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*May you receive the blessings that
come along with the coming of our
Saviour*

Mgr Marcel Damphousse State Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights and families,

The main purpose of the Order of the Knights of Columbus is the support of our families, I would encourage you to read the last apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis entitled *Amoris Laetitia* (The joy of love). This new publication takes into account deliberations of both Roman Synods which were held in Rome in October 2014 and October 2015. Do not be discouraged by its 300 paragraphs. Maybe you have never read this kind of document before or maybe you started reading one and you got discouraged along the way?

My wish with this short message today, is to encourage you to read it, to ignite your curiosity and to convince you of the importance to seriously accept your responsibilities as members of the Knights of Columbus, so that you can get fresh ideas with an official document of the Church which will certainly help you.

The Holy Father has a literary style that clings to reality and he writes with an imaginative language full of images, to help us enter into a theme, very rich and complex, one of love in the family. We know that in today's society, no matter where we find ourselves in the world, the family is put to the test and goes through multiple challenges.

Pope Francis is not afraid of recognizing and saying things as they are (chapter two) but he has a way of telling us the beauty and the wealth of love in the family, whether it is real-life between a couple or whether it is handed down by the parents to their children (chapters three, four and five).

What makes this document original is the pastoral approach which is proposed. It is not a document which issues regulations and condemnations on the numerous irregularities which we find today compared to the proposed ideal. By changing nothing with the doctrine of the Church, our Holy Father proposes an inclusive and merciful approach where we emphasize the supporting of couples going through difficulties, where we help them to discern the correct path to follow all the while recognizing their fragile state (Chapter six – eight).

*These are but a few words to
attempt to summarize the apostolic
Exhortation “The joy of love”.
Wishing you a good reading.*

Mgr Marcel Damphousse
Bishop elect of Sault Ste. Marie
Ontario State Chaplain





*Recevez les bénédictions qui viennent
avec la venue de notre Sauveur*

Mgr Marcel Damphousse Aumônier d'État

Chers frères Chevaliers et familles,

Puisque l'Ordre des Chevaliers de Colomb porte un grand appui auprès de nos familles, puis-je vous encourager à entreprendre la lecture de la dernière Exhortation apostolique du Pape François intitulée *Amoris Laetitia* (La joie de l'amour). Cette nouvelle publication tient compte des délibérations des deux Synodes romains qui se sont tenus à Rome en octobre 2014 et octobre 2015. Ne vous laissez pas découragé par ses 300 paragraphes. Peut-être vous n'avez jamais lu un document de ce genre ou peut-être vous avez commencé à en lire un et vous vous êtes découragés en cours de route?

Mon souhait est de vous encourager avec mon petit message d'aujourd'hui à vous donner le goût d'en faire la lecture, d'attiser votre curiosité et de vous convaincre de l'importance de prendre au sérieux vos responsabilités comme Chevaliers de Colomb et de vous ressourcer auprès d'un document officiel de l'Église qui saura certainement vous aider.

Le Saint Père a un style littéraire qui est très collé à la réalité et il écrit avec un langage imagé pour nous aider à approfondir un thème très riche et complexe, celui de l'amour dans la famille. Nous savons que dans la société d'aujourd'hui, peu importe où nous nous retrouvons dans le monde, la famille est mise à l'épreuve et rencontre des défis multiples.

Le Pape François n'a pas peur de reconnaître et de dire les choses telles qu'elles se présentent (chapitre deux) mais il a aussi la façon de nous dire la beauté et la richesse de l'amour dans la famille, qu'il soit vécu dans un couple ou qu'il soit transmis des parents envers leurs enfants (chapitres trois, quatre et cinq).

Ce qui fait l'originalité de ce document est l'approche pastorale qui est proposée. Il ne s'agit pas d'un document qui émet des règlements et des condamnations vis-à-vis les nombreuses irrégularités que nous pouvons retrouver aujourd'hui comparées à l'idéal proposé. En ne changeant rien à la doctrine de l'Église, le Saint Père propose une approche inclusive et miséricordieuse où on met en valeur l'accompagnement des couples qui vivent des difficultés, où on les aide à discerner la voie à prendre tout en intégrant leur fragilité (chapitres six à huit).

*Voilà en quelques mots un résumé
de l'Exhortation apostolique «
La joie de l'amour ». Je vous en
souhaite une bonne lecture.*

Mgr Marcel Damphousse
Évêque élu de Sault Ste-Marie
Aumônier d'État de l'Ontario



Build the Domestic Church and Strengthen Parish Life

Alain Cayer State Deputy

Brothers,

What a wonderful year 2015-16 has been for the Knights of Columbus in Ontario!

We have made such a difference in your communities that they have started to understand who we are and what we do.

One of the reasons why this change is starting to be noticed is due to the many new ways we perform our Church Drives. The State team along with our MPC Bro. Guy and myself have travelled to every corner of Ontario to help out the councils that requested some assistance with their recruitment. As I am writing this report, we have delivered over 12 presentations which produced more than 30 church drives. We have signed over 380 prospects and of those more than 160 have joined our ranks. The most impressive remarks that we hear are: “we never had such a demand for membership” or “this really works” or better yet, “thank you for this training, we are now better prepared to recruit with what you have shown us”.

Let's remember that we are all brothers working for the same goal; protecting and securing families! Supreme Knight Carl Anderson often quotes, “We have a moral obligation to offer membership to every catholic man”. So what are you doing about it? Are you always looking

for possible members? Supreme is going to publicize this new training program Order wide as early as this fall. They even travelled to our jurisdiction to produce a video with our trainers and soon the world will use this for their success. Why not give it a try too? This training program will help you understand where we are today, what new techniques are now available, and will teach you just how easy it is to recruit. If you believe it's time that we visit your area to help you improve recruitment, please do so. Contact me or Mario Duguay Program Director or Denis Bélanger Membership Director.

Because we have travelled to Barrie, Wasaga Beach, London, Chatham, Hamilton, Arnprior, Toronto, Ottawa, Windsor, Acton, Cornwall, Sault Ste-Marie, Sudbury, and Thunder Bay; why should we not stop in your back yard? Just call us and we will make it happen.

