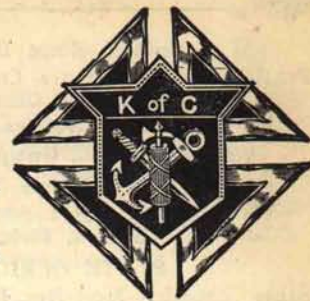




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## GREETINGS FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY

Other Knights:

It would indeed be a great pleasure to me if I could meet each one of you personally and sit down and discuss our various problems. As that is impossible I am now taking the privilege of sending you this message of greeting and to assure you of our complete interest in your behalf. We, your chosen Executive Committee, called the State Board, will endeavour at all times to carry out their wishes, and in addition we hope, by our administration of our affairs, to deserve the confidence that you have placed in us.

This new Bulletin affords us the opportunity of keeping in touch with you and advising you from time to time of our activities.

When I accepted the high office of State Deputy I did so with all humility and full of confidence that I would have the support of every member in this jurisdiction. This, I believe, is true, and I assure you it is a great help.

The advancement of our Order is our aim, and we are very hopeful that now that the holiday season is over, that each member will renew his interest and offer himself to his Council with the same enthusiasm as I know he had on the day he was initiated. Don't criticize your chosen officers, gentlemen—have a look in the mirror and very often there you will find the picture of the man that let the Council and our Order down.

Your State Board is constantly on the alert to give good service and we hope to merit your commendation and all support.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

THOS. McGEE.

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## FOURTH DEGREE REVIVAL

There seems to be a revival of interest in the Fourth Degree among members of councils whose Fourth Degree assemblies have not been active in recent years. A strong Fourth Degree assembly is a great asset to any council. If the members of your council wish to form a Fourth Degree Assembly, or revive interest in a dormant Assembly, full information can be obtained from the Vice-Masters of Ontario, Supreme Director Phelan and Dr. G. J. Lunz.

## MEETING OF STATE BOARD

The regular September meeting of the State officers was convened at the Empire Hotel, North Bay, at 10.30 a.m., Sunday, September 23rd.

State Deputy McGee presided. Those present were: His Excellency, the Most Rev. R. H. Dignan, D.D., State Chaplain; Past State Deputy Dr. G. J. Lunz; State Secretary J. Maurice King; State Treasurer Adrian H. Tellier; State Advocate Frank Hyde; State Warden W. J. Thompson; Publicity Chairman W. J. Sheady. Supreme Director Philip Phelan was a welcome guest.

The opening prayer was recited by His Excellency, the State Chaplain.

The State Deputy introduced His Excellency, the State Chaplain, State Advocate Hyde and Publicity Chairman Sheady, who were attending their first meeting.

The minutes of the Board meeting held at Sudbury were read and confirmed. By consent, the business arising out of the minutes was held over for disposition as unfinished or new business.

A bill from Ginn and Company covering payment of Corona readers was read and ordered paid.

A complete report on the conditions of the site of the Le Caron K. of C. memorial at Caraghougha was given by the Publicity Chairman, who had spent some days at the location. The State Advocate introduced copies of the deeds to the property. After considerable discussion a sum of five hundred dollars was set aside to defray expenses in preparing a plan for improvements and carrying out initial operations. The following were named as a committee to plan and supervise operations: Rev. T. T. Marchildon, Lafontaine; Hon. Frank J. Hughes, K.C., Toronto; George A. McNamara, Toronto; W. J. Sheady, Guelph. Fr. Marchildon is pastor of the parish nearest to Caraghougha, while Messrs. Hughes and McNamara have summer homes close by.

State Advocate Hyde reported on his work as chairman of the state committee on religious affairs. His suggested plan for all councils is shown in another column. The general opinion expressed was that all councils should institute religious programmes suitable to local conditions. The State Advocate was complimented for his diligence in preparing his report, which should

help those councils who have no planned religious programme.

State Secretary King stated that the reports of the 1945 State Council meeting were ready for mailing. The revised Ontario State by-laws had been approved by the Supreme Advocate and were being distributed to councils. A change had been made in the printing of the Ontario directory. The change was made so that the directory could be framed and placed in the council office. Delay in submitting names of officers was responsible for the lateness in having the directory printed.

State Advocate Thompson reported that all councils would be circularized with reference to the insurance department of the Order.

State Treasurer Tellier reported that the finances of the State Council were in good condition with no accounts unpaid and a substantial balance on hand.

