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— LA FOI EN ACTION —



— FAITH IN ACTION —

A great Fundraising activity for your Council!

Lottery Draw

Shown below is the winning ticket drawn by State Deputy Dan Heffernan at the draw held July 12, 2018 at Carmen's in Hamilton.



State Deputy Dan Heffernan Drawing

Our goal is to have the Tickets out in December 2018 in time for Christmas stocking stuffers.

The prizes are the same as this past year with various prizes including cash prizes – the top winner taking home \$200k.

Advantages to Councils:

- Great return to the Councils for selling these tickets
- 2017-2018 fraternal year - returned to Councils 22% of gross sales approx. \$163K
- Promotes KofC in your Community and across Province
- Evangelizes

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\$200k winner Giselle Lafrance from Cumberland, with Council 11500. In attendance SD Dan Heffernan, TMW Ben Ho, area District Deputies, 4th Degree Sir Knights, Council members, and DD42 Marcel Lachance who sold the winning ticket.



8th Prize winner -Christina Agcaoili presented with \$10,000 by SS David Peters. In attendance SK Anthony Carvalho, and SK Villamor Medina



4th Prize 2018 Lowe FM 160 Boat, Mercury 50 hp motor (value \$24,803.50) Won by Cathy Hutchinson, Dryden to purchased ticket from Council 5144 Presented by Grand Knight Vincent Skillen with State Deputy Dan Heffernan





Putting Our Faith Into Action

Dan Heffernan State Deputy

We have the wrong idea that only hunger for bread is hunger. There is a much greater hunger: hunger for love, for the feeling of being wanted, to be somebody to somebody. – St Teresa of Kolkata.



Study this ICON – How does Our Blessed Lady speak to you? To me, St Teresa of Kolkata’s comment about needing to feel wanted is universal and ties into our ICON which is travelling throughout Ontario this fraternal year 2018-2019.

It is a reminder of our Christian Brothers and Sisters who gave up this life to spread the message of Love and the Lord in our world.

It is also a reminder of what is happening in the Middle East today, many people have undergone much adversity and death; being displaced, living in refugee camps, enduring unimaginable hardship and insecurity.

When the ICON comes to your District, please make every effort to display it in your Church (with your Pastor’s permission) to members and fellow parishioners. A guide book accompanies it.

As I said, everyday we hear tragedies throughout the world. We cannot solve the problems, but we can show our Faith by putting it into Action.

Our New Program “**FAITH IN ACTION**” replaces our former Surge with Service Program. All the Programs are listed in the new booklet. Some are NEW Programs, but many are the same as previous. Any questions, check with the Director of that Program noted below:

“**FAITH IN ACTION**” exclaims that we Knights are 1st and foremost, **Men of Faith**. We show our Faith in the works (service) that we do.

- This is an exciting new Program with 4 Pillars;
- **COMMUNITY** – Many programs such as hockey, soccer etc. are still included in the new structure. We have decided to increase the age categories from age 14 to 17 years for the Basketball Free-throw which means that high school age youth can be part of the Program.



- *Community Director* – Earle DePass, earfran@cogeco.ca , 613-363-8884

- **LIFE** – A host of great Programs are available for your Council to show they are Pro-Life. Look in the booklet and determine which Council activity is feasible.



- *Life Director* – Alex Schadenberg, alexschadenberg@on.aibn.com, 519-851-1434

- **FAITH** – Young members are looking to the KofC to strengthen their spiritual life. This can easily be accomplished through the FAITH programs. The spiritual aspect demonstrates that the KofC are focused on the soul and heart on the individual, in conjunction to service to one’s neighbours Engaging in this spirituality in your parish will draw in more members and gives you an opportunity to;



- 1) share activities & beliefs with fellow Brother Knights and their families
- 2) draws you closer to your Parish priest
- 3) interact with fellow parishioners
- 4) evangelize in your community through witness
- 5) strengthen your own Catholicity

- *Faith Director* – Robert Bentley, bentleyrobert@gmail.com , 416-200-1001



Dan Heffernan

State Deputy

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FAMILY is important - In our fast-paced Society, with young parents having little time with their children, invite families to attend all the activities possible – spouses, children, grandparents.



Our children are our future members, and Society leaders – lets show them that they have a role to play in our KofC family.

Family Director – David Gelinas,
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For councils to achieve the coveted STAR COUNCIL AWARD they only need 16 programs as compared to the 24 programs they needed previously. This will make it easier for your Council to achieve Star Council.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

– I recently returned from the State Deputies' meeting in Houston, Texas, and the report that I was shown regarding the Councils who are compliant and non-compliant is sobering indeed.



Brothers, this is our children, our youth, our elderly and vulnerable of our Society that we are protecting. We should not be resisting getting compliant.

Would you let your child or grandchild play on a hockey team or any sports team or be taught in a classroom by a teacher who was not compliant with the safe environment policies of those organizations?

I understand from the arguments that I have heard that some of our members feel that it is not necessary since they have already undergone volunteer screening as a teacher or coach of some manner in their employment.

Unfortunately, volunteer screening records are proprietary and belong to the organization that performs

the screening and cannot be shared. So please brothers, if you are in one of the positions that requires you to become compliant, please do so.

If you do not you will be the stumbling block that prevents your Council from obtaining any Awards including Star Council and the Columbian Award.

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES - The Squires Program is continuing in Ontario under State Director Narciso Rodrigues statedirector@ontariosquires.com, and Squires Liaison Bruce Poulin bpoulin62@gmail.com.



St Joseph's Squires-Acton assist at Bishop Crosby's Charity Dinner on Oct 28 by carrying the ICONS of Our Lady of Help, Persecuted Christians, and Our Lady of Guadalupe (to whom I dedicated my term of office).

Who are the Knights of Columbus, and the CWL organizations?

Have you ever asked children this question? The Catholic School Trustee Association invited myself as the State Deputy along with the President of CWL to a meeting and the purpose of the meeting was to ask us to partner with them in a Program launched this year asking all Catholic schools in Ontario to compete in a video contest where students at the schools are to produce a 2min video describing a project where the school and the Knights of Columbus worked hand in hand.



This could be breakfast club, basketball free-throw, substance abuse contest, keeping Christ in Christmas or any other similar program. They were asking me to support this initiative and to encourage the Councils to participate. This is an excellent opportunity for us to showcase what we do with the schools.

Each School may produce several videos so be ready and eager when asked to participate.





Mettre notre Foi en Action

Dan Heffernan Député d'État

Nous avons la fausse idée que seule la faim pour le pain est la faim. Il y a une faim bien plus grande: faim pour l'amour, sentiment d'être désiré, être quelqu'un pour quelqu'un.
- Sainte Thérèse de Calcutta



Etudiez cette icône - Comment Notre Sainte Dame vous parle-t-elle? Pour moi, le commentaire de Sainte Thérèse de Calcutta sur le besoin de se sentir désiré est universel et rejoint notre icône qui sillonne l'Ontario en cette année fraternelle 2018-2019.

C'est un rappel de nos frères et sœurs chrétiens qui ont donné cette vie pour répandre le message de l'amour et du Seigneur dans notre monde.

C'est aussi un rappel de ce qui se passe au Moyen-Orient aujourd'hui: de nombreuses personnes ont été confrontées à de nombreuses épreuves et à la mort; être déplacé, vivre dans des camps de réfugiés, endurer des difficultés et une insécurité inimaginables.

Lorsque l'ICÔNE arrivera dans votre District, n'hésitez pas à l'afficher dans votre église (avec l'autorisation de votre pasteur) aux membres et aux paroissiens. Un manuel d'instruction l'accompagne.

Comme je l'ai dit, chaque jour nous entendons parler des tragédies dans le monde entier. Nous ne pouvons pas résoudre les problèmes, mais nous pouvons montrer notre Foi en la mettant en Action.

Notre nouveau programme "FOI EN ACTION" remplace notre ancien programme S'Élever en Servant. Tous les programmes sont répertoriés dans le nouveau livret. Certains sont de nouveaux programmes, mais beaucoup sont les mêmes que les précédents. Si vous avez des questions, adressez-vous au directeur de ce programme mentionné ci-dessous:

"FOI EN ACTION" spécifie que nous, Chevaliers, sommes avant tout des hommes de foi. Nous montrons notre foi dans

- les travaux (services) que nous faisons.
- Ceci est un nouveau programme passionnant avec 4 piliers;
- **COMMUNAUTÉ** - De nombreux programmes tels que le hockey, le soccer, etc. sont toujours inclus dans la nouvelle structure. Nous avons décidé d'augmenter les catégories d'âges pour le lancer libre de basket-ball de 14 à 17 ans, ce qui signifie que les jeunes du secondaire peuvent faire partie du programme.



• *Directeur communautaire* - Earle DePass,
earfran@cogeco.ca 613-363-8884

• **VIE** - Une multitude d'excellents programmes sont à la disposition de votre Conseil pour montrer qu'ils sont Pro-vie. Regardez dans la brochure et déterminez quelle activité du Conseil est réalisable.



• *Directeur pour la Vie* - Alex Schadenberg,
alexschadenberg@on.aibn.com 519-851-1434

• **LA FOI** - Les jeunes membres comptent sur les C de C pour renforcer leur vie spirituelle. Ceci peut facilement être accompli à travers les programmes de la Foi. L'aspect spirituel montre que les C de C se concentrent sur l'âme et le cœur de l'individu, en même temps que le service aux prochains. S'engager dans cette spiritualité dans votre paroisse attirera plus de membres et vous donnera l'occasion :



- 1) de partager des activités et des croyances avec d'autres Frères Chevaliers et leurs familles
- 2) de vous rapprocher de votre curé
- 3) d'interagir avec d'autres paroissiens
- 4) d'évangéliser dans votre communauté par le témoignage
- 5) de renforcer votre propre catholicité

• *Directeur de la foi* - Robert Bentley,
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Dan Heffernan

Député d'État

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LA FAMILLE est importante - Dans notre société en évolution rapide, où les jeunes parents ont peu de temps avec leurs enfants, invitez les familles à assister à toutes les activités possibles - conjoints, enfants, grands-parents.



Nos enfants sont nos futurs membres et dirigeants de la société - montrons-leur qu'ils ont un rôle à jouer dans notre famille des C de C.

Directeur de la famille - David Gelinas,
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Pour que les Conseils réalisent le très convoité Prix du Conseil-Étoile, ils n'ont besoin que de 16 programmes, comparativement à 24 auparavant. Cela facilitera la tâche de votre Conseil pour obtenir le Conseil étoile.

ENVIRONNEMENT SÉCURITAIRE - Je suis récemment revenu de la réunion des Députés d'État à Houston, au Texas, et le rapport qui m'a été présenté concernant les Conseils conformes et non conformes est vraiment dérangeant.



Frères, ce sont nos enfants, nos jeunes, nos personnes âgées et les personnes vulnérables de notre société que nous protégeons. Nous ne devrions pas résister à la conformité.

Laisseriez-vous votre enfant ou petit-enfant jouer pour une équipe de hockey ou une équipe de sport ou encore qui serait enseigné dans une salle de classe par un enseignant qui ne se conformerait pas aux politiques de sécurité de ces organisations?

D'après les arguments que j'ai entendus, certains de nos membres estiment que ce n'est pas nécessaire, car ils ont déjà fait l'objet d'une sélection de bénévoles en tant qu'enseignant ou entraîneur d'une manière ou d'une autre dans leur emploi.

Malheureusement, les dossiers de sélection des volontaires sont exclusifs et appartiennent à l'organisation qui effectue la sélection et ne peuvent pas être partagés. Alors, s'il vous plaît mes Frères, si vous occupez l'un des postes qui vous obligent à vous conformer, veuillez le faire.

