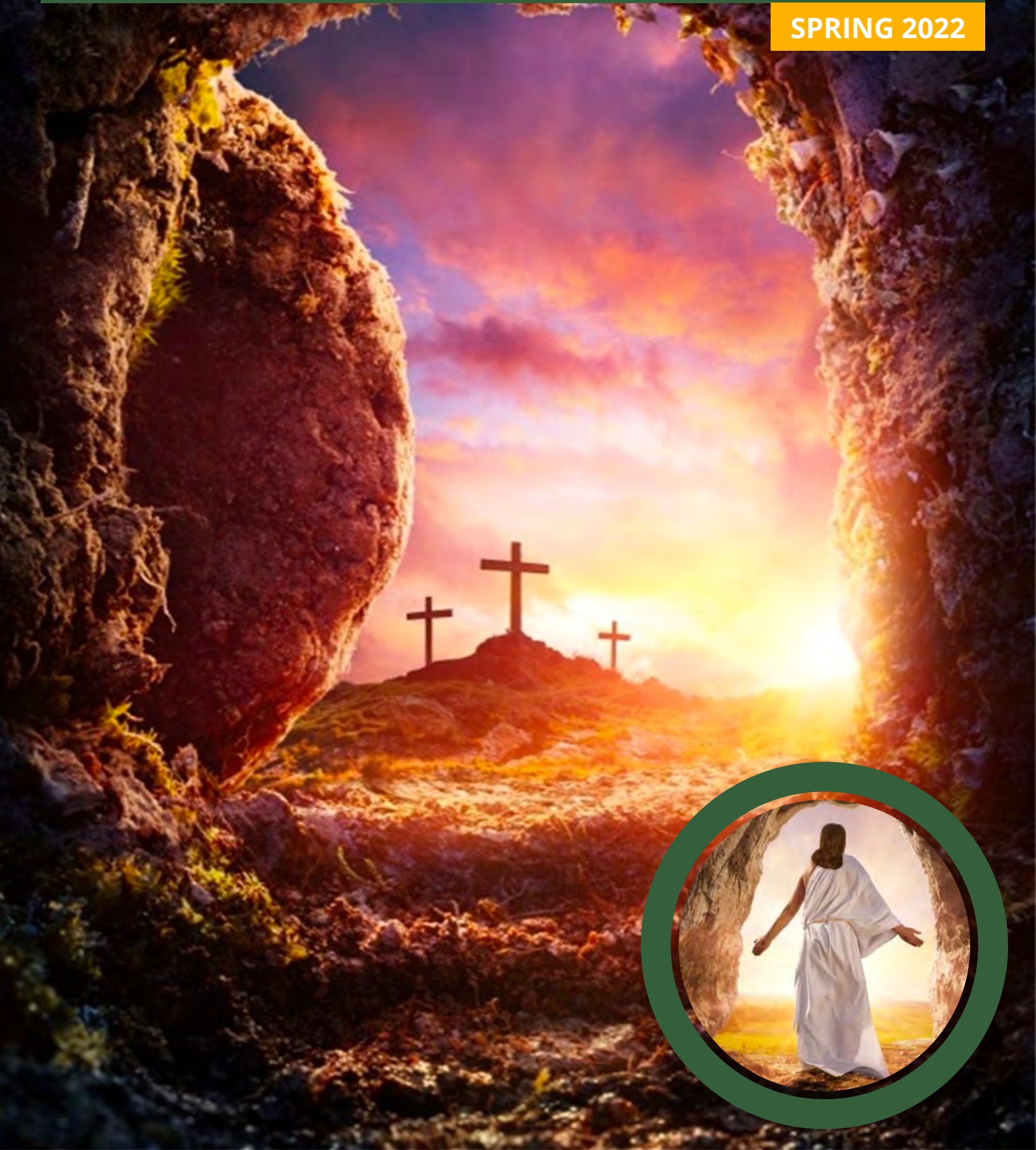


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EDITOR'S MESSAGE: OUR CONVENTION NEEDS YOU!

