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CONVENTION PACKAGE

By: State Secretary, Bruce Poulin

How goes the Knights of Columbus journey in Ontario? There is only one true way to find out, and that's by studying the reports of the State Council officers presented at the annual State convention. Here, the membership can know just how the business affairs of the Order are conducted. It is here that he can know why the Order stands secure and flourishing under capable management which each year renders a thorough account of its stewardship.

While virtual conventions and writing, printing, and Internet ZOOM calls may fill a void, they may also give a false sense of security about the overall health of an organization and creates almost no social capital. It is only through human contact and the word of mouth that we can truly gauge the health of our organization. That is why we still have in-person classes, internships, and on-the-job training. The annual State convention is just as important, and plays a similar role, as we consider five main objectives

- Present reports by all State Board Officers, Directors, and Chairmen to delegates around the accomplishments achieved during the past Columbian year (July 1st to June 30th).
- In a public forum, discuss, debate, and agree on policies as proposed through delegates resolutions.
- Present the financial statements and budget for the following year.
- Hold democratic elections for State Board officers: State Deputy, Secretary, Treasurer, Advocate, and Warden.
- Select the delegates that will attend the Supreme Convention in early August of every year.
- Adopt a resolution to recommend the next Supreme Director for Ontario for a three-year term (2022 - 2025).



For these reasons, it is hoped that many councils will embrace this opportunity and select delegates to register for the in-person annual State convention scheduled for April 2022 as we collectively move out from under the shadow of COVID19.

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Membership *Statistics*

Ontario Snapshot for December 8, 2021		GOAL
Membership Intake this Fraternal Year	546	1,852
New Councils	0	9
Total Membership	55,607	

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!



Christmas Message

By: State Deputy, Marcel Lemmen

“ We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another. ”
- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord, let us also prepare our hearts to love our family, friends, neighbours and brother Knights in the true spirit of Christmas. The Christmas message is one of hope, peace and good will and it has come to Catholics each year for more than two millennia. Hope in a brighter future is certainly in order as we emerge from the shadow of a pandemic that has plagued us for almost two years. This Christmas, while still under pandemic restrictions, promises to be much better than last year.

Christmas is a day of family where gifts, big or small, expensive, or perhaps less so, will be prized for their expression of affection. For Catholics, Christmas also represents the desire to bring comfort and joy to those less fortunate so that they too may also enjoy some Christmas cheer.

On behalf of my wife, Charlene, and daughter, Grace, I wish you and yours a happy and holy Christmas and all the best for the New Year 2022.



Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will
Marcel Lemmen



Vivat Jesus!



CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS, 2021

By: State Chaplain, His Excellency Bishop David Douglas Crosby

Worthy State Deputy, Brother Knights,

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas again this year, let us be grateful for the blessings showered upon us by a loving God. "See what love the Father has given us," St. John writes, "that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are!" Not only us; we are surrounded by brothers and sisters in faith, and we know that God's love is poured out on all!

This year as we prepare for Christmas, we are acutely aware of the visit of a delegation of Indigenous Elders/ 'knowledge keepers', residential school survivors, and youth from across the country, accompanied by a small group of Bishops and Indigenous leaders, which takes place from December 17-20. Pope Francis is fully committed to hearing directly from Indigenous peoples, to expressing his closeness, to addressing the impact of colonization and the role the Church has played in the Residential School System, in order to respond to the suffering of Indigenous peoples and the intergenerational trauma that persists.

Moreover, in late October the Pope accepted an invitation from the Canadian Bishops to participate in a pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation in Canada. May it, too, mark an important milestone on the path of reconciliation and healing!

To assist us in our participation in these historic events, Archbishop Donald Bolen of the Archdiocese of Regina is offering a series of weekly Advent reflections which can be found on the website of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.cccb.ca). The Archbishop is deeply committed to the process of healing and reconciliation and his profoundly moving reflections will help us grow in understanding and hope. I strongly encourage you to watch the videos and to allow them to increase your desire for reconciliation and healing in this land.