• Si vous ne le faites pas, vous serez le bâton dans la roue qui empêchera votre Conseil d'obtenir toutes récompenses, y compris le prix Colombien et peut-être même le Conseil-Étoile.

• **ÉCUYERS COLOMBIENS** - Le programme des Écuyers se poursuit en Ontario sous Narciso Rodrigues, directeur d'État, statedirector@ontariosquires.com et de Bruce Poulin, liaison avec les Écuyers, bpoulin62@gmail.com



• Le 28 octobre, le St Joseph's Squires-Acton a aidé au dîner de charité de l'Évêque Crosby en portant les insignes de Notre Dame de l'Aide perpétuelle, des chrétiens persécutés et de Notre-Dame de la Guadeloupe (à qui j'ai consacré mon mandat).

• **Que sont les organisations des Chevaliers de Colomb et la Ligue des femmes catholiques (LFC)? Avez-vous déjà posé cette question à des enfants?**

• L'Association des conseillers scolaires catholiques m'a invité à participer à une réunion avec la présidente de la LFC. L'objectif de cette réunion était de nous inviter à collaborer avec eux dans le cadre d'un programme lancé cette année, invitant toutes les écoles catholiques de l'Ontario à participer à un concours vidéo où les élèves des écoles doivent produire une vidéo de 2 minutes décrivant un projet où l'école et les Chevaliers de Colomb ont travaillé main dans la main.



• Cela peut être un club de petit-déjeuner, un lancer libre de basket-ball, un concours contre l'abus de substance, Gardons le Christ dans Noël ou tout autre programme similaire. Ils me demandaient de soutenir cette initiative et d'encourager les Conseils à participer. C'est une excellente occasion pour nous de montrer ce que nous faisons en partenariat avec les écoles.

• Chaque école peut produire plusieurs vidéos, alors soyez prêts et désireux de participer.





Bishop Marcel Damphousse

State Chaplain

On behalf of all my brother bishops of Ontario, I wish to thank the Knights of Columbus of Ontario for their ongoing commitment and service to the Catholic Church. Your support is acknowledged and greatly appreciated. Many hours of volunteer work is accomplished by your membership and, needless to say, we would be hurting and strap for human and financial resources if you wouldn't be there. Your generous donation of \$25 000 to the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario at our October plenary is a fine example of how your efforts come to fruition.

At the last Supreme Convention in Baltimore, a new vision focused on revitalization the faith within the Order, gave me renewed energy and hope for the future of the Knights of Columbus. With the introduction of the "Faith in Action" program, we are providing tools and opportunities for men to become better Catholic leaders in their homes and in their communities. The Church absolutely needs faith-filled men who can witness to Christ by word and action. The Knights need to believe they can be difference makers in the Church's efforts of new evangelization. I therefore would like to encourage all Knights to embrace the new "Faith in Action" program.

Pope Francis, in his homily at the conclusion of the Synod of Bishops on Young People, provided us all practical wisdom in light of the Gospel message (the healing of the blind man Bartimaeus). Jesus models to his disciples three fundamental steps on the journey of faith. He said that Jesus models a person who listens, is a neighbour and bears witness. These are important realities of any true encounter. Faith can only grow when these elements are put into practice. May we all be agents that promote an authentic encounter with Jesus Christ in every activity we do.

In conclusion, I wish you all a spirit-filled journey throughout the season of Advent as you prepare yourselves to welcome Jesus, the Prince of Light. To all Knights of Columbus of Ontario and your families, may your Christmas be blessed with His hope and His peace. Welcome with great joy, the gift of heaven made known to us.

Bishop Marcel Damphousse
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie
State Chaplain for Ontario





Mgr Marcel Damphousse

Aumônier d'État

Au nom de tous mes frères évêques de l'Ontario, je désire remercier les Chevaliers de Colomb pour leur fidèle engagement ainsi que les services rendus à l'Église catholique. Votre appui est reconnu et grandement apprécié. D'innombrables heures de bénévolat sont accomplis par vos membres et, il va sans dire, nous serions dans la misère et à court de ressources financières et humaine si vous n'étiez pas là. Votre don généreux de 25 000\$ à l'Assemblée des Évêques catholiques de l'Ontario, lors de la plénière d'octobre dernier, est un bel exemple des fruits de vos efforts.

Au dernier Congrès Suprême tenu à Baltimore, une nouvelle vision basée sur la revitalisation de la foi dans l'Ordre, m'a donnée une nouvelle énergie et de l'espoir pour le futur des Chevaliers de Colomb. Avec l'introduction du nouveau programme « La Foi en Action », l'Ordre nous propose des outils et des occasions pour nos membres de devenir de meilleurs chefs de file catholiques dans leur foyer ainsi que dans leur communauté. L'Église a absolument besoin d'hommes emplis de foi qui peuvent témoigner du Christ en paroles et en actions. Les Chevaliers doivent croire qu'ils peuvent faire une différence dans l'effort de l'Église pour une nouvelle évangélisation. J'aimerais donc encourager tous les Chevaliers à s'impliquer pleinement dans le nouveau programme « La Foi en Action ».

À la conclusion du Synode des évêques sur la jeunesse, le Pape François dans son homélie, nous a fait part de la sagesse pratique de l'Évangile (l'Évangile de Marc sur l'aveugle Bartimée). Jésus explique aux disciples les trois premiers pas essentiels sur le chemin de la foi. Jésus se montre comme une personne qui écoute, comme un voisin qui témoigne. Ces réalités sont importantes dans une vraie rencontre. La foi ne peut que croître quand ces éléments sont mis en pratique. Je souhaite que nous

- soyons tous des agents pour promouvoir la rencontre avec
- Jésus dans chacune de nos activités.
- En conclusion, je vous souhaite tous, d'être emplis de
- l'Esprit-Saint, à l'aube du voyage de l'Avent, en prépara-
- tion pour recevoir notre Sauveur, le Prince de la lumière.
- À tous les Chevaliers de l'Ontario et leurs familles,
- que votre Noël soit béni avec Son espérance et Sa paix.
- Accueillons avec grande joie, le cadeau du ciel tel qu'il
- nous a été présenté.

• **Mgr Marcel Damphousse**
• **Évêque de Sault Ste. Marie**
• **Aumônier d'État de l'Ontario**





*It's a Boy! / It's a Girl!
New life in the family!*

Alain Cayer Immediate Past State Deputy

At a wedding reception, there are many different comments that one may hear, but the major two comments are:

- Congratulations!!!
- When will you get pregnant?

The parents are always more curious on the second question. They are very excited to grow the family; bringing new young life into the family as the grand parents or great grandparents are getting older and will pass away.

Why would I bring this story up?

In the past two months, Ontario State is up and ready to help all councils with their recruitment efforts and unfortunately, we hear different excuses that are disappointing:

- We do not want new members,
- We are happy with what we have,
- We do not want to change,
- Or, we do not need your help.

Brothers, let's be realistic, Ontario loses close to 1,200 members a year to death, and then, with suspensions and withdrawals: this total climbs to 2000. If we do not replace these members with new ones or re-activation, Ontario will continue to shrink and could be in trouble as we all age one more year, every year.

Why do we not want to grow? Why do we not give a chance to someone else to enjoy what we have enjoyed ourselves for many years? Why do we not

- give an opportunity to other families to protect themselves? Why do we not welcome a new brother in your council?
- Join me and welcome many new members for your council, for the good of our Order today! It's a BOY!
- My wife Sheryl joins me in wishing all of you a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year 2019 just around the corner. May the Lord bless you and your family!
- **Alain Cayer**
- **Past State Deputy**
- **Membership Program Consultant**





C'est un garçon! / C'est une fille! Nouvelle vie dans la famille!

Alain Cayer ex-Député d'État

Lors d'une réception de mariage, il y a beaucoup de commentaires différents que l'on peut entendre, mais les deux principaux commentaires sont:

- Toutes nos félicitations!!!
- Quand vas-tu tomber enceinte?

Les parents sont toujours plus curieux sur la deuxième question. Ils sont très enthousiastes à l'idée de faire grandir la famille ; insuffler une nouvelle jeunesse à la famille alors que les grands-parents ou arrière-grands-parents vieillissent et décèdent.

Pourquoi devrais-je parler de cette histoire?

Au cours des deux derniers mois, le Bureau d'État de l'Ontario est prêt à aider tous les Conseils dans leurs efforts de recrutement. Malheureusement, nous entendons différentes excuses qui sont décevantes:

- Nous ne voulons pas de nouveaux membres,
- Nous sommes contents de ce que nous avons,
- Nous ne voulons pas changer,
- Ou, nous n'avons pas besoin de votre aide.

Frères, soyons réalistes! L'Ontario perd près de 1200 membres par an, puis avec des suspensions et des retraits, ce nombre grimpe à 2000. Si nous ne remplaçons pas ces membres par de nouveaux membres ou par une réactivation, l'Ontario continuera à rétrécir et pourrait être en difficulté alors que nous vieillissons tous une année de plus, chaque année.

Pourquoi ne voulons-nous pas grandir? Pourquoi ne donnons-nous pas à quelqu'un d'autre l'occasion

- de profiter de ce que nous avons apprécié depuis de nombreuses années? Pourquoi ne donnons-nous pas l'occasion à d'autres familles de se protéger? Pourquoi n'accueillons-nous pas un nouveau Frère dans notre Conseil?

- Rejoignez-moi et accueillez de nombreux nouveaux membres pour votre Conseil, pour le bien de notre Ordre aujourd'hui! C'est un garçon!

- Mon épouse Sheryl se joint à moi pour vous souhaiter à tous un Joyeux Noël et nos meilleurs vœux pour la Nouvelle Année 2019 qui approche à grands pas. Que le Seigneur vous bénisse, vous et votre famille!

- Vivat Jésus,

- **Alain Cayer**
ex-Député d'État
Directeur régional à la croissance





Arthur Peters

Supreme Director

We are coming to the end of the first half of the fraternal year, and this provides an opportune time to review our Council activity to date. Hopefully your Council has held its first membership drive of the year, and are in the process (if not having done so,) of welcoming these members into the First Degree. When they attend their first meeting, ensure that they are welcomed and introduced to their new Brother Knights – this will help with the retention process!

Your Council will also be receiving (or soon should be,) copies of the new Faith in Action program manual from Supreme. Replacing Surge With Service, the new program is one that will bring us back to our parish roots, and demonstrate that we are in solidarity with our clergy. Copies are being sent for the Council Grand Knight, Program Director, and Chaplain (where there is a Chaplain name on file at Supreme.) I encourage all Councils to meet with their Chaplain's to review the Faith in Action manual in detail, and discuss how the Council can work with the Pastor and parish community to conduct these programs. There are a few opportunities to do so during the Christmas season (Journey to the Inn, Light up for Christ, Christmas Poster Contest, Crèche or Advent wreath blessing,) and this would help the Council to achieve some of the Star Council components.

The Coats for Kids program will soon be under way, with Knights Councils across Ontario distributing winter coats to those who need this basic necessity. This is not only one of the Faith In Action featured programs, but also one of the ways that we as Brother Knights implement the principle of charity in our communities. The upcoming Christmas season will see many Councils participating in food hamper drives and distributions, and in some cases assisting with providing presents for families who may

- not be able to afford to do so. As an organization, we have a lot to be proud of in the ways that we bring the hands of Christ to those in need, and these actions are a significant factor in attracting new members to the Knights of Columbus.

- On behalf of my fiancée Angie and myself, we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- **Arthur Peters**
Supreme Director - Ontario

- **Ceremonials Message**

- There are currently 13 Knighthood Degrees scheduled for the fraternal year, with seven already having taken place. Please visit the Ontario State Council website at www.ontariokofc.ca for the dates and times of upcoming Degrees.