By: State Secretary, Bruce Poulin

It's been more than two years since we have been able to host an in-person annual State convention. Instead of networking and exchanging ideas we met through virtual meetings, making sure our mics worked and, in some cases, our cameras were off.

Unlike the stiff hotel banquet room chairs, we got used to the living room sofa and a front row seat. Getting up to go to the washroom or grabbing a cup of coffee no longer drew the attention of half the room. In many ways, virtual conventions are more comfortable and convenient.

But as an organization based on fraternity and unity, a resumption of in-person meetings should and must resume.

Virtual meetings make it far too easy to become passive observers instead of active delegates. Simply being present does not do justice to our Order and our legacy. It does not provide the State Board with a fulsome view of the unspoken word from our delegates through their body language of head nods, shrugs, and smiles. This further prevents your State Board from responding to issues and/or concerns that would be clear in person and yet not necessarily articulated through a computer microphone.

An important part of the annual State convention also allows us to participate and be encouraged by our fellow brothers in a shared cause and friendly banter. Through informal conversations around the lunch table and breakout rooms, we learn about each other's families, their triumphs, and tribulations, and become more empathetic towards each other. Simple innocuous statements in the hallways become animated discussions in the meetings all resulting in a more cohesive and successful Knights of Columbus State.

The lack of participation required in a virtual meeting feed into another obstacle: the development of a consumerist approach to meetings. In other words, some members may determine how they wish to invest their free time on that weekend. Some may skip the pre-recorded messages to get through the convention faster, and others may skip through parts of the meeting that don't capture their attention.

Both the passive observer and consumerist mentality are deeply problematic to our Order. We risk forgetting that the Knights of Columbus Convention is not a performance to be watched or a product to be consumed, but an activity to fully participate in meeting our pillars of the Order.

When participation is encouraged, conventions become training grounds for developing our future leaders. It is here that we see energetic individuals with a vision that is supported rise above the crowd. Here, we witness firsthand the development of our future State Deputies. Here, we are given opportunities to mold and stand united behind these gentlemen as we make Ontario State a force to be reckoned with on a national and international level.

We know that the isolation and strain of the pandemic has drained our reserves of patience, consideration, and tolerance. Like an unused muscle, these skills can deteriorate. We may experience some soreness and discomfort as we had back to the business of being a Knights of Columbus and put those muscles back to work again. In the end, however, that feeling of working out the kinks will never have felt better.

And there is nothing more rewarding than shaking the hand of a brother knight, looking him in the eye, and welcoming him back to the business of the Knights of Columbus. So please give serious consideration to registering for this year's annual State convention.

Vivat Jesus!





Easter Message

By: State Deputy, Marcel Lemmen

As the world lurches from one crisis to another we, as Catholics, fix our eyes on the cross and the promise of resurrection and new life. This Easter we celebrate being able to assemble in our churches with family, friends and fellow parishioners, free of the restrictions of the past two Easters.

In the light of Easter joy, let us be optimistic and focus on the opportunities we see to present the light of Christ to the world. Through our variety of programs, as Knights of Columbus, we are uniquely able to respond to particular needs as we discover them.



Let us pray for peace. Let us pray for health. Let us pray for freedom. As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, let us work on the resurrection of our Councils and our members, so that we may continue our good works, informed by faith.

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“ On behalf of my family,
I wish you and your family a
Blessed and Happy Easter. ”

Vivat Jesus!





EASTER MESSAGE, 2022

By: State Chaplain, His Excellency Bishop David Douglas Crosby



Worthy State Deputy, State Board, Brother Knights,

As we approach the end of the Holy Season of Lent, we move in to the high holy days of the Church's liturgical calendar – Holy Week, with the celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. These are, in fact, one long celebration with “breaks” in between. If you are able, it is good to participate in all three events at the same parish!

At the Easter Vigil, we welcome The Elect, the men and women who have been preparing to be welcomed into the fullness of life with the faith community through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It is the completion of a long journey of preparation with their sponsors in their respective parishes. We pray for them – may they experience the “new life” of the Church as we celebrate the Resurrection.