Only a few councils are in arrears and prospects are good for the payments of all indebtedness. One council, which had been in arrears for some months, had paid up all monies owing. The State Treasurer was thanked for his work in effecting this improvement. The State Deputy will make a personal call on the officers of the only council which seems to be indifferent to all appeals.

Supreme Director Phelan informed the members that the date for the Supreme Council meeting had not been confirmed. Word had been received from Supreme officer that Ontario was entitled, through a membership increase, to a fifth delegate. Accordingly, the senior alternate elected at Guelph would be named to attend meetings of the Supreme Council. Ontario delegates will hold an informal meeting on Monday, October 22nd. They will discuss business of particular interest to the Ontario jurisdiction.

The Publicity Chairman submitted details of costs of the proposed "Ontario State Bulletin." It was decided that the publication should be issued in October, January and April and that the continuance should be at the discretion of the State Council. In order to keep all the officers of the councils informed, ten copies will be supplied to each council. Distribution to be made by the Grand Knight to the proper persons. All councils, district deputies and

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EDITORIAL

All, or nearly all, editors are depicted on the screen as being very hard, quite curt; addicted to long cigars, short expletives and cruel blue pencils. The "nearly all" qualification was injected so that by no stretch of the imagination could the description include this, or any other, editor of a K.C. paper. In order that you can be quite certain the description is not apt we, in all modesty, hasten to print in the very first edition—since it may be our last, who knows—a complete denial of any fitness.

We are not hard, particularly about the middle, and most certainly not in any sense towards any member or activity of the Order.

We are given to long explanations and lengthy articles, and will talk or write yards and reams about the Order.

We plead a fondness for cigars, but must confess that the fondness is a dreamy sort, the scarcity being what it is.

We are kept too busy praying for news to express any other sentiment.

We are too lazy to sharpen a blue, red or green pencil to use on your article or articles.

All of the foregoing serves two purposes. It ought to convince you that your news items for the next issue—about February 1st—will be most welcome. It fills space that other writers promised to fill.

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ONTARIO DIRECTORY

Has your Ontario Directory been framed and placed in the office of the Financial Secretary? Members are reminded that the directory is for the use of the members on the official business of the Order.

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EDITORS OF COUNCIL PAPERS

Any material printed in this bulletin may be copied or used in any publicity issued by your council. Copies of your council publication will be appreciated.

MEETING OF STATE BOARD

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state officers were urged to submit news items for publication.

The State Treasurer read a report on the funds collected for the Radio League of St. Michael. It was the opinion of those present that the councils should be asked to continue their contributions on a voluntary basis.

There was a great deal of discussion on the Text Book Fund. At the last meeting of the State Council the resolution dealing with the matter was disposed of "that no change be made without the approval of the Ontario hierarchy." The State Chaplain will bring the question to the next meeting of the archbishops and bishops.

No decision was reached as to the advisability of re-establishing the K. of C. Scholarships. Many difficulties were met with in administering the scholarship fund in the past and it was agreed that the matter ought to stand over until conditions became more settled.

Grand Knight Shaw, Past Grand Knight Quinn, Deputy Grand Knight Brown and District Deputy Spencer joined the State officers at an informal luncheon. Grand Knight Shaw invited the State officers to attend a regular meeting of North Bay Council, a supper at St. Rita's Church hall and solemn benediction at St. Rita's.

After the luncheon recess a request from Ingersoll council was dealt with. The request was for consideration of the matter of robes formerly owned by the defunct Woodstock council. The State Deputy referred the question to the District Deputy concerned. The State Deputy asked that all councils be scrupulous in robing officers for ritual occasions. Questions were asked as to the quality of robes furnished by Dupuis Freres of Montreal. It was agreed that many councils needed to replace robes which had seen long service.

Regional meetings have been planned for many sections of the province. Councils are asked to send full delegations to these meetings and be prepared to discuss matters of interest.

Inter-council gatherings were recommended as a means of stimulating fraternal activity. Joint meetings and open forums might be used to interest prospective members and spread a knowledge of Catholic thought.

All councils are to be urged to assist in the rehabilitation of service personnel. Special attention should be given to members who are handicapped by reason of war injuries.

Members of the Executive were asked to consider the selection of a convention city for 1946. One council—Niagara Falls—has requested consideration as a possible convention host centre. The question will be discussed at the January meeting of the Executive Board. It was felt that the council selected as host should have time to pre-

ARMY HUTS ANNUAL REPORT

The sixth annual report of the Knights of Columbus Canadian Army Huts has been placed in the hands of officers of the Order in Canada and Newfoundland. It is not our purpose to comment on the contents of that report—it speaks for itself. We do think every officer, every council, should study the report. The material contained therein could be used with benefit by lecturers or programme committees.