- While we do have Knighthood Degrees schooled, there are few Diocesan Associations that do not have a degree scheduled for this time. I am reaching out to these areas to ask that they schedule a Knighthood Degree in the near future. This provides an opportunity for members who have not achieved this ceremonial to do so.

- The Supreme Office has sent a memo to Knighthood degree teams that the use of robes is being discontinued for the Degree, to be replaced by a ceremonial baldric. This change will be introduced as teams order the new baldric in the upcoming months.





Arthur Peters Directeur Suprême

Nous arrivons à la fin de la première moitié de l'année fraternelle, et ceci nous donne le temps opportun pour revoir jusqu'à date les activités du Conseil. Espérons que votre Conseil a déjà eu son premier recrutement de l'année et que vous êtes en train (si ce n'est pas déjà fait) d'accueillir des membres au Premier Degré. Lorsqu'ils assisteront à leur première réunion, assurez-vous qu'ils soient les bienvenus, en les présentant à leurs nouveaux frères Chevaliers... ceci aidera au processus de conservation.

Votre Conseil devrait recevoir bientôt les copies du nouveau manuel portant sur le programme "Foi en Action" qui remplace l'ancien programme 'S'élever en Servant'. Le nouveau programme en est un qui va nous ramener à nos racines paroissiales et va démontrer que nous sommes solidaires avec notre clergé. Le Grand Chevalier du Conseil, le Directeur des programmes et l'Aumônier (si le nom de l'Aumônier est en filière au Suprême) recevront bientôt leurs copies. J'encourage tous les Conseils à se réunir avec leur Aumônier pour revoir le manuel Foi en Action en détails et aussi discuter comment le Conseil peut travailler avec le curé et la communauté paroissiale pour bien réussir ces nouveaux programmes. Il y a quelques opportunités pour faire cela durant la saison de Noël ('Périples à l'auberge', 'Être Lumière pour Jésus', 'Concours d'affiches de Noël', 'Bénédictio de la crèche ou de la couronne de l'Avent') et ceci aiderait le Conseil à atteindre certaines composantes pour obtenir le 'Conseil-Étoile'.

Le programme 'Manteaux pour les enfants' sera en vigueur bientôt, avec les Conseils de Chevaliers à travers l'Ontario qui distribueront des manteaux d'hiver à ceux et celles qui ont besoin de cette nécessité de base. Ceci n'est pas seulement un des programmes vedette de 'Foi en Action', mais aussi une des façons dont nous, comme Frères Chevaliers, mettons en vigueur le principe de la

- charité dans nos communautés. Avec la saison de Noël qui s'annonce, nous verrons plusieurs Conseils participer aux dons de cadeaux pour le Noël des Enfants et la remise de paniers de nourriture aux familles en besoin dans leur paroisse. Comme organisme, nous avons à être fiers pour les façons par lesquelles nous sommes les "mains du Christ" en aidant ceux et celles dans le besoin. Ces actions sont aussi un facteur significatif pour attirer de nouveaux membres dans l'Ordre des Chevaliers de Colomb.

- Au nom de ma fiancée Angie et moi-même, nous vous souhaitons à vous et à vos familles, un Joyeux Noël et une Bonne Année 2019!

Arthur Peters Directeur Suprême - Ontario

Message portant sur les Cérémonials

- Il y a présentement 13 degrés de la Chevalerie de cédulés pour l'année fraternelle, avec sept qui ont déjà eu lieu. Prière de visiter le site web du Conseil d'État de l'Ontario à : www.ontariokofc.ca pour les dates et les heures des degrés à venir.

- Bien que nous ayons déjà des degrés de la Chevalerie d'enlignés, il y a quelques Associations diocésaines qui n'ont pas de degrés de cédulés présentement. Je prie ces régions de bien vouloir cédule un degré de la Chevalerie sous peu. Ceci donnera la chance aux membres qui n'ont pas atteint ce cérémonial de pouvoir le faire.

- Le Bureau Suprême a envoyé un mémo aux équipes de degrés de la Chevalerie les informant que l'utilisation des 'robes' de cérémonie est discontinuée pour les degrés, pour être remplacés par un baudrier cérémonial. Ce changement sera introduit aussitôt que les équipes commanderont le nouveau baudrier dans les mois à venir.





David Peters State Secretary

My dear Brother Knights,

Every so often, each of us needs a “picker-upper” ... a report which lifts our spirits (in case they are flagging) ... a message conveying a positive outlook and hope for the future ... something which will keep us convinced that what we are doing is for the overall good. It is my hope that this update, advising you of the advancements and successes experienced with my portfolios, will serve as the “spark” for further accomplishments in each of your endeavours this Fraternal Year.

This Fraternal Year, my Brothers, is passing rapidly. At the end of October, we completed one-third of this Fraternal Year ... July, August, September and October! If we are to enjoy the fruits of our labours, we must “keep our shoulders to the wheel” and strive to guide our programs to completion. As St. Thomas Aquinas so wisely advised us, “Your positive action combined with positive thinking will result in success”.

I have been privileged this year to have been given two major portfolios to guide: The Ethnic Councils Development Program and the Diocesan Associations. I am the State Director of the former and the State Liaison Officer of the latter. Each of these came, of course, with unique hurdles which had to be addressed and overcome. Determination and a lot of requested Divine intervention have helped me in my quest to date.

The challenge of establishing “ethnic Councils”... meeting places where Catholic gentlemen can “pool” their ideas and practice their Faith in a manner which is reminiscent of their heritage and background ... has proven to be an enormous benefit to our Order. We, at the State Board, are extremely enthused by the success of this initiative and ask that you keep us informed of all possibilities of increasing our membership via Council

- expansion. The Brothers of these “ethnic Councils” have
- accepted the challenges proposed by our Founder, Fr.
- Michael McGivney, and have shown themselves to be true
- Knights; working tirelessly for the betterment of their
- Brother Knights and their families, for their parishes, for
- the Order, for Holy Mother Church and for the needy of
- society in general. As more ethnic Councils are estab-
- lished and I see the number of Brother Knights constantly
- increase, I have become more and more grateful for the
- opportunity which has been presented to me.

- The importance of our Diocesan Associations cannot be
- over-emphasized. They provide a very important forum
- for keeping our Bishops and priests “in the loop”. We
- must constantly strive to ensure that our clergy ... from
- the parish priests to the Bishops ... are aware of our
- goals and objectives so that they, in partnership with the
- Knights, can introduce and support programs in “Faith
- In Action”.

- A great deal of the responsibility for successful Diocesan
- Associations sits in the laps of the District Deputies.
- I trust that you will all expend whatever energy is
- necessary to make certain that Degree Exemplifications
- are held regularly in your parishes and that appropriate
- Officer Training sessions are organized. If we establish “a
- strong base” ... if our Council Officers are knowledgeable
- and committed; if our clergy stand “shoulder-to-shoulder”
- with us ... then we can be assured of success.

- May God bless you all for the work you do on behalf
- of The Knights of Columbus and grant you and your
- families a holy and happy Christmas and a prosperous
- New Year.

- **David C. Peters**
- **State Secretary**





David Peters

Secrétaire d'État de l'Ontario

Mes chers frères Chevaliers,

De temps en temps, chacun de nous a besoin d'un «sommaire»... d'un rapport qui soulève les esprits (au cas où il se désagrègerait)... d'un message exprimant une perspective positive et un espoir pour l'avenir... ce qui nous gardera convaincus que ce que nous faisons est pour le bien général. J'espère que cette mise à jour, qui vous informera des progrès et des réussites de mes portefeuilles, servira de «déclencheur» pour la réussite de chacun de vos efforts en cette année fraternelle.

Cette année fraternelle, mes frères, se passe rapidement. À la fin octobre, nous avons achevé le tiers de cette année fraternelle: juillet, août, septembre et octobre! Si nous voulons profiter des fruits de notre travail, nous devons «garder nos épaules à la roue» et nous efforcer de guider nos programmes jusqu'à leur achèvement. Comme nous l'a si judicieusement conseillé saint Thomas d'Aquin: «Votre action positive combinée à une pensée positive aboutira au succès».

J'ai eu le privilège cette année de disposer de deux portefeuilles principaux pour guider: le programme de développement des Conseils ethniques et les Associations diocésaines. Je suis le directeur d'État du premier et l'officier de liaison avec le second. Bien entendu, chacun d'entre eux présentait des obstacles uniques qu'il fallait résoudre et surmonter. La détermination et beaucoup d'interventions divines demandées m'ont aidé dans ma quête à ce jour.

Le défi d'établir des «Conseils ethniques»... des lieux de rencontre où les messieurs catholiques peuvent «mettre en commun» leurs idées et pratiquer leur foi d'une manière qui rappelle leur patrimoine et leur passé... s'est avéré être un avantage énorme pour notre Ordre. Au conseil d'administration, nous sommes extrêmement enthousiasmés par le succès de cette initiative et nous vous demandons de nous tenir informés de toutes les possibilités d'augmenter notre effectif grâce à l'élargisse-

- ment du Conseil. Les Frères de ces «Conseils ethniques»
- ont accepté les défis proposés par notre fondateur, le Père
- Michael McGivney, et se sont révélés être de vrais Cheva-
- liers; œuvrant sans relâche pour l'amélioration de leurs
- frères Chevaliers et de leurs familles, de leurs paroisses,
- de l'Ordre, de la Sainte Mère l'Église et des nécessiteux
- de la société, en général. Alors que de plus en plus de
- Conseils ethniques sont établis et que le nombre de frères
- Chevaliers augmente sans cesse, je suis de plus en plus
- reconnaissant des possibilités.

- L'importance de nos Associations diocésaines ne saurait
- être trop soulignée. Ils constituent un forum très import-
- ant pour tenir nos évêques et nos prêtres «au courant».
- Nous devons constamment nous efforcer de faire en
- sorte que nos membres du clergé, des prêtres de paroisse
- aux évêques, soient au courant de nos buts et objectifs
- afin qu'ils puissent, en partenariat avec les Chevaliers,
- introduire et soutenir des programmes dans «La Foi en
- Action».

- Une bonne part de la responsabilité de la réussite des
- Associations diocésaines revient aux Députés de District.
- Je suis convaincu que vous dépenserez tous les efforts
- nécessaires pour vous assurer que des exemples de degrés
- sont organisés régulièrement dans vos paroisses et que
- des sessions appropriées de formation des officiers sont
- organisées. Si nous établissons «une base solide»... si nos
- officiers de Conseil sont compétents et engagés; si notre
- clergé nous épaulent... alors nous pouvons être assurés du
- succès.

- Que Dieu vous bénisse tous pour le travail que vous faites
- au nom des Chevaliers de Colomb et vous accorde, à vous
- et à vos familles, un saint et joyeux Noël et une nouvelle
- année prospère.

David C. Peters
Secrétaire d'État de l'Ontario





Marcel Lemmen State Treasurer

As State Treasurer, my primary responsibility is for the financial health of the State Council. Although the results of the previous Fraternal Year are preliminary at this point, it looks like we were able to stay within our budget, and we may be reporting a modest surplus in receipts over expenses. That being said, in order for us to meet our budget, it is important that councils meet their obligations to pay their per capita fees and other remittances to Ontario State. Annual invoices were sent to the councils in January 2018, and unfortunately, there are still a number of councils that are overdue in paying. I would like to thank the councils that have been prompt in paying their dues and encourage those councils that are overdue to send us theirs as soon as possible.

Our budget for this Fraternal Year will be finalized at our next State Board Meeting and will be published to all of the councils in Ontario by the end of December. A comparison of budget versus actual financials for the previous financial year, as well as the budget for the current financial year, will be included in the State Convention report.

