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# EDITOR'S MESSAGE - WHAT A YEAR!

By: Bruce S. Poulin, Editor

Can you believe a year has passed since our last annual State Convention? So much has happened that we thought it would be useful to create a special Edition of the State Bulletin to highlight just a few major victories for the Order in the jurisdiction in Ontario.

To that end, we have dedicated this issue to the 2024 annual State Convention wherein all those who were not able to attend this year's convention may still be informed about some of the important milestones we have achieved this year and what the next fraternal year holds for the members of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario.



Brothers, this is just the beginning, as we recover from the effects of the COVID 19 lockdowns, I hope you will be inspired by our progress this past year as much as our team has been in executing our Quebec+1 Strategic Action Plan.

We're just getting started!

Vivat Jesus!

## Membership *Statistics*

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Membership Intake for Q1, Q2 and Q3 of this fraternal year	2012-2023 11-year average	2024 Actual	2024 Goal
	1,201	1,325	1,286



Some 82 councils have already recruited 100% of their quota and need to focus their energies on the reports to qualify for star Council

Vivat Jesus!

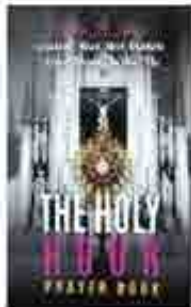
**Bruce S. Poulin**  
State Deputy



## "Like Father, Like Son"

I am delighted to share with you the vibrant journey of our Order in Ontario over the past year, its current standing, and our exciting future prospects at our Annual State Convention.

This past fraternal year, I spent considerable time on the road for a listening tour, which I affectionately called the "Are We There Yet? Tour". This was a profound journey of discovery and connection. At each council, I found wisdom and a deep sense of fellowship. These experiences didn't just inform me; they transformed me, reinforcing my dedication to enhancing our Order and serving our community.



Reading Bishop Fulton Sheen's "The Holy Hour Prayer Book" has been a source of great inspiration for me. His words resonate deeply with our mission:

*"A broken bone gives pain because it is not where it ought to be; our souls are in agony because we are not tending to the fullness of life, Truth, and Love, which is God."*

These words perfectly encapsulate our theme for this year's Annual State Convention: "Like Father, Like Son."

As we reaffirm our roles as Catholic men, husbands, and fathers through our Order, Bishop Sheen's message of Love and Truth is exactly what I needed to hear, making it a perfect theme for this year's Annual State Convention: "Like Father, Like Son". In these challenging times, the theme of family, especially the role of fatherhood, is more relevant than ever. Our Order stands as a beacon of hope and strength for families, championing the sanctity and health of family life. This year, we have not only upheld but also significantly advanced this noble cause. It is my hope that the following paragraphs will inform you of the positive impact we, as Catholic men, husbands, and fathers, are having as members of the Knights of Columbus.

### Year in Review

As the end of our fraternal year approaches and we begin preparations to celebrate our 125th anniversary, we should take stock of some of our major achievements this past year and review our strategy to reach, engage, and convert new members to the Order. With these thoughts in mind, and mindful that we are welcoming new contributors to this convention book, let us recall the following major milestones of the year.

As part of the worldwide Order, we mourned the loss of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, as well as our past State Deputy Paul Crawford. We rallied on the March for Life in both Washington DC and again in May in Ottawa. We have provided crucial relief in Ukraine and launched a new COR program, enhancing our connection to Christ. **COR**, meaning 'heart' in Latin, emphasizes three core elements: Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity, all guiding our hearts towards God and each other. Likewise, we saw the introduction of the Blessed Michael J. McGivney Leader Fellowship created to help State Deputies identify, train, and develop future leaders of the Order.

Closer to home, we had a big year, much of which was due to renewed interest from our members and leaders at all levels.

### Québec + 1 Strategic Action Plan

Our plan was forged from listening, learning, and anticipating the needs of a changing demographic and a new culture of leadership. This plan is not just about change; it's about building trust and inspiration, about opening new doors with new keys to help those in need by communicating in a clear, concise, and effective manner, inspired by our talented base of volunteers.

We have witnessed incredible milestones this year. Notably, the Ontario government recognized our legacy of service. The Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Hon Michael Tibolo, a brother Knight, honoured us for our commitment to community service.



