

Fraternal Leader Success Planner



March 2018

Dan Heffernan, State Deputy

New Men to the Faith.....

We are entering into another busy time of the year. We prepare for Lent and the Easter season with **RCIA candidates entering into the Catholic faith**. Do you know who they are? Suggest to your Councils that they approach any of the new men joining the Church to procure their interest in helping out their parish by joining the Knights of Columbus. By being Greeters and Ushers at their church; by being welcoming and familiar to them and by being visible in your church community, chances are they will want to join your council.

Further, why not advise Councils to contact local Catholic schools or the Parish Priest, to find out how many 1st communicants there will be and prepare to **give each child a Knights of Columbus Rosary on their special day?**

Take the opportunity to **reach out to the young fathers who attend the 1st Communion** of his child to introduce yourself and perhaps give him some literature on becoming a Knight.

eMembership;

....Now that Ontario has embarked on Supreme's pilot project of **'eMembership' recruitment**, it is easy for men to join. So far 72% of the eMembers who have joined have joined a Council. These are men who want to join but we are missing for some reason, these are men coming to us instead of us going to them.

Remember, **after every church drive in** which you obtained names of men as prospects, be sure to **follow up with those prospects** and have them sign a Form 100. If for some reason they decline to sign at that time, **don't throw away that prospect card, invite them to join in a project or activity put on by your Council**. They gave you their name so there must be some interest – don't throw away a prospect!

Lottery DRAW tickets are now out and available **from Liane at the State Office 1-800-759-0959**. Selling tickets on a vehicle, camper, boat or one of the numerous cash prizes offered is an activity where you can **invite a non-Knight to assist you to sell tickets at the local mall, or Church Hall**.

We have had a slow start due to unforeseen circumstances, but we are optimistic with your urging of Councils and DD's to get involved, we can have a very successful draw this year and help our charities.

Convention: The Convention is scarcely a month away, and we are in the 3rd month of the new year! Urge your Councils to attend and stay at the Delta Marriott where we have an obligation for food and accommodation. The info for reserving rooms is in the Delegate Registration package. Please contact Liane at 1-800-759-0959 for a Package if you have not received one.

NEW for 2018 Convention!!!

1) **Training on “how you can help your Council”** Fri April 20 from 1-4pm

2) **‘Culture of Life’** information session by Alex Schadenberg -Fri April 20 from 1-3:30pm

3) **LADIES ‘Meet ‘n Greet’ - Fri April 20 1:30-3:00pm**

PRIZES for attending

4) **Each Delegate** will have an opportunity **to WIN for their Council**

Prizes can be taken back to your Council to be raffled off for a Council fundraiser in your community.

This year, as an added bonus for attending, each delegate will receive a ballot to enter a draw for 3 prizes – 1st prize is an opportunity for you to win and then raffle off a \$2500 trip to a destination of choice – 2nd prize is the Samsung TV, Soundbar and Blue-Ray player combo -3rd Prize is a Canon G1X camera.

David C. Peters, State Secretary

My dear Brother Knights

The Lenten Season should be a period of “preparation” for us as we await the great feast of Easter. Devotion, penance and sacrifice all come together to help us in our quest to be better Catholics by the time our holiest feast day arrives on Easter Sunday.

Your available time will be limited, I understand, during the weeks of Lent ... what with your personal Lenten commitments, Stations of the Cross, Honor Guards, Council and Assembly functions, etc. ... but never-the-less I ask that you do maintain (and increase) your efforts on behalf of the Knights of Columbus during the month of March.

March, as you are aware, is **one of the two “Membership Drive” months** of our Fraternal Year. As I reminded you in one of my earlier messages, “growing” our Order this Fraternal Year is critical. Hopefully, your pastor, your selected “pulpit presenters” and your Council members are properly prepared to bring the message of the Knights of Columbus to your congregations.

You have heard over-and-over of our desire to have every Council celebrate our **Founder’s Day (March 29th.)** in a prayerful and respectful manner. If you have your Council’s “special celebration” already organized, then God bless you. Please do remember, at all times, to pray for the canonization of our founder, Venerable Father Michael McGivney.

The Diocesan Associations should, at this time, be putting “the final touches” to the **selection process for delegates to the Supreme Convention**. If your delegates have not yet been selected, then I must impress upon you the urgency of the matter. **As soon as you have your delegates’ list in order, then you must advise State Office (and please copy me in case there are any additional duties required) so that all the appropriate “paperwork” can be completed without any delays and confusion. Please have this done no later than April 15, 2018.**

With these items duly advised, then I now have the pleasure of extending to you, my Brothers and to your families, a genuine wish for a gratifying Lenten season culminating in a holy and happy Easter.

May God bless you for all you do on behalf of the Knights of Columbus.

David Gelinis, State Warden

Worthy District Deputies and brothers,

March signals the last month of the 3rd quarter of our fraternal year and with it a reason to evaluate where you are as DD and where your councils are in regard toward many important goals. Are all your parishes or Universities and Colleges with a K of C council? Are you councils likely to achieve Star Council? There is still some time left to accomplish these things before the end of June but action must be taken now with a sense of priority and urgency.