At the Easter Vigil, we also renew our own Baptismal Promises, after which we are sprinkled (soaked) with the Easter water that is specially blessed for the occasion.

That Holy Water is the remedy to the ashes that were sprinkled on our heads, or marked on our foreheads, on Ash Wednesday. The ashes reminded us that we are going to die. The Holy Water reminds us that, through Baptism, we are going to live – the fullness of life and love as co-heirs with Christ to the Kingdom of God.

Dear brother Knights, as we celebrate the joy of the Easter season, the promise of eternal life, the experience of God's love for us, let us offer only good things to the brothers and sisters in faith who worship with us. Let us reach out to share the truth and beauty of the faith to those who long to believe!

Sincerely in the Risen Christ and Mary Immaculate



Vivat Jesus!

Lottery Program

By: State Treasurer, David Gelinas

Brother Knights,

As you read in the previous two State bulletins, our State online 50/50 raffle is doing well. This is a brief summary of the 4 quarter raffles during 2021.

Gross ticket sales were \$280,790 with the 4 grand prize winners receiving a total of \$140,395. There were 8 early bird winners receiving a total of \$9,500. After all expenses and fees were paid the participating councils received a total of \$47,229 and the Ontario Charity Foundation received \$46,618.



The four grand prize winners in 2021 include:

George Livingston from Orillia \$24,145

Charlotte Carney from Tottenham \$44,975

Nancy McMillan from Dryden \$37,255

John Dolan from Stayner/Wasaga Beach \$34,020

Any person that resides in Ontario can purchase a ticket as long as they are 18 years of age and have a credit card to complete the online purchase.

Click this link to the State website to purchase tickets:

<https://ontariokofcraffle.5050central.com/Home/SelectTickets>

Make sure you click your council's link, so that the council receives the credit for the sale. Select the council you wish to support from the organization drop down list, which is listed alphabetical by city then by council number.

Below charts showing how clients purchase our online 50/50 raffle tickets during this Winter raffle.



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Our feature charity is homeless shelters this quarter. The final draw is March 31st. Our Spring online 50/50 raffle will begin on Monday April 4th.

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ONTARIO STATE CHAPLAINS BURSARY

By: State Treasurer, David Gelinas

Under the Community Faith in Action Pillar, Ontario State Council offers 5 bursaries every year valued at \$1,000 each. It is offered to students entering first year studies in a full-time program at an Ontario University or College. The deadline for applications is June 1st.



If you know a student entering post-secondary school next September, please mention this bursary to them. Every student who is about to graduate from High School this Spring is currently looking for bursaries or scholarships. Help us find that student.



Applications can be downloaded here:

<https://ontariokofc.ca/programs/faith-in-action/community/bursary/>

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Membership *Statistics*

Ontario Snapshot as of March 18, 2022		GOAL
Membership Intake this Fraternal Year	915	1,831
New Councils	2	9
Total Membership	54,771	

Like gasoline is the lifeblood of a car, new members are the lifeblood of a Council.

Invite your friends and family to join!

Vivat Jesus!

New Council Development

By: IPSD, David Peters

Brother Knights,

We are fast approaching the last quarter of this fraternal year. While the Covid-19 restrictions are being lifted, now is the time to make the most of this period to achieve our new council development goals. As of today, we have successfully opened two new councils of our nine council's quotas. Now is the time to reach out to the Pastor of a parish where a potential new council can be created, and arrange for an initial / introductory meeting.

I also encourage all Councils and Districts to conduct as many ceremonials as possible, which will result in getting our members to be active and participate in our many Faith in Action programs.

Our Founder's Day is March 29th. May Blessed McGivney's blessings be with us as we continue to build his vision in growing our Order and keeping it strong.



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“ Our Founder's Day is Tuesday March 29th. May Blessed McGivney's blessings be with us as we continue to build his vision in growing our Order and keeping it strong. ”



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FAITH PILLAR

Monthly Rosary Devotion

By: Ontario State Faith Director, Joseph Remedios, FDD, PGK, PFN

“ Say the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. ”

Our Lady of Fátima, 1917

Although Our Lady requested this more than 100 years ago during the first apparition in Fátima, Portugal- it couldn't be more relevant today.

