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Dan Heffernan State Deputy/Député d'État

Faith in Action!

A New Program Structure: has been developed to replace the 'Surge with Service' which many of us have come to know very well over the years. It is this program structure under which our various Council Programs have been operating. The New Program is called "Faith in Action" which only has four (4) Pillars instead of six (6) Pillars with which the Surge with Service was made up.

Supreme has developed this New Program as a direct result of the information and feed back they received from You the membership. I was involved in one of the 'Listening Sessions' held in Toronto as part of the many they held across the Country, and the overwhelming comments were that members, especially our younger members, were seeking more spirituality from the Knights of Columbus. This is why they join us, rather than another service organization.

"Faith in Action" has a considerable number of New Programs which form it – these are a direct result of what we heard.

Take the Time to read the New Program material once it is available and get involved with your Council with one of these New Programs. **You can Make a Difference!**

Supreme is in the process of building a one-page site www.KofC.org/faithinaction and they are working on the French translation of the site which should be available on **June 1, 2018.**

Foi en action!

Une nouvelle structure de programmes a été développée pour remplacer le programme «S'Élever en servant» que beaucoup d'entre nous ont très bien connu au fil des ans. C'est cette structure de programmes sous laquelle nos divers programmes du Conseil fonctionnent. Le nouveau programme s'appelle «Faith in Action» ou «Foi en Action», qui n'a que quatre (4) catégories au lieu de six (6) avec lesquels le programme «S'Élever en servant» a été créé.

Le Suprême a développé ce nouveau programme comme un résultat direct de l'information et de la rétroaction qu'ils ont reçue de vous les membres. J'ai participé à l'une des «séances d'écoute» tenues à Toronto dans le cadre de leurs nombreuses activités à travers le pays, et les commentaires accablants étaient que les membres, en particulier les plus jeunes, cherchaient plus de spiritualité auprès des Chevaliers de Colomb. C'est pourquoi ils nous rejoignent nous, plutôt qu'une autre organisation de service.

"Foi en Action" a un nombre considérable de nouveaux programmes - ils sont le résultat direct de ce que nous avons entendu.

Prenez le temps de lire le nouveau matériel du programme dès qu'il sera disponible et de vous impliquer avec votre Conseil dans l'un de ces nouveaux programmes. **Vous pouvez faire la différence!**

Le Suprême est en train de construire un site d'une page www.KofC.org/faithinaction et travaille sur la traduction française du site qui devrait être disponible **le 1er juin 2018.**





Dan Heffernan State Deputy

“Make the Time – Take the Time” is my motto for my term of office as your State Deputy. This simply means, ‘Make the time’ to do the things you know in your heart that should be done’, and ‘Take the time’ to carry through and do these things’.
It could be as simple as visiting an aged member in a hospital or nursing home or picking up the phone to call a member to come out for a fun activity.
It is important to make contact with others. Communication is the key. Email is an effective tool, but it does not replace the personal contact that your voice invokes.

The Ontario State convention is now behind us, and we are looking to the end of the Fraternal Year with a renewed vigor to make a very strong finish.

As of yesterday May 21, 2018, Ontario needs 584 new members to reach our goal of 2020 new members this Fraternal Year.

Why is this important? ‘once a Council stops recruiting it begins to die’! All organizations must recruit new members to replace the ones that leave through attrition whether that is death, suspensions or outright quitting for various reasons.

We are not an exception. The Order as a whole is experiencing this same situation, so it is crucial for our growth that we look at recruitment in a different light.

Perhaps you are like me - I joined the Knights of Columbus some years ago. For many of our members, it was many years ago, and our world has certainly changed with its technology, and secular society. It is incumbent on each of us to do what we can to make the Order strong and vibrant. Supreme is doing their part by introducing a new, perhaps more relevant Programs.

- **E-membership or ‘Online Membership’**
- I know that I spoke about this in the last State Bulletin however it is worth repeating. 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 touch.
- 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.
- Ontario was added to the pilot project in January 2018. Your State Board accepted this wholeheartedly, together with the District Deputies who attended the mid-year District Deputy meeting in December 2017. We see this as a very useful tool to be utilized in membership recruitment, and we hope that Councils will embrace it as well. It is not to replace what we do today but rather E-membership will enhance it.



Dan Heffernan

State Deputy

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The results to date: have been great! We have had 52 new members join the Knights of Columbus through the E-membership program, and 70% of them have joined a Council and taken their Admission Degree.

Race for Charity is a new portfolio I created this Fraternal Year to allow us access to the large crowds that attend the various marathon races around the province. Harold Marcotte is the '**Race for Charity**' Director and he has enrolled us in three (3) races.

These races are organized in conjunction with the Scotia Bank who handles the charitable donations when someone sponsors a runner. Runners enter the race to raise funds for one of the listed charities of which we are included. For each of the three races, we are donating the funds raised to three different charitable programs. The race in Mississauga which took place May 4, 5, and 6, 2018 raised approx. \$1,000 through the sale of items at our booth and the sponsors of the runners for Catholic Missions in Canada.

May 25, 26 and 27, 2018 weekend has seen a marathon race in Ottawa, with approx. 40,000 runners and spectators walking through the building and past our booth. Our ability to reach out to the public, promote the Knights of Columbus and our programs, is a way to stay relevant in our Society.

Our 'Coats for Kids' program is the recipient of this Ottawa race. We have already raised a few thousand dollars prior to the race starting.

This October we are entering a team in the Toronto Waterfront Race weekend and 'Special Olympics' is the beneficiary. This race is October 18-21,- www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com/community-and-charity/official-charities/ This is the website to enter a Team or to sponsor a Team and make a donation.

We are entering a team and will have some Special Olympians with us on the team. Volunteers are always needed. Please let us know if you are interested in assisting.

Coats for Kids will now have a Canadian supplier furnishing the coats this fall and winter, so we are hopeful the program will be even more successful that last year. With the Canadian supplier, the price per box will be in Canadian dollars making it much more feasible.

This past year, we provided over 5,500 coats. This was accomplished with only 90 Councils participating. Just think of what we could do if 500 Councils participated!

We have pledged to provide 10,000 coats to assist with the need in our schools across Ontario. Please get involved. If your Council is already working on the 'Coats for Kids' program encourage them to increase the number of coats they purchase. Use this as a recruitment tool and ask a few members of your parish or some good Catholic gentlemen who have stopped coming to Church to participate in doing the program. You will be keeping needy kids warm while evangelizing!

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.

Based on the numbers submitted to us, we know there were many children who were under-clothed last winter, and that is heartbreaking.

This coming year let's do better! I know that we can fill that need. After all, "**It is all about the Kids!**"





Dan Heffernan Député d'État

“Faites le temps - Prenez le temps” est la devise que j’ai choisie pour mon mandat comme Député d’État. Cela signifie simplement: «Organisez le temps de faire les choses, que vous savez dans votre cœur, devraient être faites», et «Prenez le temps de mener à bien et de faire ces choses».

Cela peut être aussi simple que de rendre visite à un membre âgé dans un hôpital ou une maison de soins infirmiers ou de décrocher le téléphone pour appeler un membre afin qu’il sorte pour une activité amusante.

Il est important de prendre contact avec les autres. La communication est la clé. Le courrier électronique est un outil efficace, mais il ne remplace pas le contact personnel et humain que votre voix invoque.

Le Congrès d’État de l’Ontario est maintenant derrière nous et nous approchons la fin de l’année fraternelle avec une vigueur renouvelée afin de vraiment finir en force.

