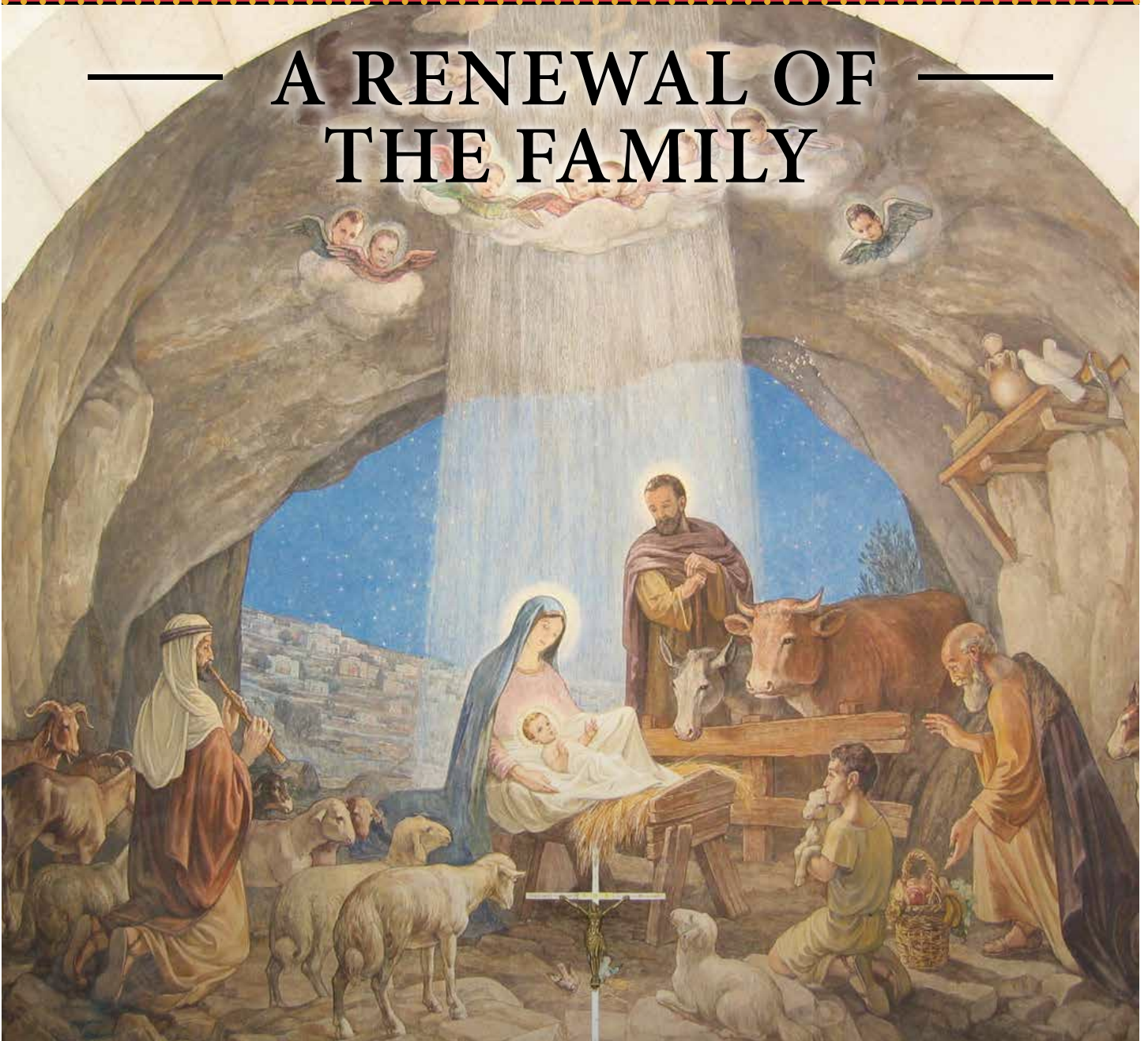




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**A RENEWAL OF
THE FAMILY**



**UN RENOUVEAU
DE LA FAMILLE**



Dan Heffernan State Deputy

I am pleased to welcome Denis LaSalle to the position of Executive Secretary at our State Office in Hamilton. Denis hails from Sudbury and will be relocating with his wife, Claudette Blais, to Hamilton. Denis can be reached by calling the State Office 1-800-759-0959.

The Value of Prayer

My dear Mother, who passed away a number of years ago, once said to me, "My friends and relatives my age have all passed away. There is no one left to pray for me except my children, and I am grateful that I have them!"


So many of us, as we grow older, realize that it is important that we have someone here on earth to pray for us. What a great benefit this is to us as Knights of Columbus members. Did you realize that when we pass, a Mass is said for our soul, and for our wife's soul every single day at our Home Office in New Haven? This is a really important aspect of our Order – and a benefit that we often overlook. You can, remind your brother Knights about this.

With this Christmas season and 2018 upon us, it is an ideal time to ask men to join. As they see '*men in action*' in our church community, they may have had a desire to '*help out*' but have never been asked. I know for myself, some 30 years ago, I held the misconception that to be a 'Knight' one had to be 'elite'. It was a 'club' that the average man did not belong too, or so I thought. How wrong I was! I found a very positive group of faith filled men trying to live out the gospel message of Jesus. By 'helping' and being a role model to our youth, we can guide our children to the truth in our often 'empty and superficial' society. Let's reach out again to those around us to invite them to participate in our Programs. Don't hesitate to invite our membership training team to your area to assist you in making pulpit announcements and deliver productive church drives, or inspire you on the ways of approaching men 'one on one'. This team has an excellent track record.

Remember, we all want and need someone to pray for us. Let's give them that opportunity.

State Welcomes 2 new Councils....

I am excited to welcome 2 new Councils to our Ontario jurisdic-

- tion; St Mary's in Campbellford #16841 and #16859 which is a
- College Council taking in members of the University of Water-
- loo, Wilfred Laurier, and Conestoga College. Brothers, we do
- ourselves a big favour by starting these College Councils. These
- young men who join the Order have lots of energy, and are full of
- ideas. When they leave their institution to enter the workforce,
- they will be looking for a local Council to join. You will not have
- to recruit them, they will come looking for you!
- Congrats goes to District Deputies Jim Gibson, and
- Tim Runstedler who started these two Councils.
- For this, they have earned the Top Achiever Award
- which is a black leather jacket bearing this logo.
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- Contrary to what some believe, starting a new
- Council does not hamper or hinder the existing Council but
- rather enhances all the church communities. For example, in
- some church drives that we have completed where Councils are
- servicing several parishes, we have had many gentlemen tell us
- that they would join the Knights if they had a Council in their
- Parish. They do not want to join a Council which has as its home
- base in another Church. In these instances, having a Council
- in each of these Parishes would increase the total number of
- Knights thereby allowing the Knights to serve this parish better.
- Further, more than one Council provides for more active
- executive members since each Council has 15 elected officers.
- So, I appeal to you Brothers who are in Councils serving several
- Parishes, please develop a plan to institute at least one or more
- Council in these other Church communities.
- Remember the lessons taught in our Degrees. The more
- members we have, the stronger we are. And likewise, the more
- Councils we have within a group of parishes, the more programs
- and services can be delivered to both parishioners and pastors.
- We are strong when we work together!
- **New E-membership or 'Online Membership'**
- As things change in the world, we must keep pace with new
- technologies and attitudes of our younger generation. One of
- the changes that Supreme has been studying the last few years
- is social media, and how to reach young men that we would not
- otherwise reach.





Dan Heffernan

State Deputy

To this end, Supreme has put in place an ‘online membership’ where members can sign up, and become members in a category of “online membership”. These members will then be made known to associated Councils, who in turn, will sign them up to be Council members.

This program is in its pilot stage. It began in July, 2017 in three (3) states; Alberta, New Mexico, and Maryland. In October, additional states were added to the project. I am pleased to announce that In January, 2018, Ontario, with seven (7) other states will be added to the pilot project. Your State Board has embraced this wholeheartedly, together with the District Deputies who attended the most recent Mid-Year meeting. We see this as a very useful tool to be utilized in membership recruitment, and we hope that Councils will embrace it. It is not to replace what we do today but rather it is an enhancement. The details of how it works will be made known over the coming weeks.

Congrats to Superior Assembly 883 -Still going strong after 100 years!

The Ontario State Board was honoured to be guests at their Anniversary celebration dinner which took place in Sault Ste Marie on October 28th, 2017.

Present to cut their cake were 4 State Deputies; current State Deputy Dan Heffernan, and 3 Past State Deputies, Arthur Peters, Alain Cayer and Michael Sheehan.



Supreme Director Arthur Peters, along with State Deputy Dan Heffernan posed with Sir Knights, Master Len Donnelly, Faithfull Navigator Paul Marson and Sir Knight John Morasut (in the Top Hat and tails), in 3 different regalia which have been worn by 4th Degree Knights over the years.