Where do we stand in the Order? On this day, we are 438 new members away from meeting our State quota. This is less than 1 new member per council. It is important to plan a first degree first, then we can recruit to it. With the Supreme convention coming to Ontario this summer, would it not be great if Ontario State attained their membership quota? If you have new prospects ready to join, please put them through the admission degree ASAP, and send electronically the scan of the form 100 to membership@kofc.org or membershiprecord@kofc.org





Build the Domestic Church and Strengthen Parish Life

Alain Cayer State Deputy

I would like to take this opportunity to thank many Knights who have played important roles this fraternal year. First, thank you to the State Board Officers, you have been there by my side supporting my vision for a better Ontario. To my 10 State Directors, and all of my chairmen, when you accepted the challenge to work with me in various portfolios, you truly lead by example and you did work for the betterment of the Order in Ontario.

To my 113 District Deputies, as my official representatives in your districts, you have led your councils well, improving their visibility within their parish and church, giving good advice, and being there for them. To the Grand Knights and all council officers, thank you for your commitment to this wonderful Order that we have, the Knights of Columbus. You are the visible portion that all can see, the helping hands, the ushers at masses, the pancake flippers; whether you participate at 1 activity a year or every time your council has one. You are the reason so many join our ranks.

They see how you enjoy making a difference in other people's lives. This is why we are visible. I must not forget the fourth degree Sir Knights. From the Vice Supreme Master, to Masters, Faithful Navigators and all of your staff of officers, your many honour guards have made impressions to many youth, wives of future Knights. I want to also thank all of our wives for their support. We are often away from home and they stay behind with the kids and house duties.

Thank them! To our General Agents and Field Agents; you are always out there trying to secure families so that if something happens they are protected, thank you. Supreme is dedicated to have every jurisdiction be successful and to better help us, they offer many tools. I do appreciate the support of the Supreme Council and employees for their assistance, more importantly our MPC Guy Precourt, you have been there as a coach, and have never given me a negative comment or advice. I can consider you a good friend and confidant, thank you.

My first fraternal year as State Deputy has been a very busy one. I have enjoyed every minute of it. I would like to thank you for your confidence as you re-elected me for the next fraternal year 2016-17. I do promise to continue to represent you as your faithful leader, and together we can make Ontario better than ever.

To my wife Sheryl and our four daughters, your support and understanding when I was not always home is much appreciated; I love you.

Vivat Jesus

Alain Cayer
State Deputy



Bâtir l'Église domestique et renforcer la vie paroissiale en français

Alain Cayer
Député d'État

Frères,

Quelle merveilleuse année 2015-2016 a été pour nous les Chevaliers de Colomb de l'Ontario!

Nous avons fait tellement une bonne différence dans nos communautés que ceux-ci ont commencé à comprendre qui nous sommes et ce que nous faisons.

Une des raisons pour laquelle ce changement commence à être remarqué, est le résultat des nombreuses et nouvelles façons de conduire nos campagnes de recrutement à l'église. L'équipe d'État avec notre MPC, le Frère Guy, et moi-même, ont voyagé à travers les quatre coins de l'Ontario afin d'aider les Conseils qui demandaient de l'aide avec leur recrutement. Alors que j'écris ce rapport, nous avons donné plus de 12 présentations, ce qui a résulté à plus de 30 campagnes de recrutement dans nos églises. Nous avons inscrit plus de 380 candidats potentiels, et de ceux-ci, plus de 160 ont joint nos rangs. Les remarques les plus impressionnantes que nous entendons sont, « Nous n'avons jamais eu une telle demande pour l'adhésion de nouveaux membres » ou « Ça marche vraiment » ou mieux encore « Merci pour cette formation, nous sommes maintenant mieux préparés pour le recrutement en utilisant ce que vous nous avez montré ». Rappelons-nous que nous sommes tous des Frères travaillant vers le même but, soit de protéger et de sécuriser nos familles! Le Chevalier Suprême Carl Anderson nous répète souvent, «Nous avons l'obligation morale d'offrir à tout homme

catholique de devenir membre des Chevaliers de Colomb ». Alors, qu'en faites-vous? Êtes-vous toujours à la recherche de membres potentiels? Le Bureau Suprême va faire connaître ce nouveau programme de formation à la grandeur de l'Ordre, dès cet automne. Des représentants se sont même rendus dans notre juridiction afin de filmer cette présentation avec nos formateurs et bientôt tous pourrons l'utiliser en vue d'assurer le succès de leur recrutement. Pourquoi ne pas en faire l'essai, vous aussi? Cette formation vous aidera à comprendre où nous en sommes rendus aujourd'hui, quelles nouvelles techniques sont maintenant disponibles et vous montrera comment il est facile de recruter. Si vous croyez qu'il est temps pour nous de visiter votre région et de vous aider à améliorer votre recrutement, n'hésitez pas à nous contacter. Communiquez avec moi ou Mario Duguay, directeur des programmes, ou Denis Bélanger, directeur de l'adhésion des nouveaux membres.

Alors que nous avons voyagé à Barrie, Wasaga Beach, London, Chatham, Arnprior, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, Windsor, Acton, Cornwall, Sault Ste-Marie, Sudbury et Thunder Bay, pourquoi ne pourrions-nous pas nous arrêter chez vous, dans votre coin de province? Vous n'avez qu'à nous contacter et nous rendrons le tout possible.

Où nous situons-nous dans l'Ordre? À ce jour, nous sommes à 438 nouveaux membres d'atteindre notre quota d'État. Ceci est donc à moins de 1 nouveau membre par Conseil. En premier, il est important de planifier la date d'un premier degré et ensuite nous pouvons recruter. Avec le Congrès Suprême qui s'amène en Ontario, cet été, n'y aurait-il pas là une merveilleuse occasion pour faire briller notre juridiction en atteignant notre quota de nouveaux membres? Si vous avez de nouveaux prospects à venir, veuillez les initier au degré d'admission aussitôt que possible





Bâtir l'Église domestique et renforcer la vie paroissiale en français

Alain Cayer Député d'État

et faites parvenir électroniquement vos formulaires 100 à membership@kofc.org ou à membershiprecord@kofc.org. J'aimerais profiter de cette opportunité pour remercier plusieurs Chevaliers qui ont joué d'importants rôles en cette année fraternelle. Premièrement, merci aux officiers du Bureau d'État. Vous avez été à mes côtés supportant ma vision pour un meilleur Ontario. À mes 10 Directeurs d'État et à tous mes Présidents, lorsque vous avez accepté le défi de travailler avec moi dans les différents portefeuilles, vous avez réellement conduit par l'exemple et vous avez travaillé afin de rendre meilleure l'Ordre des Chevaliers de Colomb, en Ontario.

