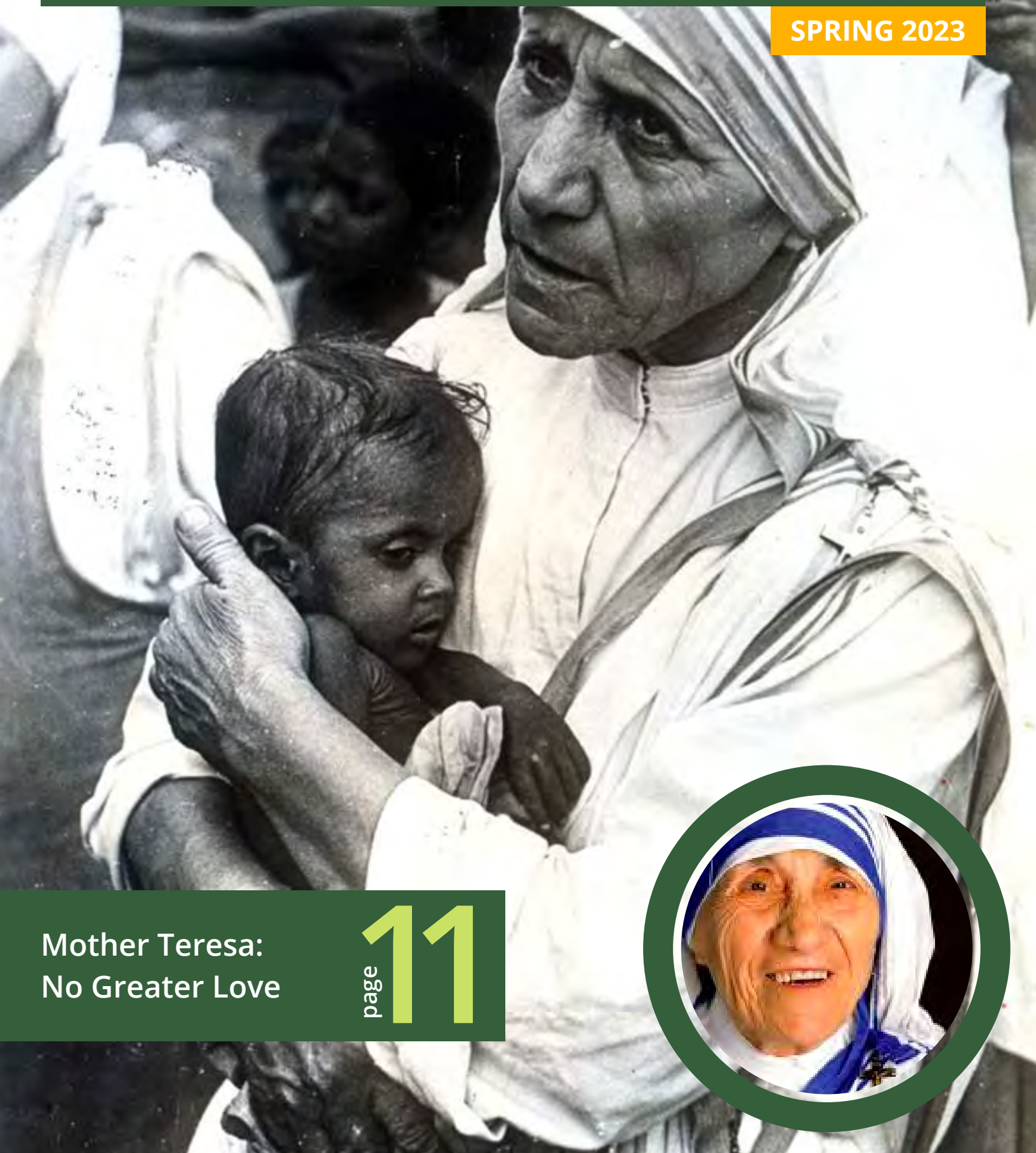


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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Ontario State Convention 2023: The Countdown Begins

By: State Secretary, Bruce Poulin

As we prepare for the Annual State Convention and the election of a new State Board, I thought that it would be appropriate to highlight the role of the State Board which may be of some use to our voting delegates. First and perhaps foremost, the history of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario has shown, on many occasions, that it cannot operate as the job of one man. It must be the job of a team of several men acting together. A team as opposed to a committee. Much like a baseball team where everyone has a specific role and responsibility for the good of the whole. Therefore, the challenge is always that of finding good men with the time to volunteer in a leadership role and to take their membership seriously because they are accountable to the members.



This leadership role exemplified by the State Board officers consists of several key functions. They include but are not limited to:

- * Action the mandates given to them by the voting delegates at the Annual State Convention.
- * Develop and approve the objectives of the organisation through the adoption of a Strategic Action Plan (SAP) which must also include the measurements to judge the progress toward these objectives.
- * Look critically at the organization's structure, its capital-investment policies and its management-expenditures budget.
- * Discharge the final judicial function with respect to organization problems.
- * They must watch the morale of the organization, and make sure it succeeds in utilising the strengths of people and in neutralizing its weaknesses.

In short, taking the time to choose the right man will save potential heartaches for the Order in the long-term. Please take the time to choose wisely.

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Membership *Statistics*

Ontario Snapshot as of April 1, 2023		GOAL
Membership Intake this Fraternal Year	1,299	1,899
New Councils	2	4
Total Membership	54,688	

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!



STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

By: State Deputy, Marcel Lemmen

Ontario is having a successful Fraternal Year so far with a record number of coats distributed in our Coats for Kids program and a record fundraising drive and delivery of Wheelchairs to Ukraine. The St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon program was also very successful and is wrapping up its travels across the province. The 50/50 Raffle program has been tweaked and there will be two draws this year, the first being done live from our 120th State Convention on Sunday, April 30th. Ticket sales are going well. Speaking of the convention, planning is going well, and I hope to see many of our Brother Knights there as delegates or attendees.