Congratulations to the Ontario State Council of the Knights of Columbus for promoting the "Coats for Kids" program again this year. I was offered two boxes of coats which were given over to our Diocesan Refugee Office. A family of recent newcomers visited the office soon after their recent arrival and had much fun choosing the winter coats which will assure they will be cozy and warm as the temperature tumbles. Just imagine the thousands who are kept warm every year by this ambitious and practical program – a Christmas gift like no other!

Brother Knights, at Christmas we celebrate the fact that Christ comes to us! As we give thanks for this great gift, we reach out to others – at home, at work, among those who are Knights of Columbus, and among the neediest in our midst – offering the very love we have received from God. May you be blessed at Christmas and throughout 2022!

(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Chaplain, Ontario State Knights of Columbus Council



Lottery Program

By: State Treasurer, David Gelinas

Brother Knights,

As you read in the September edition, Ontario State is offering four quarterly 50/50 raffle grand prize draws in 2021 along with early bird draws in each quarter.

Quarter	Participating Councils	Prize
Q1	19	\$24,145
Q2	92	\$44,975
Q3	260	\$37,255
Q4	290	Dec. 31

(with sales by 161 councils)

(with sales by 178 councils so far)



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.

The State Board authorized me to purchase another online 50/50 raffle license for 2022 and that application is completed. We will name the quarter raffles by season with Winter Raffle from Jan 1st through March 31st, and we will design the council posters and Ontario State website 50/50 raffle page with a seasonal design. This will give each of the four raffles a distinctive look and feel to it. Also, we will highlight and have a feature charity promoted during that season's raffle. This will provide another reason for people to support the Ontario Charity Foundation online 50/50 raffle each quarter. The 2022 Winter Raffle will feature homeless shelters. Please be generous for this need in our cities across Ontario.

On behalf of Lori and myself, we wish your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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These two charts show how clients purchased their online 50/50 raffle tickets.

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Coats for Kids Program

By: Program Chairman, Neil Bouvier

The 2021 Ontario Coats for Kids program had a slow start, but council donations started to ramp up as the temperature outside began to dip. Our goal for Ontario remains at 10,000 coats and we currently have just over 3200 (as of mid-November). While this may appear to be a sizeable gap, there is still time to fill it. The strength of the coats program really comes down to how many councils buy a box. The need for kids' coats in Ontario is a problem that can be fixed, but it's going to take all of us working together to fix it.

Remember that if you can't afford the \$335 for a full box, you can also donate online. Just look for the blue Donate Today link. Individuals who donate \$20 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt for 2021.



State Deputy Marcel Lemmen dropping off a donation of 2 boxes of new winter coats to Roger Ali of the Hamilton Catholic Children's Aid Society as part of our Coats for Kids program. For more info, visit: <https://ontariokofc.ca/.../faith.../community/coat-for-kids/>

Sponsor Board: Attention business owners!
When your business purchases a box or donates to the Coats for Kids program, your business will be placed on the Ontario KofC Sponsor Board.

For those businesses with a website, the business name (or logo) will be a hyperlink to your business website.

There are four (4) sponsorship levels:
Bronze: \$150 - \$2,999 | Silver: \$3,000 - \$4,999
Gold: \$5000 - \$7,499 | Platinum: \$7,500+

For details about the 2021 Ontario Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program, please visit: www.OntarioCoatsforKids.com

Thank you to everyone who has promoted and supported the program. Help Spread the Warmth!

Vivat Jesus!



Remembrance Day & MultiFaith Housing Initiative

By: State Secretary, Bruce Poulin

There is a proud legacy between the Knights of Columbus and the Canadian Armed Forces that began in 1917 during the Great War and continues to this day. In recognition of this legacy, the Ontario State Board, on behalf of the more than 55,000 members of the Order in Ontario has embarked on a new initiative to underscore this relationship and support for our servicemen and women.

Great War (1914 – 1918):

Major Father Michael J. O’Gorman from Council #485 in Ottawa is credited with the idea of establishing a Catholic Army Huts program. Its purpose was to provide spiritual and recreational comforts including chapel huts and tents, rosaries, bibles in both official languages, paper, pencils and envelopes and free postage to write and send letters back home.

