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Worthy Grand Knights,

July 1st is the launch of our third quarter Q3 full-out province-wide State 50/50 online raffle and is now open for every council to participate in and receive a share of the profits proportionally to the funds that are raised through their council's assigned URL link. Welcome to all the new councils that joined this State lottery raffle.

I wish to thank brother Jamie Libaque for his leadership qualities to launch this new State 50/50 online raffle through the first six months with the first and second pilots. I would like to remind everyone that brother Jamie also helped the State Board with the previous Charities lottery that on the onset of the pandemic was extended by six months which had certain challenges for everyone too. A job well done by brother Jamie. Of course, brother Denis LaSalle, Liane Dumas, Anna Kocmarek and Ani Kaluzny at the office played a vital role in our success too. Thank you.

State Deputy Marcel Lemmen has appointed me as the State 50/50 online raffle director during his tenure. I will provide monthly updates to the progress of the earnings of the 50/50 raffle using graphs and charts in my reports. Look for this toward the last week of each month in the State newsletter. I also plan to routinely share best practice tips and suggestions from other successful councils that participated in the first two pilots. These ideas should help councils market their own council's URL link to get it out far and wide so that together we can succeed and earn charity funds.

Councils that have not joined this State 50/50 online raffle yet, you will have another opportunity for the fourth quarter Q4 raffle starting October 1st. In the meanwhile, every member in Ontario has an opportunity to participate in this new State 50/50 online raffle and I encourage you to extend an invitation to your family, friends and co-workers to visit our State website and support the Ontario Charities Foundation at this link: <https://www.kofcontario5050.com/>
Our 50/50 online raffle provider, Ascend Fundraising Solutions, accepts Visa, Mastercard and American Express.

Fraternally,

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