The focus of our membership efforts have revolved around creating healthy Councils. Healthy Councils do three things. First, they conduct programs to serve their members, fellow parishioners, and the community. Secondly, they recruit new members, which is the lifeblood of our Order. Lastly, they follow the rules of the Order regarding their meetings and operations. Winning the Star Council Award is the best indicator of a healthy council, and it should be the goal of every Grand Knight.

We are always looking for new members to join our ranks and continue our mission of service to the Church, the community, and the world. Recruiting new members is vital to the continued success of Councils, and the Order in general, for several reasons. Firstly, it helps to ensure that we remain strong and vibrant, with a diverse membership that reflects the changing needs of the Catholic community. By attracting new members, Councils can tap into fresh ideas, new perspectives, and different skill sets that can help it to better serve its members, parish, and the wider community.

Secondly, recruiting new members helps to expand the reach and impact of the Knights of Columbus. The organization has a long and proud history of service to the Church and the community, and by attracting new members, it can continue to grow and build on this legacy. With a larger membership base, the Knights can undertake more ambitious projects and initiatives, and make an even greater impact in the world.

Finally, recruiting new members is important because it helps to ensure the sustainability of the organization in the long term. As the Catholic community evolves and changes over time, it is important for the Knights to be able to adapt and respond to these changes in order to remain relevant and effective. By bringing in new members, the Knights can ensure that it has the resources and support it needs to continue its important work for many years to come.

In conclusion, recruiting new members is essential to the continued success of the Knights of Columbus. By attracting new members, the organization can remain strong and vibrant, expand its reach and impact, and ensure its sustainability for generations to come. If you know of a family member, friend or fellow parishioner who may benefit from membership, please approach him and ask him to join. If you have a smartphone, you can enroll him on the spot by entering kofc.org/join in your smartphone's browser. Happy recruiting!

Vivat Jesus!





STATE CHAPLAIN'S EASTER MESSAGE

My Dear Brother Knights,

I pray you and your families had a Blessed Easter. A week after Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

When, in 2000, Saint Pope John Paul canonized Sr. Faustina - making her the first canonized saint of the new millennium - he also established Divine Mercy Sunday, which we celebrate on the first Sunday after Easter. That day in his homily, he said, "Today, fixing our gaze with you (Sister Faustina) on the Face of the Risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: Christ Jesus, I trust in You! 'Jezu, ufam Tobie!'"

There are many notable things about the life and papacy of Saint John Paul II, but the most distinguished is perhaps his devotion to Divine Mercy. In 1980, he wrote an entire encyclical on it, "Dives in Misericordia" ("Rich in Mercy"), in which he reflects on the truth and meaning of mercy from biblical times to the present and beyond. However, not only by his teaching but especially by his example, he taught us the importance of trusting in Jesus and practicing God's mercy. Two particular images from his life stand out in my mind. The first is when he travelled to Brazil, and while visiting Brazilian slums, he gave his ring to the poor, telling them that he did not come to visit them out of curiosity but because he loves them. The second image is when, in front of the entire world, he went to prison to visit Ali Agca, the man who wanted to kill him and forgave him.

If any images embody mercy, these would be close reflections of it. In this Easter season, we reflect in the Scripture on how the Risen Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions. He patiently calmed their troubled hearts. Thomas, who doubted His resurrection, by touching Jesus' wounds, was healed of his doubts and disbelief and he confessed, My Lord and my God.

Peter, after being forgiven for denying Jesus, declared "You know Jesus everything about me, you know I love you". Later on, he built on the spiritual healing he experienced when he wrote, "[Jesus] himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds, you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Jesus, by his passion, death and resurrection, offers each one of us his mercy, love and forgiveness. He invites us to become like the apostles, courageous witnesses of his resurrection, love, compassion and mercy.

In 2016 the Knights of Columbus and the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy produced a beautiful film entitled The Face of Mercy. In that film, we are invited to reflect on God's Mercy, ultimately revealed in the face of Christ. By practicing God's mercy, we bring hope, healing and forgiveness to our brothers and sisters. I invite you to watch that beautiful movie again with your council or by yourself and reflect on how we are called to be a true reflection of God's mercy in our personal lives and our vocation as Knights of Columbus.

Let me conclude with two quotes from the homily of Pope Francis when he celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday in 2016, inviting us to reflect on how we are called to imitate the merciful and compassionate face of God, "Being apostles of mercy means touching and soothing the wounds that today afflict the bodies and souls of many of our brothers and sisters." "We are all called to become living writers of the Gospel, heralds of the Good News to all men and women today."

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.
State Chaplain

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Lottery Program

By: State Treasurer, David Gelinas

Brother Knights and family,

The winner of the 2022 Autumn raffle was Denis Poirier from Lancaster ON. Council 8715 sold the grand prize ticket and won a bonus \$1000 for their council's charity funds in addition to the 25% return of their total sales. The current 1st raffle of 2023 features Food Banks and Special Olympics Ontario and the final draw date is April 30th on the Sunday morning of our State Convention.

This will be my final report as the Ontario State Raffle Director. This portfolio has been a joyous experience. Brother Joe Bodnar will take over as of July 1st. Thank you everyone for your support. Congratulations to all our winners.



Key points

For the 2023 State online 50/50 raffles

- Grand Prize draws are April 30th & Dec 31st.
- The 2nd raffle for 2023 begins Sept 1st.
- No raffles during the months of May, June, July, or August
- Councils must contact the State office by August to join the next raffle.

Left to right:
GK Patrick, FS Denis Poirier (winner), State Deputy Marcel Lemmen & the Chancellor

Anyone that resides in Ontario, while in Ontario, can purchase a ticket if they are 18 years of age or older 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>

On the second page (personal information) you can also select the council you wish to support from the organization drop down list, which is listed alphabetical by city then council number.

Below charts show our progress for the current 1st 2023 online 50/50 raffle as of March 15th, 2023.



