St. Joseph’s Assembly is at 11030 – St. Albert Trail (127 St.), Edmonton, Alberta. The officers of St. Joseph’s Assembly are as follows:

- Faithful Navigator S/K Wayne Johnson
- Faithful Friar S/K Msgr. Francis
Patsula
- Faithful Captain S/K Joe Smith
- Faithful Admiral S/K Tony Lemay
- Faithful Pilot S/K Nelson Choma
- Faithful Comptroller S/K Paul Liber
- Faithful Purser S/K Tom Spiller
- Faithful Scribe S/K Jim Danielson
- Inner Sentinel S/K Ivan Hren
- Outer Sentinel S/K Chris Pinnington
- Trustee – 3 Years S/K Gordon McNicol
- Trustee – 2 Years S/K Ray Pinkoski
- Trustee – 1 Year S/K Morris Chaban
- Color Guard Commander S/K Ed Matheson
- Newsletter Editor S/K Don Salmon

St. Joseph’s Assembly belongs to the 4th Degree district of “Alberta - Northwest Territories” of which the Master of the district is S/K Julito Reyes.

The 4th Degree district of “Alberta – Northwest Territories” belongs to the 4th Degree province of “Simon Fraser”, of which S/K Mervyn Welter is the Vice-Supreme Master.

The 4th Degree province of “Simon Fraser” belongs to Supreme, of which S/K Joseph P. Schultz is the Supreme Master.

3. COUNCIL DETAILS

3.1 Council Positions

There are 3 categories of positions at the council level as follows:

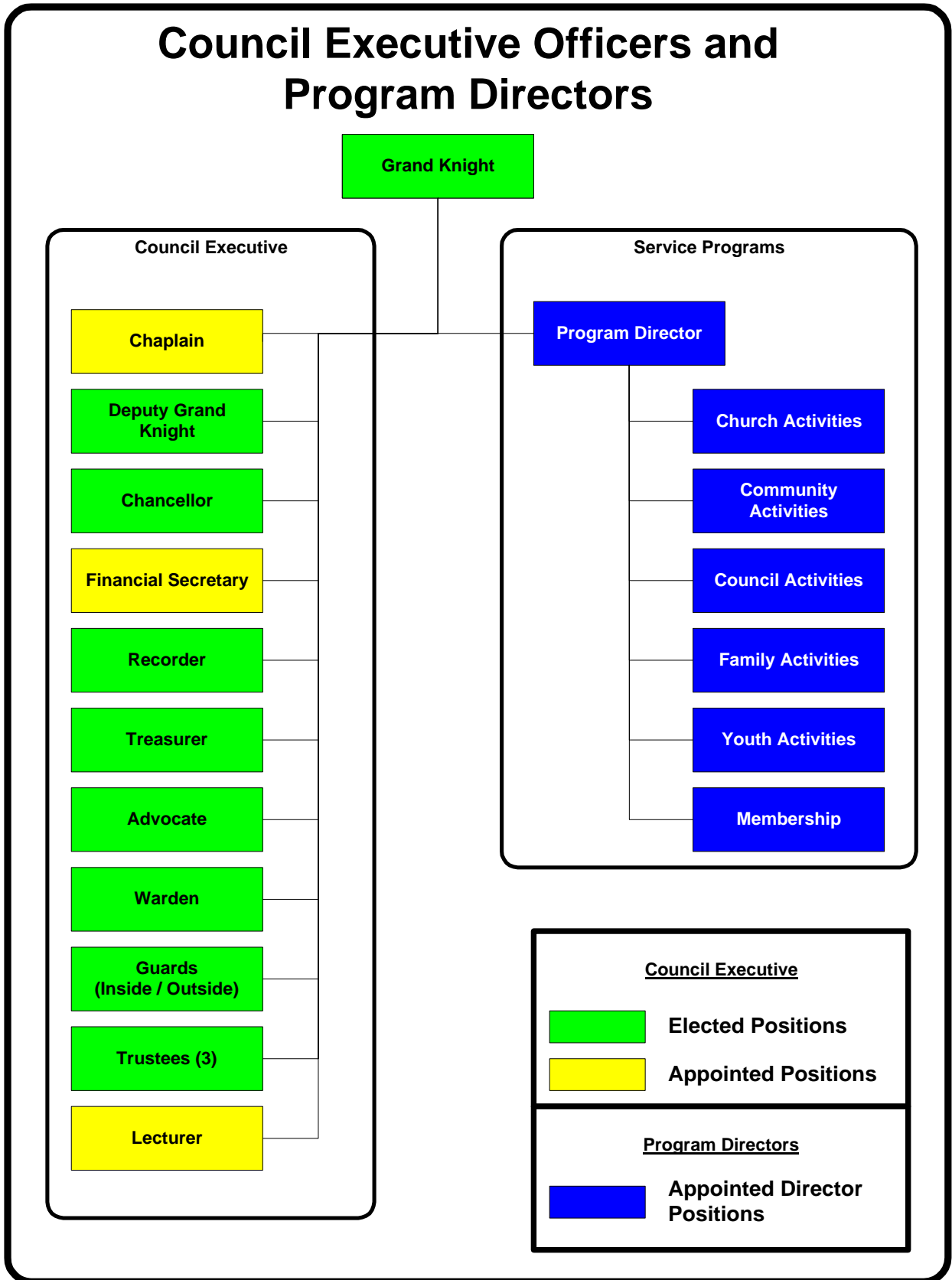
Elected Officers – officers of the council who are elected by the membership on an annual basis. Any member of the council in good standing may stand for election, as long as he is at least a 3rd Degree member, and has been a member of the Order for at least one complete year.

Appointed Officers – officers of the council, as appointed by the Grand Knight of the Council. Qualifications of each appointed officer position is specific to the position.

Appointed Directors – directors of the various service programs, as appointed by the Grand Knight of the Council. Any member of the council in good standing may be appointed as a director.

The following hierarchy illustrates the structure of a Knights of Columbus council:

Council Executive Officers and Program Directors



3.1.1 Executive – Elected Positions

3.1.1.1 Grand Knight

The grand knight is the chief executive officer of his council and is responsible for its welfare. He presides over council meetings, acts as an ex-officio member of all committees, appoints a membership and programming director, convenes officers for a monthly meeting, and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. The grand knight must determine and carry out a program of activities that will hold the interest and stimulate the enthusiasm of the members. He must be aware of the council's financial status and ensure that his signature appears on all checks drawn. The grand knight is a member of the Advisory Board with general supervision of the council's Columbian Squire circle.