En date du 21 mai 2018, l’Ontario avait besoin de 584 nouveaux membres pour atteindre l’objectif de 2020 en cette année fraternelle.

Pourquoi est-ce important? «Une fois qu’un Conseil cesse de recruter, il commence à mourir!» Toutes les organisations doivent recruter de nouveaux membres pour remplacer ceux qui partent par attrition, qu’il s’agisse de décès, de suspensions ou de démissions pour diverses raisons.

Nous ne sommes pas une exception. L’Ordre dans son ensemble vit cette même situation, il est donc crucial pour notre croissance que nous considérions le recrutement sous un angle différent.

Vous êtes peut-être comme moi - j’ai rejoint les Chevaliers de Colomb il y a quelques années. Pour beaucoup de nos membres, c’était il y a de nombreuses années passées, et notre monde a certainement changé depuis avec sa technologie et la société laïque. Il incombe à chacun d’entre nous de faire ce que nous pouvons pour rendre l’Ordre fort et vibrant. Le Suprême fait sa part en introduisant de nouveaux programmes, peut-être plus pertinents.

• **Adhésion électronique ou “Adhésion en ligne”**

• Je sais que j’en ai parlé dans le dernier Bulletin d’État, mais ça vaut la peine de le répéter. Comme les choses changent dans notre monde, nous devons suivre les nouvelles technologies et les attitudes de notre jeune génération. Un des changements

• que le Suprême a étudiés ces dernières années concerne les médias sociaux, et comment atteindre les jeunes hommes que nous n’aurions pas touchés autrement.

• À cette fin, le Suprême a mis en place une «adhésion en ligne» où les membres peuvent s’inscrire et devenir membres dans une catégorie de «membres en ligne». Ces membres seront ensuite connus des Conseils associés, qui à leur tour, les signeront pour être membres du Conseil.

• L’Ontario a été ajouté au projet pilote en janvier 2018. Votre Conseil d’État a accepté de tout cœur d’y participer, ainsi que les Députés de District qui ont assisté à la réunion de mi année, en décembre 2017. Nous voyons cela comme un outil très utile pour le recrutement des membres et nous espérons que les Conseils l’adopteront également. Il ne s’agit pas de remplacer ce que nous faisons aujourd’hui, mais plutôt de l’améliorer.

• **Les résultats à ce jour** ont été supers! Nous avons eu 52 nouveaux membres qui se sont joints aux Chevaliers de Colomb dans le cadre du programme Membres en



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Député d'État

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ligne, et 70% d'entre eux se sont joints à un Conseil et ont obtenu leur degré d'admission.

La Course pour la Charité est un nouveau portfolio que j'ai créé cette année fraternelle pour nous permettre d'avoir accès aux grandes foules qui participent aux diverses courses de marathon autour de la province. Harold Marcotte est le directeur de la course pour la charité et il nous a inscrits à trois (3) courses.

Ces courses sont organisées en collaboration avec la Banque Scotia qui gère les dons de bienfaisance lorsque quelqu'un parraine un coureur. Les coureurs participent à la course pour amasser des fonds pour l'une des organisations caritatives listées dont nous faisons partie. Pour chacune des trois courses, nous donnons les fonds recueillis à trois différents programmes de bienfaisance.

La course à Mississauga qui a eu lieu les 4, 5 et 6 mai 2018 et a amassé environ 1 000\$ par la vente d'articles à notre kiosque et les commanditaires des coureurs pour les missions catholiques au Canada.

Les 25, 26 et 27 mai 2018, une course de marathon a eu lieu à Ottawa, avec environ 40 000 coureurs et spectateurs qui sont passés devant notre kiosque. Notre capacité à atteindre le public, à promouvoir les Chevaliers de Colomb et nos programmes, est un moyen de rester pertinent dans notre société. Notre programme «Manteaux pour les enfants» est le récipiendaire de cette course à Ottawa. Nous avons déjà amassé quelques milliers de dollars avant le départ de la course.

Enfin, en octobre, nous entrons dans une équipe lors de la fin de semaine de la course du secteur riverain de Toronto et ce sont «les Olympiques Spéciaux» qui en sont le grand bénéficiaire. Cette course aura lieu du 18 au 21 octobre, - www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com/community-and-charity/official-charities/ Ceci est le site pour entrer dans une équipe ou pour commanditer une équipe et faire un don.

Nous entrons dans une équipe et nous aurons des athlètes olympiques spéciaux avec nous dans l'équipe. Les volontaires sont toujours nécessaires. S'il vous plaît,

- laissez-nous savoir si vous êtes intéressés à y prendre part.
- Le programme **Manteaux pour les enfants** va maintenant avoir un fournisseur canadien qui fournira les manteaux dès cet automne et cet hiver. Nous espérons donc que le programme connaîtra encore plus de succès que l'an dernier. Avec le fournisseur canadien, le prix par boîte sera en dollars canadiens, ce qui le rendra beaucoup plus faisable.
- L'an dernier, nous avons fourni plus de 5 500 manteaux. Cela a été accompli avec seulement 90 Conseils participants. Pensez à ce que nous pourrions faire si 500 Conseils participaient!
- Nous nous sommes engagés à fournir 10 000 manteaux pour répondre aux besoins de nos écoles partout en Ontario. S'il vous plaît, impliquez-vous. Si votre Conseil travaille déjà sur le programme «**Manteaux pour les enfants**», encouragez-les à augmenter le nombre de manteaux qu'ils achètent. Utilisez-le comme un outil de recrutement et demandez à quelques membres de votre paroisse ou à de bons messieurs catholiques qui ont cessé de venir à l'église de participer au programme. Vous garderez les enfants nécessiteux au chaud tout en évangélisant!
- Le processus est simple. Contactez chaque conseil scolaire pour vous renseigner sur le nombre de manteaux nécessaires dans chacune des écoles. C'est aux enseignants de d'évaluer quels enfants sont les plus nécessiteux et quels enfants devraient recevoir les manteaux en premier.
- Selon les chiffres qui nous ont été soumis, nous savons qu'il y avait beaucoup d'enfants qui étaient sous-vêtus l'hiver dernier... ce qui est déchirant.
- L'année prochaine, faisons mieux! Je sais que nous pouvons combler ce besoin.
- Au fond, "**C'est vraiment pour tous les enfants!**"





Marcel Damphousse

State Chaplain

Dear brother Knights and families,

On March 19, 2018, Pope Francis presented his newest Apostolic Exhortation on holiness entitled “*Gaudete et Exsultate*” which, translated in English, means “Rejoice and be glad”. I would like to share a few insights from this beautiful message written by our Holy Father.

This document is not meant to be an academic or doctrinal text. Its goal is “to re-propose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities.” I would therefore invite you all to have a look and read this simple and practical exposé on how we can all embrace a life of holiness. Pope Francis reminds us that everyone is called to be holy. The Church in her wisdom has recognized great saints on which we can model ourselves; but sometimes we might feel as if this is out of our league and that we will never be able to attain such holiness.

Rather than losing hope, we are reminded in this exhortation that one needs only to discern how he or she can best live up to Christ’s teachings and example. How do we do that? Pope Francis proposes a few suggestions:

“14. To be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity and

skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain.”

Let me share with you another great line from Pope Francis as he dispels the myth that in becoming a saint, life is hard, boring and not meant for everyone.

