



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

AIRDRIE COUNCIL #8045



GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

April/May 2020

We can finally see ourselves emerging from over 2 months of struggles and isolation imposed by the Covid pandemic. I believe we are going to emerge stronger and better as a result. It has forced us to undertake new ways of doing things, a new awareness of our Brothers and Sisters, and appreciation of the freedoms we enjoy. Using Zoom web-based meeting platform we have been able to continue holding our Council meetings and live streaming of masses, which we wouldn't have done during previous times. This has allowed us the ability to reach out to members of our Council and Parish who we previously unable to attend. I foresee us continuing to use platforms as we get back to normal. Supreme also released a new program called "Leave No Neighbor Behind". It was an opportunity for us remember our duty as a Knight. When crisis strikes, we respond with care, compassion and charity.

Council News:

Virtual Live Streaming Mass

Thanks to Brothers Roy Rebeiro and Andrew Hillson for their hard work and dedication of live streaming Sunday masses and Father Julian's weekly Youtube spiritual reflections to our Parish community.

AIRDRIE COLUMBUS SOCIETY:

First draw for the 2020 Dream Vacation was held on Sunday April 5. This year we sold 465 tickets which should result in a profit of roughly \$20,000 for our Council donation budget. Thanks to everyone who participated by buying a ticket. Congratulations to Amy Ramler and Debbie Milburn who were the big \$2500 winners of the April and May draws. Reminder that our Store Card sales continue during the shut down. Cards can still be purchased Tuesdays from 9:00am-Noon, Thursdays from 7:00-9:00pm and Saturdays from 9:00-11:00am.

2020 State Convention

The 2020S State Convention was held virtually this year on Saturday May 9. State Deputy Vince Reyes, State Secretary Gaston Launiere, State Treasurer John Onyskiw, State Advocate Andy Soshalski, and State Warden Rufus Awharitoma were all re-elected to Sate Executive. Our Council received top award for our Newsletter. Other winners from our District were Ascension Council State top Fraternal Council, and GK Joby Kanattu from Syri Malabar Council as 1st Runner Up Grand Knight of the Year.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

- April – Bro Michael Gouin
- May – Bro Roy Rebeiro & Bro Andrew Hillson

FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

- April – Bro Michael and Paulette Curtis
- May – Front Line Workers

RECRUITMENT:

Supreme has been conducting Online Exemplifications during the Covid pandemic. It has been allowing Brother to complete their 1st, 2nd, & 3rd degrees from home in only 30mins. Congratulation to **Brother Francis Tymchuk** who completed his 2nd and 3rd Degree. We would encourage more Brothers to take this opportunity as well to completed their Knighthood degree.

Supreme has also reduced Council membership quotas by 50%, revising our membership quota to 8. We have already surpassed this by recruiting 12 new Brothers this year.

40 CANS FOR LENT:

Through the cooperation of our Schools and the Parish, we raised the equivalent of **9,373lbs** or equivalency of **\$24,369** of food for our local Food Bank in only three short weeks. This far exceeded our goal of 4000lbs. Over the four



years of our 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive we have been able to raise a staggering **32,348lbs** of food for the **Airdrie Food Bank**. In addition, Our Assembly contributed **270lbs and \$930** to the **Veterans Food Bank**. Thanks to Bro. Wayne MacGillvary and FN Peter Schill for your hard work organizing the drives.

DONATIONS:

- \$1,500 Our Lady Queen Peace School
- \$1,500 St Veronica School
- \$1,500 Good Shepard School
- \$1,500 St Martin dePorres School
- \$500 Tom Baker Cancer Center
- \$5400 Dollars St Paul's Church Building Fund

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 30 Benefits Seminar
- June 1 Zoom Online Council Meeting (last meeting of this Columbian Year)