A new film dealing with the Army Huts will be ready for distribution about January 1, 1946. Any council wishing to use this picture should write to the head office of the Army Huts, 595 Sussex Street, Ottawa.

Our own thought on reading this and other reports was: "Where in the world would we, the Catholic people of Canada, have been if there were no national organization to plan our share of auxiliary services?" The answer provides all of us with a reason to justify our existence in the past, now, and in the future.

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GOING SOMEWHERE?

If you find yourself in a strange place and, as often happens nowadays, the hotels are filled, call up the Grand Knight of the local council. He will be able to help you in most cases. This is particularly true in smaller towns and cities.

pare for the meeting of the state council.

The next meeting of the State Board is likely to be held on Sunday, January, 1946. London, Toronto and Belleville were mentioned as possible meeting places. The feeling was that meetings of the Board at various places in the jurisdiction would give the members an opportunity to become better acquainted with the councils and their problems. The hope was expressed that councils would submit their questions for consideration at the meetings.

The congratulations of the Board were expressed to Grand Knight and Mrs. W. J. Pettit of La Salette upon their golden wedding anniversary. The Board members also felicitated Past State Deputy Dr. Lunz and Mrs. Lunz on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Letters of welcome to their new offices were forwarded to Their Excellencies Bishop Berry of Peterborough and Bishop Smith of Pembroke.

A letter expressing hopes for a successful convention was sent to the Canadian Catholic Historical Association.

It was recommended that all members of the Order assist in the collection of clothing for the destitute people of Europe.

Full support of all members in the war was pledged for the Ninth Victory Loan.

The meeting adjourned at 4.00 p.m.





## BREVITIES

Council No. 2042, at Walkerton, keeps rolling along under that capable conductor, Carl Larsen. They have made the honor roll for 1945-46 before September 1st, and had a fine picnic as a celebration.

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North Bay Council solves the problem of interesting out-of-town members by bringing the meeting to the members in their home towns. It must be satisfactory because North Bay Council has a stable membership, very active, and is free from any indebtedness on their building.

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District Deputy Jim Gaffney was honored by members of Hamilton Council recently. Jim was presented with a scroll in recognition of his services during his two-year term as Grand Knight. Congratulations, Mel-nisedech.

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Guelph members continue to improve facilities at their clubhouse. Extensive changes have been made in the heat-producing regions. Eventually it is hoped that the entire basement level is to be fitted up as a recreation room and kitchen.

The council has already had two picnics and is progressing towards an all-Guelph major degree to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the council.

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A great honor was bestowed upon one of our members of Sudbury Council when Mr. T. M. Mulligan, a former District Deputy, was chosen to fill the high office of Judge and moved to Port Arthur, Ont. The Sudbury Council very fittingly marked the occasion by giving Judge Mulligan a complimentary dinner and a well chosen gift. Our State Deputy was present and conveyed to the new judge the felicitations of our members.

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## SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

The Supreme Council will meet in the city of Montreal beginning Tuesday, October 23rd. Sessions will be held at the Mount Royal Hotel. There will be no social activities in connection with the meeting.

Delegates from Ontario will be: Supreme Director Philip Phelan; State Deputy Thomas McGee; Past State Deputy Dr. Lunz; W. J. Sheady, Guelph; Frank McDonagh, Toronto; J. J. Fitzgerald, Blind River; J. A. Foy, Inganville; Hon. P. M. Dewan, Ingersoll.

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## REMEMBRANCE

Several councils in Ontario have instituted a custom which might be copied by all councils. Each Christmas the council officers send a greeting card to the widows of deceased members of the council. The remembrance is appreciated by those who receive it.

## PROPOSED

### UNIFIED PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC ACTIVITY TO BE SUGGESTED TO ALL COUNCILS BY STATE COUNCIL:—

#### NOVEMBER

1. Sunday, November 11th (or as near thereto as possible) all Councils will have Memorial Masses said at which members attend in a body.

2 All Councils commence holding the Commemorative Services of the Order, if possible, on same day as Memorial Mass is said, but at least at some time during the month of November.

#### DECEMBER

1. December being a month with five Sundays, start the practice of making the fifth Sunday in every month having five Sundays "Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion Sunday." Follow attendance at Communion, with Communion breakfast, if possible, at which have some outside speaker talk on "Catholic Action" for the layman.