3.1.1.2 Deputy Grand Knight

The deputy grand knight is second in command. He assists the grand knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the grand knight. Should the grand knight be absent from a council meeting, the deputy grand knight will preside. He is chairman of the council's retention committee and also a member of the Advisory Board charged with overseeing the council's sponsored Columbian Squires circle. Although not a requirement, historically at Fr. Bonner Council, the Deputy Grand Knight position is the stepping-stone to the Grand Knight position. Although not a requirement, historically in Fr. Bonner Council, the Deputy Grand Knight also serves as the Program Director, overseeing all of the individual service programs, directors, and committee chairmen.

3.1.1.3 Chancellor

The chancellor has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the grand knight and the deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in council activities. The chancellor is chairman of the admission committee, and a member of the Columbian Squires circle ceremonial team. Although not a requirement, historically at Fr. Bonner Council, the immediate Past Grand Knight is requested to assume the Chancellor position.

3.1.1.4 Recorder

The recorder is similar to a court reporter or a secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and its correspondence, specifically at council meetings where he takes minutes.

3.1.1.5 Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for safekeeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the grand knight. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses.

3.1.1.6 Advocate

The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws, Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting, and Robert's Rules of Order.

3.1.1.7 Warden

The warden is the 'watchdog' for council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder. He is responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings. Although not a requirement, historically at Fr. Bonner Council, the Warden position is the stepping-stone to the Deputy Grand Knight position, and then ultimately the Grand Knight position.

3.1.1.8 Inside and Outside Guards

The guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. The outside guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the inside guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.

3.1.1.9 Trustees

The board of trustees consists of three members. During council elections, only the three-year trustee is voted on, with the others moving on to become two and one-year trustees, respectively. They oversee the work of the financial secretary and treasurer, and oversee the semi-annual audits of council records. As well, with the deputy grand knight, they serve on the council's retention committee.

3.1.2 Executive – Nominated Positions

3.1.2.1 Chaplain

The chaplain is the spiritual advisor of the council. He is expected to make a report at council meetings on religious matters. The grand knight appoints a priest in accordance with any rules established by the bishop of the diocese to serve as council chaplain. Although not a requirement, historically at Fr. Bonner Council, (in most recent years) the chaplain has been the presiding priest at St. Thomas More parish.

3.1.2.2 Financial Secretary

The financial secretary is appointed by the Supreme Knight for a period of three years, upon recommendation of the Grand Knight and Trustees of the council.

His main area of responsibility is maintaining all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all moneys from all sources, including annual dues from council members, and is responsible for submitting all membership transactions to the Supreme Council. As well, he also handles supply orders for the council officers and members, filing the Report of Officers, annual Fraternal Survey, and assists in the semi-annual

audits (as required). Essentially, the Financial Secretary is the conduit for the transfer of information between the Council, and the other levels of the Order (State, and Supreme).

3.1.2.3 *Lecturer*

The lecturer is appointed by the grand knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the council, most typically upon the closing of council General Meetings.

4. SERVICE PROGRAMS

The objectives of the Service Programs are as follows:

- Provide opportunity for direct involvement
- Stimulate personal commitment
- Create more family participation
- Strengthen and spread fraternalism
- Provide service to Church, community, council, family, and youth
- Establish the council as an influential and important force
- Elevate the status of programming personnel
- Develop more meaningful and relevant programs of action
- Establish direct areas of responsibility
- Build leadership
- Ensure success of council's programs

The Knights of Columbus officially recognizes six separate service programs, of which to incorporate any specific initiative/activity of which the council members partake in. Each appointed Service Director is directly responsible for managing his assigned Service Program. The Service Director can, when required, appoint committee chairmen, to take responsibility for any initiatives falling under the umbrella of their service program. The six service programs and the appointed directors are as follows:

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| ▪ Church Activities | Director – Vacant |
| ▪ Community Activities | Director – Al Girard |
| ▪ Council Activities | Director – Ernie Lucenko |
| ▪ Family Activities | Director – Wayne Zuchotzki |
| ▪ Youth Activities | Director – Vacant |
| ▪ Membership | Director – Noel Day |

4.1 Program Director

The program director is the executive leader for the service directors. It is his job to ensure each service program is active, effective, and generally in a healthy state. He ensures that each individual service director receives the advice, guidance, and support as necessary. Administration, delegation and direction are key responsibilities of the program director.

Although the program director can be any individual in the council, historically in Fr. Bonner Council, the Deputy Grand Knight always holds the program director position.

Special Note - At the beginning of each Columbian year, the Program Director is provided with the guidebook "Surge With Service" (from Supreme Council), which outlines each service activity in detail, and offers suggestions for activities worthy of consideration to undertake. Individuals interested in the contents can request access to this guidebook through the Program Director.

The following sections document the activities that are traditional as Fr. Bonner service program activities that are carried out each year, although there are no rules enforcing

that these activities must continue indefinitely, hopefully to be replaced by initiatives just as worthy of assuming.

4.2 Church Activities

The Church Activities program seeks to promote programs that enable each individual Knight to set a constant and worthy example as an ideal Catholic to his family, his community, and his fellow Brothers. Some suggestions from Supreme include activities regarding evangelization, vocations, and religious devotions. The Church Activities Director is the liaison between Council and various Church Ministries as directed by the Grand Knight.

Fr. Bonner Council historically has the following Church Activity activities:

Marian Mass	Mass in honour of the Virgin Mother, held once each year in May
Knights Of Columbus Mass	Monthly mass at St. Thomas More, where the Knights of Columbus provide the manpower to fulfill the supportive roles in the mass (acolyte, readers, and Eucharistic ministers). New members to this ministry are always appreciated, to enlarge the pool of participants to draw upon.
Vocations	Informing the council of Holy Hours of Prayer, Saturday Rosary, and supporting local priesthood vocation programs.
Pennies For Heaven	After each general meeting, a one dollar 50/50 draw is promoted, where 50% of the proceeds go to the winner, and the 50% goes towards vocations. At each State convention, these monies are presented to the State Vocations Director.
Formation Program	At each meeting, a different Christian theme (based on scripture) is presented as a reading, with time for members to reflect on and share their sentiments with the rest of the members.
Holy Hours	Monthly, parish Holy Hours are held (usually after the evening mass on the 3 rd Tuesday of the month) in which Knights are encouraged to participate.