“32. Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. To depend on God sets us free from every form of enslavement and leads us to recognize our great dignity.”

As you can see, the language used in this papal document is easy to read and presented with many practical applications. I would encourage you to read it as an individual, as a couple or maybe even as a council with the help of your chaplain.

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





Marcel Damphousse

Aumônier d'État

Chers frères Chevaliers et familles,

Le 19 mars 2018, le Pape François a présenté sa nouvelle Exhortation Apostolique sur la sainteté intitulée "*Gaudete et Exsultate*" qui, traduit en français, signifie "Réjouis-toi et sois heureux". Je voudrais partager quelques idées de ce beau message écrit par notre Saint-Père.

Ce document n'est pas destiné à être un texte académique ou doctrinal. Son objectif est de «proposer à nouveau l'appel à la sainteté d'une manière pratique pour notre temps, avec tous ses risques, défis et opportunités.» Je vous invite donc tous à jeter un coup d'œil et à lire cet exposé simple et pratique sur la façon dont nous pouvons tous viser pour une vie de sainteté. Le pape François nous rappelle que tout le monde est appelé à être saint. L'Église, dans sa sagesse, a reconnu de grands saints sur lesquels nous pouvons tous trouver modèle; mais parfois nous pourrions nous sentir comme si ceci était hors de notre ligue et que nous ne pourrions jamais atteindre un tel état de sainteté.

Plutôt que de perdre espoir, il nous est rappelé dans cette exhortation qu'il suffit de discerner comment il, ou elle, peut le mieux vivre selon les enseignements et l'exemple du Christ. Comment fait-on cela? Le pape François propose quelques suggestions:

14. Pour être saint, il n'est pas nécessaire d'être évêque, prêtre, religieuse ou religieux. Bien des fois, nous sommes tentés de penser que la sainteté n'est réservée qu'à ceux qui ont la possibilité de prendre de la distance par rapport aux occupations ordinaires, afin de consacrer beaucoup de temps à la prière. Il n'en est pas ainsi. Nous sommes tous appelés à être des saints en vivant avec amour et en offrant un témoignage personnel dans nos occupations quotidiennes, là où chacun

se trouve. Es-tu une consacrée ou un consacré? Sois saint en vivant avec joie ton engagement. Es-tu marié? Sois saint en aimant et en prenant soin de ton époux ou de ton épouse, comme le Christ l'a fait avec l'Église. Es-tu un travailleur? Sois saint en accomplissant honnêtement et avec compétence ton travail au service de tes frères. Es-tu père, mère, grand-père ou grand-mère? Sois saint en enseignant avec patience aux enfants à suivre Jésus. As-tu de l'autorité? Sois saint en luttant pour le bien commun et en renonçant à tes intérêts personnels.

Permettez-moi de partager avec vous une autre grande phrase du pape François, car il dissipe le mythe selon lequel devenir un saint, c'est la vie dure, ennuyeuse et non destinée à tout le monde.

32. N'aie pas peur de la sainteté. Elle ne t'enlèvera pas les forces, ni la vie ni la joie. C'est tout le contraire, car tu arriveras à être ce que le Père a pensé quand il t'a créé et tu seras fidèle à ton propre être. Dépendre de lui nous libère des esclavages et nous conduit à reconnaître notre propre dignité.»

Comme vous pouvez le voir, le langage utilisé dans ce document papal est facile à lire et présenté avec de nombreuses applications pratiques. Je vous encourage à le lire en tant qu'individu, en couple ou peut-être même en Conseil avec l'aide de votre Aumônier.

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





Is it Summer Yet? Can I Stop?

Alain Cayer Immediate Past State Deputy

My dear Brothers,

The thought of taking a break during our fraternal year is not recommended. Why, you may ask? Because when a council stops for a break, it is like a big train that comes to a halt! When it starts moving again, it will take a lot of precious time to get back up to speed.

In the work force, when someone needs a break, that individual will stop and enjoy his time off. Whether it is vacation, sick leave, maternity leave, etc. The entire business does not stop or slow down. They find a replacement, but keeps on doing business.

In the summer months, we have a perfect opportunity to host BBQ for the parish, have baseball games, or outdoor dances. All of which are impossible in the winter due to snow or cold. Your State Team encourages you to plan something during summer even if some of your members are gone on vacation. Who knows, maybe a new member will come out of it and maybe he will bring 2 friends as well?

The beginning of any project, a new job, or a new position in the Knights of Columbus is always very exciting. We find ourselves full of energy to try to make a difference in what we undertake. But, if one decides to take the two summer months off, you lose all that energy by September.

So, when September gets here, who could?

- Use 2 new Knights to help at Church,
- Or 3 new Knights to bring canned goods to your food banks,
- Or even 4 new Brothers to help clean the Church grounds?

Would not that be a great way to start your best fraternal year ever? Imagine how easier your jobs would be?

- Strong leaders will be busy all year long and will not miss opportunities.
- This year, training will be offered to all councils on:
 - roles of officers
 - recruiting
 - retention
 - and many more...

As your MPC, it will be a pleasure for me to come to your home town to give you any training that is needed. You will need to make the first step. Email me at alain.cayer@kofc.org or advise any member of your State Team you request training.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful summer with your friends and Brother Knights.

I will be busy this Summer! Will YOU???

**Alain Cayer
Past State Deputy
Membership Program Consultant**





Arthur Peters Supreme Director

I would like to congratulate the Ontario State Board on their re-election at the recent Ontario State Convention. We are fortunate to have their leadership as our provincial executive, and I look forward to working with them in the upcoming fraternal year.

Earlier this year I received the bulletin from Council 1970 in Coburg. Grand Knight Stephen Clancy presented an interesting analysis on membership recruitment that I would like to share with you. The Council is celebrating their 100th anniversary next year.

I have worked in the metalworking trades as a Machine Fitter, Millwright, and Tool and Die Maker for forty-five years. Early nineties began the focus on the need to apprentice and train as the European tradesmen recruited through the fifties and sixties were retiring. This is a common theme and dilemma that every organization faces. No group or organization is exempt from it.

Back in the eighties I read an article in cottage life magazine where the writer was interviewing a lifelong self-employed woodworker / craftsman. Myself as a tradesman, what he stated stuck with me. It went something like this, as tradesman we begin our journey as an apprentice and over a period of time become a journeyman. As journeyman we learn our craft over years of experience. But to become a craftsman you must teach your craft to someone else. As a council we are also facing this dilemma and must continuously keep up our recruitment efforts.

Brothers the reality is the core group of our membership and its average age is increasing. For our council to reach its next milestone of 125 years we

must as Knights become craftsmen and not only welcome new members, but also teach our craft to them, our peers and the next generations. We must share with them and let them see the “happiness in life” we get from our works of charity, unity, and fraternity.

As you read this, ask yourself: is your council acting as craftsmen by welcoming and teaching new members about the work of the Order? The work that we carry out today happens because of the lessons we have learned from those who have come before us; we must now prepare the Council to carry on this success after we are no longer active members. As we enter the last two months in our fraternal year, take the opportunity to invite a new member to seek an executive position – you might be encouraging a future Grand Knight of your council!

**Arthur Peters
Supreme Director - Ontario**





David Peters State Secretary

My dear Brother Knights

First of all, I want to let you know what a pleasure it was for me to see and speak to so many of you at our recent Ontario State Convention. I trust that each and every one of us gained “something positive” from the Convention proceedings and returned safely home with a renewed appreciation and excitement for our wonderful Order, the Knights of Columbus.