*Certificate of Appreciation from the Ontario Government.*

### Membership

We have seen a remarkable increase in our membership, now standing at approximately 55,000, and we are optimistic that we will reach 56,000 by the end of this Fraternal year. This membership growth is a testament to our Order's appeal and the relevance of our mission in today's world. Each new member brings fresh energy and perspective, helping us to surpass even our own benchmarks. As of December 31, 2023, we welcomed 918 new members, marking a significant increase from the 739 members recorded on December 31, 2022. This represents a nearly 25% increase in just one year.

Furthermore, our conversion rate — the rate at which we successfully convert our **eMembers** into Council members — has impressively doubled, achieving a 100% increase compared to the previous year. This is due, in no small part, to the efforts of our Online Membership Chairman, Dem Magmanlac. In a similar vein, we have gone from one of the highest rejections rate of online members a few years ago to one of the lowest rates now at 10%. In essence, we are surpassing our past performance and effectively outpacing our biggest competitor - our achievements from the previous year.

New Councils and Round two Tables are these also indicative of a healthy jurisdiction. In Ontario, for example, we established two of the three new Councils in the country so far this fraternal year. With deep appreciation for our Round Table Chairman, Dan Pergolesi, we have also exceeded our objective during this same time period with 32 new Round Tables.

### Coats for Kids

Our 'Coats for Kids' initiative has been a heartwarming success story. Anyone not impacted by this initiative and by the smiles it brings to children and homeless veterans needs to check their heart for a pulse. This year, we surpassed all previous records and our goal of 10,000, delivering more than 11,000 coats and reaching a cumulative total of over 100,000 since the program's inception in 2008. Each coat symbolises hope and the tangible impact of our collective efforts. Our efforts represent approximately 10% of the entire number of coats donated throughout the Order.



*Executive Secretary Maria Duguay and State Deputy Bruce S. Paulin prepare the coats for distribution.*

### Veterans' House Canada



*Remembrance Day 2023 at Veterans' House Canada. State Deputy accompanied by Sir Knights Finley Kavanagh and Henry Kinseala.*

Under this Administration, we have reached out to the veteran community. Specifically, we have committed to erecting a cenotaph at the shelter for homeless veterans in Ottawa. We have introduced battle bead rosaries for our members and our serving Canadian servicemen and women. Finally, we have also donated winter coats to those in need. These initiatives, although centred in Ottawa for the time being, are expected to expand across the province and the country. Once again, Ontario can take pride in being the lead on this issue, much like we were with the Canadian Catholic Army Huts program during the Great War (1914-18) and during the Second World War (1939-45).

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By the Numbers (July 2023 - March 2024)	
State Deputy	Councils
Kilometres travelled: 34,173km	Fast Track Award: 13
Councils visited at least once: 62	Sprint to Founder Award: 34
Assemblies visited at least once: 7	Recruited at least one new member: 337

## St. Kateri Tekakwitha

The spiritual heritage of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney is his precious gift to the Knights of Columbus. We owe it to him and to our church to share his gift with those we meet and with whom we work, and I have been heartened and fortified by our team effort. Similarly, we marked the 2023-2024 year by adopting Saint Kateri Tekakwitha as our patroness, which included a pilgrimage to the Francis-Xavier Mission Church in Kahnawake, Québec, a prayer card we use at our events, and a prayer candle that is available for sale from our state office store. Our brother Knights in Kahnawake, Quebec, agreed to loan one of only two St Kateri statues from the Shrine for our State Council events between 2023-2025.



St. Kateri Tekakwitha.

## Finances

Included in this convention book is a report from our State Treasurer, Joe Bodnar, but I did want to acknowledge the exceptional support we are receiving from our subordinate councils regarding their annual per capita fees. For example, on July 1, 2023, the new State Board Inherited assessed subordinate Council per capita arrears in the amount of \$210,000. By February 2024, this amount had been reduced by 90% to approximately \$21,000. This support has made our State Council budgeting easier and restored considerable stability to our financial statements and projections.

