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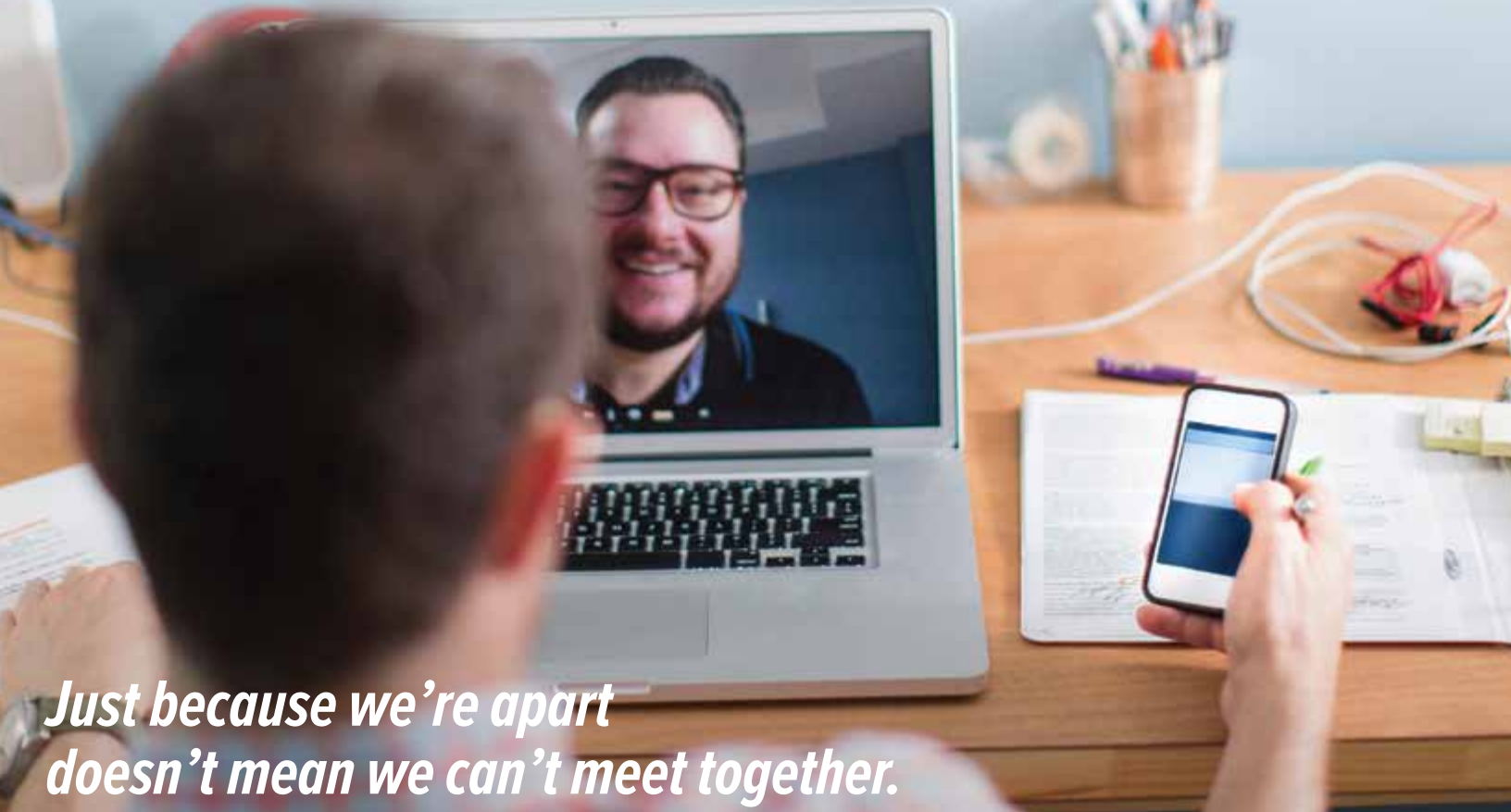


*St. Joseph, Guardian of the Word incarnate, who was always obedient to God's will, pray for us and inspire us to fulfill our vocation with honor. Amen.*

**118<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention**  
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### **A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER DOUG FORD**

I want to extend warm greetings to everyone taking part in the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention of the Ontario State Council, Knights of Columbus.

Strong families and communities are the building blocks of our great province. Since its founding, members of the Ontario State Council of the Knights of Columbus have empowered members to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. They've answered God's call to help others through programs and initiatives that strengthen families, nurture faith, and serve the community.

I thank and commend the members of this fine organization for their valuable contributions to making our communities and province a better place. Throughout the pandemic, members across Ontario have stepped up and went above and beyond to help others especially our most vulnerable. As we emerge from this unprecedented crisis, community organizations such as yours will play a vital role in keeping people engaged and laying the groundwork for our recovery.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and successful convention.

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**Doug Ford**  
**Premier**



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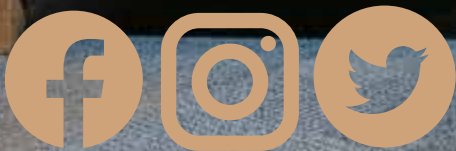
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# Greetings to the Knights



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My Brothers;

### **Welcome to the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Ontario State Convention of the Knights of Columbus.**

On behalf of the Ontario State Board, I am honoured to welcome and greet our Delegates, their spouses and families. My deepest gratitude to Bishop Douglas Crosby, our State Chaplain for his guidance, support and prayers for our Knights of Columbus family. We also thank the members of the Clergy for their support to our great Order. To my fellow State Board Officers, Directors, Chairmen and Membership Information Officers, a special Thank You for your hard work, and support this fraternal year.

I would like to thank our Convention Committee, our Executive Secretary, office staff and all who worked behind the scenes to make this Virtual Convention a success.

We are grateful and humbled to be witnesses of the Beatification of our Founder Father Michael J. McGivney. October 31, 2020 was a joyful day when he was declared “Blessed” at his Beatification mass at St. Joseph’s Cathedral, Hartford, Connecticut, not very far from where it all began. It gave all of us Knights, the much needed strength and hope during these dark Pandemic times, to continue to journey on, hold on to our faith and not give up.

We are very grateful for the technology we have today, which has helped us meet virtually, be it in big or small groups, to continue to hear mass, to gather together to pray the rosary and attend spiritual reflections as a Knights of Columbus family. Technology has and still continues to help

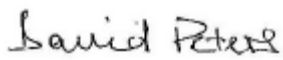
us stay connected during these times of isolation, and we are able to accomplish much through online communicating.

Our members and their families all across Ontario have stepped up to help in various areas – initiating and organising numerous food drives, assisting the Parishes by helping with sanitizing and disinfecting and keeping the Churches safe after each and every service, and now helping people to get to the vaccine clinics, just to name a few. A Big Shout Out to all of our Knights and their families, who have risen to all these challenges, and reached out to help, giving of their time and hard work.

May God continue to be with us as we rally through this Pandemic. May we continue to be His soldiers and stand up for those who are most in need. We pray that the vaccines will be the answer to an end to this virus which has plagued our world, and we can look forward to better days ahead. God heal our land.

I wish you all a good Convention experience. God bless you all.

Vivat Jesus



David Peters  
Ontario State Deputy



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David C. Peters  
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Ontario State Council  
Knights of Columbus



Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Peters:

For the first time as Supreme Knight, it is an honor and joy for me to greet you and all my brother Knights as the Ontario State Council holds its annual state convention.

Your meeting comes after a year unlike any before it. I know you and your fellow delegates will review the toll that COVID-19 has taken on our families, our parishes, our councils, and our world. Hopefully still more time will be spent on our ongoing response, especially through the *Leave No Neighbor Behind* initiative, which has enabled councils around the world to answer the challenge of COVID-19 with our perennial principle of Charity. I am very proud of the work that has been accomplished despite the adversity we have faced.

Amid the darkness of the past year, the Beatification of our Founder was a bright and most welcome light. As we rejoice at Father McGivney being raised to the honors of the altar, his Beatification brings increased responsibility for you, for me and for every Knight to be ever more devoted to our principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. We must strive to always grow in personal holiness and to be worthy heirs to the spiritual legacy of Blessed Michael McGivney.

I am deeply grateful to you, your fellow state officers, district deputies, council officers, general and field agents, and to each brother Knight who has worked so hard this past year to advance the mission of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario. I am honored to serve alongside you as your Supreme Knight, and look forward to working together in the days ahead.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe guide your deliberations, and may Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

Fraternally,

*Patrick E. Kelly*

Patrick E. Kelly  
Supreme Knight



2021

My fellow Knights,

I am pleased to welcome you to the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Ontario State Council, Knights of Columbus. Due to COVID 19, the convention is being held virtually this year.

The Knights of Columbus are an important part of the Church in Toronto, and in Ontario, and you have my gratitude for all the good work you do. I hope that this Convention in these difficult times will enable you to grow in your faith and the love of Our Lord.

May Our Lord bless and keep you safe always.

Yours sincerely in Our Lord,

*Thomas Card. Collins*

Cardinal Thomas Collins,  
Archbishop of Toronto



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**Message from the Most Rev. Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg and  
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops  
to the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the  
Knights of Columbus – Ontario State Council  
1 May 2021**

On behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, I am pleased to write to you for the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council. Your gathering this year will be a virtual one that reflects the need to protect your members and their families from COVID-19. No doubt you will miss gathering in person, but I am sure that your virtual session will bear good fruit.

The past year has been unprecedented, especially when we consider the impact of the world-wide COVID-19 pandemic. Consequences such as loss of income, alienation from family, friends and coworkers, and the potential learning gaps that students are experiencing will have a lasting impact on our lives. Sadly, we have been helpless as we witnessed the illness and death of loved ones. Those who are most affected are the elderly, particularly those who reside in long-term care facilities. As COVID-19 took hold, it became abundantly clear that the elderly were not receiving proper care in many facilities. We have been horrified by revelations that care standards in these settings do not meet the regulations that govern them. We must become advocates for greater transparency to ensure that healthcare workers are well-educated and receive proper wages and that long-term care facilities are well equipped to provide quality care, especially in times of crisis, such as in a pandemic. Neglect and disregard for human life are not of God. The Knights of Columbus are known for putting its brothers and sisters' needs at the centre of its work. We encourage you to continue to work for the good of the most vulnerable among us.

As Catholics, we believe in the sacredness of human life from natural conception to natural death. The CCCB continues to respond to potential legislative changes that run counter to this vital principle. In particular, two issues under consideration by the Canadian Government have been in focus. *Bill C-7: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)* and *Bill C-6: An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (conversion therapy)* both undermine, to different degrees, the inherent dignity of the human. If passed, these Bills will have a dramatic and negative effect on the lives of the disabled, those who are mentally ill, and those seeking assistance and guidance as they grow in their Christian understanding of human sexuality. We know that the Knights of Columbus promote human dignity through education and lobbying to ensure that such laws will not come into effect.

How wonderful that you have chosen 1 May 2021, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, to hold your conference. On 8 December 2020, Pope Francis announced a *Year of St. Joseph* to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation by Pope Pius IX of St. Joseph as the Patron of the

Universal Church. In the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis identifies the extraordinary qualities of Saint Joseph as a *beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively-courageous, working father hidden in the shadows*. (cf. No 1-7 PC).

Indeed, on this Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, we are reminded that work is a right that must be available to all. Work is essential for human dignity. Work allows families to sustain themselves with food and shelter. Many among you are fathers and grandfathers who are deeply committed to the loving, gentle, but firm care of your children and your children's children. By your witness through prayer, action and work, you have shown them what it means to be a Christian husband and father. Your continued witness and your willingness to foster in others the vital role of fatherhood are gifts to the Church.

Pope Francis announced, on the Feast of the Holy Family on 27 December 2020, the *Year of Amoris Laetitia Family*, which will occur from 19 March 2021, the Feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, until June 2022 when the *World Meeting of Families* will take place in Rome. Throughout the year, we hope that there will be many opportunities to study the Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, as it sets out a vision for Christian love in the family.

Most recently, Pope Francis identified a *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, which will take place on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne. Together, we will honour grandparents and the elderly who teach us so much about our faith. More and more grandparents are taking responsibility for the education in the faith of their grandchildren. Let us find ways to show our gratitude to those who have paved the way for their children to grow in faith.

And finally, as Church, we have all rejoiced abundantly in Father Michael McGivney's beatification on 31 October 2020. An inspiring and powerful example he was and continues to be for us all. In times of trial and confusion, strife and need, let us turn to this wonderful priest of the Church, now a Blessed, that his intercession will bring graces of healing to our families and society. May he accompany our efforts in continuing to build a culture of life and a civilization of love marked by the Gospel's call to holiness and service.

We are deeply appreciative of all of your excellent work for the Church, for society at large and the needy. May your Convention be a time of prayer, fraternity, and gratitude as you continue to serve the People of God in Ontario.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Richard Gagnon". The signature is fluid and cursive.

+Richard Gagnon  
Archbishop of Winnipeg and  
President of the Canadian Conference  
of Catholic Bishops



## BISHOP OF HAMILTON

March 30, 2021

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights,

It is a pleasure for me to send greeting to you on the occasion of the 118<sup>th</sup> convention of the Ontario State Council of the Knights of Columbus. The past year has been extraordinary because of the havoc wreaked by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have become accustomed to “virtual” meetings at every level of the Order. With the introduction of several vaccines beginning at the end of 2020, our hope increases for an end to the restrictions and protocols established for our well-being.



No one has been immune from the challenges of the pandemic. Around the world the number of people who contracted the virus, and the number of people who died from its effects, is nothing less than staggering! Still, there were many who doubted the severity even the veracity of the pandemic! Some suggested that it was a hoax! Those who suffered the loss of a loved one – and many, many did – will readily attest that it was no hoax!

We must honour and express our gratitude to the many health-care professionals who, day after day, headed to work to care for those who were sick and to assist those who were dying. Many churches across the country rang bells during the day to remind us to pray for them. Clearly, they are an example of the very best humanity has to offer – *“when I was sick, you cared for me”!*

As we gather for this “virtual” convention, we pray for our deceased members and their families. And we pray for those who have contributed to relieving the burdens borne by so many because of the pandemic restrictions and protocols invoked to protect us!

May this convention, more than ever, lead us to a more profound appreciation for the blessing of life, of family, and of this unique fraternity – the Knights of Columbus, founded by Blessed Michael McGivney, a Knight who died during a similar pandemic over 100 years ago. May our blessed Founder inspire in us a mature and generous response as we reach out to others to offer care and support through the many programs and projects of the Order!

Sincerely in the Risen Christ and Mary Immaculate,

*+ Douglas Crosby*, OMI  
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI  
Ontario State Chaplain

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**Worthy State Deputy:**

I bring greetings on behalf of our Supreme Knight and the Supreme Board of Directors to the delegates and guests of the 118<sup>th</sup> annual Ontario State Convention. It is important that we gather, even with the challenges of the pandemic continuing in our society, to conduct the business of the Order in a virtual Convention.

The Knights of Columbus have a long history of service to others, and the pandemic has shown new ways that we can carry out of principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. As an Order, we have contributed over \$177 million to charity, and over 77 million hours of volunteer service to our communities. It is the dedication and commitment of each member that makes these accomplishments possible, and I thank our Brother Knights and their families from across Ontario for all that they have done to contribute to our success. As our new Supreme Knight notes 'We are bound together by charity, unity and fraternity, and by standing together we will continue to make a difference.'

It is important that we continue to invite all Catholic gentlemen to join us as we feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and clothe the naked in our communities. Although we are not able to gather in person, the virtual Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity ensures that we can continue to welcome new members into our ranks. By doing so, we will ensure that the work that we are doing today will continue for years to come.

Last year, Ontario achieved the Circle of Honor status for the second consecutive year, and we are within reach of doing so again in 2021. I congratulate you and your team for the excellent work that has been done to invite all Catholic gentlemen to join the Knights of Columbus as we grow the Order in our province.

As we gather for our annual meeting, I thank all of you for what you are doing for the Knights of Columbus in Ontario!

**Fraternally**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Arthur Peters".

**Arthur Peters**  
Supreme Director, Ontario



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Curtis Ogilvy  
James O'Brien

## **Council 9793 Windsor**

Donald Urban

## **Council 9865 Windsor**

Kenneth Drouillard

## **Council 10009 Ancaster**

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## **Council 11525 Toronto**

Michael Kunanec  
Dennis Meharchand

## **Council 11774 Windsor**

Steve Zokvic

## **Council 12158 Ottawa**

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John Edward Duffy  
Dalton McIntyre

## **Council 12494 Windsor**

Marc St. Pierre  
Steve John Kerester





# Knights of Columbus



## District 23

Even though the convention is being held virtually, the district hopes that we have a fruitful convention.

**Stay Well**

**Stay Safe**

**District Deputy**

**Gerald Moynahan**

**Council 2356 - Tilbury  
G.K. - Robert Baillargeon**

**Council 8682 - Windsor  
G.K. - Chales Dube**

**Council 2775 - Belle River  
G.K. - Paddy Bryne**

**Council 8783 - Comber  
G.K. - Larry Gagnon**

**Council 4375 - Tecumseh  
G.K. - Ron Couvillion**

**Council 9671 - Tecumseh  
G.K. - Fred Anderson**



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Reports

# David Peters

State Deputy

## Worthy Delegates and Brother Knights

Welcome to the 118<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Virtual Convention. The Pandemic continues to challenge our communities, friends and families, Councils, and related activities, and we pray that you and your loved ones are healthy and well. Notwithstanding the difficulties and anxieties brought by the Pandemic, the work of our Lord, His Church, and our Order continues. I would like to thank each one of you for permitting me to represent you as your State Deputy in this great Province of Ontario. It has been a pleasure to work with you my Brothers and I thank you for your continued support and hard work given to our State Team during these difficult times, as you service your Parishes and Communities.

## Coats for Kids

Despite the Pandemic this Fraternal year, Councils throughout Ontario delivered 8292 new quality winter coats for the children who were in need. We are very grateful to Brother Neil Bouvier for his leadership in

undertaking this project. There were 2304 winter coats remaining from last year's order which Supreme generously purchased. We travelled with a van filled with food provided by Global Medic, and coats to Moosonee Diocese, Hearst in Northern Ontario. The Food was given to the Food Bank in Hearst, and some of the coats were distributed to the children at one of the First Nations Reserve at Constance Lake, with the support and help of Bishop Robert Bourgon. The balance of the Coats was shipped to various First Nations reserves. Coats were also donated to the various Children Aid Society Centres across Ontario.

## Annual Charity Lottery

Our lottery which was postponed to a later month (October instead of June) has proven to be very successful. In total, 22% of the net revenue was refunded to the Councils for their Charities.

After a careful review of the State lottery, several changes were implemented by the board of directors to counteract the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic. As a result, our Annual Charity Lottery will now be a 50/50 online digital draw, which will be conducted every quarter. Tickets will have to be purchased online. All Council members, families and friends are invited to participate and support our many worthwhile charities. The 50/50 lottery is open to anyone residing in Ontario.

## Martyrs' Shrine Project

The project of restoring the Papal Alter and new tower undertaken by the Ontario State Council and its Brother Knights began



in earnest this past year. The groundwork included, demolishing the old tower, constructing the retaining wall, and laying down the foundation for the new Look-Out Tower. The ongoing work depends on the much-needed donations which will allow us to complete the refurbishment of the Papal Altar and the Tower. At this time, I would like to offer our sincerest gratitude to Brother Dennis Mailloux and his team for all the time and hard work expended in the completion of this project.



## EXEMPLIFICATIONS

The new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity has been very well received by all members of our Order world-wide. It could not have come at a better time than now, when we are able to easily conduct Exemplifications online, which last for about half an hour. We have already conducted several Exemplifications this year, and we encourage all members who have not yet been exemplified to please take advantage of this. Please take this opportunity to invite members to join. In honour of our Founder Michael McGivney's beatification, we have the privilege of availing the free online membership using the promotional code: MCGIVNEY 2020, which is available till the end of June 2021.

## *Columbia Magazine*

Especially in these strange times, and with our new program "Leave No Neighbour Behind", it is important to send in our stories and pictures, to show that our Catholic Community, and our Order is still vibrant and thriving, in reaching out to those most vulnerable. Many of our Councils, members and our families have good outreach stories to share. If we do not tell people, they will not know, and there is no better way to inspire others, than by our own examples. Please utilise the 4 pages which Supreme has provided to Canada in the Columbia Magazine, with these inspiring stories which will be a candle in the darkness.

## *Growing our Order*

Our Jurisdiction quota for Supreme this year to reach Circle of Honour is 9 New Council Developments (NCD) and an intake of 1925 members, which has now been reduced by 15%. So far, our efforts this fraternal year to recruit new members are 1268 which represent 77.75% of our percentage. We only require a further 530 candidates, and 5 New Councils to reach our goal before the end of June. Our goal is to attain the Pinnacle Award of our Order. This is the highest level of achievement awarded to a State Council by the Supreme Council and Ontario has never reached this exulted status in 120 years of existence. This year, we have the opportunity of achieving what has never been done and we can only do so with the help of all our Brother Knights, and their families. So, let us all put our shoulders to the task and push forward, so we can all share in this wonderful accomplishment at the end of this fiscal year. To reach our goal, we encourage each member to invite at least one person to join us, using the promotional code of MCGIVNEY 2020. As Christians, it's our duty to invite all catholic men and their families to join our order. Bringing these men into the Knights will provide an

opportunity for them to revitalize their faith and beliefs, allowing them the opportunity to be welcomed in heaven. Let us recall the fraternal brotherhood, life friendship which ensues, as we align ourselves with men who share the same values and faith, and most importantly, supports and reinvigorates our faith, keeping it alive.

Here, I offer my heartfelt gratitude to my team who stood by me during these past two years. My sincere gratitude goes out to my Fellow State Board Officers, State Directors, Supreme Territorial Growth and Training Directors, Membership Information Officers, Chairmen, District Deputies, and our office staff. We have been a great team.

We are all very grateful to Brother Carl Anderson, our Worthy Supreme Knight, for 20 years of dedicated service as the Leader of our Order. May God bless him and be with him in his future endeavours.

We welcome our new Supreme Knight Brother Patrick Kelly who will lead us into the future.

It has been a challenging year; however, our team faced all challenges head-on and

maintain its course every step of the way to achieve our planned goals. To continue this path of success, we must stay the course, employing the methods which allowed us to achieve our goals during my tenure. We must have the vision, and determination to utilise all the continuously changing technology and innovate virtual tools. If we embrace all these exciting new methods of communication, it will enhance and provide a better network, providing us a solid line of communications with all our member councils.

Presently, I would like to thank my wife Flavia, my two daughters Gabriella and Daniella for their strength and support through my journey on the State Board. More so, during these last two years as State Deputy. My family and I will never forget this journey. We will continue to remain faithful to this beautiful Order which stands for the Catholic values we all hold dear to our hearts.

Vivat Jesus

David Peters

## Most Rev. Douglas Crosby

*Bishop of Hamilton and Ontario State Chaplain Knights of Columbus*

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Council, Worthy District Deputies, Worthy Grand Knights, Brother Knights:

The Beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney

The Beatification of the Founder

of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Michael McGivney, on October 31, 2020, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford, Connecticut is surely the most significant event of the year past for the Order, for all Knights and for their families. He is the third US-born priest to be so honoured, the first to spend his entire ministry in a US parish! Blessed Michael McGivney called his brother

Knights to live a life of charity, anticipating the call of the Second Vatican Council for the laity to transform society by the light of the Gospel. Knights do that by the witness of their many good works that benefit the Church, society, and the world! What a grace – to follow his blessed example!

### The COVID-19 Pandemic Response

Perhaps the second-most significant experience of the year past was the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions and protocols that continue to affect our lives, those of our parish communities, and the lives of our State and local Knights of Columbus councils. “Unprecedented” is a word that has been overused. Of course it has happened before – Brother Knights will recall the H1N1 Swine Flu pandemic of 2009-2010, or the AIDS pandemic that continues to our time and has claimed over 35M lives! The Asian Flu frightened us in the 1950’s and the Spanish Flu caused churches to be shut down in 1918-1920. My mother speaks often about the polio epidemic of her childhood; and we know that Blessed Michael McGivney died during a pandemic in his time. Unprecedented? No. Challenging for us all? Absolutely!

The severe restrictions have meant that citizens must “obediently” follow the rules for the safety and well-being of family, neighbours, and fellow citizens. The Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario established a SafeWorship subcommittee, which included an infectious disease medical professional, to recommend protocols intended to keep parishioners, who when authorized chose to attend church services, safe from “community spread” of the virus. For the most part, when the rules were followed, these stringent protocols succeeded.

“Obedience” is not a word that is widely appreciated in our time. The word comes

from the Latin root – obedire, which means, to hear. More than to hear, it means TO DO what one hears. Knights, more than others, understand obedience, and we have striven to “follow the rules” to assure the safety of all!

### Prayers for the Dead

Still, untold thousands (over 300,000 in Ontario) have contracted the virus and too many have died – most, tragically in Long Term Care centres. We remember them on every occasion. May they be welcomed to our heavenly home where there is “no more tears, no more suffering, only peace and joy in Jesus Christ, our Lord”!

### The Year of St. Joseph

In the midst of the pandemic experience, and to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal church, Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. In a December 8, 2020 apostolic letter, *Patris Corde* (With a Father’s Heart), the Pope said Christians can discover in St. Joseph, who often goes unnoticed, “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.” As Mary’s husband and guardian of the Son of God, St. Joseph turned “his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home.” Despite being troubled at first by Mary’s pregnancy, St. Joseph was obedient to God’s will “regardless of the hardship involved,” the Pope added. As a carpenter who earned “an honest living to provide for his family,” Christ’s earthly guardian is also an example for both workers and those seeking employment, and the right to a life of dignity for themselves and their families. The year dedicated to St. Joseph will end on December 8, 2021. St. Joseph is a worthy

example for all Knights of Columbus who are husbands and fathers!

#### Year of “Amoris Laetitia” Family

On the Feast of the Holy Family, December 27, 2020, Pope Francis called for a special year to mark the fifth anniversary of his Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love). March 19, 2021, marked the anniversary of the letter which followed the synods on the family in 2014 and 2015. The year will be coordinated by the Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life. “Let us entrust this journey, with families all over the world, to the Holy Family of Nazareth, in particular to St. Joseph, the devoted spouse and father,” said Pope Francis. The Knights of Columbus have always offered strong support for initiatives that encourage family life. The Year of “Amoris Laetitia” Family began on March 19, 2021, and will conclude on June 26, 2022. Check out the Vatican website: [www.amorislaetitia.va](http://www.amorislaetitia.va)

Thank you to the Priests who serve as Council Chaplains

So many Priests graciously accept the call to serve as Chaplains to Knights of Columbus Councils throughout Ontario. What a blessing you are for Brother Knights! Your dedication and commitment reassures

them that the Order still follows the Catholic vision and values espoused by our Blessed Founder. May his inspiration encourage us all to be the steady arm that strengthens our Brothers to be men of faith and service!

#### Conclusion

I am very grateful to Bishop Ronald Fabbro, ACBO President, and the Executive Committee of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario for requesting that I complete the mandate of His Grace, the **Most Reverend Marcel Damphousse, as State Chaplain**. The demands of his new and increased responsibility as Archbishop of Ottawa made it difficult for him to continue to serve the Order. It is a privilege for me to respond to the invitation.

Thank you to the Worthy State Deputy, David Peters, and to the entire Ontario State Council for their warm welcome and thoughtful guidance. Please pray that I will serve in the manner of previous State Chaplains – and in the manner of our blessed Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney – for the well-being of all Knights, their families, and their parishes.

Respectfully submitted.

March 25, 2021

*Solemnity of Our Lady of the Annunciation*



#### SPONSOR A SQUIRES CIRCLE

The Columbian Squires is the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus. Squires is dedicated to promoting service and the Catholic faith – while providing opportunities for fun and leadership training to young Catholic men throughout the world. As an organization of more than 1300 circles with nearly 25,000 Catholic youth members, the Columbian Squires is making a difference in the world and in the Church.

For more information about this program  
visit [www.ontariokofc.ca](http://www.ontariokofc.ca)

# Dan Heffernan

*Immediate Past State Deputy*

Brother Knights,

My journey towards the State Board began in 2004 as your Pro-Life Director. [Just as an aside note: Seventeen years ago, Euthanasia was a foreign word with Society's general attitude being one of incomprehension to the idea that assisted suicide would ever be considered in this Country. How far we have come on that slippery slope down to where not only our elderly can choose to end their life, but with the passage of new legislation it has become even far easier and is being extended to those with mental illness.]