Second World War (1939 – 1945):

Building on its success during the Great War, the KofC in Ontario took a leading role in partnering with the Canadian government and four other not-for-profit societies to establish the Canadian Army Huts program in 1940. Its purpose mirrored that of the service it provided during the Great War.

MultiFaith Housing Initiative (MFHI):

In 2001, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Ottawa came together with Jewish and Muslim communities to act against increasing homelessness and lack of affordable housing in the city of Ottawa.

The Multifaith Housing Initiative of Ottawa was established as a Canadian non-profit charitable organization in 2002, which has grown into a coalition of over 80 faith communities including Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindu, Unitarians, Baha’i, and other faiths from across the city of Ottawa. These members are dedicated to achieving MHI’s goal to create more affordable housing in Ottawa while promoting tolerance and respect among residents of all faiths. Current plans also include similar homeless shelters for veterans in Toronto and Vancouver.

Veterans’ House (MHI):

This facility is reserved exclusively for homeless Canadian military veterans of all faiths and genders. It houses 40 homeless veterans from the Greater Ottawa area. Veteran’s house completed construction on February 1, 2021, to an occupancy level, however, as with all new facilities, there are many shortfalls that will need addressing in due time and later.

One need expressed by the Executive Director of MultiFaith Housing Initiative, Suzanne Le, is a cenotaph to allow military members in residence to commemorate wars, peace support operations or military service in general. Since these veterans do not have any personal means of transportation combined with a desire to create opportunities for the local community to engage with the Veteran’s House community, an on-site cenotaph would respond to this need.

On October 22, 2021 approved the Veterans House cenotaph project with an unveiling ceremony scheduled for April 2025 to coincide with the 125th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario.



On Remembrance Day 2021, following the first inaugural Remembrance Day Ceremony at Veterans’ House, State Secretary Bruce Poulin, on behalf of the State Deputy Marcel Lemmen and the entire KofC membership in Ontario, presented a cheque towards the erection of a cenotaph.

Vivat Jesus!

New Council Development

By: IPSD, David Peters


Brother Knights,

Thank you for all that you are doing for the Order. In this time of pandemic, our Order remains strong, and through our actions we are continuing the mission that Blessed Michael McGivney envisioned when he founded the Knights of Columbus.

As we approach the half-way mark of 2021-22, it gives us an opportunity to look back and review what we were able to achieve so far.

I wish to congratulate District Deputy # 17, Marcel Lachance and Membership Information Officer, Serge Marcil for establishing the new Council 17830 (Saint Pascal Baylon) in Ottawa. Congratulations and thank you for your help to grow the Knights of Columbus family.

Our quota for the Province of Ontario this year is 9 Councils, and due to the setbacks we have faced due to restrictions, it has been a slow and difficult process to get new Councils established. New membership is a lifeline to our great Order, and NCD plays a huge role in bringing in those numbers, and providing the opportunity for Catholic men to be a part of our Programs and our family of the Knights of Columbus. We still have 8 new Councils to form. If a Parish in your area does not have the KOC presence, please do notify me – we can look into the potential of a new Council.



“ On behalf of my family,
I wish you and your family a
Blessed and Joyous Christmas,
and may 2022 be a year filled
with hope and good health. ”

Vivat Jesus!

Christian Refugee Relief Initiatives

By: Christian Refugee Relief Director, Hikmat Dandan

Many of the Christian Refugee Relief initiatives that support Christians at risk also fall under the Faith pillar. The Supreme Council has adopted this year a resolution for Solidarity with persecuted Christians.

I would like to share with you such Faith initiatives that satisfy Christian Refugee Relief and brings aid to needy students, orphans, priests, seminarians, Christian craft workers, churches, and the families of the sick or departed:

Jerusalem Students:

Sponsors the education of needy Christian students suffering from economic and other difficulties in The Holy Land. It is very affordable. This will lay the foundation for successful Christian families that will grow to populate the area, thus strengthening the alarmingly diminishing Christian presence, now less than 2%.