To those voting delegates who supported me in my drive to continue as State Secretary, you have my heartfelt gratitude. To those who might have preferred to reinstate my opponent, I trust you will graciously accept the democratic decision of the ballot and work effectively to maintain the true spirit of the Knights of Columbus. Continue your efforts to make our Order successful.

To all my Brothers: I pledge to diligently apply myself to the tasks at hand. Ours is a truly outstanding fraternity and I will “leave no stone unturned” in trying to improve the Order itself and the situations of all those who rely on “The Knights” for assistance and direction.

We still have a couple of weeks remaining in this Fraternal Year. Please use this time to develop all avenues so that we might, once again, see the Ontario Knights being recognized in the “Circle of Honour”. Increasing membership, improving our State Lottery sales and working more closely with our parish priests and Diocesan Associations should be some of our more important objectives.

• This is a dynamic association and we must not allow it to falter. Keep up the good work!

• May God bless all of you and your families, my Brothers.

• Fraternally

• **David C. Peters**
• **State Secretary**





Bruce Poulin

State Advocate

Fellow Brother Knights:

The aim of this letter is to provide Knights of Columbus members with some guidelines concerning the upcoming Ontario provincial election scheduled for June 7th, 2018 (at the latest).

As a former member of the military who defended our values abroad and a former candidate in both provincial and municipal elections, I fully appreciate the privilege for Canadians to exercise their democratic right.

As a Catholic fraternal organization engaged in charity we also have a responsibility to become active and informed participants in the political life at the local community, provincial and national level. After all our members are first and foremost Catholic citizens who are members of their respective communities and constituents of their elected officials.

To that end, KofC members should petition elected officials as Catholic residents (not as Knights) active in their parishes and their community. A Catholic's most effective petition to elected officials is as a voting constituent and NOT as a member of, or in the name of, the Knights of Columbus.

To help members answer this call to faithful citizenship, the Ontario State Board of the Knights of Columbus is providing the following guidelines governing partisan and non-partisan political activities.

Partisan Political Activity

Members are NOT authorized to engage in "partisan political activity" in the name of the Knights of Columbus.

Partisan Political Activity is defined as activity directed toward a: Political party, candidate for partisan political office, partisan political group, ballot initiative or proposition. Furthermore, the following activities are also prohibited: Any partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus; making of any partisan political statements in the name of the Knights of Columbus; Any activities endorsing or opposing a candidate or party in a campaign for public office.

Remember that in the Third Degree: partisan politics is not allowed in the Order or in any council chamber!

Non-Partisan Political Activity

As Faithful Catholic Citizens (not in the name of the Knights) members ARE authorized and encouraged to participate in the following non-partisan political activities: participate in efforts that support candidates or ballot measures that are in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church (e.g. pro-life, euthanasia prevention, etc...).

For instance, the Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops is urging Catholics to contact local candidates concerning their position on Conscience rights for medical professionals and religious based health care institutions. The Bishops are asking people to participate in the electoral system as active citizens.

The Knights of Columbus support nonpartisan "Get out the Vote" programs to bring Catholic voters to the polls, especially people with disabilities, elderly, and persons who need mobility assistance to vote.

Knights of Columbus Nonpartisan National Get out the Vote Program: <http://www.kofc.org/vote>.

Look to your local bishops and pastors for formation of conscience and pastoral guidance for the many other issues that may arise during the election period. You may also wish to visit the link below to read what our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson has said on the subject:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/home/international/item/22817-knights-of-columbus-leader-says-catholics-cannot-vote-for-abortion-advocates>

Any questions concerning the Knights of Columbus and political activity from the media or any other public relations issues should be directed to the State Deputy.

Please contact me if you have any other questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Bruce S. Poulin
State Advocate





Bruce Poulin Avocat d'État

Frères Chevaliers:

Le but de cette lettre est de fournir aux membres des Chevaliers de Colomb quelques directives concernant les prochaines élections provinciales de l'Ontario prévues pour le 7 juin 2018 (au plus tard).

En tant qu'ancien militaire qui a défendu nos valeurs à l'étranger et qui a déjà été candidat aux élections provinciales et municipales, j'apprécie pleinement le privilège que les Canadiens ont d'exercer leur droit démocratique.

En tant qu'organisation fraternelle catholique engagée dans la charité, nous avons aussi la responsabilité de devenir des participants actifs et informés dans la vie politique au niveau de la communauté locale, provinciale et nationale. Après tout, nos membres sont avant tout des citoyens catholiques membres de leurs communautés respectives et constituants de leurs élus.

À cette fin, les membres des CdeC devraient pétitionner auprès des élus, non pas en tant que Chevaliers, mais en tant que résidents catholiques actifs dans leurs paroisses et leur communauté. L'implication la plus efficace des catholiques auprès des élus est en tant que constituant votant et non pas en tant que membre des Chevaliers de Colomb ou au nom des Chevaliers de Colomb.

Pour aider les membres à répondre à cet appel aux citoyens fidèles, le Conseil d'État des Chevaliers de Colomb de l'Ontario fournit les lignes directrices suivantes régissant les activités politiques partisans et non partisans.

Activité politique partisane

Les membres ne sont PAS autorisés à s'engager dans une «activité politique partisane» au nom des Chevaliers de Colomb.

L'activité politique partisane est définie comme une activité dirigée vers: un parti politique, un candidat à un poste politique partisan, un groupe politique partisan, une initiative de vote ou une proposition. De plus, les activités suivantes sont également interdites: toute activité politique partisane au nom des Chevaliers de Colomb; faire des déclarations politiques partisans au nom des Chevaliers de Colomb; toute activité soutenant ou s'opposant à un candidat ou à un parti dans une campagne pour une charge publique.

Rappelez-vous que dans le Troisième Degré: la politique partisane n'est pas permise dans l'Ordre ou dans aucune chambre de Conseil!

Activité politique non partisane

En tant que citoyens catholiques fidèles (non pas au nom des Chevaliers), les membres sont autorisés et encouragés à participer aux activités politiques non partisans suivantes: participer aux efforts soutenant les candidats ou les mesures de vote qui sont en accord avec les enseignements de l'Église catholique (ex.: pro-vie, prévention de l'euthanasie, etc. ...).

Par exemple, la Conférence des évêques catholiques de l'Ontario exhorte les catholiques à communiquer avec les candidats locaux au sujet de leur position sur les droits de conscience pour les professionnels de la santé et les établissements de soins de santé religieux. Les évêques demandent aux gens de participer au système électoral en tant que citoyens actifs.

Les Chevaliers de Colomb appuient le programme non partisan «**Faites sortir le vote**» pour amener les électeurs catholiques aux urnes, en particulier les personnes handicapées, les personnes âgées et les personnes ayant besoin d'une aide à la mobilité pour voter.

Programme national non-partisan **Faites sortir le vote des Chevaliers de Colomb:**

<http://www.kofc.org/vote>

Informez-vous auprès de vos évêques et pasteurs locaux pour la formation de conscience et l'orientation pastorale pour les nombreux autres problèmes qui peuvent survenir au cours de la période électorale. Vous pouvez également visiter le lien ci-dessous pour lire ce que notre Chevalier Suprême, Carl Anderson, a dit à ce sujet:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/home/international/item/22817-knights-of-columbus-leader-says-catholics-cannot-vote-for-abortion-advocates>

Toutes questions concernant les Chevaliers de Colomb, les activités politiques des médias ou les questions de relations publiques devraient être adressées au Député d'État.