I was elected as State Warden in 2006. As most of you know, my time on the State Board has not been without some twists and turns and major bumps along the way, but through faith and the example of our founder I was able to serve you.

As I promised when elected to the State Deputy position in 2017, I would travel around the Province during my 2017-2019 term to learn your Council's concerns, discuss solutions and celebrate with you Council anniversaries, milestones, and events. My wife Rita and I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting a great number of you personally from the far north to the southern tip of the Province. Your gracious hospitality and welcoming attitude will never be forgotten.

It was encouraging to hear members say, "Thank you for coming to visit us. No one from the State Board has ever visited our Council. Your visit makes us feel that we count".

During my two terms as State Deputy,

together with you, much was achieved:

- Instituted the new Faith in Action program throughout Ontario.
- Our Annual State Convention location was changed to beautiful Niagara Falls and although Covid has restricted our usage recently, our contract will resume when gatherings are feasible once again
- More dedicated trained State Recruiters were introduced to assist in obtaining new members
- The first ultrasound machine in Ontario under Supreme's Program was installed in Ontario
- A new Ontario Knights of Columbus website was introduced which continues to evolve
- Updated internal communication from State Office by introducing generic addresses
- The use of media such as Facebook, You-Tube and TV was beneficial to promote ourselves as Knights of Columbus
- Race for Charity Marathons promoted the Knights of Columbus to the general public as well as being a means of raising Charity funds
- Knights on Bikes was adopted as an Ontario State Program to attract more members
- Our own Silver Rose can now travel throughout the Province any time during the year once the Program resumes
- Ontario State Council Golf Tournament which was generally held in the GTA was held for the 1st time in Ottawa
- Coats for Kids 2018-19 increased

with the participation of more Ontario Councils sponsoring some 6876 good quality New winter coats for school age children

- Established a Disaster Relief Committee in Ontario when significant spring flooding occurred in 2019 and encouraged Councils to lend a hand in their areas. Supreme provided \$30,000 and supplies for those affected
- Better coverage on our overall Insurance Policy was negotiated with Jones DesLauriers
- Safe Environment Protocols mandated by Supreme were introduced to provide protection for our youth as well as protecting you against misconduct accusations
- Annual March for Life saw more Councils sponsoring buses to attend the March in 2018 and 2019 - unfortunately when the pandemic hit events have been reduced
- The Columbia magazine editor agreed to provide more Canadian content if it was supplied by our members. The January 2019 edition featured an Ontario member with his family.
- Ontario participated in Supreme's new 'pilot' online eMembership program in 2018 which has resulted in Order-wide usage since that time. This method of reaching younger techy men to welcome as new members has proven to be

invaluable during 2018-2019 as well as throughout this pandemic.

I wish to express my gratitude to our wonderful State Office team for their commitment, dedication, and support; - long time staff Liane and Anne, together with several new members whom I had the pleasure of welcoming aboard; Denis, Ani, Claudette and Jason (deceased). You were truly a valuable asset to me as well as the Knights in Ontario.

I would like to thank the support team at Supreme, Bishop Damphousse, my fellow Board Officers, and State Solicitor together with my Directors, TMW's, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and you, the membership, who were supportive and instrumental in achieving the prestigious 'Circle of Honour' Award in my final term 2018-2019.

I include "all of you" because Circle of Honour is not just for me, it is the Pride of Ontario!

In closing, I urge you to continue to Welcome men into the Order, and I thank you most sincerely for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

"Please continue to Make the Time - and Take the Time to reach out to those around you!"

Vivat Jesus

## Ontario Knights

### *Support our Food Bank*

*"Much will depend on money in the weeks and months ahead. Food banks in Ontario will need major donations of cash to keep on providing their services during the Pandemic." - State Deputy David Peter*

For information or to donate visit  
[www.ontariokofc.ca](http://www.ontariokofc.ca)





# Marcel Lemmen

## *State Secretary*

It is my pleasure to serve the members in Ontario as State Secretary for a second fraternal year. Below is a brief update on the portfolios that I am managing. Highlights of the past year include the virtual Supreme Convention in New Haven, our virtual DD meetings and board meetings, and the implementation of the “Leave No Neighbour Behind” program. Cost savings due to meeting and travel restrictions have allowed us to reduce the per capita being billed to councils by half this year.

### ***Diocesan Associations***

The Diocesan Associations and Zones have been meeting virtually since the start of the pandemic. One of their important functions is to elect delegates from Ontario to attend the annual Supreme Convention. The D.A.s and Zones that are eligible to elect delegates are determined by a rotation schedule. Since the last Supreme Convention was held virtually, and the delegates were unable to experience it, the State Board decided to freeze the rotation schedule by one year. This allows the same D.A.s and Zones that were eligible last year to elect delegates again this year. They were encouraged to elect the same delegate in the hopes that those delegates would be able to experience a full and in-person Supreme Convention in Denver this summer.

### ***Arthritis Society***

It is my pleasure to serve as the liaison between the Ontario Knights of Columbus

and the Ontario Arthritis Society, one of our principal charities. There have been many changes in the structure and leadership of the Arthritis Society over the past year. The Walk for Arthritis fundraiser has been discontinued. Also, the Ontario Advisory Board has been disbanded in favour of an Advocacy Volunteer group on which I am happy to serve. The Advocacy Volunteers are asked to contact our government representatives at all levels to communicate the key issues of concern for people with arthritis. The top three policy priorities being addressed are 1) wait times for joint replacement surgery, 2) access to medications, and 3) medical cannabis.

### ***COVID-19***

The pandemic has had a major, negative effect on the programs that our councils typically conduct. Although the “Leave No Neighbour Behind” program has given councils alternatives to help alleviate the effects of the pandemic, it is no substitute for the regular programs and social contact that has been greatly diminished. The current rollout of vaccines promises an end to the pandemic in the next few months, and we must be ready.

As we emerge from the pandemic, I expect a pent-up demand from our members to get back out into the community and get going again. Councils should start planning now for this eventuality so that there are programs in place and ready to go when restrictions are lifted.

I am looking forward to building a team at the State level to lead our councils out of the pandemic and bring them back to full operation so that we can continue our important charitable work for the Church,

our communities, and our members.

Vivat Jesus,

Brother Marcel Lemmen

## **Bruce Poulin** *State Treasurer*

Brothers,

It is my duty, for the second consecutive year, to report to you, the membership, on the financial transactions of your State Board as your State Treasurer. Before I begin, in this, my last year as State Treasurer, I wish to thank my other State Board officers for the assistance extended to me in carrying out the responsibilities to which I have been assigned.

In my capacity as State Treasurer, it is my duty to take charge of all State Council funds, to receive, to record to guard and disburse funds via the general account, charities account, and the trust account and the office account. As cheques come in, they are scrutinized for accuracy and assigned to the appropriate accounts along with the sub-headings to which they should be recorded. Scrutiny by State Board officers and an annual audit by a chartered accountant assure that these accounts are maintained in a current and accurate manner. It is also my duty to make sure surplus funds are invested so that the best return possible is realized. This is done with the advice of financial experts and the State Board officers.

The year-end statement for the period 01 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 appears on the following pages and gives an accurate account of the source of funds and how they were disbursed. The accuracy of these accounts is verified by Denis Paganelli, CPA, CA. I am confident you will agree that the financial activities of the Order in Ontario are quite wide and varied as it reflects that you, the delegates, have mandated the State Board.

One source of funds is the annual charities draw which we depend on to fund the many requests for financial assistance on the charity's foundation. Per capita revenue is the second source of funds used to finance the general work and expenses of the Order. Subordinate councils are billed on a per member basis, and it is based on the January 1, of each year, official printout from Supreme. Honorary Life and disabled members are deducted from this total. The result is a number used as the basis for billing each subordinate council. Despite the onset of the global COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, I have been pleased by the response of most Columbian councils in paying their assessment in a timely fashion for the last Columbian year.

Before I pass along my portfolio to my successor, I wish to say a few words about the current billing. The State Board approved the fee reduction in good faith in the hope that this reduction will be reciprocated by a greater effort on the part of the subordinate councils and our members of the Order in Ontario to pay their per capita fees in the July 1, 2020 to 30 June 2021.

By cooperating in the collection of the reduced per capita fees, we will maintain some financial stability and secure our budgeting process so that we will not only survive this temporary obstruction in our activities but that we will emerge from it, ready to rekindle old acquaintances, renew our parish community activities and return

to the work we do best as members of the Knights of Columbus.

Thank you, brother State Board officers, for your assistance and guidance during this past year and to you, the members of the Ontario jurisdiction, for your cooperation in helping me fulfil my duties in the position of State Treasurer. It is my sincere hope that you will show the same commitment and support to my successor.

Fraternally

Bruce S. Poulin  
State Treasurer

## David Gelinas

*State Advocate*

Brother Knights,

Welcome to your 118th Ontario State convention. Although, it is a virtual convention again, I hope that it provides you a basic way to participate in the decisions that need to be made by all delegates from Ontario and hopefully without any hiccups in the technical aspect of this virtual convention.

My portfolios include:

### Safe Environment:

Currently, as of early March, there are 122 councils (22.7%) that are fully compliant (4 officers) which leaves 414 councils that are not (77.3%). Forms continue to be

our largest stumbling block to achieve compliance with 44 councils that haven't submitted their 185 form and 206 their 365 form. Failure to comply with Safe Environment will disqualify the council from many awards but this shouldn't be your only motivation toward compliance.

The leadership throughout the Order have an ethical obligation to accept their responsibilities and requirements to protect the youth and vulnerable persons in our communities and get themselves compliant with the safe practices set forth by the youth protection industry. Even if you do not want to believe, predators exist in communities large and small and we have an obligation to train ourselves on the methods to look for the signs and to continue as strong advocates for child safety. Would Jesus

expect you to do all you could, with all your might to protect His children and other vulnerable people?

Matthew chapter 18:6-7; Jesus speaks firmly and warns us about those who harm or have committed offences to His children. In summary, there is nothing more precious than our children hence nothing more important than to protect them!

I repeat myself with the next three sentences taken from my March State bulletin report because of their importance.

- *“Grand Knights do not have the option to abstain from or opt-out of the Safe Environment program”.*
- *“As proclaimed defenders of life in all stages, we should all vigorously embrace with all our willpower, without concern for the effort required, our Christian responsibility to protect our youth and vulnerable persons in society”.*
- *“It is extremely important to keep copies of your current and all past liability insurance policies. Do not throw away any old insurance policies the council has purchased”.*

#### Financial Audits:

At the end of December, 255 councils (48%) still have 2 or more semi-annual audits missing which puts the FS and Treasurer at risk in the event of a monetary crisis (free \$5000 bonding has been removed). This should be worrisome and a concern for both the FS and Treasurer and it also creates a violation in the Charter, Constitution and Laws, Sec. 130. The council's Board of Trustees are solely responsible to complete these semi-annual audits and ensure their FS and Treasurer are bonded, Sec. 145. The

FS and Treasurer must be bonded and is a requirement for these financial officers to handle money, Sec. 130.

We've all taken a pledge to protect all lawful and righteous things and to the Laws and Rules of the Charter and Constitution and that will always be the standard for me as a State Board officer. I thank all the delegates in the past for your support to elect me as your State Warden (2017-2019) then State Advocate (2019-2021) and I assure you, as I ask for your vote again this time as your State Treasurer, that I will remain unwavering in protecting the Laws and Rules of the Charter and Constitution and to the safeguard and care for the members in Ontario.

In conclusion and reflecting upon the pandemic situation that was thrust upon us, I hope that we emerge more appreciate of one other and with stronger relationships with all our fraternal brothers. Even though we couldn't meet in person, I hope that the extra time we had provided the executive officers the opportunity to make routine phone calls these past 12 months to their members. These actions should have bridged and mended any distanced relationships and eventually we emerge out of this pandemic with stronger, more vibrant, and more compassionate Christian relationships. I certainly miss the usual practice to give a friend a hug. It's amazing what we took for granted with our freedoms of the past. It is probably an appropriate time to review our Canadian Constitution Act 1867 to 1982 and our Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and to become better acquainted with these documents.

God is good. God is love.

David Gelinias  
State Advocate

# Joe Bodnar

*State Warden*

Brother Knights,

Once again, we are forced to meet virtually to celebrate our 118<sup>th</sup> annual Knights of Columbus State Convention. Even though COVID has prevented us from living our normal lives, working and visiting family and friends, it is amazing to hear and see the great projects completed by Knights Councils throughout Ontario. Even though Councils could not hold fundraising events, they still participated in food drives, Coats for Kids, wheelchair donations, RSVP donations etc. and held monthly Zoom meetings to ensure the success of our organization. The global pandemic did not stop the Knights from putting their faith in action doing works of charity for the less fortunate.

As this year's State Warden, my main portfolio was acting as the State Squire Liaison for the Ontario Provincial Board. Being active in the Squire program for the past twenty years I was very thankful that I was asked by our State Deputy to overlook the operations of the Provincial Board. Watching these young leaders attend bi-weekly Zoom meetings, conduct online Investitures, organize a Christmas Food Hamper project and plan for their own online Convention was very inspiring. The Provincial Board's commitment to fulfilling the obligations of their elected positions exemplified real leadership skills. We should be proud that we all support these future leaders of the Knights.

## **2020-2021 Ontario Provincial Board**

Past Provincial Chief Squire:  
**Matthew Ducharme**

Provincial Chief Squire:  
**Nigel Santamaria**

Provincial Deputy Chief Squire:  
**Aiden D'Souza**

Provincial Notary Squire:  
**Nathan Nambiar**

Provincial Bursar Squire:  
**David Saldanha**

Provincial Marshall Squire:  
**Noah Hatton**

Provincial Sentry Squire:  
**Curtis Dale**

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**Shawn D'Souza**

Service Chairman:  
**Asher D'Souza**

Circle Chairman:  
**Joshua Dinshaw**

Membership Chairman:  
**Tom Manoj**

## **2020-2021 Ontario Provincial Team**

State Squire Director:  
**Narciso/Eva Rodrigues**

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**Enzo/Karen Caterina**

Senior State Squires Advisor:  
**Ken/Bern McLean**

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**Antonio/Shamin D'Souza**

Metro East Area Chairman:  
**Chris/Sally Matthews**

South West Area Chairman:  
**Ted/Linda Richardson**

South West Area Chairman:  
**Steve/Wendy Benson**

As we near the end of our fraternal year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Narciso and Eva Rodrigues, (along with their sons Leander and Linford – both former Squires and now Knights) for their dedication

to the Squires Program over the past four years. During their tenure, this family has moved the Squires Program forward incorporating a number of successful changes. I would also like to thank the members of their team throughout Ontario for their continued support and amazing contributions ensuring the Squire program remains strong in Ontario. I look forward to working with Narciso's successor.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve you as the State Warden for the past two years.

Vivat Jesus

## **Bryan Noble** *Program Director*

Worthy Delegates & Brothers,

The COVID 19 Global Pandemic has changes so much in our lives. It has presented challenges to the Order in Ontario, and to us personally, that no one was prepared for. One change is the use of virtual meeting technology and virtual programming. I am participating in an 'Into the Breach' study series being hosted by a council four hours away from my house, and despite two lockdowns I have met, and prayed with, brothers from all corners of the province. At Christmas time our annual family gathering was replaced by a ZOOM call that included family members from five countries on four continents! Technology is certainly making the world smaller and easier to stay in touch.

The pandemic has made us realize

that there has never been greater need for the Knights of Columbus, because the very reasons we were founded, for charity, evangelization, and security, are as important today as they were 139 years ago. We are called to serve our brothers, our parishes, and our communities through our programs and activities, and during the pandemic the Order's 'Leave No Neighbour Behind' program is the pinnacle of our service.

How does one 'Leave No Neighbour Behind' without compromising our own safety or violating the directives of public health and civil authorities? By understanding that the smallest act of charity has a value to its recipient that we cannot comprehend or an impact that we cannot measure. By serving the smallest needs of our Brothers, our parishes and

pastors, and our communities; by feeding the hungry, and organizing or participating in a blood drive, we are each doing our small part to leave no neighbour behind. By saying 'We can't do much, but we can do something'. Your programs don't have to be huge, the results may not be immediately tangible, they just have to show someone that you are there to share in their trials and lighten the burdens of the crosses they are carrying.

There is no secret to it; all it takes is leadership, imagination, to be the 'go ahead men of the parish', and maybe a little courage. You may not feel like 'the strong right arm of the church', and as an individual you probably aren't, but together with your Brothers we are incredibly strong and there is little that we can't do. By living out our vocation as Knights together we will make a difference, we will leave no neighbour

behind; and ultimately we will serve God.

I want to conclude by expressing my heart felt thanks to State Deputy David Peters for his strong and focused leadership these past two years, for his trust in me, and for his service to the Order in Ontario. It has been a privilege to serve as his Program Director. I also want to thank the many brother Knights in Ontario that I have worked with; your selfless dedication, servant leadership, faith, and passion have been an inspiration and a truly humbling experience. Thank-you, God Bless, and good luck in all your future endeavours for the Order in Ontario.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

SK Bryan Noble PGK FDD  
*Ontario State Program Director*

## Narciso Rodrigues

*Squires Director*

Welcome to the 118th Ontario State Convention

Our goal as Knights of Columbus members is to help men, their families & their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith. There is nothing more effective at evangelizing the culture than regular, everyday people choosing to live their faith in their homes, councils, community & parish.

The Columbian Squires theme this year is

### ***"We Stand United Serving Christ"***

As per Bro. Barnabas, the supreme purpose of the Columbian Squires is Character building. It is primarily with this purpose, that we in Ontario, are building character and faith based leadership in our Squires. These young men will eventually become Knights and continue to evangelize in our homes, councils and communities. It is our moral obligation to step forward and assist in this noble mission for the greater good. The future of our order depends on it. If we, do not nurture the Squires we, may not have young men joining the Knights of Columbus to continue the awesome work

we have been doing.

During this pandemic, the Squires have found innovative ways to keep the supreme purpose alive and have made a difference in our communities. This year again, we will have our 67th Digital Annual Convention in the first weekend of June. We would like to encourage you to attend this online convention and witness the future of our order at work. To attend, please send me an email at:

statedirector@ontariosquires.com. Please visit our website [www.ontariosquires.com](http://www.ontariosquires.com) for additional information and check out our quarterly compass.

Nathaniel Hawthorne writes, *Time flies over us, but leaves it's shadow behind* - It has been 4 years since I stepped in this role as the State Director and now it is the end of my

term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the past & present State Deputy and his team for the help & support provided during my tenure. I would also like to thank my executive team and the Provincial Board officers & Chairmen for their hard work & co-operation in taking this program to new heights.

My gratitude and thanks to all you brother Knights involved with the Squires who make it possible for a better future for our youth. Thank you to my wife Eva and my sons Linford & Leander for your unconditional support and help in supporting the vision of Bro. Barnabas.

Esto Dignus,

Narciso Rodrigues

## Joe Mathews

*State Membership Director*

It is the last week of March as I prepare this article and our great jurisdiction of Ontario stands at 55,000 Brother Knights. We are in 1<sup>st</sup> place out of 13 jurisdictions in Division One at 1262 new members or 77% of our goal of 1636 new members and 17<sup>th</sup> out of 75 jurisdictions worldwide. With there being 3 months remaining in the fraternal year, this provides us with plenty of time to finish strong (as we typically do) and to accomplish our goals, with one of them being to achieve the Circle of Honour. With your support and leadership in your Territories, Districts and Councils we will collectively accomplish this goal.

Numbers aside, as Knights and Catholic

gentlemen, we have, as our Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has indicated on many occasions, "a moral obligation to ask every practical Catholic man to become a member of our great Order. There is no better way to render support to the Church than by recruiting men into our Order, and by keeping men and their families close to their faith." This is our Calling! This is our Mission! New Brother Knights provide the foundation for longevity for our Councils and manpower for the unmeasurable acts of charity we do, as well as for standing in large numbers in solidarity with our Bishops and Priests.

As we work towards successfully completing this fraternal year and accomplishing the



goals that we have set out as we embarked upon this journey, I would like to offer to you the following strategies from a membership perspective. As we continue to deal with these challenging times due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the opportunities to recruit new members will vary depending on the restrictions in your area, such as being able to conduct a Church Drive. However, One-on-One recruitment, Fraternal Benefit Nights and Online Membership can be done virtually. In addition, you can also invite Former Members to consider re-joining the Knights, be it either through your Council or Online Membership.

Whenever possible make prospective members aware of the benefits offered by the Knights of Columbus such as RRSPs, RRIFs, Tax Free Savings Accounts, and our many insurance products, which include Long Term Care Insurance, Disability Insurance, Life Insurance and Annuities plus many more.

Ontario State Council has regularly scheduled online degrees, along with Exemplifications on Demand, offered by Supreme Council, allow for your prospective members not needing to wait for an extended period of time to take their degree. We have found that the Charity-Unity-Fraternity Degree has been well received by not only the new members, but also by our Brother Knights and their families.

Star Council is the goal of every active Knights of Columbus Council. Achievement of this milestone acknowledges the superior performance of a Council in several important areas including recruitment and Faith in Action programs. In order for your Council to be properly credited for its accomplishments, all of the required membership documents and forms need to be submitted in a timely manner to the

proper recipients or by using the Candidate Tab (Online Form 100) on Officers Online. Incentives have been put in place by both the Supreme Council and the Ontario State Council, for those Councils that have attained the Star Council Award for this Columbian year ending June 30, 2021.

We have a number of other incentive and award programs that recognize the recruitment efforts of both Councils and Brother Knights, with one of them being the Ontario State Circle of Honour for Councils, Districts and Territories that have met their membership goals as set by both State and Supreme Councils. More information on these and other programs can be found in our monthly Ontario State Membership newsletters or on our Ontario State Membership website.

As we approach the end of this fraternal year, I am grateful for what each of you do, as it is simply not possible to grow our Order without your commitment to Father McGivney's vision in each of your Councils, parishes, and communities. The membership team stands ready to assist you in any way we can, so please do not hesitate to reach out to us if we can be of help to you.

In closing, I would like to thank our State Deputy, Bro. David Peters, for giving me the opportunity to serve my Brother Knights throughout the province as your State Membership Director and our State Membership Team for their continued support in helping make the Order grow in Ontario.

God Bless.  
Vivat Jesus.

# Jesmond Tabone

*Membership Retention & Council Retention Director*

Welcome to the 118th Ontario State Virtual Convention. I hope you and your families are staying safe during these crazy times.

I understand with the current situation of the pandemic, councils are finding it hard to help collect membership dues or even maintain members since most council have been low key over the last year. My brothers, that does not have to be the case. There are many reasons to belong to a council and why you should maintain your membership with the Knights. Let me give you a few words of wisdom of why its important to be a knight and the benefits you derive.

We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect, and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbours, and role models and to put charity and community first. So please share this line with your councils and members. It can also be found on our Supreme site.

I would like to thank all the retention committees out there who are working diligently to help retain our members, the Financial Secretaries that are following the billing and retention process. All your hard work has paid off. At the time this was written we were trending above what was expected to be retained. Thank you everyone for your assistance in helping retain our members.

As for Council retention, I am aware of all the struggles every council is enduring currently. It is not my intent to close councils, but to look at each individual situation and find a sustainable solution to keep it open so it can better serve State and our Order. I am always available to discuss each council

situation and work with each council to help move forward instead of backwards.

I know this is supposed to focus on my portfolio, considering the times we are in and being asked to stay home I feel that this is appropriate for our times. A little blessing from Malta for your door.

*God's peace be to this home and to all who dwell within. You, O Lord, are the beginning and the end, the alpha and omega, carefully watching over us from birth until death. Bless this door of our house and in your goodness send your holy angel from heaven to watch over and protect us, to be with us and give us comfort and encouragement.*

*As we pass through this door, draw us more deeply into your presence and may a spirit of humility, goodness, mildness, and gratitude prevail here.*

*O Lord, you are the door to eternal life, bless our entrances and exits from this home and pour out on us heavenly dew in good measure, as well as an abundance of earthly needs. At our lowly coming be pleased to bless and sanctify this home, as you once were pleased to bless the home of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Within these walls let your angels of light preside and stand watch over those who live here.*

*May this blessing remain on this place and on us who live here now and always. Amen.*

Good Bless,

SK Jesmond Tabone PGK DD

## Jerry Hayes

*Communication Director*

Although significant strides continue to transpire in our ability to effectively keep councils and districts updated on all that is happening throughout the Order, we still have a significant way to go to get to a point that satisfies our many intended communication goal objectives. The Covid pandemic over the past twelve months has simply removed the wind from the sails of many of our council executive. Virtual meetings, although relatively simple for some councils to undertake, have proven completely unattainable for others. This major breakdown in our ability to communicate with our Brother Knights has created a complete disengagement between members who no doubt have been left wondering what in fact is currently happening, and in which direction the council is actually headed. Unfortunately, this sort of vacuous environment which many of our members now find themselves in, is one which can only prove disastrous in the long-run if left unattended. One might compare the situation to that of a ship floating aimlessly on the sea without a crew member in sight to guide its path.

Those who form the basic backbone of the council team simply cannot effectively carry out the many programs and the wide variety of initiatives that have been recently introduced unless they are fully conversant with all that these various new undertakings involve. Regardless of the pandemic, the Order has continued to forge on with many new and exciting initiatives that closely align themselves in a logical manner with the many challenges that Covid has imposed on us. We are still recruiting new members at a whirlwind pace through On-line Membership

and these newly recruited Knights are continually looking for opportunities to put their membership commitment into tangible action through the fruits of their chosen council's programs. If council programming does not exist at the grass-roots level, -- then how can the expectations of these men possibly be fulfilled. They obviously did not join the Order without pre-conceived ideals regarding "what being a Knight" entails and doing nothing at all does not rank high on this list. I am afraid that in many cases we have now put many of our new members in a sort of vacuous environment when they find that they have joined a council which clearly does not have a focused plan in place, and which undoubtedly does not outline the goals that they want to achieve through a documented definitive action plan.

Regardless of the feelings of many, the Covid restrictions have not completely hampered the ability of councils to continue to be active, -- it has simply sent us off in a slightly different direction. Those individuals in our various communities, who for a variety of reasons have found themselves marginalized, are still in need of assistance. In fact, this need for assistance has been greatly exacerbated over the past twelve months and has greatly compounded the opportunities that can be incorporated into our individual council program structures.

The Order has introduced many new exciting programs under "Leave No Neighbour Behind" that will allow your council to not only enhance its presence in your church community, but in your local neighbourhood community as well.

I hope you are being made aware of the fact that these new initiatives do exist and that you are clearly being informed as to how to initiate undertakings that will result in obtaining tangible results through their implementation. In order to allow these programs to flourish, our membership at large must not only know that they exist, but as well they must know how to go about implementing them in a manner which creates the most optimal results.

There is absolutely no doubt that we can now provide wonderful opportunities to those that surround us whom we encounter on a regular basis to solidly affirm the fact that the Knights of Columbus is truly an organization whose members most definitely make a positive difference in enhancing the lives of others. We in turn can do this not only from a spiritual standpoint, but as well, from a charitable perspective. When our neighbour needs that little extra assistance along the way, our being there to help in some fashion only serves to enhance our credibility in the minds of others, but also clearly demonstrates to them that there is real value in being a Knight.

Little do we realize that much of the groundwork that goes into our membership recruiting occurs when we ourselves don't even realize it. The roles that we play in our parish, the initiatives that we undertake in our community, the way we interact with those that we regularly encounter, all form a foundation in the minds others about what being a Knight of Columbus is all about. Although many out there would not be willing to take on all of the roles we have assumed, maybe there is just one role that we play that might interest a potential new member. The visible model that we have

created through our own personal example may just ignite that spark of motivation they need to move forward in their decision in becoming a Knight. If in fact that spark is ignited, we must be prepared to be the catalyst that starts the nourishing process in motion that is essential in seeing this new member flourish in the Order. All of this starts with effective communication lines with all of those in our own personal fraternal circle. This can be as simple as knowing who to contact when a new candidate wants to take a degree, or an existing member is interested in further training, or possibly someone else is looking for insurance or financial products. Let us make sure that we are well acquainted with the other members of our TEAM that surround us and the role that they play in creating the success that we all strive to achieve. These individuals are also there to promote the Order, and in turn support you, by allowing easy communication access through various information sources which can easily be made available on demand. Each of us plays a very significant role through the work that we achieve in our own private niche that we have developed in our own "Knights of Columbus Circle". The more we as individuals promote the Order on our own turf, the more we will continue to motivate those around us. In turn, the more the Order will grow for others throughout the world to seek these same wonderful opportunities that each of us has already attained. With these simple goals in mind, let us all strive to do our best as we move forward, to pass these many bountiful opportunities on to as many others as possible.