St. Francis de Sales told us, “The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary.” Under the Faith Pillar, we have been conducting a Monthly Rosary Devotion on every second Saturday of each month. This has been an ongoing program conducted via Zoom since the very start of the pandemic. The Holy Rosary is comprised of prayers which we've been reciting all our lives, and we have the ability of reciting them from memory. Recitation of the Holy Rosary is easy – and in fact, we can recite it anywhere: during our commute to work, on our lunch break, while walking or exercising.

A Rosary is not a piece of jewellery or some other item of fashion, nor is it a decoration for our cars. The Rosary is the most powerful weapon in the artillery of every believer, a true gift which has been given to each of us. Simply carrying a Rosary in your pocket is minimally beneficial – to unlock its true power and grace, hold it in your hands while reciting the prayers and meditating upon the mysteries. It is more important now than ever before, to firmly grasp your Rosary, and to recite the prayers fervently.

In the Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity – during the Discourse on the Rosary, we are told:

“Her Holy Rosary in our hands going where we go.

The Salutation “Hail Mary” on our lips.

What challenge can we not face?

What victories can we not achieve?”

Every month, our Rosary Devotion program is hosted by a different Council and the families of those members. If you would like to participate as a host Council – I invite you to reach out to me directly.

Queen of Peace, pray for us!

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FAMILY PILLAR

Family Prayer Night

By: Ontario State Family Director, Bryan Noble PGN FDD,

As we slowly and cautiously leave the pandemic behind us, we will soon have opportunities to gather with our council brothers and their families. A great way to restart a council is to come together for a Family Prayer Night with council members, their families, and the whole parish community for an evening of prayer, dinner, and fellowship. As a Faith in Action Family program, it is particularly intended as an opportunity for 'children to be exposed to regular people living their faith in a casual setting'.

Please note that any gathering of council families, that opens and closes with a prayer, is a Family Prayer Night. Your Prayer Night activities may include a potluck supper, board games and cards, karaoke and dancing, ladies' appreciation or awards night. Essentially, any event that brings council families together in a social atmosphere is a Family Prayer Night. Invite family, friends and potential members to show them the fun side of being a member of the Order. Extensive Family Prayer Night resources are available on the Supreme website.



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A Family Prayer Night is a great way to bring council families back together, get reacquainted, and start a council on the road to re-establishing itself as a vibrant, strong, and important part of the parish community.



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COMMUNITY PILLAR

Knights on Bikes - Canada / Ontario State

By: Canadian National Vice President, Dennis Mailloux – FDD

The **Knights on Bikes** came to life in Texas, United States back in April 2005, with the production of this crest.

Since then, **KonB** has continued to develop not only in Canada but also in the United States, Mexico, the Philippines and in South Korea.

Where there are Knights of Columbus councils there can be **Knights on Bikes**.

In 2006, **Knights on Bikes** came to Canada by Patrick MALLOY from Ottawa, who has passed in April 2012.

With about five or so members to begin, the **KonB** – Canada has expanded to just over two hundred members not only in Ontario but also in Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the Canadian military as well.

At no time will we consider ourselves to be a “Motorcycle Gang Club”, or association. But we are all Knights of Columbus - first and foremost that ride motorcycles, an enjoy riding, and doing good works, in camaraderie with our brother Knights.

The membership is organized by Diocese, therefore many of our members are officers in their Councils, and Assemblies. The **Knights on Bikes** are mobile and visible to the public at large and enjoy being able to assist the councils in various local charities and events which in turn, support the local Knights of Columbus councils in their charitable works. **Knights on Bikes** will also assist councils to promote Knights of Columbus ceremonies, church functions, or other events.