À mes 113 Députés de Districts, à titre de représentants officiels dans vos districts, vous avez bien guidé vos Conseils, améliorant sans cesse la visibilité à l'intérieur de leur paroisse et de l'Église, donnant de bons conseils et en étant là pour eux. Aux Grands Chevaliers et à tous les officiers de Conseils, merci pour votre engagement envers cet Ordre merveilleux qu'est le nôtre, les Chevaliers de Colomb.

Vous êtes la partie visible que tous peuvent voir, les mains toujours prêtes à aider, les placiers aux messes, les artistes de la crêpe, etc., que vous participiez à une activité par année ou à chaque fois que votre Conseil se manifeste. Vous êtes la raison pour laquelle tellement joignent nos rangs. Ils voient à quel point vous aimez faire une différence dans la vie des autres personnes. Voici la raison pour laquelle nous sommes visibles. Je ne peux également pas oublier les Sires Chevaliers du 4^e degré.

Du Vice-maître Suprême, aux Maîtres, aux Fidèles navigateurs ainsi qu'à tous les officiers, vos nombreuses gardes d'honneur ont fait de remarquables impressions sur plusieurs jeunes et épouses de futurs Chevaliers.

J'aimerais aussi remercier toutes nos épouses pour leur appui inconditionnel. Nous sommes souvent éloignés de la maison alors que celles-ci demeurent derrière avec les enfants tout en s'occupant des tâches de la maison. Remerciez-les! À nos Agents généraux et à nos Conseillers fraternels, vous êtes toujours là à offrir de nous aider à sécuriser et protéger nos familles si jamais quelque chose devait arriver. Merci à vous!

Le Suprême a comme priorité le succès de chaque Conseil d'État sous sa juridiction et afin de mieux nous aider il offre plusieurs outils. J'apprécie le support du Conseil Suprême et de ses employés, mais j'apprécie tout particulièrement l'aide de Guy Précourt, notre MPC. Vous avez toujours été là comme guide et vous ne m'avez jamais donné de commentaires ou de conseils négatifs. Je peux vous considérer comme un bon ami et un confident. Merci!

Ma première année fraternelle, à titre de Député d'État, en a été une des plus occupées. Toutefois, j'y ai pris plaisir à chaque minute. Je voudrais vous remercier pour votre confiance alors que vous m'avez élu pour la prochaine année 2016-2017. Je promets de continuer à vous représenter comme votre fidèle dirigeant et ensemble nous pouvons rendre l'Ontario meilleur que jamais.

À mon épouse Sheryl et à nos quatre filles, votre appui et votre compréhension, alors que je ne suis pas toujours à la maison, est vivement apprécié. Je vous aime.

Vivat Jésus!

Alain Cayer
Député d'État



Where are you?

Kevin Daudlin Immediate Past State Deputy

As we finish out this fraternal year and prepare for the next it is the time to evaluate.

*Did you accomplish all of your goals?
Was your council charitable? Did you
conduct enough Admission Degrees?
Did you welcome your Fraternal
Advisor at your meetings and
events? Have all of your members
progressed through all 3 degrees to
the Knighthood Degree?*

If you are unable to answer a resounding yes to all of these questions then we need to evaluate how we can accomplish all of these in the next fraternal year.

It is always good to take stock and look at where we are, where we have been and where we are going. Maybe the makeup of your church and community has changed? Has your council changed and grown with them? It is never too late to change.

As we close out this year and celebrate all of our accomplishments, please take a few minutes with your executive to plan the upcoming year.

Strive to have more admission degrees, strive to ensure your members take the next two degrees and strive to make your council a fixture of charity in your community.

Our goal this year is to ensure our entire membership advance to the Knighthood Degree (3rd Degree).

Therefore we need our districts and councils to host more Formation (2nd) and Knighthood Degrees.

All of the degrees are conducted in such a way that they can be done on any day of the week and in a very timely manner. Please help us achieve our goal.

Congratulations on a successful year and look forward to even a better year to come.

Kevin Daudlin, KCHS
Immediate Past State Deputy





From the State Treasurer's Desk

David Peters State Treasurer

My Brother Knights

Another State Convention has come and gone. It is my sincere hope that all who attended were as enthused as I by the depth of the business discussions and that you have returned to your Council duties with a renewed fervor and a deeper understanding of “the workings” of your State Board.

I am humbled and honored to have been reappointed as your State Treasurer for another term. I thank you for your confidence and support and assure you that I will continue to dedicate myself to ensuring that our State's financial position will be kept on a solid course.

We do have almost one more month, my Brothers, during which we can make certain that our State Lottery will prove to be a noteworthy success.

Please do not delay in contacting me or Bro. Jack Costigan at State Office if you require additional lottery tickets for any upcoming “blitz” you might plan.

As we look toward the end of this Fraternal Year, let us not forget that the Supreme Convention will be held in Ontario this summer.

Many hours of volunteer support will be required from those who live close enough to get involved. From Brothers who will not be in the Toronto area, we will need the most important support of all ... prayers for success.

God bless you all.

David Peters
State Treasurer





Home Corporations

Marcel Lemmen State Advocate

Last month we held the 113th Ontario State Convention at the International Plaza Hotel in Toronto. I was responsible for presenting the resolutions submitted by councils and Ontario State that were debated and voted on by the delegates in attendance.