Vivat Jesus

## Faith In Action – Faith Portfolio

### Portfolio Overview

- RSVP
- Into the Breach
- Building the Domestic Church Kiosk
- Rosary Program
- Spiritual Reflection Program
- Holy Hour
- Sacramental Gifts

### RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program)

This program encourages us to commit our support to our greatest virtue of our order - to support, defend and stand foursquare in solidarity with our Holy Father, our Bishops, and all priests & clergy.

Some examples which have worked well are:

- Attend/support annual Ordinandi Dinner (virtual or in-person)
- Bottle drives>Returns for Vocations

Even during the pandemic – various RSVP programs can, and have been carried out successfully within many Councils, all while adhering to local health directives and ensuring the health and safety of all members.

### Into the Breach

This program helps us deepen our Faith and commitment to God, His church and our

community. There are various programs to help us promote this program within our parishes like Bible study, which is one of the key programs to get all of us deeply involved, look into programs that are practical that will help sustain the needs of our Brothers and their families.

- Contact your Pastor for guidance.
- Promote and engage Council members and their families.
- Promote within the Parish Community
- Appoint a Chairman to lead the group.
- Ensure that the program is sustainable and encourage participation.

This year, we had one council conduct a virtual program which was highly successful. We need to encourage our Councils to adopt this program as it provides strength to deepen our faith.

### Building the Domestic Church Kiosk

This program is specifically developed and promoted to encourage our Brothers and their families to encounter the depth of our Faith by using various small prayer books.

- Strengthen the domestic church through the distribution of high quality, engaging religious education literature.
- Consult with your parish pastor to establish the best possible location for the kiosk.
- Promote the availability of the literature within your council and

within the community.

- Assist with distributing the literature at events.

This year we could not engage this program as we were in a lock down situation, however we must use virtual media tools to promote online resources which is available at kofc.org.

### Holy Hour

This is a very engaging program for all of us to be part of as all of the Churches now have regular Holy Hour s at least on the First Friday of each Month, encourage our Brothers and Families to participate, we need to spend some time with our Lord in Silence and let him speak to us.

- Organize a regularly scheduled Holy Hour of eucharistic adoration.
- Encourage deep, personal encounters with God.
- Consult with your parish pastor for direction and guidance.
- Engage your council to generate ideas for prayer devotion and reflection, such as group rosary, prayers for particular intentions, etc.
- Build a council deeply rooted in faith.
- Promote Holy Hour within your council and within the parish community.

For the current fraternal year, we organized and carried out a highly successful Ontario-wide Holy Hour and Spiritual Reflection event on March 13, 2021.

- Live stream of Holy Mass from St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Toronto
- Followed by Holy Hour.

We need to foster the need of spending more time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as it helps us to build up confidence in our faith especially during these difficult times.

### Marian Icon Prayer Program Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians

This year the Program has been updated to the St. Michael the Archangel Icon.

Due to the pandemic, the distribution of the Icon has been postponed. Once we are provided with an update - we will share the same with the Council.

### Sacramental Gifts

- Support families during the most important events in the life of the domestic church: the sacraments.
- Support is provided to families and the parish community through prayer and the presentation of symbolic gifts.
- The Knights of Columbus are always present to support and embrace parish families.
- Work with your pastor to determine how many gifts will be needed for candidates of the RCIA , First Holy Communion and Confirmandi.

### Rosary Program

- This program encourages the ever-important devotion to Mary, patroness of our Order.
- Emphasizes the importance of prayer in the community and as a family.
- Rosary prayer services can, and should, be scheduled on any day of the week, and at any time of the year.

Rosary prayer can occur at your church, in the homes of Brother Knights and their families (where permitted by local health authorities), at outdoor garden areas, etc. Be creative – as this will interest greater participation and promote fraternity.

This year, our State Council has commenced

a Virtual First Saturday Rosary Devotion program every first Saturday of the month at 8:30 am, we need to be unified by praying together so that with our show of solidarity with Our Lady, we can continue to strengthen our faith to overcome all our tribulations and trials.

### Spiritual Reflection Program

- Create annual opportunities for prayer and reflection together as a fraternity.
- Organize a retreat or a day of reflection – encourage your Council Chaplain to get involved and/or lead the group.
- Spiritual events are needed to rejuvenate Council members, and the greater community.
- Retreats/day of reflection can be organized for Brother Knights only, men only, or open to all.

Under the current circumstances, in-person Spiritual Reflection Programs are not possible, however – we successfully carried out two extraordinary online programs:

- Faith Theme Retreat: live stream of Holy Mass, recitation of the Rosary, presentation and reflection on FAITH by Fr. Conrad Fernandes followed by Q&A period, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction.
- Sermon on the Mount (Weekly Lenten Reflections): Weekly Lenten reflections on The Beatitudes delivered by two

Permanent Deacons (and fellow Brother Knights).

My Brothers, as we come to the end of our current Fraternal year, which has been emotionally and physically challenging, and stressful at times, many of our Councils were not in a position to get involved due to constraints in technology or other restrictions imposed upon us by the pandemic. However, we need to move forward and recognize that our needs are changing. Even our parishes had to move forward and engage in new technologies in order to keep us all spiritually nourished during periods where we weren't able to be together physically. We must move forward and continue to grow and strengthen our faith.

Brothers, I am sure that together, we can overcome this and look forward to a better new fraternal year.

Thank you for all you have done in this fraternal year and please continue to keep up the good work and vision of our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, and pray that he attains Sainthood.

Vivat Jesus

Joseph Remedios FDD PGK PFN  
Ontario State Council Faith Director

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his merceries never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:22-23

## Mario Duguay

*Family Director*

Welcome to the 2020-2021 State Convention!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the councils who conducted exiting family programs this year and extend my best wishes to the Family of the Year recipient. Congratulations to all the councils that won an award this weekend. As the Awards Booklet Chairman, I see all the awards and must say you did excellent work this year. This is proof that your members really believe in our principles and gave of their precious time to volunteer and ensure the success of your council. This is even more outstanding under the current situation. For that we are grateful. Without your dedication, hard work and support the Order would not exist.

Our families are our most important asset, and we must emphasize their importance. This is where the Faith in Action comes in. By implementing these programs, we

are strengthening our Families, Parishes and Communities. By continuing to work together to create exiting family programs that promote our values we are making a difference.

I would like to thank all the Family Program Chairmen for their assistance and their dedication. They have made themselves available to all of you and I am truly grateful for their support. As we approach the end of another fraternal year, let us take this opportunity to reflect on what we've accomplished, the challenges we've taken together and the plans we have for an exciting bright future. It is in partnership with our councils and members that we will build a stronger Order in Ontario. Continue your excellent work and remember that together we achieve more.

Vivat Jesus

## Alex Schadenberg

*Life Director*

### *Life Programs*

It is my pleasure to have served the Knights of Columbus Ontario Council as the Life Director. During the COVID Pandemic many councils have found it difficult to participate

in the Life Programs and I hope that as the restrictions begin to lift that we can effectively work together to build a culture of life.

This year we had a few zoom meetings that



we made available to all councils to discuss participation in Life Programs. I think these zoom meetings were very successful, easy to do and free to organize. In other words, I expect to continue having zoom meetings in the future.

In 2020/21 we were challenged by Bill C-7, the bill that expanded Canada's (MAiD) euthanasia law. It is our role to express our opposition, as Canadian citizens, to intrinsically evil acts such as abortion and euthanasia. But the cultural battle continues.

The Knights of Columbus Faith in Action Programs recognize our role to stand up for truth, but also to change the culture through love.

We stand up for truth with our involvement in the National March for Life which will be on Thursday May 13. This year the March will be both virtual and live on parliament hill. The March for Life organizers don't expect many people to join the Parliament Hill live March for Life but they hope that many Knights of Columbus members join them as an honour guard.

Last year the virtual March for Life had much more participation than any previous March for Life on Parliament Hill. This is positive. Similar to last year, the March for Life will feature virtual events during the week of the March for Life. Pro-Life movies and presentations will be available online.

We ask you to sign up for March for Life updates at: **marchforlife.ca**.

*We should be praying for the success of the March for Life.*

*This year our Supreme Knights, Patrick Kelly, has asked us to pray the Novena for Life for the nine days leading up to the March for Life (May 5 - 13). Supreme has designed a Canadian Novena for Life with daily prayer*

intentions that are being sent to every council in Canada.

We are urging every council to participate in the Novena for Life. Prayer changes hearts, prayer changes the world.

As stated earlier, we can change the culture through love. There are several programs that focus on loving one another, such as the ***Pregnancy Center Support program***. There are many ways that councils can help Pregnancy Centers, but first we ask you to call your local Crisis Pregnancy Center and ask them what kind of help that they need. Maybe they need financial support, but maybe all they ask for is spiritual support. Do people in your parish know that the Crisis Pregnancy Center exists? Do they know what it does? Councils can be instrumental in creating awareness.

***Helping a Crisis Pregnancy Center shows that we care about the pregnant woman and her baby.***

***Does your council call or visit your older members?***

The ***Seniors Program*** is especially important now, as many of our Seniors have been denied social interaction during the COVID pandemic. Many of our older members and their wives have lost the opportunity to visit with family and friends and due to restrictions, they have lost the interaction of celebrating their faith at Church.

If you cannot visit your older council members, then please call them. This has been a difficult year for many people, but older people have been particularly affected by the COVID restrictions.

***Let's Leave No Senior Behind.***

In the same way, the Special Olympics program shows how we care for people

with special needs.

I also want to thank the councils that participated in the Silver Rose Program this year. ***Many programs were difficult to organize based on the COVID restrictions, nonetheless, Brother Dennis Mailloux made sure that the Silver Rose Program continued.***

***In 2021/22 - I encourage our councils to become more involved with the Seniors and Widows Programs.*** As the COVID restrictions lift, we will realize that many of our seniors were negatively affected by the shut-down. We will have the opportunity to help re-

integrate people into our parish community.

I also urge us to focus on the Pregnancy Center Support Program. There are many Crisis Pregnancy Centers who are looking for people who are willing to help them save lives. We can be life savers.

I thank Brother David Peters for appointing me to this role. Serving the Knights of Columbus is an opportunity to serve God and our Church.

Vivat Jesus

## Micah Remedios

*New College Council Director*

### Convention Report – 2021

At the time of writing this, we are still in the midst of a pandemic. As we look back a year, we might think not much has changed in our surroundings, we continue to social distance from loved ones, gather within our households and for some sporadically attend mass in Church when allowed. These drastic changes in our life only draw us closer to God, and during these unprecedented times, we must learn to grow within Him and express our love for Him.

At the beginning of the year, our State Deputy had entrusted us with a mission to open as many College Councils as possible. However, due to the pandemic and the ever-changing restrictions in place, most Universities and Colleges were doing online learning and restricted events and clubs

to meet on campus. With such a drastic change, I had to rethink of ways to engage students. I had also shifted my presence to online, and I had many college/university chaplaincy meetings in Ontario, which are going virtual. This allows me to attend most of them after I make a connection with the Chaplain. I hope that by being present during these times, students can put a face to a name when I eventually will be allowed to be present in person.

As mentioned previously, the College Councils are a remarkable and unique tool to create an environment for Catholic men to discern their vocation and become the best version of themselves. These Councils help young men of today be supported by other men who share their faith and passion for service, fraternity and socialization.

With over 150 college councils in North America, 5,000 college knights and now 3 College Councils in Ontario, we strive to grow the College Council sector and hopeful to grow just as successfully the next fraternal year.

As I close this year out, I entrust you, Brother

Knights, to help identify, meet and establish new contacts within the Universities and young men to make the following fraternal year even more successful.

Vivat Jesus

## Hikmat Dandan

*Christian Refugee Relief Director*

*“As Catholics, we have to be universal, look beyond, and help brothers all over, and not only in our community. This is what Catholic means”. H.E. Cardinal Collins. **So let us put our HOLY LAND RESOLUTION and FAITH into ACTION by Leaving No Neighbour or Christian Refugee Behind during the Pandemic.***

**Worthy District Deputies, Grand Knights, & Dear Brothers,**

### THE HOLY LAND RESOLUTION

with a unanimous vote. The summary is that: as the Holy Land is where our Lord Savior Jesus Christ was born, preached, crucified and rose from the dead and also where the Apostles walked and preached, therefore Ontario State Council encourages all Ontario Knights of Columbus councils to annually support through prayer and financial assistance, various Holy Land Churches, charitable organizations, orphanages, and initiatives dedicated to benefiting the Holy Land. **After 4 years, let us start making an effort to put this Holy Land Resolution into action. Remember no amount is too small.**



In the 113<sup>th</sup> Knights of Columbus Ontario State Convention in 2016, I submitted the Holy Land Resolution which was passed

As the Christian Refugee Relief, Holy Land & Persecuted Christians Director, I encourage all Knights of Columbus councils to partici-

pate in the following programs which puts your Holy Land Resolution and Faith into Action as these initiatives are directed to helping persecuted Christians all over the world and unfortunately especially in the Middle East where the Gospel was born and where Our Lord Jesus Christ walked and preached. Participating in these initiatives will also get you credits and qualify your council as having completed various programs under **FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY, LIFE** towards achieving your **COLUMBIAN** or **STAR** council status. There are many new initiatives that I have added during this Fraternal year, for Lebanon, for orphanages, for Iraq, for a seminary, and for supporting Holy Land priests. I also encourage all councils to create new programs to help persecuted Christians all over the world. I am always ready and willing to guide you. Invite me to your council virtual meetings.

**C\$ 6,455.00 raised and transferred. Head Sister Nicolas sent moving thank you video and letter (read here below). You can still donate as The Rosary Sisters Hospital is still being restored. Call me at 416-893-8060 or email: knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com**

**300,000 have been displaced because of the Beirut blast. Help Restore The Rosary Sisters Hospital.**

The councils who contributed to this initiative are 10 councils and 2 assemblies. This initiative is a perfect example of how the Knights of Columbus get together and cooperate in charity and put their faith into action. When this blast happened in Beirut and affected its main Christian area, I decided to announce this initiative as a Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee and Disaster Relief project, probably the first one for the Beirut Blast in Ontario. The massive explosion on August 4, resulted in devastating destruction to the city and its port and the main Christian area. The Rosary Sisters Hospital was severely affected due to its immediate proximity to the Beirut port (less than 500 meters). The hospital suffered extensive structural and equipment damage and was no longer operational in all its medical and administrative units. Unfortunately, they lost a fellow nurse aid while several patients and members of the staff and patients were injured. The Rosary Sisters Hospital is a 200-bed hospital in the Gemmayze neighborhood of Beirut with up-to-date investigative equipment and operating rooms. The Rosary Sisters Hospital operates under the guidance of the Holy See in Rome, and its funding has always been dependent on donors and charitable organizations. Rebuilding this very vital healthcare institution in this very critical time, the hard situation of national economic crisis and hyperinflation, and covid-19 invasion, required also

the Knights of Columbus help and our charitable donations. The Hospital Director Sister Nicolas Akiki thanked the Ontario Knights for the donation that will be used for the repair of the HOSPITAL



EMERGENCY ROOM false ceiling. She said in French:

***“ Dear Knights of Columbus of Ontario, I come with these few words to thank you for your precious donation and your support during these difficult times. How delighted I was to see all these councils from Ontario, with these beautiful names of sacred Saints, coming together to help the Rosary Sisters Hospital in Lebanon. Thank you for joining to help rebuild our destroyed, damaged hospital. This will allow us to strengthen our service for our people living in disaster. May Our Lady of The Rosary protect you and bless you and keep you in good health & peace “.***

PARTICIPATING COUNCILS & ASSEMBLIES ( Many parishioners donated as well) Jesus The King Council 15045, St. Justin Martyr Council 11708, St Agnes Ky Tsao Council 15176, St Peters Maronite Council 13335, St Patricks Council Markham 7689, St. Luke Council 4393, St Mark Stouffville 10874 & Squire Circle, Good Shepherd Council Orleans 9005, St. Joseph the Worker 10531, St. Eugene de Mazenod Council 12916, Our Lady of Ludzmierz Assembly 2744, St. John Paul II Assembly 3325.

**[www.orphansforjesus.org](http://www.orphansforjesus.org)** (Under construction)



This initiative features orphanages in Leb-

anon, in the Holy Land, in Iraq, and in Syria. We will inform you about each orphanage and its mission. This initiative will make it easy for councils and parishioners to help



orphans around the world. Those who wish to donate, can choose the orphanage and donate or will donate in general to be divided equally amongst all. We will make arrangements that individuals will get Tax Receipts. We will transfer the donations accordingly and then ask the orphanage to keep us informed of how the donations were used, with photos which we will update you with and inform all the donors. Included already in the program are the following orphanages: Foyer de la Providence (South Lebanon), Home of Peace 3 homes in the (Holy Land). Choose an orphanage to donate. Contact me 416-893 8060 or email: [knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com)

**\$ 48,772.00 Raised and transferred in educational scholarship aid to needy Christian Students in The Holy Land. [www.jerusalemstudents.org](http://www.jerusalemstudents.org)**



Sponsor the education of needy Christian students suffering from economic and other difficulties in The Holy Land. It is very affordable at \$21 per month \$250 per year. This will lay the foundation for successful

Christian families that will grow to populate the area, thus strengthening the alarmingly diminishing Christian presence, which is now less than 2%. The program received the Supreme Council International Youth Service Award. Thanks to you 24 students have already graduated while being sponsored and joined universities for higher learning. Another 75 students are still being sponsored. Choose your student, read his story and call me 416-893 8060 or email: [knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com)

[www.iamiraqiamchristian.org](http://www.iamiraqiamchristian.org)



Do not let this be the last chapter of Christianity in Iraq. The Iraqi Christians are one of the oldest Christian communities in the

world. They still speak Aramaic, the language of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This project is dedicated to providing water, food, medicine, shelter (rebuilding of Karamles, a Supreme project) for the returning Iraqi Christian refugees of Nineveh plain, where ISIS devastated the area. A project in final stages of implementation in partnership with Wheel Chair Mission is to provide 75 wheelchairs and 150 sticks for the disabled and amputees in the Christian area of Mosul. Thanks to St Agnes Council, St. Joseph Chaldean Council & St. Joseph Syriac Council and many other councils that donated. Another project awaiting your council participation is to provide chronic illness medication for diabetes and blood pressure on a monthly basis for the elderly for Iraqi Christians in Mosul. Call me to make a donation 416-893 8060 or email: [knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com)

[www.foodforsyria.org](http://www.foodforsyria.org) (under renovation)



Syria is the land of the first Christians. The project supports food, medicines and education for Christian Syrian refugees.

[www.holylandhandicrafts.org](http://www.holylandhandicrafts.org) (under construction)

Encourage the local Christian handicraft industry, to fight the effects of economic difficulties. Importation of olive wood Christian handicrafts (choose from 500 items) from Bethlehem in the Holy Land for resale, to raise funds for councils or parishes. This encourages local Christian craftsmen/wom-



en. 50% of profits go towards rebuilding a church in Canada and 50% go towards a legitimate project in Bethlehem. Make an order. Call me 416-893 8060 or email:



[knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com)

### Bethlehem Knights of Columbus Olive Wood Rosary

By encouraging the local Christian handicraft industry, we fight the effects of economic persecution. Order the first Knights of Columbus olive wood rosary. Sold at \$5 to councils who in turn resell at \$10 to members in the council or the parish, to raise funds for their council or parish or to help persecuted Christians. Choose where to donate. Order a couple of rosaries for your members. Call me 416-893 8060 or email: [knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com)



[www.churchesforjesus.org](http://www.churchesforjesus.org)

Refugees are more encouraged to return when their church is restored. During the



Middle East ISIS devastation, many churches were specifically destroyed to eradicate Christianity. This project is dedicated to restoring and preserving churches where Jesus Christ walked and preached and where Christianity was born. The restoration is one church at a time. The faithful do not want to donate to general accounts but only to a specific project of a church being renovated and restored in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Sudan, Holy Land or anywhere in the world. Donate towards the restoration of a church. Call me 416-893 8060 or email: [knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com)

### SUPPORT A CATHOLIC SEMINARY

Educates future priests for the whole Middle East and is currently facing financial difficulties. Call me to donate 416-893 8060 or email: [knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com)



[www.massintention.org](http://www.massintention.org) (under construction)



The nominal fee of C\$ 10 goes to the priest for supplies and to assist in his daily life. The project objective is to satisfy the spiritual needs of the faithful and the Knights of Columbus members in North America while helping the priest hood in the Holy Land. It is an approved practice by the Vatican.

The custom of offering a Mass intention is a part of the Catholic culture. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass. However, since the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" the Mass possess a power that our personal prayers do not. The practice of offering Mass for particular intention is an ancient one, dating back to the early Church. Canon Law confirms this practice and states, "In accord with the approved practice of the Church, any priest celebrating or concelebrating is permitted to receive an offering to apply the Mass for a specific intention" (Can. 945 §1). The priest does not take the money for the Mass itself, but for the purpose of supplying the things necessary for Mass and for his own support.

The Mass Intention has immense power



and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intention is a great treasure of the Church and has a spiritual weight that is incalculable. Offer a Mass Intention for the repose of the soul of a departed brother or relative or for any other intention. You will receive confirmation from the priest in the Holy Land. Call me 416-893 8060 or email: [knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com)

Kindly contact me for any clarification or guidance. I am ready to guide you how to get your credits by putting your Holy Land Resolution & Faith into Action and show you how to attain your Columbian or Star Awards. In case of donations, tax receipts can be issued. Do not forget to invite me to your council ZOOM virtual meetings. Sir Knight Hikmat Michel Dandan. My email is easy to remember:

[knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com)  
**Cell # 416 - 893 8060**

### Vivat Jesus



• Best Overall Community Award 2019



• Best Overall Church Award 2016



• International Supreme Council Youth Service Award 2013



# Joe Mathews

*State Special Olympics Chairman*

Dear Brother Knights:

The Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires, throughout Ontario, have been very active supporters of the Special Olympics movement through our Flag Relay program, which serves as an umbrella for all of the activities and events that we do for Special Olympics.

This has been a challenging year for the Knights of Columbus and Special Olympics in Ontario as both organizations continue to operate virtually as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Special Olympics athletes have been training at home, joining in online programs and games and participating in the Stay Healthy at Home initiative. Sports programs will be carefully reopened following the Special Olympics Ontario's Return to Program processes and procedures and the recommendations of public health.

We had to postpone our annual province wide Flag Relay program where we would pass a number of Special Olympics flags from District to District to raise public awareness and funds. However, a virtual version of the Flag Relay has been introduced as a number of Councils have asked as to how we can continue to support Special Olympics while following the public health guidelines and observing the various restrictions currently in place across the province.

A few initial opportunities are available such as the Bottle Drives, donations and the virtual passing of the flags. Special Olympics Ontario is also working on other ways to expand the

scope of our virtual Flag Relay. Should you need a Special Olympics flag at a later date, when conditions improve, arrangements can be made to have one sent to you.

Since the athletes are doing their activities virtually, we have provided a Google Doc (Word) to allow you the opportunity to pass on your greetings, best wishes and words of encouragement to them during these challenging times. The link to the Google Doc and more detailed information on our virtual Flag Relay can be found at [virtualflagrelay@flagelay.com](mailto:virtualflagrelay@flagelay.com).

**Special  
Olympics**  
Ontario



The Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (#4584) is being phased out over the course of the next year and all Special Olympics activities should be submitted immediately after the activity occurs by using the online Fraternal Programs Report (#10784). This provides us with a better understanding as to how actively involved the Knights in Ontario are with regards to the Special Olympics movement, along with providing Supreme Council the information necessary to rank each jurisdiction, which in turn determines the financial contribution Supreme makes to assist the jurisdiction with their various Special Olympics programs.

In closing, I would like to thank the Brothers Knights, the Squires, along with their families and friends, for their continued support of Special Olympics and for helping make the experience such a memorable one for so many Special Olympians and their families.

God Bless.  
Vivat Jesus.

## Insurance Report 2020

### 2020 was another record year for the Knights of Columbus insurance program.

What contributes to our continued success?

- Growth
  - o \$8.4B in new life insurance issued in 2020
  - o Over \$113B of insurance in force
  - o \$27B in assets under management
  - o We are a Fortune 800 Company
  - o Ontario is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest insurance jurisdiction in the Order with \$6.8B in force
- Financial Strength
  - o Rated A+(Superior) from AM Best
  - o Rated AA+. One of only six insurance companies to receive the highest ratings from Standard and Poors
- Commitment to Ethics
  - o Adherence by our field force to high standards of professional responsibility
- Dedication to our Founder's Vision
  - o Providing financial security to our members and their families, while turning premiums into charitable impact

### Insurance and Technology News:

- In 2020, due to the pandemic, most meetings between members and field agents were done virtually.
- Widescale adoption of electronic insurance forms, leading to

improved efficiencies.

- NaviPlan was introduced to our Canadian field force.

### NaviPlan:

Q1. What is NaviPlan and how does this concern me and my family?

- As a brother Knight, you now have access to one of the most in-depth, sophisticated, and precise financial and insurance planning tools in the country.

Q2. What does it cost?

- Typically, there is a cost to the client. However, this is a FREE fraternal benefit to our members.

Q3. How can I have a personalized NaviPlan completed for me and my family?

- Contact your field agent or general agent and he will be happy to set up an appointment with you.

Q4. Can I set up a NaviPlan meeting with my field agent virtually?

- Yes

At the end of the day, the #1 reason for the continued growth of our insurance program is our brother Knights. It is your faith in our products and in our field agents that allows us to grow. On behalf of the Ontario field force, thank you. We look forward to working with you in 2021.

I pray you will be safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!

## Francisco Naar

*Global Wheelchair Mission Chairman*

Over the past year we have been living under very difficult times, and we have not been able to live our normal lives or to conduct our council's business and programs. Despite that, we have been able to do everything in a different manner including the way we run our Ontario Knights of Columbus Convention.

I would like to congratulate our State Deputy, Brother David Peters and the State Board, Directors and Chairman for their extraordinary work during this difficult time, and as well with the trust in me to run one of the most meaningful and heart touching programs that I have ever been involved in.

The goals established for the last two years have been accomplished. We have sent three shipping containers to Costa Rica, --- two last year and one this year. We also sent 50 plus wheelchairs to the Middle East more specifically Iraq. We sent another 20 wheelchairs to Paraguay and we are sending a large container to Panama with 290 wheelchairs. We are also going to bring a container to Toronto for distribution making it an extraordinarily successful fraternal year, like never before in the history of Ontario K of C. This has been made possible due to the exceptional work and the major contribution made by several councils.

For more than ten years, I have had the honour, opportunity and the privilege to serve you as the Ontario Global Wheelchair Mission Chairman. I have to thank God for guiding me and giving me the wisdom to do the job to the best of my ability. It goes without saying that I have a passion for this pro-

gram. There has not been a better personal reward for me than to see the happy smiles of gratitude from the wheelchair recipients. Secondly, I also would like to express my gratitude to the State Deputies that have trusted me over the years with this portfolio, and I sincerely hope that I have met their expectations.

I have to thank all the councils in Ontario who over the years have made significant financial contributions to this worthy cause. Understanding the real need for many people to have a wheelchair that they otherwise could not afford. This has given them the opportunity of freedom, mobility, dignity and independence, not only for their personal wellbeing, but also for their families. It is an estimated that 100,000 people are currently in need of wheelchair.

We have made huge accomplishments over the years, since undertaking this portfolio. At the onset we came to realize that many Ontario councils were supporting the projects that the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation had established at the time. In fact, we found that Ontario councils were supporting other Organizations and other Knights of Columbus state drives. None of the programs were orchestrated as being an Ontario State driven project. We immediately got in touch with the Executive Director of the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, Miss Christiana Flessner and went over the projects to determine their needs, and which Countries had requests for this service.

We started to promote the Ontario Knights of Columbus Global Wheelchair Mission, by

sending a full container to Panama. We worked with the District Deputies to get their Councils to support this new Ontario State driven initiative. Our efforts were rewarded with 125 Wheelchairs in a container that we again shipped to Panama.



After the first wheelchair project was completed, the new project was San Juan de la Maguana in the Dominican Republic. The commitment of many councils made it also a successful project and we delivered a full container of wheelchairs.

Our next project was Costa Rica, and again with the support of many councils, and our efforts to explain the benefits of the program, we sent a container here as well. The appreciation of the people was overwhelming; however, the need was so huge that we did not have enough wheelchair for them. We made a commitment to return with another container, and once again the Ontario councils came through. Last year, we delivered 2 containers to San Jose, Costa Rica.