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COMMUNITY PILLAR

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The **KonB** in Ontario have an are supporters and assist: Martyrs Shrine in Midland {reopening of the Observation Tower}, Rosary Sunday, Children Cancer "ROCK Ride", SILVER ROSE Escort, Spiritual Retreats



Rosary Sunday



Children Cancer Rock Ride,
Since 2016 raised \$58,000.00



2018 Team Cup Winner



2019 Team Cup



State SILVER ROSE



Men's Spiritual Challenge

More information available at: www.canadianknightsonbikes.ca | KonB International Knights On Bikes International | knightsonbikes-international.org | Biker Gang or Missionaries? | Knights on Bikes | Into the Light - YouTube

Dennis Mailloux – FDD, Canadian National Vice President: dennisfm@hotmail.com | 289.929.2066

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March for Life in Washington, DC

By: State Deputy, Marcel Lemmen

The 2022 March for Life took place in Washington DC on Friday, January 21st and the theme for the March was “Equality Begins in the Womb”. The theme emphasized the humanity of the unborn child and that the child in the womb also deserves equality.

I was proud to lead a small delegation from Ontario who participated the March and other events surrounding it. With me were my wife, Charlene, and Immediate Past State Deputy, David Peters. On the Thursday before the March we attended the Pro-Life Leaders Mass at the Franciscan Monastery. The Mass was celebrated by Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore. Afterwards we toured the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and witnessed large crowds of young people assembling for the main Mass that evening. As in previous years, over 75% of the participants in the March were enthusiastic youth. This bodes well for the future of the pro-life movement.

On Thursday evening we attended a Vans 4 Life fundraising dinner at the Trump Hotel featuring Tim Tebow as the keynote speaker. Vans 4 Life is an organization that provides free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds to expectant parents using vans equipped with portable ultrasound machines. The vans park in the vicinity of abortion clinics and offer free testing to women who are considering abortion. Women that see an ultrasound of their unborn baby are unlikely to choose abortion and the vans have saved thousands of lives.

The March on Friday started on the National Mall near the Washington Monument with a concert followed by pro-life speakers. Video screens broadcast messages of support from pro-life leaders, politicians and celebrities and also promoted pro-life organizations. Over 50,000 marchers then made their way up Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court. We often feel marginalized as advocates for pro-life, but being part of a crowd of that size was an overwhelming experience and reinforces the strength of the pro-life cause. I am looking forward to our own March for Life in Ottawa on May 12th and hope you will join me there.

Vivat Jesus!



DOES IT MAKE SENSE TO INSURE CHILDREN?

By: Assistant General Agent, Mullin Agency, Daniel J. Gimpel FIC, EPC, CPCA

Most parents cannot imagine that their children need life insurance or that they could possibly outlive their children. Early in my career I was challenged by my General Agent and fellow Agents as to why I placed so many youth policies compared to other Agents.

I believe strongly in insuring a member's children and I own them on my son as well. When I put these plans in place for my son Philip, I did not do so believing my son would die prematurely but rather that he would live long and benefit from it later in his life. In fact, although my son was perfectly healthy, he also was learning to become a pilot, and as such was rated accordingly. I bought it anyways to ensure his future rights to buy (regardless of his future health) and protect his own family's future, for his own retirement planning and estate preservation.



My son grew up seeing and believing in our Knights of Columbus policies and now at age 31 he has over \$1,000,000 of permanent protection most of which he has increased on his own.

Conversely... a young family I helped many years ago who had 3 young children, bought sizeable policies for each of his children because of my personal story. Unfortunately, unexpectedly their youngest passed within the year. A tragedy yes, but in their minds purchasing the policy turned into a blessing. These grieving parents decided to honour her memory and invest the funds from the claim, to fund the future education for her two surviving brothers.

Do I believe in youth policies? Yes, I absolutely do!