The day before the convention I met with a Resolutions Committee comprised of eight members from across the province to review the resolutions and make recommendations that would be presented to the delegates the next day. I would like to thank our State Solicitor, Jim Shields, GK Jeremy Cox from Council 9108, GK Knolly Burnham from Council 6052, DD Robert Ricci from Council 8380, DD Doug Randall from Council 13433, FS Peter Loeppky from Council 6777, John Warden from Council 10091, and GK Scott Arnold from Council 9652 for their valuable assistance on the committee.

There were seventeen resolutions in total that were presented to the delegates. The first ten were congratulatory resolutions and all were carried. We conveyed thanks and congratulations to our bishops, priests and Supreme Officers.

We resolved to continue our support for the canonization of our founder, Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney and expressed our joy in the imminent canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa. Also

included in those resolutions was a congratulations to Poland on their tenth anniversary as a jurisdiction in our Order. Councils in Ontario were instrumental in helping Poland get started.

The remaining resolutions provoked considerable debate amongst the delegates. The most contentious resolutions concerned the raising of the per capita charge to councils and a resolution was passed to raise the per capita by \$3.00. Other resolutions that were carried included adopting a program to provide comfort to the dying and encouraging support for the Holy Land.

I enjoyed the process of soliciting, preparing and presenting the resolutions very much and look forward to repeating it in the next fraternal year. Details on the format and deadlines for submitting resolutions will be sent to all councils early in the fall. In the meantime I wish all of our members good and safe summer holidays.

Vivat Jesus!

Marcel Lemmen
State Advocate





It's time to take inventory of a summary of some of our activities

Bruce Poulin State Warden

Brothers;

Allow me to begin by thanking you for granting me another mandate to represent you as your State Warden for the Ontario State Board in the 2016-17 Columbian year. Much like last year I hope to be worthy of your trust and support. That said; allow me to share my reports on my official assigned portfolios.

Squires

Our State Deputy reaffirmed his commitment as well as that of the Board to support the Squires program in Ontario during his address at the Squires Convention in early June. The newly elected executive bodes well for another successful year.

Golf Tournaments

For the golf aficionados, I am pleased to report that there will be two KofC Ontario State Golf tournaments this coming September. Plans are already underway for a Golf tournament in Hamilton on September 17th and another one in Ottawa on September 24th 2016.

More details will follow but we did want to make sure that everyone had a chance to mark their respective calendars in order to participate.

The Fr. McGivney Guild:

Finally, our efforts to generate awareness of the Guild continues with success. With your support, the Pope might elevate him to Sainthood. So let's show our support and register for the guild – which is free!

You can commit by registering at:
www.fathermcgivney.org.

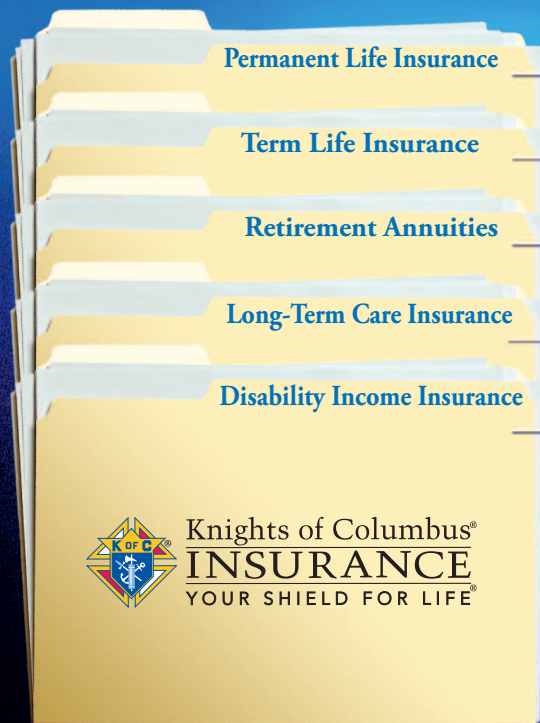
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**Bruce Poulin
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*Thank you Ontario Brother
Knights for the years of support!*

Nat L. Gallo

Former Supreme Director and Assistant to
the Supreme Knight for Canadian Affairs



Fraternity accomplishing its charity via unity

The week leading to the Christmas break about 100 children were very happy to celebrate the goodness of the Knights in the Hamilton area by receiving a brand new winter jacket.

Some of the recipients were recent immigrants from warmer countries; some were refugees; some were children of local families, who could not afford to purchase a new coat.

No matter their origin, they were all very thankful and appreciative of the gift that they received; the smiles and pride that the children showed could not be mistaken for anything other than gratitude and happiness.

The key to such event is simply, for brother knights, the COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM.

In this case, The General Agent Neil Bouvier and Former Supreme Director Nat Gallo thought of making more people aware of the programs of the Order and its charitable work.

It was our intent and hope to involve at first a few councils and eventually ALL the councils in the Greater Hamilton area to participate in the program and above all to make our long winters more bearable for our less fortunate youth.





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Knights for the years of support!*

Nat L. Gallo

Former Supreme Director and Assistant to
the Supreme Knight for Canadian Affairs

With the assistance of the Field Agents of the Bouvier Agency and the Grand Knights of councils 5860 and 8380 we were able to purchase SEVEN boxes of coats which were shared by three local schools and the Hamilton Diocesan Office.

The coats were distributed by the school Principals/designates and the Bishop's staff as deemed appropriate by them.

Our goal and hope is that this year we will be able to Unite with many more councils and make a truly Fraternal approach to carry out the Charitable work as an example of doing our part in fulfilling our Lord's message in Mathew 25 : 31 vs36 " ...I was naked and you gave me clothing..."

We shall persevere until all councils in the area offer to participate.

Vivat Jesus !

**Nat L. Gallo,
PSD, KCsSG, FVSM, FSD and
Assistant to the SK.**



The Venerable Father

Michael J. McGivney Honoris

The Honoris Committee

Start a prayer program at your council is a must.

The aim of any prayers said at the council level is to get more Knights praying. Praying to Father McGivney is a natural for all Knights but not because of who he is but because any prayer connects us with God and with careful planning we can make it creative, fun and enjoyable.

Let's face it prayer is difficult and easily avoided. Our councils need to establish a prayer ministry so all knights know someone at the council is praying for them, for their success, for their health, for their souls, for our founder and the unborn.