Publicize and advocate policy of all fifth Sundays being "Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion Sundays" for all Ontario councils so that same may become known as similar to knowledge, of certain Sundays being Holy Name Communion Sundays.

#### JANUARY

1. Open meeting to discuss Catholic Separate Schools in Ontario with suggestion that facts of case be outlined to meeting. Obtain and forward to all councils copies of Rev. F. J. Brennan S. T. L. speech at Separate School Trustees Convention at Toronto April 4th, 1945, and suggest that facts as contained in this talk be basis of discussion at open meeting.

2. During this month ask each Council by some activity, or in some way to aid the Separate Schools in their community.

#### FEBRUARY

1. Take active steps to increase sale of Catholic literature among parishioners in parish where council is located.

If Catholic papers are being sold, help to increase sale of same; if none being sold, undertake to obtain and distribute same at Masses in parish churches during this month.

#### MARCH

1. Sunday, March 31st, being the fifth Sunday of the month (first time since December) the same will be Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion Sunday; as this also is nearest Sunday to Founders Day would suggest a Communion Breakfast at which tribute be appropriately paid to the founder of our order.

FRANK HYDE,  
State Advocate.

## BRANTFORD COUNCIL MOVES

Brantford Council has moved into new quarters. The members have rented the building formerly occupied as a service centre by the Maple Leaf Club. The new location is central, provides more space for council activities and a greatly enlarged membership.

The heading for this item is apt. Brantford Council, under capable Grand Knights like Bill O'Brien, Reg. Waller, Gordon McMillen and Reg. Convery, has moved ahead in recent years. For the past two years they have co-operated with the Shriners of Brantford and raised quite a large sum for charitable purposes. The council has interested itself in the formation of a fine Fourth Degree Assembly. They are now issuing an attractive council paper which records their dreams, hopes and solid achievements.

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## IMPROVEMENTS IN COUNCIL HOMES

Many councils in the jurisdiction are engaged in renovating their council homes. We do not have a complete list of the councils making changes but we understand that painting and general re-furbishing is the order of the period for the majority of our subordinate councils. This is a move in the right direction. There is nothing more depressing than a dingy, down-at-the-heel appearance in the quarters used by members. It is surprising what a change can be made in the attitude of those who attend meetings by the introduction of proper housekeeping methods. If your council has not started a clean-up campaign why not discuss the matter at your next meeting?

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## ADULT EDUCATION

Did your council ever consider the possible institution of classes for adult education? There is a growing appreciation of the fact that this world is moving rather too swiftly in certain directions and the most of us find it difficult to keep up to our duty as Catholic citizens. We ought to be able to discuss current events, social, moral and political tendencies, from a Catholic background. It may well be that a part of the time devoted to our regular business meeting could be used for a brief debate on things of our day. Perhaps it would be even better to form a group of those who are really interested and let them work out their own programme.

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## GALT CELEBRATES

Galt Council marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the council with a banquet on Wednesday, October tenth. The guest speaker was His Excellency, the Most Rev. J. F. Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton.



## GROUP HATRED AND DEMOCRACY

(Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, D.D., Archbishop of Boston)

Yet, even before we give ourselves over completely to international planning, we had best take careful stock of our national spiritual resources. Unless we do, we may find ourselves a nation of Mrs. Jellybys. You remember that thoroughly sincere woman in "Break House" who was so concerned with the plight of the heathen in Africa that she devoted all her energies to plans for the colonization of Borrioboola-Gha while her own family shifted for themselves in a chaotic household for which she had neither time nor attention. There are grave grounds for asserting that our national household (like Mrs. Jellyby's) is in chaos. Is it not presumptuous to talk of creating an international society if we ignore the decline of family morality that is undermining our national vitality? May not the world raise its eyebrows, if we preach a democratic peace when class hatred, race discrimination, and religious warfare are becoming a commonplace of our national life?

World peace we must have, and international organization to preserve that peace we must help construct. But these elaborate technical plans must find support in a moral atmosphere, and this requires that first we rid our hearts of enmity and hate here at home, and fill them with love of God and love of neighbor—not at the ends of the earth alone—but right here, at home!

In all this weary, silly world are there any men so foolish as those who talk world peace and are deaf to neighborhood discord, or who bid us love the human race but hate the man next door?