4.3 Community Activities

The Community Activities program seeks to promote programs that provide support to the community at large via council projects. Some suggestions from Supreme include activities regarding pro-life, volunteerism, human needs, public safety, environment, and health services. The Community Activities Director currently has the largest portfolio of events in Fr. Bonner Council.

Fr. Bonner Council historically has the following Community Activity activities:

Basketball Free Throw Competition

This is a State-wide program held every year from January through March. This program gives young people a chance to demonstrate their basketball skills in fun and exciting competition. Duties include request usage of gym time at local schools, and then hosting the event.

Marian Centre Visits

Approximately every 3 months, Fr. Bonner Council sends a contingent of 7 to 9 people to prepare and serve food to the inner-city poor on a Saturday morning. The event chairman maintains a pool of at least 15 potential volunteers to call upon, in order to fulfill the 7 to 9 required positions.

Parish Pasta Night

Fr. Bonner Council hosts a pasta night on behalf of the parish on an annual basis. The event chairman requires 4 to 6 assistants to help plan the event, and a contingent of 20+ people to setup the hall, prepare food, and cleanup on the event day.

Parish Barbeque

The council assists the parish host a barbeque in early June. The event chairman requires 4 to 6 assistants to help plan the event, and a contingent of 20+ people to setup the hall, prepare food, and cleanup on the event day..

Pro-Life Advocate

This committee monitors pro-life activities within the archdiocese and make recommendations to Council as needed.

St. Vincent De Paul

This Catholic Society's purpose is to provide direct aid to those who suffer and to help individuals reduce and even eliminate the causes of their suffering on their own. Society members use their own resources, sharing not only possessions, but also the valuable gift of their presence. Several of our Council members are Society members and report to the council and request assistance or volunteers as required. Frequently, visitations to the residences of the needy are required and delivery of services and/or furniture.

Senior's Dinner

This pre-Christmas celebration is held the first weekend in December annually in the parish hall. The committee hosts a turkey dinner for seniors in the area. Four to six committee members are required to assist the event chairman. A contingent of 20+ people to setup the hall, prepare food, and cleanup on the event day.

Thanksgiving Hamper Delivery

Each year, Fr. Bonner Council purchases Thanksgiving hampers for approximately 6 needy families. Three to Five assistants are required to purchase the food, prepare the hampers, and deliver them. The Chairman receives names of needy families from either the parish office, the St. Vincent De Paul Society, or Catholic Social Services.

5K Walk/Run/Roll for Spinal Cord Research

This annual event has had 11 successful years. Over the last 11 years, it has raised \$662,000 to go towards a cure for spinal cord injuries. Council efforts are focused on pre-race responsibilities (i.e. – planning that happens year round) and race-day activities (i.e. – volunteering on race day at the race course). As well, council members are encouraged to either participate in the event (on their own or with their families) or are encouraged to financially sponsor council members who are participating.

It must be noted that over the last few years, St. Peter's Council (#7070) from Millwoods, has played an active role in supporting this event by providing a team of volunteers on race day, as well as providing numerous participants. Their active sponsorship has assisted greatly in growing the success of the event.

Christmas Hampers Deliveries

This is a city-wide event organized by Catholic Social Services. The Knights of Columbus primarily provide manpower on delivery day by delivering parcels, or assisting with the loading of parcels into the vehicles of volunteer drivers. This event is often manned, not only by Knights, but also by their families and friends.

4.4 Council Activities

The Council Activities program seeks to promote programs that allow for fraternalism with the membership. Some suggestions from Supreme include activities regarding athletics, blood donor clinics, socials, cultural, and public relations.

Fr. Bonner Council historically has the following Council Activity activities:

Council Newsletter

The council puts out a newsletter 10 times per year, which provides meeting minutes, special events advertising, reports from the executive, notice of birthdays/anniversaries, and general interest articles. One member has historically collected the information, created the hardcopy publication, and done the mailing. All members are welcome and encouraged to provide material for consideration.

Assistants are sought after to help evolve an email version of the newsletter so to reduce costs.

Charities Appeal

Each year, a state-sponsored Jeep Cherokee raffle (Alberta-wide) involves Knights to sell tickets to family/friends, and in the shopping malls. Proceeds go to various charities including battered women's shelters. This activity has typically been one of Fr. Bonner Council's more successful events, as for 9 years straight, our members sold more tickets than any other council in the jurisdiction of "Alberta – Northwest Territories", some years by more than double. Assistants are required to:

- sell tickets at specific time slots
- assist delivering and returning the demonstration vehicle to/from the malls
- phone committee for finding volunteers,
- booking mall times
- assist with bookkeeping (tracking ticket sales)
- collecting ticket books from members

Bingo

Fr. Bonner Council provides volunteers to approximately 6 to 8 bingos per year at the Riviera Bingo hall, and monies raised go towards charities as selected by the council.

First Degree Initiation Team

This team works city wide to introduce new members into the 1st Degree. New team members are required, so that backup is always available in event of schedule conflicts for existing team members.

Fourth Degree Representative

This member reports to council on 4th Degree news, activities, and encourages Major degree members (members of the 3rd Degree) to become 4th Degree members.

Hearts and Flowers

This program provides official messages from the council to those who are seriously ill, or to families who have just experienced the loss of a loved one. On behalf of the council, this chairman arranges the delivery of sympathy and get well items when appropriate.

Council Roster

Working with the Financial Secretary of the Council, this member keeps the council roster current, and publishes it to the membership on an annual or semi-annual basis.

Phone Committee

This committee contacts members to inform them of significant events, and to search for volunteers for key events (i.e. – 5K Walk/Run/Roll). Participants on

this committee will be given a list of members to contact, with specific details as to the nature of the call, and any subsequent details that are relevant. Typically, phone-outs take place 4 to 5 times per year, with anticipated effort being 1 to 3 hours per phone-out.

State Curling

State sponsors a “State Curling Bonspiel” in a different location in the province each year. Fr. Bonner Council typically sends at least one rink (4 curlers) to represent Fr. Bonner council at this event, and more rinks if the interest is there. The council partially subsidizes the costs, so to encourage participation. All members are eligible, as long as the event is not full.

State Golf

State sponsors a “State Golf Tournament” in a different location in the province each year. Historically, many members of Fr. Bonner Council register as a group and participate. All members are eligible as long as the event is not full.

Awards Night

The Council Activities Director is responsible for managing the committee for the annual “Awards Night” which happens in June, as a wrap up barbeque for the council, to install the new council officers for the upcoming Columbian year, and to provide recognition to the efforts of the membership at large. Volunteers are required for organizing the event, purchasing and preparing food, providing door prizes, and event cleanup.