Form a prayer team in the council, Brothers who now go to Mass each morning. They should be available, be open, be humble. If members of the council are going through some difficult times spiritually, pray for them. Create opportunities for your members to see the Chaplain on a regular basis.

Prayer should be the focus of our council meetings, activities and our degrees.

Use the prayers established and approved by the Honoris. Get members excited about prayer and praying to our founder. Knights can lead by hearing God's voice.

We need council prayer partners not to be in a hurry. Prayer is so power full, it recharges, heals and revives us. By requesting prayers from the Honoris know that you have people praying for you but have members of the council do the same. Not only for Brothers in need but

for those who have passed on. Saying the prayers on the Honoris site joins you with others doing the same thing. That unity is power full.

Our older members will wish to make this a part of their lives and it will give them a role with one of our council programs. Simple steps, can be to start all meetings with the opening and closing prayers from the Honoris. All first degree and second degrees held at the council with the degree prayers found at the Honoris web site.

Ephesians and Colossians talk about how the same power that created the universe and raised Jesus from the dead is now flowing through us in the power of the Holy Spirit. Every Knight should be asking our selves, "what am I doing with all that power?" The more we pray, the more we learn. We will learn there is power in praying in the name of Jesus, and to our founder Father McGivney.

The aim of prayer as a Knights is to help people pray more personally.

Visit the web site of the Venerable Michael J. McGivney Honoris : <http://honoris.basilica.org>

We are here to put Father McGivney at all that you do as Knights of Columbus and to assure prayers are being offered up to him and to God. Join us as prayer partners today.

The Venerable Michael J. McGivney Honoris Committee Ottawa





How to grow and strengthen your council

Mario Duguay State Program Director

“Our Members are our Greatest Asset”

As an organization, we need to ensure that our members feel valued and that they know they make a difference to our parishes and our communities. They need to feel that we care and that they are important. We need to understand that the Knights are competing with many different organizations for the same volunteers.

Our biggest asset is our members and we need to emphasize their importance to the Order because without them we would not exist. We should all live by our principles: Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

We know that our members are struggling to earn a good income to support their family. They are already working hard at balancing work and family.

They usually have children that are involved in different activities and must juggle their busy life schedule just to meet their obligations. As a result, volunteer work to them is secondary.

We need to make it possible for them to be part of the Order without having to neglect their day jobs or family. On the contrary, we need to find ways to complement their family life. This can be done by promoting and getting involved in programs that support our parishes and our communities.

Here are some ways to make your members feel part of our family:

- Make the first degree a “welcoming” one by ensuring our new brother feels like a “real” brother. Hold a “Welcome Night” for new Knights and their families. Make them feel important and valued by offering them the following:
 - Virtue of Charity (Men want to give back)
 - Rosary – Link to his Faith (Spiritual Formation)
 - Lapel Pin - Link to the Order (Feeling of belonging)
 - Shining Armor material – Link to Retention
- “Be a Brother to a Brother!” We need to go back to our roots and contact our members by phone or in person. Some members would love to attend our meetings or events but can no longer drive. Take time to call them and offer them a ride.
- Take time to communicate with your members and answer their questions. If you get a call, make sure to call them back.
- Give recognition where recognition is due. A good leader is only as good as his team. If you praise your team and promote the good work they do, they will want to support you and, as a result, they will contribute to the success of the Council and the Executive. It is by working as a team that your members will not lose interest and will want to be involved in council activities.
- Make sure your members take part in planning your yearly calendar of activities. This will make them engaged and will help to ensure that your council activities are relevant, meaningful and diversified.





How to grow and strengthen your council

Mario Duguay State Program Director

- All council meetings should follow the Guide #1937 - How to Conduct a Meeting. Follow protocol; hold officers' meetings for the orderly flow of business and information; focus on the Chaplain's message for spiritual enrichment and growth; properly set up the council chamber for the meetings; keep meetings interesting and relevant; start meetings on time and keep them to a reasonable length. Members become bored with council meetings due to late starts, late adjournments, lack of agendas, and meaningless discussions or debates.

- Know your members. If they are experiencing financial problems or need some extra time to pay their dues, help them out rather than suspending them.

- Members should be provided the opportunity to participate on committees after volunteering to become involved.

I ask all Grand Knights to dedicate at least 15 minutes at their next council meeting to thank their members and to talk about why they are important to the Order. Some examples of how members are important to the Order follow:

- They provide strong support to our priests and our parishes. We all know that we are seeing a decrease in parishioners and our clergy needs our support more than ever. Our members are making a concrete difference in our clergy's ability to handle their ever-growing workload.
- They help meet the needs of those in need in their local communities. Through our Coats for Kids and Food for Families programs, thousands of kids and families receive the assistance and support they need.

- They raise funds in support of programs that benefit people living with disabilities. Through strong partnerships with organizations like the Special Olympics or the Arthritis Association, the Knights are giving millions of dollars annually to people with disabilities.
- They aid victims of natural disasters and other catastrophic events, local and worldwide.
- They donate wheelchairs to people without mobility at home and abroad.
- They visit the sick and the needy in our communities. Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. Our members help us to get things done. They volunteer their time to serve our parishes and our communities. By working together, we were able to donate more than \$2 billion and 664 million volunteer hours to worthy causes in the past decade.

Let's all remember the meaning of the State Deputy's new acronym, R.E.S.P.E.C.T.: Relationships; Equality; Support; Please; Encourage; Care and Treat members the way they want to be treated. Let's all work together so that we can continue to make a difference in our communities, our country and throughout the world.

Mario Duguay
State Program Director



A Message From Your Ontario State Community Director

Rocky Gualtieri State Community Director

My Brother Knights as we now are entering the time that we will be electing the Executive that will lead our Councils into the new Fraternal year, you will also be meeting to put your program together as well.

I ask that you include in your programs, Coats for Kids, Canadian Wheel Chair Foundation, Food for Families and Special Olympics in your programs.

Each of these programs not only allow you to fulfill your charitable work they also provide unique opportunities for, Membership growth, build Unity in your Council, promote Fraternity and of course a dose of Patriotism within the ranks.