Coats for Kids

In spite of this being a record year for the Coats for Kids program, there remains such a great need in our communities. Unfortunately, we have just scratched the surface. Last year we provided 2400 coats throughout Ontario. At the

- time of writing this article, this year, we have provided over 5000
- coats thus far. This was accomplished with only 90 Councils
- participating. Just imagine what we could do if 500 Councils
- participated!
- The process is simple. Contact each School Board to inquire as
- to the number of coats needed in each of the schools. It is left to
- the teachers to decide which kids are the most in need, and which
- kids receive the coats first. Analyzing this process, we know that
- we have only given a fraction of the coats needed. Based on the
- numbers submitted to us, we know there are many children who
- will be under-clothed this winter, and that is heartbreaking.
- Next year, let’s do better than what we did this year. I know that
- we can fill that need. After all, *“It is all about the Kids!”*
- **Low Council attendance: State Convention**
- Your State Board has been considering ideas on how to increase
- attendance at the State Convention. The State Convention is far
- too important for Councils to miss attending. This is where the
- business of Ontario State is conducted, and the election of the
- State Board officers takes place.
- In an effort to increase the attendance at this year’s Convention
- April 20th to 22nd, 2018, your State Board decided that all
- Councils who attend will have their Council number entered into
- a Draw for 1 of 3 prizes. The 1st prize is a trip to a destination to
- be determined, through a travel agency. The other 2 prizes are
- yet to be determined. We want to give you notice of this even
- though all details have not been completely confirmed.
- The intention of this would be that the Council that wins one of
- these prizes will then take this prize back to be raffled off within
- their Council or community as a fundraiser.
- Currently less than 1 in 3 Councils attend the Convention. Do
- you want your future determined by a small minority of Councils
- who attend? The State Board is looking at ways of lowering the
- cost for the Convention; however, there are basic hotel costs that
- need to be met, and the more Councils that attend, the lower the
- cost per Council.
- Wishing you and your family all the best for this Christmas
- season and a happy New Year.





Dan Heffernan Député d'État

Je suis très heureux d'accueillir Denis LaSalle au poste de secrétaire exécutif au Bureau d'État, à Hamilton. Denis nous arrive de Sudbury et il déménagera avec son épouse Claudette Blais, à Hamilton. Denis pourra être rejoint au Bureau d'État au numéro suivant:
1-800-759-0959.

L'importance de la prière

Ma chère mère, qui est décédée il y a quelques années, m'a déjà dit: «Mes amis et ma parenté de mon âge sont tous décédés. Il ne reste plus personne pour prier pour moi sauf mes enfants, et je suis reconnaissante de leur présence et pour leurs prières.»

Plusieurs d'entre nous, en vieillissant, réalisons qu'il est important d'avoir quelqu'un ici sur terre qui prie pour nous. Ceci est un apport important des Chevaliers de Colomb. Saviez-vous que suivant notre décès, une messe est célébrée pour notre âme et celle de notre épouse, chaque jour à la chapelle de notre siège social, à New Haven? Ceci est un aspect important de notre Ordre – et un bienfait qui nous échappe souvent. Prenez le temps d'en parler avec vos frères Chevaliers.

Avec la période des Fêtes et l'année 2018 qui est à nos portes, le moment est opportun pour demander à des hommes que nous connaissons de joindre notre Ordre. En voyant les hommes de la paroisse en action dans notre communauté, ils doivent sûrement avoir un certain désir d'aider également, mais personne ne leur a peut-être jamais demandé. Moi-même, comme paroissien, il y a trente ans, je regardais les Chevaliers et me disais que les Chevaliers étaient des membres de l'élite de la paroisse et que ce n'était pas un club pour les gens ordinaires comme moi. C'était alors ce que je pensais....! Quelle erreur de ma part, une fois membre de l'équipe, j'ai rencontré un groupe d'hommes très positifs, imbus de foi, des hommes qui essayaient de vivre au jour le jour le message de Jésus. En aidant et en étant un exemple pour nos jeunes, nous pouvons guider cette jeunesse vers la vérité dans notre société souvent vide et superficielle.

N'ayons pas peur d'inviter les gens de notre entourage à participer à nos programmes. N'hésitez pas à inviter l'équipe de formation sur le recrutement dans votre localité pour vous aider à améliorer votre recrutement en paroisse et à multiplier le nombre de nouvelles recrues. Cette formation explique également des méthodes éprouvées de conversations d'homme à homme. Cette équipe a fait ses preuves, profitez-en!

N'oubliez pas, nous avons tous besoin de quelqu'un qui prie pour nous. Donnons-leur cette chance.

L'État accueille deux nouveaux Conseils!

Je suis heureux de souhaiter la bienvenue à deux nouveaux Conseils pour l'Ontario; le Conseil St-Mary's, à Campbellford, numéro 16841 et le nouveau Conseil 16859 qui est un Conseil étudiant qui recrute ses membres à l'Université de Waterloo, l'Université Wilfrid Laurier et au Collège Conestoga. Frères, nous nous faisons une grande faveur en restaurant des Conseils dans les collèges. Ces jeunes hommes qui joignent notre Ordre ont beaucoup d'énergie et ont souvent pleins de nouvelles idées. En terminant leurs études, ces jeunes entreront sur le marché du travail et chercheront pour un Conseil dans leur localité. Vous n'aurez pas à les recruter, ils viendront vous voir!

Félicitations aux Députés de District Jim Gibson et Tim Runstedler qui ont fondé ces deux Conseils. Pour leurs efforts, ils ont reçu la reconnaissance de «Meilleur recruteur», avec comme prix un veston en cuir avec le logo ci-après.

Contrairement à la croyance populaire, la fondation d'un nouveau Conseil n'empêche pas la croissance d'un Conseil voisin.

La réalité est que ça améliore toutes les communautés chrétiennes. Par exemple, dans les Conseils qui desservent plusieurs paroisses, certains hommes catholiques nous disent qu'ils joindraient les Chevaliers si le Conseil était dans «leur» paroisse. Ils ne sont pas intéressés à joindre un Conseil dans une autre paroisse. Dans ce cas, avoir un Conseil dans chaque paroisse augmenterait le nombre de Chevaliers et multiplierait les programmes sur le même territoire et améliorerait ainsi le service dans chacune des paroisses.

De plus, chaque Conseil dans chaque paroisse a des membres actifs de l'exécutif, car chaque Conseil comprend 15 officiers élus. Donc, je fais appel à vous, Frères qui faites partie de Conseils qui ont plusieurs paroisses, s'il vous plaît faites un plan pour créer au moins un Conseil dans ces autres communautés.

N'oubliez pas les leçons apprises lors de nos degrés. Le plus de membres nous avons, le plus fort nous sommes. De la même façon, le plus de Conseils nous avons dans un groupe de paroisses, le plus de programmes seront disponibles pour desservir les paroisses et les curés. Nous sommes plus forts lorsque nous travaillons ensemble!

Nouvelle catégorie de membre en ligne (E-Membership)

Dans ce monde en perpétuel changement, nous devons presser le pas pour rester à la page avec les nouvelles technologies et les habitudes différentes de la génération montante. Le Conseil Suprême en est conscient et étudie depuis quelques années les médias sociaux, et





Dan Heffernan Député d'État

comment rejoindre les jeunes gens que nous ne pourrions rejoindre autrement.

À cet effet, le Conseil Suprême instaure « [la carte de membre en ligne](#) » ou des nouveaux membres peuvent s'inscrire et devenir membre dans une nouvelle catégorie : membre en ligne. Ces nouveaux membres seront dirigés vers les Conseils locaux qui de leur côté les enregistrent en bonne et due forme pour qu'ils deviennent des membres en règle de Conseil.

Ce nouveau programme est au stade de projet pilote. Il a commencé en juillet 2017 dans trois États : l'Alberta, le Nouveau-Mexique et le Maryland. En octobre, d'autres États ont été ajoutés. Je suis heureux d'annoncer que dès janvier 2018, l'Ontario et sept autres États seront ajoutés à ce projet pilote. Votre Conseil d'État appuie sans réserve cette initiative qu'il a d'ailleurs présentée aux Députés de District à leur réunion semi-annuelle, au début de décembre. Nous sommes tous convaincus que ce nouvel outil est positif pour améliorer le recrutement et nous espérons que les Conseils embarqueront. Cet outil est un complément et non pas un remplacement de nos méthodes actuelles. Nous aurons plus de détails dans les prochaines semaines.

Félicitations à l'Assemblée 883 – Toujours forte après 100 ans!

Le Conseil d'État a été honoré d'être invité au dîner anniversaire qui a eu lieu à Sault Ste-Marie, le 28 octobre dernier.

Quatre Députés d'État étaient présents pour couper le gâteau : l'actuel Député d'État Dan Heffernan et trois ex-Députés d'État : Alain Cayer, Arthur Peters et Michael Sheehan.

Le Directeur Suprême Arthur Peters avec le Député d'État Dan Heffernan, ont été pris en photos avec les Sires Chevaliers suivants : le Digne Maître Len Donnelly, le Fidèle Navigateur Paul Marson ainsi que le Sire Chevalier John Morasut, dans un régalia du passé. (Trois uniformes de différentes époques représentés)



Manteaux pour enfants

En dépit du fait que cette année est une année record pour le programme Manteaux pour enfants, de grands besoins ne sont toujours pas comblés. Malheureusement, nous n'avons qu'effleuré la demande.