I would like to encourage all of our members to enroll in the Father McGivney Guild. The Guild promotes the cause for canonization of our venerable founder. Father McGivney’s cause for canonization was opened in 1997 by then Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin of Hartford, Connecticut. The Knights of Columbus has established the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild to provide people with information about his life, works and spirituality. If you are interested in joining the Father McGivney Guild, please visit the Father McGivney Web site. As the web site says:

“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. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney’s cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. 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.”

By the time this article is published, we should be well into the Advent Season. On behalf of my wife, Charlene, and daughter, Grace, I would like to wish you and your family a Blessed and Holy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Marcel Lemmen
State Treasurer





Marcel Lemmen Trésorier d'État

En tant que Trésorier d'État, ma responsabilité principale concerne la santé financière du Conseil d'État. Bien que les résultats de l'année fraternelle précédente soient préliminaires à ce stade, il semble que nous ayons pu rester dans les limites de notre budget et que nous puissions enregistrer un modeste excédent de recettes par rapport aux dépenses. Cela étant dit, pour que nous puissions respecter notre budget, il est important que les Conseils s'acquittent de leurs obligations en ce qui concerne le paiement de leurs cotisations et autres envois de fonds à l'État de l'Ontario. Les factures annuelles ont été envoyées aux Conseils en janvier 2018 et, malheureusement, un certain nombre de Conseils sont en retard de paiement. Je tiens à remercier les Conseils qui ont promptement payé leurs contributions et à encourager les Conseils en retard à nous envoyer les leurs le plus rapidement possible.

Notre budget pour cette année fraternelle sera finalisé lors de notre prochaine réunion du conseil d'administration et sera publié à l'intention de tous les Conseils de l'Ontario d'ici la fin décembre. Une comparaison du budget par rapport aux chiffres réels de l'exercice précédent, ainsi que du budget de l'exercice en cours, sera incluse dans le rapport du congrès d'État.

J'encourage tous nos membres à s'inscrire à la guilde du Père McGivney. La guilde promeut la cause de la canonisation de notre vénérable fondateur. La cause de canonisation du Père McGivney fut ouverte en 1997 par l'archevêque de l'époque, Daniel A. Cronin, de Hartford, dans le Connecticut. Les Chevaliers de Colomb ont créé la guilde du Père Michael J. McGivney pour informer la population de sa vie, de ses œuvres et de sa spiritualité. Si vous souhaitez joindre la guilde de l'abbé McGivney, veuillez visiter le site Web de l'abbé McGivney.

Comme le dit le site web:

“La guilde du Père Michael J. McGivney est une source d'informations sur sa vie, ses œuvres et sa spiritualité. La guilde distribue des documents d'information à son sujet, reçoit des rapports sur les faveurs accordées par son intercession et supervise la distribution des reliques. Les membres de la guilde reçoivent des mises à jour régulières sur les progrès de la cause de canonisation de l'abbé McGivney et sont invités à participer à la promotion de la dévotion à ce serviteur de Dieu. Les membres des Chevaliers de Colomb ne sont pas automatiquement membres de la guilde et doivent choisir d'en faire partie. Le bulletin d'information de la guilde du Père Michael J. McGivney est publié tous les deux mois, sauf en juillet-août, et il est envoyé gratuitement aux membres de la guilde.”

Au moment où cet article est publié, nous devrions être bien avancés dans la saison de l'Avent. Au nom de mon épouse Charlene, et de notre fille, Grace, je voudrais vous souhaiter, à vous et à votre famille, un joyeux Noël saint et béni ainsi que mes meilleurs vœux pour le Nouvel

An,

Marcel Lemmen
Trésorier d'État





Bruce Poulin

Ontario State Advocate and Director of Columbian Squires

The New Columbian Squires for Ontario

As we embark on a journey of reassessing the future of the Columbian Squire movement, I have often been asked about the merits of an all-boys Columbian Squires organization as opposed to a youth movement for boys and girls.

There are differences in the way girls and boys learn and interact with each other. The Squires program acknowledges these differences and offers a learning environment

that is responsive to the unique needs of boys. Squire councillors have the flexibility to tailor their teaching to match the way boys learn. They are able to adapt the content, pace and delivery of their programs on boys' strengths, captures their interest, and actively engages them in learning.

The following is a summary of my arguments in favor of maintaining the all-boys aspect of the new Columbian Squires organization that is being considered for Ontario.

The Benefits of the Columbian Squires

The benefits of the Columbian Squires does not come from separating boys from girls, but from the ability of a boys' organization to focus entirely on the development and well-being of boys and young men.

Columbian Squires are able to focus all of their time, resources, attention and energy to the unique needs of boys where co-educational organizations simply cannot. They have the flexibility to customize teaching strategies, programs, and experiences to match boys' interests, challenges and learning styles.

The Boys can focus on their faith

Many boys are more authentic in this environment. When boys join a Columbian Circle, they can ignore stereotypes and develop their spiritual side, focus on learning and exploring; the social aspects of their faith more fully. At a Columbian Circle, time spent

in the Circle is time spent learning. There are no girls to impress. They don't have to worry about being called names (no bullying allowed).

- Squires are involved in promoting vocations, marching in defense of unborn life, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, supporting Special Olympics and promoting Catholic education, among other activities. They also meet new friends; they travel, play sports, and socialize.

The Boys have opportunity

- In a society that seems to be increasingly secular and favouring many other interest groups, young boys lack inspiring role models and appealing presentations of critical post high school education, giving them a competitive edge in their possible career paths. "You cannot be what you cannot see."

- Opportunities for self-exploration and development are built in the Columbia Squires program because boys take on every role: every function on the Squires Circles, every part in the programs, every position for every event. You won't see all the boys doing some things and all the girls doing other things – because the boys do everything.

- There are no preconceived notions about what boys are good at or should be involved in. In short, the Columbian Squires circle is an athletic team, a youth group, a social club, a cultural and civic improvement association, a management training course, a civil rights organization and a spiritual development program all rolled into one specifically tailored for boys.

Conclusion

- In the Columbia Squires program, boys are surrounded by a community of men that reinforces their abilities, value and potential, and fosters a strong sense of self-respect.

- It is an environment where boys have no doubt that their ideas; opinions, talents, strengths, and perseverance are more important and more valuable than absolutely anything else.

- For these reasons, I invite our brother Knights to embrace the Squires program in whatever form it takes all-the while respecting its basic premise of being an all-boys program.

• **Bruce S. Poulin**
 • **Ontario State Advocate and**
 • **Director of Columbian Squires**





Bruce Poulin

Avocat d'État et Directeur pour les Écuyers colombiens

Les nouveaux Écuyers Colombiens pour l'Ontario

Alors que nous entreprenons une étude de réévaluation de l'avenir du mouvement des Écuyers Colombiens, on m'a souvent questionné sur les mérites d'une organisation composée uniquement de garçons colombiens, par opposition à un mouvement de jeunes garçons et filles.

Il existe des différences dans la manière dont les filles et les garçons apprennent et interagissent les uns vis-à-vis les autres. Le programme des Écuyers reconnaît ces différences et offre un environnement d'apprentissage adapté aux besoins uniques des garçons. Les conseillers chez les Écuyers ont la possibilité d'adapter leur enseignement à la manière dont les garçons apprennent. Ils peuvent adapter le contenu, le rythme et la prestation de leurs programmes aux forces des garçons, capter leur intérêt et les impliquer activement dans l'apprentissage.

Ce qui suit est un résumé de mes arguments en faveur du maintien de l'aspect «tous-garçons» de la nouvelle organisation des Écuyers Colombiens envisagée pour l'Ontario.

Les avantages des Écuyers Colombiens

Les bénéfices des Écuyers Colombiens ne proviennent pas de la séparation des garçons et des filles, mais de la capacité d'une organisation de garçons à se concentrer entièrement sur le développement et le bien-être des garçons et des jeunes hommes.

L'organisation des Écuyers Colombiens est en mesure de consacrer tout son temps, ses ressources, son attention et son énergie aux besoins uniques des garçons, là où les organisations mixtes ne le peuvent tout simplement pas. Ils ont la possibilité de personnaliser les stratégies d'enseignement, les programmes et les expériences en fonction des intérêts, des défis et des styles d'apprentissage des garçons.

Les garçons peuvent se concentrer sur leur foi

Beaucoup de garçons sont plus authentiques dans cet environnement. Lorsque les garçons rejoignent un cercle colombien, ils peuvent ignorer les stéréotypes et développer leur côté spirituel, se concentrer sur l'apprentissage et explorer les aspects sociaux de leur foi plus pleinement. Dans un cercle colombien, le temps passé dans le cercle est le temps passé à apprendre. Il n'y a pas de filles à impressionner. Ils n'ont pas à s'inquiéter de se faire appeler des noms (aucune intimidation n'est autorisée).

Les écuyers sont impliqués dans la promotion des vocations, dans la défense de la vie à naître, à nourrir les affamés, à habiller les pauvres,

à soutenir les Jeux olympiques spéciaux et aussi à promouvoir l'éducation catholique, entre autres activités. Ils rencontrent également de nouveaux amis; ils voyagent, font du sport et socialisent.

Les garçons ont des opportunités

Dans une société qui semble être de plus en plus séculière et qui privilégie de nombreux autres groupes d'intérêt, les jeunes garçons manquent trop souvent de modèles inspirants et de présentations attrayantes d'études post-secondaires critiques, leur donnant un avantage concurrentiel dans leur carrière. "Vous ne pouvez pas être ce que vous ne pouvez pas voir."

Le programme des Écuyers Colombiens offre des possibilités d'exploration et de développement, car les garçons assument tous les rôles: chaque fonction des Cercles d'Écuyers, chaque partie des programmes, chaque position pour chaque événement. Vous ne verrez pas tous les garçons faire des choses et les filles faire autre chose - parce que les garçons font tout. Il n'y a pas de notions préconçues sur ce que les garçons sont bons à faire ou dans quoi ils devraient être impliqués.

En bref, le Cercle des Écuyers Colombiens est une équipe sportive, un groupe de jeunes, un club social, une association d'amélioration culturelle et civique, une formation en gestion, un programme de développement spirituel tous mis ensemble et fait spécifiquement pour les garçons.

Conclusion

Dans le programme des Écuyers Colombiens, les garçons sont entourés d'une communauté d'hommes qui renforcent leurs capacités, leurs valeurs et leur potentiel, et favorise un profond sentiment de respect de soi. C'est un environnement où les garçons n'ont aucun doute que leurs idées, opinions, talents, forces et persévérance sont plus importants et plus précieux qu'absolument toutes autres choses.

Pour ces raisons, j'invite nos frères Chevaliers à adopter le programme des Écuyers sous quelque forme que ce soit, tout en respectant son principe de base, soit d'être un programme "tous-garçons".

Bruce S. Poulin
Avocat d'État de l'Ontario et
Directeur pour les Écuyers colombiens





David Gelinus

State Warden and Family Director

State Warden Dec 2018 report

Brothers,

Remember every program can be useful to attract new members to learn what we do as Knights with just a little effort to promote your programs.

Grand Knights, your family and community directors must take the Safe Environment online training and sign the papers Supreme sends them for their background police clearance. Vacancies in any key directors on your 365 will also make your council non-compliant. I urge you to get this important training completed.

Find below the Chairmen reports:

Chairman Denis Keefe:

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

By now you should have ordered your Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest kit. Please make sure the participant entry form #5025 is filled out completely and correctly. Please ensure the posters are the correct size. Last year we had the most beautiful posters, however some were disqualified because they were the wrong size or they were laminated. Also, some of the participant entry forms did not have any scoring on them, these requirements do not come from Ontario State but from Supreme. GKs need to submit a summary form #5023 by January 31st. Please recognize each child with a participant certificate #5028.