Coats for Kids, Canadian Wheel Chair Foundation and Food for Families, allows you to include other groups in your parish to help you raise the funds to pay for these initiatives. You should seriously consider including the CWL, Youth Groups, St. Vincent De Paul Society, etc., to raise funds. Your Pastor plays a big part in this process because he is the leader and he can bring the groups together.

This spring and summer the Special Olympics will be hosting a number of activities in your community and you should make every effort to join in and participate. I can personally vouch that working with this unique group leaves you with a fantastic feeling, and watching them perform cannot be described by words alone. YOU GOTTA SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT.

I hope that your nominations and elections go well and please include these initiatives in your program you will not regret it.

Fraternally,

Bro. Rocky Gualtieri
State Community Director





A Message From Your Ontario State Church Chairman

John P Semaan **ON State Church Chairman** **Vocations-RSVP Program**

Brother Knights,

I am happy to report that our Ontario Councils (and a few Assemblies as well) have already taken the important and generous step of sponsoring a Seminarian and/or a Postulant via the Supreme RSVP Program this Fraternal Year.

Although the sponsoring of a Seminarian via the RSVP Program is common knowledge, many Brothers that I have spoken to were unaware that a woman Postulant (studying towards becoming a Nun) could be sponsored via this RSVP Program as well, but the word is spreading to our Brother Knights that this is also an option.

If your Council or Assembly has not yet taken this important step this Fraternal Year, it is still not too late to take part in Sponsoring a Seminarian and/or a Postulant via the RSVP Program (Form #2863).

Don't have a particular name of a Seminarian or a woman studying towards her Vows, no problem, just contact me and I will provide you with Contact information. Kindly don't delay.

Let your Council's/Assembly's voice be heard clearly that the Knights are in full support of our Seminarians/Postulants who are on the road to dedicating their lives to service in our Catholic Church.

Thank You and Sincerely,

John P. Semaan,
ON State Church Chairman Vocations-RSVP
Program

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Active councils are successful councils

Jerry Hayes State Awards Chairman

As we move into the final segment of this fraternal year it is rewarding to see the number of councils who involved themselves in programs over the past twelve months which resulted in award application submissions.

These submissions reflected a wide variety of very diverse undertakings, which only goes to show the broad spectrum of involvement that we as Knights are involved in; not only in our Church but in our community as a whole.

These submissions can be a council's way of ensuring that the work that their members are doing is in fact being recognized by others, and our order is in fact a viable entity that other Catholic men should aspire to join. The more we do as Knights to demonstrate to others that there is a clear purpose in being a Knight, and that the work we do is meaningful, --- the more attractive membership in our order will seem.

With the above in mind, have you asked yourself just how much your council is doing to publicly promote in a very visible manner, the many good works that you undertake? A portion of my portfolio surrounds "Council Bulletins". If in fact your council does publish a bulletin, do you make it available to other Catholic men including members of your parish?

Does it clearly highlight all that your council has undertaken and the positive impact that it is having on others? This can easily be accomplished by leaving a supply of your latest issues for pick-up at the back of the church. In this way you have produced a document with tangible evidence that your council is in fact involved in initiatives that may also be of interest to others.

This in turn may be a motivating factor for other men to enquire further about membership in the Order so that they too can be a part of all that is happening.

However, in still maintaining a clear focus on awards; your council's work is not yet finished for this fraternal year. Are you continuing to promote new candidates to the Order which not only allows you to meet or exceed your membership quota, but also serves as a positive step toward attaining your insurance quota as well?

Do you work closely with your fraternal advisor in this regard? As a team you and your advisor can still accomplish much. You have until June 30th to attain both your membership and insurance goals.





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Jerry Hayes State Awards Chairman

Now, -- with the many initiatives that your council has already undertaken with the Surge for Service Program, and with your membership and insurance quotas in hand; you are well on the road to start your journey toward Columbian Award status.

What might all of this result in? ---- well of course, none other than Star Council recognition. I would be very surprised if attaining Star Council will not be perceived as tangible evidence in the minds of others, of the viability of being a Knight. You now have evidence to show potential new recruits that they are joining a winning team, and that the diverse nature of their own talents can only serve to strengthen this team, if only you allow them the opportunity.

So before you begin to slow down your efforts, remember that there is still much that can be accomplished that will reap further rewards for your council for this fraternal year.

In turn these pursuits will also serve to strengthen the many bonds that will continue to flourish within your ranks.

As well these ongoing initiatives will continue to nurture and strengthen the many bonds and alliances we promote in Columbianism between our Church and our community as a whole and in turn make membership our Order even more viable in the eyes of others.

Jerry Hayes
State Awards Chairman





Ontario State Membership

Denis Bélanger State Membership Director

Nothing happens without brothers being inspired to do something great.

If we go back to our roots, our Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney was truly inspired to build this great order. Let's look at the following words from the prayer for his canonization, "Let the inspiration of your servant Fr McGivney, prompt us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast."

How do we encourage and equip new Brothers, to become engaged in the works of mercy?

Our membership challenge is, "How do we keep the inspiration alive?"

First, Inspiration has to come from the heart. It is in serving those who need our help, that others are inspired. When we believe in the work that we do; then others will also believe. The gift of charity is one we receive, and so, we must give it away. Many Knights have shared with me; the good work they do today, is like giving back for the blessings they have received already. Nothing could be truer for my life as well. The tremendous blessings I have received from others, is which inspired me to give my time and energy back to others.

I compare the Knights as an Enormous "Pay-it-Forward" Organization.

Second, it takes Courage to step out of our regular day-to-day life. It also takes courage to invite someone else to join us in the important work that we do for the "needy and the outcast." Our organization offers many opportunities to grow and help others to grow as well.

Third, Relationships are the foundation upon which our councils exist and thrive. It is the special relationships that build unity, and encourage others to become involved. When families spend time together, they grow their relationships together; and it is the same for our family within our council. Work or play, it is the relationships with each other, by which a new member is sometimes drawn to what we do.

We encourage all councils to assess how they can grow their inspiration, courage, and relationships in order to grow the Knights of Columbus.