- L'an dernier, nous avons fourni 2 400 manteaux partout en Ontario.
- Au moment d'écrire ces lignes, nous avons livré 5 000 habits à date cette année. Ce montant a été atteint avec la participation de 90
- Conseils. Quel nombre pourrions-nous atteindre si nos plus de 500
- Conseils participaient?
- Ce programme est simple: il s'agit de communiquer avec votre
- Conseil scolaire local pour connaître le nombre de manteaux requis
- dans chaque école. Ce sont les enseignants qui décident quels enfants
- sont dans le besoin et ceux qui ont un urgent besoin de manteau.
- En étudiant ce processus, nous constatons que nous ne fournissons
- qu'une fraction du besoin. Basé sur ces chiffres, nous savons que
- plusieurs enfants ne seront pas habillés assez chaudement cet hiver et
- ceci est fort malheureux.
- L'an prochain, faisons mieux que cette année. Je sais que l'on peut
- remplir cette demande.
- Après tout... *C'est pour les enfants!*

Congrès d'État: moins de Conseils présents

- Votre Conseil d'État est en réflexion sur la façon d'augmenter la
- participation des Conseils au Congrès d'État. Le Congrès d'État
- est trop important pour avoir moins de participation des Conseils.
- C'est lors du Congrès que les affaires de l'État sont débattues et que
- l'élection des officiers d'État a lieu.
- Dans le but d'accroître la participation au prochain Congrès, qui aura
- lieu du 20 au 22 avril 2018, votre Conseil d'État a décidé d'enregistrer
- les Conseils présents pour une participation à un tirage de trois prix.
- Le premier prix sera un voyage à être déterminé, qui sera offert par
- une agence de voyage. Les deux autres prix restent à déterminer. Ceci
- est un avis hâtif pour vous informer de ce qui s'en vient, en attendant
- les détails qui restent aussi à être confirmés.
- L'intention derrière ce tirage est que le Conseil qui gagne pourra faire
- un autre tirage dans son Conseil ou l'offrir comme prix dans un tirage
- communautaire.
- En ce moment, seulement un Conseil sur trois assiste au Congrès.
- Voulez-vous que votre avenir soit déterminé par seulement une mi-
- norité de Conseils? Le Conseil d'État étudie aussi différentes options
- pour réduire les coûts de participation des Conseils, cependant le coût
- des chambres d'hôtels ne pourra être réduit que par une plus grande
- participation des Conseils.

- En terminant, je vous souhaite une belle période des Fêtes avec votre
- famille, ainsi qu'une Sainte et Heureuse Nouvelle Année.





Marcel Damphousse

State Chaplain

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.” (Isaiah 9,2)

Dear brother Knights of Ontario,

Throughout the season of Advent, our liturgies referred constantly about this LIGHT that draws people out of darkness. Even our Advent wreath is meant to draw our attention to the four Sundays of Advent leading to the feast of the Nativity. Each week we grow closer to the feast of the One that is the source of this Light. Each week, we long to enter into the warmth and brightness of this Light. We pray that it may instill hope within our hearts so that we may better deal with the areas of darkness that still linger. As human beings, we are created to live in the light. Life emerges when exposed to light. It is therefore most fitting to celebrate the coming of the Eternal True Light during the longest days of darkness in our calendar year. We welcome with great joy the gift that radiates change and hope and new life.

Christmas is therefore a powerful witness to Hope. It is the celebration that welcomes the Gift of God to humanity. All of heaven and earth rejoices in the coming of the Prince of Light, Jesus the Christ, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The Mystery of Incarnation reveals how far our loving God is willing to go to restore humanity and provide it fullness of life.

• For many people who experience a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, life takes on a new meaning and purpose. Redeeming grace pulls them out of misery and calls them to witness with joy the gift of Love.

• May this Christmas bring blessings to you all and your families. Welcome the ultimate gift of God in the person of Jesus Christ. May you be transformed and empowered to make every day of the New Year an occasion to witness to your faith.

• Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





Marcel Damphousse Aumônier d'État

Message de Noël de l'Aumônier d'État

“Le peuple qui marchait dans les ténèbres vit une grande lumière; sur ceux qui habitaient le pays de l'ombre de la mort, une lumière resplendit.”
(Ésaïe 9,2)

Chers frères Chevaliers de l'Ontario,

Tout au long de la période de l'Avent, nos liturgies se réfèrent constamment à cette LUMIÈRE qui attire le peuple hors des ténèbres. Même notre couronne de l'Avent est conçue pour attirer notre attention sur les quatre dimanches de l'Avent qui nous mène à la fête de la Nativité. Chaque semaine, nous nous rapprochons de la fête de Celui qui est la source de cette Lumière. Chaque semaine, nous espérons entrer dans la chaleur et la clarté de cette Lumière. Nous prions pour semer l'espoir dans nos cœurs afin de mieux gérer les périodes de noirceur qui persistent en nous. Comme êtres humains, nous sommes créés pour vivre dans la lumière. La vie explose lorsqu'elle est exposée à la lumière. Il est donc approprié, durant les plus longues périodes de noirceur de notre calendrier, de célébrer l'arrivée de la véritable Lumière éternelle. Nous accueillons avec grande joie le cadeau qui illumine le changement et l'espoir d'une vie nouvelle.

Noël est donc un puissant témoin de l'Espoir. C'est une fête qui accueille le cadeau de Dieu à l'humanité. Tout le ciel et la terre se réjouissent de la venue du Prince de la Lumière, Jésus le Christ, Fils de Dieu

et Sauveur du monde. Le mystère de l'incarnation révèle comment loin notre Dieu d'amour est prêt à aller pour restaurer l'humanité et nous donner une vie de plénitude.

Pour toutes les personnes qui ont vécu une rencontre personnelle avec Jésus Christ, la vie prend un sens et un but nouveaux. La grâce rédemptrice les sort de la misère et les appelle à témoigner avec joie du don de l'Amour.

Que la fête de Noël vous apporte plein de bénédictions à vous et vos familles. Accueillons le cadeau ultime de Dieu dans la personne de Jésus le Christ. Puissiez-vous être transformés et trouver la force de proclamer et de témoigner de votre foi, chaque jour de la nouvelle année.

Joyeux Noël, Bonne et Heureuse Année!





Alain Cayer

Immediate Past State Deputy

Brothers,
Ontario Knights are making a huge difference in our parishes and communities. This is a great feeling as we strive to improve our Order. Our “2 Man Support Teams” initiative has been launched at the District Deputies Mid-Year meeting held in early December.

The purpose of creating these teams is to assist those Councils who are having difficulty for any number of reasons. It could be due to the fact that they have not recruited in the last year, or their lack of attracting and filling their elected officer positions, or maybe because they need help in having well organized programs. Last year a little under 200 Councils did not recruit a single member! This is the first sign of a problem.

District Deputies along with Grand Knights or Council members need to make the first step which is to recognize the need to improve their status now, before it is too late. The District Deputy will contact the State Council Retention Director for assistance. Together they will be assigned a State Leader to be teamed with the District Deputy. This new “2 Man team” will evaluate the Council’s activities, determine the best solution and make recommendations. It could be that the Council requires assistance with recruiting, training, mentoring, or communications.

Our Ontario State Team wishes nothing but success for all Councils so we are reaching out to help YOU. If you think your Council could benefit from this “2 Man Support Team”, please contact your District Deputy. Together, let’s start planning for your success, **now!**

Church Drive training (phase 1) and the new **Boot Camp Training** (phase 2) presentations are currently available. We encourage all Councils to take advantage of this great offer.

The **Church Drive training** is the introduction of ‘how to perform a successful church drive’, and ‘how programs can help recruit new members’. The method of successful recruiting has changed over the years. **The Boot Camp Training** is my new presentation which will give you the step by step map to a successful church drive. The most important addition is the interaction and practice of these skills giving everyone more confidence in their ability to dialogue with a prospective Knight, asking the right questions, and giving the right answers.

Retention Training. Maybe, it seems to you that the only message you hear from State and Supreme is “recruit, recruit and recruit!” However, we have found that Councils need just as much help in retaining that new member, as it was to recruit him. **Retention** is the key to have and keep our members for years. I have prepared a presentation on Retention which is ideal for the local and District levels as it can be shown during a week night since it takes approximately 90 minutes. If you wish to host a night for this training, please send me an email at ac_saver@yahoo.ca.

