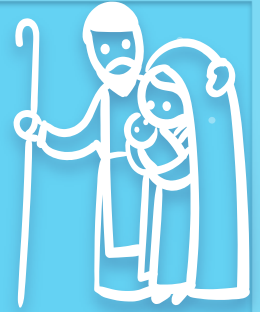


Midyear District Deputies' meeting



STATE COMMUNITY DIRECTOR



Mario Duguay



The Role of a State Community Director

- ◆ Provides direction, coaching and support to his FIA state team, district deputies and council community directors
- ◆ Promotes use of Supreme website, resources and trainings
- ◆ Ensures that councils appoint adequate leadership for program roles
- ◆ Provides necessary accountability for program guidelines, established initiatives, goals and deadlines, including form submission
- ◆ Forms and fosters partnerships with external community organizations to ensure successful program development and expansion.



Community Featured Programs

COATS FOR KIDS

Councils are required to distribute a total of 4 cases made up of any of the following coats types/styles. Report activity using the online Program Report Form (#10784). Type of Coat Coats in One Case:

- ❖ Girls Children Coats – Sizes 4-6x fits Toddler to Grade 2
- ❖ Boys Children Coats – Sizes 4-fits Toddler to Grade 2
- ❖ Girls Youth Coats – Sizes 7-16 fits Grades 2 to Grade 7
- ❖ Boys Youth Coats – Sizes 8-18 fits Grades 2 to Grade 7
- ❖ Girls TEEN Coats – Sizes S-XL
- ❖ Boys TEEN Coats – Sizes S-XL



Community Featured Programs

COATS FOR KIDS

- ◆ 8292 new kids winter coats were distributed across Ontario in 2020
- ◆ Our goal for 2021: 10,000 coats
- ◆ Cost: \$335/box (includes taxes and S & H charges)
- ◆ Coats are available for delivery now. Not too late and the need is real
- ◆ Purchases or cash donations can be made online
- ◆ Credit card payments are accepted
- ◆ Individuals who purchase a box or make a cash donation (min. \$20) will be issued a charitable tax receipt.



Community Featured Programs

GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

Councils are required to donate the equivalent of 10 wheelchairs at \$195 per chair to the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, by raising funds through council, parish or community activities. Report activity using the online Program Report Form (#10784).

- ◆ We would like to increase participation in this program by asking all Councils who can, to purchase two wheelchairs this fraternal year. The Knights in Canada partner with the Canadian Wheelchair foundation to buy our wheelchairs.



Community Featured Programs

GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

The program is a life changing project that provides freedom and mobility to people in need in your Parish, Community or in an international country. This is accomplished by:

- ◆ Raising awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities.
- ◆ Delivering mobility into the lives of children, teens and adults in the world who have no means to acquire a wheelchair.
- ◆ Transforming lives through mobility, and with it giving to all those deprived of it by war, disease, accident, natural disaster and advanced age, their independence, dignity, hope and opportunity.



Community Featured Programs

GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

- ◆ Best time to buy your wheelchair is now. It is not too early if you want to help the people in need. We are hoping to send wheelchairs to Haiti. The people of Haiti have suffered tremendously and we would like to do our part to help the victims of the devastating earthquake.
- ◆ The donation webform is available on our website with all of the forms or you can go to <https://cdnwheelchair.ca/donation-form.html>
- ◆ For all questions, please send an email to: marioduguay.kofc@gmail.com or communitydirector@ontariokofc.ca.



Community Featured Programs

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

- ◆ Councils are required to donate a minimum of \$1,000 or 200 service hours to a Habitat for Humanity project in their community. Report activity using the online Program Report Form (#10784).
- ◆ Opportunities to volunteer individually or as a group at locations province wide and internationally,
- ◆ Volunteering for Habit for Humanity is a great way to promote fraternalism and District and Council spirit.



Community Featured Programs

LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND

- ◆ Councils are required to do an activity in all five service activity categories. Participating in the Food for Families program may be counted towards both categories (Family and Community), and should be reported for both. To ensure your council's refund, please also submit the Food for Families Refund and Plaque Application (#10057). To obtain one credit for Leave No Neighbor Behind, completion of one additional service activity is required, in addition to service activity 4. Feed the Hungry.



Community Featured Programs

LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND

- ◆ Five main service activity:
 - ◆ **Support your Brother Knights:** No council should leave a Brother Knight behind, fulfilling the vision of charity and unity upon which Father McGivney founded our Order.
 - ◆ **Support your Parish:** Councils must reinforce their pastor and show that Knights stand ready to support him and the parish community.
 - ◆ **Support your community:** Whatever the need, councils are encouraged to assess and creatively support their broader community.
 - ◆ **Feed the hungry:** Knights can donate to, and assist with, distribution at local food pantries and food banks so no one in their community goes to bed hungry at night.
 - ◆ **Participate in blood drives:** As the Red Cross issues emergency calls for donations, Knights can once again lead the charge to give the gift of life.