Unfortunately the only basis of unity some people have is a hate which they nurture in common. Some are united in their hatred of the American way of life; others in their hatred of Catholics, of Protestants, of Jews; others in their hatred of the Ten Commandments, of discipline, of order; we have even seen mighty organizations grow up in our country around a hatred for nicotine and for fermented grapes! But this sort of thing becomes intolerable when sowers of discord feed hatred by indicting a whole people because of the delinquency of a few individuals.

Some do this because there is no charity in them and they frankly follow a gospel of hate. Others do this out of a mistaken and distorted sense of the excellency of their own race or nationality, forgetting that no national or other group claims can possibly prescribe the prior claims of humanity. There is a pathetic story told of a Negro who was filling out a questionnaire. He came to the question: "What is your race?" With unconscious irony he wrote: "Human!"

What better one-word parable for a

## MEMBERSHIP GAINS

It has been said that the Order places too great emphasis on membership gains. Some members, who are quite sincere in their beliefs, think that there is a tendency on the part of some councils to rush the applications through in order to reach an objective. Of course this is absolutely against the provisions of the Constitution and councils guilty of any infraction are liable to severe criticism.

To begin with, the quota set for any council is not high. An increase of ten per cent. ought to be looked upon as a normal intake of new blood and new ideas. At least ten per cent. of the membership roll of any council can be counted on as casualties during any year. By casualties we do not mean that they cease to be members but they are worn out in service, become interested more in other things or have other problems that take up their time. New members fill the vacant places and supply the enthusiasm usually found in recruits.

The truth of the matter is that membership increase is, in the majority of cases, a measuring device to gauge the progress of any council. If a council is active, has a good sound programme of service, it can, in normal times, acquire a goodly number of new members each year. But these new members must be fully aware of their duties as well as their rights and privileges. If they are properly approached, carefully instructed and made to feel that they belong in the council, they will be assets. They will add to the working capital of the council and pay dividends in the form of zeal and an honest effort to induce others to join our ranks.

We have something over eleven thousand members in Ontario. There is no good reason why we should not have thirty thousand Knights of Columbus in Ontario. Furthermore there ought to be a council in every city and town in the province where there is any sizeable Catholic population. In very truth we have not progressed as rapidly as we should have done. The Order is designed to serve Catholic interests and give our Catholic men a chance to do their part in building communities which know, love and serve God and Canada. There is a place in the Order

generation which persecutes those not of its own race. Don't forget it! That your race is, first of all, the human race! the race for which Christ died. For sentimentality's sake, there is nothing wrong about being happy about your Irish, Italian, or French ancestry. Such pride in nationality has been a great factor in human progress, as we can appreciate in the art, architecture, literature of the various peoples of the earth. Each has its own unique and beautiful type of expression. . . . But that pride of nationality which leads one race to hate another is a wicked thing.

## MUSIC OR LACK OF IT

Several of the older members of the Order are rather critical of the music that is provided at degrees. One of them is quite open in his remarks. He thought that many of the ceremonies of the Order would be much more impressive if a little more care was taken in preparation. He suggested that the task of providing musical accompaniment should not be left to the few members who commonly make up the choir. Rather, he expressed the belief that everyone present ought to take part. There you have the explanation of the heading.

Of course, the music was better thirty years ago; you could read the words in the hymnals then. By the way, when did you last see one of the hymnals in your council?

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Congratulations to those councils that are sponsoring Columbian Squads and boys' work. Their work is worth while and is bound to bring its own reward.

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## CATHOLIC LEGIONNAIRES

A recent editorial in the Canadian Register set forth a number of reasons why men and women returning from the services should have an affiliation with other discharged personnel. I think the editorial in question merits the close attention of all councils of the Order. Certainly there is no valid excuse for the failure to investigate what might be done—under the sponsorship of your council—towards the formation of a branch of the Catholic Legionnaires. If you are interested, the first step is to obtain permission from the ordinary of the diocese to institute a branch.

for every Catholic man, priest and layman alike. There is work to be done by the Order. That work cannot be done completely and efficiently unless and until we can weld all groups, racial and social, into a sound, working organization. We have something to offer other organizations lack. We are Catholic, international if not, as yet, global in our work and influence. We owe to those who have attained some measure of success a chance to help those who are striving to better themselves. We offer to those who are beginning to appreciate their own abilities a chance to use those abilities and talents to help themselves by working with others.

For these reasons, and one other, we need members. The other reason which is important but secondary is that a larger membership will reduce the cost of our considerable financial overhead and make it possible for more people to share the work every council should do. Do you still think your council is being asked to do too much the way of increasing your membership by ten per cent. this year?