Veillez me contacter, si vous avez d'autres questions à ce sujet.

Sincèrement!

Bruce S. Poulin
Avocat d'État





David Gelin

State Warden

New Council Development and Round Table & Bursary Director

Brother Knights,

I wish to congratulate District Deputy 110 Joseph Bahoshy for establishing Council 16977 at Good Shepherd Chaldean Cathedral in North York, District Deputy 66 Richard Boulianne, with the help of TMW #2 Ben Ho, for establishing Council 16983 at St Ignatius the Martyr church in Ottawa and District Deputy 97 David Baker for establishing Council 16989 at Our Lady of Fatima church in Scarborough. Congratulations and thank you all for your help to spread the influence of the Order in a new parish in your community.

I remind our Grand Knights with Round Tables that a RT'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. Second, Ontario State Council is not aware which parishes are continuing to be serviced by a council's RT or not. Please complete form #2630 each year and form #2629 for the first year only. It could well be there are more RTs in Ontario but we're not sure unless GKs complete the annual report.

By the time this report is printed, our annual entrance bursary deadline will have past. In April, the State Board did two things for the bursary. Extended the deadline this year to May 15th and changed one of the eligibility conditions to allow more relatives in Ontario to apply for this bursary by changing section (A) subsection (iv) to read "A Catholic grandchild of a member in good standing". Previous, this was only available to those grandchildren

- who were a legal ward. This was done because there were
- very few applications this year and a declining trend has
- been occurring over recent years.
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- I reported in the February State planner, that we now
- have for sale Ontario K of C miniature flags. These are
- vinyl and 18 inches long and available for purchase in
- bundles of 50 for \$12 (pick up price). That's only 0.24c for
- each flag and very inexpensive. If you want them shipped,
- you'll pay \$20 more for each bundle of 50 flags (\$32 total).
- That's 0.64c per flag for those using shipping and still very
- reasonable. Look for SO-50 in English and French in the
- forms section on our website. We sold many at the State
- convention and there are many uses for these miniature
- flags.

Vivat Jesus.

David Gelin
State Warden





David Gelin Cérémoniaire d'État

Directeur du Développement des nouveaux Conseils, des Tables rondes et des Bourses

Frères Chevaliers,

Je tiens à féliciter le Député de District Joseph Bahoshy (District 110) pour avoir établi le Conseil 16977 à la cathédrale Good Shepherd Chaldean, à North York; le Député de District Richard Boulianne (District 66) avec l'aide du Cérémoniaire d'Adhésion Territorial Ben Ho (Territoire no. 2), pour avoir établi le Conseil 16983 à l'église St Ignatius the Martyr, à Ottawa; et le Député de District David Baker (District 97) pour avoir établi le Conseil 16989 à l'église Notre-Dame de Fatima, à Scarborough. Félicitations et merci à vous tous pour votre aide afin de répandre l'influence de l'Ordre dans une nouvelle paroisse de votre communauté.

Je rappelle à nos Grands Chevaliers qui ont des Tables Rondes que le but d'une TR est de servir le pasteur de chaque paroisse lorsqu'un Conseil dessert plusieurs paroisses. Lorsque les Grands Chevaliers ne remplissent pas le formulaire no.2630 avant le 30 juin de chaque année, il y a beaucoup de choses importantes qui ne se produisent pas. Le travail effectué dans les paroisses à l'extérieur du Conseil de base n'est pas enregistré ou reconnu. Deuxièmement, le Conseil d'État de l'Ontario ne sait pas quelles sont les paroisses qui continuent d'être desservies par la TR d'un Conseil ou non. Veuillez remplir le formulaire no.2630 chaque année et le formulaire no. 2629 pour la première année seulement. Il se pourrait bien qu'il y ait plus de TR en Ontario, mais nous n'en sommes pas certains, à moins que les GC ne complètent leur rapport annuel.

Au moment de l'impression de ce rapport, la date limite pour la bourse d'entrée annuelle sera échue. En avril,

- le Conseil d'État a fait deux choses pour la bourse.
- Prolonger la date limite jusqu'au 15 mai et modifier l'une des conditions d'admissibilité pour permettre à plus de parents en Ontario de demander cette bourse en changeant le paragraphe (iv) de la section (A) pour lire «Un petit-fils catholique d'un membre en règle». Auparavant, c'était seulement disponible pour les petits-enfants qui étaient une pupille juridique. Cela a été fait parce qu'il y a eu très peu de demandes cette année et une tendance à la baisse a eu lieu au cours des dernières années.

- J'ai rapporté dans le Planificateur d'État de février, que nous avons maintenant à vendre des drapeaux miniatures C. de C. de l'Ontario. Ceux-ci sont en vinyle, 18 pouces de long et disponibles à l'achat en paquets de 50 pour 12 \$ (le prix si vous ramassé). C'est seulement 0.24\$ pour chaque drapeau et c'est très bon marché. Si vous voulez vous les faire expédier, vous paierez 20 \$ de plus pour chaque paquet de 50 drapeaux (32 \$ au total). C'est 0.64\$ par drapeau pour ceux qui utilisent l'expédition et c'est toujours très raisonnable. Recherchez pour le formulaire SO-50, en anglais ou en français, dans la section des formulaires sur notre site Web. Nous en avons vendus beaucoup au Congrès d'État. Vous trouverez beaucoup d'utilisations pour ces drapeaux miniatures.

Vivat Jesus!

David Gelin
Cérémoniaire d'État





Denis Bélanger

State Program Director

Brothers,

Do we know what is hidden in the recesses of our brother knight's heart?

It is only through sustained communication and trust, do we learn about the struggles and the joys; the victories and the losses; the anxieties and the hopes. As brother knights we must reach out to our brothers, to let them know they are not alone and that we care! A visit to a shut-in or friend in hospital can bring about so much good.

I recently attended the premiere showing of the Euthanasia documentary, *'Fatal Flaws.'* This is an excellent exposé on the ills of the Euthanasia agenda. It struck me that most people who contemplate or support Euthanasia are afraid of suffering. This is even more acute when the person is alone and without any support. The second point is when the person has been led to believe: "they are a burden." These beliefs are the fatal flaws and especially when our brothers, friends, and family members also believe they are a burden to us.

This is also where I believe, our calling as knights, needs to shine through the fog. We are men of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. As we live these values out, we bring hope. Our programs give the message that we care and are willing to give of our time, resources, and energy to achieve the good we do.

Our programs are also our best recruitment tools. The wonderful feeling we get when we help others is contagious. Please ask potential members and their families to participate in our programs. Once they have experienced what we do, it will count as a small step to becoming a knight. This will help ensure the future of the Knights of Columbus for the next generation.

• One such program is our very own March for Life. It was
• so wonderful to see how much the young outnumbered
• the old at the March. Their enthusiasm gives us all a boost
• of encouragement. I was speaking with a 'Priest for Life'
• who was so impressed of how much the Knights support
• the pro-life cause. Together with our priests we can make
• a difference. Every life saved is a victory for charity! So I
• encourage us all to be the Knights, God has called us to
• be!

• Vivat Jesus!

• **Denis Belanger**
• **819-962-1883**





Mario Duguay State Council Director

As we approach the end of another fraternal year, let me take this opportunity to thank all of the councils that submitted an award application this year under the Surge for Services programs. It was a great honor for the selection committee, including myself, to read all of the submissions and to select the best from the best. Since I was unable to attend the State Convention, I want to personally congratulate all of the winners and say thank you to the selection committee members Jacques Girouard, Council 11500 and Ron Viau, Council 5925 for their hard work.