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

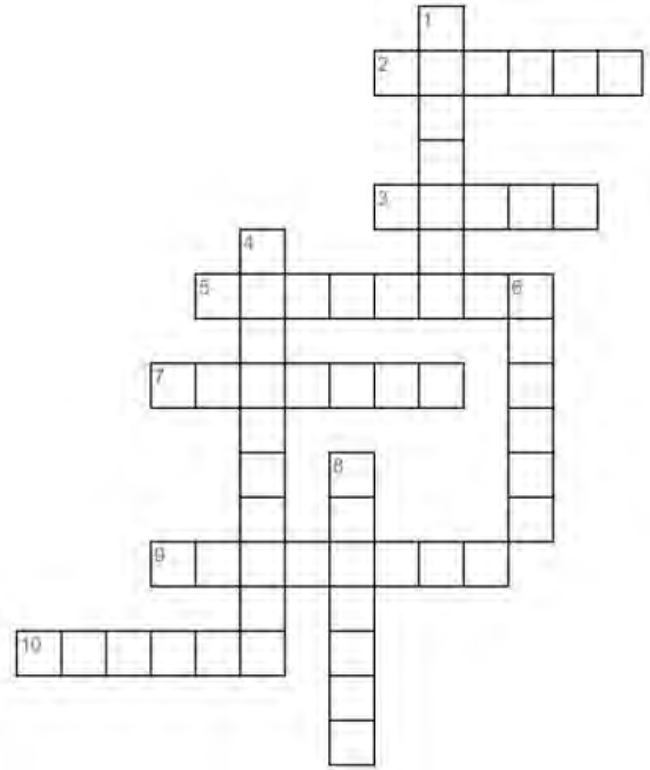
[Click here to play the crossword puzzle online](#)

ACROSS

2. Family name of the first French speaking Canadian to be elected to the State Board in 1904?
3. Known as the "Miracle Man of Montréal." He was made a Saint in 2010. What was his first name?
5. What transportation network was used to established subordinate councils throughout the province of Ontario during its early formative years?



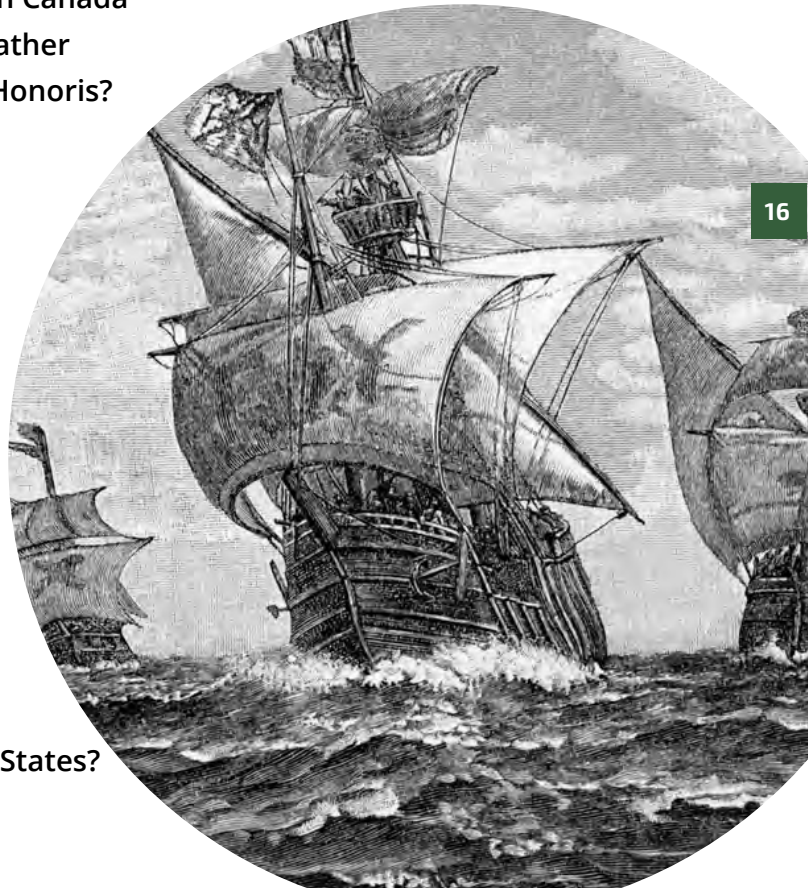
7. What is the month that Columbus landed in the Americas for the first time on his first voyage?
9. What is the name of the town or city that hosts the most eastern subordinate council in the province of Ontario?
10. The only city in Canada to host a Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney Honoris?