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Ontario State Spiritual Reflection Retreat

By Faith Pillar Director: Joseph Remedios

The Faith Pillar of the Ontario Knights organized a Spiritual Reflection and Day of Retreat event on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at St. Josephine Bakhita Church in Mississauga.

The event was well attended, with over 130 faithful joining in person, including Ontario State Board dignitaries, numerous Grand Knights, District Deputies, many other council officers, and brother Knights with their spouses and families.

In addition, 43 more faithful joined the YouTube live stream. The event started at 8 AM with the recitation of the Holy Rosary, with each decade having been led by the Grand Knights from Ontario District #102, followed by the celebration of Holy Mass.

Keeping true to our fraternal mission, all enjoyed a brief opportunity of fellowship with coffee and refreshment service following Holy Mass. Our guest speaker, Fr. Michael Corpus, Vice Rector of St. Augustine's Seminary, delivered a wonderful talk on Evangelization, followed by a full Holy Hour program including Adoration and Benediction.



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Born a Man: Become a Knight

By: Mike Meady, Grand Knight of Council 15995



When I was young I had no curiosity about the Knights of Columbus, I saw them at some public events but not others, and I worked with them on various renovation projects at my local parish. Whenever I was approached to join I defaulted to the ol' cliché "I am a father with a young family and I simply do not have time for the Knights."

However, when my teenage son started asking me questions about the Knights of Columbus I became more interested in learning about their organization in ways I would not have earlier. My curiosity blossomed after my son asked me if he could join the Knights when he was older. I made him a promise, "When you turn 18 years old, and if you still want to become a Knight, then we would join together." A few years passed and I thought my son had forgotten about the Knights, only to have him remind me on his 18th birthday. I kept my promise and we joined together.

It is not easy to be a young Catholic male in today's society for a variety of reasons we need not cover here, but the Knights welcomed us with open arms and offered safe place for us to live our Faith and make us better Catholic men, and, in my case, a better husband and a better father.

Before you could say the Rosary, I found myself helping our parish priest establish a council and become its founding Grand Knight of Father Francois Maynard council 15995, while my son was the founding warden.

Through the Knights we helped the homeless, raised funds and food for the less fortunate. We renovated our parish, restored a mission church, supported the Special Olympics, and so much more. I could see the gleam of happiness and love when my son was doing the good works of the Order, and I felt the same sense of satisfaction.

One pivotal story comes readily to mind that I wish to share. My son and I had just boarded a plane to go on a fishing expedition. As usual, I took the window seat, and my son took the aisle. Shortly after we had sat down, I noticed an elderly lady board the plane. She was dragging behind her what seemed to be a heavy carry-on bag. When she reached her seat, she looked around to see if anyone might help her put her bag in the overhead. I noticed many of the other passengers bury the face into their newspapers or towards their phones and tablets. Before I had a chance to say something or get up, my son had already jumped up, he took the heavy bag from the elderly passenger and placed in in the over head.

She thanked him profusely and I remember fondly what his response was: "All good, I am a Knight of Columbus, and we are always here to help"! And he went back to his seat as if nothing happened.

My son eventually left home to find better jobs out West and start a new chapter in his life. I visit him often and I am pleased that he has kept up his involvement with the Knights in his new community and parish. He continues to find strength and love in his Faith and in his helping of others, and for that I am forever grateful to the Knights of Columbus.

This is my story, what will yours be?

Vivat Jesus!



Family of the Year Award

By Family Director Bryan Noble

There's one in every parish. That one family in the parish stands out because of the example of their faith and service. And every year a small number of these families are nominated for the Ontario State Family of the Year award by their home councils. These families are deemed to exemplify strong Catholic family values through the witness of their faith, service to their parish, and meaningful contributions to their communities. They may be renowned for being tight-knit, praying together, or attending mass as a family.

The family might be recognized for their contributions to the council, parish, and local communities. They might be held up as an inspiration for others to respect, admire, and emulate. And they probably don't want to be recognized either; they are not in it for the glory, just the intense personal satisfaction of putting their 'Faith in Action' and living the precepts of our Order – Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, in their daily lives. But these families do deserve to be recognized, as council Family of the Month award recipients, and entered for the annual state Family of the Year award presented at the State Convention in Niagara Falls.

Unfortunately, only one family can win. Perhaps even sadder, hundreds of deserving families aren't even nominated. We can only hope and pray that all of our families continue to grow in love, faith, and service, as we continue to strive to emulate the blessed model set forth for us by the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Join us at the 120th Ontario State Convention, April 28th-30th, at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel, in beautiful 2022-2023 Fraternal Year.



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Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

By: State Warden, Henry Miller

Along with some of my Ontario State Board colleagues and their ladies I had the honour and pleasure of attending the Ontario State Board hosted premier of the full-length documentary feature, Mother Teresa: No Greater Love, at downtown Toronto's Scotiabank Theatre on January 19, 2023.

Supreme Director Arthur Peters enthusiastically introduced the evening and this great film to the audience. After the film was shown, a panel of four, comprising Thomas Cardinal Collins, Rev. Brian Kolodiejchuk, a Canadian Missionaries of Charity (MC) priest and postulator of the cause for Mother Teresa's sainthood, Stefan Slovak, one of the film's field producers who lives in Toronto, and Sister Mary Bernice MC, who's a star in both the movie and in person, spoke and answered questions, offering fascinating additional insights into Mother Teresa's life and legacy.

Produced by the Knights of Columbus and with significant involvement by Canadians, this movie was filmed on five continents. As the film's publicity material attests, with unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, it reveals not just who Mother Teresa was but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. It is far more than a documentary film. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.

The film's premier was the kick-off to the January 22 and 23, 2023 limited engagement screening of the film in fifty Cineplex theatres across Canada. This limited engagement was advertised in the January 22, 2023 edition of The Catholic Register and was also promoted enthusiastically by those who attended the premier and within the Catholic community, including my own parish. Over four thousand movie goers attended the January 22 and 23, screening, which is impressive for a limited engagement documentary.