I believe that there are a lot of councils that are conducting exciting programs and doing great work but for some reason or another do not take part in the awards process. The committee members asked me to let all of the councils know that we can only judge the awards we receive and in some categories the number of applications are very low. In total last year we received 657 submissions for all of the different categories and divisions. It's sad to see the number of applications when you think that there are over 500 councils in Ontario. Remember that the awards are the best way for a council to recognize their members, and to let their community and parishioners know the good work they do.

Some councils go to great extent to write-up excellent submissions and that makes the work of the selection committee so much easier. Other councils send in submissions with very little, or no details submitted. The selection committee looks for programs that are new, innovative and promote the principles of the Order. In addition, they look for programs that truly help support both their community and parish to help grow their councils through programs. So therefore, it is important to provide details of the programs if you want a chance to win.

- As an organization, the State Office loves to promote
- the good work of the councils across the province and
- recognize their contribution to the Order. The awards
- handed out at the State Convention is our way to let our
- members know that we care and that they are important
- to us. Our most important asset is our members and the
- awards help us emphasize their importance and promote
- the exciting and innovative programs that support our
- family values and our catholic faith.
- Let's work together so that we can help grow the Ontario
- State Awards Program so that more members and coun-
- cils can be recognized at our convention next year in
- Niagara Falls. Let's step out of the box and showcase our
- accomplishments so that the members across Ontario get
- to receive the recognition they deserve. The Ontario State
- Board along with the State team are here for you. If you
- need assistance in completing the awards applications,
- call us or contact me for assistance so that together
- we can celebrate the good work of our members and
- councils.

Fraternally yours,

Mario Duguay
State Council Director





BJ Harrison

Ontario State E-membership Director

Brothers

I bring great news to you all in regards to the E-membership program. I recently received a call from Supreme congratulating us on our E-membership numbers. Ontario has seen the best E-membership numbers throughout the Order. We have been averaging 70% of our E-members identifying with a council. You should all be proud and I thank those of you who have utilized this great program to better your councils, districts, and our Order.

I have had several success stories come my way of brother knights joining through the E-member program then transferring to a local council. One of these brothers, shortly after joining, had an idea for a program and the council implemented it. I have heard that this program is a huge success and continues to operate and benefit the council.

If you are not already using this program I urge you to start. This is a great recruitment tool for us to use. If you do a church drive and an admission degree is further than a week away, sign them up as an E-member. After signing them up you can get them involved and eliminate the risk of losing the member because the degree was too far away. If you speak to a gentleman who says "I'm real busy right now and don't have the time" make him an E-member. Tell him there is no commitment to time but he will receive so many benefits, have him identify with your council so he is placed on your prospect list in Member Management so you can go back to him later to see if his situation has changed.

On the topic of Member Management, Supreme has developed an easy paperless transfer system for E-member to local council. Each Grand Knight and Financial

- Secretary now has a list of prospects assigned to their
- council, once one of these members transfer in it's a
- simple update to the members name and they are on your
- roster. This system also serves as a data bank of prospect
- to be utilized as time goes by. After time and their access
- to the online E-member portal and ability to be part of
- events the chance of them transferring to a local council
- increases vs. our current system were if they do not join
- immediately the likelihood of them joining later decreases.
- Brothers take advantage of this tool and if you need
- any help or further explanation I will be glad to help.

• God Bless you all
 • Your Brother in Christ

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





BJ Harrison

Ontario State Membership Retention Director

Brothers,

As we come near the end of this fraternal year it is time to examine our councils to continue what we have done right and correct the issues we had the upcoming fraternal year. In regards to your council retention, have you seen an increase in attendance at your meetings? Have you seen an increase in members at events or volunteering for your events? Did you recruit new members this year? Does your council have a solid succession plan?

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

There are three pillars for a strong council - Retention, Programs, Recruiting. If one of these three pillars is lacking or missing the structure will fall. To retain members you need programs. To recruit members you need programs. To have programs you need members. To have members you need to retain them. Brothers it's a vicious circle but once you get it under control, success is guaranteed.

I have noticed as Retention Director some disturbing things regarding retention. I receive names of members who are dying, in nursing homes, over 80 years old. I have had brothers who have lost their jobs, were injured at work and are unable to earn an income and the list goes on. Brothers WHY are these men being submitted as retention, these men are the definition of what Father McGivney created us for. It is our duty as Knights to help those in need and those who are sick and dying.

I ask you my Brothers, when starting the retention process to please verify each member to be sure they belong

on your retention list and if they are sick or injured place them on our disability to have the dues waived or for the good of the order have the council continue to pay their dues.

July 1st will bring a new retention process. There will be a new form that must be completed prior to councils being able to submit their 1845 intent to retain. This form will insure that councils are doing the retention process correctly and I believe the councils will be happy to have it as it will guide them through the process in a step by step manner. More information will be released in the next couple months and all District Deputies will be trained at the upcoming District Deputy meeting this July.

God Bless you all
Your Brother in Christ

BJ Harrison
Ontario State Membership Retention Director





Alex Schadenburg Pro-Life Director

Dear Brothers:

As the Ontario State Pro-Life Director I have worked to create a greater pro-life presence. This year we have published three **Life Matters Newsletters**, we have urged more councils to participate in the **Roses for Life program**, we have become more involved with the **National March for Life** in Ottawa and we have worked closely with our State Deputy, Brother Dan Heffernan, to provide effective responses to the issues of Conscience rights for medical professionals and the discrimination brought on by the federal government “attestation” rules concerning funding for summer students.

It is important to note that the Knights of Columbus followed the lead of the Ontario Bishops when preparing our State Deputy’s response to the conscience rights and “attestation” issues.

It is our goal that every council participate in the **Roses for Life program**, an official Knights of Columbus program. Last year we had a slight improvement with more councils participating in the Roses for Life Program. This is an easy and effective program that enables councils to raise money for pro-life initiatives.

The Roses for Life profits can be donated to local pro-life groups or activities or to pro-life groups including: Campaign Life Coalition, Alliance for Life Ontario, the National Campus Life Network, Compassionate Community Care, Silent No More Awareness Campaign or the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. The money can also be earmarked for **March for Life** buses or to **Niagara Region Right to Life** to provide financial assistance to the **March for Life Youth Conference**.

We are urging all councils to do the Roses for Life program in conjunction with LifeChain Sunday which

is Sunday, September 30, 2018.

Brother Kevin Smith has received signs from the Supreme Office that say: Choose Life / Defend Life. Councils can order pro-life signs from Kevin Smith that can be used on September 30. Contact him at: smoyd@sympatico.ca.

Thank you to all of the Knights of Columbus members who attended the March for Life.

The March for Life was Thursday May 10, 2018. The Knights of Columbus are committed to promoting and ensuring the success of the National March for Life. This year Knights of Columbus councils booked more buses, provided water bottles for March for Life participants and provided a fabulous speaker, Patti Harrison, who spoke at the Candle Light vigil the night before the March.

A group of young women told Patti that her talk was so moving that their friend, who is pregnant, changed her mind and decided not to have an abortion, after hearing Patti.

Several years ago a resolution that urged Districts and Councils to donate or pay for the cost of buses for the **March for Life** passed at the Ontario convention. For many Districts and Councils, this is a worthy and successful program. The councils that are far from Ottawa are encouraged to donate to Niagara Region Right to Life to defray the cost of the **March for Life Youth Conference**.