Answers found on page 17

DOWN

1. The name of the only city in Ontario to host the Annual Supreme Council convention?
4. Three ships set sail with Christopher Columbus during his voyage to the Americas. What was the name of the ship that accidentally ran aground on December 25, 1492?
6. The family name of the only State Deputy to become a Canadian Senator in parliament?
8. Before Ontario was considered a state, it was deemed to be a district of which State in the United States?



CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

ACROSS

2. **Poulin:** Louis Napoleon Poulin from Council #485 in Ottawa was elected as State Warden on the first Ontario State Council in 1904. He served for one year.

3. **André:** Saint André was beatified on May 23, 1982 by Pope John Paul II. Pope Benedict XVI canonized St. André on October 17, 2010 making him the first Canadian-born male to be made a Saint. Saint André shared a kinship with people living in Ottawa. Every year, he would take some time to vacation in the nation's capital and visit his relatives and friends. He would often stay at the Windsor Hotel because he knew the owner. Between 1916 and 1935, Columbia magazine reported that there were some eleven Knights of Columbus pilgrimages to St Joseph's Oratory. Today, nearly two million people visit St. Joseph's Oratory each year.

5. **Railroad:** There were very few cars in the early twentieth century and road conditions were always subject to weather. So, the preferred method of transportation used was the railroad and therefore many of the early Knights of Columbus councils were established near rail stations.

7. **October:** The explorer Christopher Columbus made four trips across the Atlantic Ocean from Spain: in 1492, 1493, 1498 and 1502. On his first trip, the Fleet spotted land on October 12, 1492 and Columbus and some of his crew landed on what was most likely Watling Island in the Bahamas later that same day.

9. **Cornwall:** Council #755 in Cornwall, established on November 29, 1903, is the most eastern subordinate council in Ontario.

10. **Ottawa:** The Father, Michael J McGivney Honoris was completed and blessed on May 11, 2013 by Archbishop Terrence Prendergast of Ottawa after a special thanksgiving Mass at Saint Patrick's Basilica in Ottawa. More than a hundred people attended the event, including Ontario State Board officers and representatives from the Supreme Council.

DOWN

1. **Toronto:** The city of Toronto has hosted the Annual Supreme Council convention 4 times (1936, 1944, 2000, and 2016).

4. **Santa Maria:** It ran aground on Christmas Day, 1492, on the shores of Haiti, through inexperience of the helmsman, it was partially dismantled to obtain timbers to build a fort.

6. **Duffus:** Senator Colonel, the Honorable Joseph James Duffus from Council #798 in Peterborough, was appointed to the senate in 1940. He died while in office on February 7, 1957 after a lengthy illness at the age of 80.

8. **New York:** Prior to having established the four subordinate councils needed to become a State, Ontario was considered a district of New York State (1900-1904).

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Thank You From Bruce and Zoye

With my heart surgery behind us and several weeks of rehabilitation ahead, Zoye and I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your well wishes, your kind, caring and highly effective prayers, and the welcome grace of mass intentions that were said for my safe and speedy recovery as I went through quadruple bypass heart surgery on the Ides of March, Tuesday, March 15.

Zoye and I send our sincere greetings of gratitude.

While I may not have the opportunity to personally express to each one of you the differences your prayers most assuredly made for my successful procedure, rest assured that the power of prayer and God's empathetic ear were key to saving my life. Zoye and I will never forget your love, caring, and great kindnesses to us both during this stressful and worrisome time.



Thank you also to the staff at the Queensway Carleton Hospital for their initial care, and the Ottawa Heart Institute staff for the life-saving heart operation.