Ceremonials are an important part of our organization as it advances our members from prospects to members. Whether you are planning

- an Admission, Formation, Knighthood or Patriotic degree, we endeavour to make them as impressive as possible as this is your candidate’s special day! To make them successful, you need to **plan in advance** just like you planned your wedding day or any other significant event in your life. Here are a few steps to follow that will help you be successful;
- dates (set dates and let everyone know when and where the degrees will happen),
- Invite your guests (invite members from your Council, your District and area to attend so that the number of members is greater than candidates),
- Your welcoming committee (make sure no candidates are left alone after the degree. They must feel part of your Council), talk individually with them, then introduce them to your brothers.
- As your Membership Director, I am responsible for the ‘2 Man Support Team’, Training, and Ceremonials. If your Council receives appropriate training, and if you prepare degrees with tender loving care, communicate effectively with your pastor and your members, how can you fail? The important element here is **‘Timing!’**
- If you test drive a vehicle at your local car dealership, does the salesman wait a month or two before he calls you to see what you thought of the vehicle? Why do we make all our prospects/candidates wait? Today an Admission Degree can be done swiftly and easily.
- Supreme has approved the Admission Degree to be done several ways; with the District or Council team by memory, it can be read with your own team or it can be viewed by DVD with a smaller team.
- The DVD should not be the first choice for Councils preparing an admission degree; however if the complete team is not available this should be our last option. The fact remains that we are losing potential members when they have to wait too long. Our society today is fast paced. Why not make them a member with the DVD, and then ask them to attend another Admission Degree later? We should always attend Admission Degrees when possible. At our past District Deputy Mid-Year Meeting, we hosted an Admission Degree by DVD. Some District Deputies had not seen it done before and all expressed their appreciation for it and how easily it was presented. The eight (8) new members were admitted with over 100 members in the room which was followed by applause as well as a personal hand shake. I doubt that any of them will ever leave the Order after being welcomed in this way. With Christmas around the corner, why not give the gift of membership? It will be rewarding.

• On behalf of my wife Sheryl, and myself, we wish all of you and your family a wonderful Merry Christmas and all the Best for 2018!

• Alain Cayer, IPSD





David Peters State Secretary

My dear Brother Knights

We are now into the “Advent Season” and, hopefully, we will be preparing ourselves spiritually for the upcoming, holy season of Christmas.

You know, Advent is not merely a “prep time” for the celebration of the anniversary of our Saviour’s birth. It really presents us with an opportunity to reflect on Jesus’ first coming to us in Bethlehem, on his time spent here on earth before his ultimate sacrifice on our behalf and our need to prepare ourselves for His second coming.

It is very easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the “pre-Christmas period” but we must make time for our own spiritual development. The “Advent Season” is a perfect time for preparing ourselves spiritually and to renewing our commitments to our Order.

At the end of this month we will reach the half-way point of this Fraternal Year. I ask each of you to immediately contact your Councils and Assemblies requesting that they perform, without delay, an audit of their success levels as far as their membership recruitment goals and various other programs are concerned. Have they achieved 50% of their goals or are they “in a slump”? The second half of this Fraternal Year will be difficult for them unless they **react now**.

I once again stress the importance of Officers Training, and ask you to help identify those councils who are in need of this.... arrangements can be made to set up and conduct such required training, which will result in Council Executives performing to their highest potential.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Holy and Merry Christmas – may you all be filled with the Spirit of love and enjoy every blessing throughout the Christmas Season and the New Year.





Marcel Lemmen

State Treasurer

My Brother Knights,

I am very happy to be serving you as State Treasurer this fraternal year. With Christmas approaching we are already almost half way through. The State Board, directors and chairmen have been working hard on the many programs that we run throughout the year in Ontario. For many years now, we have prepared an annual budget, starting at our board meeting in October and then finalized in November. Until this year the budget was only used internally to guide the programs that the Board has planned for our councils and members. A resolution passed at the last State Convention mandated that the budget be published to the membership by December 31st and we are on track to do that.

The per capita billing to councils will be sent out next month since these dues follow the calendar year rather than the fraternal year. There are a few councils that are in arrears and still owe Ontario State their per capita dues for 2017. It is important that those overdue accounts be paid up as soon as possible so that councils don't fall too far behind when the next invoices are issued. I am in the process of contacting those councils to ensure their dues are current.

At the last State Convention, the delegates voted to give the Columbian Squires \$40 per council per year. Since the Columbian Squires are a charitable youth program, the \$40 may be paid from a council's charity account and it will be billed separately from the per capita dues.

My other portfolios include promoting the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney Guild and Honoris and I made information on both available to the District

Deputies at the recent mid-year meeting. The Guild promotes the cause for canonization of our Founder and it is always looking for more members to join. Membership is free and a regular newsletter will be sent to you with news on the progress being made towards the canonization of Venerable Father McGivney. If you are not already a member, I encourage you to enroll at www.fathermcgivney.org.

The Honoris is a shrine to Venerable Father McGivney and it is located in the grotto of St. Patrick's Basilica, 281 Nepean Street, Ottawa. You are encouraged to plan a special trip to visit the shrine, or at least drop in when you are in the Ottawa area. To get more information about the shrine please visit the Honoris web site at www.michaeljmcgivneyhonoris.ca.

On behalf of my wife, Charlene, and daughter, Grace, I would like to wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas and all of the best in 2018.

Vivat Jesus!





Bruce Poulin

State Advocate

Worthy Brother Knights,

I would like to share some of the following very important information:

Home Corporations

It is a matter of record that members, part of Home Corporations, have preoccupations with rising costs relating to maintenance of aging buildings that impedes the Knights of Columbus' fraternal, charitable, and religious mission with a consequence of severely deterring membership growth.

This situation is compounded by the fact that the Office of the Supreme Advocate and the Ontario State Board are inundated with requests for assistance in helping local councils deal with serious problems arising out of council use of corporation facilities, chiefly arising out of member division and in-fighting over disposition of funds.

Seen from this perspective, many corporations have opted to dissolve. However, many corporations do not realize that, when these corporations were constituted, they filed a binding legal document that is archived with the provincial government and they all have a dissolution clause as to how the corporations' assets may be dispersed. So, before dispersing funds, it is critical that their respective Corporation Act be executed first and that they receive clearance from the government stating that there are no outstanding taxes owed. Any outstanding balances owed will fall on the last elected corporation executive, so it is critical that any funds derived from the dissolution of assets not be donated or dispersed until all outstanding balances are resolved.

Safe Environment (Columbian Squire Circles)

There have been some recent changes to the Safe Envi-

ronment Program particularly as it relates to Columbian Squire Circles. First, Supreme will not authorize the creation, nor will it entertain the re-activation, of any Squire Circle.

In addition, members in certain youth leader roles who do not comply within 45 days of their specific Safe Environment requirements from Supreme will be removed. Any Columbian Squire Circles with one or more counsellors who have failed to comply with the Safe Environment requirements within the mandate 45-day period are subject to permanent dissolution upon 15 days' notice. Therefore, it is imperative that we strive for 100% compliance for all members required to undergo training and background checks.

Resolutions

I would like to remind councils that the deadline for submitting resolutions for the 2018 Ontario State Convention is Monday February 1st, 2018. The resolutions template is available under Forms in the Officers menu on the Ontario State web site. After the council has approved the resolution it should be sent to the Ontario State Office.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year,

Bruce Poulin
State Warden





David Gelin

State Warden

Brother Knights,

I wish to congratulate District Deputy 29 Jim Gibson for establishing Council 16841 in Campbellford and District Deputy 69 Tim Runstedler for establishing Council 16859 at the University of Waterloo which includes Wilfred University and Conestoga College. Both DDs were presented a K of C watch at the DD organizational meeting earlier this month from State Deputy Dan Heffernan and myself. Five other DDs were presented their watch from iPSD Alain Cayer and Marcel Lemmen for establishing New Councils in the last quarter of the 2016-2017 fraternal year including; DD 92 Doug Randall (Council 16713 in Ottawa), DD 108 Tony Cheung (Council 16726 in Markham), DD 66 Ben Ho (Council 16762 in Ottawa), DD 65 Kingsley Leon (Council 16768 in Toronto) and DD 21 Reg Campbell (Spanish Council 16774 in Leamington). Congratulations and thank you for your help to spread the influence of the Order in a new parish in your community.

In addition to working on NCD quota of 10 for this year, I have to track how many Round Tables we have in Ontario. Our benchmark is 100 but currently Supreme has received 18 form #2630s. I've only received 1 copy so I'm asking every council to send me a copy when you submit it to Supreme.

A round table's purpose is to serve the pastor of each parish when a council serves multiple parishes. When Grand Knights don't complete form #2630 by June 30th each year there are many important things that do not occur. The work done at parishes outside the home base

council does not get recorded or recognized, compared to the annual survey records done by all councils each year. Second, Ontario State Council is not aware which parishes are continued to be serviced by a council or not. Please complete form #2630 each year and form #2629 for the first year only. It could be there are more round tables in Ontario but we're not sure unless GKs complete the annual report.

For my other portfolio, bursaries, I encourage councils to ensure their members are aware of the annual Ontario State Bursary by placing a message in their January through April monthly bulletins. Please make them aware this bursary is not solely for our youth and that members in good standing and their wife can be eligible for this bursary. More details are found on the application form and available at Ontario State's website for download. May 1st is an absolute deadline.

Wishing every member in Ontario and their family a blessed and joyous Christmas and the new year full of hope and good health in 2018.

Vivat Jesus.