The March for Life Youth Conference is held on the Friday after the march. This year there were 800 students who participated in the Youth Conference. Niagara Region Right to Life is a registered charity.



Alex Schadenberg

Pro-Life Director

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If your council did not participate in the March for Life we encourage you do so next year. Brother Kevin Smith is the March for Life Chairman. Contact him at: smoyd@sympatico.ca

A few years ago the Knights of Columbus passed a resolution in support of palliative care organizations or initiatives. A new charity, Compassionate Community Care (CCC) provides advice, help and support to people facing end-of-life medical conditions or issues related to euthanasia and assisted suicide. CCC does not receive government funding because it does not participate in euthanasia or assisted suicide. This organization is worthy of your support. www.compassionatecommunitycare.org

The Supreme office is encouraging us to establish an Ultrasound program in Ontario. Due to government regulations we have not been able to participate in this program. In response, we are establishing a committee to examine how the Knights of Columbus in Ontario can bring the Ultrasound program to Ontario. Baby's lives are saved when women see their baby in-utero.

Supreme has decided to widen its pro-life direction under the new title of LIFE. I look forward to working with you as we institute new programs and a stronger focus.

This year, Brother Dan Heffernan encouraged us to establish a **Culture of Life Ontario Committee**. In response, we organized the first Culture of Life/Pro-Life Session on Friday April 20 (1 pm – 3 pm) at the Convention. We will be planning future Culture of Life Sessions in the next fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus

Alex Schadenberg

Contact Alex at: 519-851-1434 or
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Daniel Emile Boyer Grand Knight

I'm Daniel Boyer, 44 years old with Cerebral Palsy. I joined the Knights of Columbus in 2007 and did my 4th degree in May 2008.

I've always enjoyed being involved in my community, but something was missing.

When I became a Knight, I learned about the Knights of Columbus and I wanted to become more involved. Since then, I've always participated in the Executive Committee of our council.

I was in with my first council for 7 years. During this time, I shared with some brother Knights that one of my dreams would be to become Grand Knight one day and they replied to never think about it because of my disability. Some of these brother Knights have known me since I'm young.

You don't know this about me, but don't give me a challenge like that!

When I know that I can do something, I put my mind to it.

Two years ago, I transferred to Council 16005, St. Theresa, The Little Flower in Ottawa. At my first general meeting after joining this council, I asked if there were any openings in their executive, so I took on the position of Chancellor.

At my first Executive Meeting, the Financial Secretary informed me that the Grand Knight wouldn't be at the meeting and as we did not have a Deputy Grand Knight at the time, I had to step up and take the meeting in hand.

Long story short, from June 2016 to August 2016 when I started with Council 16005, I went from a being "regular" member to Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight, and acceded to the Grand Knight's position when our Grand Knight gave in his resignation one week before the Installation of Officers. Since



Grand Knight Daniel Boyer of St. Theresa the Little Flower Council 16005 joins attendees of the Candlelight Vigil the evening before Canada's National March for Life, May 9.

joining this council and working in the leadership positions, I've learned more about myself and am proud and honoured to have had the opportunity to serve our brother Knights in this capacity.

When I was younger the doctors told my mother to put me in a home because I would never be able to walk, talk, or live a normal life. I am grateful that my mother never took their advice and raised me at home where we believed in God and lived our faith. In 2012, I even got married, which is something that I never thought would happen to me!

So as you can see, anything is possible when you work for and with God! I am now completing my second year term as Grand Knight and working to help our brother Knights to achieve the Star Council Award, which would be the first for our Council.

Fraternally Yours,

Worthy Brother Daniel Emile Boyer
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Denis LaSalle

Executive Secretary

My Brother Knights,

The Ontario State Office Staff has been very busy since Christmas 2017. The per Capita was sent out in mid-January by email to all councils. For those councils who do not have an email, it was sent by snail mail or parcel post. Since January, many councils have paid their dues, however, there is a significant number of councils that are still lagging in paying their invoiced amounts. If you haven't done so already or if you have not received a per capita invoice, please contact the office at your earliest convenience so we may forward it to you. Your attention to this matter is important since all funds collected ensure the continuing good work of the Ontario State Council.

A second mailing of outstanding per capita will be sent out the week of May 14, 2018 to May 18, 2018.

The Charities Lottery tickets for 2018 were delivered late due to an issue with last year's draw. However, we were grateful that it was resolved in time for this year's ticket drive. We encourage all councils to participate in this marvelous and important activity. The funds gathered are distributed between Special Olympics Ontario, The Arthritis Society and a few other worthy charitable organizations. For those who still have tickets, please encourage your members to purchase or help sell the remaining tickets. For those councils who wish to have tickets to sell or need more tickets, please contact, Liane Dumas, so she can forward these to you. Now, I would like to remind all councils that all tickets and monies must be returned to the State office by June 15, 2018. The draw will take place at the Best Western Premier C Hotel by Carmen's in Hamilton, Ont. July 12, 2018.

- The April 20, 21, 22, 2018 Ontario State Convention in Toronto was a great success. Here are a few tidbits from that weekend.
- A brief presentation was made regarding the New Ontario State Website scheduled to become active on July 01, 2018. The web page will be modern, exciting, informative and accessible through diverse media and platforms. These will include, PC's, tablets, smartphones ETC. There will be links to the Ontario State Facebook page and twitter page.... There are many more innovations and changes which will be helpful to councils and new members alike.
- A reminder to councils that a copy of Form SO 185 Report of officers chosen must also be sent to the State Office by June 30, 2018. The summer District Deputy meeting is July 6, 7, 8, 2018 at the Marriott Toronto Airport Hotel, 901 Dixon road.
- On behalf of myself, Liane, Gregory, Anna & Vern, your hardworking team at the Ontario State Office, I would like to wish each one of you and your families a great summer. Stay safe and play safe.

Vivat Jesus,

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





Jerry Hayes

Communications Director

With the month of May now upon us and June just around the corner, this also brings about the time for elections at the many executive levels of our councils, assemblies and zones. Inevitably, this in turn results in many new faces appearing on the scene who are not currently listed in our State files. As has always been the case, maintaining contact with all of our members continues to be a very high priority on the State Board's mandate. However, in order to effectively communicate with everyone, we not only have to know who these individuals are who have assumed these leadership roles, but as well we must know, the specific details of their contact information. Thus, the failure of inclusion of these new names on the required documents, results in a lack of information at the State Office level of these leadership changes. Without the update of this basic contact information, which also hopefully includes their e-mail address and phone number, we are at a loss as to how to make contact with many key individuals who play an extremely important role in the success of the Knights of Columbus, not only at their local level, but for the Order as a whole. As a result, important updates do not filter down to those who require them, which results in needless frustration, not only for our many leaders, but as well for others under their command.

Living in the ever-changing world that we have all come to know will certainly allow you to understand that the stream of new information that continues to be appearing on the scene is an ongoing process that has become an integral part of all of our daily lives. Yesterday's news quickly becomes ancient history. Realizing that a primary element of the mandate of all Ontario State Board members is to keep our membership up to date on the many new exciting initiatives that the Order is accomplishing,

- allows us to recognize that the State Office in turn must
- rely heavily on District Deputies and senior council
- members to allow the smooth flow of this information to
- go unhindered until it reaches all of its intended target
- market.