The deadlines are District level by January 15th, Regional by January 31st and State by February 15th. Let's make this year the most successful year yet for this worthy program for our youth. God Bless

Chairman Deacon Leonard Tetreault:

CONSECRATION OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Greetings Brother Knights...It gives me great pleasure to introduce a Faith in Action program. As we are nearing the Advent and Christmas Seasons the first thing that usually comes to everyone's mind is time with family. We have with us an opportunity to celebrate on two different aspects the life, love and respect that we share with family.

With the introduction of the CONSECRATION OF THE HOLY FAMILY Prayer, we can take this opportunity to pray as a family as we are praying to the Holy Family. Together this prayer can be a bridge from your family here on earth reaching through to the heavens to our Holy Family. The wonderful take away from this prayer is that it is not exclusive only to your family but can be instituted and celebrated in your parish community.

- If your pastor is willing to assist and help lead the first prayer in your community, this can be your kick off. Then each family can take the prayer cards provided to their own homes and take a few moments to pray together each day as a family. All of the prayer cards are available through Supply Online (Item # 10371). This year the Feast of the Holy Family is on December 30, 2018. So plan ahead now to order your prayer cards, speak to your pastor and introduce this prayer to the membership and members of the congregation. This small step of praying together as a family will help to express our love of the Holy Family and may even begin a new tradition of family prayer or strengthen an already active prayer life in your family. Note: This program is an essential program in the Family pillar on the new SP7 form. Every essential program is required to be performed to qualify for the Columbian and Star Council awards.

Chairman Ron Hutt's report: FAMILY OF THE MONTH

- As we prepare for the new Columbian year, let us not forget that the Order is family oriented. Please consider participating in the "FAMILY OF THE MONTH" program within your Council. Formally present them with the "Family of the Month Certificate (#1843). Do not forget to submit form (#1993A) to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission by the 15th of each month.

Chairman Michael Simpson report: FOOD FOR FAMILIES

- This is a very important and familiar program and our only featured program valued at 2 on the new SP7 form (if minimums are achieved). The rebate form for Food for Families is #10057. At this time, we have 29 councils that have participated in this program for this fraternal year. Christmas season is an important time to help families with hunger, so I encourage every council to participate.

- From all of us in the Family pillar we wish our members and their families a blessed, safe, joyous and Merry Christmas.

Peace.

David Gelinus
State Warden
Family Director





David Gelin

Cérémoniaire d'État et Directeur de la Famille

Rapport du Cérémoniaire d'État décembre 2018

Frères,

Chaque programme peut servir à attirer de nouveaux membres, à leur montrer ce que nous accomplissons comme Chevaliers. Il suffit d'un petit effort supplémentaire pour promouvoir vos programmes.

Grands Chevaliers, vos directeurs de la famille et de la communauté doivent suivre la formation en ligne «Milieu sécuritaire» et signer les documents, envoyés par le Suprême, portant sur les antécédents criminels. Des postes vacants de directeurs dans votre formulaire no.365 rendront votre Conseil non conforme. Je vous incite à suivre cette formation importante.

Vous trouverez ci-dessous les rapports des présidents :

Denis Keefe: NOËL, C'EST LE CHRIST

Vous devriez déjà avoir commandé votre trousse de concours d'affiches. Veuillez-vous assurer que le formulaire no.5025 pour les participants est correctement rempli. Assurez-vous que les affiches respectent les règles prescrites. L'an passé, nous avions les plus belles affiches, mais nous avons dû en rejeter quelques-unes, car elles ne respectaient pas les dimensions ou étaient laminées. Certains formulaires étaient incomplets, car ils leur manquaient une note; cette exigence provient du Suprême.

Les GC doivent soumettre le formulaire no.5023 au plus tard le 31 janvier. Veuillez remercier chaque participant en lui remettant le certificat de participation no.5028.

Les dates butoirs sont le 15 janvier pour le District, le 31 janvier pour le Régional et le 15 février pour l'État. Faisons en sorte que cette année remporte un succès sans précédent pour ce programme louable. Que Dieu vous bénisse!

Diacre Leonard Tetreault:

CONSÉCRATION DE LA SAINTE FAMILLE

Salutations, frères Chevaliers ... C'est avec grand plaisir que je vous présente un programme de La Foi en Action. À l'approche de l'Avent et de Noël, la première chose à laquelle tous pensent est le temps passé en famille. Nous avons l'occasion de célébrer deux différents aspects de la vie, de l'amour et du respect que nous partageons avec la famille.

Grâce à la prière de la CONSÉCRATION DE LA SAINTE FAMILLE, nous avons l'occasion de prier en famille en priant la Sainte Famille. Cette prière peut faire le pont entre notre famille terrestre et la Sainte Famille. Ce qui est merveilleux avec cette prière, c'est qu'elle n'est pas exclusive à votre famille, mais peut être instituée et célébrée dans

- votre paroisse.
- Si votre pasteur veut bien contribuer à réciter cette prière en primeur dans votre communauté, ceci pourrait être votre lancement. Chaque famille pourrait ensuite prendre la carte de prière, l'apporter à la maison et prendre quelques instants chaque jour pour prier en famille. Les cartes de prière sont disponibles via les fournitures en ligne (article 10371).
- Cette année, la fête de la Sainte Famille aura lieu le 30 décembre. Commandez vos cartes de prière maintenant, parlez-en à votre pasteur et présentez cette prière à votre paroisse. Ce petit geste incitera les familles à prier ensemble pour les aider à exprimer leur amour envers la Sainte Famille et pourrait même commencer une nouvelle tradition de prière en famille ou affermir une vie de prière en famille déjà active.
- Note : Ce programme est un programme essentiel pour le pilier Famille du nouveau formulaire SP7. Chaque programme essentiel est requis afin de qualifier pour les prix Colombien et Conseil-Étoile.
- **Ron Hutt : FAMILLE DU MOIS**
- L'Ordre est axé sur la famille. Songez à participer au programme «Famille du mois» au sein de votre Conseil. Présentez-leur formellement le «Certificat de la famille du mois» (article 1843). N'oubliez pas de soumettre le formulaire no.1993A au département des Services fraternels du Conseil Suprême avant le 15 de chaque mois.
- **Michael Simpson : NOURRIR LES FAMILLES**
- Il s'agit d'un important programme très familier et le seul programme-vedette comptant pour deux (2) sur le nouveau formulaire SP7 (si les minimums sont atteints). Le formulaire pour «Nourrir les familles» est le 10057.
- Nous comptons 29 Conseils ayant participé à ce programme durant cette année colombienne. Le temps de Noël est un temps important pour aider les familles qui ont besoin de nourriture. J'encourage donc tous les Conseils à y participer.
- Du pilier de la Famille, nous souhaitons aux membres ainsi qu'à leur famille, un Joyeux Noël béni et sécuritaire.
- Paix

David Gelin
Cérémoniaire d'État et
Directeur de la Famille



The Ontario Knights of Columbus Bursary Program

Winners 2017-2018



Meaghan Elizabeth Baker
Simcoe, Ontario



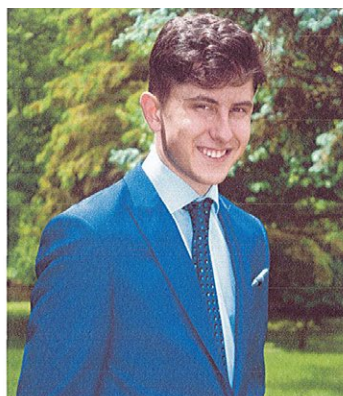
Nicole Vehof
Bright, Ontario



Isabelle Larocque
Glen Robertson, Ontario



Gregory Langdon McFadden
Dresden, Ontario



Matthieu Gauthier
Stittsville, Ontario

Le programme de bourses d'études des Chevaliers de Colomb de l'Ontario
Gagnants 2017-2018



Knights of Columbus

KNIGHTS on BIKES - Ontario

Do you enjoy riding your Motorcycle?

Are you a Knight?

Are you in good standing with the Church?

If so, this is the perfect Program for you to be involved as it puts your Faith 1st while doing something you enjoy



doing – riding your motorbike with ‘like-minded faith-filled’ Knights.

“Knights on Bikes” was formed in the United States in April 2005, and since then, has continued to grow with many new groups not only in the United States and Canada (2012) but also Mexico and the Philippines.

Knights on Bikes

is - **First and Foremost, Knights** who ride Motorcycles, while doing Good Works, in camaraderie with their Brother Knights.

They are identified by their distinctive Vests.

The vest clearly promotes the Knights of Columbus. Who knows, they may be recognized as a 4th Degree Regalia Colour Guard in the future?!

Members of the Knights on Bikes are organized by Diocese from every level within the 3rd and 4th Degree

This is an opportunity to evangelize within the motorcycle community

Recruit new members that happen to be Catholic motorcyclists including Clergy

As they grow in membership, the Ontario Knights on

- Bikes are making a presence at notable events such as:
- Rosary Sunday in Midland, Military Memorial Events, ROCK Ride, Founders Day Parade, Special Olympics, and will be at the State Convention 2019 in Niagara Falls in April.

“Knights on Bikes” is now an official Ontario State Program as of Sept 1, 2018.

- “Knights on Bikes will be the official Escort of transporting the Ontario Silver Rose throughout Ontario in 2019. I am excited that these Catholic gentlemen, we call Knights, are putting their **Faith First**, and are visible in the public. This is what evangelization and membership is all about!” says State Deputy Dan Heffernan.



- For more info - canadianknightsonbikes.ca, Facebook or contact

- Dennis Mailloux, Ontario Knights on Bikes State Director, dd25@ontariokofc.ca
- 705-599-2025 HOME OR
- 705-688-8928 CELL





Bryan Noble

State Membership Director

Brothers,

Have I got a deal for you! At no charge to the council a Brother Knight will travel to your parish & give a pulpit speech during your councils Church Membership Drive; a short testimonial that will help the men of the parish understand why they should join the Knights. These messages are often very personal, moving, & illuminating. They help the wives understand that their husband's membership in the Order will enhance their family's lives; not take away from them. Councils that have already made use of a State Membership Team pulpit announcer have enjoyed great success using the service – provided to you free of charge. All you have to do is contact me at bryan.noble@sympatico.ca & we can begin making arrangements.

But wait! There's more! Occasionally, a council's Church Membership Drive is so successful that the council is unprepared to handle large numbers of prospects. To assist councils with the rest of the membership process Ontario State has a team of Brothers trained as mentors who are available to help guide your council's membership team. We can help you follow up with prospects, organize & conduct an Open House, and help turn prospects into candidates, & candidates into Brothers. If you think you could use the help of a trained Membership Mentor do not hesitate to contact me.

If you don't have the energy today that you had 20yrs ago, then you understand the absolute necessity of recruiting new Brothers into your council. If you've ever felt that your membership has helped someone in need, if you want your council's good works to continue, then you understand the absolute necessity of recruiting new Brothers into your council.

- While there are no bad ways to recruit, the Church
- Membership Drive has proven to be the most consistently
- successful. Approach your Pastor & find a date suitable
- for a Church Drive & an Open House. Then contact me &
- we'll connect you with a member of the State Membership
- Team.

• Vivat Jesus!

• **SK Bryan Noble PGK FDD**

• **ON State – Membership Director**

• **bryan.noble@sympatico.ca**

• **C/ 647-937-6631**

• **H/ 416-286-6631**



You have a successful Church Drive - Now What?