In this fraternal year we have three projects, -- Paraguay, Iraq and Panama. My brothers, I am so pleased to inform you that all the projects have been completed. This was

due to the support of Ontario councils, and there are not enough words to express my gratitude to all the donors that have supported the Global Wheelchair Mission. To you my Brother Knights, -- thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my total appreciation and gratitude to all the State Deputies that over the years have put their faith and trust in me to run this portfolio. I sincerely hope that I have met their expectations and made them proud of what we have accomplished. Having said that, it is with a great deal of sadness that I announce that I will not be returning as the Ontario State Global Wheelchair Mission Chairman. I will be stepping down at the end of this fraternal year and after more than ten years, it is time for me to commit more time to my family.

To all my brothers, thank you, for all the support that you have given me over all the years. I am forever grateful. God bless you all. To the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, who are an extraordinary partner, especially Christiana Flessener, the Executive Director and her staff, thank you very much for this amazing ten-year ride. It has been an extraordinary and a wonderful, experience that will remain with me for the rest of my life.

Last, but by no means least, please allow me to thank my family, and especially to my wife Benigna (Benny) for her unconditional support over all these years. I do not have enough words to express my feelings. This is a very emotional moment for me, but I am very happy for all the work that I was able to do.

Brothers, Vivat Jesus and God bless you all.

Vivat Jesus



## Anthony Viresi

Online E-Membership Director

The past year has been challenging with what Covid-19 has brought to our communities. As time progressed the Knights managed to continue to do the good work Fr. McGivney asked of us and the recruiting of new members has also continued to flourish. As I have said in the past, new members are the life blood of every council and the councils in Ontario continue to draw new blood. I am very proud of all the hard work our councils have put into recruiting new members through the Online Membership Process. I am happy to say that as of March 30<sup>th</sup> Ontario State has obtained over 80% of our new membership goal to reach the Circle of Honour. With 3 months remaining until the end of the fraternal year, I know we can achieve this goal and surpass it. Most of these new members joined as Online members and transferred into councils at a later date.

Continue to take advantage of the Free Online Membership being offered until June 30<sup>th</sup> with the Promo Code MCGIVNEY2020. The On-Demand Exemplification is a great way to invite both new Online Members and existing council members to become full 3rd degree members. This method is available 24 hours a day making it extremely flexible for the invited member to take the degree when it best suits them. With the current Covid-19

situation, both online services are currently the best way to go. For more information about Online Membership, Joining Online and the On-Demand Exemplification please visit the following links.

- <https://ontariokofc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Online-Membership-101-PPP-DDs-Meeting-12-2020.pdf>
- <https://ontariokofc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Online-Membership-Application-Walkthrough.pdf>
- <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/for-members/resources/ceremonials.html?1tab=1tab0>

I would like to thank our State Deputy, Bro. David Peters, for giving me the opportunity to serve our councils and their new member as your Online Membership Director. It has been a pleasure working with the State Membership Team. On behalf of my wife Anna and our newborn son Matteo: to you and your family, BE WELL AND STAY SAFE.

Vivat Jesus.

Anthony Viresi

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”*

2 Timothy 3:16-17

# Denis La Salle

*Executive Secretary*

Worthy Brothers,

We have all experienced a complete change in our respective lives this past year, COVID 19, forced us to be mindful of our health and that of others. I truly believe that it has brought us closer to our families and our faith, reminding us of what is important in our lives and that our blessed Lord would protect us and end this pandemic. I am truly humbled by our Ontario State Brother Knights, who following supreme council's new motto of "LEAVE NO NEIGHBOUR BEHIND", are to be commended and congratulated on their many efforts to support those in need during these difficult times. And were would we be without our front-line workers. God Bless each of them for their unwavering dedication and service.

We at the State office were faced with the same difficulties as our membership and their respective families. As you know, early in the year one of our beloved staff members, Brother Jason Wikis, was called home by our Lord. It left a big hole not only at work but in our hearts. Others experienced personal loss of a family member or sickness. Through it all the staff remained positive, working feverishly to adjust to the change in methodology in our workplace. There was and continues to be a steep learning curve of new innovative methods, digital programs and APS which were adopted to allow us to continue to provide the same level of professional service to all our members both from home and the workplace.

Respectfully, I would like to emphasise the need for our member councils, to work with the Ontario State Office Staff in bringing our infrastructure into the 21st Century. Let me explain what is meant by my comment.

Two and half years ago the Ontario State

council implemented a new required email system that would see Council executives utilise State assigned emails. It has not exactly been a glaring success. A good part of our membership falls within an advanced age group, which are either reluctant or resistant to change. Others complain that they already have an email or do not wish another email or simply do not have a computer.

My brothers, I am of an advanced age and have the same feelings and worries as you. However, I have decided that these changes are necessary both from a personal well-being point of view and that of our order. Here is why [GK12345@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:GK12345@ontariokofc.ca) and [FS12345@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:FS12345@ontariokofc.ca) must be accepted and implemented by councils.

1. The request for change is mandated by your leadership.
2. Confidentiality which is of the utmost importance to Ontario State Council as it should be to you. Therefore, personal emails are not to be used for any KOFC correspondence.
3. SECURITY – Personal emails are not to be used for KOFC correspondence as it leaves each one of you liable should there be an issue with confidentiality. In addition, the utilisation of the KOFC assigned email for all your KOFC correspondence adds a layer of security.
4. Historical data which is collected within this new [GK12345@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:GK12345@ontariokofc.ca) or [FS12345@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:FS12345@ontariokofc.ca) emails can be passed on to your successor in the post.
5. When you sign-up for the email you get the following FREE applications. Microsoft Word, excel, power point, and a TEAMS platform.

6. What is TEAMS? Its like Zoom. This FREE Teams application can be utilized to communicate both by phone and with VIDEO (TV) with your council membership. It can be used for all types of meetings and presentations.

Therefore, the importance for councils to call the State Office TODAY and sign-up for the Ontario State assigned EMAIL ACCOUNT. It will take about fives minutes of your time. You can use your cell-phone, tablet, or PC to do it. You do not have any of the above gadgets. Then most likely your wife, son or friend will have one and I guarantee that if you ask them to help you to set up your email acct, they will do it. Once it is done, don't just ignore the email. Please make regular daily visits to recoup the KOFC correspondence you will find there.

When you leave your executive position, PLEASE ask your replacement to contact us, so we can update our info and reset the email account, so he can benefit from its use and the historical data it contains.

My brothers, when you send any reports to the Supreme Council office, PLEASE send a copy of these reports to the State Office. Its critical we receive at least forms 185 - SO-185 and 365. In the last three years I can

personally attest that we only received on average 30% of the form 185's - council executives from our 540 Ontario councils. How are we expected to have updated information on council executives? There are councils for which we haven't received any up-to-date info for the past several years. As a result, we are unable to contact anyone from some of these councils. So please help us help you!!!



*Denis La Salle, Executive Secretary, Anna Kocmarek, Volunteer Special Project Co-Ordinator, Ani Kaluzny, IT specialist and Administrative Assistant, Liane Dumas, Senior Administrative Assistant, David Peters, State Deputy.*

In conclusion, I would like to remind you that recruiting new members is the lifeblood of our order, each one of us should make every effort to bring in at least one member in 2021, Think of the difference it will make in that person's life and that of your council. The Ontario State Office Staff would like to express our sincerest gratitude to all our Ontario State members for the continued and valued support of our efforts to provide the best possible service on your behalf.

Vivat Jesus  
 Denis La Salle  
 Executive Secretary

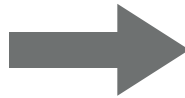
*“Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.”*  
 Psalm 96:3

# Jaime Libaque

State Director - Charities Lottery and 50/50 Raffle Project Manager

## 2020-21 Charities Fundraising: from paper Lottery to electronic Raffle

During the 2020-2021 fraternal year we have experienced a significant change in our Annual Charities Fundraising. We have evolved from the traditional paper-based Lottery to a 50/50 electronic Raffle.



\$676,000) did not do justice to the thousands of volunteer hours of the Knights and their families; at the end of the day there wasn't enough money to donate to charities.

- Risks associated with the paper-based



There are many things that made the paper-based Lottery memorable. Here are a few:

- High level of engagement of or Councils across Ontario. Last year we had 334 actively selling tickets, with average sales of \$2,041/council. This level of participation (about 60% of the total Councils in Ontario), speaks of the rooted tradition and popularity of this program. Many members/Councils would look forward to this annual event, to be at malls, at the back of the church and other places selling tickets.
- The net profit (sales – expenses) was in the order of 15% - 17% of the total sales. The fixed costs were very high, namely \$500,000 for the prize board + \$40,000 for printing tickets/posters and mailing+ maintenance and transportation of the drum + hotel rental facilities, etc. The small profit margin in 2020 (about \$75,000 on sales of

lottery include lost tickets / books for which the Councils were responsible for and had to pay; collecting the books distributed to members was challenging and resulted in missed deadlines; mailing the stubs, unsold books, report and cheques cost Councils money, took time and caused stress. Staff at the Office had to spend considerable time to process about 176,000 tickets (verifying completeness and placing them in the drum), tracking tickets/Councils, etc.

- The 2020 paper-based Lottery was very successful considering the COVID restrictions. When the stock market saw declines of 20% or higher; other fundraisers experienced declines of 15% or more, our paper-based Charities Lottery had only a 8% decline in sales compared to the previous year 2019. Collectively our Councils demonstrated resilience; several Councils sold more than in pre-



vious years, which compensated for others that sold less, due to COVID.

During the Summer 2020 and in the early Fall 2020 a committee comprised by State Board members, the Executive Secretary and led by Bro. Jaime Libaque, researched options about the future of the Charities fundraising and recommended the 50/50



*Goodbye historic drum... you have served the Knights well for many years...*

electronic raffle for 2021. The State Board approved and the wheels were put in motion. The first communication of the 50/50 to all Councils was in November 2020.

The **50/50 electronic raffle** has several advantages compared to the paper-based lottery. Here are a few factors and early indicators of success:

- Higher level of Council engagement. From the Pilot # 1, currently underway (until March 31) we have 39 Councils participating as vendor Councils, which translates to more than 70% engagement rate from the sample identified for the pilot.

- It takes less time for both the buyer and the vendor Council. Under the paper-based lottery imagine writing 100 tickets by hand with name, address, tel # and Council #. It may take 30 – 60 min and the hand writing may not be legible. By contrast, doing it on-line with the 50/50, it will take about 5 minutes and all the information of the buyer and selling Council will be clear and legible.
- Eliminates sending money, tickets, and report to the State Office by registered mail or dropping them in in-person by a deadline (usually one-month before the draw date). With the on-line 50/50, tickets can be bought until the last minute before the closing date and time. Councils can use an extra month of time to sell more tickets.
- Expected net sales profit in the range of 25% to 30%. This is primarily due to lower costs. We will know better about the profit margin after the first pilot is completed.
- We have contracted two professional reputable companies to work with us for 2021.

- ◇ One is a Technology provider (Ascend), registered with the licensing body (AGCO) and provides software to manage the transactions and perform the draws using a computer Random Number Generator (no manual intervention). This company complies with strict protocols of protecting the **privacy** of buyers and the **security** of the business transactions.
- ◇ The other is a Media Marketing company (Village Media), which owns and operates a network of 14 websites across Ontario.

◇ Both companies have solid experience for on-line fundraising for several organizations, including local hospitals, sports clubs, etc.

- Ability to know in real-time, market data of buyers and sellers, to understand trends and plan accordingly. This is possible thanks to the software provided by the Technology company, which allows tracking sales for each vendor Council and for the total. This information is used to update the selling page with the size of the jackpot.

The 50/50 Raffle will run on a quarterly basis, as follows:

- Pilot # 1 - Jan to Mar : Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, Elliot Lake, Guelph, Orillia, Midland, Barrie
- Pilot # 2 - Apr to Jun : above plus North Bay, Timmins, Bradford, Newmarket, Collingwood, Thorold
- Pilot # 3 - Jul to Sept : all Councils in Ontario
- Pilot # 4 - Oct to Dec : all Councils in Ontario

Regular communications can be found on the website <https://ontariokofc.ca/knights/college-of-knowledge/>

**ENTER OUR 50-50 CHALLENGE**  
WINNER TAKE HOME PRIZE  
**\$21,000**

Welcome to our 50-50 Raffle challenge. It's our hope that you will purchase one or more tiers of tickets which will benefit the many charities supported by the Knights of Columbus Ontario Charities Foundation.

**Entries Close**

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Weeks Days Hours Min Sec

Don't miss your chance to win!

100 TICKETS \$40  
40 TICKETS \$20  
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**BUY TICKETS NOW**

Ontario Charities 50/50 Raffle

50/50 RAFFLE UPDATES

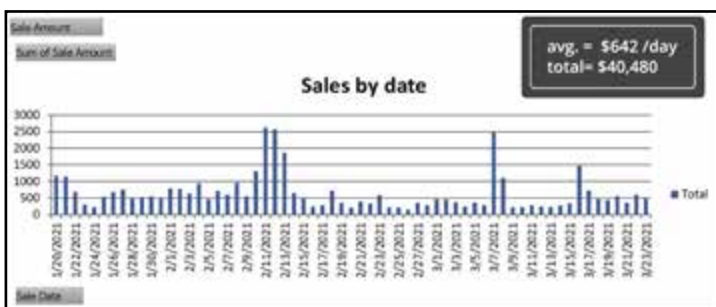
50/50 RAFFLE WINNERS



2021 Ontario Charities

**50/50 Online Raffle**

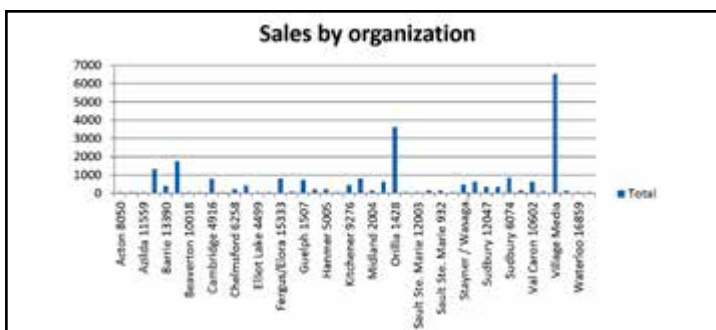
Don't miss your chance to win!



Presentations and webinars are posted on the website, College of Knowledge <https://ontariokofc.ca/knights/college-of-knowledge/>

**Closing thoughts and Call for Action**

By the time you read this article, Pilot # 1 will have ended (sales Close on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 pm). Pilot # 2 will be underway (April 2 to June 30). There is an opportunity for members, their families, and friends to participate by buying tickets, to have a chance to win and support the charitable works of their Councils.





## 2021 Ontario Charities

Buy tickets on-line only  
[www.kofcontario5050.com](http://www.kofcontario5050.com)

**50/50 Online Raffle**

Draw date: June 30, 2021

Don't miss your chance to win!

100 TICKETS \$ 40	40 TICKETS \$ 20	15 TICKETS \$ 10
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**BUY TICKETS NOW**

Buy tickets from your local KofC Council or visit [www.kofcontario5050.com](http://www.kofcontario5050.com) and select your favorite local KofC Council under "Organization".

sound, food for families.

At this time we are preparing to launch Pilot # 2 and so far have about 80 Councils confirmed. I would like to issue a friendly challenge by setting a **Goal of minimum \$75,000 in sales**

The **Real Winners** are the Charities that will benefit from the funds raised through the 50/50 program. If those donations help bring a smile to a child's face, feed the hungry, cloth the naked, help those most vulnerable or in need, then we will have accomplished our mission. The web page that promotes the 50/50 reflects this thinking by showing rotating pictures of the food banks, ultrasound, coats for kids, etc.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the staff at the Ontario State Office for all the hard work and collaboration, in true **team spirit**. Supporting both the 2020 paper-lottery and the 2021 on-line 50/50 Raffle has been challenging particularly during the transition.

Just to name a few of the recipient Charities or program funding

- Arthritis Society
- Catholic Bishops
- Special Olympics
- Martyrs' Shrine
- St Vincent de Paul
- Funding one or more Faith In Action Programs such as Coats for Kids, Ultra

As I finish my term in office, as **State Director**, I wish to THANK every one of the 334 Councils that participated in the 2020 Paper-based Lottery in 2020. I would also like to THANK in a special way the Pilot participants of the 2021 on-line 50/50 Raffle. We have shared a journey together and learned. Thank you as well to the State Treasurer for sharing part of the experience. Last but not least, I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the State Deputy David Peters for giving me the opportunity to lead the Charities Fundraising portfolio and for his constant encouragement and support.



Bro. Jaime Libaque  
State Director – Charities Lottery  
50/50 Project Manager  
[Jaime.libaque@rogers.com](mailto:Jaime.libaque@rogers.com)  
Cell (416) 456-7084

# Kingsley Leon

*New Council Development Director*

## “ONE DOOR CLOSSES AND ANOTHER ONE OPENS”

As we close off 2020 and begin 2021 the above is not meant to be taken as a failure but rather an opportunity for better things to come. I believe 2020 forced us to become more innovative not only to navigate life differently but also to find new ways to adopt to change. If nothing else, I believe it has helped us to become much more compassionate towards each other.

***New Council Development and Round Tables have been an integral part of not just the State Council but also the Supreme Council.*** Understandably we only opened three new councils in 2020 with several new councils in progress. For 2021 let's all attempt to live Blessed Fr. McGivney's dream of a Knights of Columbus Council in every Parish. How can you help?

You or your family may know of a parish priest or a parish in your area that does not yet have a council. It will be of great help if you could ask the parish priest if he would welcome a charter council in his parish. If the parish priest is open and receptive to your request, kindly contact the State Deputy, State Membership Director, or me. We will then meet with the parish priest and discuss how we can be instrumental in starting a new council in his parish. This is when we build a foundation though starting a new council may be challenging at times, this answers the question how will the new council survive in the first three years of their infancy? ***SUCCESSFUL GROWTH IS DEPENDENT ON A SOLID FOUNDATION.***

What if the parish is unable to meet the minimum requirement of members? The following methods can be used in

establishing a ***Parish Round Table.***

- Parish round tables are ideal to provide a Knights of Columbus presence and be of service to smaller parishes and missions, and to recognize needs for ethnic development. In general, parishes with more than 150 families should first explore the possibility of forming its own council.
- The grand knight and his officers make lists of council members who belong to those area parishes. All will automatically become part of that parish round table. New parishioners of the parish may be recruited, as well.
- The grand knight, with the help of his officers and insurance agents, informs all council members who belong to the designated parish, that the Order would like to set up a parish round table and then explains the benefits to them.
- The grand knight and a Knight parishioner call on the pastor to offer help.
  - Since the pastor assigns the projects, there will be no conflict with existing groups.
  - The grand knight presents the priest with a list of Knights who are parishioners.
- The grand knight appoints only one parish round table coordinator for each designated parish.
- The grand knight completes the Report of the Parish Round Table

Coordinator (Form #2629), mails it to the Department of Membership Development and sends copies to the State Deputy, District Deputy, State Round Table Chairman, and keeps a copy for council files.

- Formation of the parish round table and appointment of the coordinator are announced to those involved, and announcements are published in the parish and council bulletins.
- Once a round table grows and

exceeds 30 members and still has potential to grow, the paperwork should be submitted to form a new council.

***In closing I wish to thank the State Deputy, State Membership Director, Fraternal Benefits Advisors, District Deputies, and everyone who were instrumental in getting the three new councils off the ground.***

***Vivat Jesus***

## Michael O'Neill

*Chairman of The Guild and The Honoris*

My Dear Brother Knights:

Well, here we are with our second virtual Ontario State Board Convention. Have you wondered "Why it has to be virtual again"? I have given it some serious thought as to why it has to be "Virtual" again this year. Maybe, just maybe, it will have to be virtual again next year.

This is what I have come to believe. I believe that we all have been sent a message to stop and take stock of ourselves as members of the Knights of Columbus. I asked myself, "Who are leaders in our Holy Church?"

Let us start with Fr. McGivney, now Blessed. His miracle was for a large family much like his own family. His miracle was announced during a pandemic. He died in a pandemic. Isn't this something to meditate on?

We can dwell deeper than this. Isn't God

sending a message to us and the world, "Be Vigilant, Repent ". We as Knights should be placing our faith in Jesus, Mary, & Joseph as well as our own Blessed Michael. We Knights are so very lucky to have a special soul in heaven who loves us and our works, just as he loved his brother Knights and his parishioners.

A great number of our Brother Knights do not realize the importance of "The Michael McGivney Guild" ("The Guild") in updating us on the most recent events relating to Blessed Michael. To keep ourselves up-to-date each and every member of the Knights of Columbus should belong to "The Guild ". If you have not already enrolled ask yourself, "Why not JOIN TODAY?" It is easy and cost nothing to join. It is **FREE** except for the cost of an envelope and Postage Stamp. All you have to do is locate the coupon titled "**JOIN THE FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD**" in the Columbian Magazine that you receive month-

ly, complete it with your name and address, and submit it to The Guild, 1 Columbia Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510 3326, or enroll On line at: [fathermcgivney.org](http://fathermcgivney.org). Once you have enrolled when you pray the "Prayer of the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney" you can report all favors received to The Guild. Doing so will help Fr. McGivney's advancement to Sainthood.

On a different perspective there is also "The Blessed Michael McGivney Honoris" ("The Honoris") located in Saint Patrick Basilica, in Ottawa, Ontario. The word "Honoris" is Latin for Place of Honour. It was founded to promote the legacy of Fr. Michael McGivney; to strengthen the Catholic faith of the Knights of Columbus members, their families and the faithful at large; and promote the Knights of Columbus and its many activities including The Guild". It is a place for the Knights of Columbus and the general public to venerate and receive information about our Founder and his great legacy. It promotes praying for his advancement toward Canonization.

I mention praying, the Honoris has a wonderful Website: <http://www.michaeljmcgivneyhonoris.ca> wherein you can find:

- a number of prayers and prayer programs to assist Districts, Councils, and individuals,
- a means of submitting requests for Blessed Michael McGivney's intercession for your own intentions and for the needs of others, including as well and of utmost importance, the Faithful Departed as a Mass is said for them every day,
- the main dates of his life to select and initiate "The Novena" starting 9 days (before the chosen date), and
- other information about the life and works of our Founder and his great legacy, and the history of

the establishment of the Knight of Columbus.

Also, in the December 2020 issue of the Knights of Columbus "Columbia" there is an insert that provide prayers and devotions including "The Blessed Michael McGivney Novena" and "The Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney".

The Honoris has been made aware of a two year old girl, "Marie-Ange", who was severely injured at the time of her birth. She is the youngest of 8 children. Her family is very religious and devoted to Blessed Michael. You are asked to keep Marie-Ange, and all members of her family in your prayers to Blessed Michael McGivney for his intervention in help them carry on providing her with their care and love. Please visit the Honoris Website for more details and request for reporting your prayers.

Please refer to and use The Honoris. It is yours. It is approved by Supreme Council and Ontario State Board. The Honoris has been established for all Councils/Assemblies.

May Blessed Michael McGivney guide and protect us through this Convention and the rest of 2021. We hope to see you in person at the 2022 Convention, God willing and with the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Please consider making a donation for the support of the work performed by The Honoris. The Honoris is a registered charity, "Father Michael J. McGivney Honoris Charity Inc. (Registration Number: 819940339RR0001).

VIVAT JESUS !

Michael O'Neill,  
State Chairman,  
The Guild; The Honoris.

# Rocky Gaultieri

Community Director

## May 2021 Convention

My Brother Knights,

I would first like to thank our Worthy State Deputy David Peters for choosing me as the State Community Director for this past Fraternal Year. I know that we had a great deal of restrictions placed on us due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we did have some gains in our Portfolio, due to the generosity of our Councils and the hard work of the Chairmen.

It was difficult to raise funds, engage students and parents, and to put on all of our programs, because of these restrictions. Different regions had different restrictions coupled with two lockdowns Province wide, did not make it an easy year.

The Chairmen did their best to keep you updated on their particular portfolio's, by email, by articles in the State Bulletins etc. I thank all of the District Deputies and Grand Knights that participated in these

programs this past year.

On a personal note, I too found it difficult to be fully engaged in the programs, and to provide the leadership t the level that I have in the past. I can only say sorry, and it was not that I did not want to it was just that it was difficult.

In closing I want to wish the incoming State Deputy a great deal of luck and I hope that he too will meet all his goals, something that I am sure that he will do. To all the Chairmen this past year a final Thank you.

To all Ontario State Knights I hope that you and your families remain healthy and safe, and that your Councils can restart face to face meetings and programs.

Fraternally,

Rocky Gaultieri  
Community Director  
Ontario State



## Ontario Coats for Kids

*Spreading the Warmth*

Our goal is to do what we can to ensure that no school kids in Ontario go without a warm coat during winter.



For information visit [ontariocoatsforkids.com](http://ontariocoatsforkids.com)  
or contact your General Agent

Attention: David Peters, State Deputy, KoC

*"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."* -St. Mother Teresa

Dear Mr. Peters:

March 25th 2021

Thank you for taking an interest in the Redemptorists Mission Stamp Burse. The Stamp Burse was formed by Father William Wyllie C.Ss.R. in 1934 to help the Redemptorist Missionaries in Japan. There followed other missions in India and many other developing countries.

To this day, stamps are donated, processed and sold to (philatelists) Stamp Collector Companies and the monies raised by those sales are matched by the Redemptorist who donate the funds to Canadian Food for Children.

Canadian Food for Children, (a Registered Charity) was founded by Dr. Andrew Simone, MD, FRCPC. Encouraged by St. Mother Teresa the first two trucks were on their way to Halifax to be distributed to developing countries in 1981. Today, about 18 countries receive shipments. All the items collected and non-perishable food still continues to be donated and shipped.

The donated warehouse in Mississauga is a hive of action; sorting and loading and shipping. The monies donated by many volunteers, organizations, manufactures and the Redemptorist Mission Stamp Burse help pay for the expenses.

My involvement started in 2012 through a suggestion to create a Recycle & Reuse Program to weave Sleeping Mats out of milk bags, collect eyeglasses, pop tabs, fabric and of course the used postage stamps. (I assumed the position of Eastern Ontario Volunteer Coordinator for the Redemptorist Mission Stamp Burse in November 2017.)

Although Covid-19 is impeding our volume it has not stopped our contacts and volunteers, however it's now time to reach out to more organizations and people to support these wonderful charities. So, my request is asking for your support in helping us become more visible in our province through your organization.

Yours truly,  
Sandra Blais, Coordinator  
Recycle and Reuse Program  
(613) 443-1453

*"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."* - St. Mother Teresa





# Congratulations

## 118<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention

### May 1 2021

With Compliments of

### **Knights of Columbus 2nd Ontario District Cardinal McGuigan Province**

- 0865 Cardinal McGuigan Assembly
- 0872 Father Gregory Kelly Assembly
- 0874 Monsignor Castex Assembly
- 0878 Monsignor Bench Assembly
- 1730 Metropolitan A. Sheptytsky Assembly
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- 2175 Monsignor F.K. Lee Assembly
- 2176 Cardinal Wyszynski Assembly
- 2287 Father Leo J. Austin Assembly
- 2288 Father Cyril W. Sullivan Assembly
- 2460 Rev. James J. Hayes Assembly
- 2509 St. Ignatius of Loyola Assembly
- 2555 Monsignor Clement J. Schwalm Assembly
- 2654 Father F.J. McGinn Assembly
- 2692 Infant Jesus Assembly
- 2735 St. Charles Garnier Assembly

- 2744 Our Lady of Ludzmierz Assembly
- 2838 Saint Padre Pio Assembly
- 2864 Cardinal Carter Assembly
- 3234 St. Francis of Assisi Assembly
- 3288 St. Andre Bessette Assembly
- 3325 Saint John Paul II Assembly
- 3358 Deacon William Callaghan Assembly
- 3433 Archbishop Anthony Meagher Assembly
- 3472 St. Pedro Calungsod Assembly
- 3477 Father Tom Mohan, CSB Assembly
- 3484 All Saints of China Assembly
- 3495 St. Francis Assembly
- 3569 Canadian Martyrs Assembly
- 3584 Bishop Lacey Assembly
- 3687 Bishop Michael Power Assembly
- 3710 Father Francis McSpirtt Assembly
- 3783 St. Michael the Archangel Assembly

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DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

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# Knights of Columbus®

## 2021 Ontario Charities

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In Support of the Ontario Charities Foundation and the Charitable works of the Knights of Columbus Councils



### EARLY BIRD DRAWS

**April 23 at 9:00 a.m.**

**1<sup>st</sup> draw for \$500**

**2<sup>nd</sup> draw for \$250**

**3<sup>rd</sup> draw for \$250**



**May 14 at 9:00 a.m.**

**1<sup>st</sup> draw for \$500**

**2<sup>nd</sup> draw for \$250**

**3<sup>rd</sup> draw for \$250**



**June 4 at 9:00 a.m.**

**1<sup>st</sup> draw for \$500**

**2<sup>nd</sup> draw for \$250**

**3<sup>rd</sup> draw for \$250**





Council 8919 giving poinsettias for widows of deceased council members.