- It is easy to picture this flow resembling a major pipeline
- travelling across the province. A break or clog at any
- point in the line results in the stoppage of the flow. Others
- must now step in to rectify the matter at hand, which in
- turn slows down the natural rhythm that was originally
- intended. This in turn results in a loss of productivity
- and increases the burden that everyone must now bear
- to resolve the matter and to bring the issue back on to its
- originally intended path.

- Let us all fully resolve to do our part to ensure that
- effective communication becomes a major focus in all
- the we undertake over the coming fraternal year. In turn
- this all begins with everyone really getting to know their
- Brother Knights, especially those that report directly to
- or through them, and ensuring that everyone is kept fully
- appraised of all the new initiatives that are happening;
- which in turn is essential in solidifying the Order's future
- success.

Vivat Jesus

- **Jerry Hayes**
- **Communications Director**





Earle DePass

Youth Director

Soccer Program - Bro Peter Scott

For Councils eager to conduct their Soccer challenge this spring, please continue with your planning as now is the time to get started. For Councils which prefer to run a fall version that option also exists. The full soccer challenge program package has been posted on the State website. If you need more details, please contact the Soccer Chairman at onstatesoccer.kofc@gmail.com

Basketball FreeThrow - Bro Joe Bodnar

On behalf of the Ontario State Board, thank you for your Council's participation in the Basketball Free Throw competition this year. Congratulations to all the participants (approx. 12,000 province-wide) who started at the Council level. The level of competition was once again very intense at the Regional Level with the above winners being declared the 'Provincial Champions' after reviewing all the score sheets from each Region. Special "thanks" to all the Knights who volunteered their time at each level to ensure a smooth Free Throw competition across the province. This event is one of the more successful programs that the Ontario State Board runs as can be seen by the number of participants. Our results were announced at the State Convention and have been sent to Supreme. If you need more details, please contact the Chairman at jandtbodnar@gmail.com

Keep Christ in Christmas - Bro. Dennis Keefe

As mentioned at the State Convention, our magnets are available at the State office...the order form can be found on the State website. All Councils are encouraged to order these. If you need more details, please contact the Chairman at dfkeefe20@gmail.com

Essay Competition - Bro. Savio Fernandes

Thanks to all councils who supported the essay competition.

The four winners were;

1. Alyssa McNulty from Council # 2082
2. Lauren Matesic from Council # 8739
3. Maria Andrejciw from Council # 1454, and,
4. Alison Geenen from Council #1454.

If you need more details, please contact the Chairman at savifernandes@hotmail.com

Substance Abuse Poster Competitions - Bro. Savio Fernandes.

Thanks to all councils who supported these competitions. Our results were announced at the State Convention, awards released and the winners' names have been sent to Supreme.

If you need more details, please contact the Chairman at savifernandes@hotmail.com

Earle DePass Youth Director





Francisco Naar State Community Director

Charity is the principal virtue of our order. Is there a better way to show our support to those people in need of a wheelchair that live in countries where?

- They do not have the social system in place to get one.
- For those most in need that cannot afford to buy one.

These are people without freedom or mobility that really need our help.

Many Councils have made significant donations and we have been able to send two full containers of wheelchairs: one to Panama and one to the Dominican Republic. **The Puerto Rico project is now completed and the delivery of a full container has been scheduled for February 2019.**

On behalf of the recipients of these wheelchairs, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Councils in Ontario for their support and dedication to this program, without your help we could not have accomplished our goals.

Our new project is to deliver a full container of wheelchairs to Costa Rica in February 2020

We have been encouraging all Councils to conduct a **Wheelchair drive collection** at your parish. Have you talked to your Pastor yet?

Please call them and set up an appointment and explain the purpose of the collection, you may want to bring a laptop with you to show the video of the Wheelchair mission so they can have a better understanding of what a collection can do for people who have lost mobility as a consequence of war, accident or illness.

- To those Councils that have conducted the wheelchair drive and to the Councils that have scheduled a wheelchair drive, it is very important that you submit the Supreme form: Global Wheelchair Report 10071C form and remember to copy the State Office and myself. **Please send the cheque and the form to the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation.**

Fraternally,

**Francisco Naar PGK, FDD, PFN
State Community Director**





New "Race for Charity" Program

Harold Marcotte Race for Charity Director

Wow! The 2018 Mississauga Marathon is now history and the Ontario Knights of Columbus also made some history of their own. A total of 9,082 runners took part in the events, including our own team of Knights and Squires, lead by State Catholic Missions in Canada Chairman Joe Bodnar, our State Treasurer Marcel Lemmen, our State Squires Matthew Ducharme, Zack Lazure, Cyril Ramirez, Jens Dekker, Jeo Villena, Jeremie Bornais and Narciso Rodrigues. They all ran for one of our favorite charities, Catholic Missions in Canada and raised \$1,661 so far, but we can expect a bit more before it closes out. We were one of 31 participating charities. Runners were able to choose to raise funds for a charity of their choice, with both local and national charities as options. Donations for all charity partners will continue to be collected until June 6th, 2018, so we welcome any and all to jump in and donate before it's too late. You can do so by clicking on this link. <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?EventID=230889&LangPref=en-CA&TeamID=789320> Don't forget that you get a charity tax receipt for donations of \$10.00 or more.

More than 9,000 K of C Membership Recruiting Bookmarks were stuffed into each participant's grab bag.

Our K of C booth was set up right next to the course. We got to talk to the 9,082 runners, their families and friends as they passed by. During the two day event, we handed out at least 2,000 more bookmarks and spoke directly to a steady stream of visitors about

the Knights of Columbus: our mission, our support for the Catholic missions and our involvement in our communities. Time will only tell the impact we made, but we sure impressed those who we spoke to about the charitable work we do. Many thanks to our Worthy State Deputy Dan Heffernan and his lady Rita, Jim Oehring and especially my lady Kathleen for their hard work and dedication. We were present at the 2018 Ottawa Race Weekend on May 25-26 where 24,000 participants and 40,000 visitors passed by our booth. Thanks to the many Knights that dropped by and offered a hand to help us spread the word and make our presence felt once again. See you at the races!

Harold Marcotte
Race for Charity Director





A Message from General Agent Raymond Richer

There are many fine life insurance companies in the marketplace today. So why should you entrust your life insurance needs, and those of your family to the Knights of Columbus?

In a lecture at Yale University entitled “The Art of the Impossible: Business as Morality in Practice,” Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson summed it up this way:

“In it’s credit rating of the Knights of Columbus, Standard & Poor’s stated that it’s ‘AAA’ rating was based upon the following strengths: extremely strong capital, very strong competitive position, extremely strong liquidity and historically strong profitability.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades, along with what S&P described as ‘a distinct competitive advantage, a loyal customer base and a unique rapport with clients’ is because we have been steadfastly committed to our motto, ‘Protecting Families for Generations’ by means of ‘life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.’

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our marketing program. Our ‘Marketing Code of Ethics’ is modeled after the Ten Commandments and includes statements such as ‘Thou shall present honestly and accurately, all facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision.’

Our ethical principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: ‘In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.’”

- That’s what you can expect from your Knights of Columbus Field Agent. Please give us a call. We welcome the opportunity to present to you and your wife, honestly and accurately, all facts necessary for you to make a sound life insurance decision. Your Knights of Columbus Field Agent will render that service which, under the same circumstances, he would apply to himself.

Raymond Richer
General Agent South Central Ontario



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