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What do we mean when we say,
“Ontario Succeeds!”?

It means a lot of hard work by many Knights under the guidance of your leader, Immediate Past State Deputy Alain Cayer, with the invaluable assistance of your Membership Director Denis Belanger, and your Program Director Mario Duguay, along with the dedication of your Membership Retention Director Dave Gelin (now State Warden), Ontario is honoured to have Achieved ‘Circle of Honour!’

What does Circle of Honour mean?

The Circle of Honour is a very special recognition awarded by the Supreme Knight that celebrates State Deputies that achieve 100% or more of their annual membership quota, as well as Star Council goals set for their State. The membership target is set taking into consideration the members lost due to deaths or suspensions and the new members and reactivations registered. (This is commonly called net/net)

This year the Ontario State Council of the Knights of Columbus attained the Circle of Honour by achieving more than 100% of their required quota of 2,000 new members. It is the first time in more than a dozen years that Ontario reached its goals.

Congrats and blessings to Immediate Past State Deputy, Alain Cayer and his team, for making Ontario shine with this very special recognition.

We should all be proud of this major achievement that will help keep the Knights of Columbus a vibrant part of

our parishes and communities for years to come.

Why is that so important?

As you well know, it is vital to have growth so that we remain viable into the future. Supreme sets a reasonable but difficult goal each year for the State Deputy and his team to meet.

Our Order cannot sustain losing more members than it brings into the Knights each year.

It goes without saying “Membership is the life blood of the KofC”. What are we without members?

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Alain Cayer was able to develop a new method of doing ‘Church drives’. He and his team were able to recruit new members and reinstate former members.

In addition to achieving the Circle of Honour, Ontario is honoured to be #1 in all the largest jurisdictions of the Order, as well as having exceeded its quota for New Council Development with 12 new Councils being formed.

Congratulations to all of you who made Ontario great again!





Dan Heffernan

Que veut-on dire lorsqu'on dit **"L'Ontario atteint son but!"** ?

Ceci veut dire beaucoup de travail par d'innombrables Chevaliers. Sous la gouverne de votre leader, le Député d'État sortant immédiat Alain Cayer, avec l'aide inestimable de votre directeur de l'adhésion Denis Bélanger et du directeur des programmes Mario Duguay, sans oublier, bien sûr, les efforts constants du directeur de la rétention des membres, David Gelin (maintenant cérémoniaire d'État), l'Ontario détient la mention honorable d'avoir atteint le Cercle d'Honneur!

Que signifie "Cercle d'Honneur"?

Le Cercle d'Honneur est une reconnaissance toute spéciale remise par le Chevalier Suprême pour fêter les Députés d'État qui atteignent 100% ou plus de leur but de recrutement annuel, en plus des objectifs de Conseils Étoiles pour leur État. Leurs objectifs sont fixés en tenant compte des membres décédés et suspendus ainsi que des nouveaux membres et des réactivations. (On parle ici communément du net/net)

Cette année, le Conseil d'État de l'Ontario des Chevaliers de Colomb a atteint le Cercle d'Honneur en dépassant l'objectif de 100% qui était établi à 2 000 nouveaux membres. C'est la première fois en douze ans que l'Ontario atteint cet objectif.

Félicitations et bénédictions au Député d'État sortant Alain Cayer et à son équipe pour avoir fait briller l'Ontario avec cette reconnaissance très spéciale.

Nous devons tous être fiers d'avoir atteint cet objectif, qui aidera à garder les Chevaliers de Colomb présents dans nos paroisses et nos communautés pour des années à venir.

Pourquoi est-ce si important?

Comme vous le savez sans doute, notre croissance est vitale si nous voulons assurer notre pérennité pour le futur. Chaque année, le Conseil Suprême établit un objectif raisonnable, mais difficile à atteindre, pour le Député d'État et son équipe.

Notre Ordre ne peut survivre si nous perdons plus de membres que nous en gagnons à chaque année. Il va sans dire que « l'adhésion est l'élément vital pour la survie des Chevaliers de Colomb ». Que sommes-nous sans nos membres?

Sous la gouverne du Saint-Esprit, Alain Cayer a été capable de développer une nouvelle méthode de recrutement en paroisse. Son équipe et lui ont été capables de recruter de nouveaux membres et réintégrer d'anciens membres.

En plus d'avoir atteint le Cercle d'Honneur, l'Ontario est honoré d'avoir fini premier parmi le groupe des plus grandes juridictions de l'Ordre. Elle a également franchi un autre objectif, soit de mettre sur pied douze nouveaux Conseils.

Félicitations à vous tous qui avez redonné grandeur et vitalité à l'Ontario!



Happy Canada Day!

As our wonderful country turns 150 years old, and I take office as your State Deputy, let me congratulate our Immediate Past State Deputy Alain Cayer and his Team for their amazing achievement of attaining the Circle of Honour.



The recognition of achievements is essential to mark milestones throughout the year, whether it is as in this case, the Circle of Honour, or Star Council or Columbian Award. These awards are important to let your Council members know that their volunteer hours and efforts have not gone unnoticed.

As we embark upon a new Fraternal year, let's celebrate the achievements of this past year and keep the momentum going. You can do amazing things!