By State Deputy Dan Heffernan

You have several Prospect's names and phone numbers or email addresses – how do you turn these Prospects into members?

The newly formed “**State Prospect to Member**” Team can contribute greatly to your success!

- ✓ Assisting you to set up and put on an Open House
- ✓ Assisting you and **your Insurance Field Agent** to contact the Prospects
- ✓ Assisting you to follow-up on Prospects that do not attend an Open House (meet them after a Mass or in a coffee shop with their family if they prefer)
- ✓ Assisting with Prospects who decide not to join at this time
- ✓ Assisting you to give the Prospect their 1st Degree in the Order

Contact Bryan Noble, State Membership Director bryan.noble@sympatico.ca 647-937-6631 to learn how we can support YOU!

TIP #1: DO Not throw away Prospect cards or SO-36 lists!

Turn PROSPECTS into members by:

- inviting them to a variety of your Council activities – if they enjoy it, they will join eventually
- eMembership in the Order -inform them of this option especially for College/University students or prospects who cannot attend a Council due to work or other commitments



Trained by Alain Cayer, RGD (front -right)

Back – David Gelinias, Marcel Lemmen, Bryan Noble, Peter Scott, Wayne Fink, Bruce Poulin, Anthony Viresi

Front – Denis LaSalle, Alex Schadenberg, Luis Rivera, SD Dan Heffernan, Sean Dunlop, David Peters, Joe Mathews



Times have changed... how can State help you?

By State Deputy Dan Heffernan

Unfortunately, many Councils have not recruited a new member in many years. Their members are aging and uninterested in bringing in new members.

Technology has changed our Society. If we want to appeal to younger men, then we must **change the way we invite them to join us.**

Men are looking for different things these days and travel longer distances to and from work, so **Programs** that involve **time with their family** are attractive.

Men want activities which includes their spouses, children, and even grandparents!

Many Programs in our Faith in Action booklet do not cost a lot of time or money and you can come up with other ideas; such as a 'chili cookoff' – 'Children's Party' – a 'Fun Night'.

We have a New Message ...a group of Knights called "**State Recruiters**" can assist you by; (see photo below)

- Guiding you on hosting an Open House & setting a Date
- Giving the Pulpit Announcement at your Masses
- Giving guidance as to the best way of approaching men to join
- Giving you a list of Prospects and assisting YOU to recruit new members

I encourage you to be a STAR COUNCIL – you cannot achieve this without new membership.

Contact Bryan Noble, State Membership Director bryan.noble@sympatico.ca 647-937-6631 to learn how we can support YOU!

Try It – you have nothing to lose, and everything to gain!



Trained by Alain Cayer - Regional Growth Director

Back -Mike Meady, Michael Hendrycks, Dennis Mailloux, Peter Scott, Robert Ennis- Supreme, Alain Cayer, BJ Harrison, Wayne Fink

Front – Paul Perry RGD, Sean Dunlop, SD Dan Heffernan, Denis Belanger, Joe Bodnar, Harold Marcotte

Absent from photo: Alex Schadenberg & David Gelinas





Denis Bélanger

State Program Director

Worthy Brother Knights,

The New Faith in Action Program gives us, and those we serve, the opportunity to See God in the different events of our lives! It is our Commitment to Grow in Faith and also provide opportunities to Share our Catholic Faith!

The Star council Award should be the ultimate goal for all councils to reach for. Your State team is here to help and guide you to reach this very special achievement.

The Columbian Award Application (SP7) is a requirement to earn the Star Council Award. Also, it is Mandatory that the council has completed all required Safe Environment Training in order to qualify for the Star Council. It also includes the submission of standard 185, 365, annual survey, and bi-annual audit reports.

The new SP7 is now available at:

http://kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/columbian_awardap_p.pdf

COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION Due by June 30th
FAITH PROGRAMS: (RSVP, Into the Breach, Marian Icon Prayer Program, Building the Domestic Church Kiosk, Rosary Program, Holy Hour, kofc.org)

Please download it now and start to fill it in so that you can see how your council programs will get your Columbian Award

You will note that the new SP7 only requires 16 programs versus the previous 24 programs; that means 4 programs per the 4 pillars

Feature programs with minimum participation will qualify for 2 of the required 16.

Please note the Mandatory Programs for each of the 4 Pillars.

- **Faith:**
- Spiritual Reflection Program
- *Day of reflection with Chaplain to grow in our faith*
- **Family:**
- Consecration to the Holy Family Please Ask
- *Parents and parishioners to pray with their family in preparation for the Sunday worked out with your pastor*
- **Community:**
- Helping Hands
- *Getting out there to do the acts of mercy to our brothers in need of our help*
- **Life:**
- Novena for Life
- *9 day Novena promoted by the Knights in union with the parishioners*
- Non-knights participation is encouraged and count as participants for all programs
- Our DDs are ready to help and we ask you to please submit your SP7 forms in April so that Supreme will have enough time to request any clarifications they might need to process it.
- Please reach for the STARS to Serve God as a Knight!
- Your State Program Director,
- **Denis Bélanger**
- **819-962-1883**





Denis LaSalle

Chief Executive Secretary

Worthy Brothers,

It's been a busy year. The office has adopted several recommended changes starting with a brand-new website. If you haven't seen it yet, please take the time to visit "ontariokofc.ca". A few new forms were developed, old ones revamped or updated. This was done to better serve our Councils. Along with the forms a new "Online Payment System" was created. This new payment system will allow individuals and Councils to make donations and pay online. It will also allow those attending the 2019 Ontario State Convention to register and pay online. This new system will soon go live.

For those Councils who haven't yet paid their State per capita dues, please do so as soon as possible. If a Council has questions regarding their per capita, please call or email me, I will be glad to help. Please keep in mind that the State per capita invoicing for the coming year will be mailed out to every Council around January 15, 2019.

We have a large quantity of "Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets." The cost is \$ 30.00 per 10 magnets (an order form for the magnets can be found on our website). To get them on time for the Advent period, order now. It's a beautiful nativity scene, looks great anywhere, nice gift item and don't forget that it counts as an activity in your Faith in Action program.

In the New Year there will be many positive changes implemented:

- The 2019 Ontario State Convention takes place at Sheraton on the Falls Hotel, in Niagara Falls. We encourage our member council families to take advantage of this beautiful setting to actively participate by sending a delegate or a designated representative of your council.

- The 2019 District Deputy Meetings will take place at the Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel.
- The website and its content will continue to be updated and modernized to meet the needs of our brother knights, councils, assemblies as well as our ever evolving society.
- Our office team is prepared to assimilate these new changes and is working very hard to provide the best possible service to our fellow knights and families.

In parting, on behalf of our dedicated staff and volunteers, Liane, Gregory, Anna, Vern and I, please accept our most sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Vivat Jesus,

Denis La Salle,
Chief Executive Secretary
Ontario State Council





Denis LaSalle

Secrétaire-chef de la direction

Vénération Frères,

L'année en cours a été chargée. Le Bureau a adopté plusieurs modifications recommandées en commençant par un nouveau site web. Si vous ne l'avez pas encore vu, s'il vous plaît prenez le temps de visiter "ontariokofc.ca". Quelques nouveaux formulaires ont été développés, les anciens remaniés ou mis à jour. Cela a été fait pour mieux vous servir. Une nouvelle ère débutera avec le nouveau "système de paiement en ligne". Ce nouveau système de paiement permettra aux particuliers et aux conseils de faire des dons et de payer en ligne. Il permettra également aux personnes participant au Congrès d'État de l'Ontario 2019 de s'inscrire et de payer en ligne. Ce nouveau système sera bientôt disponible.

Pour les Conseils qui n'ont pas encore payé leur cotisation pour l'année 2018, veuillez le faire dès que possible. Si un Conseil a des questions concernant son per capita, veuillez m'appeler ou écrivez-moi : je serai heureux de vous aider. Veuillez garder à l'esprit que la facturation per capita pour l'année à venir sera envoyée par la poste à chaque Conseil vers le 15 janvier 2019.

Prenez note que nous avons à vendre une grande quantité d'affichettes magnétiques « Noël c'est le Christ » au coût de \$ 30 pour 10 affichettes. Pour les recevoir à temps pour la période de l'Avent, commandez-les dès maintenant. C'est une belle scène de Nativité, très beau n'importe où, bel article de cadeau et n'oubliez pas que ça compte comme activité dans notre programme La Foi en Action.

Au cours de la nouvelle année, de nombreux changements positifs seront mis en œuvre :

- Le Congrès d'État de l'Ontario 2019 se déroulera à l'hôtel Sheraton on the Falls, à Niagara Falls. Nous encourageons nos familles membres du Conseil d'État à profiter de ce magnifique site et participer activement

- en envoyant un délégué ou un représentant désigné de votre Conseil.

- Les réunions des Députés de District en 2019 se dérouleront à l'hôtel Sheraton Toronto Airport.
- Le nouveau site web et son contenu continueront à être actualisés et modernisés pour répondre aux besoins de nos frères Chevaliers, Conseils, Assemblées ainsi que notre société en constante évolution.
- Notre équipe d'employés du bureau d'État est disposé à assimiler tous ces nouveaux changements et travaille avec diligence pour fournir le meilleur service possible à nos membres Chevaliers et leurs familles.

Et maintenant, au nom de notre personnel et de nos bénévoles dévoués : Liane, Gregory, Anna, Vern et moi, je vous prie d'accepter nos vœux les plus sincères pour un Joyeux Noël et une année emplies de paix et joie.

Vivat Jésus,

Denis La Salle,
Secrétaire-chef de la direction
Conseil d'Etat de l'Ontario



Robert Bentley

State Faith Pillar Director

The Faith Pillar gives you an opportunity to;

- 1) share activities & beliefs with fellow Brother Knights and their families
- 2) draws you closer to your Parish priest
- 3) interact with fellow parishioners
- 4) evangelize in your community through witness
- 5) strengthen your own Catholicity



WHAT ARE THE PROGRAMS?

Where can I receive guidance?

RSVP - Alex Schadenberg

519-851-1434 alexschadenberg@on.aibn.com
RSVP assists seminarians financially with their education

Marion Icon Prayer Chairman - Sean Dunlop

705-868-5699 sean@dunlopfinancialservice.com
“The Our Lady of Help for Persecuted Christians Icon” has been shipped to various points around the Province – Look for it coming to your District.....

Rosary Program – Robert Bentley

416-200-1001 bentleyrobert@rogers.com

Spiritual Reflection Chairman – Deacon Tim Dunlop

705-528-2927 dunlop.tim0@gmail.com

Into the Breach –

Holy Hour –

Sacramental Gifts -

HOW? –

- Discuss with your Council which Programs are achievable. What works in one Council in a metropolitan church will not necessarily work in a small rural area. In dialogue with your Pastor, determine the best Programs for your Council and who will lead it.
- Invite all Parishioners to your Faith events

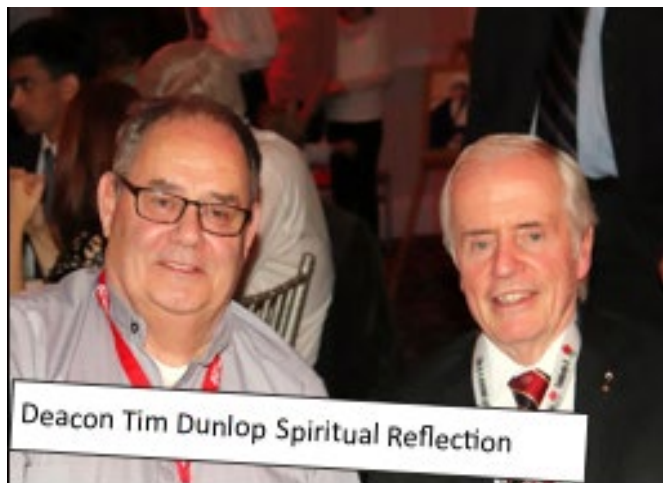
- Be sure to include Families

Use these Programs to strengthen your Faith, AND as a Recruitment Tool to invite more Men to join the great benefits that the KofC provides....