Our annual State Convention is next month and I ask all DDs to relate an important message to all your councils. The meetings of the State convention are conducted in the 3rd section therefore all delegates must be 3rd degree members. There is only one exception and that is for delegates from newly formed councils that are less than one year since our last convention. The guards at the entrance doors of the business chambers will inspect everyone for proper credentials. DDs please ensure that every delegate has their travel membership card and that it is signed by the GK, FS and member. Honorary and Honorary Life plastic membership cards are invalid and these delegates must bring with them the current paper travel membership card.

Bursary season is upon us and the application form is found on our State website. The deadline is May 1st with all documentation received at the State office by this date.

As I reported last month, we have new State miniature flags available for purchase. Download the new SO-50 form in English or French. These flags can be picked up at the convention or shipped directly to the councils. I will ship out the flags in English or French depending on which form you use. There are many uses for these miniature flags besides the initial purpose for the “Deceased members headstone cleaning and prayer” program.

Make the time & Take the time on March 29th for prayer & celebration for Venerable Fr McGivney on Founders Day.

Vivat Jesus,

BJ Harrison, State E Membership Director

Worthy District Deputies and Brothers

On January 16th we launched the new E Membership program here in Ontario. In the first 15 days we recruited 11 new brother knights into the order through this program. Of these 11 brothers 8 identified wishing to join a local council. In the pilot states in America they showed 60% of members joined a local council, our numbers currently show 72% wish to join a local council. The average age of the brothers who joined is 31.

Brothers these numbers show that this program works. With no effort from the councils our order became 11 men stronger and local councils gained 8 young active members.

I ask that you bring these numbers to your local councils and explain to them the benefit of this program as a recruitment tool. Your councils can sign a member without having to wait for an Admission degree and risk losing them due to the wait. Those men who are on the fence about joining, this is for them. It gives them a taste of the knights without a commitment and through the program will lean to our side of the fence and join a local council.

Remember E Members are Members with all the same rights and privileges minus the right to vote and hold office, please treat them as such as they are our brothers. If you or your councils have any questions please feel free to contact me and visit kofc.org/joinus for more information.

God Bless

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Denis Belanger, State Programs Director



Brothers, let's change the conversation!

JF Kennedy once said, **“Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country!”** We need **your leadership** to engage with our pastors, our communities, our youth, and our members. When we reach out to our members, let's change the question to: **“We haven't heard from you in a while. Is there anything we can do to help?”** We might be surprised by the answers.

The world we live in continues to change with the emergence of new technologies and new priorities. As brother knights, we must adapt to these new priorities in order to remain relevant. E-Membership is a new opportunity for us to reach out to men who are interested in becoming knights. Often, some of our new members say the reason they hadn't join before was nobody ever asked them. E-Member now allows them to engage with us directly instead of waiting for someone to ask them. Many jurisdictions are reporting improvements in membership recruiting based on E-Member. Another great way to welcome new members into our Knight's family. <http://www.kofc.org/newjoin/en/index.html>

Our State Convention is coming on April 20-22, please exercise your council's right to participate and make your voice heard. https://ontariokofc.ca/wp-content/uploads/form_S-07_English.pdf Now is also the time to submit your State awards applications: <https://ontariokofc.ca/council-award/> which have to be received by **MARCH 15TH**. Awards give our **members recognition** for the good works they have accomplished and also inspire others to do the same. *Please participate.*

Last month we requested that all councils send in their Fraternal Survey. **Please**, for the remaining 158 Councils it's never too late to send in your 1728 Forms, we really need all of you to participate. Thank you for all that you do to help those less fortunate. Thanks for all that you do,

Mario Duguay, State Council Director

Brother Knights,

We are already at the point in the fraternal year where "Council Awards" should certainly be on your mind. As you all know, the Ontario State Convention will again be held in April this year (Apr. 20-22, 2018), so this in turn dictates that we must also maintain the award submission deadline of Mar. 15th as has been the case for the last two years.

However, before we start getting into all the details of "award submissions", let's just take a moment and ask ourselves the "Why"? Why does a council want to go about making the effort to complete an award application in the first place? -- Well maybe we should step back and fully realize that this is one of the most tangible ways that a council can go about recognizing the hard work and effort that has been undertaken by its members over the course of the past year. The actual award presentation that transpires is certainly an occasion which highlights the council's accomplishment in a manner for everyone to see. However, over and above all of this, is the fact that your peers in the Order rated your undertaking as being at the top of the class. This is certainly something that every member in the council should be proud of as well. This in turn, is a further incentive to continue on with another project of this nature during the fraternal years that follow, and again attempt to achieve this same elevated level of success

You should be thinking about the "Awards Program" right now because you do not have to wait to submit all of your applications in one package, you can forward them periodically as the project or event is completed. Remember to include as much information as possible with your submission,

outlining what your council actually accomplished. Also include photos, newspaper clippings or other tangible documentation to support the undertaking, if these are available.

For a complete list of awards please go to our K. of C. Ontario State Web-site. This can be found at:

<http://www.ontariokofc.ca/>

Then click on "Officers Info"

Then click on "Council Awards" located under "Officers Menu"

On opening the site you will find not only the details of the awards requirements, but you will also see a link to the actual award application itself. The application can then be downloaded in hard copy format.

I look forward to receiving as many applications this year as you are able to forward my way. In turn I wish each and every one of you great success in your pursuit of the potential council recognition.



The Power of 1

"1 Member, per Council, per Month"

"1 Star Council, per District"

"1 New Council per Diocese"

"1 First Degree, per District, per Month"

"1 Verbal Contact, per Member, per Month"

"1 Member, per Program"

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