This past year we have broadened our Order to include our Brothers in Christ in the Syro-Malabar, as well as the Spanish and Chinese communities. Our borders are forever broadening as they should be to include all our Catholic Brothers.

With your help, we will move our Order forward in Ontario; improving communications by various means, but specifically reaching out to include all our Brothers that were once members but have, for one reason or another, left the Order. Let us welcome them back!

Councils that are having difficulties need only request assistance. Our team is most willing to support you with helpful guidance and action. We want all Councils to be vibrant to continue to be the right arm of our church community.

As we begin our new Fraternal Year Please **Make Time** to:

- Reach out to your Brother Knights, especially someone who has not been out to a meeting in awhile and let them know they have been missed. Ask if there is something you can do;
- Reach out to our Brother Catholics who perhaps have not been to Church for some time and see if there is anything you can do to encourage them to attend and once again be faithful Catholic gentlemen;
- Visit someone you know that is sick, house bound, or in a nursing home. Time is long for them if they are alone;
- Call a family member that you have not spoken to for some time

And then **Take the Time** to:

- Encourage your Brother Knights to participate in whatever way they can. Not everyone can participate to the same degree in Council activities. Family and work responsibilities come first;
- Evangelize, for we know not why someone has fallen away from the Church, only God knows. You could be the one who inspires them to return to the sacraments;
- Actually, go and visit someone you know that is sick and suffering. We quite often get so busy in our schedules that we have good intentions but we don't actually **Take the Time** to carry out the good deeds we intend to do;
- Use your voice; call your family, call your Brother Knights! It could be your voice that makes a difference in their lives.

God Bless you and may Our Lady of Guadalupe inspire our actions!

Dan Heffernan,
State Deputy



Bonne fête du Canada!

En ce jour du 150e anniversaire de notre merveilleux pays et alors que je prends les rênes à titre de Député d'État, laissez-moi féliciter notre Député d'État sortant Alain Cayer et son équipe pour leur formidable succès d'avoir atteint le Cercle d'Honneur.



La reconnaissance des succès est essentielle pour marquer les jalons durant toute l'année, que ce soit dans le cas du Cercle d'Honneur, du Conseil-Étoile ou du prix Colombien. Ces prix sont importants pour les membres de votre Conseil, pour qui leur heures de bénévolat ainsi que leurs efforts ne sont pas passés sous silence.

En débutant la nouvelle année fraternelle, célébrons les succès de l'an passé et gardons notre rythme en mouvement. **Vous pouvez faire des choses remarquables!**

Durant l'année fraternelle qui se termine, nous avons agrandi notre Ordre pour inclure nos frères dans le Christ dans la communauté Syro-Malabar et également dans les communautés espagnoles et chinoises. Nos frontières s'agrandissent, comme elles le doivent afin d'inclure tous nos frères catholiques.

Grâce à votre aide, nous allons de l'avant en Ontario, en améliorant les communications de diverses façons, mais spécialement en faisant des efforts supplémentaires pour rejoindre nos frères Chevaliers qui ont quitté l'Ordre pour diverses raisons. Accueillons-les à nouveau!

Les Conseils qui ont de la difficulté à recruter n'ont qu'à demander de l'aide. Notre équipe est prête à vous guider, vous appuyer dans vos efforts. Nous voulons que chaque Conseil soit vibrant et qu'il continue d'être le bras droit

vaillant de votre église et votre communauté.

En commençant la nouvelle année fraternelle, **Faites du temps** pour:

- Communiquer avec vos frères Chevaliers, spécialement ceux qui n'ont pas assisté à nos dernières réunions et dites-leur que leur absence est remarquée, demandez-leur si on peut faire quelque chose pour eux;
- Communiquer avec nos frères catholiques qui participent moins aux offices religieux depuis un certain temps et les encourager à redevenir de fidèles hommes catholiques;
- Visiter quelqu'un que vous connaissez qui est malade, pris dans sa maison ou un hospice. Le temps est long pour ces personnes quand elles sont seules;
- Appeler un membre de votre famille à qui vous n'avez pas parlé pour un long moment.

Ensuite, **Prenez le temps**:

- D'encourager vos frères Chevaliers a participé de n'importe quelle façon. Toutes les personnes ne peuvent participer au même niveau de temps aux activités du conseil. La famille et le travail sont la priorité numéro un;
- D'évangéliser, car nous ne savons pas pourquoi quelqu'un s'est éloigné de l'Église, seul Dieu le sait. Vous pouvez être la personne qui inspire les autres à pratiquer de nouveau les sacrements;
- Maintenant, allez et visitez quelqu'un que vous connaissez qui est malade et qui souffre. Nous devenons souvent si occupé dans nos horaires, que même malgré nos bonnes intentions, nous ne prenons pas **le temps** de nous engager et faire le bien que nous voulions faire;
- Utiliser votre voix; appelez vos familles, appelez vos frères Chevaliers! Votre voix pourrait faire une différence dans leur vie.

Que Dieu vous bénisse et que Notre-Dame de la Guadeloupe inspire nos actions!

Dan Heffernan,
Député d'État





Marcel Damphousse

State Chaplain

Brother Knights and families,

The Church has celebrated on the first Sunday of June the solemn celebration of the Pentecost. After the Ascension of Jesus to heaven, the Bible tells us that all apostles, together, were faithful to prayer with a few women, including Mary, the Mother of Jesus. They were awaiting the arrival of the Holy Spirit. So on the day of the Pentecost, we remember they were all together and praying when, like a violent wind burst, all were filled with the Holy Spirit.