For assistance contact me

416-200-1001 bentleyrobert@rogers.com

I wish you and your family a Very Holy Christmas, and success in your Faith activities and Programs.





BJ Harrison

State E-membership Director

The new eMembership program has been in Ontario for almost a year now. In that time, we have seen great success. As of September 30th, 163 men joined through the e Member program. Approximately 65% of these men are identifying with wishing to join a local Council. However, where we are lacking is actually converting these men into Council members. Our current conversion rate is 11%. This is far lower than it should be.

How can we get our conversion rate up?

In online Member Management, each Grand Knight and Financial Secretary has a Prospect Tab. Within this Tab you will find the names of the eMember associated with your Council. This info is used much like at a Church Drive. With each new Prospect, reach out to them, take them out for a coffee, talk to them about joining your Council. These men have already shown interest in joining. Your effort is half done.

When an eMember Prospect states that they are not ready to join, do not view that as a failure! Go back to him in 3 to 6 months. In the meantime, use his name on a contact list to invite him to your events, and even send him your Monthly Bulletin. With the personal invites to events, seeing what your Council is doing along with the online content, he will convert in time.

Brothers, eMembership is also an excellent Recruitment tool, especially when a Degree is some weeks down the road. It allows them to be part of the Council until such time as they can take their Degree. Similarly, if at a Church Drive you find some men who are not ready to commit to joining your Council, offer 'online' eMembership. Again, these men become your Prospects and future Council Members.

- This program is still in its infancy but has shown amazing progress and results. By us starting to utilize what it has to offer and the continued growth of the program by Supreme, your Council will see its rewards.

- From my family to yours, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- **BJ Harrison**
State E-membership Director





BJ Harrison

State Membership Retention Director

As the first half of our fraternal year draws near its end, it is time to examine our Councils to continue what we have done right and correct any outstanding issues.

With regard to your Council Retention, evaluate:

- If you have seen an increase in attendance at your meetings?
- If you have seen an increase in members at events or volunteering for your events?
- Did your Council recruit new members this year?
- Does your Council have a solid succession plan?

If you answered no to any of these questions, then your Council has a retention problem. Retention is not simply a period when you try to collect dues or attempt to suspend a member. Retention begins the moment you ask someone to join.

Imagine this: there are three posts that support your Council - Retention, Programs, Recruiting. If one of these 3 supports are lacking or missing, this structure will fail.

To retain you need programs. To recruit you need programs. To have programs you need members. To have members you need to retain them.

Brothers, it's a vicious circle but once you get it under control the success is guaranteed.

I have noticed some disturbing things as Retention Director.

I receive names of members who are;

- * dying,
- * in nursing homes
- * 80+ years
- * who have lost their jobs
- * were injured at work and are unable to earn an income
- * and the list goes on

- Brothers, WHY are these men being suspended? These brothers, in these circumstances, define why Father McGivney started the KofC organization. It is our duty as Knights to help those in need and those who are sick and dying.
- I ask you my Brothers, when starting the Retention process, please verify that each member is not sick or injured. If so, they belong on disability, notify Supreme to have their dues waived. In some cases, for the good of the Order, Councils should continue to pay their dues.
- July 1st brought in the new Pilot Retention procedure.
- This procedure was designed to assist Councils through the Process and allow our State to intervene prior to being sent to Supreme.
- This process is quite simple.
- 1) Fill out a SO48 for each member on your Retention list.
- 2) On the SO48, fill out the member info and continue through the process filling in the blanks as required.
- 3) Send all SO48's from your District Deputy to the State Membership Retention Director.
- 4) Along with the SO48, we ask that your Council complete a SO47.
- No matter what you mark on the SO47 it will not stop the process. The SO47 is simply a way for State to assess your Council, to see where we may be able to help you.
- 5) Follow these steps.
- From my family to yours, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- May God bless you all.
- **BJ Harrison**
- **State Membership Retention Director**





Alex Schadenburg

State Life Pillar Director

Life Pillar update

March for Life:

It is a good time to start planning for the National March for Life in Ottawa (May 9, 2018). Our goal is for every district to send a bus to the March for Life. You need to plan by booking a bus now.

For more information contact Brother Kevin Smith, March for Life Chairman at: smoyd@sympatico.ca or 519-835-8287.

Special Olympics:

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the first Special Olympics International Games held in Toronto 1969 the International Youth Games are being celebrated in Toronto, Ontario! I urge you to participate and Spread the Word. The Knights of Columbus have supported Special Olympics from its inception. This is a Good NEWS Story for the Knights of Columbus.

Here are two important events:

Jan 31-Feb 3, 2019
Special Olympics 2019 Winter Provincials in Sault Ste Marie to assist in fundraising/volunteering games

May 14-17, 2019
Special Olympics 2019 International Youth Games.

For more information contact
Brother Joe Mathews, Special Olympics Director
joe.mathews@bell.net or 905-279-5057.

Novena for Life:

Prayer is the most powerful action for cultural change. We should be intentionally praying for respect for human life. The Novena for Life can be done at any time, but in Ontario we have scheduled the Novena for Life from

- Dec 4 – Dec 12, 2018.
- The Novena for Life will also prepare us for the celebration of the birth of Christ.
- Order Prayer for Life Prayer Cards (#4665) through Supplies Online.
- <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/culture-of-life/prayerforlife.pdf>
- **Pro-Life Sunday:**
- We recognize the need to promote the sanctity of human life at all of its stages. In Ontario we are planning our first Pro-Life Sunday for Father’s Day – June 16, 2019.
- We will distribute an information pamphlet that will focus on one important topic. Please ask your pastor for permission to distribute the pamphlet in the parish now.
- You should order the same number of Pro-Life Sunday pamphlets as parish bulletins.
- **Alex Schadenburg**
- **Contact Alex at: 519-851-1434 or alexschadenberg@on.aibn.com**





Jerry Hayes

Communication Director

As the world of technology continues to evolve around us, seemingly on an almost daily basis, our need is dramatically elevated as to why we must find new ways to communicate the many changes and new initiatives that are occurring in our Order. In turn this must be done in a meaningful manner, with not only our existing members, but those potential new members that we wish to attract. This tremendously rapid pace of change that our K. of C. programs are now experiencing has reached a peak that most of us have never previously experienced. Each and every one of these new initiatives has created new opportunities for a variety of new avenues of approach when seeking new recruits within our ranks. New members are now afforded many unique opportunities to become involved in Knight's initiatives that didn't exist as recently as five years ago. How we approach these new prospects in a manner that further enhances our Order's credibility, will in most cases, be the primary ingredient which ensures that we create a presentation that reflects a solid formula for recruitment success.

To start listing the many new endeavours that we as Knights now involve ourselves in would inevitably ensure that many others will inevitably be overlooked. But whether it relates to "Coats for Kids, the Wheelchair Mission, our enhanced involvement with Special Olympics, Food for Families, Habitat for Humanity, Ultrasound Program, and youth sports challenges such as hockey, basketball and soccer, there is no lack of diversity in what a member of the Knight of Columbus can undertake. But also keep in mind that the list continues to expand from here. With these programs mentioned we have only touched the tip of the iceberg as to what being a Knight is all about. How then with such a diversity of possible areas of involvement do we find it so challenging to recruit new members and in turn solidify member retention. It would almost seem that no matter what your life interests you will find a comfortable niche to settle into when joining the Order. Thus, it goes without saying, that it then becomes paramount for councils to ensure that new members are kept fully informed of the wide variety of opportunities available to them that can be pursued.

- However, one of the challenges that I feel may be an encumbrance to many of us is the sheer magnitude of our knowing the many intricacies of what many of these programs actually entails. In preparing this summary today, I quickly came to the realization that I would certainly have to look to others for advice before feeling sufficiently confident to fully explain some of the more finite details of many of these programs to a third party. Beyond that, there may be some of our members who are not even aware that many of these initiatives currently exist. You may have already noticed that I didn't even mention Emembership and the possibilities surrounding this program.

- This now brings us to the point of elevating our communication skills. Although we may not be aware of all that the Order offers, or conversely feel confident in explaining all the details of a given program, we certainly have members who are very qualified to do so. So rather than attempt to venture into an area where we could soon find ourselves in trouble in our attempt to provide specific details of an initiative, why not let the chairman or director responsible for the program fill in all the blanks. In other words, - "don't be afraid to ask for help". Pick up the phone and let him go through some areas where you feel clarification would be beneficial. You can now go back to your target audience with a renewed sense of confidence in making a logical presentation. We as Knights continue to all be a part of a "team effort" which only serves to make us stronger. Take advantage of other members of the Team and in turn strengthen your ability to enhance your own role while moving forward in providing opportunities for others

- In closing, my wife Joan and would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a very Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with abundant opportunities.

- Vivat Jesus

- **Jerry Hayes**
• **Communication Director**





Earle DePass

State Community Director

Please accept very best wishes to you and your families for a blessed Christmas and beautiful 2019 from the State Directors of the Community program, my wife Francine and I.

Soccer - Bro. Peter Scott
(skpetescott.857@gmail.com):

The regional deadline for entries was 11:59 PM on 16 Nov. to the State Soccer Program chair.

If DDs have already submitted due to no regional competition, please ensure your entry includes regional shots actually kicked. Ontario Winners will be announced at the District Deputy Organizational meeting.

Hockey Challenge - Bro. Peter Scott
(skpetescott.857@gmail.com):

As this is a new program input is needed to know how many district, and regional medals are required. GKs ensure your DD knows that you plan on participating. If you have no DD then contact onstatehockey.kofc@gmail.com and let me know your plans. DDs you can sign up for your District Medals at the DD organizational Meeting in December. If you don't register, you can still host a district competition...there simply won't be medals ordered for you.

Volunteers to host a Regional Challenge are welcome. All medals will be hand delivered at the April 2019 State Convention in Niagara Falls. Hockey packages are available in English or French at www.kdknights.ca/ reports and maybe soon again at <http://www.ontariokofc.ca>. Dare to try something new!!!

Wheelchair Program: Francisco Naar PGK; FDD; PFN
(kofcontariofrancisconaar@gmail.com)

Brothers Knights, as we approach the mid-term of the

- fraternal year, it is great to know that many are keeping
- the momentum by making donations to support the
- Program. In February 2018, thanks to your support,
- we delivered a full container of 115 wheelchairs to the
- Dominican Republic. We have decided to make a change
- in the schedule and deliver the wheelchairs for Costa
- Rica in 2019 and Puerto Rico in 2020. To donate please
- download the donation form from the Ontario State
- Council website.
- Your donations also support needs in Ontario. Earlier
- this year wheelchairs were given to two KofC members
- in Ontario. We were able to provide them freedom and
- mobility so they can move around at work, go to doctor's
- appointments and help their families.
- Christmas is a sign of love and a Christmas Wheelchair
- present under the Christmas tree would be a wonderful
- way to show love to someone in need.
- One of the greatest joys of Christmas is having your
- whole family by your side to celebrate it with you. On
- behalf of my wife Benny, my family and I wish you and
- your entire families a blessed Merry Christmas and
- Healthy New Year.
- **Habitat For Humanity - Bro. Stephen Maloney**
- (stephenmaloney@empm.ca):
- A Habitat for Humanity Home Build took place at; 4307
- Locke Lane, Williamsburg on Oct. 6, 2018. My company
- has been awarded a Bronze Sponsorship plaque for 2018
- for our company's involvement, in this year build for
- "Seaway Valley Habitat for Humanity" (aka HfH). This
- award is proudly displayed on our company's wall in
- Cornwall. Please share your Council's related good news
- stories with me.