“ Click on www.jerusalemstudents.org view, read and choose your student. ”

St. Anne's Patriarchal Seminary:

It has been providing priestly formation for the Catholic Church for the whole Middle East since 1886 and is currently facing financial difficulties because of the ongoing war in Syria and the collapsing economy in Lebanon and Syria.

Support The Holy Land:

Once a year make a donation to the Holy Land otherwise it is going to become museums of Christianity without any Christians around.

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Christian Refugee Relief initiatives

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Orphans for Jesus:

Jesus is the loving Father of all children who have been orphaned and the Knights are chosen to take care of the fatherless. This new unique initiative features orphanages in Lebanon, in the Holy Land, and in Syria. All are run by the Catholic church and nuns. Donate to all the orphanages, or choose one orphanage to donate to.



Foyer De L'AMITIE Dar
AlSadaka in Zahle
(Lebanon),
Foyer de la Providence
(Lebanon),
Home of Peace (Holy
Land),
Jabboule Orphanage
(Lebanon),
Allepine Sisters (Syria)

The Knights of Columbus Bethlehem Olive Wood Rosary:

Order this unique olive wood rosary lazered with Our Lady of Guadalupe holy image and the KOFC crest. Sold at \$5 to councils who in turn resell at \$8-\$10 to raise funds for their council or parish or to help persecuted Christians.

Churches for Jesus:

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.

Mass Intention in the Holy Land for Healing & for Deceased Brothers:

The custom of offering a Mass intention is a part of the Catholic culture and an ancient one, dating back to the early Church. Canon Law confirms this practice. The Mass Intention has immense power. Offer a Mass Intention for healing or for the repose of the soul of a departed brother or relative or for any other intention. The nominal fee of \$10 Cdn. goes to the priest for supplies and to assist in his daily life.

Make a budget and appoint a chairman for Christian Refugee Relief.

All donations are made to Knights of Columbus Ontario Charities Foundation, write in the memo part, the name of the initiative. Mention your address and email (Tax receipts will be issued). Visit my website www.christianrefugeerelief.org or call/email me Brother Hikmat 416 893 8060 knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com

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FAMILY PILLAR

Pillars Family Blessed Fr. McGivney Site Sparked with Renewal

By: Jerry Marcotte, Council #4375

The annual regional Remembrance Day ceremony was held for family of deceased veterans and members of the Order in Ontario at the Blessed Fr McGivney Statue and Heritage Site located within the Heavenly Rest Cemetery in the town of LaSalle, near Windsor, Ont.

The Blessed Fr. McGivney Statue was the brainchild of brothers Al Sims and Dennis Drew and Fr. Victor C. Cote, all from Council #9671 in Windsor. They saw this project as a tangible reminder of the great level of Columbianism that hallmarks the Windsor and Essex County area.

Endorsed by the ON State Board in 2003, the statue was officially unveiled and dedicated on September 25, 2005, by Bishop Anthony Daniels. An authentic relic is also buried in the base of the statue. The total cost of the statue and monument was just under \$40,000. Since then, enhancements to the site have been incorporated including the lighting of the statue and granite benches. The site layout also includes personalized 'paver' bricks that are set in the form of a huge Celtic Cross. So far, 94 paver bricks were also purchased by donors.

In 2019, with the earnest support of Heavenly Rest Cemetery under the new management of Ms. Patricia Simone, the Committee launched a fundraising event for the acquisition of a new 40 ft. anodized aluminum pole upon which to fly the Canadian Flag. The success of the fundraising by the members of the local Knights of Columbus councils, coupled with a matching donation from Heavenly Rest, soon culminated in this one flagpole project becoming a three-flagpole project with two additional poles being added, flanking Canada's colours and fittingly flying the K of C and Papal flags.

Other enhancements to the site underway include an on-site "mailbox" for the dissemination of Prayer Cards. Finally, the Steering Committee has undertaken a feasibility study as to whether the site can be designated as a 'Shrine'.