4.5 Family Activities

The Family Activities program seeks to promote programs that involve the families of members so to further promote fraternity, and family as the core of our society. Some suggestions from Supreme include activities regarding memorials, social events, sport outings, and other recreational activities. This is the most flexible of programs, as each year different events are introduced. Besides striking committees for the hosting of family events, the Family Activities Director is also responsible for identifying the “Family of The Month” and presenting the award at council general meetings.

Some of the family activities that have been hosted by Fr. Bonner Council in the past are as follows:

Family Pot Luck Supper

An annual event held in the parish hall. The participating members/family bring a dish and partake in an evening of socializing. Some years, entertainment has been provided (e.g. – children’s magician, singers, etc.)

Family Bowling	A subsidized 5 pin bowling night for members and their families, with pizza and pop as refreshments.
Family Skating	A skating outing where chili and other refreshments are available.
Family Swim	The council will rent a pool and provide refreshments after (e.g. – pizza/pop).

4.6 Youth Activities

The Youth Activities program seeks to promote programs that involve the families of members so to provide youth with means and opportunities to become personally committed and involved with meeting the challenges of our times. Some suggestions from Supreme include the sponsorship of youth groups such as Squires, Squirettes, CYO (Catholic Youth Organization), CYM (Catholic Youth Ministry), Big Brothers/Sisters, Scouting, 4-H Clubs, and local parish youth groups. Suggested activities/programs from Supreme include socials, athletics, religious events, scholarships, educational programs (e.g. on smoking or drug abuse), and essay competitions. The Youth Activities Director liaisons with the St. Thomas More Youth Minister on behalf of the council.

Fr. Bonner Council historically has supported the following Youth Activity programs:

Columbian Squires	Fr. Bonner sponsors a Squires Circle (Fr. Paul Kingston Circle). Most youth activities for the council are encompassed in the squires program. As part of the relationship, Squires often provide volunteer service to many council functions, such as providing workers at coat checks, and assisting with the 5K race.
Scholarships	The council sponsors 2 Caritas Award scholarships at Louis St. Laurent Jr. High and High School on an annual basis.

4.7 Membership

The Membership program seeks to promote programs that involve recruitment, retention, and insurance promotion. Some suggestions from Supreme include hosting information nights, visiting potential members, and ensuring active participation by all members, both new and experienced.

Fr. Bonner Council historically has participated in the following membership activities:

Membership Drives	Members of Fr. Bonner publicly recruit at St. Thomas More about 2 times per year (usually once in the fall, and once in the spring). A member addresses the congregation after the mass, introducing the Knights Of Columbus program. Assistants are posted at the entrance of the Church to meet with interested parishioners, and provide them information on how to
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join the Order.

Information Nights

The council hosts information nights at the parish, providing detailed information about the Knights Of Columbus order, it's programs, and specific details about Fr. Bonner Council to prospective members.

Visitations

Membership committee members visit parishioners at their home, to provide a personal opportunity to ask questions and become informed about the Order.

5. COLUMBUS CLUB

The Father Bonner Columbus Club became a Society on April 22, 1993, under the Societies Act, RSA (revenue sharing agreement) 1980. Funds obtained through bingos and casinos are regulated by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission for donations to charitable recipients.

The primary reason the club was created was to help raise money for St. Thomas More parish in the construction of its new church. A significant contribution to the parish by the Columbus Club was entirely equipping the parish kitchen with all necessities (appliances, dishes, supplies, etc.). Today, the main objective of this Society is to raise and donate funds for charitable purposes within our parish and community including some services and projects of Fr. Bonner Council #7599.

Columbus Club activities are officially separate from council activities, but for reasons of practicality, it can be viewed that Columbus Club activities are just an extension of the suite of council service programs, especially since most of the male members of the club are also members of the council. Lifetime family membership is \$5.00. Single lifetime membership is \$3.00.

The Fr. Bonner Columbus Club historically has participated in the following activities:

- Parish Pancake Breakfasts** The club has been hosting breakfast every year since 1993. Breakfasts are held on the last Sunday of every month (excluding June, July, and August) in the parish hall. Two separate teams alternate on different months. Teams setup the hall, prepare/serve food, and cleanup when the event is completed.
- Casinos** The club applies for a casino license regularly, and provides a team of volunteers for 2 days, usually every 18 months. Monies received from casino proceeds support numerous charities, have gone towards paying the parish building debt, and were the exclusive source of furnishing the parish hall kitchen.
- Bingos** The Columbus Club holds the bingo license for Fr. Bonner Council.

6. HISTORY OF THE COUNCIL

6.1 Fr. Bonner – Namesake Of The Council

Councils are typically named as follows; a) in honour of a saint, b) after a parish, or c) in honour of deceased clergy.

In 1980, a council was formed combining 3 parish communities; St. Agnes, St. Anthony, and St. Thomas More. The council chose the name Father Bonner Council, in honour of the recently deceased, Rev. Lawrence J. Bonner (1926 – 1971), as follows:

Born in St. John, N.B., Fr. Bonner came to Alberta in 1956. His first parish appointment was in Castor, Alberta. He came to Edmonton to the Sacred Heart parish in 1957, and moved to St. John the Evangelist in 1959. In 1960, he moved to St. Anthony's Parish, and served there for the next eleven years until his untimely death from a heart attack, at the age of 45. Fr. Bonner was also the chaplain at the University of Alberta Hospital for 10 years.

Fr. Bonner was a driving force behind the Knights of Columbus minor hockey program, being appointed the Church's representative on the Knights of Columbus Hockey Board of Governors in 1960. At the time of his death, the Knights of Columbus minor hockey program embraced 153 teams with approximately 2000 boys playing in various league competition.

As well as providing guidance to the successfully large hockey program, Father Bonner was involved in scholarships for young players. The scholarship program included boys from other athletic clubs and was carried out through universities such as Denver, Michigan Tech, Brown (Rhode Island), Harvard, and Wisconsin State.

Fr. Bonner's philosophy was not so much to win as to get boys involved, any boy...and especially those with limited opportunities, in all beneficial branches of sports. Regardless of the religious or cultural background of a boy, he considered each and every boy to be his own personal responsibility. He spent many hours counseling boys who needed help. He also believed that a league, or group of sports, should be a means to a desirable end, rather than an end in itself.



To honour this outstanding Chaplain, the Knights Of Columbus Hockey Board Of Governors established the Fr. Bonner Memorial Fund which lead to the eventual construction of the Fr. Bonner Arena.