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Coats for Kids - Bros. Neil Bouvier and Marc Madore

Neil.Bouvier@kofc.org

Marc.Madore@kofc.org:

This program is now in full swing with expectations that orders were placed by Oct. 31, 2018. Bombardieri of Hamilton is our new Canadian supplier. 41 boxes of coats have been requested thus far from various councils. \$8860 was raised from personal donations and during the Ottawa Race weekend.

Basketball Free Throw - Bro. Anthony Viresi

(viresi_kofc@yahoo.com):

A presentation to Brayden Petrella - one of last year's International winners took place in Bowmanville on October 5, 2018. Presentations to Andre Riley (State winner) and Jordan Franklin (International winner) took place at the Bishop MacDonell Catholic Elementary School in Cornwall on October 19, 2018. State Deputy Dan and Director Earle DePass as well as many School Board representatives were present. Another International Free Throw Award presentation is planned for this Friday for Marlorn Edquila at St. John Paul II CHS in Scarborough.

Ontario Substance Abuse Poster Contest:

Jean-Claude Legault

(kofclegault@gmail.com):

- The new 2018-19 Ontario Poster Contest has been
- successfully launched. PDF formats of documentation,
- forms, guides, posters have been sent by email to District
- Deputies and Grand Knights for those who wish to print
- directly. Any council who needs "hard copies" of the
- kit is asked to contact me by email or telephone (905)
- 419 1045. It is not too late to start the contest in your
- schools, now, so that posters can be prepared in the next 2
- months. Your participation is important! A presentation
- for Catherine Misiaszek - one of last year's winners - took
- place on October 5. State Deputy Dan and Director Earle
- - as well as many school board representatives - were
- present.

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Come Celebrate the **50** Anniversary in Toronto!

Increase Membership & Community Engagement

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Special Olympics, few organizations can claim that they were there in the beginning and continue to be active today.

The Knights of Columbus (KofC) have been staunch supporters of Special Olympics from the very first Games in Chicago in 1968. The KofC believe that Special Olympics are nearly unparalleled in their ability to show the intrinsic worth and dignity of every single human being.

The Invitational Special Olympics Youth Games provides an opportunity to connect the past to the present, raising the profile of the KofC. These Games provides a platform that unites, Supreme, State and Local engagement.



50 for 50 Community Celebrations

On March 25th, 2019 Special Olympics Ontario will celebrate the 50th Anniversary by raising the profile of the movement across the province. In association with the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (Law Enforcement Torch Run), KofC and community partners, we plan to raise awareness and funds in the communities.





**INVITATIONAL
YOUTH
GAMES**

Uniting the World

DRAFT AN ATHLETE: \$1,000 per athlete/ team \$10,000

Draft Day is an interactive program that arouses support for Special Olympics by aligning a financial pledge with an individual Special Olympics athlete attending the 2019 Special Olympics Ontario Invitational Youth Games. This is a great way to align council/district support for local athletes.





Joe Mathews Special Olympics Chairman

Brothers,

Special Olympics is celebrating its 50th Anniversary from June 2018 through to July 2019 and the Knights of Columbus will be celebrating a 50 year partnership with this very worthwhile organization.

The Knights of Columbus were there at the beginning of Special Olympics when it was founded in 1968 by Eunice Schreiber, sister to President John F. Kennedy, and Dr Frank Hayden (Canadian).

In Ontario a number of 50th Anniversary events are being planned, including our 2019 Flag Relay for Special Olympics, which will begin on January 7th. There will be 24 flags, in 13 areas across the province, traveling from District to District, for three months. This will culminate with a major Special Olympics public awareness event on March 25th. This event will be occurring in 50 locations throughout the province promoting the Special Olympics Ontario International Invitational Youth Games, which will be held in Toronto from May 14 – 17, 2019.

The Special Olympics Provincial Winter Games will be held in Sault Ste. Marie from January 31st to February 3rd where over a 1,000 athletes, coaches and officials will be participating in six winter sports: Nordic Skiing, Alpine Skiing, Figure Skating, Speed Skating, Curling and Snowshoeing.

Be involved as these Special Olympics events take place:

- Volunteer at the Winter Games in Sault Ste Marie- Feb 2019
- Volunteer 50th Anniversary International Games -Toronto- May 14-17, 2019

Both volunteer and sponsorship opportunities are available and more information can be found on the

- Games website at <http://ssm2019games.com/>.
- Our Adopt-an-Athlete program offers the local Knights the opportunity to “change someone’s life” in their community by sponsoring an athlete to attend a Special Olympics event, such as the International Youth Games or the Provincial Games. This program will help cover the costs of the athlete, such as accommodations, meals and transportation.
- More information on this program and others, including the Flag Relay schedule, can be found on our website at <http://www1.kocflagrelay.com/> or please feel free to contact me.
- Thank you for your support of Special Olympics and may you and your families have a Blessed and Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year 2019.
- God Bless.
- Fraternally,
- **Joe Mathews**
- **Special Olympics Chairman**
- **joe.mathews@bell.net**





Joe Bodnar

State Convention Director

As the 2019 State Convention Director I am happy to say that the Convention Team is hard at work planning for this years State Convention. We will be making many changes to this years Convention so that everyone has a great experience. These are some of the highlighted changes for this years Convention:

New location

- Sheraton on the Falls – Niagara Falls, Ontario
 - On-line hotel room registration (now taking reservations)
 - On-line Membership Convention registration (December 1, 2019)
 - A new planned agenda to include Friday night social time
 - A Saturday night 50's -60's Dance in the Hard Rock Club(exclusive use to the Knights)
 - 4th Degree Exemplification
 - Memorial Chapel and slide show
 - 3 day pre and post Convention room rate guarantee with Free Parking
 - 3 buffet meal package for Saturday (breakfast, lunch and State Awards Banquet)
- Option to purchase official Convention golf or t-shirt

I have been writing monthly articles in the Grand Knights Monthly Planner explaining all these changes. You Council may now go on-line to www.ontariokofc.ca to book your hotel rooms directly with the hotel. There are 3 styles of rooms (Interior, City View and Falls View)

- available so book early to ensure you get your choice of rooms. When pre-booking your rooms you may register all the rooms in your Grand Knights name and change the rooms to your elected delegates at a later date.
- For the Memorial Slide-Show I have asked each Council to submit a name and a PDF photo of each deceased Knight, date of birth and death, Council name and number to my email address jandtbodnar@gmail.com so that we can remember all deceased brother Knights from this fraternal year. The slideshow will be playing during the Convention weekend in the Memorial Chapel and prior to the Saturday evening Mass. If no photo is available please send me the other information so that they may be remembered and prayed for during the weekend. After the Convention the Memorial Slideshow will be added to the Ontario State Board website.
- As we all begin preparing for Advent and the Christmas Season this years State Convention Team wishes you and your families a Merry Christmas and we hope to see you all at this years Convention. The Convention is open to all members in good standing and their families so if you are not an elected delegate representing your Council you may still attend the Convention on your own. We hope that you take this opportunity to experience the many changes we hope to implement to make this years Convention a huge success.
- Vivat Jesus

Joe Bodnar
State Convention Director





Race for Charity

Harold Marcotte State Race for Charity Director



The Toronto Waterfront Marathon held October 21, 2018 officially closes out our first year of our “Race for Charity” program. This new program raised over \$13,500 for three charitable causes (Catholic Missions in Canada, Coats for Kids and Special Olympics). As a huge bonus we introduced the Knights of Columbus to the community at large, reaching out to over 100,000 people who visited our expo booths. The cost of the “Race for Charity” program comes in around \$4,500 with the lion’s share going towards the expenses related to the race expo booths where we did our recruiting and promotional work. Our most successful race weekend for fundraising was the Ottawa Marathon where we raised over \$6,500, enough to buy 225 coats for needy children of Eastern Ontario. What is so amazing about this is that these fabulous results came from only 4 local Ottawa councils. The largest crowds were at the Toronto Waterfront Marathon, where at least 50,000 people visited our Expo Booth, second place goes to the Ottawa Race Weekend with about 40,000 visitors, while the much smaller Mississauga Marathon brought in about 10,000 visitors. I will be recommending that for 2019 we replace the Mississauga Marathon event with the “Canadian Army Run” as an enhancement to the “Race for Charity” portfolio. The Army Run is an annual fundraiser for the “Soldier On”

- and the “Support Our Troops” fund programs that help
- ill and injured soldiers and military families in need.
- I believe these programs are a wonderful reminder of
- the glorious history of our “K of C Catholic Army Huts
- (WW1) and “K of C Canadian Army Huts (WWII)”. The
- Army Run brings in over 20,000 runners and thousands
- more visitors to Ottawa from across Canada and beyond.
- With permission from State Board we will be lining
- up for the 2019 Ottawa Race Weekend - May 26, 2019,
- the Army Run - September 22, 2019 and the Toronto
- Waterfront Marathon - October 20, 2019 - so get on your
- marks and get set for our 2019 “Race for Charity” season.

• **Harold Marcotte**
 • **State Race for Charity Director**





Ray Richer

Helping Our Families Prepare

Tempus fugit memento mori – times flies, remember death.

The phrase, we are told, is to remind us to be conscious of our own mortality and to plan accordingly. As Catholics, we keep death always in the front of our minds because it is the gateway to paradise, but also because we want to be sure that we are preparing accordingly and living just lives, conquering sin and living for God, so that we may live with Him after death.

But death is not always easy to think about. While we live with Christian hope, we know that our death also means sadness and trial for those we love. We know that we will leave a void, and, depending on the circumstances of our own death, we may even leave loose ends.

But by thinking about the unthinkable, and planning for the inevitable, we may be able to reduce those trials and tie up some of those loose ends.

That's why we are excited to introduce the *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook*.

The *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook* is a no-cost tool available from me to you.

The thirty-four page book is a comprehensive planning guide that will enable you to record personal information, identify personal wishes, and supplement legal documents.

With the *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook*, you can:

- List medical information
- Identify your long-term care instructions and wishes
- Identify the location of records, documents, accounts, password, and other important concerns
- Identify charitable gifts
- Supplement your will with instructions and information on the distribution of your estate, as well as information on guardians, executors, and power of attorney
- Express your wishes for your funeral service, including

- identifying readings, lectors, gift bearers, pall bearers, and fraternal or military organization involvement
- - Prepare a Survivors' Action Items and Concerns listing for the settlement of your estate and the execution of your last wishes
- - Establish a list of people to notify
- - Record information on life insurance policies and other benefits
- - Express your wishes for an obituary
- - Write a letter expressing your wishes to your pastor
- The *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook* may not be the most enjoyable workbook you have ever filled out, but may be the most impactful.
- In a fast-paced digital age like ours, there are so many more things to plan for and to record, and so much less time in which to do it. The *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook* is an easy and effective way to gather your thoughts, details, data, and wishes for the benefit of your loved ones.
- This great resource is another extension of our founding mission, set forth by Father Michael J. McGivney, of protecting Catholic families.
- As pointed as it may seem, *tempus fugit memento mori* reminds us that we – with certainty – will die, but that we may very well not – with certainty – know when.
- So why not spend a few minutes preparing for the inevitable?
- You'll have the comfort of knowing that you did the right thing, and the assurance that, when that time does come, you will have made a very difficult time just a little bit easier for the ones you love.
- To get a complimentary copy of the *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook*, contact your agent today.



*Wishing You
and
Your family
a very
Blessed Christmas*

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