With the challenges of Covid, hopefully, nearing its final course, the Steering Committee hopes for the site to become a catalyst for gatherings to promote the legacy of our beatified founder, as well as to strengthen the Catholic faith of the Knights, their families and the faithful at large.



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Pants for Kids

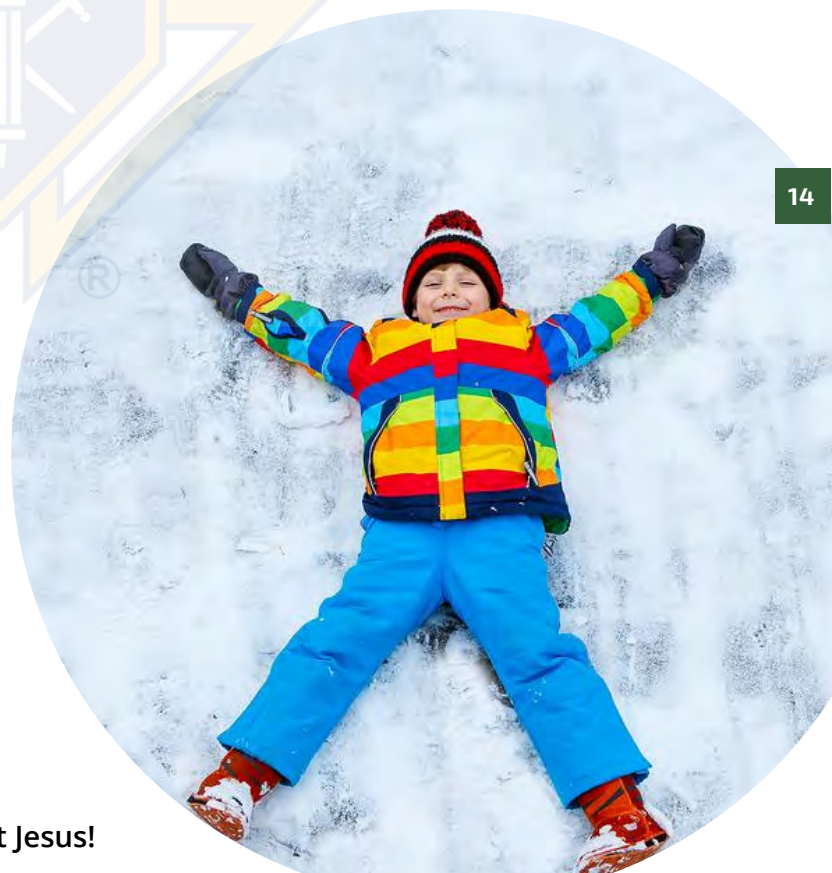
By: Grand Knight, Jacques Mayer Council #6740

The Coats for Kids program has been a mainstay for our Council since the program was initiated several years ago. But, to my surprise, when I asked one of the school principals about the Coats for Kids program, he said it was not enough. "The coats are great," he said, but "it's not enough. The kids that need coats also need snow pants and good winter gloves to properly enjoy our cold weather during recess at school." It turns out that many children who had received coats were still not going to school because of the snow.

Soon thereafter, I approached the members of my council and explained the situation to them. From that point, my council was hooked. Our council bought snow pants and good winter gloves to match the number of coats we purchased. The school administrators, for their part, keeps a small inventory of these products at hand. If a child comes to school without proper winter clothes, his teacher discreetly advises the school direction. The child is given a proper coat, pants, gloves and even a toque. The toques are a new addition to our program. They are knitted by our parish women's group and provided to our council free of charge. I dream of the day when the Coats for Kids program is expanded to include snow pants and gloves.

I Also invite other councils to do the same and if they would like to know more about how we are sponsoring this program, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

“ I dream of the day when the Coats for Kids program is expanded to include snow pants and gloves. ”



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Special Olympics

By: Special Olympics Chairman, Joe Mathews

Special Olympics Ontario is gradually and carefully reopening its sports programs after being completely shut down since the government-imposed COVID-19 restrictions in the Spring of 2020.