The film is available from Supreme in DVD format, with a few DVDs available available directly from Ontario State Office. Councils can even talk to their Knights of Columbus fraternal benefits advisors about making this film a key part of and a powerful draw to attend their fraternal benefits seminars.

If there's one film you, your brothers and your families, parishes and communities will really want to see this year it's this one: Mother Teresa: No Greater Love.

Vivat Jesus!





COMMUNITY PILLAR

Pilgrimage to New Haven, Connecticut October 27-29, 2023

By: Marc Madore

On behalf of the 2023-2024 Ontario State Board, the Madore agency is thrilled to advise that preparations are underway to host a pilgrimage to New Haven, Connecticut.

Two Deluxe coach transportation buses, and overnight accommodations (for two nights) included. One of the buses will depart from Ottawa while the second bus will depart from Toronto.

Both buses will depart on Friday, October 27, 2023, and meet in New Haven. Saturday morning the combined group will visit Knights of Columbus headquarters, the Supreme Chapel, followed by the Knights of Columbus Museum with a pizza lunch. On Saturday afternoon, there will be an opportunity to visit Yale University or go shopping. Later that evening, the group will meet at St. Mary's Church for Mass (5 pm), followed by dinner hosted by the local Council in the basement of St. Mary's parish. On Sunday October 29, the two buses will return home Ottawa or Toronto later that same day.

The pilgrimage cost is \$600.00 each (based on double occupancy).

In light of these costs, Marc Madore will accept registrations for the pilgrimage starting on May 15, 2023. Those interested will need to register before July 21, 2023. This will allow Marc to determine whether he has enough members interested to cover the expenses of the trip.

Those interested are to contact the Madore Agency at: 1.888.515.8267 or 1.613.695.5632 and make your reservation and a deposit of \$200. Should the pilgrimage not happen, all deposits will be returned.

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Live Exemplification Resumes in Kingston

By: District Deputy 20, David Caracciolo

Over the last 18 months, Frontenac Council 728 has recruited over 15 new members but, for various reasons we need not cover here, they were not exemplified.

Enter new Grand Knight Steve Henderson and new Financial Secretary Ian Moore. In response to a request from Chaplain Fr. Shawn Hughes last fall, these leaders had helped start several new initiatives including Men's Ministry faith sharing and a homeless shelter. They also sought to address the backlog of potential members.

GK Steve reached out to Council 9652 who offered their degree team for a live Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. This was held on Sunday, March 26 at St Mary's Cathedral in Kingston for a group of 16 new members. Also, in attendance for the 60-minute ceremony were, two priests, 15 family members and 10 other Knights. Of note was the fact that ten of the new members are university students and two of the new members agreed to serve on the council's executive immediately after the exemplification.

Frontenac Council members wish to thank the Newman House and the Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) for promoting the Knights to their members who subsequently joined our Order.



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Our Lady Seat of Wisdom

A Faithfully Catholic College in our Midst!

By: Dr. Christine Schintgen, President, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College

Could it be that there are still Catholics in Ontario who are unaware of the existence of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College, an institution that grants a degree approved by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities and that is faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, right here in our province?

Founded in the year 2000, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College (SWC) came into existence through the efforts of parents who wanted to send their children to a faithfully Catholic post-secondary institution such as Franciscan University of Steubenville or Christendom College in the United States, but couldn't afford the high tuition of American universities. What started as a humble academy has grown over the years, achieving both degree-granting status and the name "College" in May of 2017. The College currently offers a three-year Bachelor of Catholic Studies degree, and has applied for permission to grant a four-year Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in Classical and Early Christian Studies, History, Literature, and Philosophy.

The mission of Seat of Wisdom College is to form the whole person through a liberal arts education in a faithfully Catholic context. Students get to study a wide range of subjects from a variety of perspectives, but the truth of what the Catholic Church teaches is always clearly conveyed, especially as all faculty swear an Oath of Fidelity to the Magisterium.

In addition, students enjoy a thriving Catholic culture in a close-knit community. For the first two years, students live in small single-sex houses of around ten students each. They have the opportunity to study, pray, do chores, and eat meals together. They form friendships that last a lifetime. They also have plenty of opportunities for Mass, with daily Mass at the next-door parish, and the weekly College Mass on Monday afternoons, as well as for Confession and spiritual direction from our chaplain, a Madonna House priest.

There is always much fun and joy among the students of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College. Last week, for example, the community enjoyed a St. Patrick's Day meal with musical entertainment that showcased the talents of our students, followed the next day by a college-wide pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory and other historic sites of Montreal.

If you know of any university-bound young people who are looking for a place where they can grow intellectually and in their Catholic faith, let them in on this well-kept secret! (Find us at seatofwisdom.ca)



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INSURANCE SUCCESS STORY

By: Field Agent John Gallop



A husband, wife, and young son were in Florida enjoying the sunshine and the ocean water. The husband ran into the ocean and was swimming around. The little boy asked his mom if he could go in the water too. She said that he could not because it was very dangerous with the tides, the sharks, and because he didn't know how to swim. The little boy watched his father in the water and asked his mom why daddy was allowed to go in the dangerous water. His mom replied, "Because, he is protected with life insurance from Knights of Columbus."

Reading this, you might think it's a silly joke. For me, it's quite personal. When I became a Knight, I was not a Field Agent, I was working at IBM. A Field Agent came to see me and talked about insurance for me but nothing about a youth policy for my children. A couple of years after that meeting, a tumor was discovered in the brain of my 9-year-old son. He had surgery, and 5 more since then. He is 25 years old now, but he is not insurable. If I had a policy for my son through the Knights, not only would he have that first policy, but he would also be guaranteed to be able to get more, with no medical questions, through the GPO (guaranteed purchase option) the Knights have on youth policies.