Will you be that spark that inspires others to join and give back something great?

Denis Bélanger
State Membership Director





Ontario State Chairman

Savio Fernandes State Chairman, Substance Abuse Poster Contest

Hi Brothers,

My Sincere Thanks to you, our members, Grand Knights, District Deputies, Regional Chairmen and to your teams, for all your efforts in promoting the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest.

Indicated below are the names of the Ontario State Winners for the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest:

Alcohol Awareness and Abuse: Ages 8-11 Division

Alyssa McNulty from Arnprior Council # 2082 in Arnprior

Alcohol Awareness and Abuse: Ages 12-14 Division

Mélanie Powell from Sainte Marie d'Orléans Council #11500 in Ottawa

Drug Awareness and Abuse: Ages 8-11 Division

Abby Patrois from Arnprior Council # 2082 in Arnprior

Drug Awareness and Abuse: Ages 12-14 Division

Lia Fugnitto from Father Pennylegion Council # 8309 in Whitby

This year the prizes for the Winners will be sent out to the Councils by the Ontario State Office.

Going forward let's promote this program early for the next fraternal year, so as to generate more youth interest and participation.

Thank you all for a job well done and for your continued support for this Youth Program

Vivat Jesus,

**Savio Fernandes
State Chairman**



*Thank you!
For your continued support*

Joe Mathews State Special Olympics Chairman

My Brother Knights:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you, your family and friends for your continued support of Special Olympics.

Since early January, the Knights of Columbus Flag Relay has passed six Special Olympics flags from District to District, throughout Ontario, gathering signatures and raising public awareness about Special Olympics, while at the same time showing our support for the athletes competing in their local, regional and provincial competitions.

During this time a number of flag raising events have been held at various police detachments, schools and city halls across the province, where in some instances the Mayor has also made a proclamation declaring it Special Olympics Week while the flag was in that particular city or town.

The flags have been at a variety of places, such as at the Opening Ceremonies of a hockey game, at various fundraisers, at K of C bottle drives and raffle locations, at a military museum and at a number of churches and Special Olympics tournaments, just to name a few.





*Thank you!
For your continued support*

Joe Mathews State Special Olympics Chairman



As the flags continue their journey across the province, the Special Olympics flag will make stops at the State Convention in Toronto and at the Special Olympics Provincial Spring Games in Guelph at the end of May, before reaching its final destination, which will be the Special Olympics Provincial School Championships in Durham Region on June 1st – 3rd. It is at these Games where the athletes, and their coaches, will come from across the province to compete in athletics, soccer, basketball and Bocce.

With this being the first time a Flag Relay has ever been done in support of Special Olympics, by all accounts, it has been a tremendous success, thanks mainly to the time and effort that you have committed to the Flag Relay program while it was in your community.

We have had a number of pictures and write-ups submitted from across the province and they can be found on our websites at <http://kofcflagrelay.com/> and <http://flagrelay.com/> and on social media (Facebook and Twitter).

*Thank you again for your support
of Special Olympics.*

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe Mathews
State Special Olympics Chairman

Spring is here

Bud Duguay FDD State Church chairman- Shrines

Spring is here and the good weather is inviting us to explore the outdoors, that is bursting with awesome greenery and multi-flowery colours.

As you are beckoned to explore the country side to absorb God's beautiful creations, would it not be great if you would combine this exploration to include a visit to one of our Catholic Shrines in your area. Just Google Shrines and you will be surprised as to what you can explore.

One of our main Shrines, is our Canadian Martyrs' shrine in Midland Ontario, it is in the heart of Georgian bay one of the most beautiful areas in Canada.

The Martyrs' Shrine is opening its doors to pilgrims on May 7th 2016. You can be part of the opening mass and a garden party.

You also can explore all the good works that you have helped with by your donations, through the Knights of Columbus Ontario Diocesan Associations, during the past 15 years.

Our latest project is the installation of motion detectors to control the lighting throughout the Shrine complex. This will in effect lower the electricity cost by approximately 25%, a great help to the Shrine.

Thank you to all Councils that have made their annual donation to support this year's KofC Shrine project, it is greatly appreciated.

Please if your council has not donated to this worthy project, it would be very helpful if you would consider making a donation towards the completion of this final phase of the 5 year greening of the Shrine KofC endeavour.

It is with the continued financial help of all of you that we have been able to accomplish so much over the last 15 years.

As always, together we can succeed,

Yours in Christ,

Bud Duguay FDD
State Church chairman- Shrines



Territory Warden #7

Dan Lohin Youth Chairman Free-Throw

I would like to thank all that participated in the 2016 Basketball Free-Throw Program.

Special thanks to all the chairs on the Council, District and Regional levels.

With the Free-Throw participation forms (FT-1) submitted we had 12336 boys and 11371 girls with a total of 23707 participants Province wide.

The winners can be found in the Awards Booklet and on our web-site (www.ontariokofc.ca)

Thank you for all that you do,

Dan Lohin
Youth Chairman Free-Throw

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The K of C of Ontario State Oppose Bill C-14

Christian Domenic Elia Prolife Director, Ontario State

Dearest Brother Knights,

What has happened to our great nation that Parliament will soon be voting on Bill C-14 which will make euthanasia and assisted suicide the law of the land? As many groups present to the Joint Committee this week, Cardinal Collins among them, let us fully grasp what this ill conceived bill entails.

Bill C-14 re-writes section 241 b of the Criminal Code so as to open the door, not only to physicians, but to nurse practitioners and “others” (lawyers, pharmacists, social workers, according to the bill’s accompanying explanatory note) to commit acts once considered engagement in culpable homicide. This is above and beyond what even the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) had in mind when they started this sordid business last year.

We are embarking on a loosening of what was understood until last year to be criminal activity. In fact, in a lengthy essay recently published by Toronto Life, right to die activist, John Hofsess, admitted to assisting eight people with their deaths between 1999 and 2001, prior to taking his own life this past March. Hofsess was no doctor or nurse practitioner. He was a journalist, who adopted methods propounded by Jack Kevorkian.