This gradual re-opening has largely centered on conducting virtual training such as the Healthy@Home initiative, games, and virtual competitions, which the members of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario have had the opportunity to follow.

Knights of Columbus Councils in Ontario have also responded to the gradual lifting of COVID-19 restrictions and resumed many activities to support the Special Olympics program. These activities have included but are not limited to bottle drives and a charity golf tournament in Niagara Falls that raised approximately \$3,500 for Special Olympics. The golf tournament also had the added benefit of hosting 2 Special Olympic golf teams which included 4 athletes and their parents.

Another event held recently was a flag raising event held in the city of Burlington to raise awareness and solicit support for this important program. About flags, and on behalf of the Special Olympic administrators, coaches, trainers, and athletes, I invite any council that may be interest in hosting a flag raising event and would like a Special Olympics flag to reach out to me.

Currently, we have received many requests from councils expressing an interest in sponsoring an in-person flag relay event to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics. However, because of the COVID19 restrictions, organizers are looking at hosting a virtual flag relay. More details will follow in the weekly newsletter.

“ I would like to wish you and your families a Blessed and Holy Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. ”

Vivat Jesus!



CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

By: State Advocate, Joe Bodnar

Every year, around this time, a formal letter is sent out to every subordinate council soliciting resolutions for consideration by the voting delegates at the annual State convention. So, I thought I would take a moment to stress how important the resolution process is for the proper functioning of the membership in the jurisdiction of Ontario. As the State Secretary mentioned earlier in this Bulletin, there are five key components to the annual State convention.



State Advocate
Joe Bodnar

In my mind, the discussion, debate, and consensus on policies proposed through delegates resolution process is critical to the overall success of the Order in Ontario.

In 1867 the British North America Act was adopted. And, while it has been amended it has never been replaced. It has been attacked, challenged, but never conquered. After more than 150 years, it remains the benchmark of principles and a bellwether of freedom around the world. Much the same can be said of our Constitution and By-Laws. It may be challenged, modified, and subsequently changed to reflect the needs of our Catholic community in Ontario. But these notice for petitions, amendments or proposed changes to the By-Laws may only occur through the resolution process.

So, I invite all members, through, their respective councils, to give serious thought on how we can make this a better organization, in the shadow of COVID19 and consider submitting a resolution(s).

A template form is available as an example or format to aid you in your resolution which is available for download at the Ontario State website at this link: https://ontariokofc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Template_of_Resolutions_EN.pdf

To review past resolutions please visit https://ontariokofc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Ontario-State-Record-of-State-Convention-Past-Resolutions-2008-2020-Version3_ENG.pdf

Vivat Jesus!



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FIELD AGENT WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

By: Field Agent, Andrei Dias

In August 2015, my journey as a Field Agent with the Knights of Columbus began. For the past few years, I had been working at one of the main banks in Canada. But at some point, in August, I needed a change. I had just helped another family get a bank loan because one of the family members could no longer work and they could no longer afford their mortgage and utility bills. I cannot remember the exact day, but I do remember the exact moment when I came to the realization that I had grown tired of fixing a family's poor financial planning.

I had to phone a woman in her 70s who had defaulted on her loans and credit cards. As recently as a few months prior to her defaults, she had a perfect credit score. In talking to her I found out that her husband had recently been admitted to a long-term care facility. They had both retired less than a year before and had plans to see the world. Unfortunately, they never planned for the possibility of getting sick and thought the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) would cover them. They had no long-term care coverage in place and now that they were on a fixed income, they were burning through their vacation and savings money. I don't think when she made her marriage vows "till death do us part" was one of them, but here she was; the bank did not care about the reasons why she was behind on payments - they just wanted their money.

Now, I do not know exactly what happened to the retiree I had to contact while working for the bank, but I imagine that her course diverged dramatically from the one she and her husband had set for themselves. Traveling the world together in their golden years was certainly no longer an option, but what other sacrifices did she have to make? Getting a job, she didn't want to pay the bills? Being forced to sell the family home? No, insurance products can't guarantee that everything will go as planned, but the coverage can help when they don't.