I write these lines today to underline the important link between Virgin Mary and the Holy Spirit. The mother of Jesus was without a doubt instrumental to encourage and support the apostles in their prayers and help to make them ready to receive the Holy Spirit. Mary, who is sometimes referred as the wife of the Holy Spirit, knew very well the pathway to living in Spirit and how, by his presence, a person receives numerous gifts and graces

In fact, the presence and the action of the Holy Spirit are essential to the lives of every Christian as for the whole Church. It would be impossible to speak of spiritual living without being impregnated by the spirit of God. Let's double our desire to host in our lives the divine breath. To be ready, and watchful in our prayers, let's summon the Virgin Mary to help us desire the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives so that we, like her, come to cultivate all the gifts of the Spirit. These gifts will help us live our calling

and mission as Knights of Columbus. Let's pray for our new State Board so that a new Pentecost can renew with ardour and faith our service in Charity and Unity while guided by a sense of respect for one another.

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





Marcel Damphousse

Aumônier d'État

Chers frères Chevaliers et familles,

L'Église a célébré au premier dimanche du mois de juin la fête solennelle de la Pentecôte. Après l'Ascension de Jésus au ciel, la bible nous raconte que tous (les apôtres), unanimes, étaient assidus à la prière, avec quelques femmes dont Marie la mère de Jésus. Ils étaient dans l'attente de la venue de l'Esprit Saint. Or le jour de la Pentecôte, nous nous rappelons qu'ils étaient tous réunis et priaient ensemble alors que, comme d'un violent coup de vent, tous furent remplis de l'Esprit Saint.

Je vous écris ces lignes aujourd'hui pour vous souligner le lien important qu'il y a entre la Vierge Marie et l'Esprit Saint. La mère de Jésus était sans doute instrumentale pour encourager et soutenir les apôtres dans la prière afin d'être disposés à accueillir la venue de l'Esprit Saint. Marie, que l'on surnomme l'épouse de l'Esprit Saint, connaissait bien le parcours pour arriver à vivre dans l'Esprit et comment, par sa présence, une personne bénéficie d'innombrables dons et grâces.

Par le fait même, la présence et l'action de l'Esprit Saint sont essentielles à la vie de chaque chrétien comme pour tout l'ensemble de l'Église. Il serait impossible de parler d'une vie spirituelle sans être imprégné de l'Esprit de Dieu. Redoublons notre désir d'accueillir dans nos vies le souffle divin. Afin d'être prêt, et vigilant dans la prière, invoquons la Vierge Marie pour qu'elle nous aide à désirer la venue de

l'Esprit dans nos vies et que nous soyons disposés comme elle à faire fructifier les dons de l'Esprit. Ces dons nous aideront à vivre notre vocation et notre mission comme Chevalier de Colomb. Prions pour notre nouveau Conseil d'État afin qu'une Nouvelle Pentecôte puisse renouveler notre ardeur dans la foi, notre service dans la charité, et notre unité par le sens du respect les uns pour les autres.

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





Alain Cayer Immediate Past State Deputy

My Brother Knights,

Think of it this way. When we get married, the wish of our parents is to welcome new grandchildren. This is not because they are just looking to help with babysitting but to see their family continue to grow. It is the same with the Knights of Columbus. We are always encouraging councils to recruit; to carry on the family of the Knights of Columbus.

As I write this article for the State Bulletin, we should consider spending some time to evaluate our accomplishments for this fraternal year. We have much for which we can be proud.

Please visit our website www.ontariokofc.ca, under membership and you will find the State Deputy's Eye of the Tiger list of Ontario councils that lead in recruitment. We think it is important to recognize councils for their efforts. Interesting incentives were promoted and many of you took advantage of them.

The various K of C programs this upcoming fraternal year will assist you to be active in your parish, your community, your council, and in your pro-life activities. We must remember that the key to recruiting is to have successful programs that new members will want to join.

The New Council Development Program did have a slow start, and I am happy to report the second half of the fraternal year has been very fruitful. After starting new councils in July, October, and January, it was

in the month of April that we boosted our numbers with four (4) new councils, and finally, in May our 8th new council. The end of the fraternal year, Ontario finished strong with 12 new councils to our record. The interesting difference this year is the renewed interest that several ethnic communities have shown for the Knights of Columbus as their choice organization: two (2) new councils from the Syro-Malabar community, one (1) from the Spanish community, and one (1) from Chinese community.

The 2016 Supreme Convention was a great success as we hosted the 73 other jurisdictions from around the world. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this experience an unforgettable one. I want to give special thanks to Arthur Peters, our Supreme Director, who led the entire organizational efforts to make Ontario shine at this convention.

I would also like to thank everyone who has taken leadership roles for the Ontario State Council. Thank you to the State Board officers, your commitment and devotion were appreciated. To the State Membership Director Denis, Program Director Mario, and Retention Director David, it has been a pleasure to work with all of you on a daily basis. You have made my workload lighter.

To my 6 Surge for Service Program Directors, Ron, Rocco, Paul, Peter, Christian and Kevin, you have each admirably managed the chairmen of your respective programs.