Community Other Programs

Free Throw Basketball Championship

- ◆ Unfortunately, due to the on-going cases of Covid 19 and the current difficulties in acquiring school permits from various school boards across the province; we decided to postpone the Basketball Free Throw for another fraternal year. We realize the difficulties that organizers at all three levels of competition would face trying to bring everything together to run a free throw competition with so many uncertainties, new polices and shorten timelines.
- ◆ During this down time please look into the new policies regarding the **Safe Environment Program for Youth Programs**. If you have questions, please ask our State Advocate or you can contact Anthony Viresi as well at viresi_kofc@yahoo.com.



Community Other Programs

Free Throw Basketball Championship

- ◆ We would like to thank all of the Brother Knights for all the work they had put into the Free Throw Program so far this year. We would like to thank the ones who volunteered to be Regional Free Throw Chairmen this year and tried to get things started in their areas:
 - ◆ Brothers Eardley Adams (R3), Anthony Villeneuve (R7), David Sharp & Steve Summers (R9), Michael Boric (R12), Renald Bombardier (R13), André Nolet (R14) and Kevin Heffernan (R15).



Community other Programs

Soccer Challenge

- ◆ We would like to thank the Districts and Councils who participated this year.
- ◆ If you want to participate next fraternal year and prefer to do the competition in spring as you know an information package is available at:
 - ◆ <http://kofc.org/un/en/members/programs/Community-activities/soccer-challenge.html#/>
- ◆ Order Kits (SC-KIT and SC-KIT-F),
- ◆ Promote Council and District soccer competitions.



Community other Programs

Hockey Challenge

- ◆ Councils are encouraged to conduct this Ontario State Program. Event can be held inside or outside.
- ◆ DDs should encourage Councils to potentially coordinate this activity in multiple locations across one minor hockey centre.
- ◆ An information package is available

Deadlines:

- ◆ Council: Anytime but not later than end March 2022,
- ◆ District: Anytime but not later than 10 Apr 2022,
- ◆ Region: Not later than 28 April 2022,
- ◆ State: 30 April 2022.



Community other Programs GRAMS

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Details:

- ◆ To obtain maximum participation the contest **MUST** be Council driven
- ◆ Council representatives shall contact local schools to make them aware of the contest and invite their students' participation
- ◆ Contest is open to students in grades eight (8) through twelve (12)
- ◆ Schools are asked to submit **ONE** winner for **EACH** grade level
- ◆ Councils will submit the **BEST** entry for each grade to the **DISTRICT DEPUTY**



Community other Programs

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Details:

- ◆ District Deputy (or team) will submit the district's winner to Ontario State
- ◆ State Team will appraise and select FIRST and SECOND place in each grade
- ◆ State Team will award prizes in each grade: first place \$200.00, second place \$100.00 and submit winner to Supreme for the international competition.

Please be aware that, in addition to GKs and DDs, School Boards were notified directly two years ago therefore the staff should already be aware of the CCEC and the parameters.



Community other Programs

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Topic:

- ◆ Essays must reflect the assigned theme available on the KofC website in Faith In Action section-Community programs: 2021-2022 Essay Topic. This year's topic is: "Describe everyday obstacles that you may have experienced or witnessed others experiencing while living a life of authentic faith. Explain how you have overcome these obstacles and how, by doing so, it has helped your faith to continue to grow."



Community other Programs GRAMS

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Timelines:

- ◆ The Essay Contest Council participation form (#4216) must be submitted to “Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services by DEC 31.
- ◆ September/October: Students write essays and submit school winners to councils.
- ◆ October/November: Judges review essays for councils
- ◆ December: Essays submitted to District Deputy for District Judging where necessary and submitted to State for Jurisdiction judging and submission to Supreme for international entry. Due date for submission to State is December 18, 2021.

Thanks from PSD Nat Gallo to everyone who took part this year.



Community Programs contacts

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ONTARIO STATE CHAIRMEN

- ◆ Free Throw Championship Chairman: **Anthony Viresi** (416) 241-1522
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- ◆ Coats for Kids Chairman: **Neil Bouvier** (905) 684-6464 neil.bouvier@kofc.org
- ◆ Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Chairman: **Nat Gallo** (905) 648-0038
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Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!



*Mario my wife Lorraine and from all
the Community pillar Chairmen*