Council 11271 replaced all of the screen windows with storm windows of their heritage church in Fallowfield.



Council 5350 volunteer grounds keeping at St Anthony of Padua parish.



Council 12401 building wooden crucifixes to be donated to Our Lady of Miraculous medal for yearly First Communion recipients.

# Knights in Action

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State Deputy David Peters and State Global Wheelchair Chairman Francisco Naar attended the loading of a sea container filled with wheelchairs and emergency equipment for needy persons in Paraguay.



Council 11098 presented a cheque to their Parish' St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Funds were raised thru Thanksgiving Food Drive and Council Lenten Food Drive.



Council 16714 Leave No Leaves Behind initiative to raise funds for Coats for Kids program.



Dan Duval General agent in Sudbury delivering Coats for Kids at the Science North Hospital Children's ward.



Council 9300 presented cheques to 3 families in Haldimand County. Funds raised thru their 6th Annual Chilli Cook-Off.

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Consolidated Financial Statement  
June 30, 2020

**Knights of Columbus  
Ontario State Council**

Consolidated Financial Statements

June 30, 2020

Denis Paganelli, CPA, CA

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE DIRECTORS OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ONTARIO STATE COUNCIL

#### Qualified Opinion

I have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at June 30, 2020 and consolidated statements of operations, cash flows and changes in net assets for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which I might have determined to be necessary had I been able to satisfy myself concerning the items referred to in the next paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council as at June 30, 2020, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

#### Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many charitable organizations, Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council through The Knights of Columbus Ontario Charity Foundation derives revenue from donations and fundraising activities the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, my verification of revenue from donations and fundraising activities was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization and I was not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenue from donation and fundraising revenue, net expense for the year, assets and net assets.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of my report. I am independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Canada, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

#### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.



Denis Paganelli, CPA, CA  
Licensed Public Accountant

October 24, 2020  
Toronto, Canada

Denis Paganelli, CPA, CA



# Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council

## Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2020

	2020	General Funds 2019	2020	Charity Funds 2019	Total 2020	Total 2019
<b>Assets</b>						
<b>Current assets</b>						
Cash	\$ 207,666	\$ 265,770	\$ 70,500	\$ 140,660	\$ 278,166	\$ 406,430
Cash- restricted	-	-	146,029	141,937	146,029	141,937
Amounts receivable	245,003	215,517	29,568	32,785	274,571	248,302
Inventory	7,294	1,750	48,032	7,190	55,326	8,940
Prepaid expenses	63,030	34,069	76,663	50,000	139,693	84,069
Investments (note 5)	503,005	364,777	80,135	59,305	583,140	424,082
Due from (to) other funds	47,604	26,070	(47,604)	(26,070)	-	-
	1,073,602	907,953	403,323	405,807	1,476,925	1,313,760
<b>Funds held by Knights of Columbus</b>						
Canada Charities, Inc. (note 6)	-	-	748,638	718,049	748,638	718,049
Investments (note 5)	175,317	301,009	83,804	101,763	259,121	402,772
Capital assets (note 3)	49,693	30,075	25,390	15,750	75,083	45,825
	\$ 1,298,612	\$ 1,239,037	\$ 1,261,155	\$ 1,241,369	\$ 2,559,767	\$ 2,480,406
<b>Liabilities</b>						
<b>Current liabilities</b>						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 23,075	\$ 136,265	\$ 8,995	\$ 63,776	\$ 32,070	\$ 200,041
Government remittances payable	6,657	2,744	-	-	6,657	2,744
Deferred per capita assessments (note 10)	326,292	325,489	-	-	326,292	325,489
Deferred raffle proceeds (note 9)	-	-	82,415	-	82,415	-
	356,024	464,498	91,410	63,776	447,434	528,274
<b>Net assets</b>						
Reserve account, internally restricted	239,926	239,926	-	-	239,926	239,926
Charity funds – externally restricted (note 4)	-	-	1,120,831	1,145,262	1,120,831	1,145,262
Unrestricted net assets	702,662	534,613	48,914	32,331	751,576	566,944
	942,588	774,539	1,169,745	1,177,593	2,112,333	1,952,132
Contingency (note 7) Commitment (note 8)						
	\$ 1,298,612	\$ 1,239,037	\$ 1,261,155	\$ 1,241,369	\$ 2,559,767	\$ 2,480,406

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Director

Director

Denis Paganelli, CPA, CA

# Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council

## Consolidated Statement of Operations

Year ended June 30, 2020

	General Funds		Charity Funds		Total	Total
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
<b>Revenues</b>						
Per capita assessments	\$ 627,315	\$ 632,963	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 627,315	\$ 632,963
State Convention (note 12)	31,258	97,033	-	-	31,258	97,033
Raffle proceeds	-	-	-	1,480,909	-	1,480,909
Supreme Council Refunds						
Summer DD meeting (note 12)	57,321	96,069	-	-	57,321	96,069
Winter DD meeting (note 12)	59,700	66,066	-	-	59,700	66,066
Other	8,918	6,507	-	-	8,918	6,507
Sales –roses, magnets, medallions	150	-	11,904	27,257	12,054	27,257
Donations received	-	-	46,933	85,890	46,933	85,890
Income from Christopher Fund (note 6)	-	-	30,589	29,891	30,589	29,891
State Bulletin and Squires assessments	38,128	38,417	21,480	21,480	59,608	59,897
Charitable programs	-	-	225,257	218,596	225,257	218,596
HST rebate	-	-	15,226	17,495	15,226	17,495
Investment income	12,744	11,756	3,638	3,608	16,382	15,364
Sundry	4,515	21,886	23,532	19,514	28,047	41,400
	840,049	970,697	378,559	1,904,640	1,218,608	2,875,337
<b>Expenses</b>						
Administrative (schedule 1)	386,339	407,980	54,138	59,780	440,477	467,760
Cost of sales – roses, magnets, medallions	138	-	9,432	18,755	9,570	18,755
Donations and charitable activities	-	-	312,141	695,028	312,141	695,028
State Convention (note 12)	8,706	194,645	-	-	8,706	194,645
Summer District Deputies' meeting (note 12)	83,565	126,231	-	-	83,565	126,231
Winter District Deputies' meeting (note 12)	75,327	101,532	-	-	75,327	101,532
State Board meetings and activities	72,959	141,337	-	-	72,959	141,337
NCD, awards and membership	27,035	22,701	-	-	27,035	22,701
Raffle direct costs	-	-	1,726	1,114,061	1,726	1,114,061
State Bulletin	5,859	3,338	-	-	5,859	3,338
Sundry	1,878	10,940	8,970	3,497	10,848	14,437
Supreme convention	10,194	11,655	-	-	10,194	11,655
	672,000	1,020,359	386,407	1,891,121	1,058,407	2,911,480
<b>Net revenue (expense) for the year</b>	<b>\$ 168,049</b>	<b>\$ (49,662)</b>	<b>\$ (7,848)</b>	<b>\$ 13,519</b>	<b>\$ 160,201</b>	<b>\$ (36,143)</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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### Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended June 30, 2020

	2020	General Funds 2019	2020	Charity Funds 2019	Total 2020	Total 2019
Cash provided by (used in)						
Operating activities						
Net revenue (expense) for the year	\$ 168,049	\$ (49,662)	\$ (7,848)	\$ 13,519	\$ 160,201	\$ (36,143)
Adjustment for item not affecting cash						
Amortization of capital assets	11,577	7,545	4,960	1,750	16,537	9,295
	179,626	(42,117)	(2,888)	15,269	176,738	(26,848)
Net change in non-cash working capital balances related to operations	(172,469)	37,984	(36,654)	(636,371)	(209,123)	(598,387)
	7,157	(4,133)	(39,542)	(621,102)	(32,385)	(625,235)
Investing activities						
Investment income earned and used to purchase investments	(12,536)	(11,492)	(33,460)	(32,808)	(45,996)	(44,300)
Investments redeemed (purchased)	–	(102,994)	–	–	–	(102,994)
	(12,536)	(114,486)	(33,460)	(32,808)	(45,996)	(147,294)
Financing activities						
Change in advances between organizations	(21,534)	(70,611)	21,534	70,611	–	–
Purchase of capital assets	(31,195)	(17,500)	(14,600)	(17,500)	(45,795)	(35,000)
	(52,725)	(88,111)	6,934	53,111	(45,795)	(35,000)
Increase (decrease) in cash during the year	(58,104)	(206,730)	(66,068)	(600,799)	(124,172)	(807,529)
Cash, beginning of year	265,770	472,500	282,597	883,396	548,367	1,355,896
Cash, end of year	\$ 207,666	\$ 265,770	\$ 216,529	\$ 282,597	\$ 424,195	\$ 548,367
Cash consists of:						
Cash	\$ 207,666	\$ 265,770	\$ 70,500	\$ 140,660	\$ 278,166	\$ 406,430
Cash restricted – raffle in trust account	–	–	146,029	141,937	146,029	141,937
	\$ 207,666	\$ 265,770	\$ 216,529	\$ 282,597	\$ 424,195	\$ 548,367

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended June 30, 2020

	Unrestricted Net assets	Reserve Account	Charity Funds Restricted	Total 2020	Total 2019
Net assets, beginning of the year	\$ 566,944	\$ 239,926	\$ 1,145,262	\$ 1,952,132	\$ 1,988,275
Net revenue (expense) for the year	184,632	-	(24,431)	160,201	(36,143)
Net assets, end of year	\$ 751,576	\$ 239,926	\$ 1,120,831	\$ 2,112,333	\$ 1,952,132

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council

## Administrative Expenses

## Schedule 1

Year ended June 30, 2020

	2020	2019
Amortization of capital assets	\$ 16,537	\$ 9,295
Employee benefits	24,515	29,345
Equipment rentals	19,002	16,953
Equipment maintenance and computer support	25,592	31,114
Insurance - directors and officers and abuse coverage	3,761	2,700
Insurance - property and commercial	6,944	8,932
Postage and delivery	11,862	13,582
Professional fees	28,418	48,271
Rent	37,767	37,209
Salaries	120,716	182,782
Stationery, printing and office supplies	10,955	24,690
Sundry	12,432	16,605
Telephone and fax	9,098	4,764
Temporary help/cleaning	85,174	27,397
Translation	6,904	9,321
Website maintenance	20,800	4,800
	<u>\$ 440,477</u>	<u>\$ 467,760</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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# Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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### 1. Purpose of the organization

The Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council (State Council) was formed in 1903 as the Provincial Executive for the Knights of Columbus Councils in Ontario. The main principles of the Knights of Columbus are charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Program involvement is in the following areas: church, family life, religious vocations, charitable fundraising, pro-life, education, community services and youth activities. The Ontario State Council is an unincorporated not-for-profit organization and is exempt from income tax.

### 2. Significant accounting policies

#### (a) Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council include the accounts of Ontario Knights of Columbus Corporation, incorporated under the laws of Ontario as a corporation without share capital, and the accounts of The Knights of Columbus Ontario Charity Foundation, a registered charity incorporated under the laws of Ontario as a corporation without share capital.

#### (b) Basis of presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations in Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook, using the restricted fund method of reporting revenues. The General Fund, which consists of the non-consolidated activities of Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council accounts for the Council's operating activities. The Charity Funds, which consists of the activities of The Knights of Columbus Ontario Charity Foundation accounts for the Council's charitable activities. Charity funds are restricted to charitable purposes and are subject to the disbursement requirements for registered charities as provided in the Income Tax Act, Canada. Ontario Knights of Columbus Corporation is inactive and has no assets and liabilities.

The State Council's funds consist of the following:

#### **Reserve Account**

This fund is internally restricted by the Board for special purposes if required.

#### **Ontario State Chaplains Bursary Fund**

This fund is established by resolution of the Board to provide a Provincial Bursary Program, to assist Knights and members of their families pursuing a post secondary education, who meet appropriate guidelines as established by the Board and is funded by external donations.

#### **Christopher Fund**

This fund is established by Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus in a program under which a special per capita levy, together with a matching amount from Supreme Council, is being contributed to Knights of Columbus Canada Charities, Inc. and accumulated in the Christopher Fund, the income from which is to be used for charitable purposes. The Knights of Columbus Ontario Charity Foundation has been appointed to administer the Ontario participation in the Christopher Fund.

#### **Disaster Fund**

This fund is established to receive external donations to assist where a disaster has occurred.

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### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### **Memorial Catholic Education Fund**

This fund is established to receive external in-memoriam donations to be used to support The Knights of Columbus Ontario Charity Foundation's bursary program.

#### **Coats for Kids Program**

This program is established to receive external donations to supply kids with winter coats.

#### **Canadian Military Scholarship Fund**

This fund is to be disbursed to the Canadian Military Ordinariate to be used to support Military Seminararians.

#### **Martyrs' Shrine Altar Renovation Fund**

This fund was established with the desire to and ideas for the updating, repairing or rebuilding the tower and papal altar at the Martyrs' shrine in Midland, Ontario.

#### **Raffle Fund**

The Raffle Fund accounts for the activities of the Foundation's annual raffle. The next proceeds must be used for the purposes approved by the licence granted by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.

### (c) **Revenue recognition**

#### **Contributions**

The State Council follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. Contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

#### **Per capita assessments**

Per capita assessments are set annually by the Board of Directors for the calendar year and are recognized as revenue proportionately over the fiscal year in which they relate if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Accordingly, one half of the per capita assessments billed in fiscal 2020 have been deferred to the next fiscal year.

#### **Raffle proceeds**

Raffle proceeds are recognized as revenue in the fiscal year that the raffle is held.

#### **Sale of roses and magnets**

These items are recognized as revenue at the time of shipment.

#### **Investment income**

Investment income comprises interest from cash, interest from fixed-income investments, interest from money market funds, realized gains and losses on the sale of investments and increases and decreases in the fair value of investments. Revenue is recognized on an accrual basis.

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### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (c) Revenue recognition (continued)

##### Other

State bulletin assessments are recognized as revenue when billed.

Supreme refunds and state convention revenue are recognized as revenue in the fiscal period in which the activity occurred.

Other charitable activities such as the Coats for Kids program and golf tournaments are recognized as revenue in the fiscal period that the events occur.

#### (d) Capital assets and amortization

Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the term of the lease. Website costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over 5 years. Amortization for other assets is provided using the declining balance method at the following annual rates:

Office furniture and equipment	20%
Computer equipment	30%

#### (e) Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value, with cost being determined using the first-in first-out cost method. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less any applicable selling costs. Inventory consists of finished goods that are purchased.

#### (f) Financial Instruments measurement

The State Council initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value. It subsequently measures all its financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of operations.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, accounts receivable and Funds held by Knights of Columbus Canada Charities Inc.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Financial assets measured at fair value include investments.

Investments consist of Canadian fixed income securities with maturity dates both within the next fiscal year and greater than the next fiscal year. They are all reported as long-term because the Board has no intent on cashing the investments over the next fiscal year.

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### 3. Capital assets

			2020	2019
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net	Net
Computer equipment	\$ 59,640	\$ 36,872	\$ 22,768	\$ 12,389
Website	64,200	13,420	50,780	31,500
Office furniture and equipment	17,589	16,054	1,535	1,936
	<u>\$ 141,429</u>	<u>\$ 66,346</u>	<u>\$ 75,083</u>	<u>\$ 45,825</u>

Amortization expense for the year is \$16,537 (2019 - \$9,295).

### 4. Charity funds

	2020	2019
Charity funds are comprised of:		
Externally Restricted Funds:		
Ontario State Chaplains Bursary Fund	\$ 73,975	\$ 79,775
Christopher Fund (note 6)	870,444	870,444
Disaster Fund	28,654	32,926
Memorial Catholic Education Fund	12,518	11,412
Coats for Kids program	(7,646)	8,388
Raffle Fund	130,288	133,940
Canadian Military Scholarship Fund	2,550	2,550
Martyrs' Shrine Altar Renovation Fund	10,048	5,827
	<u>1,120,831</u>	<u>1,145,262</u>
Unrestricted Funds	48,914	32,331
	<u>\$ 1,169,745</u>	<u>\$ 1,177,593</u>

### 5. Investments

The investments are held with RBC Dominion Securities Inc. and Meridian Credit Union and consist of the following:

	2020		2019	
	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	Cost
Canadian fixed income securities	\$ 842,261	\$ 814,683	\$ 824,112	\$ 800,770
Cash on hand to be invested	–	–	2,742	2,742
	<u>842,261</u>	<u>814,683</u>	<u>826,854</u>	<u>803,512</u>
Less maturing within next fiscal year	583,140		424,082	
Maturing beyond next fiscal year	<u>\$ 259,121</u>		<u>\$ 402,772</u>	

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### 6. Funds Held by Knights of Columbus Canada Charities Inc.

At June 30, 2020, the Knights of Columbus Canada Charities, Inc. is holding \$748,638 of contributions and reinvested income contributed to it from the Foundation. Knights of Columbus Canada Charities, Inc. is also holding an additional \$284,940 which represents the matching contributions from Supreme Council that is not property of the Foundation but on which income is being earned by the Foundation. During the year the Foundation earned \$30,589 (2019 - \$29,891) on these funds.

The income earned from this investment is income for the Christopher Fund which has been designated for the support of the charitable works of the Foundation and is being paid to the Foundation for that purpose.

### 7. Contingent liability

The State Council (its Foundation) is contingently liable under an outstanding letter of credit in the amount of \$502,500 issued by its bank as a performance guarantee in connection with the raffle to be held on October 30, 2020.

### 8. Commitment

The Knights of Columbus Charity Foundation has extended its leased office space for a three-year period expiring on July 31, 2021 with an option to extend the lease for a further two-year period. The minimum gross rental payments required over the next 5 years are:

Fiscal 2021	\$37,209
Fiscal 2022	\$3,101

### 9. Deferred Raffle Proceeds

The raffle draw was held twice in the last fiscal year-end. On July 12, 2018 and May 31, 2019. All raffle proceeds received prior to the fiscal year-end are reported as deferred raffle proceeds.

The deferred raffle proceeds balance is:

	2020	2019
Balance, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ 672,305
Add: raffle proceeds received in the year for October 30, 2020 raffle	82,415	-
Add: raffle proceeds received in the year for July 12, 2018 raffle	-	71,537
Less: July 12, 2018 raffle proceeds allocated to revenue	-	(743,842)
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 82,415</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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### 10. Deferred per capita assessments

	2020	2019
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 325,489	\$ 322,125
Less prior year deferred recognized as revenue in the year	(325,489)	(322,125)
Add amounts billed in the year net of write-offs	652,584	650,978
Less amortized to revenue this year	(326,292)	(325,489)
Balance, end of year	\$ 326,292	\$ 325,489

### 11. Financial instruments

The State Council is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis presents the State Council's exposure to significant risks at the reporting date, i.e. June 30, 2020.

#### Interest rate risk

The organization is exposed to interest rate risk as the fair value of its financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates on its Canadian fixed income securities. The organization considers that its Canadian fixed income securities are sufficiently liquid to minimize any interest rate risk on its investments.

#### Credit risk

The organization is exposed to credit risk resulting from the possibility that parties default on their financial obligations. The carrying value of the organization's main financial assets represents the maximum credit risk to which the company is exposed.

The organization's credit risk is due mainly to its accounts receivable and investments. The credit risk on its investments is minimized by holding only high-grade investments and diversifying its portfolio of investments.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the organization will not be able to meet a demand for cash or fund its obligations as they come due.

The organization considers that it has sufficient liquidity in its investments to ensure that funds are available to meet current and long-term financial needs, at a reasonable cost.

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk is composed of currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

The organization is exposed to market risk on its investments and Funds held by Knights of Columbus Canada Charities Inc.

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### 12. Summary of Meeting activities

	2020	2019
<b>State Convention</b>		
Revenue	\$ 31,258	\$ 97,033
Expense	8,706	194,645
<b>Net expense</b>	<b>\$ 22,552</b>	<b>\$ (97,612)</b>
<b>Summer District Deputies' Meeting</b>		
Revenue	\$ 57,321	\$ 96,069
Expense	83,565	126,231
<b>Net expense</b>	<b>\$ (26,244)</b>	<b>\$ (30,162)</b>
<b>Winter District Deputies' Meeting</b>		
Revenue	\$ 59,700	\$ 66,066
Expense	75,327	101,532
<b>Net expense</b>	<b>\$ (15,627)</b>	<b>\$ (35,466)</b>

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Minutes of the  
117th Annual General Meeting

# **Ontario State Council – Knights of Columbus**

## **117<sup>th</sup> (2020) Ontario State Virtual Convention Minutes**

**Saturday May 2, 2020 at 9:00 am**

### **DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

Your Excellency, Worthy Supreme Warden, Worthy Regional Growth Director, Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy past Supreme Directors, Worthy Past State Deputies, Fellow State board officers and Worthy Delegates. Welcome to the annual meeting of the Ontario State Council. I'll now call this meeting to order. As we open this virtual meeting, I would like to ask our State Chaplain, **His Excellency Bishop Marcel Dampousse** to open with a prayer.

### **BISHOP DAMPHOUSSE, State Chaplain**

Good morning everyone, let us pray. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. Prayers for Our Lady of Good Health for protection in time of pandemic.

Oh Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation of the Pope.

We entrust ourselves to you. Health of the sick, who, at the cross took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana and Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son, Jesus, the Divine physician. For those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us O Mother of Divine Love to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows so as to lead us to the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen

Under thy protection we seek refuge O Holy Mother of God, for our needs, despise not our petitions but deliver us always from all ventures O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.

In the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

### **DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

Thank you, Your Excellency.

There are a few announcements I need to make as we proceed for this virtual meeting. We know that this will be a unique experience for all including your State Officers and staff, so I am very grateful for your patience. Only delegates with proper credentials as well as District Deputies and Past State Deputies have the right to speak during this meeting. This is the same as your rights during a typical meeting. If someone with the right to speak wishes to do so, please hit \*3 on your phone. Once again, please hit \*3 on your phone and you will be placed in the queue. The minutes of the 2019 State Convention and all reports of Committees, of Officers, Resolutions and Budget for the next Fraternal year have been distributed prior to this meeting and posted on the State Council website for review. I ask that everyone, especially delegates stay connected until we have concluded the meeting. If you are dropped, please rejoin the call-in progress by dialling 877-228-2184 and enter event id 117987# sign.

It is now my pleasure to introduce our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson for his remarks.

**CARL ANDERSON, Worthy Supreme Knight**

My brother knights, it is a pleasure to speak to you in these challenging times. I applaud you for holding your convention via teleconference. The Coronavirus pandemic has changed our daily lives, but it will not change our commitment to fraternity. This is not the first pandemic the Knights of Columbus has faced in the late 19th century and again in 1918. We remain strong and active as sickness spreads. What was true then is true now. Why? Because we have remained true to the principles of the Order. I have said before that where there is a need, there is a light. This is a time of great need and once again, we must stand together to meet it. We have the financial strength to address the suffering we see around us but more important, we have the Fraternal strength to do the great works of charity that defines the man. As leaders of your jurisdiction, you have the responsibility to mobilize our efforts. Thank you for what you have already done. It is impressive. Your Councils and your brother Knights continue to look to you for leadership. Continue to show them, the Knights of Columbus way to put to Faith into Action.

In March we launched a new initiative – Leave no Neighbour Behind. The response to this pandemic. We called on all Knights to support our brothers, support our parishes, to support our community, to feed the hungry, to participate in blood drives. This is when your Councils are the missionaries of the Order wide effort to Leave no Neighbour behind. I would ask you to begin with the brothers in your Council. Make contact with every one of your members. Do they need a helping hand in some way during this pandemic? During this time no Brother Knights should feel forgotten or left behind by the Brothers of his Council and you should have the same approach for the members of our parishes and our neighbourhoods.

As part of Holy Week, we announced a multi million-dollar campaign to support food banks in the United States and Canada. We are providing urgent support for the hardest hit communities and the neediest among us. Our initial commitment of \$1,250,000 is only the first phase of this campaign. Many Councils and individuals have contributed to our effort. This important work will continue in the days ahead.

In addition to our charity, we are also standing strong for unity. With our church experiencing serious financial strength the Order has established a \$100 million church loan fund for Dioceses in the United States and Canada. It will offer a Diocese a \$1,000,000 line of credit which will help them weather the serious economic impact through the crisis. In Rome, the Order is making it possible for the Vatican and Bambino Gesu hospital to create a dedicated treatment area for infants inflicted with the Coronavirus. We are proud to sponsor the Pope's Holy Week broadcasts including his historic "urbi et orbi" blessing of the city of Rome and of the world in response to the pandemic. Pope Francis has called on all Christians to unite their voices to heaven and I urge every Family to pray a prayer for protection in time of pandemic. As the crisis continues, the need for charity and unity will continue to grow. The same is true for fraternity. With all in person Knight of Columbus meetings and events cancelled for the foreseeable future, we are finding new ways to bring our brother Knights together.

This convention is a sign of what's possible and the Supreme Council will continue to provide guidance and support. We have expanded our monthly nightline email with a new weekly edition and each email contains practical and spiritual resources for our brother Knights and their families. Our Insurance Agents and customer service team will also remain available to help members with any insurance or related financial needs they may have. Otherwise, our determination to overcome them

is greater still and as we move through this pandemic together, the Knights of Columbus will be there. We will Leave No Neighbour Behind. We will forge forth ahead together as brother Knights. I believe our response to this crisis will rank among the Order's finest hour.

This fraternal year, the Knights of Columbus reached 2 million members, an historic milestone. I thank all the brother Knights who made this possible. The day I was elected your Supreme Knight I said we had a moral obligation to offer the benefits of membership to the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man. Fr. McGivney's gift to us of this wonderful organization was never intended as a gift for only a few. It was always meant to be shared. Now nearly 20 years later I believe this more strongly than ever before. The more men who join, the more lives we will transform in the communities we will serve. The more men we have, the more we will do for our parish and the more Catholic families we will strengthen. Now our key component of our efforts going forward will be our new Exemplifications ceremonies. We've already received an overwhelmingly positive response and where it should. It teaches our lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity in a way that is compelling and grounded in the rich history of the Order. We'll make it easy to bring men into our way. For those men to serve in Council Offices. This new ceremony provides a gateway to inspire the next generation of Knights and strengthen Councils across the globe. Now it is available in a virtual format when in person ceremonials are not possible. Men join the Knights of Columbus for the benefits of belonging to our great Catholic brotherhood.

The principles of charity, unity change lives for the better every day and every day we fulfill Fr. McGivney's strength of offering Catholic families financial protection they can depend upon through our commitment to Insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights. Our impressive growth is simple, the spiritual genius of Fr. McGivney, we have found a way to transform friends into brothers, brothers who are committed to one another. Today Knights of Columbus offers Catholic men a path of Christian discipleship a path marked by the guideposts of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. It is a path we walk, not just one day a week but 24/7. You can be proud that the business aspects of the Order have consistently been rated superior and that we successfully complete are inspired but because of our commitment to Catholic principles. Last year our agencies did almost \$90 billion in new insurance. We continue to have more than a \$100 billion of insurance in force protecting the financial future of our Catholic family. As leaders of your jurisdiction remember that you General Field agents can be your best partner in working to grow the Order.

And we should all remember that our insurance program and our charitable work arise from the same source. Our responsibility is to provide for our families and for those that need. Last year brother Knights donated more than \$185 million to charity and volunteered more than 76 million hours. We fed the hungry, sheltered the homeless, donated more than 8,500 wheelchairs and put coats on the backs of more than 117,000 children. I am proud that earlier in this fraternal year brother Knights from Mexico and the United States came together to provide food, water and clothing to displaced families along the border and especially to women and children. These are in keeping with our long history of defending the downtrodden and the marginalized.

To continue our efforts to reach out in our community, and when it comes to defending the right to life, the Knights of Columbus continues to lead the way. Just over 10 years ago we've launched a new initiative with the goal of placing 1000 ultrasound machine in crisis pregnancy centres. We've now not only met that goal but exceeded it and to date we've placed more than 1,200 ultrasound machines in those centres and if each ultrasound reduces the number of abortions by just one a per week for each machine, then we will have saved more than 60,000 children in this coming year. Think



of that. 60,000 children saved. And as I've said before, this is the greatest humanitarian achievement in the history of the Knights of Columbus. There is so much more for us to do. We must continue to rescue the unborn. Until that time when their lives are once again protected by law.