David Gelin
State Warden





Denis Bélanger State Program Director

Keep Christ in Christmas

As we begin this season of Advent we are given the opportunity to reflect on Him for whom we celebrate Christmas. All throughout the world, Christ unites us all into the family of God.

Unity is so central to our Order, without it we cease to function. The Cross is how we are all bound together. Jesus' one birth and His one death on the Cross and His resurrection gave for us a way to be saved.

1 Corinthians 1:18 The message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

Where there is strife or division, let us place the Cross in our midst so that we may find healing and Unity! This is our calling as Knights, to show a better Way to those around us; To be United into one Brotherhood.

Please invite other men to become part of our Brotherhood, the family of Knights. This family includes all the families of our brother knights.

As we contemplate Christ born among us, let's continue to strive for that Unity of purpose to seek out those most in need of our help and assistance. (Coats for Kids, Food for Families, RSVP, Persecuted Christians, the Unborn, the Seniors, Special Olympics,)

Wishing all of your families a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Denis Bélanger
Ontario State Program Director





Mario Duguay State Council Director

As your State Council Director, I will be responsible for the State Service Program Awards this year. These awards are there to recognize the best programs conducted by local councils in the areas of Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life, and Youth activities.

By introducing or conducting exciting programs, not only does your council retain its current members, but will be able to attract new ones. Your members will be excited to promote the Order and will want to contribute to its growth and success in your community.

I often hear that Knights do not get involved to be recognized. We know the primary motive behind our work is to help others, however, sometimes it is nice and encouraging for our members to be recognized for a job well done. Your council's Service Program activities should be a source of pride for you and your fellow Knights, so why not submit your program reports and let other councils hear of the good work you do. This may give ideas to other Councils that are looking at trying new programs and at the same time it may help grow the Order.

Each year Ontario honours the best program or activity in the areas Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life, and Youth at our State Convention. Submit your good work for a chance to be recognized. If your entry is selected it will be sent to Supreme and each year the top international winners are honoured at the Supreme Knight's Awards Session at the annual Supreme Convention.

Remember that entries are judged first and foremost on the effectiveness of the program. The content of the award application itself, however, is extremely important in

- conveying to the judges just how effective the program was. To enter a program, complete the **State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form** (#STSP) located in the Council Report Forms Booklet (#1436) or at **www.kofc.org/forms**. A separate form should be used for each program submitted.

- Send the form, along with supporting materials (newspaper articles, photographs, etc.) to the Ontario State Council. **Do not send these forms to the Supreme Council office.** Contact your District Deputy or me, if you have any questions. Remember the deadline for the entry forms is March 15. Why wait, complete the forms right after the activity, that way; you will make sure it is submitted on time.

- On behalf of my wife Lorraine and I, we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

- ***Remember, you can't win if you don't enter!***





Alex Schadenburg

Pro Life Director

Knights of Columbus members can make a difference in our culture if we focus on our programs and recognize that together we are many, together we are effective.

One of the challenges we face is the defence of the sacredness of human life. The Knights of Columbus are part of a movement of catholic men who uphold the sacredness of human life. This is why, the Knights of Columbus raise money for pro-life groups and activities through the Roses for Life program.

The Roses for Life program is a simple and effective program that requires all councils to participate. By ordering the lapel roses from the State Board office and handing them out in our parishes for donations, we have effectively raised a significant amount of money for pro-life groups and activities.

Unfortunately, last year, many of the councils did not participate in the Roses for Life program. To make a difference in the culture of life, we need every council to participate in this important program. Please support Brother Tim Runstedler who is the Roses for Life Program Chairman.

Money raised from the Roses for Life program must be donated to the many local or national pro-life groups and activities. Don't hesitate to contact me for suggestions.

The March for Life is an annual event that enables many people who believe in the sanctity of human life to march together for life. The March for Life will be on Thursday May 10, 2018 in Ottawa. The March for Life features Mass at several Catholic Churches (10 am), a rally on Parliament Hill (noon), the Rose Dinner, and a Youth Dinner in the evening. There is also the March for Life Youth Conference on May 11. Last year 800 students attended the March for Life Youth Conference.

- For 2018, the Knights of Columbus have accepted a greater role in the March for Life. Each district (within driving distance of Ottawa) is urged to sponsor or subsidize the cost of sending a bus to the March. We also urge the councils (not within driving distance of Ottawa) to make a donation to Niagara Region Right to Life to defray the cost of the March for Life youth conference.
- The Knights of Columbus councils will also be providing free drinks and snacks to the March for Life participants on Parliament Hill.
- The Knights of Columbus March for Life Program Chairman is Brother Kevin Smith.
- As Pro-Life director I recognize that we are effective when we work together. All Knights of Columbus councils are urged to have a Pro-Life/Culture of Life director.
- State Deputy, Brother Dan Heffernan, has urged me to establish a Culture of Life Ontario committee. To accomplish this task, I am asking the Culture of Life council directors to contact me. The purpose of the Culture of Life Committee is not to create more work but to co-ordinate and enable us to work together.
- We request every Knights of Columbus council to appoint a Culture of Life director. If your council doesn't have a Culture of Life director, then please ask someone to volunteer for this position. Often this person will already be involved with pro-life activities in your parish.
- If you have any question, concerns or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact me at: 519-851-1434 or alexschadenberg@on.aibn.com

Alex Schadenburg
Knights of Columbus Ontario Pro-Life Director





Earle DePass Youth Director

With Christmas only days away, I take this opportunity to wish each member of the Knights and their families a beautiful Christmas season and a blessed 2018. I continue to really enjoy this portfolio and am thankful for the opportunity to manage the five portions within it along with the super State Chairmen; Bro. Savio Fernandes, Bro. Gilbert Terriault (soon to be changed), Bro. Joe Bodnar and Bro. Dennis Keefe.

1. Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest:

Boys and girls, 8 to 11 and (12 to 14):

Chairman; Bro. Savio Fernandes at (647) 998-5326 or savifernandes@hotmail.com

I was very pleased to learn in July 2017, from my contact in Supreme that Ontario had three international winners (normally only two) in 2017. They were; Taya Fraser from Council 8549 in Whitby, Heather Anderson, from Council 5607 in Hanover and Andra Capannelli from Council 14446 in Oakville. After a request from our State Deputy to have us personally make the presentations to the three winners, in concert with State Chairman - Bro. Savio Fernandes and past Director - Bro. Ron Hutt we set about doing this. State Deputy and I, along with local council representatives presented the beautiful framed certificates of winner's posters to all three winners in mid November 2017. All three school principals attended the presentations made in their respective schools. Each winner will also receive a 9.7" iPad equipped with 128GB and Wi-Fi.

Following the invitation for next year's Substance Abuse competition which went out from the State Office on October 18, 2017 during the DDs convention on December 2, 2017. Please take note of the new due dates by which the posters are expected back to our State Chairman:

- a. Council level - now due January 30, 2018 (Formerly January 15, 2018),
- b. District level - now due February 14, 2018 (formerly January 31, 2018), and,
- c. Regional Level - now due March 1, 2018 (formerly February 14, 2018).
- d. All results are due at the State office by March 14, 2018 (formerly

March 1, 2018).

- e. All selections must be submitted to the Supreme office by April 1, 2018 (formerly March 15, 2018),
- f. Winners at the State Level will be announced during the State Convention in April 2018.

These new dates came about after my discussions with several who feel that the late return to school in 2018 will not give adequate time for submissions to be properly judged and submitted.

2. Soccer Challenge 2017:

Boys and girls 9 to 14 years of age.

Chairman; Bro. Gilbert Terriault at (613) 853 4483 or gilbert.terriault@gmail.com (soon to be changed).

Following the efforts of those within the following councils competitions were run last fall;

District 8; SK Jack Ozog, (Council #1454), Hamilton;

District 21; Bro. Ted Rocheleau,

District 50; Bro. Danny Spano, (St Patrick Council #11786), and,

District 76; Bro. Dan Pergolesi

Our State Chairman selected the 12 winners from the above competitions. I announced these winners at the DDs meeting on Dec. 2, 2017. They are:

9 Year Olds

- 1. Boy – Luis Sanchez Council [1454, Hamilton] (215/500 points)
- 2. Girl – Viaene Keller (100/500 points)

10 Year Olds

- 3. Boy – Samuel Vero [1454, Hamilton] (200/500 points)
- 4. Girl – Ella Mairono [7969, Stoney Creek] 215/500 points)

11 Year Olds

- 5. Boy – Marco Spisic (180/500 points)
- 6. Girl – Alessio Pontillio [7969, Stoney Creek] (220/500 points)





Earle DePass Youth Director

12 Year Olds

- 7. Boy – Damir Cardakovic [1454, Hamilton] (215/500 points)
- 8. Girl – Brigitte Glover [1454, Hamilton] (185/500 points)

13 Year Olds

- 9. Boy – Blake Ellis [1454, Hamilton] (255/500 points)
- 10. Girl – Cassandra Germana Pontillio [7969, Stoney Creek] (195/500 points)

14 Year Olds

- 11. Boy – David Nardin [1454, Hamilton] (205/500 points)
- 12. Girl – Patricia Bay [1454, Hamilton] (220/500 points)

A big thanks to Bro. Gilbert and all those council reps. who ran the competitions.