A couple of years after the first surgery on my son, I studied, received my license, and chose the Knights to work with as a Field Agent. I was then able to see how the youth policy works, and the advantages of them. I decided that it was something that I would never let slide when I talked to a family about insurance. Some parents tell me that they don't want to make a profit of their child's death, or that they have enough money that they don't need to worry about paying for a funeral for their child or, "they can get it later if they decide to". I tell them that they are looking at it wrong. First and foremost, you are providing your child with an opportunity for their future: an opportunity that must start now, not when they get older. If they don't want to get more insurance through the GPO that's fine, but at least you gave them that opportunity. Secondly, you are providing an opportunity for you to properly grieve if they die early.



INSURANCE SUCCESS STORY

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Not long ago, I met with a young family to do a death claim on their 3-month-old daughter. After she was born, they bought the insurance for the exact reason of giving her an opportunity later in life, the same as they had for their other children. Instead, it gave the parents enough money to bury her, and take time off work to grieve for her: they didn't make a profit from their child's death, they made time for her and their other children.

In the past year, I have met with a couple of adults who were lucky enough to have a youth policy started for them when they were young. The GPO was available for their policies, and they took advantage of the new insurance. Both individuals were now disabled – they would not get insurance if they didn't have the Knights of Columbus policy started by their dad (or grandfather). Not only were they able to get the new insurance, but it was also paid for by the Knights of Columbus because they were disabled and they had a disability waiver on their youth policy. Each GPO that comes up, they will be taking advantage of the new policy.

I have also completed the Guaranteed Purchase Option for many other young people, women as well as men, who are not only healthy and understand the importance of protection for their families, but also who are looking at using the policies for the cash value when they retire. My son understands the advantages every Knight and family has, what he doesn't understand is why people don't take advantage of it. Because he can't get the insurance, he really wishes he could get it. He has looked at many companies and what they have to offer to see if he could get something somewhere: he is still uninsured. He really wishes he had a policy from the Knights – he sees what it could have done for him. I didn't understand it, until I was put into the situation, I hope no one else has to be in.

I think that one of the most important aspects of being a parent is giving our children as many opportunities as possible to succeed later in life. With the families I have seen as a Field Agent, I know that those children and grandchildren who had a youth policy started for them, have an opportunity available that others don't.

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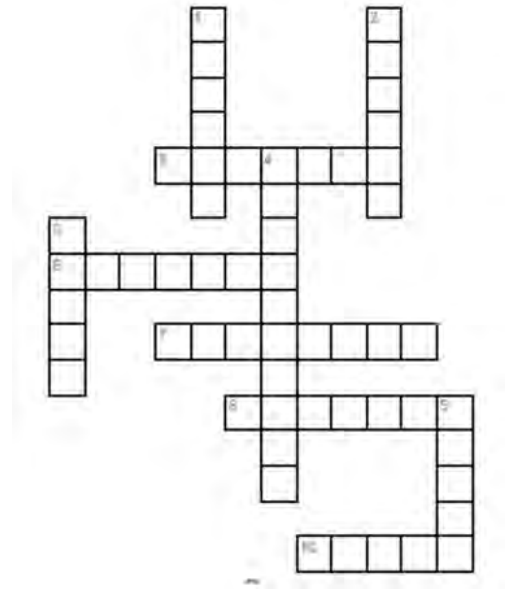
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

3. Location of the Martyr's shrine in Ontario?
6. What is the month that Columbus landed in the Americas for the first time on his first voyage?
7. What is the name of the town where our Past State Deputy Yvon Robert lived when elected to the board?
8. Before Ontario was considered a state, it was deemed to be a district of which State in the United States?
10. What is the second principal of the Order?



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



Answers found on page 18

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1. Family name of the first Franco-Ontarian to be elected as State Deputy?
2. What is the family name of the first Editor of the State Bulletin?
4. What is the name of the first Columbian Squires Circle in Ontario?
5. Family name of the only member of the Canadian Knights of Columbus to be elected Deputy Supreme Knight?
9. The last name of the current Supreme Knight?



CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

ACROSS

3. **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.

6. **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

7. **Moonbeam:** Our Past State Deputy lived in Northern Ontario in a town called Moonbeam when he was elected on the State Board.

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).

10. **Unity:** The Knights of Columbus second Principal is Unity



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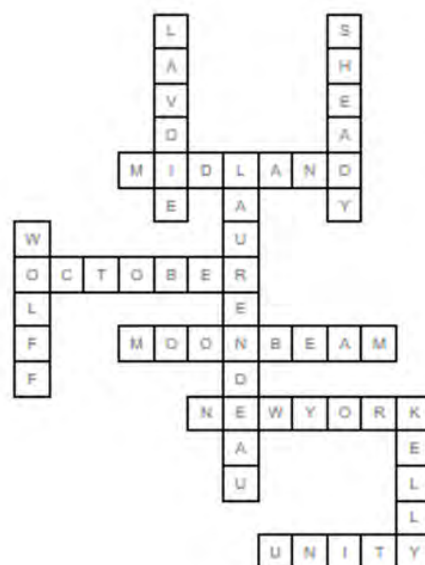
1. **Lavoie:** Leo J. Lavoie was the State Deputy between 1957 and 1959. He was from Council 2082 in Arnprior.

2. **Shedy:** William Joseph "Bill" Shedy of Council #1507 in Guelph. In 1945 Shedy was appointed as the director of public relations and executive secretary for the State Board as a volunteer. His duties included that of editing the State Bulletin. He held these positions for the next 19 years, until his untimely death on February 16, 1964.

4. **Laurendeau:** The establishment of the first Columbian Squires in Ontario took place on February 2, 1930 in Windsor through Windsor Council #1453. It was called the Dean Laurendeau Circle #57 of Windsor. It was named after Very Rev. Dean F. J. Laurendeau of Windsor who, at one point in time, was the pastor of the largest Roman Catholic parish in all of Ontario.

5. **Wolff:** Ernest J. "Ernie" Wolff served as Ontario State Deputy between 1961 and 1963. He was elected as Supreme Director for three consecutive terms three-year terms (1967-1976). In April 1976, he was elected Deputy Supreme Knight for one year.