In all that we do, receive the charity to evangelize. The Lord has called us to be his witnesses. And especially to be his witnesses in our home and in our parishes. This is why, several years ago we launched the Building the Domestic Church program and why we started our Faith in Action initiative. These programs deserve the attention of every Council and so does our powerful video series Into the Breach. Today I ask that every Council promote these programs during this pandemic when Catholics are spending more time than ever at home. Our programs to build up Church and the home are needed more than ever.

Our history is one in which we are proud. Today, nearly every jurisdiction composed nearly 100 years of fraternity and charity. This year marks another milestone in the history of the order' 100 years of charitable service in Rome to the successor of Peter. Recently, Supreme Officers and Supreme Directors travelled to the Eternal City where Pope Francis received us in a private audience. This pilgrimage commemorated the 1<sup>st</sup> Knights of Columbus audience since Pope Benedict XV in 1920. In his message to us, Pope Francis has praised our faithful witness in defence of lives for support of particularly Christians and all our charitable efforts. He also thanked us and now I quote him "for our unwavering devotion to the successor of Peter". I would ask you to pay particular attention to these words of hope of Pope Francis. He said "in our hope ... by the division and pandemic laws, the generous commitment of your Order to serve all in need, especially to young people is an important inspiration to the global nation of indifference and that we can work together to bring about a just and inclusive society. I also believe that every Bishop in your jurisdiction can say the same about your work. My brother Knights, the Knights of Columbus is needed today more than ever before. Not only to confront and overcome the Coronavirus pandemic but to protect our church and ensure a future of faith for our children and our grandchildren. My sincere hope is that through amidst all these challenges that we grow closer to one another that leads us to live more profoundly our principles of Charity Unity and Fraternity. And that we will live more.... Pope Francis has said ... hope that God has given us. May the Venerable Fr McGivney and Our Lady of Guadalupe Pray for us all.

Vivat Jesus

### **DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

Thank you, Worthy Supreme Knight. We are pleased to have Grayden Nicholas, our Supreme Warden participating in our meeting today. At this time, I call on him for his message.

### **GRAYDON NICHOLAS, Worthy Supreme Warden**

Thank your very much worth State Deputy David Peters. It is an honour to be with my brother Knights of Ontario. I want to acknowledge his Excellency State Chaplain Bishop Marcel Damphousse, Worthy State Officers. Past State Deputies, Worthy delegates and Worthy Supreme Director Arthur Peters. Let me begin with some good news. Normally my remarks would run somewhere between 15 – 20 minutes, but today I promise to speak for 10 minutes or less. Of course, now that I've said that I expect that some of you will call for a virtual convention every year. I wouldn't lift your hopes up. Putting aside greetings from our Worthy Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson and members of the Supreme Council. More than that I bring our gratitude. As you just heard from

our Supreme Knight, we are thankful for your leadership. Even before the Coronavirus Pandemic, you led the order to new heights, especially in Charity. Supreme Knight mentioned many of our accomplishments. Behind these are numbers of the many contributions of the Knights in Ontario. You and the men you represent gave 1,808,448 hours which represents \$5,224,994 for charity.

I first met many of you at the Annual March for Life in Ottawa and I always admired your presence as witnesses to the sanctity of life in front of Parliament and the streets of our Capitol. On behalf of the entire Supreme Council, I applaud you for your generosity.

But your commitment to charity has been even more evident during the current pandemic. The needs of your councils, parishes and communities have multiplied in the last few months. So have your efforts to meet those needs. Many stories of Councils in Ontario have made their way to the Supreme Office. From grocery deliveries to monetary donations, from calling the isolated to comforting those in grief, from prayer groups to priestly support and from blood drives to food banks. In so many ways large and small, you have shown the best of our order. To have acted not of regard of self but of a deep desire to serve and sacrifice for the sake of others. And that's what I would like to address today. Not what we do but who we are as catholic men and as Knights of Columbus. It has been said that circumstances reveal men. It's true but when times are tough to see what men are made of whether he's weak or strong, whether he's selfish or selfless. I would take that phrase a step further. Yes, circumstances reveal men, but these are not normal circumstances. This is a crisis and the crisis reveal Knights.

As Knights, what is our duty during this difficult time? The answer can be found in new exemplification ceremonies. My Brothers, this is our calling, not just to be men, but to be leaders of men. We can and must be pillars of the Catholic church, our communities and our country. If not us, then who? People are looking for leaders right now. This was true before the pandemic but now it's even more apparent for millions of people cut off from their normal lives that are tasking about for someone, anyone to show them the way. This is what the Knights were born to do. We are leaders who people can count on and who they can trust. When our friends, family and neighbours look at us, they should see someone who will find a way or make a way to get the job done. Someone who will step into the breach and stay there until the battle is won. And why, because we are grounded in something higher than ourselves. Of course, you notice, in so many ways you are already leading the way as Knights of Columbus, as catholic men and as followers of Christ. You are an inspiration to me and to so many others. As the crisis continues, I encourage you to lean on each other and on us. Use the resources provided by the Supreme Council who want to help you in whatever way we can. As the Supreme Knight mentioned, we are providing timely spiritual resources and launching new initiatives. We are here to encourage you to amplify our efforts for the good of others and for the glory of God. These are challenging times but there's also a reason for hope. The day is coming when this pandemic will pass. Yet when it does, our work will not be over. We are called to be leaders in all things and in all times and so our sense of mission and purpose must not fade. Instead we must grow stronger. At Supreme, we pray that will happen and we believe it will! To give us confidence that the order will continue to flourish, as the Supreme Knight said, this will be among our finest hours and if this is our foundation then imagine the heights we can reach in the days and the decades ahead. Fr. McGivney would be proud of you and it's a privilege to call you brother knights. Together with our Worthy Supreme Knight and the entire Supreme Council I thank you for stepping into the breach today and every day.

Vivat Jesus

**DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

Thank you, Worthy Supreme Warden, Brother Graydon Nicholas, for your message and for being with us today. We are pleased to have Brother Arthur Peters, our Supreme Director and at this time I call on him for his message.

**ARTHUR PETERS, Supreme Director**

Thank you, Worthy Supreme Warden, Worthy State Deputy and my brother Knights. I bring greetings from our Supreme Knight and the Board of Directors to this, our annual convention and thank you for allowing me to say a few words this morning. We are part of a great organization and the recent events in the past few weeks demonstrate that even further. When people need help, Knights of Columbus are there to provide for those in need, to live out our principle of Charity. This is what we have been doing as an Order for the past 138 years when a young parish priest in New Haven Connecticut brought together a group of catholic men to form an organization that is now present in countries around the world uniting almost 2 million men under a common theme – to love one another as I have loved you.

This year has been a year of change in our order. We have a new exemplification making it easier for men whose time comes stretched in our society to join us and in doing so, allowing his family to participate in our ceremonial.

We continue to move forward in technology and in the current situation even more with virtual meetings and now here today, our first virtual convention which was mandated by Supreme. And now in our current situation, we evolve even further with our Leave No Neighbour Behind program supporting our community, our parishes and providing food and financial resources to help feed many people who have been affected by the pandemic that we are now facing. Thank you to Council 6052 in Oshawa who are helping to picking up medication and food for its members. I'm sure this is but one of the many examples of the great work of our Order which is taking place here in Ontario right now.

This week Supreme announced changes to our Star Council, Columbian, Founders and McGivney award criteria and I ask your Council to review these and see how you can achieve these awards in this fraternal year. More than ever the world needs the Knights of Columbus. To do the work that we are doing we need to continue to invite our friends and family members to join our ranks. And in this time, Supreme is making an online exemplification available on a weekly basis to do so. I urge you to turn to the man that is not a member of our great order. Show him the work that we are doing and invite him to join us. Ontario has welcomed almost 1400 new members this year, formed 9 new Councils and while doing this, we can do even more.

In closing I would like to thank each and every member, each Council, each Assembly, and our State Board for all that you are doing to live out our principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity and I look forward to continuing to work with you as we advance the mission of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario. Thank you, Worthy State Deputy.

**DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

Thank you, Worthy Supreme Director. At this time, I will call on our State Chaplain, his Excellency Bishop Marcel for his report to the meeting.

**BISHOP MARCEL DAMPHOUSSE, State Chaplain**

Dear Brother Knights, I would like to share with you a little message I have prepared this coming week for the Catholic Education Week here in Ontario. As you might guess many of our students and teachers and their families are really struggling because of this Pandemic and the one virtue that is really tested is the virtue of hope, and so this particular week, the theme is about Igniting Hope and maybe for us as Knights of Columbus we are so fortunate to realize how we are called to be beacons of hope.

That's what God is expecting of each and everyone of us, that we are called to be witnesses of hope in our world. There is no more perfect time than right now to put this virtue to good use. Our world desperately needs signs of hope, reasons to hope for a better world. And so, let us think about what is hope? Hope can be defined as expecting something good to happen and waiting for it with confidence. The process Christians need to find that hope in our confidence we place in God, always there to support us, especially in time where we might feel worried or alone and hope keeps us from becoming discouraged or sustains us during difficult times. In this time of isolation because of the COVID-19 pandemic hope reminds us of this, even when our lives are temporarily changed and even when we cannot be with family and friends. When a lot of our outside activities are cancelled including many of our Knights of Columbus activities, God can guide us to find new ways to come together and be together. But what is most important, the key element of our hope as Christians is in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is our hope. Hope is knowing that Jesus is alive, present in our world, in our Church, in our families, in the heart of everyone of us. Living our lives with Jesus as our guide and our Lord gives us all the reason to hope because nothing can separate us from the love that Jesus has for us, not even COVID-19. So, let's place our complete trust in our Lord Jesus that he may empower us with the virtue of hope in these difficult times. Thank you for your attention.

**DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

Thank you, your Excellency. Your comments are greatly appreciated. Due to circumstances of this virtual State meeting, I have asked, **Brother Marcel Lemmen, State Secretary** and **Brother Bruce Poulin, State Treasurer** to serve as our Credentials Committee. I have also appointed **Brother Ronald Van de Steen, State Solicitor** to serve today as Parliamentarian for this virtual meeting. At this time, I call on **Brother Marcel Lemmen, State Secretary** for the report of the Credentials Committee.

**MARCEL LEMMEN, State Secretary**

In reviewing the list of delegates, we find the information provided by our Councils and cross checking this with the members that have joined us today for this virtual meeting, our State Treasurer and I have the following number of delegates; 6 State Officers, 1 Immediate Past State Deputy, 365 Delegates, for 372 total voting delegates.

**DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

Without objection the role of delegates submitted by the Credentials Committee will be the official role of voting members at the Convention. Without objection the rules will be suspended, and the following shortened order of business will be adopted. Prayer, appointment of committee on credentials, report of committee on credentials, approval of 2019 minutes, records of committees, records of state officers, nomination and election of state officers, nomination and election of

representatives and alternate to the Supreme Council, consideration of resolutions, new business, prayer and adjournment.

At this time, we will proceed with the approval of the minutes of the 2019 State Convention which has been distributed prior to the convention. Are there any corrections to the minutes? There being no corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved.

At this time, we will proceed with reports of committees. As the various reports of the Committees have been distributed prior to the State convention without objection they will be accepted as written and included in the minutes.

Let us move on to the reports of Officers. As the various reports of the State Officers have been distributed prior to the State convention without objection they will be accepted as written and included in the minutes.

I will now ask our State Secretary if there is an update to the report of the Credentials Committee.

**MARCEL LEMMEN, State Secretary**

Since the initial report of the Credentials Committee we have had one delegate join us. The new count is: 6 State Officers, 1 Immediate Past State Deputy, 366 Delegates, for 373 total voting delegates.

**DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

Thank you, worthy State Secretary. Without objection, the revised role of delegates submitted by the Credentials Committee will be the official role of voting members of the convention. We will now proceed to the election of Officers. Please note that nominations submitted for State Secretary will be considered as seconded nominations made to the floor for consideration of that respective position. It is important that voting delegates follow the instructions on how to vote. The voting will be anonymous. The system that we are using records the votes but does not show how any particular delegate voted. Remember that only credential delegates, past State Deputies and current District Deputies have rights to the floor, and you must be recognized to speak. If someone with the right wishes to do so to speak please hit \*3 on your phone and you will be placed in the queue. Even though we are using an electronic voting system for the vote, in case of an unseen issue I have appointed **Brother Nat Gallo, Past State Deputy** as the judge and **Brother Arthur Peters, Past State Deputy** and **Brother Brendan, Saunders Former Vice Supreme Master** as tellers.

For the purpose of election of State Deputy for the next fraternal, year I am turning the gavel over to **Brother Bruce Poulin, State Treasurer**.

**BRUCE POULIN, State Treasurer**

Thank you, Worthy State Deputy. Good morning brothers. We will now go through the voting procedures in English and then repeat the same procedures in French before we actually carry out the vote. So please bear with me as we go through the instructions and do not vote until we ask you to do so after we have finished explaining the format. This will be the same format for all the elections during this convention so please pay attention.

English version of the instructions. At this time, we will proceed to the balloting for the position of State Deputy. Balloting will be open for 2 minutes. During this time, you will either press 1 on your phone for **David Peters** or press 2 on your phone for **Harold Marcotte**. Wait until you hear that your

vote has been registered. Please note that if you feel you have selected the wrong number during the 2-minute voting period you may vote again, and the application will record your most recent vote.

Brothers, now that I have explained the format in both official languages, I now ask you to please vote now. Brothers, the 2 minutes are past, and the balloting has been completed and the tally confirmed. I now call upon the State Secretary for the results.

**MARCEL LEMMEN, State Secretary**

With the total of 359 ballots cast, the majority of votes went to **David Peters** who will be our State Deputy for a 1-year term commencing July 1, 2020.

**BRUCE POULIN, State Treasurer**

Voting having now been completed; I return the gavel.

**DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

Thank you, worthy State Treasurer. For the purpose of the election of State Secretary for the next fraternal year we have 1 nomination, **Brother Marcel Lemmen**. Since there were no other nominations, without objection the State Secretary will cast 1 ballot for **Marcel Lemmen** as State Secretary for 1-year term commencing July 1, 2020.

For the purpose of the election of State Treasurer for the next fraternal year, as noted in the guidelines distributed and posted on our State Council website the following nominations were submitted for the position of State Treasurer. **Bruce Poulin** and **Theodore Majkot**. At this time, we will proceed to the balloting for the position of State Treasurer. Balloting will be open for 2 minutes. Press 1 for **Bruce Poulin** or press 2 for **Theodore Majkot**. The balloting has been completed and the tally confirmed. I now call upon the State Secretary for the results.

**MARCEL LEMMEN, State Secretary**

With the total of 354 ballots cast, the majority of votes went to **Bruce Poulin** who will be our State Treasurer for a 1-year term commencing July 1, 2020.

**DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

For the purpose of the election of State Advocate for the next fraternal year as noted in the guidelines distributed and posted on our State Council website the following nominations were submitted for the position of State Advocate, **David Gelin** and **Jaime Libaque**. At this time, we will proceed to the balloting for the position of State Advocate. Balloting will be open for 2 minutes. Press 1 for **David Gelin** or press 2 for **Jaime Libaque**. The ballot has been completed and the tally confirmed. I now call upon the State Secretary for the results.

**MARCEL LEMMEN, State Secretary**

With the total of 357 ballots cast, the majority of votes went to **David Gelin** who will be our State Advocate for a 1-year term commencing July 1, 2020.

**DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

Thank you, worthy State Secretary. For the purpose of the election of State Warden for the next fraternal year as noted in the guidelines distributed and posted on our State Council website the

following nominations were submitted for the position of State Warden. **Joe Bodnar** and **Martin Marko**. At this time, we will proceed to the balloting for the position of State Warden. Balloting will be open for 2 minutes. The ballot has been completed and the tally confirmed. I now call upon our State Secretary for the results.

**MARCEL LEMMEN, State Secretary**

With the total of 355 ballots cast, the majority of votes went to **Joe Bodnar** who will be our State Warden for a 1-year term commencing July 1, 2020.

**DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

Thank you, worthy State Secretary. Now let us move into the election of delegates for the annual meeting of the Supreme Council. Your State Deputy and Immediate Past State Deputy are automatic delegates. In addition to these the Diocesan Associations and Zones elect the balance of delegates as allotted to Ontario based on a rotating schedule. To announce these elected delegates, I now call on **Brother Marcel Lemmen, State Secretary**.

**MARCEL LEMMEN, State Secretary**

Worthy State Deputy, without objection the following members are elected as the delegates to the Supreme Council meeting. From Ottawa, **Alain Gratton**, Toronto East **Wilfred Gomez**, Toronto West **Rocky Gualtieri**, Peterborough **Alphonse Ainsworth**, St. Catharines, **Jim Kretz**, London West **Donny Thivierge**, and Sault St. Marie **Robert Plourde**.

**DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

Thank you, worthy State Secretary. I ask that all delegates email the State Secretary to provide your full name, membership number, Council number, date of birth and your telephone number. The State Secretary's email address is [statesecretary@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:statesecretary@ontariokofc.ca). Thank you.

At this time, I call on **David Gelinas, State Advocate** to present us the report of the Resolutions committee. Before he starts let me state that the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee may act as an act in motion. If anyone wishes to speak on a resolution, please hit \*3 on your phone-and you will be placed in the queue. Once you are recognized as having the floor, please be ready to speak, please do not mute your phone. If no one requests to speak the dropping of the gavel will signal the approval of the committee's recommendation. Worthy State Advocate please proceed.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Thank you, worthy State Deputy. Your Excellency, Worthy Supreme Warden, Supreme Director, worthy delegates and Brothers all. The Resolution Committee conducted their meeting on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> on a virtual phone call. The committee is represented by District Deputy **Henry Miller** of Council 1388 of Toronto, Grand Knight and former District Deputy **Daniel Schmaltz** of Council 4916 from Cambridge, Grand Knight **David Baxter** Council 1130 from Fowler, Ontario, Past Grand Knight **Jessie Schuster**, Council 9645 from Windsor, former District Deputy **Paul Johnston** Council 8435 from Kent Bridge, Ontario and Grand Knight and former DD **Royal Besner** Council 5571 from Ottawa. I wish to thank all of these six members on the Resolutions Committee for their time and their service to this committee. So as our State Deputy has stated if there are no request to speak on

the resolution, the dropping of the gavel will indicate unanimous support and after a pause the approval of the resolution based on the recommendation of the committee. I will provide you for each resolution what the committee's recommendation is.

## **2020 State Convention Resolutions**

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### **Congratulatory Resolutions – 1 to 8**

**Presented by: Ontario State Board**

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#### **1. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Leader of our Church:**

BE IT RESOLVED: That Ontario Knights and their families pledge uncompromising support to our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and assure him of our eternal love and prayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: We thank our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for his humility, understanding and promotion of love and charity to those who are outcast, lonely and in need.

#### **2. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Pope Emeritus:**

BE IT RESOLVED: The Ontario Knights and their families pledge uncompromising support to our Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, and assure him of our eternal love and prayers.

#### **3. In recognition of the Spiritual Leadership and Dedication of our Supreme Chaplain:**

BE IT RESOLVED: That Ontario Knights and their families offer our prayers, support and deepest appreciation to our Supreme Chaplain, Most Reverend William E. Lori, for his years of service and his unconditional commitment to God, the Church and to the Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Ontario Knights look forward to many more years of his spiritual guidance and pastoral service.

#### **4. In recognition of Cardinal Collins' Inspiration, Governance, and Ardour for the Church:**

BE IT RESOLVED: The Ontario Knights and their families offer our support to His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, for whom we offer our prayers and deepest appreciation for his many years of service and unconditional commitment to God, the Church and to the Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: We thank, Cardinal Thomas Collins, and we look forward to many more years of his spiritual guidance and pastoral service.



**5. In Support of our Bishops, Priests and Clergy who Serve us in all Jurisdictions:**

BE IT RESOLVED: The Ontario Knights and their families offer our prayers and support to all Past State Chaplains, and to our current State Chaplain His Excellency, Most Reverend Bishop Marcel Damphousse, as well as all Priests and Council Chaplains for their spiritual leadership, devoted work and their dedication to the growth of the Church and Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: We thank all our Bishops, Priests and Clergy, and we look forward to more years of their spiritual guidance and pastoral service.

**6. With Humble and Respectful Gratitude to our Supreme Knight and Board of Directors:**

BE IT RESOLVED: The Ontario Knights and their families honour brother Knight Carl A. Anderson for his devoted, honourable and outstanding leadership as Supreme Knight; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: We thank our Supreme Knight, the Supreme officers, the Board of Directors and the staff of the Supreme Council for their excellent service and their exemplary leadership during the past fraternal year.

**7. Support for the Cause for Canonization of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney:**

BE IT RESOLVED: The Ontario Knights and their families pray for, and promote the cause for the canonization of the founder of our Order, Venerable Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney, and continue to seek his intercession.

**8. Support for Armed Forces, Veterans, and First Responders:**

BE IT RESOLVED: The Ontario Knights and their families honour the members of our Canadian Armed Forces, Veterans, and First Responders, for their heroic service dedicated to our communities and country, and we pray for their safe return to their family.

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

The resolutions number 1 through 7, the committee recommends to the delegates adoption and recommends them to be forwarded to Supreme Council. I am seeing no one in the queue regarding that request. The gavel is acceptance of resolutions 1 through 7.

**CARRIED**

Resolution #8. The committee makes the recommendation to amend the resolution as follows: The title would indicate support of the Armed Forces, Veterans, First Responders, and Health Care Workers, and Health Care Workers is what's been added. Therefore, it was also included in the be it resolved. The Ontario Knights and their families honour the members of the Armed Forces, Veterans, First Responders, and Health Care Workers for their heroic service dedicated to our communities, country and we pray for their safe return to their family. So, to screeners if there is any indication of resolution #8? Seeing none, the dropping of the gavel indicates on behalf of a unanimous support for resolution #8 and its adoption of resolution 8 and to forward it to Supreme Council.

**CARRIED**

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## **RESOLUTION 9 - Request to Host Supreme Convention in 2025**

**SUBMITTED BY: Ontario State Board**

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WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus jurisdiction of Ontario will be celebrating its 125-year anniversary in 2025; and

WHEREAS: The first Knights of Columbus in the jurisdiction of Ontario that was awarded a Charter was Pioneer Council #485 in the City of Ottawa on 28 January 1900; and

WHEREAS: The Ottawa Tourism office supports our endeavors to celebrate our anniversary in Ontario and more specifically in the City of Ottawa; and

WHEREAS: The State coordinator for the Supreme Convention held in Toronto in 2016 has agreed to help us again and mark our 125<sup>th</sup>-year anniversary in 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The State Board shall signify its interest and submit a bid package requesting to host the Supreme Convention in the jurisdiction of Ontario in 2025 to the Supreme Office; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT: The City of Ottawa will be the preferred city to host the Supreme Convention in 2025.

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Now Resolution #9. The committee recommends to delegates the adoption and recommends to forward to Supreme Council. I'm seeing nothing in the screen queue for resolution #9 so dropping of the gavel indicates acceptance and unanimous consent of resolution #9 and approval, adoption by the delegates and to forward to Supreme Council.

**CARRIED**

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## **RESOLUTION 10 - Opposition to the *Supporting Children, Youth and Families Act, 2017* Revisions to Child Protection Proceedings**

**SUBMITTED BY: San Damiano Council No. 15861**

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WHEREAS: The Supreme Court of Canada has held, in regard to section 7 of the Charter, that it should be "plain that the right to nurture a child, to care for its development, and to make decisions for it in fundamental matters... are part of the liberty interest of a parent"; and

WHEREAS: The Court further stated that “the common law has long recognized that parents are in the best position to take care of their children and make all the decisions necessary to ensure their well- being”; and

WHEREAS: The Court further held “the parental interest in bringing up, nurturing and caring for a child, including medical care and moral upbringing, is an individual interest of fundamental importance to our society.” (ref. *B. (R.) v. Children’s Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto*, [1995] 1 SCR 315); and

WHEREAS: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides that the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State (Article 16(3)), and that Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children (Article 26(3)); and

WHEREAS: The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Canada is a signatory, reiterates the above provisions in part, and further states: “The State Parties to the present Covenant undertake to have respect for the liberty of parents and, when applicable, legal guardians *to ensure the religious and moral education of their children in conformity with their own convictions*” (emphasis added), in Article 18(4), which was further confirmed as applicable in Canada by our Supreme Court (*Loyola High School v. Quebec (Attorney General)*, 2015 SCC 12); and

WHEREAS: The government of Ontario has passed the *Supporting Children, Youth and Families Act, 2017* (hereinafter “SCYF”); and

WHEREAS: SCYF provides that, in determining what is in the best interests of children, government agencies and courts must consider the “gender identity” and “gender expression” of the children, and includes provisions whereby the government is authorized to remove children from families which do not accept the gender ideology promoted by SCYF; and

WHEREAS: SCYF replaces the previously enunciated right of a parent to direct a child’s religious education, with the newly engaged power to direct the child’s upbringing in accordance with the child’s “creed,” which effectively serves to give the government grounds to intrude upon Catholic or other religious parents from raising their children in accordance with their faith; and

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization, which affirms both that God created us male and female and that everyone should be treated compassionately, according to their human dignity, as created in the image and likeness of God, and that parents as first educators should direct the religious instruction of their children; and

WHEREAS: In *Amoris Laetitia* Pope Francis decried the “ideology of gender” imposed through “educational programs and legislative enactments,” teaching that instead, the young “need to be helped to accept their own body as it was created”; and

WHEREAS: The Catechism of the Catholic Church (2211) teaches that the political community is obliged to protect parents’ rights to bring up their children in keeping with their moral and religious convictions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Ontario State affirms its opposition to the *Supporting Children, Youth and Families Act; 2017*, insofar as it empowers government agencies to make decisions about children's custody, health, and moral decisions in place of parental rights based on a gender ideology incompatible with Catholic teachings, and allows a child's "creed" to trump parental rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Catholic School Boards be informed of the opposition of the Ontario Knights of Columbus to any acceptance of gender ideology incompatible with the Church's teachings in their respective codes of conduct as they apply to employment rights, as part of denominational guarantees owed to public Catholic education under s. 93 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, s. 29 of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, the provisions of the *Education Act*, and s. 19 of the *Ontario Human Rights Code*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Knights of Columbus engage efforts to oppose the unjust and religiously discriminatory aspects of this legislation by public statements, or other means to be determined by the State Board.

#### **DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

So, with Resolution #10 the committee recommends to delegates adoption to the State Council and recommends action as a discretion of the State Deputy. I am seeing Grand Knight **Phil Horgan** regarding resolution #10 as well as 11 and 12 as their Council is the Council bringing forward that and I encourage Grand Knight Phil to speak on this resolution #10.

#### **PHIL HORGAN, GK Council 15861 Toronto**

I'm also with **Frank Guglielmin**, our Financial Secretary as delegates to this morning's convention. As many of you know, I've attended that last few State Conventions and put forward a number of resolutions on important matters for which we as Catholics have an obligation and/or duty to promote and serve. Many of you may know that I'm a leader with the Catholic Civil Rights League, an organization engaging in the fair hearing of Catholic positions on the public square, whether through advocacy, court engagements, and so on. Through that organization we have been involved with over 45 court interventions, 22 of them at the supreme court level in Canada in major issues of concerns to Catholics whether they be on education, conscience rights, pro-life and so on. Currently you should know that there are very interesting propositions being raised in this area on various conscience rights including dealing with COVID-19 and seeing we're part of a group promoting ethical research and application of COVID-19 vaccine both research and application. Perhaps you will be hearing about that more down the road. We're also involved in the constitutional challenge to the provincial bubble zone legislation which Fr. Tony Van Hee, a Jesuit priest in Ottawa has been arrested and now faces a criminal proceeding through the provincial legislation. We've brought forward resolutions to these conventions for the last 2 years on that issue alone and I think it is appropriate for me to take issue with the lack of engagement by the State Board in dealing with your unanimous support for opposition of the bubble zone. I've yet to see a statement, yet to see a contribution to the constitutional challenge. I'm hopeful that the State Board takes these resolutions seriously on a go forward basis because I think as I've heard from others when I make these propositions on previous occasions 10 or 15 of the delegates would approach me and say it was the highlight of the weekend to be engaged in these matters.. I'm hoping in the future taking action both on past resolutions and the current one. Focusing on the resolution #10. This relates to opposition of the supporting youth legislation passed by the previous provincial government in 2017. If you read the preamble to the resolution it sets out

references to the church teachings and in fact the obligation we have as Catholics. If you're not familiar with the legislation or with this particular provision reverse is the authority that the parents may have over children and so as a result your teen age child may seek for example assistance from the State to ignore obligations, and perhaps seek things like gender reassignment and other kinds of propositions which are contrary to the faith. At the federal level, although it is not part of this resolution because it only got introduced in the earlier part of this year, we now have Bill C8 which is a ban on conversion therapy. So I move on this occasion and with the support of my Council and many others that we adopt Resolution 10 and that hopefully it can lead to engagement by the State Council going forward.