It has been suggested to run our 2018 soccer challenge competitions earlier (mid to late May 2018). Please give this some advance thought and planning in order to make the competitions happen next spring.

3. Basketball Free Throw Competition:

Boys and girls 9 to 14 years of age.

Chairman Bro. Joe Bodnar at (905) 242 3511 or jandtbodnar@gmail.com

All councils who attended the DDs meeting on December 2, 2017 were issued their certificates and medallions by Bro. Joe and I. I wish you every success with running your council, District and Regional Competitions. We ran out of French certificates but are having them mailed from the State Office (thanks Liane) to the four DDs who didn't receive them. If you are missing anything to help run your competitions please let our State Chairman know. To refresh, the due dates for running competitions are Council: by January 15, 2018, District by February 15, 2018 and Regional by February 28, 2018. All these results must be submitted to the State Office by March 5th 2018.

4. Essay Contest:

Chairman; Bro. Savio Fernandes at (647) 998-5326 or savifernandes@hotmail.com

We now know that this year's topic is: "Going to the Peripheries." Please follow the essay contest rules from Supreme with the following dates; January 31, 2018- Complete District Judging, February 15, 2018- Regional Judging if any, March 1, 2018- State judging. All essays received will be forwarded to Supreme by March 15, 2018.

5. "Keep Christ in Christmas" - Poster Competitions and Magnet Distribution: Boys and girls 5 to 14.

Chairman: Dennis Keefe at 613 888 5753 or dfkeefe20@gmail.com

It was decided by our State Deputy on Dec. 4, 2017 to move this portfolio here. As such I am pleased to work with Bro. Dennis Keefe.

Poster Competitions: Please note the deadlines: Students should complete work on their posters by December 15, 2017 with judging at the local level by December 31, 2017. District judging should be completed by January 15, 2018 with regional and state judging completed by January 31, 2018. Entries for the international level must be received at the Supreme Council office by February 15, 2018. International winners will be announced in March 2018.

Magnet Distribution: These magnets are available from the State office at a cost of \$5.00 each. I hope you will sell them as they serve as a good "mobile" reminder of our faith.

Bursaries: Our State Deputy has decided to remove bursaries from this portfolio.

SK Earle DePass, Director, Youth Programs

earfran@cogeco.ca or (613) 930 2145





Francisco Naar

State Community Director

Worthy Brothers

As you know, last year, we delivered a shipping container with a 115 wheelchairs to Panama, thanks to the Support of the Councils in Ontario.

Next year, in February, we will be going to the Dominican Republic to present a container to the Diocese of San Juan of la Maguana.

Here is the presentation Program suggested by Christiana Flessner Executive Director of the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation:

Departure from Toronto on February 12th to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

We can begin with an evening reception on Tuesday, February 13,

Then deliver of wheelchairs on February 14,15,16,17.

Return to Toronto on Sunday, February 18th.

Anyone interested in joining me for this experience of a life time, are more than welcome.

In order to simplify your travel arrangements to Dominican Republic, here is the Travel agency I am booking my flights with:

AMIGO'S TOURS (Mauricio Barahona)

1879 Jane St, North York, ON M9N 3S7

Phone: (416) 241-1125

Province: Ontario

Puerto Rico 2019

Please continue to support the Wheelchair program as we have a Puerto Rico Project in the works for February 2019. This project is now well underway and, as you know, after the hurricanes, they are in a great deal of need, and we are trying, with your help and support to bring a large container of wheelchairs.

Please keep the Puertoricans in your prayers especially our brother Knights and help us to bring the gift of freedom and mobility.

May the sweet magic of Christmas not only fill your heart and soul but also spread to your dears, wishing you and your family on behalf of my wife Benigna and myself, a Christmas filled with fun and joy and a healthy and prosperous New Year 2018.

Jesus is the reason of the Season!

Vivat Jesus





Who really benefits from the Ontario State Lottery?

Ted Majkot State Lottery Chairman

One of the comments I have often heard is that our members do not know what happens to the money from the Ontario Lottery. The information has been available online but some could not find it and some found it confusing. We want to simplify this starting now. Attached is a report of the results for the past three years.

The State Board has worked diligently to reduce the operational costs and improve the prizes over the past two years. You can also see that councils have received more funds each year. We believe that we now have a formula that works well. In the future we may continue to make adjustments to the prizes but we have cut costs as much as we can.

You can see that the number of tickets and therefore sales have dropped from year to year. This is primarily due to the number of councils not participating. The reason many have stopped participating is due to the belief that there is nothing in it for them or they are not getting enough. You can see the councils get the majority of the money. They receive five percent (5%) which is for their administrative fund. This amount is set by the Ontario Lottery Board and cannot be exceeded. This year the councils also received twenty three point five percent (23.5%) of the sales for the charity accounts. If you want to look at this from the net proceeds side, councils receive approximately sixty eight percent (68%).

There are a few things I want to make clear. After prizes, councils receive the largest portion of the proceeds from this lottery. The State Board hopes that councils understand that this is a State wide project. You should understand that it is not only about the money the councils receive but also about

the support that the Knights of Columbus Ontario State Charity Foundation provides to other organizations. In the 40 plus years that this lottery has been in operation it has given tens of millions of dollars to worthy charities.

In the past Ontario Knights sold over a million dollars in tickets each year. As I mentioned earlier our sales have been steadily decreasing each year. Current sales cover the cost of the prizes and operations of this lottery. The only costs we would have for selling more tickets would be the cost of shipping them. To put this in clearer terms an additional 10,000 tickets would bring in \$50,000 and the cost would be about \$4,000 for shipping. This would mean approximately \$45,000 more to distribute.

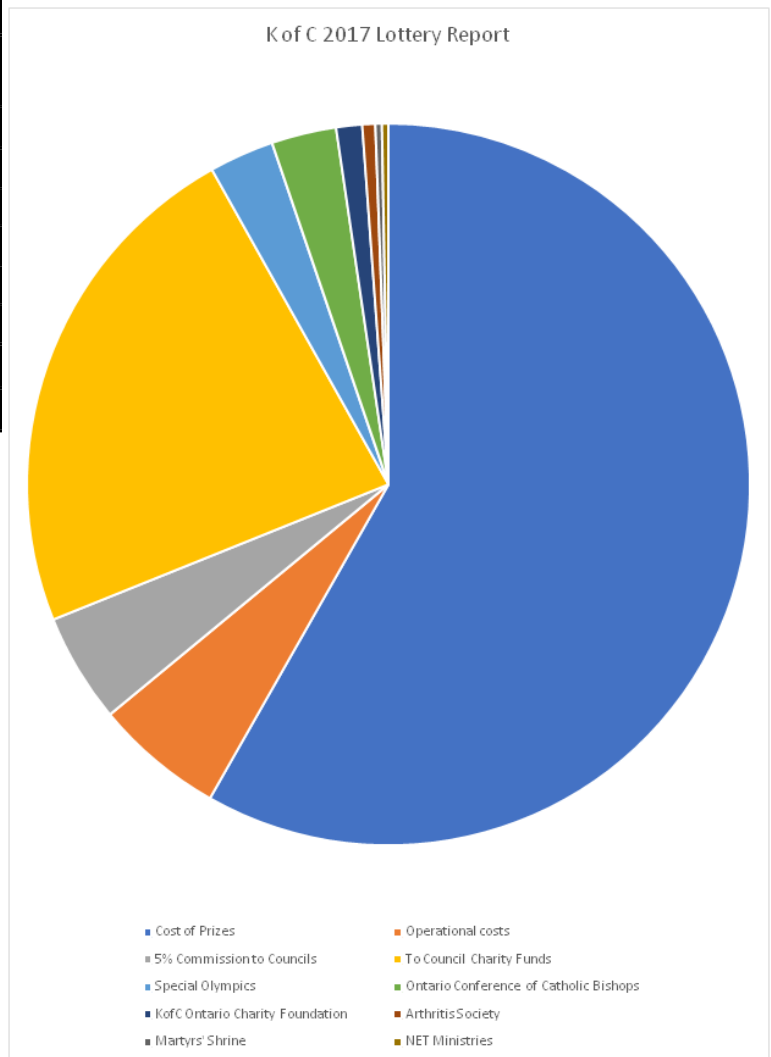
Of course councils that already sell can try to sell more, but they may be doing all they can. Last year about 200 councils chose not sell these tickets. If 100 of these councils asked their Priest for permission to sell 100 tickets in the church we would raise the \$50,000. These councils would receive the 5% for their administration account and also receive the 23.5% for their local charities. Keep in mind, you are also supporting the great work of the Ontario State Charity.

With your help we can not only stop, but reverse this trend. Let's return the Ontario State Charity to its former glory and continue its good works. We are calling on all Councils to get behind this project. Grand Knights, speak with your councils and get their support for this project. Speak to your priests, then contact the State office and order your tickets today. Lets aim for 100 % council participation.