9. **Kelly:** Patrick E Kelly became Supreme Knight as of March 1, 2021 replacing Carl Anderson.



Latest Podcasts



TK32 Marketplace with Joseph Carbonetto

Here is a Council that is Doubly benefiting their community.



TK33 Knights on Bikes with Dennis Mailloux

An episode that you certainly will not peddle your way through.



TK34 Community Christmas Dinner with Grand Knight Dean C. Black from Council No 1916



TK35 Latin Mass with Grand Knight Brandan Tran from Council No. 17725 in Ottawa



TK36 Our Lady Seat of Wisdom in Barry's Bay with Dr. Christine (Marlin) Schintgen



TK37 Community Outreach in Cornwall

Ontario Council 755 working with local schools in exciting ways.



TK38 TV Bingo

Council TV Bingo that has been running for 40 years in Ontario.



TK39 2023 Annual State Convention

A comprehensive look at all the activities associated with this spring's Annual Ontario Knights of Columbus State Convention to be held in April

Let's Play Bingo!

By Anna Kocmarek

Many Councils host bingos in church or Bingo halls. Some run TV bingos or radio bingos. Now we have Convention Bingo! Every member who registers at the Annual State Convention will receive 2 bingo cards. One Convention Bingo card will be played at the Convention and one Bulletin Bingo card to take home and play when the summer, fall and winter editions of the State Bulletin comes out.

That's four chances to win \$200.

Game 1 - Convention bingo – fill 1 line or 4 corners and place your completed card in the gold drum. Winner of \$200 will be drawn Sunday morning at the convention.

Game 2 – 10 Bingo numbers will be drawn and posted in the Summer Bulletin. If you have a line or 4 corners, email Anna at anna@ontariokofc.ca letting her know that you have a winning card. Please include the red card number found at the top of your card as well as the number found under the free spot.

Bingo can only be claimed for 1 week after the bulletin is published.

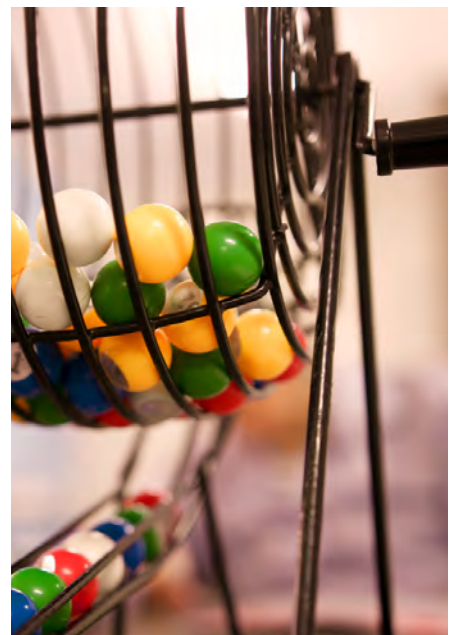
If we have multiple winners, they will share the \$200 prize.

If we have no winners, then the \$200 prize will go to towards game 2 in the Fall bulletin.

Please don't dab... use a chip, or coin to record the numbers.

Game 3 – use the same card as game 1 and same rules as Game 1. Numbers will be found in the Fall bulletin. If we have no winners, the prize will go toward game 4 in the Winter bulletin.

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New KofC Licence Plates for 2023

By State Advocate: Joe Bodnar

Approximately two years ago the Supreme Council adopted a new KofC logo including a trademarked Father Michael J. McGivney font. Some of the more readily visible changes include a different shape for the “K” and “C” and the center shield now has 3 vertical lines instead of five.

Following this new branding initiative, the Ontario State Board began the long process of replacing the old logo on all of its products to make way for the new KofC logo. One item that needed to be updated by a third party are the KofC licence plates that are given by ServiceOntario for all of motorized personal vehicles registered in Ontario.

Exploratory meetings began in 2021 but the COVID-19 restrictions made it difficult to move this file forward until 2022. Matters were further delayed because ServiceOntario only had an English version of the KofC logo registered as an authorized logo for Ontario licence plates.

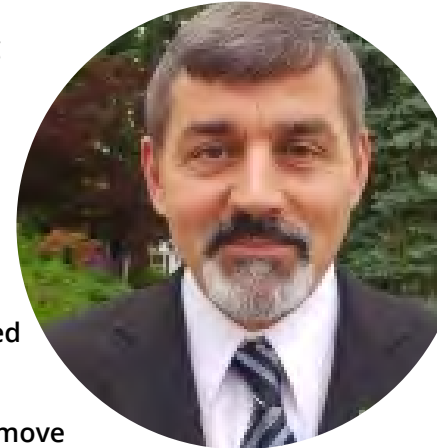
By mid-2022, ServiceOntario informed the State Board officers that the new KofC logo would be accepted with the following conditions: An initial bulk purchase of 30 English KofC licence plates would be needed in order to proceed with the redesign. The cost was \$85.00ea for a total cost of approximately \$2,550. The State Board officers agreed to the purchase with the understanding that this would be a cost recovery expense. In other words, these licence plates would be made available for our members to purchase at our cost. All they would need to do is present themselves at their local ServiceOntario office and complete the transfer to the new KofC licence plate for their vehicle.

The French version of the licence plate was an altogether different matter. Since there was no original French design registered with Service Ontario, they required an initial bulk purchase of 200 licence plates at a cost of \$85ea for a total of approximately \$17,000. The state Board officers were uncertain whether to proceed with this expense because it was unclear whether we would have at least 200 French-speaking members of the Order in Ontario who would commit to purchasing all 200 licence plates. So, the purchase of the French version of the logo on the licence plates was put on hold for the time being.

At the 2023 Annual State Convention you will see a registration form at the State Office registration table. All francophones desiring to purchase a French KofC licence plate are asked to complete the form and when this form contains 200 names who will commit themselves to making the purchase from us then the Ontario State Board would proceed with the purchase of the French licence plates.

The State Office registration table will also have the 30 of the new English version of the KofC logo licence plates for sale at \$85.00ea. Again, once you purchase them you go to your ServiceOntario to have them registered in your name.