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Thank you, Worthy Grand Knight. Are there any other delegates wishing to speak on Resolution 10? Seeing none in the queue, the gavel indicates unanimous support for Resolution #10 and adopted by State Council at the discretion of the State Deputy.

**CARRIED**

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## **RESOLUTION 11-Supporting Parental Rights on Sexual Education Curriculum in Schools**

**SUBMITTED BY: San Damiano Council No. 15861**

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WHEREAS: The government of Ontario is engaging in consultations regarding the content of the sexual education curriculum to be used in public and Catholic schools throughout the province; and

WHEREAS: The Catechism (2223-2228) teaches that parents have the primary duty to educate their children, that they have the right to choose an education in accord with their convictions, and that public authorities have a duty to protect this right; and

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization, which upholds the rights of Catholic parents; and

WHEREAS: The Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario in conjunction with Catholic educators and trustees released in 2012 the "Respecting Difference" resource, to promote equity and respect in Ontario Catholic schools; and

WHEREAS: In February 2015, the Archbishop of Ottawa, voicing the concern of many Catholics, stated that the new Ontario sexual education curriculum as then proposed threatened the "fundamental right of parents to educate their children in the moral dimension of sexual behaviour"; and

WHEREAS: In April 2016, the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario released guidelines for sexual education in Catholic schools, affirming the rights of parents and the importance of fidelity to Church teaching; and

WHEREAS: In their July 2018 response to the repeal of the previously imposed curriculum, the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario affirmed the role of parents as the primary educators of Catholic students, and prayed that elected officials would listen intently to all voices in developing a new curriculum; and

WHEREAS: The Ontario government produced a revised version of its expectations for sexual and health education in 2019, which included early introduction of aspects of certain concepts despite objections from many parents;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Ontario State supports the positions asserted by the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario as previously asserted in its various submissions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Ontario State, in particular, asserts the right of parents to have comprehensive access to the content of the curriculum, to receive notice when their children are enrolled in classes with sexual education components, to receive notice of the specific lesson plans involving sexual education components in a timely fashion, or on request, and to be able to withdraw their children from classes or school activities on such topics if called by their conscience to do so, withdraw their children from classes or school activities on such topics if called by their conscience to do so; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Knights of Columbus engage in the ongoing consultation to express their support for these positions, through means to be determined by the State Board.

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Now Resolution #11, Seeing no other calls in the queue for Resolution #11 the gavel indicates adoption to the State Council and recommends action at the discretion of the State Deputy.

**CARRIED**

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**RESOLUTION 12 Opposing the Expansion of Medical Aid in Dying and Enhancing the Availability of Palliative Care**

**SUBMITTED BY: San Damiano Council No. 15861**

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WHEREAS: The government of Canada is engaging in consultations regarding the proposed expansion of medical aid in dying (MAiD), as currently permitted under the *Criminal Code*, to include advanced directives, reduced wait times, or access to the procedure for psychiatric patients; and

WHEREAS: According to best estimates, the percentage of Canadians accessing MAiD is approaching 2 percent of all deaths in Canada, with over 5,000 reported in 2019 (Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, January 2020); and

WHEREAS: The Parliament of Canada approved legislation by unanimous all-party support in 2017 to develop a national framework for palliative care by Dec. 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS: The framework document developed by that report and released on December 4, 2018, endorsed the **World Health Organization** (WHO) definition which states that palliative care should “neither hasten or postpone death”; and

WHEREAS: According to polling, 75 percent of Canadians would prefer to die at home, 60 percent of Canadians actually die in hospitals, and only 15 percent of Canadians have access to palliative home care services; and

WHEREAS: Though 87 percent of Canadians could benefit from palliative care at end-of-life, only 35 percent are receiving it, according to a recent report by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (source: *Catholic Register*, December 13, 2018); and

WHEREAS: More palliative care represents an opportunity to reduce costs, on the basis that a residential hospice bed is roughly one-third the cost of a hospital bed; and

WHEREAS: The federal government previously pledged \$6 billion to go toward palliative care and home care expansion, without expending such funds to date, but has recently extended the timeframe to spend this commitment to 2027; and

WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Fraternal organization, which defends the right to life of all human beings from the moment of conception to natural death, based on both scientific grounds and the teachings of the Church, which believes that all human beings deserve equal respect, as formed in the image and likeness of God;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Ontario State oppose efforts to expand Medical Aid in Dying as proposed by the federal government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Ontario State promote a return to the commitment in favour of greater access to palliative care, from both the provincial and federal governments, by enhanced funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Knights of Columbus engage efforts to promote enhanced access to palliative care from our public health care system via public statements, or other means to be determined by the State Board.

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Now Resolution #12, the committee recommends delegates adoption to the State Council and recommends action at the discretion of the State Deputy. Worthy Grand Knight **Phil Horgan** I do have another screener up here and I'll leave you there just in case or to call back if we need a rebuttal on that. I do open the microphone to Brother **El Chaar Charbel**.

**Brother El Chaar Charbel, Council 6519**

Thank you. I was going to talk about Resolution #11. I do object to the Sex Education curriculum because we had a big opposition to curriculum sex education for children that reference without the

parent's consent, without parents right. We should not support the Ontario in such a regard. We are supposed to do this with the church teaching. In the catechism we have to get involved with what's the moral because as you know, Planned Parenthood, those for abortion organisations, they support sex education to promote the culture of their society. I do oppose this sex education curriculum that is happening.

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Brother **Charbel**, unfortunately I have seen here you in the queue for Resolution #12 for Life and Resolution #11 has been adopted but I do thank you for your comments. I am going bring up and acknowledge Brother **Alex Schadenberg** who wants to speak on Resolution #12.

**ALEX SCHADENBERG, Life Director, Council 6495, West Lorne**

I just wanted to comment on number 12 because the resolution written by the Council previous to the Bill that has come out now, Bill C-7 which is being debated on the expansion of euthanasia in Canada. I would simply urge each Council, individual members and citizens as citizens of Canada to be contacting their members of parliament on this issue because it is now before us in parliament as a debated issue and the government is talking about expanding euthanasia to include a codicil which would ad previously requested death by euthanasia. But now, let's say they had a stroke, or their dementia has progressed, I am very confident they could still be killed by euthanasia. They also are expanding it by eliminating the waiting period. Someone could basically get approved in the morning and die in the afternoon. No chance to change their mind! They're also saying that this will not include people with mental illness but that is to be added to the Bill. This is a smokescreen. So, what I'm saying this is a time that we need to react to. In reading the Resolution I'm assuming it will be supported unanimously but the fact is that this is our time to act because it is actually being debated in Parliament and timing of the debate is difficult because of the COVID-19 virus. Thank you. God Bless you.

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Thank you, Brother Alex. Are there any other speakers to speak on Resolution #12? Especially if there are any against. Seeing no other speakers requested in the queue the gavel indicates adoption of Resolution #12 to the State Council and recommends action at the discretion of the State Deputy.

**CARRIED**

Now I'm going to bring up Brother **Ted Majkot**. He is indicating there was no vote on Resolution #10. I'm assuming that would be the same request about 11 and 12 but as the State I just want to preamble this part. As the State Deputy indicated prior to giving me the gavel and as I began my part if there was no indication of speakers for a resolution, after a pause the dropping of the gavel indicates unanimous support and adoption of the resolution. I now open the mike to Brother **Ted Majkot**.

**TED MAJKOT, Council 9850, Bracebridge**

This is actually a point of order. Resolution 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 are all important resolutions. We should be having invoked on them, not just dropping a gavel saying this is what we're doing. In the past we have approved ...

**DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

He is out of order.



**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Thank you, Worthy State Deputy, just so you know that these instructions and these special circumstances have been approved by Supreme Council. Brothers, this is similar of how resolutions are conducted at the Supreme Convention and everybody was instructed twice upon the dropping of the gavel if there was no comments or request on a resolution.

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**RESOLUTION 13 Releasing All Programs in All Four Official Languages**

**SUBMITTED BY: Notre-Dame du Rosaire Council No. 9922**

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WHEREAS: The Knights of Columbus has four (4) official languages, English, French, Spanish and Polish.

WHEREAS: Several new Knights of Columbus programs are always introduced in English first, for example, the new Exemplification, the Faith and Action program ... and the Knights of Columbus does not introduce programs in French, Spanish and Polish at the same time.

WHEREAS: There is a lot of confusion in the regions or several English and French language Councils concerning ceremonies and programs. For example, a new member can do the new exemplification in English, but in French should do the three (3) separate ceremonies as before. Faith and Action program was introduced in French, months after it was introduced in English;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT: We encourage that the Knights of Columbus complete all programs and ceremonies in the four (4) official languages of the Knights of Columbus, English, French, Spanish and Polish before they are launched in all jurisdictions.

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Moving forward, Resolution #13, the Council has withdrawn the resolution. The Committee has accepted their withdrawal and therefore Resolution #13 is officially withdrawn.

**WITHDRAWN**

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**RESOLUTION 14 Amending the Standing Rules Governing the Election of State Board Officers**

**SUBMITTED BY: Our Lady of Fatima Council No. 3732**

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WHEREAS: The document “STANDING RULES GOVERNING ELECTION OF STATE BOARD OFFICERS FOR THE JURISDICTION OF ONTARIO, Published under the authority of the Ontario State Deputy as Appendix II of Article IV – Elections Section 24 of the By-Laws of the Ontario State Council Knights of Columbus – December 2018”; and

WHEREAS: The Preamble states, “In preparing this document, the team assigned to review the election process unanimously agreed that, in order to have an experienced line of succession, candidates should consider election to the position of State Warden and weigh in the option of up to eight years moving through the ranks of State Officers to eventually become State Deputy.”; and

WHEREAS: The State Deputy will be possibly offering solutions, advice and counselling to Grand Knights, so he should have experienced the position of Grand Knight; and

WHEREAS: The State Deputy approves and appoints District Deputies, so he should have experienced the position of District Deputy; and

WHEREAS: The process of electing of one office takes approximately 45 minutes; and

WHEREAS: That valuable time for elections can be better utilized for important business; and

WHEREAS: To ensure a proper line of succession and continuity of leadership for the Ontario State Knights of Columbus.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: A new SECTION XII be added to the Ontario State Election Rules to read:

“SECTION XII – CANDIDATES’ QUALIFICATIONS

- a. Any candidate for an Ontario State Officer position must have served a full term as Grand Knight;
- b. Any candidate for an Ontario State Officer position must have served a full term as District Deputy.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: This resolution will take effect, once adopted, for 2021 Ontario State Convention.

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Resolution #14, the committee recommends delegates rejection of this resolution and I will give you a little bit of information and then I will open up the mike to people that want to speak. So, I was reminded that Section 92A of the laws of the Knights of Columbus establishes the qualifications of members who speak to hold office and 92A states that only members who have been initiated in the first 3 degrees of the order shall be eligible for any office being at a subordinate Council level, State level or even the Supreme Council and there are two provisions to this which add further qualifications. Section 7 provides that a candidate must be an insured member to be qualified to be a Board of Director and section 12D indicates so that an insured member is for the office of State Deputy. These are the only two qualifications or prerequisites for holding office and the laws make no provision for State Councils to add any others so accordingly the Ontario State Council has the authority to establish its own qualifications or prerequisites for State Office beyond those set forth in Section 92A of the laws of the Knights of Columbus. So again, I remind you the Committee recommends rejection and I open up the mike to Brother **Martin Marko** to speak on Resolution #14

**MARTIN MARKO, Council 15999**

I'm just asking everybody to read the logical preamble there. This resolution is to refine our rules for Ontario elections adding section 12 to our thing. It wouldn't affect Supreme at all but we're just looking to have a higher standard of qualified leaders running and if you read the preamble it all makes logical sense, so this is just for Ontario, that's all. Thank you.

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Thank you, Brother **Martin**. I would like to bring up Brother **William Webber** to speak on Resolution #14.

**WILLIAM WEBBER, GK Council 7851, Huntsville**

I wasn't sure before we started that this was going to be recommended not to be adopted and I'd just like to support that position for a couple of reasons, not just because of the rules, but just from a common-sense point of view. If I'm going to be a Director of the Hospital Board, I don't have to be a doctor. If I'm going to be a Service Manager for the Canadian Tire garage, I don't have to be a mechanic, so you don't have to have been somebody in a position just to be able to do another job. It would be recommended that if you had the more experience people doing it, great, but it's not necessary and that's the difference. It shouldn't be absolutely necessary. Thank you.

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Thank you, Brother **William**. I see two other speakers and I bring to the mike, Brother **Charles William French**.

**CHARLES WILLIAM FRENCH, Council 1626**

Hello there, since the recommendation is to not support this, I think it answers my concern because I kind of agree the Ontario State position. I would actually agree that they should serve as a Grand Knight but anything beyond that would be very inappropriate because I do think it restricts the democratic process and may even stifle fresh ideas and ways of attracting younger leaders so, since I fully support the recommendation not to kind of support the motion and so I don't have to go any further. Thank you.

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Thank you, Brother William. I bring up to the mike to Brother Carl Pearson.

**CARL PEARSON, Council 1394**

Thank you, Worthy State Deputy, Brothers. I'd like to speak on Resolution 14. Our Council, we can see that experience is essential to become a member of the Ontario State Board but the process for deciding on the installing of District Deputy and District Warden needs to be addressed first, as it states in this resolution, they are appointments. I agree with the past speaker that the democratic process has to be heard for these positions before can proceed. Thank you.

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Thank you, Brother. Worthy State Deputy, I don't know how many that was for or against. So, I will bring up 1 more at this time. I will bring up Brother **Ted (Theodore) Majkot** to speak on Resolution 14.

**TED MAJKOT, Council 9850, Bracebridge**

I'm going to suggest people vote against this. I understand the thinking behind it but you don't necessarily have to have been a Grand Knight or a District Deputy in order to have ideas for State Board. We're going to be restricting our talent field by doing this and I don't think that's a good idea. We should be open to anyone, any ideas we should be willing to listen to all members. All members have a right to speak at meetings. They should also have a right to run at meetings at any level. So that's my position. Thank you.

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Thank you, Brother Theodore. Worthy State Deputy, I believe we've had equal number for and against the resolution so at this time you have the recommendation of the committee to reject so you are going to vote. If the person can bring up the poll. We are voting on the adoption of the resolution for number 1 and number 2 would be to reject the resolution.

**DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

Worthy State Advocate, we are ready.

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Thank you, Worthy State Deputy. Remind everybody, hit 1 on your key to vote to adopt and hit 2 on your key to reject the resolution. You are now open to vote. Brothers again just to remind you #1 is to adopt the resolution and #2 is to reject the resolution. If you wish to change your mind just hit the key and the program will automatically change it for you. Now we have another 20 seconds for that. Thank you, Brothers, the voting has stopped. We ask the State Secretary Marcel, would you give the results for that.

**MARCEL LEMMEN**

With a total of 318 votes cast, the resolution is rejected.

**REJECTED**

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**RESOLUTION 15 Amending the Constitution and Making Two Votes Per Council the Ongoing Rule**

**SUBMITTED BY: Holy Cross Council No. 10617**

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WHEREAS: The current rules require an annual resolution by the State Deputy to allow Councils that are represented by only one person to have two votes on any matter; and

WHEREAS: Restricting Councils with only one representative to have only one vote disadvantages less financially solvent Councils that cannot subsidize travel and other costs for their delegates; and

WHEREAS: Allowing Councils with only one delegate to cast two votes was the practice for many years and this should be the rule for all state jurisdictions without the need for an annual resolution by the State Deputy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Section 12(e) of the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus be repealed and replaced with the following: “Any Council in the State jurisdiction may be represented at the State Convention by the Grand Knight or, in his absence, any duly elected Past Grand Knight, or by the alternate of one of them, who shall be entitled to two votes (for a maximum of two votes per Council) on any matter coming before the annual meeting.”

**DAVID GELINAS, State Advocate**

Thank you, Worthy State Secretary **Marcel**. Worthy delegates, we get into Resolution #15. The Council has decided to withdraw the resolution. The Committee accepts their withdrawal so at this point I thank all the delegates for their responses and their comments. I thank the 6 members of the Committee. It was a pleasure working with all of you and I now turn the gavel back over to our Worthy State Deputy, **David Peters**.

**WITHDRAWN**

# **INSURANCE REPORT**

## **DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

Thank you, Worthy State Advocate. I would like to say thank you to you and your committee for the time spent in getting the resolutions to this convention on time. We are now pleased to have Brother Daniel Duvall, our General Agent. I'll call on him for his message.

## **DANIEL DUVAL, General Agent**

Worthy State Deputy, Brothers, All, thank you for giving me the time to address you briefly during this historic virtual convention. This is an unprecedented time for all of us and on behalf of all General Agents in Ontario please be assured first and foremost of our agency's thoughts and prayers for you and your families. An agent's primary role is to be there for his brothers so please do not hesitate to reach out to us if there is any way we can help you at this time. I want to assure you that our agencies and all Knight of Columbus business and charitable functions are operational. Agents have transitioned to meetings and conducting business with members via Skype. This transition has been a great convenience for members. We are finding that both members and agents are really enjoying this experience and we're excited to incorporate that in our standard practice once we've moved past this pandemic. The Supreme Council has shifted its business operations also and have been working remotely since mid – March. This is a time, I know, when many of you have more financial concerns than usual. Maybe you're concerned about volatility. Maybe you're thinking about adding insurance. Maybe you're looking for a new career. As always, the Knights of Columbus stand by design by Fr. McGivney himself to protect your financial future. Just this month at the height of the economic uncertainty brought on by COVID-19 Standard and Poor's, Global Rating published a report showing that the Knights of Columbus is tied for the most financially strong licensed insurer in all of North America. That's a reality made possible only by our strong Catholic guiding principles and by the tremendous support that we show each and every year. If we didn't have those things, we would never be able to weather storms like these where trusted partners are needed more than ever. So as we turn a page from this moment and to the next, I want to personally invite you to have a conversation with us and I want to personally thank you and especially the State Officers for their support and their collaboration this past year. As you all know, we are Fraternalist. Also, just as the successes of our Insurance business is a point of pride for all of us, we are so incredibly proud of all of the work that all of you do for our church and our communities. You are a deacon of God's joy and of God's charity to this province and we are honoured to work with you and for you and we are excited to tackle this next fraternal year together. Thank you for your time this morning and I hope to see you all soon. Worthy State Deputy.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

Thank you, Brother Dan. We will now proceed to new business. I would like to thank all the delegates for attending the convention today and also for all of your hard work and dedication over the past year. On behalf of my fellow State Board Officers I'm very grateful to each and every one of you. It is unfortunate that we could not meet face to face, like we do every year. It is the best time to meet old friends make new friends and learn from one another's experiences. Let us continue to pray for an end to this pandemic so our lives can go back to normal and we can resume among other things our meetings and get together. In regard to the District Deputies meeting in July we are not sure at this moment how to proceed and we will be looking at what is expected from the province itself in terms of the lockdown. We will keep everybody informed by mid May. Is there any other business to come before the Convention? Hearing none, I call on our State Chaplain **Bishop Marcel Damphousse** to lead us in prayer for the canonization of Fr. Michael McGivney. Your Excellency, **Bishop Marcel**.

### **BISHOP MARCEL DAMPHOUSSE**

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights let us pray for the canonization of Fr. Michael J. McGivney. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

God, our Father, protector of the poor, defender of the widow and orphan you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney to be an apostle of Christian family life.

To lead the young to the generous service of their neighbours through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your son Jesus Christ more closely fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up the body which is the church.

That the inspiration of your servant prompts us greater confidence in your love so that we may his work of caring for the needy and the outcast.

We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Fr. Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of Your holy will.

Through his intercession grant the favour I now present through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

### **DAVID PETERS, State Deputy**

Thank you, your Excellency. Since there is no other business, the meeting is now adjourned. I thank everyone for your patience and your time today and wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy weekend.

Vivat Jesus.

## **END OF 117<sup>TH</sup> ONTARIO STATE VIRTUAL CONVENTION**



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# 2021 State Convention Resolutions

## Congratulatory Resolutions 1-9:

**SUBMITTED BY: Ontario State Board**

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### **1. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Leader of our Church:**

Therefore, be it resolved: The Ontario Knights and their families pledge uncompromising support to our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and assure him of our eternal love and prayers;  
AND

Be it further resolved: We thank our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for his humility, understanding and promotion of love and charity to those who are outcast, lonely and in need.

### **2. With Humble and Sincere Devotion to the Pope Emeritus:**

Therefore, be it resolved: The Ontario Knights and their families pledge uncompromising support to our Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, and assure him of our eternal love and prayers.

### **3. In recognition of the Spiritual Leadership and Dedication of our Supreme Chaplain:**

Therefore, be it resolved: The Ontario Knights and their families offer our prayers, support and deepest appreciation to our Supreme Chaplain, Most Reverend William E. Lori, for his years of service and his unconditional commitment to God, the Church and to the Order;  
AND

Be it further resolved: The Ontario Knights look forward to many more years of his spiritual guidance and pastoral service.

### **4. In recognition of Cardinal Collins' Inspiration, Governance, and Ardour for the Church:**

Therefore, be it resolved: The Ontario Knights and their families offer our support to His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, for whom we offer our prayers and deepest appreciation for his many years of service and unconditional commitment to God, the Church and to the Order;  
AND

Be it further resolved: We thank, Cardinal Thomas Collins, and we look forward to many more years of his spiritual guidance and pastoral service.

**5. In Support of our Bishops, Priests and Clergy who Serve us in all Jurisdictions:**

Therefore, be it resolved: The Ontario Knights and their families offer our prayers and support to all Past State Chaplains, and to our current State Chaplain His Excellency, Most Reverend Bishop David Douglas Crosby, as well as all Priests and Council Chaplains for their spiritual leadership, devoted work and their dedication to the growth of the Church and Order;

AND

Be it further resolved: We thank all our Bishops, Priests and Clergy, and we look forward to more years of their spiritual guidance and pastoral service.

**6. With Humble and Respectful Gratitude to our Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson:**

Therefore, be it resolved: The Ontario Knights and their families honour Brother Knight Carl A. Anderson for his devoted, honourable and outstanding leadership for 20 years as Supreme Knight; and we offer our sincere thanks to his wife Dorian and their family for everything they have accomplished in selfless service of the Catholic Church and the Order.

**7. With Humble and Respectful Gratitude to our new Supreme Knight, Supreme Officers and Board of Directors:**

Therefore, be it resolved: The Ontario Knights and their families offer our prayers and support and honour Brother Knight Patrick E. Kelly for his devoted, honourable and outstanding leadership as Supreme Knight;

AND

Be it further resolved: That we thank our Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly, the Supreme officers, the Board of Directors and the staff of the Supreme Council for their excellent service and their exemplary leadership during the past fraternal year.

**8. In Support for the Cause for Canonization of Blessed Michael. J. McGivney:**

Therefore, be it resolved: The Ontario Knights and their families pray for and promote the cause for the canonization of the founder of our Order, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, and continue to seek his intercessions.

**9. Support for Armed Forces, Veterans, and First Responders:**

Therefore, be it resolved: The Ontario Knights and their families honour the members of our Canadian Armed Forces, Veterans, and First Responders, for their heroic service dedicated to our communities and country, and we pray for their safe return to their family.

Adopt and Refer to Supreme

Reject

Resolution #10:      Amendment to Section 26 of Ontario State By-laws Allowing Electronic Meetings

**SUBMITTED BY:                      Ontario State Board**

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WHEREAS meetings held by electronic means such as the Internet or telephone are more frequently being conducted;

AND

WHEREAS Robert’s Rules of Order RONR (11<sup>th</sup> ed.), p. 97, ll. 6-30 require that in order for business to be transacted at an electronic meeting, they must specifically be allowed in an organization’s By-laws;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Section 26 of the By-laws Ontario State Council, Knights of Columbus be amended to append:

“Meetings of the State Officers may be conducted through the use of Internet meeting services designated by the State Deputy that support visible displays identifying those participating, identifying those seeking recognition to speak, showing the text of pending motions, and showing the results of votes. Any business discussed during a telephone conference call must be confirmed at the next in-person or Internet meeting.”;

So that Section 26 reads as follows:

*Section 26: “Meetings of State Officers: There shall be a quarterly meeting of the State Officers in each year and subordinate Councils shall forward to the State Secretary any matters they desire to bring to the attention to the State Officers. Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the State Deputy. No error or omission in giving such notice for a meeting of the State Officers shall invalidate such meeting or invalidate or make void any proceedings taken or had at such meeting and any Officer may at any time waive notice of any such meeting and may ratify and approve of any or all proceedings taken or had thereat. Meetings of the State Officers may be conducted through the use of Internet meeting services designated by the State Deputy that support visible displays identifying those participating, identifying those seeking recognition to speak, showing the text of pending motions, and showing the results of votes. Any business discussed during a telephone conference call must be confirmed at the next in-person or Internet meeting.”*

Adopt and Refer to Supreme

Reject

Resolution #11:     Disposal of Personal Information

**SUBMITTED BY:**             **Ontario State Board**

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WHEREAS the Ontario State Office has collected personal contact information intended to be used for administrative purposes (e. g. membership) directly from the individual to whom it relates;

AND

WHEREAS members who have been permanently suspended or withdrawn from the Ontario KofC are listed indefinitely with the Ontario State Office;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario State Office shall dispose of this personal contact information for any member who has been permanently suspended or withdrawn from the Order after 5 years of their permanent suspension or withdrawal date.

- Adopt and Refer to State
- Reject

Resolution #12:     Support for National Anthem

**SUBMITTED BY:**           **Ontario State Board**

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WHEREAS: Section 125, Subsection 4, of the Charter Constitution and Laws, as amended in 2019, require the: “*Pledge of Allegiance to Flag or some other suitable patriotic display of loyalty*”;

AND

WHEREAS: The Canadian national anthem underwent a revision that was adopted by the Canadian federal government on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the subordinate Councils in the jurisdiction of Ontario adopt the practice of singing this revised version to comply with our Charter;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: that this recommendation be forwarded to the Canadian Association of Knights of Columbus at their next meeting in hopes that other Canadian jurisdictions will adopt likewise.

- Adopt and Refer to State
- Reject

Resolution #13:      Rescinding the *Order of Canada* – Peter Dalglish

**SUBMITTED BY:                      Ontario State Board**

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WHEREAS the Order of Canada was instituted in 1967 and more than 7,000 people from all sectors of society have been invested into the Order;

AND

WHEREAS Peter Dalglish (May 20, 1957), a lawyer and native of London, Ontario, is the founder of the Street Kids International Charity in Toronto, in 1987, Canada’s former representative for UN-Habitat in Afghanistan, and the UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response in Liberia, was named a Member of the Order of Canada on November 18, 2016;

AND

WHEREAS Dalglish moved to Nepal to help families who lost their homes during the devastating earthquake in Nepal in 2015 which killed some 9,000 people and damaged nearly a million houses;

AND

WHEREAS On April 8, 2018, Dalglish was arrested by Nepal Police from Kavre District (near Kathmandu) on allegations of child rape. On June 10, 2019 Dalglish was found guilty of raping two young boys ages 12 and 14, respectively. Dalglish is currently serving an 8-year sentence in a Nepalese prison;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Ontario State Council Convention delegates recommend to the Canadian Government to rescind the Order of Canada from Mr. Peter Dalglish and that a letter from Ontario State Council expressing our reasoning for this action be sent to the Advisory Council of the Order of Canada no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 (see Resolutions Appendix A).