It is in memorial of this great man, that the Knights Of Columbus Council #7599, chose its name, Father Bonner Council. And in memorial of his achievements, the Fr. Bonner Council emblem includes a hockey stick within a black puck.

6.2 Council Evolution

In the late 1970's, there was a dire need for another council in south Edmonton. Through the guidance and enthusiasm of District Deputy Bro. John Paziuk, the charter was granted by Supreme for #7599 – Fr. Bonner Council on May 13th, 1980. The council was made up of the following 43 “Charter Members”:

Beland, M.	Empson, S.	Kelly, J.	Raab, Rev. K.
Belik, M.	Fath, R.	Kingston, Rev. P.	Rokosh, S.
Bozman, E.	Fauchon, J.	Kroetch, Rev. T.	Schneider, F.
Collin, W.	Fedorek, E.	Masson, A.	Sheridan, P.
Comeau, A.	Gordon-Craig, C.	Murphy, F.	Siegle, H.
Connelly, Rev. P.	Guthrie, T.	Nagle, E.	Toner, Rev. M.
Cutler, P.	Haggarty, P.	O'Brien, D.	Trudel, E.
Davidson, C.	Hansen, S.	O'Keefe, E.	Wallis, W.
Donnelly, T.	Hogan, J.	Opalinski, A.	Williams, J.
Duffield, G.	Ilnicki, E.	O'Shea, V.	Yakabuski, D.
Edmonds, G.	Johnson, A.	Platzer, M.	

The number 7599 was specifically requested because the Province of Alberta was 75 years old, and the Knights of Columbus was coming into its 99th year.

The council initially served 3 parishes – St. Agnes, St. Anthony, and St. Thomas More, and its meetings were held in the basement of St. Agnes Church. As more members joined the council, meetings were rotated on a regular basis from parish to parish. Eventually it was decided to have the meetings at one location only, so that infrequent attendees would always know the location, as opposed to having to consult a schedule.

The newly built St. Thomas More Church at 34 Ave. and 114 St. was chosen as the location for council meetings. Then, in 1997, St. Thomas More parish moved to its current building (at the corner of Terwilligar and 23 Avenue). With the new more distant location, it became less convenient for members from the other two parishes to attend meetings. It was then decided to spawn a new council (Holy Trinity Council) that represented Knights from St. Agnes, St. Anthony, and Assumption parishes.

Now, Fr. Bonner represents mostly St. Thomas More parishioners (230+ members), however there are still some original members who remain in Fr. Bonner Council, even though they belong to a different parish.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 Eligibility For Knighthood

All practical Catholic men, in communion with the Holy See*, age 18 or older, are eligible to join the Knights Of Columbus. Proposed Knights have their names reviewed by the admissions committee, and then have their names presented at the general meeting for acclamation.

- * As per the “Catholic Word Book”, from The Knights of Columbus - The Veritas Series:

HOLY SEE (1) The diocese of the pope, Rome. (2) The pope himself and/or the various officials and bodies of the Church’s central administration at Vatican City — the Roman Curia — which act in the name and by authority of the pope.

7.2 Membership Status and Retention Processes

Active Membership	Any member in good standing (membership dues paid) without reason for suspension is counted as an active member.
Insurance Membership	Any member who has purchased a Knights of Columbus insurance product is counted as an insurance member.
Inactive Membership	Any member who has been suspended due to lack of payment, but is an insurance member, is counted as an inactive member.
Honourary Membership	Members in good standing who have attained 25 years of continuous service, and who are at least 65 years of age, are considered honourary members. In Fr. Bonner council, honourary members are charged \$10 for their annual dues.
Honourary Life Membership	Members who have attained age of 70 who have at least 25 years of continuous service, merit the distinction of Honourary Lifetime Member. Honourary Lifetime Members no longer pays annual dues.

There are multiple ways that a membership status can change within the Order.

Suspension For Non-Payment	Members with dues in arrears can be suspended at the discretion of the Council. If the member is unable to make payment due to financial circumstances, the Council can make accommodations on the members behalf.
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Suspension – Other Circumstances	Membership can be revoked under certain circumstances (e.g. – felony conviction, misconduct, non-practical Catholicity, etc).
Withdrawal	Withdrawal is a resignation from the Order. A personal signed communication from the member requesting withdrawal (resignation) is required to be sent to the council or assembly and forwarded to the Supreme Council office. Non-payment status is not a consideration for withdrawals. A member can resign whether he is current in dues or in arrears. The only stipulation is that he must be eligible for re-entry as of the date he files his letter of withdrawal with the council or assembly. Withdrawal is not an option for a felon, non-practical Catholic, or someone who has been suspended or expelled under Section 162 of the Order's Laws.
Re-Instatement	Reinstatement is used only when a former member has been terminated for three months or less and only if his suspension or withdrawal was issued by the council. The applicant must pay arrearages to the financial secretary of the council he was suspended from.
Readmission	Readmissions are used when a membership termination exceeds three months and up to seven years. The applicant may be readmitted to the council of his choice. Council action on his membership is required, but action by the admission Committee is normally not needed.
Reactivation	Reactivation pertains to inactive insurance members. By law an inactive insurance member can reactivate his membership for \$5.
Reapplication	When an applicant has been suspended for more than seven years the reapplication process is used. He may reapply to the council of his choice, paying the \$7.50 re-entry fee that is kept by the new council.
Transfer	A Knight with a current membership card may transfer to any council by completing a Form #100. The receiving council accepts the application under elective procedures. The transfer is initiated only by the receiving council, as members cannot be transferred out of a council.

Break in service will not allow for Life and Honourary membership status. Life and Honourary Life membership must be 25 years of membership **without breaks in service.**

7.3 Awards

7.3.1 Council Awards

Three awards are available to every council on an annual basis, based on the year's performance:

Father McGivney Award	Received automatically by meeting or exceeding the annual membership goals.
Founder's Award	Received automatically by meeting or exceeding the annual insurance goals.
Columbian Award	Received automatically by fulfilling the following annual requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- All the required Forms must be forwarded to Supreme on time.- Councils must annually conduct and report at least four (4) major programs in each of the Service Programs (Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth).- Complete the Columbian Award Application (Form SP-7) and fax, mail or e-mail to Supreme (NOT State). Supreme must receive this Form no later than June 30th. Squires Circle fulfills all four Youth Activities
Star Council Award	Fulfillment of the above three awards.
Century Club	Presented to councils who increase their membership at least 100 new members (over their suspensions and withdrawals).