I wanted to be a part of the solution and prevent a family from experiencing this financial hardship in the first place.

I have been an agent for 74 months and have been involved with over 90 funerals, but only once have I met another insurance agent at a funeral who was not a Knights of Columbus. When your time comes wouldn't you prefer for your life insurance agent to call your family and offer to help versus having to call the insurance company and have them mail you forms to fill out?

Wouldn't you want the agent that serviced you for years to show up at your funeral and pray for your soul? The Knights have many free fraternal benefits, but the greatest is the level of service, so please meet with your brother Knight to learn about the privileges of membership and how we can help secure your family's future. In your family's time of need, your brother Knight field agent can be called upon and will be there to help.

So, take advantage of your greatest fraternal benefit and call your agent to set up an appointment. Maybe your retirement is fully covered, maybe you have no need for disability income or long-term care insurance and maybe all your life insurance is in place...but wouldn't you like to get a second opinion to be sure?

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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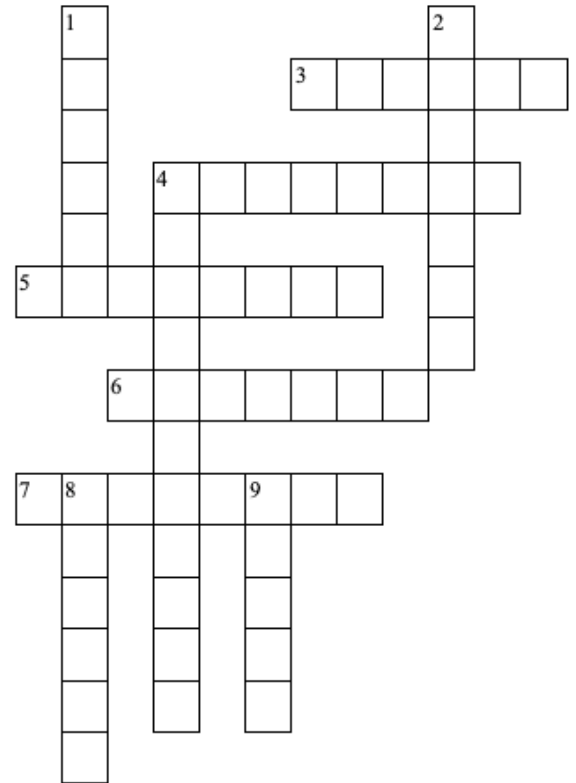
3. Family name of the only father and son who have been elected to the Ontario State Board and served as State Deputy?
4. The family name of the men who played with the Toronto Maple Leafs and won a Stanley cup before leaving the NHL to become a priest and eventually become the founder of the Flying Fathers Hockey Team?
5. His official name was Edward Patrick McDonald. What was the nickname he was remembered by?
6. Family name of a U.S. President who was also a member of the Knights of Columbus?
7. The family name of the last founding father of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario to have died?