- Adopt and Refer to State
- Reject

Resolution #14: State Board to Purchase Blanket Coverage of Liability Insurance for all Councils in Ontario

**SUBMITTED BY: Ontario State Board**

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WHEREAS: At the 108th annual general State convention meeting in 2011, the delegates in Ontario passed the resolution from Council #8242 to obtain liability insurance policy covering all the Councils of Ontario State;

AND

WHEREAS: The Ontario State Board presented a report on the previous year's resolution about liability insurance to the 2012 annual general State Convention on the details on how this liability coverage would be established;

AND

WHEREAS: Ontario State Board has provided liability insurance at group rates to Councils since January 1st, 2013 to protect their executive officers and patrons at their Council sponsored programs and events;

AND

WHEREAS: Ontario State Board recently had an expert (risk manager) review the current 2021 liability insurance policy and there was one main concern they brought to our attention and which they suggested needed to be addressed by the State Board; this is to close up the liability risks associated with the Councils that do not purchase liability insurance;

AND

WHEREAS: The Councils that "opt out" of purchasing liability insurance (State provided or other) for their Council and executive officers puts current and past State Board officers and ultimately all the Councils in Ontario at financial risk of litigation claims against a Council without liability insurance protection;

AND

WHEREAS: The best and only solution to solve this financial risk is for State Board to purchase a blanket coverage of liability insurance protection for every Council in Ontario and all its executive and director officers and bill the Councils their portion of the total expense of this insurance coverage policy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: With the full intent of the 2011 resolution from Council #8242 in mind; Ontario State Council will purchase a blanket liability insurance coverage policy every calendar year to cover every Council in Ontario State and all Council Directors and Officers and bill proportionally to each Council every January starting January 1st, 2022;

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT: The only exceptions to this blanket insurance policy would be Councils that provide acceptable proof of liability insurance coverage for their Council including Directors & Officers coverage to State Board by December 15th of each year.

Adopt and Refer to State

Reject



Resolution #15:      Oppose Bubble Zones Around Abortion Clinics

**SUBMITTED BY:                      San Damiano, Council No 15861**

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WHEREAS the “Safe Access to Abortion Services Act”, was enacted into law on February 1, 2018;

AND

WHEREAS the law imposes outright suppression of pro-life viewpoints, with the invention of the need for broad areas of “no go” zones, around abortion clinics, and potentially pharmacies and hospitals, the effect of which is an overreach on the law’s dubious objectives, and would impose unfair restrictions on peaceful counselling, or prayer efforts such as Forty Days for Life;

AND

WHEREAS our Bishops and numerous Christian and Catholic advocacy organizations have opposed the law as an engagement of censorship, or denial of speech based on its content, to prevent opposing viewpoints to be made available to women and their caregivers, and the general public on matters that are explicitly about life and death;

AND

WHEREAS at the 2018 and 2019 Ontario State conventions, the Knights of Columbus passed a resolution opposing this legislation as an affront to our constitutional protections of freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom of religion and conscience;

AND

WHEREAS several charges have been laid against Roman Catholic priest, Father Tony Van Hee S.J., arising from a peaceful protest within such a bubble zone in Ottawa, even in circumstances where a pro-life message was not used;

AND

WHEREAS Fr. Van Hee has brought a constitutional challenge to the validity of the Safe Access to Abortion Services Act, currently pending in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Ontario Knights of Columbus continue to express its opposition to this unjust law, as an affront to our constitutional protections for freedom of speech, assembly, conscience and religion;

AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Knights of Columbus engage efforts to oppose this unjust law by public statements, financial support of Fr. Van Hee’s court challenge, and other means to be determined by the State Board (see Resolutions Appendix B).

Adopt and Refer to State

Reject

Resolution #16:      Oppose Bill C-6 Proposed Ban on  
Conversion Therapy

**SUBMITTED BY:                      San Damiano, Council No 15861**

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WHEREAS Bill C-6 is currently before the Parliament of Canada, which seeks to criminalize “conversion therapy”, as it has been defined in the legislation;

AND

WHEREAS the Canadian Bishops and a host of Christian and Catholic groups have opposed the overreach of this proposed legislation, and the effort to criminalize pastoral or parental counselling on issues of sexual orientation, conduct, or expression, arising in the context of the well-being of children, as opposed to coercive third-party treatments;

AND

WHEREAS on Oct. 7, 2020, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops stated: “The Bill makes no provision for legitimate diversity concerning viewpoints on human sexuality arising from religious beliefs, from philosophical debate, or from scientific and medical study; nor does it make any provision for conscientious dissent related to such matters in forums of teaching or public presentations”;

AND

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus maintain a primary role for parents and for faith leaders in dealing with the well-being and human dignity of children;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Ontario Knights of Columbus express its opposition to this proposed unjust law, as an affront to our constitutional protections for parental freedoms and freedom of speech, conscience and religion;

AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Knights of Columbus engage efforts to oppose this unjust law by public statements, and other means to be determined by the State Board (see Resolutions Appendix C).

- Adopt and Refer to State
- Reject

Resolution #17: Reiterate Opposition to Government Funding for Third-World Abortions

**SUBMITTED BY: San Damiano, Council No 15861**

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WHEREAS in March 2017, the Government of Canada committed to spending \$650 million of taxpayer money over three years to promote “reproductive rights” in developing countries following on the cancellation of U.S. funding for such services by the Mexico City Policy;

AND

WHEREAS on November 13, 2018, Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development, announced that, as part of this commitment, Canada would give \$8 million to Marie Stopes International, an organization which is under investigation in Niger and Kenya for promoting illegal abortions, which are forbidden in those countries unless the mother’s health is at risk;

AND

WHEREAS in 2019, the Government of Canada announced an increase to the amount of \$1.1 billion annually on women’s health services worldwide, with \$400 million of that figure on sexual and reproductive health in developing countries. The Government of Canada has announced an increase to \$1.4 billion annually for women’s health in developing countries, with \$700 million of that figure annually on sexual and reproductive services starting in 2023;

AND

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization, which defends the right to life of all human beings from the moment of conception to natural death, based on both scientific grounds and the teachings of the Church, which believes that all human beings deserve equal respect, as formed in the image and likeness of God;

AND

WHEREAS in March 2017, our Bishops’ Conference sent a letter to the Prime Minister opposing the \$650 million commitment, and in November 2017, our Holy Father Pope Francis condemned the promotion of abortion as a form of ideological colonization, whereby Western nations impose new and perverse values on Third World countries;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Ontario State oppose the Canadian government’s international funding of abortion, in particular the government’s support for organizations which seek to impose pro-abortion ideology on Third World countries, and which perform abortions in countries where they are illegal;

AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Knights of Columbus engage efforts to oppose these unjust actions by public statements, or other means to be determined by the State Board (see Resolutions Appendix D).

Adopt and Refer to State

Reject

Resolution #18: Enhance the Availability and to Increase Funding of Palliative Care

**SUBMITTED BY: San Damiano, Council No 15861**

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WHEREAS the Parliament of Canada approved legislation by unanimous all-party support in 2017 to develop a national framework for palliative care by Dec. 11, 2018;

AND

WHEREAS the framework document developed by that report and released on December 4, 2018, endorsed the World Health Organization (WHO) definition which states that palliative care should “neither hasten or postpone death”;

AND

WHEREAS according to polling, 75 per cent of Canadians would prefer to die at home, 60 per cent of Canadians actually die in hospitals, with only 20 per cent of Canadians having access to palliative home care services, with a total of 30 to 35 per cent of Canadians having access to any form of palliative care, including hospice care;

AND

WHEREAS 87 per cent of Canadians could benefit from palliative care at end-of-life, only 20 per cent are receiving it, according to a recent report by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (source: Catholic Register, December 18, 2018)

AND

WHEREAS more than 19,000 Canadians have instead accessed medical aid in seeking death, since its legalization in 2016 (Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, 2020), in circumstances where palliative care may have been unavailable;

AND

WHEREAS the current federal government pledged \$6 billion to go toward palliative care and home care expansion, without expending such funds to date, and extended the timeframe to spend this commitment from 2017 to 2027;

AND

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Fraternal organization, which defends the right to life of all human beings from the moment of conception to natural death, based on both scientific grounds and the teachings of the Church, which believes that all human beings deserve equal respect, as formed in the image and likeness of God;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Ontario State demand the full commitment by the Governments of Canada and Ontario in favour of 1) greater access and 2) immediate enhanced funding, to palliative care;

AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Knights of Columbus engage efforts to promote enhanced access and greater funding to palliative care from our public health care via public statements, or other means to be determined by the State Board (see Resolutions Appendix E).

Adopt and Refer to State

Reject

Resolution #19:      Expansion of Qualifying Evidence for Disability Exemptions under Section 118(e) of the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Order

**SUBMITTED BY:                      St. Mark Parish, Council No 10874**

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WHEREAS supporting our Brother Knights is the foremost priority of every Knights of Columbus Council;

AND

WHEREAS the growth of the Order relies on the retention of current members;

AND

WHEREAS Section 118(e) of the Charter, Constitution and Laws (CCL) of the Order indicates that members who are disabled and cannot engage in employment for no less than six months can be relieved from the payment of all Council dues and Supreme and State per capita;

AND

WHEREAS Section 118(e) specifies that “evidence satisfactory to the Supreme Council of such disability” is required to process a disability waiver, which currently includes a certification from Health and Human Services, a national revenue agency, Veterans Affairs, or from an attending physician;

AND

WHEREAS many members who receive disability benefits receive them via direct deposit, making it very difficult to obtain proof of benefits without a digital account from the relevant agency, placing a significant burden on members who are unable to access these resources;

AND

WHEREAS a note from a physician is not covered by provincial and most private health insurance plans, placing a substantial financial barrier to members who require this exemption to maintain their good standing status in the Order;

AND

WHEREAS COVID-19 has halted almost all non-essential in-person medical appointments, making it problematic for older disabled members to obtain medical documentation from their physician;

AND

WHEREAS an expansion in the accepted documentation for disability exemptions would demonstrate the first principle of our Order, Charity, to our members who are disabled and in desperate need of our support;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Supreme Council expand the evidence accepted to obtain a disability exemption under Section 118(e) in the CCL to include a letter from a Brother Knight’s spouse, child(ren), essential caregiver, or power of attorney which outlines the injury/disease and confirms the need for dues and per capita to be waived.

Adopt and Refer to Supreme

Reject



# District 42



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Cérémoniaire de District : André Rich*

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Secrétaire Financier Richard Blouin  
Aumônier Gimsly Valbrun

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Grand Chevalier Alcide Kacou  
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Aumônier Jean-François Morin

*Conseil 6740 St-Gabriel*

Grand Chevalier Jacques Mayer  
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## **118th Ontario State Convention**

On behalf of all members of the councils of District 109, we  
Wish to congratulate Ontario State as we celebrate the  
118th Ontario State Convention and extend to all our  
Brother Knights attending virtually, our gratitude for your  
Commitment and participation in the promotion and  
Strengthening of our Humble Order.

### **DISTRICT 109**

Council 5860: Sts.Peter and Paul

Council 9553: St. Margaret Mary

Council 12453: St. Catherine of Siena

Council 15922: Sacred Heart

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By-laws of the Ontario State Council,  
Knights of Columbus

*By-laws of the  
Ontario State Council,  
Knights of Columbus*



**Section 8: Committees, Appointment of:** Unless otherwise determined by the State Council, the appointment of all committees shall rest with the State Deputy or Presiding Officer, and he shall be ex-officio a member of all committees. In the interval between the annual meetings of the State Council, where circumstances demand it, the State Deputy is empowered to appoint one or more special committees which shall report to the next annual meeting of the State Council. These reports shall be made in writing and published in the State Convention Booklet of the succeeding year for approval of the State Council. No expense shall be incurred by any committee without the express authority of the State Council or of the State Officers.

**Section 9: Membership ... In What Section ... Who Present:** All meetings of the State Council shall be conducted in the Third Section and shall be open to all Third Degree members in good standing, provided; however, that none but members of the State Council shall have the right to participate in its proceedings, except that Past State Deputies, (other than the last living Past State Deputy), and District Deputies, shall be permitted the privileges of membership in the State Council, but without the right to vote therein. The State Warden shall admit none but Third Degree members in good standing, except in the case of newly formed Councils or if a motion is presented and approved at the commencement of the Annual General meeting allowing First and Second Degree members to be present without the right to participate in the proceedings of the State Council.

**Section 10: Resolutions, Etc.:** All resolutions, petitions, and all proposed amendments to the By-Laws shall be forwarded to the State Advocate on or before the 1st of February. The State Advocate shall forward copies of all such resolutions, petitions, or proposed amendments to the District Deputies, to the State Officers, and to the Subordinate Councils for their consideration and the State Advocate shall refer such resolutions, petitions or proposed amendments to the Committee on Resolutions when appointed.

**Section 11: Committee on Resolutions:** The Committee on Resolutions shall be appointed by the State Deputy and the State Advocate shall be the chairman of the Committee. The Committee on Resolutions shall meet on a day preceding the Annual General Meeting of the State Council and shall prepare a report on all matters referred to it and shall present such report to the State Council meeting together with such suggestions as may assist in implementing the report.

**Section 12: Resolution, Etc. Rules of Presentation and Rules of Order:** Resolutions, petitions and amendments to By-Laws shall be presented, discussed and voted upon in accordance with the Rules of Presentation and Rules of Order in effect at the time of the Annual General meeting or as so amended by a simple majority of the delegates at the Annual General meeting to which these changes are presented.

**Section 13: Limitations of Speaking:** When a member is about to speak he shall rise go to the nearest microphone, be recognized, address the Chair and give his name and the number of his Council; , the member shall then confine his remarks to the subject under discussion. No member shall speak longer than five minutes without permission of the Chair, nor more than once upon any question until all others who desire to speak have spoken.

**Section 14: Roll Call, When Ordered:** The roll shall not be taken for the yeas and nays unless requested by one-third of the members present entitled to vote.

**Section 15: New Business:** any motion that comes from the floor under the Heading of New Business becomes a Notice of Motion and will come before the floor at the next Ontario State Council General Meeting as a Resolution provided the proposer of the new business submits this matter in the proper manner as described above for the submission resolutions, petitions or amendments to By-Laws.

**Section 16: Where No Standing Rule:** In the absence of a standing rule, Robert's Rules of Order as amended shall govern as to rules of procedure.

### **ARTICLE III – FINANCES**

**Section 17: State Per Capita Assessment:** For the purpose of defraying the expenses and obligations of the State Council, there shall be levied against and collected from all the Subordinate Councils in Ontario annually, a per capita assessment based on the number of members of the respective Councils as of the January 1st Membership and Insurance Progress Reports membership records from Supreme and as modified by Section 17 subsections B. and C. below.

**Section 18: Assessments, When Payable:** The sum, as ascertained in accordance with this Section shall be due and payable by each subordinate Council thirty days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting of the State Council. Subordinate Councils which have not paid this assessment or any other assessment or charge from State or Supreme forfeit the Councils' voting privileges.

- A. The per capita assessment may be increased annually by an amount equal to the C.O.L.A. increase for the previous year effecting January 1<sup>st</sup>, of the New Year.
- B. Councils shall be credited for each Honorary Life Member and Disabled Member listed on the above noted report equal to the amount of the per capita assessment approved for that year.
- C. Councils shall be credited for each inactive insurance member listed on the above noted report in an amount equal to the difference between the total of the Supreme annual assessment and the Ontario State Council per capita assessment less the credit indicated by Supreme for said members.

**Section 19: To Whom Paid:** All monies owed to the State Council shall be promptly satisfied by cheque, draft, or money order made payable to "Ontario State Council, Knights of Columbus", and all such payments shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer at the address of the Ontario State Office, or as he may direct.

**Section 20: Deposit of Funds:** All monies or securities of the State Council shall be promptly deposited by the State Treasurer or as he may direct in a Chartered Bank to the credit of: “Ontario State Council, Knights of Columbus”.

**Section 21: Signing of Cheques:** All cheques drawn against the account of the Ontario State Council, Knights of Columbus, shall be signed by the State Treasurer and countersigned by the State Deputy.

**Section 22: State Treasurer’s Record:** The State Treasurer or his designate shall keep a proper record of the receipt and disbursement of all State Council funds as well as of monies owed to the State Council and all monies owed by the State Council.

**Section 23: State Treasurer’s Bond:** The State Treasurer shall be insured or bonded for the faithful performance of his duties for such amount and in such a manner as shall be determined by the State Officers. The expense of the said bond shall be borne by the State Council and the evidence thereof shall be given to the State Deputy.

#### **ARTICLE IV – ELECTIONS**

**Section 24: State Officers** the Ontario State elected Officers shall be elected in accordance with The Standing Rules Governing Election of State Board Officers for the jurisdiction of Ontario (Appendix II attached).”

**Section 25: Delegates and Alternates to the Annual Supreme Council Meeting:** Delegates and Alternates to the Annual Supreme Council Meeting shall be chosen as described in the document Purpose, Structure and Rules for Diocesan Associations and Selection of Delegates to the Supreme Convention originally published November 2005 and Revision # 7 dated January 2012 or as shall be amended from time to time by the Ontario State Board.(Appendix III attached)

#### **ARTICLE V - MISCELLANEOUS**

**Section 26: Meetings of State Officers:** There shall be a quarterly meeting of the State Officers in each year and subordinate Councils shall forward to the State Secretary any matters they desire to bring to the attention to the State Officers. Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the State Deputy. No error or omission in giving such notice for a meeting of the State Officers shall invalidate such meeting or invalidate or make void any proceedings taken or had at such meeting and any Officer may at any time waive notice of any such meeting and may ratify and approve of any or all proceedings taken or had thereat.

**Section 27: Ontario State Bulletin:** If the State Officers consider it advisable an official publication of the State Council, known as the Ontario State Bulletin, may be published. The purpose of the publication shall be to keep the members interested in and informed of the work of the Order in Ontario.

**Section 28: Expenses - State Officers:** All proper and necessary expenses incurred by the State Deputy in the discharge of his official duties, except those chargeable to the Supreme Council, shall be borne by the State Council. For stenographic and clerical assistance, the State Deputy shall be allowed such sum as the State Officers may determine. All other State Officers shall be allowed their proper and necessary expenses as approved by the State Deputy.

**Section 29: Allowance for Attendance:** State Officers, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, State Chairmen and Delegates in attendance at the State Council Meeting shall be granted from the funds of the State Council, an allowance as prescribed by the State Board.

**Section 30: Audit:** The State Treasurer shall have the books audited as of the 30th day of **June** of each year and he shall have the duly appointed State Auditor present a draft copy of that audit to the State Board Officers no later than October 30 next following for review and approval from presenting to the State Council.

**Section 31: Reports of State Officers:** The State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Chaplain, State Advocate, State Warden and Chairmen of standing of special committees shall prepare an Annual Report and forward the same to the State Secretary or his designate not later than the 15th of March for publication in the State Convention Booklet.

**Section 32: Forwarding Resolutions, etc.:** The State Secretary shall promptly forward a copy of all resolutions, petitions or proposed amendments to the By-Laws which have been adopted by the State Council to the Supreme Council for consideration. Within one month after the meeting of the Supreme Council the State Deputy shall report in writing to the State Secretary, the action taken by the Supreme Council thereon and the State Advocate shall furnish such information to the Subordinate Councils.

**Section 33: Reports Re: Subordinate Council Officers:** The Financial Secretary of each Subordinate Council shall after the election of Officers and appointment of Service Program Personnel, prepare a list of the names and addresses of the Subordinate Council Officers and Service Program Personnel so elected or appointed, upon forms which the Supreme Secretary shall provide (at present Form 185 and 365). He shall forward these forms to the Supreme Office with a copy to the State Office, no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of June.

**Section 34: Reports Re: Subordinate Council Activities:** The Grand Knight and Lecturer of each Subordinate Council shall prepare a joint report of the Council's activities for the twelve previous months and shall forward the same to the State Program Chairman not later than the 1st day of April.(at present Form SP-7 and Form STSP)

**Section 35: Printing of Proceedings:** The State Secretary shall have prepared and printed a report of the proceedings of the State Council meeting. One copy of such report shall be provided at the succeeding Annual General meeting to each State Officer, District Deputy, and Subordinate Council Delegate(s).

**Section 36: Quorum:** A majority of the registered members of the State Council at the State Convention hall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Less than a majority may adjourn from day to day or may adjourn sine die after the completion of the regular order of business.

**Section 37: By-Laws - How Amended:** These By-Laws or any part thereof may be amended or repealed at any annual meeting of the State Council by a majority vote and the said amendment or repeal shall be effective upon the approval thereof by Supreme Board of Directors.

Council 2844

Pastor Rev John Seejo  
GK Uric Renaud  
FS Chuck ROY  
79 years of Service to  
the community of  
McGregor

Council 3305

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GK Peter Youngson  
FS Dennis Kiteley  
71 years of Service to the  
community of Essex

Council 4555

GK Luc Michaud  
FS Wayne Chauvin  
63 years of Service to the  
community of Woodslee

**Congratulations on serving  
province of Ontario for 118 years  
from District 88**

District Deputy Dennis Kiteley and District Warden William Chauvin

Council 5642

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GK Ron Monforton  
FS Ken Antaya  
57 years of Service to the  
community of River  
Canard

Council 9226

GK Gordon Edwards  
FS Ken Gignac  
35 years of Service to the  
community of Maidstone

Council 9500

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FS Al Masse  
34 years of Service to the community  
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Standing Rules Governing Election  
of State Board Officers for the  
Jurisdiction of Ontario



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
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**STANDING RULES GOVERNING**  
**ELECTION OF STATE BOARD OFFICERS**  
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**PREAMBLE**

**In preparing this document, the team assigned to review the election process unanimously agreed that, in order to have an experienced line of succession, candidates should consider election to the position of State Warden and weigh in the option of up to eight years moving through the ranks of State Officers to eventually become State Deputy.**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

- a. The intent of this document is to provide a guide to the policies and procedures regarding the election of State Board Officers in the jurisdiction of Ontario.

**II. WHEN ELECTIONS CONVENED**

- a. State Council shall be convened annually between the first day of April to and including the first day of June in each year by the State Deputy for the election of officers, and for the transaction of such business and the enactment of such rules and regulations as may be consistent with the charter and laws of the Supreme Council. (SEC. 13 Charter Constitution & Laws)
- b. Until advised to the contrary, the annual meeting of the Ontario State Council will be held on the weekend in May commonly known as the Victoria Day Weekend.

**III. CAMPAIGNING**

- a. All expenses are the responsibility of the candidate
- b. Everyone is expected to exercise good judgment in all activities involving the election of State Officers in keeping with the spirit and intent of fraternity within the laws and regulations of the Order.
- c. Candidates have a maximum limit of \$2,000 (applicable taxes) for their electoral expenses. These expenses include in kind gifts, printed materials, t-shirts, buttons, etc. A report of their expenses must be filed no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> to the State Office. Candidates and elected officers not reporting their expenses by the deadline will forfeit any office won in the election, is ineligible to be elected and may not be appointed to any office until after the next election.
- d. Campaigning can be done anywhere in the jurisdiction of Ontario.
- e. Candidates may speak at the Diocesan Association / Zone meetings.
- f. Candidates **SHALL NOT** REQUEST ENDORSEMENT FROM State Board Officers or Chairmen, **NOR** may they use their name(s) in election related correspondence.
- g. Where a State Chairman is a candidate, he will be allowed to present his portfolios to the annual Convention at the pre-established times.
- h. It is the responsibility of each candidate to ensure that anyone advocating his candidacy also complies with these guidelines. As honorable men, Catholic gentlemen and brother Knights of Columbus, it is our belief that the consciences of all involved will assure a fair and fraternal process that will further strengthen the Ontario State Council.

#### IV. CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING

- a. One mail out of campaign material will be sent by the State Office. Candidates and their supporters wishing to send out a flyer/resume, must send it to the State Office no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The format will be as prescribed by the Board; no variations are allowed. No material can be sent after the deadline. If desired, a candidate may provide information translated at their own expense.
- b. This mail out will also be posted on the State website after April 2.
- c. Candidates are permitted to send to Councils or members any flyers, resumes, or mass electronic communications announcing or supporting their candidacy.
- d. All advertising will be done in a positive manner.
- e. No banners or advertisement will be posted in the meeting / breakout rooms.
- f. Distribution of advertisements is forbidden during religious ceremonies.
- g. Documents may be distributed at the entrance of the meeting / breakout rooms only with prior permission of the State Deputy.
- h. A table will be provided to each candidate at the Convention on which he may place a display.
- i. In accordance with hotel regulations, banners and posters are NOT to be hung on doors or walls in conference rooms or hotel rooms or suites.

#### V. HOSPITALITY SUITES

- a. Candidates are not permitted to host a hospitality suite. Councils are not permitted to host a hospitality suite in support of a candidate for State Office.
- b. Candidates can visit hospitality suites of other Councils, but they are not allowed to use this as a venue to campaign. No buttons, flyers, t-shirts advertising the candidate are permitted to be distributed in Council hospitality suites. While in the Hospitality Suites candidates may not give speeches.
- c. The State Board will assign an area and time, where candidates may set up their tables to campaign. Delegates may visit this area to meet the candidate.

#### VI. ELECTION PROCESS

- a. The election of State Board Officers will be conducted by the Immediate Past State Deputy under the authority of the State Deputy in accordance with the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Order and the By Laws of Ontario State Council.
- b. Candidates wishing to run for the State Board may file their nomination papers with the State Office no earlier than January 1<sup>st</sup>. Only then, a candidate can start his campaigning.
- c. One mail out to Councils will be done ALSO by the State Board.
- d. In order to have materials sent in that mailing, nomination forms and campaign materials must be received at the State Office by April 1<sup>st</sup>
- e. Once nomination is received, the candidates name and photo will be placed on the State Website. (Candidate to provide photo)
- f. Upon the start of elections at the Convention, the nominator will announce his name, position and council affiliation and will have a maximum of 2 minutes in which to propose his candidate.
- g. The seconder of the nomination will only be permitted enough time to announce his name, position council affiliation and acknowledge his seconding of the candidate.
- h. Once all of the nominators have finished their remarks in relation to their Candidates, candidates will be given a maximum of 5 minutes to address the meeting. Candidates will be asked to speak in random order by a draw of names. If candidate needs to make a speech for a second office, he will be allotted 2 minutes for the second speech.

- i. Candidates must be nominated in writing on the proper form prior to closing of nominations for all positions for which he has an interest.
- j. Voting will be conducted at the business session following nominations or as designated by the State Deputy. No proxy votes.
- k. Voting will take place by secret ballot. Delegates will write the name of the candidate on their ballot. The names of the candidates will be listed in the voting booth in alphabetical order.
- l. No campaigning will be permitted in the waiting line when delegates are in line to vote, and business area.
- m. Each candidate can appoint a scrutineer to observe the counting of the ballots. Scrutineers will observe the process but are not permitted to participate in the counting of the ballots. Once inside the room where the ballots are counted they will not be permitted to leave until the results of the ballot have been announced to the Convention.
- n. Prior to the voting at least three tellers shall be appointed to count the ballots and report the results to the Immediate Past State Deputy. These tellers shall be Past State Deputies as appointed by the State Deputy. If there is less, then 3 PSD present the IPSD will appoint a replacement.
- o. Calls for office. Three calls for nominations will take place as follows: 1st call at District Deputies meeting in December, 2nd call February 1st and the 3rd call March 15th at noon.
- p. Nominations will be closed at 12 noon on April 1st.

#### **VII. WHO MAY VOTE**

- a. Only accredited delegates in possession of a valid voting card may vote.
- b. Councils represented by two delegates at the Convention are entitled to two votes.
- c. Councils sending one delegate are entitled to two votes cast by their single delegate provided he is in possession of the two voting cards for his Council. *(This will be determined prior to the Convention by a vote by the majority of the Councils in the jurisdiction)*
- d. District Deputies and PSD may not possess a voting card, and do not have the right to vote. District Deputies and PSD can move and discuss motions, but voting remains the responsibility of delegates.
- e. Delegates of Councils which are in arrears for current or prior annual state per capita fees will not be accredited.

#### **VIII. SEQUENCE OF ELECTION**

- a. The voting will be carried out first for the position of State Deputy, followed by State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate and State Warden.

#### **IX. WHAT CONSTITUTES ELECTION**

- a. At the close of nominations for any position, should there be only one nominee, that person will be declared elected by acclamation.
- b. At the close of nominations for any position, should there be more than one nominee; election to that position will be accomplished by a candidate gaining a simple majority of 50% plus 1 vote of the eligible ballots cast.
- c. If no candidate achieves a simple majority of 50% plus 1 vote of the eligible ballots cast on any ballot, then, in addition to the candidate who received the least number of votes being dropped, all those candidates who receive 10% or less of the votes cast, will be dropped from the subsequent ballot.

## **X. DEATH OR RESIGNATIONS**

**a. When a State Board Officer resigns from office or passes away during his term, except for the State Deputy, the State Board will appoint a Past State Deputy to complete the remainder of his term of office. The Past State Deputy so appointed shall not be eligible to seek election for the position at the next Convention.**

## **XI. VIOLATIONS.**

**a. If a candidate violates any of these rules, a formal complaint must be filed in writing to the Immediate Past State Deputy for investigation.**

**b. A violation review team consisting of the three most recent PSDs will review and investigate the complaint, including its validity.**

**c. If found guilty of violating these rules, the candidate's name will be removed from the ballot for the entire election. (all positions.)**



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