Alain Cayer

Immediate Past State Deputy

To my many program Chairmen (too many to name individually), thank you for accepting and organizing wonderful programs.

To the 114 District Deputies who worthily represented me in your local areas, your presence and help was greatly appreciated.

To the General agents and Field agents that work day in and day out securing the lives of our members, you are truly dedicated to the Order.

To Jack and the office staff; Liane, Gregory and Anna, most of the time you go underappreciated... but not with me. You have all made everything go smooth, and for this, I want to thank you.

As all good things must come to an end, so has my time as your State Deputy. As of July 1st, I have moved aside for the newly elected State Deputy, Dan Hefferman, as he starts his mandate. He has asked for my help as Membership Director, Ceremonial Director and to continue the new church drive training that was started almost two years ago, all of which I have accepted.

The most successful story of this year is that Ontario has finally made our membership intake quota for the first time in twelve (12) years. On June 30, we have a tally of 2,073 new members and this brings Ontario into the Supreme Knight's 'Circle of Honour'. The next best news is that we have also surpassed by one member our net/net quota set by Supreme. Congratulations to all members in Ontario. Be proud of what we have

and continue to grow what we want our children to live when they get older.

Wishing you all every success,

Alain Cayer
Immediate Past State Deputy





Alain Cayer

Député d'État Sortant

Mes frères Chevaliers,

Pensons-y de cette façon; lorsque nous nous marions, nos parents souhaitent accueillir de nouveaux petits-enfants. Ils ne le souhaitent pas seulement pour faire du gardiennage, mais surtout pour voir leur famille continuer de s'agrandir. Nous encourageons les Conseils à recruter, car ce n'est que de cette façon que l'on peut contribuer à perpétuer la famille des Chevaliers de Colomb.

En écrivant mon dernier article pour le bulletin d'État, je crois que nous devrions prendre le temps d'évaluer nos succès pour l'année fraternelle qui vient de se terminer et, sincèrement, nous avons de quoi être fiers.

Prenez donc une petite minute pour aller visiter notre site web : www.ontariokofc.ca sous la rubrique « Membership » et vous y trouverez la liste du Député d'État qui s'intitule «Eye of the Tiger». Vous y trouverez la liste des meilleurs Conseils au chapitre du recrutement. Nous croyons qu'il est important de reconnaître les efforts déployés par ces Conseils. De nombreux incitatifs très intéressants ont été offerts et plusieurs d'entre vous en avez profité.

Les nombreux programmes des Chevaliers pour la nouvelle année fraternelle vous permettront d'être actifs dans votre paroisse, votre communauté, votre Conseil et vos activités Pro-vie. N'oubliez pas que la clé du succès pour le recrutement est d'avoir des programmes forts et intéressants qui inciteront les nouveaux membres à participer.

• Notre programme Développement des nouveaux Conseils a eu un départ plutôt lent cette année, mais je suis fier de vous annoncer que durant la deuxième moitié de l'année fraternelle, nous avons connu un énorme succès. De nouveaux Conseils ont vu le jour en juillet, en octobre et en janvier, mais c'est au mois d'avril que nos résultats ont grimpé avec quatre nouveaux Conseils et au mois de mai, un huitième nouveau Conseil a vu le jour. À la fin de l'année fraternelle, l'Ontario a fini en force avec un total de 12 nouveaux Conseils. Ce qui a fait la différence cette année, c'est le renouveau d'intérêt de la part des communautés culturelles envers les Chevaliers de Colomb comme organisme de choix : un nouveau Conseil dans la communauté chinoise, un nouveau Conseil dans la communauté espagnole et deux nouveaux Conseils dans la communauté Syro-Malabar.

• **Le Congrès Suprême de 2016** a été couronné de succès quand nous avons accueilli plus de 73 Conseils d'États de par le monde. Merci à tous les bénévoles qui ont permis aux participants de vivre une expérience inoubliable. Je veux souligner l'apport spécial du Frère Arthur Peters qui a mené de main de maître toute l'organisation de l'Ontario et a réussi à la faire briller tout au long du congrès.

• J'aimerais également remercier toutes les personnes qui ont assumé leur rôle de chef de file pour le Conseil d'État de l'Ontario. Merci aux Officiers d'État, votre engagement et votre dévouement ont été appréciés. Au directeur de l'adhésion Denis, au directeur des programmes Mario, ainsi qu'au directeur de la rétention





Alain Cayer

Député d'État Sortant

David, ce fut un réel plaisir de travailler avec vous sur une base quotidienne; vous avez grandement allégé ma tâche.

Aux six directeurs des programmes S'élever en Servant : Ron, Rocco, Paul, Peter, Christian et Kevin, vous avez admirablement géré les présidents de vos différents programmes.

À tous les présidents de programmes (trop nombreux pour nommer chacun d'eux), merci d'avoir accepté vos rôles et d'avoir organisé de merveilleux programmes.

Aux 114 Députés de District qui m'ont honorablement représenté dans leur circonscription, votre présence et votre aide ont été grandement appréciées.

Aux Agents généraux d'assurance et aux Conseillers fraternels qui travaillent avec acharnement pour protéger les familles des Chevaliers, vous êtes véritablement dédiés à notre Ordre.