Finally, for those interested in purchasing a personalized licence plate with the new English logo and a maximum of six characters may do by going to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation website and place the order. The cost of a personalized plate is \$336.40 plus taxes.



1982
Commemorative
Licence Plate



2023
Ontario
Licence Plate

Vivat Jesus!



ENJOY SPRING IN NIAGARA FALLS. COME TO THE 2023 STATE CONVENTION.

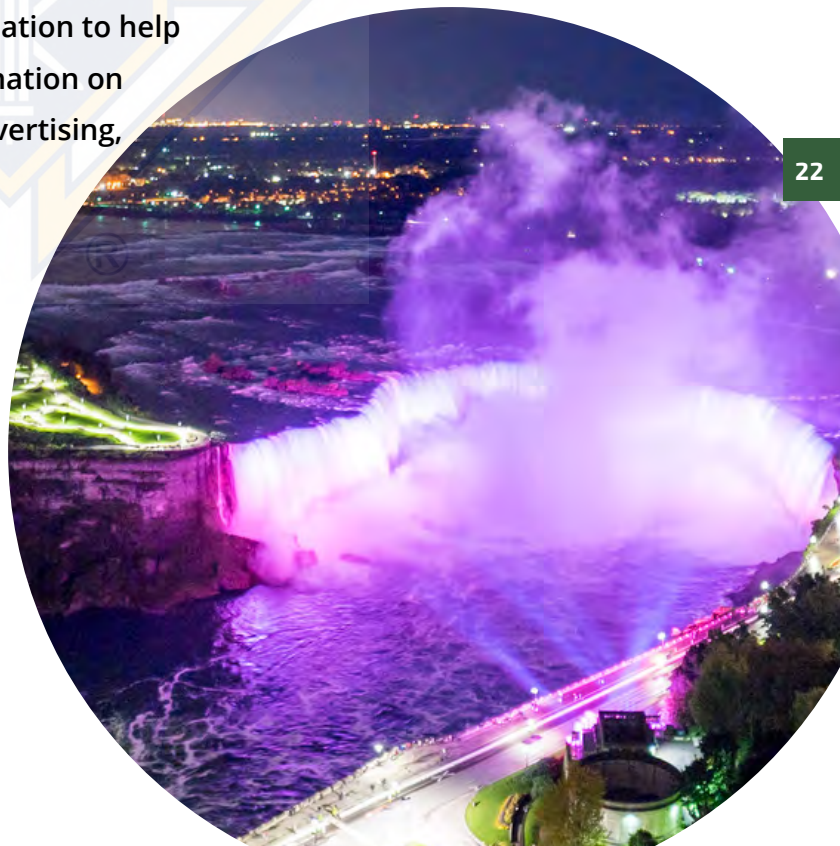
By State Warden: Henry Miller.

My pastor used to refer to Lent as springtime for the soul. I've always found that description so apt in encapsulating the many ways during the Lenten season in which we spring clean ourselves in preparation for the sublime joys of Easter. Lent comes from the Old English word, lencten, which means spring season but is rooted in Germanic words meaning lengthening as in the lengthening days that come with spring. Taken together, these ideas give an excellent sense of what it's like to prepare for a State Convention. It's a lot of work, enthusiastically undertaken by the small but mighty, as we refer to ourselves, State Convention Team. As we get closer to the convention the enthusiasm keeps building, culminating in the sheer joy of the convention itself. When the convention takes place April 28 through 30, those spring days will be quite long and the joy, as emphasized by the majestic springtime beauty of Niagara Falls, will be immense indeed!

For the Knights of Columbus in Ontario the past year has been one of both challenge and achievement as we've emerged from the pandemic and reinvigorated our councils to better serve our families parishes and communities. The 2023 convention will provide many ways to reconnect with and learn from one another, both formal, including the convention masses, banquet and business meetings, and informal, such as walking and talking beside the Falls.

We're providing lots of timely and helpful information to help you prepare for the convention, including information on convention registration, hotel room booking, advertising, souvenirs and much more through The State Convention Herald, emailed regularly to our members and 2023 Ontario State Convention on the Ontario State website.

So be sure to come to the convention, the perfect way to learn and grow in charity, unity and fraternity as a Knight and enjoy a wonderful vacation with your family in a world-class location.



Knights of Columbus Travel Card



By Holy Redeemer Council 9544 in Ottawa, Henry Kinsella

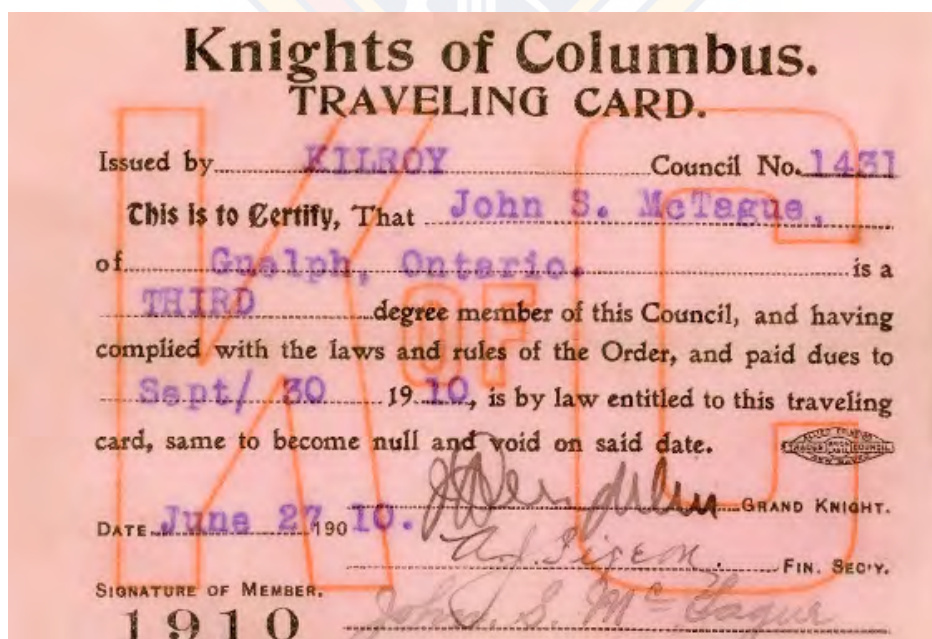
Not too long ago, as faithful comptroller of Cartier Assembly 860 (Ottawa), I received a phone call from an individual who found the wallet of one of the Sir Knights of our Assembly – who happened to be a retired priest. There was a bit of a hiccup. It seemed our Assembly records did not have up-to-date contact information for this member. Certainly not an isolated circumstance.