Other State-specific awards are available to all councils, based on entries made to the State Board for each service program (church, community, council, family, and youth). Presentations for "best in State" are made at the State Convention, which is held annually in late spring. Councils may only make one entry per year per service program, even though one individual council may have many worthy activities (in the same service program) to choose from. First place winners have their entries forwarded to Supreme for consideration for the Supreme International Awards. Father Bonner Council has won many State awards since its inception, and has won two international awards. Plaques and certificates recognizing the achievements of the council are available for viewing in the council office and in the display cabinet outside the parish hall.

7.3.2 Individual Awards

Some of the awards that members can be receive are as follows:

VIP Award	The "VIP" (Very Important Proposers) Club is open to any Knight who recruits at least two new members
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(Very Important Proposer)	and reports them to the Supreme Council office. Club members advance through the ranks as they recruit new Knights. To date, 130 Knights have reached the 100-member level; 24 members have reached the 200-member level; three have reached the 300-member level, and three members have reached the 400-member level. We now also have three brother Knights at or above the 500-member level.
	Fr. Bonner Council is blessed to have one of the 500 member recruiters, Bro. Wally Streit .
Shining Armor Award	New members qualify who within their first year of Knights Of Columbus membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be involved in at least 3 council service programs. • Attend at least 3 council business meetings. • Receive their Second and Third degrees. • Meet with their council's insurance representative. • Recruit at least one new member.
Knight Of The Year	Awarded at the Council, and State levels.
Family Of The Year	Awarded at the Council, State, and Supreme levels.

7.4 Knights Of Columbus Insurance

From the very beginning, a central focus of Father McGivney was the financial security of Knights and their families, especially in the event of the demise of the family breadwinner, hence the creation of the Knights of Columbus Insurance Company. Exclusively for members and their families, Knights of Columbus Insurance ranks in the top five percent of the approximately 2,000 insurance companies throughout North America.* In addition to exceptional financial protection, you'll also get personal service from a trained insurance representative who's a Knight just like you. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE - SECURITY FOR KNIGHTS BY KNIGHTS.**

*Based on total value of assets, as published in the National Underwriter.

Knights of Columbus Insurance sells RRSP's as well as insurance products.

MEMBER BENEFITS

The district deputy should urge councils to promote the availability of the any fraternal benefits, including scholarships available to current and potential members and their families. Among these benefits are:

- The Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit that provides free \$1000 accidental death coverage for all members in good standing (who belong to a council in good standing) and their spouses. This free benefit increases to \$2500 accidental death after 4 years of continual membership in good standing.
- The Orphan Fraternal Benefit that endows an \$80 monthly allotment for orphans of eligible families. Also, up to \$7,000 in college scholarships are available.

- The Family Fraternal Benefit that pays - for eligible families - \$1,500 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days; pays \$750 for the child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception; and offers guaranteed-issue insurance up to \$5,000 for any otherwise uninsurable child under age 18.

Fr. Bonner's Insurance representative is George Balash (438-9102).

7.5 Scholarships

7.5.1 Council Scholarships

Fr. Bonner Council sponsors two scholarships at Louis St. Laurent School, each known as the Caritas Award. One scholarship is for the Junior High program (\$100), and the other for the High School program (\$1000). The award is given to students nominated by the faculty as being the best example of youth demonstrating the qualities of exemplary Christian behavior and school contributions.

7.5.2 State Scholarships

The program provides for 15 scholarships annually in the amount of \$500, with three scholarships available in each of the 5 regions established by the State Council as identified in the state roster. This scholarship program is open to Knights, their children, grandchildren, wives or widows of Alberta/Northwest Territories Knights of Columbus who are in good standing in their councils. This program is meant to supplement and enhance various scholarship programs currently offered at the council level. For further information and application forms, visit <http://www.kofc.ab.ca/member/scholar.htm>.

7.5.3 Supreme Scholarships

The long history of the partnership between the Knights of Columbus and Catholic education dates back to 1904. Over the years the Order has remained a staunch ally of institutions of learning, of parents and of students through a well-developed and well-financed series of undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships. In addition to Supreme Council programs, some state and local councils offer independent scholarship programs.

Canadian Students: If you are entering your first year of university, considering attending a university within Canada and are a member or child of a member, you should apply for a scholarship. Applications are available after October 1st of each year and are to be filed by May 1st, to be considered for the coming school year.

Requests for information or applications, regarding United States and Canadian scholarships, should be directed to:

Director of Scholarship Aid
Knights of Columbus
PO Box 1670
New Haven, CT 06507-0901

(203) 752-4332

Requests can also be sent to: info@kofc.org

7.6 Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. There are more than 83,000 members of the Father McGivney Guild.

The purpose of the Guild is to inspire greater personal holiness and cooperation with God's grace by disseminating information about Father McGivney. "The Guild's goal is to spread the good word about Father McGivney's holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory and to seek his intercession before the throne of God," said Dominican Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, guild director and postulator of Father McGivney's cause for canonization.

The Knights of Columbus founded the Guild in 1997 concurrently with the archdiocesan phase of Father McGivney's cause for canonization. Membership in the Guild, which is free, is open to all individuals and households, but not groups. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July-August, and is sent free to Guild members.¹

7.7 Knights Of Columbus Hockey

From the efforts of Fr. Bonner (the council's namesake), the Knights of Columbus hockey league was created. Originally, the Knights of Columbus in Edmonton subsidized the league, mainly through the proceeds received from hosting bingos in the downtown Knights Of Columbus hall.

As the league grew in prosperity, as well as bingo revenues dissipating, the hockey program became more independent, and is an autonomous organization that is related to the Knights Of Columbus by name and history, rather than by any administration or active membership involvement.

7.8 Columbian Choirs

A choir program was started over 35 years ago, which eventually at its peak, comprised 7 choirs. The Knights of Columbus in Edmonton was the primary benefactor of the choir program, hence the name Columbian Choirs.

Today, the organization is relatively autonomous, but still gets active support from the Knights of Columbus, and the choirs often perform at Knight functions.

¹ The Life And Legacy Of Fr. Michael J. McGivney. **Guild Activities and News**, 2004, The Knights Of Columbus, www.fathermcgivney.org

7.9 Relevant Websites

www.fathermcgivney.org	Fr. McGivney Website
www.kofc.org	Supreme Council Website
www.kofc.ab.ca	State Council Website
www.kofc7599.org	Council Website

7.10 Annual State Events

The following events are hosted annually, and are advertised state-wide inviting all members and councils to participate. Each year, a different council hosts one of these events. Fr. Bonner most recently hosted the State curling bonspiel in March 2000.