À Jack et aux employés du Bureau: Liane, Gregory et Anna, la plupart du temps votre travail est sous-estimé...mais pas de ma part! Vous avez réussi à tout faire fonctionner comme sur des roulettes, et pour cela, je vous en remercie.

Comme toute bonne chose arrive toujours à sa fin, c'est également le cas de mon mandat comme Député d'État. À partir du 1er juillet, j'ai cédé ma place à Dan Heffernan, le Député d'État élu, qui a déjà commencé l'année fraternelle dans son nouveau rôle. Il m'a demandé de l'aider à titre de directeur de l'adhésion, de directeur des cérémoniaux et d'aussi continuer la

nouvelle formation sur le recrutement en paroisse, qui a débuté il y a quelques années. J'ai accepté avec plaisir tous ces mandats.

La plus importante nouvelle cette année est que l'Ontario a finalement rencontré son objectif de nouveaux membres pour la première fois en douze ans. Au 30 juin, nous totalisions 2 073 nouveaux membres et avec ce résultat l'Ontario a accédé au « Cercle d'Honneur ». La seconde meilleure nouvelle est que l'Ontario a dépassé par un membre l'objectif net/net tel qu'établi par le Suprême.

Félicitations à tous les membres de l'Ontario. Soyons fiers de ce que nous avons accompli et continuons à grandir pour que nos enfants puissent le voir quand ils seront plus vieux.

Vous souhaitant à tous le meilleur des succès,
Alain Cayer, Député d'État de l'Ontario 2016-2017

Alain Cayer
Député d'État Sortant





David Peters

State Treasurer, June 2017

My Brother Knights,

In April we held the 114th State Convention. 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 fervour with a deeper understanding of “the workings” of your State Board.

I am humbled and honoured to have been appointed as your incoming State Secretary. I thank you for your on-going confidence and support and assure you that I will continue to dedicate myself to ensuring that our Order will maintain its principles and will flourish as our Founder would have wished.

We have one more month, my Brothers, during which we can make certain that our State Lottery will prove to be a noteworthy success. Any additional effort which you can exercise to assist this cause before “the closing date” will be greatly appreciated.

Additionally, I ask that each and every Officer make a special effort to ensure that “Council-to-State” financial commitments are in good standing at the close of this Fraternal Year. This will make the challenges for the incoming State Treasurer much more acceptable.

I wish all of our Brothers and their loved ones, a safe, enjoyable summer.

May God bless you all.

Vivat Jesus!

David C. Peters
State Treasurer
State Secretary-elect





Marcel Lemmen

State Advocate, June 2017

I am ending my two-year tenure as State Advocate and will be moving to the State Treasurer position in the next fraternal year. The State Advocate's main responsibility is to interpret the laws and rules of the Order for the members and councils in Ontario. I enjoyed it very much and learned a tremendous amount about how our Order works. As you can imagine, a jurisdiction with almost 56,000 members means there are constant issues to be dealt with, and there was something new almost every day.

New Council Development

Another major portfolio for me this year was New Council Development. As of the writing of this article, we have started nine new councils in Ontario so far, this fraternal year. I am working on a number of excellent prospects and we should have no trouble exceeding our goal of ten new councils by the end of June. A number of these new councils are based in ethnic communities that include Spanish, Chinese, and Syro-Malabar. The vibrancy of these ethnic communities is invigorating the Order in Ontario and we are actively promoting similar new councils around the province.

Arthritis Society Liaison

Earlier this year I was asked to act as a liaison between the Ontario Knights of Columbus and The Arthritis Society. The Arthritis Society has been one of our principal charities for over forty years. Last March I was appointed as a Director on the Ontario Advisory Board and we have been working together to promote member involvement in the recent Walk to Fight Arthritis fundraising campaign. The Arthritis Society has developed a series of Chronic Pain Management Workshops and would like to offer them to our membership. Arthritis is one of the most common ailments among our members and it would benefit them to learn about the many recent advances in treatment and pain

management. Look for a schedule of workshops to come out soon.

7th Annual Golf Tournament

The Ontario State True Fraternity Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 15th this year. Once again, the tournament will be at Lowville Golf Club in Burlington. I got overwhelmingly positive reviews about the course and facilities after last year's tournament. Lowville is nestled in the Niagara Escarpment and the views are spectacular. This also makes the course a little challenging.

The entry fee of \$150 includes lunch, a power cart, contests, prizes and a prime rib dinner. An entry form and more details may be found on the Ontario State web site and all are welcome to play. Bring your golfing friends and family members. I will also be canvassing for sponsorship and prize donations in the near future.

State Treasurer

Lastly, I am looking forward to assuming my new role as State Treasurer. In my professional life, I am responsible for implementing and maintaining my company's ERP System. I would like to apply this knowledge to help make the accounting system at the State Office more efficient. The message from the delegates at the last State Convention was loud and clear: you want more financial transparency to ensure that the funds you send to us are used effectively. I will be working with our accountant and State Office staff to make sure this happens.

Vivat Jesus!

Marcel Lemmen
State Advocate
State Treasurer-elect





Arthur Peters

Supreme Director, June 2017

As we close out the 2016-2017 fraternal year, I would like to thank all of our members, Councils, and Assemblies for all that you are doing for the Knights of Columbus. Our success as an Order is based on the involvement of each and every member in our activities, and your efforts are greatly appreciated as we carry out the vision of the Venerable Father Michael McGivney.