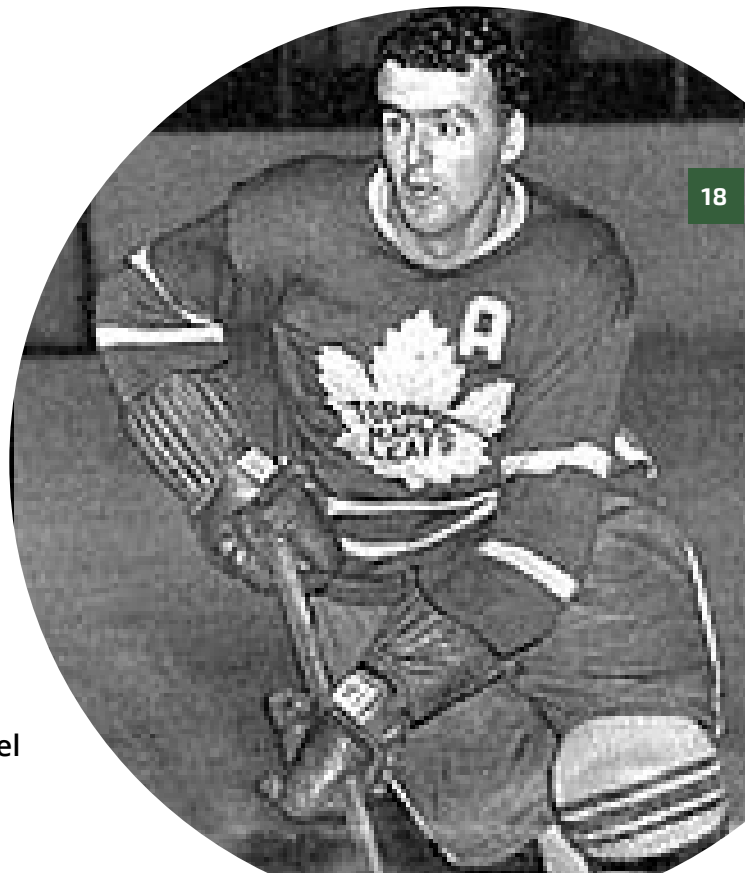
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1. What is the name of the town that hosts the most western Knights of Columbus subordinate council in the province?
2. Location of the Martyr's shrine in Ontario?
4. Name the State, in the United States, where the Knights of Columbus were first incorporated?
8. State Deputy born in the Netherlands?
9. What was the original emblem featured on the pommel (grip cap) of the Fourth-degree ceremonial sword?

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



Answers found on page 19



CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

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3. **Salini:** Louis G. Salini (State Deputy 1965-67) and his son Joe Salini (State Deputy 2011-13).



Louis G. Salini



Joe Salini

4. **Costello:** Father Les Costello from South Porcupine, led St. Michael's College in Toronto to two consecutive Memorial Cups, was a finalist with the Pittsburgh Hornets vying for the Calder Trophy and was called up by the Toronto Maple Leafs in the Spring of 1948. Toronto won the Stanley Cup that year. His future in the NHL seemed bright but he quit hockey to become a Roman Catholic Priest. In North Bay in 1962 Father Brian McKee called father Les to play in a charity fund raiser and the Flying Father's Hockey Club was born.

5. **Barnabas:** Prior to the 1923 Supreme Council convention, in March, Barnabas presented a four-point program for "Boyology" to the Supreme Council. This program, underwritten by the University of Notre Dame, was presented to the Supreme Council convention, and adopted. Barnabas was hired in the Fall of 1923 as the executive officer of the Knights of Columbus Boy Life Bureau. By 1925, the Boy Life Movement was launched, and the first Columbia Squires Circle was created in Duluth, Minnesota.

6. **Kennedy:** U.S. President John F. Kennedy was a member of Bunker Hill Council #62 and Bishop Cheverus General Assembly Fourth Degree.

7. **Slattery:** William E. Slattery died on October 28, 1971 in Forrest Hills, New York. He was the last of the founding members of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario. He was a charter member of Council #485 in Ottawa established on January 28, 1900. He was buried at Notre Dame Cemetery, in Vanier, Ontario, on November 1, 1971.

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1. **Kenora:** Council #2806 in Kenora, established on April 16, 1939, is the most western subordinate Council in Ontario.

2. **Midland:** The Martyrs shrine was officially consecrated on June 25, 1926 in Midland, Ontario by Cardinal William Henry O'Connell of Boston, Massachusetts. It was consecrated to the memory of six Jesuit Martyrs and two lay persons who died between 1642 and 1649 while working to evangelize indigenous peoples. The Shrine houses the bones of three of the Martyrs: St. Jean de Brébeuf, St. Gabriel Lalemant, and Charles Garnier.

4. **Connecticut:** The State of Connecticut granted a Charter for the establishment of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882 in New Haven, Connecticut.

8. **Lemmen:** Marcel Lemmen was born in 1963 in The Netherlands and immigrated to Canada with his family in 1968.

9. **Eagle:** Between 1900 and early 1930, the pommel (grip cap) of the Knights of Columbus sword featured a flying eagle. It was subsequently replaced by the head of Christopher Columbus, the Patron of the Order, beginning in the 1930s.

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