Community Director by State Lottery Chairman

LOTTERY REPORT TO COUNCILS	2015	2016	2017
TICKETS SOLD	199,906	173,421	168,587
Proceeds from Sales	999,528	867,105	842,935
Cost of Prizes	721,581	500,462	501,786
Operational costs	95,975	80,526	49,808
Total Costs	817,556	580,988	551,594
Net Proceeds	181,972	286,117	291,341
5% Commission to Councils	47,586	43,355	42,147
To Council Charity Funds	120,702	173,575	198,090
Total to Councils	168,288	216,930	240,237
Proceeds Remaining	13,684	69,187	51,104
Special Olympics	8,500	20,000	25,000
Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops	5,000	20,000	25,000
KofC Ontario Charity Foundation		20,000	10,000
Arthritis Society		2,000	5,000
Martyrs' Shrine			2,500
NET Ministries			2,500
Total Donations	13,500	62,000	70,000
Balance	184	7,187	(18,896)
Paid from retain proceeds			18,896
Balance			0



**GRAND PRIZE winner OF \$200,000 in
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE LOTTERY
Grand gagnant du prix de 200,000\$
de la tombola provinciale des Chevaliers de Colomb**



From left to right: Bro. Alain Cayer Ontario Immediate Past State Deputy; Bro. Graham Swales Orillia Grand Knight Council 1428; Bob Moloney PGK Orillia Lottery Chair; Mr. Ben Stillar winner; Bro. Mike Holjevac PGK Orillia Council; Bro. Dan Heffernan Ontario State Deputy; Bro. David Peters Ontario State Secretary.

De gauche à droite: Frère Alain Cayer, ex-Député d'État immédiat, le frère Graham Swales, Grand Chevalier du Conseil 1428; Bob Moloney, passé Grand Chevalier et président du comité local de loterie, le gagnant M. Ben Stillar, le frère Mike Holjevac passé G.C., le frère Dan Heffernan, Député d'État de l'Ontario et le frère David Peters, le Secrétaire d'État.

Ontario Knights of Columbus officials gathered recently at Orillia Square Mall to present a ceremonial \$200,000.00 cheque to Bala resident Ben Stillar, who was the Grand Prize winner in the Knights of Columbus State Lottery drawn July 12th. Mr. Stillar purchased his ticket in the Orillia Square Mall in February at the booth run by volunteers from Orillia Council #1428 of the Knights of Columbus. There were 8 other ticket winners of smaller prizes purchased from our local Council. There have been several major ticket winners in the Orillia area over the past 15 years. ***Of Note, 2016 Grand Prize winner's ticket was also sold by the Orillia Council#1428!

Des représentants des C de C de l'Ontario se sont rendus au Orillia Square Mall pour présenter un chèque cérémonial de 200 000\$ à Ben Stillar, résident de Bala, pour son gain lors du tirage de la loterie, le 12 juillet dernier. M. Stillar a acheté son billet gagnant sur place en février au kiosque des Chevaliers de Colomb du Conseil 1428. Huit autres gagnants de plus petits prix ont acheté leurs billets au même endroit. Depuis 15 ans, plusieurs gagnants de gros prix sont originaires d'Orillia. On note également que le grand gagnant en 2016 a acheté son billet du Conseil 1428.





Denis LaSalle

Executive Secretary

My Brother Knights,

For those who may not know me, I would like to take a few moments to tell you my story.

I was born, raised and educated by loving parents in the small country town of Ile du Grand Calumet, situated in the Ottawa Valley in western Quebec. I spent the early part of my adult life in the Canadian Military, with a tour as a peacekeeper, including service as an aircrew member aboard C 130 Hercules aircraft, during the Gulf War.

Upon retirement, I became a small business owner followed by several years as a general manager and sales representative for an Atlas Van Lines agency.

As for my personal life, my spouse Claudette Blais and I are the happy beneficiaries of ten Grandchildren.

I have been a Knight for the past six years. During that period, I have held various executive positions within Council 9619 and Assembly 2633 of St-Dominique parish, Sudbury, Ontario. These include Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Financial secretary, Faithful Scribe, Commander 4th degree, District Deputy and Territory Membership Warden. I am a member of the admission and formation degrees as well as Conferring Officer for the Bilingual Knighting degree team, Sudbury. And believe it or not, I found enough time to work a fulltime job.

When the opportunity presented itself for me to apply for the position of Executive Secretary I

jumped at the chance. You see, I feel honoured and privileged to have been chosen as your representative at the State Office. For me, its like a dream come true, where I can grow my passion and be of service to each of you my brother knights and the Order. And, I hope to do so for many years to come.

As the new year approaches the Ontario State Office is ramping-up for a busy year. The Lottery for 2018 is about to be launched, A new online membership program for E-Members is about to be introduced, as well as the per capita mailing in January and the coming State Convention in April 2018.

On behalf of myself, Liane, Gregory, Anna and Vern, all proud and hardworking members of the Ontario State Office, I would like to wish each one of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Denis La Salle
Executive Secretary
Knights of Columbus
Ontario State Council
Hamilton, Ontario.





Denis LaSalle

Secrétaire Exécutif

Cher Frères,

Voici quelques mots pour vous raconter mon histoire:

Je suis né, et fut élevé, éduqué par des parents aimants dans le petit village de campagne de l’Ile du Grand Calumet, situé dans la vallée de l’Outaouais à l’ouest du Québec. J’ai passé la première partie de ma vie adulte dans l’armée canadienne, incluant une mission avec les Nations Unis comme gardien de la paix. Vers la fin de ma carrière militaire j’ai servi comme membre d’équipage à bord de l’avion C 130 Hercules, au cours de la guerre du Golfe. À la retraite, je suis devenu propriétaire de diverses entreprises suivies de plusieurs années comme directeur général et représentant des ventes pour l’ Agence Atlas Van Lines.

En ce qui concerne ma vie personnelle, ma conjointe Claudette Blais et moi sommes les heureux grands parents de dix petits-enfants.

Je suis un Chevalier depuis les six dernières années. Durant cette période, j’ai occupé divers postes de direction au sein du Conseil 9619 et l’Assemblée 2633 de la paroisse St-Dominique à Sudbury (Ontario). Il s’agit des postes de député Grand Chevalier, Grand Chevalier, Secrétaire financier, Fidèle Scribe, Commandant du 4e degré, Député de District et Cérémoniaire de Territoire pour l’adhésion. Je suis membre de l’équipe du degré d’admission et de formation et Officier conférant pour l’équipe bilingue de la Chevalerie colombienne, à Sudbury. Et croyez-le ou non, j’ai trouvé assez de temps pour travailler un emploi à plein temps.

Quand l’occasion s’est présentée pour moi de postuler

pour le poste de Secrétaire exécutif, j’ai sauté sur l’opportunité offerte. Voyer-vous, je me sens honorer et privilégié d’avoir été choisi comme votre représentant au bureau de l’État. Pour moi, c’est comme un rêve devenu réalité, qui m’allouera de cultiver ma passion et rendre service à chacun d’entre vous mes frères chevaliers et l’Ordre. Et, j’espère le faire pendant de nombreuses années à venir.

Le Bureau d’État de l’Ontario à l’approche du nouvel an est prêt pour une année bien remplie. La nouvelle Loterie provinciale pour 2018 débutera bientôt. Un nouveau programme d’adhésion pour les membres E (en ligne) est sur le point d’être lancé, ainsi que l’envoi du « per capita » qui sera distribué en janvier et nous sommes déjà en mode planification pour le prochain Congrès D’État en avril 2018.

En mon nom personnel et avec, Liane, Gregory, Anna et Vern, tous fiers et vaillants membres du Bureau de l’État de l’Ontario, je voudrais souhaiter à chacun d’entre vous et vos familles un très joyeux Noël et une nouvelle année prospère.

Denis La Salle
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Conseil d’État de l’Ontario
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New “Race for Charity” Program

Harold Marcot
PGK, FDD, PFN –
Ontario State Race for Charity Director

Good News! With the introduction of “*Race for Charity*”, the Ontario State has embarked on a new program where we work in the background to ensure your local Council’s efforts are fully recognized by your favorite charities, your local community and at the State level.

Best of all, your favorite charities get the maximum return on your fundraising efforts and your donors can receive automated charity tax receipts from our K of C Ontario Charity Foundation for on-line donations. Charities like “Catholic Missions in Canada” and “Special Olympics” and our charitable work for “Coats for Kids” can get a huge boost along with your own favorite local charity. **Best of all – you choose how and who benefits and Ontario State works for your Council to see it through.**

The benefits of joining in on the “Race for Charity” program:

- Your favorite charities, including your local ones can benefit directly from your efforts while Ontario State helps in the background.
- A dollar for dollar return on your charity fundraising with no administration fees.
- Multiply the results of your efforts and make an even bigger difference in the lives of those who need our charity the most.
- Your council’s efforts will be better recognized by your favorite charities, your local community and Ontario State, enhancing your council’s profile in your local community.