- State Basketball Free-throw
- State Curling Bonspiel
- State Golf Tournament
- State Hockey Tournament
- State Slow-pitch Tournament
- State Family Campout
- State Respect Life Oratorical

8. LOGOS OF THE ORDER



Third Degree



Fourth Degree



College Council



Squires



Squirettes



Fr. McGivney Guild



Insurance
Agency

9. COUNCIL JEWELS



The Grand Knight – The Anchor; indicative of Columbus, the Mariner: The Anchor has also been a variant form of the Cross for Centuries.



Chaplain – Isabella Cross in silver and blue. Self-explanatory.



The Deputy Grand Knight – The Compass. Also used by Columbus, the Mariner. (The Knights Of Columbus Compass is known as the Compass of Virtue, its 32 flame-like rays representing the 32 virtues which may be possessed by men.)



The Chancellor – The Isabella Cross, with Skull and Crossbones. The cross is self explanatory while the skull and crossbones are symbolic of man's mortality.



The Recorder – Crossed quills. Symbolic of his responsibilities for letter and document (records) writing and preservation.



The Financial Secretary – Crossed key and quill. The key as always been associated with an officer concerned with money, safe-keeping and secrecy. The quill is the symbol of a "scribe" – a record keeper – one who writes letters, documents, etc.



The Treasurer – Crossed Keys. Symbolic of his complete authority over funds (money), particularly responsible for its safekeeping.



Lecturer – Lyre and Scroll. These are traditionally symbolic of music and literature and the arts. Hence the lecturer is in charge of entertainment.



The Advocate – The Scroll (legal literature and law) with sword (the power to defend and enforce the law).



The Warden - An axe bound with rods known as faces, traditionally carried by the guards or protectors of Roman magistrates as a symbol of authority. The warden, ideally, has and exercises that authority.



The Inside Guard - Crossed Axes and Key. Key is symbolic of a guardian, secrecy and responsibility for safekeeping and admission. Axe is indicative of authority even to the point of punishment to maintain it. Originally, the axe was symbolic of power over life and death.



The Outside Guard - Crossed Axes and Key. Key is symbolic of a guardian, secrecy and responsibility for safekeeping and admission. Axe is indicative of authority even to the point of punishment to maintain it. Originally, the axe was symbolic of power over life and death.



Trustee – An anchor mounted on an axe bound with rods (fascis) over crossed swords. Symbolizes Columbus, authority and the power to defend and enforce the law.



Emblem Of The Order Dress Jewel – May be worn at any formal Knights of Columbus event by Third and Fourth Degree members.



Columbian Squires Emblem – Letters on the arms of the Maltese Cross represents: “P” – physical development; “I” – intellectual development; “S” – spiritual growth and practice of our faith; and “C” – development of citizenship and civic life. The large letters represent; “C: - Christ; “S” – Squires; and “K” – Knights of Columbus. The Squires motto “Esto Dignus, ‘ is Latin for “Be Worthy”.

Fourth Degree Emblem – The triad emblem of the Fourth Degree features the Dove, the Cross, and the Globe. The Dove – classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and Peace – is shown hovering over the orb of the earth (Globe). Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's Cross – that which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading Knights who battled to regain the Holy Land from the pagans.



Our Honoured Order cherishes as its patron Christopher Columbus.

Christopher – Christ Bearer.

Columbus – Dove of Peace, symbolizing the paraclete.

Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the Union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead – the most Blessed Trinity.

The Globe – God the Father, Creator of the Universe.

The Cross – God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind.

The Dove – God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity.

The Colors of the symbols are:

- A blue Globe with the lands of the Western Hemisphere in white.
- A red Cross with gold borders, and gold knobs at the end of the points forming the ends of the arms of the Cross (also known as the Isabella Cross)
- A white Dove.

Red, white, and blue are the colors of the flag of the country in which are order originated. and are used to stress the basic principle of the Fourth Degree...PATRIOTISM.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EMBLEM - The emblem of the Order dates from the second Supreme Council meeting May 12,1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was then Supreme Knight.

A quick glance at the emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the FormŽe Cross. The shield is that associated with a medieval Knight. The FormŽe Cross is the representation of a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ through which a11 graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This then represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.



Mounted on the shield are three objects: a fasces standing vertically, and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The fasces from Roman days is symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order, while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters, K. of C., it proclaims this specific form of activity.

The red, white and blue in the background of the shield and the foreground of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our country. As such, red is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God and of confidence in the protection of our country. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim and of crucible - tried ideals to be carried out.

But there is another symbolism of color in red, white and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drips of Christ's redemptive blood shed upon Calvary, and of the martyr's blood shed in defense of the faith.

Red then is the symbol of Faith, of belief in Christ, in the Redemption and in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God has for man and the overwhelming affection which the God-man has for each individual. White then is the symbol of Christ-like Charity. Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she wrapped her beloved Son, through Whom came salvation to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

10. PRAYERS OF THE ORDER

10.1 Opening Council Prayer

Christ Jesus, the Way the Truth and the Life,
Teach us to live the charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism required of us as Knights Of Columbus. During this meeting, guide us in our discussions so that we may thoroughly understand the matters in hand. Judge them with knowledge and wisdom and decide upon solutions that will truly give glory to our Father in heaven
Amen.

10.2 Closing Council Prayer

Christ Jesus... You commanded us to love our neighbour as ourselves. Strengthen us now as we leave this meeting. Help us to live our lives as an expression of our love for You and our brothers and sisters. Give us the courage and generosity to act with perseverance. Bless our actions so that our influence is felt within and beyond this Council. Make renewal within the Church and the work of the Knights of Columbus instruments of your love for all mankind.
Amen.

10.3 Vocations Prayer

Through baptism, you invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others. Be with me as I choose each day to show Your presence in Your call. I pray especially for those who serve you as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers. Keep them close to you. Open the minds and hearts of many other men and women that they may accept Your challenge to build the Kingdom.
Amen.

10.4 The Knights Prayer

Bless the Knights Of Columbus. Bless our activities and inspire us to work for the greater glory of God, and the salvation of mankind. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.
Amen.