The eleven days of my ordeal, which began with a heart attack at home on March 9, to the several days in the hospital—which resulted in the quadruple heart bypass—to my return home on Sunday March 20—fittingly, the first day of spring with its positive assurance of abundant renewal—the arc of events have been significant and traumatic. However, the silver lining to these experiences is that they have strengthened my sense of purpose and commitment toward the Knights of Columbus, as well as renewed Zoye's profound appreciation of the world's largest and greatest fraternal order of Catholic men.

Bruce and Zoye Poulin
Ontario State Secretary

Vivat Jesus!

Latest Podcasts



TK16 Jerusalem Students Project

How Ontario Knights are really leaning in to preserve Christian Culture in the Holy Land



TK17 When you want to raise money during Covid-19

When want to raise money during Covid 19 and you are starting from zero, then start with something simple. Bottle drive with Rohan Nazareth from Council #17397.



TK18 Veterans' House

This pioneering project specifically targets the needs of the rising number of homeless veterans who are "living rough" in Ottawa, and combines safe housing with essential on-site rehabilitation services with Veterans' House, Executive Director, Suzanne Le.



TK19 Provincial Lottery with David Gelinas

Covid could have been the end of the Knights Province wide Lottery, but it was only the beginning #KofC #FaithInAction



TK20 Insurance featuring Vincent D'Souza

The 2020-2021 Agent of the year in Ontario helps us to understand the relationship between the Knights and the Insurance program and how it benefits Members.



TK21 Euthanasia with Alex Schadenberg

A really comprehensive look at where we are at with Euthanasia in Canada and where it is going.



TK22 March for Life with State Deputy Marcel Lemmen

While Covid has impacted the March for Life in Ottawa, State Deputy Marcel Lemmen gives a first hand account of this year's Washington March for Life.



TK23 Ultrasound Machines with Alex Schadenberg

What goes into the #KofC Ultrasound project and why are the Knights buying Ultrasound Machines.

A Message From Your General Agent:



Brothers,

I often get asked what does life insurance have to do with the Knights of Columbus? Many think that our insurance program is a nice add on or a perk of our fraternal system. What is amazing is our insurance program was a foundational piece of Father McGivney's plan for Catholic families, and he built the Order around these fundamental products, to ensure the financial safety of Catholic widows and orphans.

Prospects for Catholic immigrants in Canada or the US were not good in the 1800s. Many of these new comers were subject to racism and religious persecution, which precluded them from gainful employment and opportunities. This system relegated good Catholic men to some of the worst paying and dangerous jobs... which often led to horrible disabling accidents or even early death. Unfortunately, during this time women were often not able to own property (remember women did not even win the right to vote until 1918 in Canada and 1920 in the US). The death of a woman's husband was devastating to the family and often required difficult decisions to be made. If a widow was unable to remarry quickly or was unable to find gainful employment, the State would often remove her children and put them up for adoption. This was a horrible reality for many families.

Father McGivney was acutely aware of the issues of his time and his mission to create a Catholic Fraternal Family organization was based on his desire to preserve Catholic families by protecting and providing for Catholic widows and orphans when the unthinkable occurred. This idea, put into practice by a simple parish priest gave rise to our international brotherhood and has provided each and every one of us access to one of the best managed and financially secure insurance programs in North America.

I invite you to reach out to your Agent today to set up an appointment to discuss how the Order can be of assistance to you and your family. To better serve you our Agents can meet in person or virtually. You can contact your Agent directly by phone or email. If you are not aware who your Agent is, please contact your local General Agent's office and we will be happy to put you in touch with your own personal Knights of Columbus Agent.

It is a pleasure to be of service to you and your families.

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2022 Ontario Charities

50/50 Online Raffle *Spring* Draw

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Our goal is to ensure that as few people as possible go to bed hungry each night.

Jackpot Draw date: June 30, 2022

Don't miss your chance to win!

100 TICKETS

\$ 40

40 TICKETS

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15 TICKETS

\$ 10

BUY TICKETS NOW

Buy tickets from your local KofC Council or visit **www.kofcontario5050.com**
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EARLY BIRD DRAWS

**May 1 and June 1
at 9:00 a.m.**

1st draw for \$500

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