- A great opportunity to engage your council membership, their families and your community in a fun activity that could attract young people to your council.
- Increase the ways for districts, councils, members and donors to participate and engage with your council.
- With the on-line “**Scotiabank ARTEZ**” fundraising platform your donors get instantaneous on-line charity tax receipts or get regular mailed charity tax receipts for off-line donations from our own “Knights of Columbus Ontario Charities Foundation”.
- **Multiple ways to fundraise:** Your council can lead its own race team and raise funds for our featured charitable cause or another **approved* charity of your choice, join or sponsor other teams, sponsor an individual runner who is running for your favorite K of C charity or charitable cause, run or walk in one of the races. You can reach out beyond your council or even your parish for donors and sponsors of your team. You can involve your favorite charity in the effort - people you don’t know or even have met will sponsor your worthy causes.





New “Race for Charity” Program continued

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***Multiple ways to “Race”** Choose the race and event you want to enter - you can run or walk. Your families can also register and run or walk for your team. Your council can also opt to sponsor an athlete from your own local community who can lead or join your council’s race team. You can work with your local schools, colleges or universities to award “**Race Scholarships**” to deserving local youth and get those schools engaged with your council. Your Council can participate even if Ottawa, Mississauga and Toronto are too far away – contact your State Race for Charity Director Harold Marcotte to find out how.

***Multiple Races to Choose**



May 4 - 6, 2018 - Our featured K of C charitable cause is “Catholic Missions in Canada” You can enter the Marathon, ½ Marathon, 10k, 5k or 2 k – run or walk – and/or fundraise or donate. www.mississaugamarathon.com



May 26 - 27, 2018 - Our featured K of C charitable cause is “Coats For Kids” You can enter the Marathon, ½ Marathon, 10k, 5k or 2 k – run, walk and/or fundraise or donate. www.runottawa.ca



October 21, 2018 - Our featured K of C charitable cause is “Special Olympics” You can enter the Marathon, ½ Marathon or 5k – run, walk and/or fundraise or donate (Register in April 2018). www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com

**Note: All Charities that the Knights of Columbus Ontario Charitable Foundation sponsor must be Registered Canadian Charities that are amenable with the principles of the Knights of Columbus.*

For more information on how your councils can participate in this exciting new initiative feel free to contact your State “Race for Charity” Director Harold Marcotte, email harold@chezmarcotte.ca or call 613-744-7764





Celebrating Fr. Gregory Kelly Assembly

David Peters State Secretary

My Brothers

It is with great fondness that I would like to make mention of one of our oldest Assemblies in Etobicoke, Ontario ... Fr. Gregory Kelly Assembly #0872 ... with which I am honoured to be associated.

Fr. Gregory Kelly Assembly celebrated its 60th Anniversary on 21st October, 2017, at the Rizzo Banquet Hall, Etobicoke. We had the privilege of having our Syro-Malabar Exarchate Bishop Jose Kalluvilil and our State Deputy Brother Dan Heffernan and his wife Rita grace us with their presence. There were a few speeches made by our Dignitaries and a wealth of history was revived (in the speeches) about the Assembly.

A special expression of gratitude was extended to the Faithful Navigators for the leadership which they provided over the years and to the Sir Knights who so unselfishly committed themselves to the needs of the Assembly.

There was a good turnout and this gathering provided a wonderful opportunity for all our Brothers and their spouses to reunite and reminisce about the good times we have shared.

May God bless this Assembly and all of our Assemblies and Councils as they continue to grow in the Order; sharing the good, learning from the hardships, and moving forward (despite all odds) to keep Father Michael J. McGivney's vision alive. As we very well know, he too had numerous challenges to overcome ... some far more serious than some of us

currently face ... so, with his guidance and prayers, let us continue to surge ahead for the better good of our Church and Community.

God bless us all.

Vivat Jesus

David Peters
State Secretary



From left to right Dan Heffernan, State Deputy, Syro-Malabar Exarchate Bishop Jose Kalluvilil and State Secretary David Peters



Past Grand Knight Council 15045

By Hikmat Dandan



State Deputy Dan Heffernan pictured here attended the Mass for the Jerusalem Students and has supported this project 100% and is urging your generous support!

*“Education for a needy Christian student in the Holy Land,
preserves the Christian presence”*

Whoever welcomes one such child in my name, welcomes me”

During this Holy Month of Christmas and as the Jerusalem Students, founder and Chairman, I kindly ask for your help and support in promoting this worthy Knights of Columbus project in Ontario. To all members and parish friends, sponsoring the education of a needy Christian Student in the Holy Land during the Holy Month of Christmas, will be a noble generous gesture to those who can barely survive. Our Lord Jesus said, **“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name, welcomes me”**.

So let us welcome the great, great, great grandchildren of the shepherds, the same way their forefathers welcomed Baby Jesus. The school is located in Shepherds Fields’ which is minutes away from Bethlehem. We have added 20 new names this year to the website (120 students). Many have been sponsored (71 during 2017) and of those, 11 have graduated, all thanks to the Knights of Columbus and parishioners throughout over North



Past Grand Knight Council 15045

By Hikmat Dandan, continued

America. The 'Jerusalem Students' organization is not only about education of a needy Christian student but it is ultimately about preserving the Christian presence in the Holy Land as through education, the sponsor is laying the foundation of another successful Christian family in the Holy Land. It is very affordable, as low as C\$21 per month to share a student. Please visit the website www.jerusalemstudents.org for an overview of the Jerusalem Students project—Sponsoring needy Christian Students in the Holy Land.

Also kindly read the attached article that appeared in the Catholic Register in their last Christmas edition, also attached above is an article that appeared in Columbia, the Knights of Columbus magazine which featured the whole story of the project and the school:

<http://www.catholicregister.org/features/featureseries/item/23840-knights-help-christian-tradition-stay-alive-at-bethlehem-school>

The sponsor, will be receiving Christmas & Easter cards from his student. He will also receive a complete file about his student including his grades, thank you card, letter from principal, letter from Archbishop of Jerusalem and a receipt from the school that the money received has been paid against the school tuition of the student as well as a tax receipt. This happens in the Jerusalem Students Mass that is celebrated in October each year in one of the churches of Toronto. Those who do not attend will receive their file by post. To see the Mass, go to GALLERY on the website and watch the video and see the photos. This year it was celebrated at The Cathedral of The Transfiguration in Toronto.

Thanking you in advance for supporting the Christians of the Middle East who, as our Holy Father Pope Francis said, *[these Christians] “through the years, faced every difficulty for the Christian name and still have kept the faith”*. We, as Knights, must not accept that the land where our Lord Jesus Christ walked and preached, would become museums of Christianity without any Christians. So this Christmas, promote and give the gift of education to needy Christian students in The Holy Land.

Merry Christmas and Vivat Jesus

-By Past Grand Knight Hikmat Dandan

Founder & Chairman of Jerusalem Students a member of Jesus The Kind Council 15045





A Message from General Agent Neil Bouvier

Annuities-

Bull markets and blue skies ahead for your investments. Trends are showing a bearish forecast. The market boom of a lifetime is about to commence. The crash of a lifetime is just around the corner.

Sound familiar? Watch the Money segment of the news on TV, Google Market Predictions in 2018 or open the Investor/Markets section of the newspaper, and you'll find contrasting market predictions, depending on the day of the week. The crystal balls are now in the hands of the pundits and talking heads who, in the midst of a pitched battle to be heard above the hum of the crowd, fail to share with us the one constant: markets are an elusive thing. Market trails can be loose predictors of future directions and yet many of us or our financial advisors, contend that the road to financial security is a series of 'buy' and 'sell' signals hidden in charts and technical indicators.

Maybe. But what happened in 2008 when the whole thing came crashing down? Perhaps the software's built-in "Red Alert" feature that was supposed to flash across the experts' technical analysis charts was accidentally disabled that week.

Brothers, my point is this. Be careful with your money. The Knights of Columbus annuities offer guarantees. We offer guarantees on your principal and we offer guarantees on the minimum interest rates. If markets were to drop tomorrow, your money is safe with the Knights of Columbus.

Permanent Life Insurance -

Our signature product. It provides guaranteed protection for life.

Term Life Insurance -

Affordable protection for temporary needs.

Long-Term Care Insurance -

"Many people don't realize that the government does not pay the full cost of long-term care. The government provides funding to long-term care homes to pay for nursing and personal care, programs, support services, and raw food (used to make meals), but residents are expected to pay a portion of their "room and board"...A resident paying a basic accommodation rate (currently \$58.99 a day for a shared room with two to four beds) and without a government subsidy would pay roughly \$1,794 a month."

(source: Ontario Long Term Care Association)

Knights of Columbus Long-Term Care policies fit your needs and come in two basic forms: comprehensive coverage, which covers you in a nursing home or at home, and facility-only coverage, which covers you in a nursing home only.

Disability Income Insurance -

In Canada, over 1 in 3 Canadians will be disabled due to an injury for 90 days or more, making disability insurance an important step in protecting your family's lifestyle.

The Bottom Line -

We're in the business of providing insurance and financial products that do what they were meant to do - be there when you need them. Your professional Knights of Columbus agent can assist you in all these matters. So be sure to reach out to your agent today.

Neil Bouvier CLU, FPSC Level 1, FIC
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**WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY 2018**

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