If charges were never brought against Mr. Hofsess prior to the passage of the proposed bill, is it likely that the system will engage in any investigation of a doctor, nurse practitioner, or third party who may engage in imperfect compliance with future assisted deaths?

- We as Knights must stand with those many physicians, healthcare workers, and concerned citizens who oppose these changes.

- The proposed legislation suggests that third parties who may assist in causing death may be immune from prosecution, leaving the door open for any number of possible abuses: sections 241 (3) and (5).

- It also remains a possible option for someone’s power of attorney to sign the proposed request for death.

- Bill C-14 contains no requirement that an applicant for medically assisted suicide be provided psychiatric consultation, a period of palliative care, or pain management consultation. A suicidal patient should be allowed access to a proper prognosis. A 15 day waiting period is unacceptable for a proper assessment of underlying factors, such as depression, for which modern medicine has ample methodologies for possible treatments.

- The proposed standard to allow assisted suicide where “natural death has become reasonably foreseeable” could be applied to everyone. Moreover, the attending medical provider merely must provide an “opinion” to this effect, without the requirement of a “prognosis” or an assessment of the specific length of life one has remaining. This contradicts good medicine.

- Access to physician assisted suicide in other jurisdictions is reported at approaching 4 to 5 per cent of all deaths, for those cases that are reported, which could approach 14,000 deaths each year if applied in Canada.



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In sum, the bill lacks stringent oversight. The proposed legislation allows for assisted suicide when death is reasonably foreseeable, as opposed to when death may be “imminent”. Moreover, it does not include a stringent reporting system or forbid falsification of death certificates (which ought always to stipulate the actual cause of death), thus inviting grave and widespread abuses.

A provision in the preamble to Bill C-14 provides a reference to conscience rights of healthcare workers, but such protections need greater clarification from the federal level, with a secure process for enforcement, whether by a provision of the Criminal Code to oppose any infraction. Such protections should not be left merely to provincial mandates.

Health Minister Dr. Jane Philpott asserted that “no healthcare provider will be required to provide medical assistance in dying”, yet without addressing issues of mandatory referrals, or institutional protections for religious institutions.

C-14 suggests that Canada is embarking on a sad course to change irrevocably the practice of medicine.

Let us speak to our MPs and let us tell them to reject the redefinition of medicine implied by Carter and entailed in Bill C-14. They should instead support medicine as

historically understood by making substantial funding commitments to the universally accepted areas of palliative care and pain management, which remains at unacceptably low levels of availability.

Let us demand of our politicians that the rights and freedoms of medical practitioners, medical institutions, and the many citizens who desire traditional (Hippocratic) medical care must not be obviated in any fashion, including loss or diminishment of funding. Islands of refuge for religious hospitals and hospice care facilities must be established as a matter of law, and no prejudice should be suffered.

We must stand with our Catholic hospitals. We must stand with our Catholic healthcare workers. We must stand with all vulnerable groups who will feel pressured to have their lives terminated instead of dying a natural death. We must stand up for our Catholic faith and reject the culture of death by rejecting euthanasia/assisted suicide. We must pray, fast, and we must let our elected officials know that we too are participants in democracy and our collective voice will be heard.

Vivat Jesus!

Christian Domenic Elia
Prolife Director, Ontario State

Successful 2016 Annual State Convention

Peter Youngson Council Director

Congratulations to all of the members in Ontario on a successful 2016 Annual State Convention. The Convention is an event I look forward to each and every year. The chance to share stories of our successes and not so successes shows me the order is alive and well in Ontario. It is a chance to see the dedication first hand within the meeting and with the awards that are presented. If you have not been able to go to the convention please plan to attend the 2017 Convention. I want to meet you and see how things are going in your council and area.

Congratulations to all of our award winners throughout the Province. This year is not over yet. There are awards yet for you to get. How many are on the verge of Star Council or Double Star Council Awards? How many need only a couple more new members to get your quota? Keep pushing, you can be a leader in the order with positive growth.

Now that the individual Service awards for the 2015-16 fraternal year have been awarded, are you planning for next year. Did you get any ideas from the winners? Are you able to expand on what you have accomplished. There is so much that we can do to make this world a better place. Join me and the State Board in trying to make Ontario the best it can be for Church, Council, Youth, Family, & Community.

Peter Youngson
Council Director



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*Good communication
is the key to success*

David Gelinas State Retention Director

Brother Knights,

In my December report, I wanted to engage you to ponder some questions which were meant to survey how your council executive is performing. In our human faults, some councils do not perform to expectations when it comes to communicating with all their members. We are also aware that many do not survey their members on a regular basis to inquire what type of new programs they would like the council to offer that would inspire you to bring your family to. Maybe one which would inspire you to get involved to assist them for the purpose for our families to socialize together more often.

This is why I asked you many questions in my last report of how satisfied you were with your council. Please review them if you didn't give it any thought. Your State board executive and directors truly want you to be satisfied with your membership in the Order and with your home council.

General facts members should be aware of include:
Non-payment of annual dues is not an indicator to your council that you no longer want to remain a member or method to withdraw as a member.

Councils forward a good portion of your annual dues to State and Supreme Councils every year and any current or past non-payment of dues is a financial obligation your home council pays on your behalf.

It is your responsibility to update your contact information with your council.

It is the responsibility of your Grand Knight and council executive to communicate with you on a regular basis. If you are not being contacted, at a minimum of twice per year, then you have the right to speak up and contact your Grand Knight or District Deputy and ask them why not.

Attending monthly general meetings at your council is not a requirement of remaining a member in good standing. Payment of your annual dues is. If you were given this impression, please understand your council's executive would enjoy your presence and input at the business meetings but it is not a requirement of membership.

If you are unsatisfied with your council's programs and communication skills, please contact me or your District Deputy or your State Deputy and we'll take your concerns to them. Understand, they are human and have their faults but you should bring your concerns to them even if they don't ask you themselves.

In this Year of Mercy, please don't let any frustrations or disappointment with your council's performance give you a reason to leave. Your leadership at the District and State level can offer solutions to ensure you are happy with your membership in the Order.

Vivat Jesus

David Gelinas
State Retention Director



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