11. GLOSSARY

Annual Survey	Survey of participation of the membership in service activities. This survey is required by Supreme to establish and continue the status of the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal service organization.
Baldric	A sash worn by 4 th Degree members.
Brother (abbreviation Bro.)	Salutation given members of the 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd Degrees.
Charter	The document/parchment that is provided by the Supreme Council acknowledging the official formation of a new council.
Charter Night	Ceremony/celebration that commemorates the official formation of a new council.
Colour Guard	Members of the 4 th Degree wearing regalia for the purpose of providing official Knights of Columbus public representation at an event such as a parade, wedding, funeral, citizenship court, et cetera.
Fr. McGivney Guild	A guild of Knights of Columbus members whose purpose is to progress the cause for canonization for the Order's founder.
Installation Of Officers	Swearing in ceremony of council and state executive.
Investiture	Swearing in ceremony of the Squire Circle executive.
Major Degree	Ceremony that progresses Brother Knights from being 1 st Degree members to 3 rd Degree members. 2 nd degrees and 3 rd degrees are taken on the same day, hence the term "Major Degree", which promotes members from junior/introductory Knights, to full-fledged members of the Order.
Membership Card	All paid up members are issued a membership card identifying them as a Brother Knight, and the degree they hold. Possession of the Membership Card entitles members to participate in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities in his council and also in councils throughout the world.
Pennies For Heaven	Council – a 50/50 draw where half the proceeds are contributed towards Catholic vocations. State – a collection of funds from all participating councils where proceeds are contributed to Catholic vocations.

Regalia	Special vestments worn by members of the 4 th Degree as part of a Colour Guard. Articles include a gloves, baldric, chapeau, robe, and sword.
Robes	Vestments worn at ceremonials (e.g. - installations and degrees).
Sir Knight (abbreviation S/K)	Salutation given members of the 4 th Degree.
State Convention	Annual convention where representatives of all councils within a state participate to elect the next year's state executive, vote on state resolutions, and present state awards.
Supreme Convention	Annual convention where representatives of all states within the Order participate to elect the next year's supreme executive, vote on order resolutions, and present supreme awards.

12. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The following list of activities and programs are specific to Fr. Bonner Council and have been described in detail earlier in this document. These events **especially require assistance and participation** from new members.

Please **SIGN UP NOW FOR AT LEAST ONE COUNCIL ACTIVITY** so to:

- Become an active member of the council
- Get to know the members of the council, and
- Get something out of the Knights.

Indicate your first, second, and third choices of interest.

GET INVOLVED..... GET TO KNOW YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Marian Mass	The event chairman requires 2 to 3 assistants to help plan, promote, and liaise with the parish on the hosting the event	
Knights Of Columbus Mass	The following positions need more of the membership as volunteers - Eucharistic Ministers - Acolytes - Readers Other non KofC masses require usher assistance such as at Easter and Christmas	

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Basketball Free Throw	Requires 4 volunteers - Duties include request usage of gym time at local schools, and then hosting the event.	
Marian Centre	Approximately every 3 months, Fr. Bonner Council requires a minimal pool of 12 potential participants to prepare and serve food to the inner-city poor on a Saturday morning.	
Parish Pasta Night	The event chairman requires 4 to 6 assistants to help plan the event, setup the hall, prepare food, and cleanup after the event. On the actual date of the event, a team of 20+ volunteers is required.	
Pro Life Committee	This committee monitors pro-life activities within the archdiocese and make recommendations to Council as needed. The committee always welcomes assistants.	
St. Vincent De Paul	This Catholic Society's purpose is to provide direct aid to those who require assistance in many areas. Volunteers may deliver furniture, provide counseling and support, or coordinate volunteer efforts.	
Seniors' Dinner	This pre-Christmas celebration is held the 1 st weekend in December in the parish hall. The event chairman requires 4 to 6 assistants to help plan the event, setup the hall, prepare food, and cleanup after the event. On the actual date of the event, a team of 20+ volunteers is required.	

Thanksgiving Hampers	Three to Five assistants are required to purchase the food, prepare the hampers, and deliver them.	
5K Walk/Run/Roll For Spinal Cord Injuries	<p>Finances - This chairman requires 1 to 2 assistants to manage all the financial the activities (prepare budget, prepare financial statements, complete bank deposits, etc.). On race day, a team of 10 volunteers is required.</p> <p>Receipts Coordinator – preparation, printing, and mailing of all tax receipts.</p> <p>Graphic Design – a committee of two is required to work with the Running Room on designing the race registration form and poster, and volunteer/participant shirts.</p> <p>Registration Director - a committee of 2 is required for coordinating participant data entry, race kit pickup, and draw prize preparation.</p> <p>City Of Edmonton and Community Liaison – a committee of two is required to acquire proper City Of Edmonton, Westbrook community, and Vernon Barford Junior High permits/permissions for the race.</p> <p>Sponsorship Committee – a committee of three is required to pursue and coordinate sponsors.</p> <p>Race Director – the race director and his assistants are responsible for the overall coordination and implementation of the race.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Newsletter Editor	The editor requires 2 to 3 assistants for providing content and mailing of monthly newsletter.	
Website Committee	The committee requires 4 to 5 people to evolve and maintain the council website.	
Charities Appeal	<p>The chairman requires 6 assistants to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assist delivering and returning the demonstration vehicle to/from the malls ▪ Phoning to confirm volunteers, ▪ Booking mall times ▪ Assist with bookkeeping (tracking ticket sales) ▪ Distributing and collecting ticket books from members <p>As well, volunteers are required to sell tickets at specific time slots in the malls.</p>	
Bingo	Approximately 6 times per year, Fr. Bonner Council requires a minimal pool of 50 potential participants to volunteer at the Riviera Bingo hall.	
1st Degree Initiation Team	The team requires 3 more permanent members to assist with the first degree.	
Council	Two assistants are required to produce/distribute the roster as necessary.	

Roster		
Phone Committee	The team requires 10 members to phone the council membership about 2 to 4 times per year, to assist service directors promote council events.	
Annual Awards Night	This June event is held in the parish hall. The event chairman requires 3 to 5 assistants to help plan the event, setup the hall, prepare food, and cleanup after the event. On the actual date of the event, a team of 10+ volunteers are required.	

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Family Activities	This committee of 3 to 5 will decide on what family events will be held during the year.	
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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Activities	The chairman requires 2 to 4 assistants to decide on what youth events could be held during the year. Currently, all of Fr. Bonner's youth activities are covered under the Squires Program which also would benefit from more volunteers.	
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MEMBERSHIP

Membership	The chairman requires 3 assistants to help with recruitment of new members and retention of existing members. Liaising with the Financial Secretary is also required.	
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