Over the next few days, take a moment to review your status for the McGivney and Founders Awards. Are you close to achieving your membership and insurance quota's? If so, welcome a new member into the First Degree, or work with your Fraternal Benefits Advisor to sign up a member for either an insurance policy or annuity. I am reminded of the saying that 'we don't work to be recognized, but are recognized for what we do.' Achieving either of these Awards is recognition for the work that you are doing to welcome new members into our ranks.

Councils should also check to see that they have met the requirements for the Columbian Award, and ensure that the paperwork is completed and sent to Supreme by June 30. One of the new requirements this year is that at least four activities must be within the 'Building the Domestic Church' category. For further information, please visit the Supreme Council website, www.kofc.org.

I would like to congratulate State Deputy elect Dan Heffernan, State Warden elect David Gelinis, and the entire State Board on their election as our executive for the 2017-2018 fraternal year. I would also like to thank Past State Deputy Kevin Daudlin and State Secretary Peter Lemon for their contributions to the Order in Ontario during their years on the State Board. We are grateful for your commitment and service to the work of the Knights of Columbus in our jurisdiction!

In closing, if I can be of service to any Council in Ontario, please do not hesitate to contact me (arthur.peters@rogers.com, or 905-791-5563.) It is an honor to serve our province as a member of the Supreme Board of Directors.

Fraternally

Arthur Peters
Supreme Director





Denis Bélanger

Ontario State, Membership Director, June 2017

Brother Knights,

It has been an amazing couple of years serving as your State Membership Director. I want to first thank each of you who has helped to share the gift of membership with the thousands of new members who have joined our Knights' Family. Each member's contribution, however large or small is so very important.

Membership is integral towards our ability as knights to make a positive impact on the Parish and the community. The fraternal brotherhood of the knights is uniquely positioned to be that force of Evangelistic Good that Jesus calls forth from us in the Gospels; "When you did it to the least of these, you did it to me." Since our membership continues to grow older as does the members of our parishes, our very future hinges on our recruitment success.

Mercy is a fundamental principal of our faith, God in His Mercy forgives us our sins. We give charity to our brothers when we forgive them just as God has forgiven us. The story of the Prodigal Son shows how much the Father longs for his son to come home and be reconciled with his family. Or again in the parable of the Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves the 99 in search of the one lost sheep. I ask all councils to apply these principals when dealing with our membership. Let's do whatever we can to heal any broken relationships and welcome back any Brother Knights who may have strayed or lost their way.

As we welcome Canada's 150th birthday, we remember all those faithful brothers who have gone on before us and helped build our country. This year marks also the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions of Fatima and the 70th Anniversary of the Marian Congress in Ottawa, when our Country was consecrated to our Mother Mary. The For Her Honor video (<https://youtu.be/TUvuxqDm1Vw>) shows us this history invites men to join Her Knights. Lastly, we also encourage all members to participate in the Healing Canada Novena Prayer Program beginning on June 23rd and ending on July 1st. www.ontariokofc.ca

It is very important to give affirmation in our roles as Fathers, Husbands, Leaders, and Knights. So I take this opportunity to AFFIRM YOU my Brothers for all the work that you do. In my travels around our province I have been very fortunate to meet many men who give so generously their time and talents. To all of you my Brother Knights, I say THANK YOU from the depths of my heart.

I am so PROUD to call you my Brother Knights!

Denis Bélanger
Ontario State, Membership Director
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Mario Duguay

State Program Director, June 2017

As we approach the end of another fraternal year, let's take this opportunity to reflect on what we've accomplished, the challenges we've taken together and the plans we have for an exciting bright future.

I'd like to start by telling you how much I appreciated each member of the State Team. To the State Board members, the Directors, the Chairmen, the State Membership Wardens, the District Deputies and all of the Grand Knights, who form the State Council, I recognize we would not be where we are today without the contributions made by each and every one of you. Thank you. It has been an honor for me to serve as your State Program Director.

Last year was a year of growth, change and transition. At the end of last year, we saw the Order continue to grow for the second year in a row. As I write this article, we are actually ahead of where we were last year at this time. It is nice to see that our councils are continuing their great work and are still going strong. It is through our excellent programs that we will build a stronger Order in Ontario and I am proud to see the progress we have made together.

As an organization, we need to make sure that our members are valued and know they make a difference to our councils, Churches and our communities. We need to make our members feel that we care and that they are important to us not just by our words but also by our actions. Since becoming your State Program Director in 2015/2016, I have seen how positive our District Deputies and our State team have been. This is

- the key, if we want to continue to bring new members into our Order. We must be able to show our parishioners and our communities, that we respect them and live by the principles of the Order. This is the true meaning of being a Knight and the best way of getting people to join us.

- Our most important asset is our members and we must emphasize their importance because without them we will stop existing. How can we make sure that we continue to grow this great Order and to be able to attract catholic men wanting to become a brother of our great family, the Knights of Columbus? This can be done by promoting exciting and innovating programs that support our family values and our catholic faith. This is where Building the Domestic Church comes into play. By implementing these programs we will strengthen our Families, Parishes and Communities.