Fortunately, an avenue was available to obtain the correct phone number. As a result, the situation was resolved swiftly and satisfactorily.

Such an experience should be a reminder to brother Knights to let your Council or Assembly know if you have any change in contact information. Fortunately, if the information is updated by the Council or Assembly, it is automatically updated in the other.

Having occupied the 3rd and 4th degree position of financial secretary or faithful comptroller, a number of thoughts go through my mind regarding the Order's travel card. Some members, not all, know the identification as being a travel card. No matter where a brother Knight might travel, you can attend a general meeting at the local level, if the opportunity arises.

The travel card opens doors. It is a significant piece of identification because it has the contact information for your Council or Assembly. When you receive your travel card, be sure to check the back of the card for the presence of the contact information for your council or assembly. Questions? Speak with your FS or FC.



Vivat Jesus!

JULY 21 – 23, 2023

District Deputy Workshop



Experience the Grand Opening of the next administration and dedication to the Patroness St. Kateri Tekakwitha (a.k.a. The Lily of the Mohawks)

 **AT WESTIN HOTEL, 11 COLONEL BY DRIVE, OTTAWA, ON**

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

▼ **FRIDAY JULY 21, 2023**

- Opening banquet Dinner featuring a smudging ceremony; an indigenous ceremonial dancing; the blessing of Knights of Columbus jewels of office and commemorative souvenirs
- Visit marketplace booths at Westin hotel

▼ **SATURDAY JULY 22, 2023**

- Ladies Program: Lady Dive tours (AM) / Prescott Hotel (lunch) / Rideau Shopping Centre (PM)
- Mass & Installation of District Deputies at Notre Dame Cathedral (All)
- Banquet dinner featuring mystery keynote speaker and Ontario regional song book, followed by a dance with a DJ
- Visit marketplace booths at Westin hotel

▼ **SUNDAY JULY 23, 2023**

- Pilgrimage to St. Kateri Shrine in Kahnawake, Québec & return to Westin Hotel (10am – 5pm)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS, REGISTRATIONS WILL BEGIN IN THE ISSUE OF THE SPRING 2023 ONTARIO STATE BULLETIN

SATURDAY JULY 22, 2023

Join us for the upcoming

District Deputy

BANQUET DINNER



*Open to all members of the Knights of Columbus
in the Ottawa area*

📍 **AT WESTIN HOTEL, 11 COLONEL BY DRIVE, OTTAWA, ON**

The evening will include Mass at 5pm and the installation of **District Deputies** at 6:15pm at the Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Banquet Dinner at 7:30pm at the Westin Ottawa featuring guest speaker and TV personality **Tanya Granic Allen**, followed by entertainment and dancing with Elvis Tribute artist **Paul Warren** starting around 9pm.



► **Notre Dame Cathedral**



► **Tanya Granic Allen**



► **Paul Warren**

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON MAY 15, 2023

YES SIGN ME UP! ▼

► TO REGISTER FOR THE SATURDAY BANQUET DINNER, CLICK **HERE**

A VISIT TO ST-KATERI SHRINE

SUNDAY JULY 23RD, 2023



PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE:

- Tour bus leaves Westin Hotel at 10am
- A Kahnawake tour guide will be on the bus to inform us on the highlights of the pilgrimage and answer our questions
- Visit the gift shop and meet a representative from the local indigenous community in traditional regalia
- Bus leaves Kahnawake at approximately 3pm and arrives at the Westin Ottawa around 5pm

Coordinator of the event is Brother Joseph Remedios. Only one bus will be reserved so space will be limited. Early registration is recommended.

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REGISTRATIONS WILL BEGIN WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SPRING EDITION OF THE ONTARIO STATE BULLETIN. THE COST WILL BE \$75.00 PER PERSON.

eMembership Enrolment

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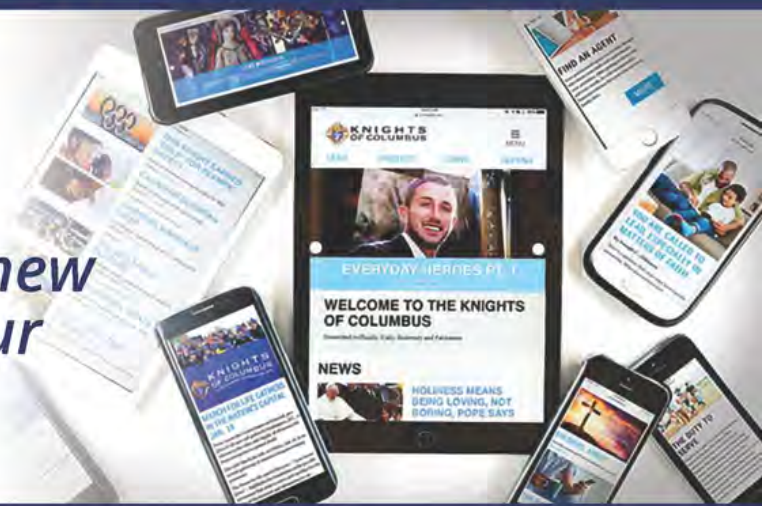
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Your prospective member will get an email asking him to confirm his request to join and then his information will show up on your Council's Prospect tab in Officers Online.

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