- Let's work together so that we can create exiting programs that will promote our values. Let's step out of the box, showcase our accomplishments so that the catholic men in Ontario get to see and enjoy the good work you do. The Ontario State Board along with the State team are here for you. If you need assistance, simply ask for our help so that together, we grow the Order and make Ontario strong.

- Fraternally yours,

- **Mario Duguay**
• **State Program Director**





David Gelinas

State Membership Retention Director, June 2017

Brother Knights,

In my final report as State Membership Retention Director (SMRD), I want to remind every knight in Ontario State that it's been said that "membership in the Knights of Columbus is an experience of a lifetime" and that is true but only if you apply some effort and invest some time in your council and with others.

One doesn't join any organization, group or team and expect a pleasurable experience by waiting on the side and watching others participate and contribute.

As your SMRD these past 2 years, I was your advocate to ensure that councils followed proper procedure and didn't suspend any members in error or haste or without giving their members the facts of what their family would lose if they took a withdrawal or were suspended for failure to pay annual dues.

I learned during this time there has been distance between some members and their council's executive including some very poor relationships. I've constantly asked councils to develop or improve communication methods so that every member is aware of the council's activities including invitations to join them in their charity and social activities for the purpose to ensure you feel satisfied with your membership in the Order.

Most members are very satisfied with their council, but some are not and I pray that you don't feel this way about your council. If so, don't remain silent, reach out to your Grand Knight or another Knight make them

• aware of the situation and maybe with some dialogue
• you'll both find a solution that will lead you to become
• re-inspired in your council and the Order.

• My wife Lori can attest that I've worked very hard
• every day for the past 2 years and over many long hours
• to convince councils to look beyond the money aspect
• and to see the individual value of each member in their
• council including those who may have lost interest for a
• short period of time.

• My replacement is brother Bryan Noble and he is very
• motivated to serve as your next SMRD and to serve
• State Deputy elect Dan Heffernan. I thank State Deputy
• Alain Cayer for the opportunity to serve him and my
• brother Knights in Ontario as your SMRD these past 2
• years and I look forward to serving as your next State
• Warden.

• God Bless,

• **David Gelinas**
• **State Membership Retention Director**
• **State Warden-elect**





Rocky Gualtieri

State Community Director, June 2017

I want to first thank our Worthy State Deputy Alain Cayer for giving me the honor of serving as your Community Director for the past two years, I can only hope that I have met his and your expectations. I could not have accomplished many of the achievements without the hard work of the Chairmen, and of course without your support.

I want to thank each Chairman for their hard work and determination, Brother Francisco Naar as the Wheel Chair Chairman filled two shipping containers in the past two years. Brother Francisco is a hard working dedicated Knight who does not accept no as an answer. He reached out to all the Councils in Ontario to support his portfolio. As we always say: our Programs assist your Council's in recruiting new members, and by having a Wheel Chair on display when you want to raise the funds, gives a real visual to potential donors, who are potential Knights.

Brother Jesmond Tabone, as our Coats for Kids Chairman increased our purchase of coats for families that would not have had been able to provide for their children. A BIG thank you goes out to him for his drive and determination. When we make the donations to the children the parents see firsthand what we as Knights do. Again a visual to support membership drives.

Brother John Frampton as Chairman of Food for Families, has seen a year over year increase in food and financial donations to support this program. Just think how men will think when they see us helping those that cannot help themselves put food on the table for their family, but more importantly, how those seeing us do it. BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT WE DO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Special Olympics will be covered by Brother Joe Matthews but I want to thank him for his dedication, determination, and drive, (triple D) to support this very worthwhile cause. The more we show people how we stand side by side with our Special Olympians the more people will see how the Knights of Columbus truly stands by all Canadians.

In closing I thank all the Councils that supported our Programs, and more importantly I hope that you have seen what our programs will do to support your Membership Growth.

Fraternally,

Rocky Gualtieri
State Community Director





Jerry Hayes

Communications Director, June 2017

High on the list of challenges that we as members of the Order have is our ability to communicate with our Brother Knights, in a manner which motivates them to be inspired to join with us, in achieving the goals that we ourselves wish to see accomplished. Finding the road to success in this area is often far more daunting than we would ever have imagined at the outset of our journey. Often, we feel that in using our own preferred method of communication, we have effectively outlined what it is that we are expecting from a particular individual and it is now simply a matter of sitting back and waiting for this information to arrive back on our doorstep. However, as often as not, we do not end up garnering the information that we are expecting and our bucket is left completely dry. This could have resulted for a variety of reasons.

First of all: maybe the method that we prefer to use to communicate is not at all acceptable to the individuals that we are soliciting. An example would be: the person who only communicates electronically to everyone, regardless of the nature of the issue. Now don't get me wrong, there is nothing wrong with electronic communication if it is used properly. If there was, you would not be reading this very document at this moment. However, this method of sharing information is not always the one preferred by your target market. Many people still have trouble with e-mail, not only in receiving it, but in many cases, they are extremely challenged in responding back to the sender using this medium. Many people only open their e-mails on a very sporadic basis, and thus the speedy response you are expecting your query to receive seems to take

- forever to materialize, if in fact, it even materializes
- at all. If we see that this is happening on a frequent
- basis with a particular individual or a segment of our
- intended audience, then we must quickly come to the
- conclusion that we have to quickly change our strategy
- in how our future communication with this audience
- unfolds. If we don't change our strategy, and simply
- hold our ground, by insisting that our method is the
- right approach, and in turn obtain little to no results,
- then what have we accomplished?

- In many cases, when we are communicating with
- others, we have an expectation that the information
- that we are providing to them should immediately
- motivate the individual to move forward; taking this
- information to heart and in turn motivate them to do
- their part in sharing it with others. With a goal in mind
- for the greater overall achievement for all involved, we
- must ensure that we have communicated the message
- in a manner that inspires the recipient to react in a
- positive manner. If he has not been motivated himself,
- how is he ever going to motivate others on the Team to
- join in the intended enthusiasm of the initiative.

- With the above in mind, it simply goes without saying
- that you can not be a leader without having the ability
- to communicate effectively. For those of you who have
- been put in leadership roles, hopefully this is self-ev-
- ident. It is now your responsibility to determine the
- communication method that garners the best results
- with your audience. In order to do this your audience
- must have a clear understanding of your expectations
- of them as it relates to the goals you have in mind.





Jerry Hayes

Communications Director, June 2017

They must also clearly understand the methodology you are using and how it relates to the goals you are proposing to achieve. These goals and the time frame available to achieve them must be realistic and completely understood by everyone on the Team. Without all of the above components in place, the probability of failure with this undertaking is highly probable.

As we start this new fraternal year, make sure that you not only know each member of your Team, their likes and dislikes, and as well try to quickly determine how you can best deal with them in a manner that ensures that your lines of communication are kept open at all times, thus ensuring that everyone is on the same wave length to reach your planned and clearly defined destination to future success.

Vivat Jesus!

Jerry Hayes
Communications Director





Joe Bodnar

State Squires Director, June 2017

Worthy Brother Knights,

I would like to personally thank all my Brother Knights for your financial, moral and spiritual support over the past six years. My time as the State Squires Director will end on June 30, 2017 but I will leave with many good memories. I was given the opportunity to mentor many fine young men over the years and have watched so many of them graduate from the Squire program and begin their journey as Knights in our Order. I know that many of these young men will one day become our future Grand Knights, State Deputies etc. and I can proudly say that because of the Squire program they got their first taste of the great things that Knights do in our parish and local communities by working closely with the Knights in their local Circles.

I would like to thank all the Knights that have spent countless volunteer hours mentoring these young men by acting as Counsellors and teaching them the importance of helping the less fortunate. Even if you only made a difference in one Squires life it was well worth it.

I would like to thank the young Squires that took that courageous step up to the microphone to declare that they would run for a position on the Provincial Board. Many of them were in high school, worked part time, were active members of their Church but still wanted to leave their mark on the program that meant so much to them. You will always be a special part of my life as you all taught me so much.

Lastly, I would like to thank my wife, Tricia, for being the Provincial Board mom over the past six years to these young men and instilling in them the importance of having faith in each other and working together to

accomplish each of their goals. Your dedication, patience and guidance has left an impact on the young men.

Does your Council have trouble attracting young members to join your ranks? If so, then you should seriously consider starting a Squires Circle that will provide trained young men ready to take on executive positions in your Council when they join. You would be surprised what these young men are capable of doing. Do not be afraid of the youth as they will one day be the future of the Order.

At the recent K of C Convention the Squires held their annual raffle. We would like to thank everyone that purchased tickets: The list of winners :

- 55 inch T.V. - Mark Graun,
- 55 inch T.V.- Weber Dorejo,
- BBQ – Fern Desbalke,
- Luggage set – Colleen Dulla Costa,
- Pandora Bracelet – Hugh Penny,
- Cooler Set – Ted Majkot,
- Sports memorabilia – Jessie DeSauh,
- LOWES Gift Card – Ken McDonald,
- Wine Cooler – Jaime Labaque,
- Spa Gift Card – Dennis Mailloux,
- Keurig Coffee Maker- J.C. Cadieux.

Once again thanks for your continued support.

Esto Dignus – Be Worthy

Joe Bodnar
State Squires Director



Knights in Action! / Chevaliers en action!



Knights of Columbus Father Brian McKee Council 1387 present a \$5,000.00 donation enhancing their Father Brian McKee Memorial Bursary at Cambrian College.

In photo from left to right are Jim Cook, Lector Council 1387, Darlene Palmer, Director of Cambrian Foundation , Richard Rivard, Advocate Council 1387, Bill Best, President Cambrian College and Tony Sottile, Chancellor, Council 1387.

Also the Father Brian McKee Bursary was awarded to Stetson Troscinski this year.

Les Chevaliers du Conseil “Father Brian McKee” 1387 ont présenté un don de 5,000\$ pour enrichir la bourse « Father Brian McKee Memorial Bursary » au Collège Cambrian.

Dans cette photo de gauche à droite Jim Cook, Cérémoniaire du Conseil 1387; Darlene Palmer, directrice de la Fondation du Collège Cambrian; Richard Rivard, avocat du conseil 1387; Bill Best, Président du Collège Cambrian et Tony Sottile Chancelier du conseil 1387.

La bourse « Father Brian McKee a été remis à Stetson Trocinski cette année.



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