## Social Media

Thus far, in this fraternal year, our Facebook page ("Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council") has gone from 2.1K followers to more than 5K followers. Visits to our FB page have increased by 160%. Currently, we have 1,617 followers on "X" (formerly Twitter) with more than 10K Impressions. Likewise, on Instagram, we have 452 followers, and the number of visits has increased by 124%.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, this fraternal year has been a remarkable testament to our collective strength and faith. Thank you for entrusting me with the stewardship of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario. I welcome this opportunity with open arms because it is a privilege, not an entitlement, to be your State Deputy and the steward of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario. Together, we stand ready to embrace the future, inspired by our rich legacy left to us from our fathers and united in our mission – like fathers, like sons.

That said, as we approach our 125th anniversary, let's embrace this milestone as an opportunity to celebrate and recommit. Let's give every Catholic man in the Order the chance to contribute to our dream of helping society become a better place for our families to live more freely in a healthier and more prosperous tomorrow. Finally, let us commit, in the words of past Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty at the Supreme Convention in 1914, to inspire others: *"With malice towards none, with charity for all, let us move onward in the duty of the hour and in the Faith of our fathers."*



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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



About the author should read: "Bruce S. Poulin, MA, BA (Hon), CD1, retired from the Canadian Armed Forces after 22 years of service. For the next 16 years, he worked with Canada's largest community-based veterans' organization, where he was a spokesperson and a service officer helping military veterans process their disability claims with the federal government. Bruce retired for the third time after working as a senior communications representative for one of the world's largest defence contractors.

Bruce has more than 30 years of community service and has been a proud member of the Knights of Columbus since 2007 and has the proud distinction of being acclaimed as the 60th State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus in Ontario since it was established in the province in 1900.

Bruce holds a master's degree from the School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University and his work has been published in various newspapers, magazines, and periodicals. This is Bruce's first book."

**David Gelin**  
*State Secretary*



It is my pleasure to serve as your State Secretary as we begin preparations to celebrate our 125th anniversary in the next Fraternal Year. Below is a brief update on the portfolios that I am managing. Highlights from the past year include:



### **Diocesan Associations**

As many of you are aware, this Administration initiated an ambitious restructuring plan which resulted in a reduction of subordinate councils and districts. This restructuring, in turn, led to a 40% turnover of District Deputies. The positive outcome of this reconfiguration is that, for the first time in collective memory, all councils now have an assigned District Deputy.

Following this, there was a need to revisit the structure of the Diocesan Associations. This year, I am pleased to report that all Diocesan Associations have been assigned or have elected a chairman and are now able to resume their critical role in mentoring, training, and informing executive council officers about local, regional, and provincial issues, and in electing delegates for the upcoming Supreme Convention in Québec City in 2024. In other words, these DA officers embody our theme of "Like Father, Like Son."



*Diocesan Association Meeting in Hearst*

To put this effort into perspective, on July 1, 2023, there were nine DAs without chairmen or executives, in some cases for as long as six years. To address this issue, our State Deputy embarked on his "Are we there yet?" tour, visiting those Northern DAs experiencing difficulties, while I reached out via telephone, email, and in some instances, Bruce Poulin visited in person. I am pleased to report that this two-pronged approach achieved the desired results.

Specifically, we now have 17 Diocesan Associations, each with at least a chairman, and in most cases, a full executive team.

## Meetings

Whether it is a State Board meeting, a State Convention, or District Deputy workshops, my role is to keep a true and faithful record of these meetings. Although these minutes will, in time, form the official legacy of the Order in Ontario, I must say I most enjoy being the master of ceremonies.

## Fourth Degree

Considering that the Fourth Degree will also be celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2025, our State Deputy has asked me to act as the State Board liaison with our Vice Supreme Master, Joe Mathews, and explore opportunities for cooperation and celebration in the next Fraternal Year.

To summarize, we are fortunate to build upon the solid foundation created during an extremely successful 2023-2024 Fraternal Year, which allows us to bring our message of hope to many more in need. Finally, I am filled with optimism for the next year as we launch into an exciting time, celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Order in Ontario. This would not be possible without the help and suggestions of our brother Knights, for which I am eternally grateful.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**St. John de Brebeuf Council 8233**  
Kingsville ON

*Best wishes to all the State Board Officers,  
Delegates and guests gathered at the*  
**121<sup>ST</sup> ONTARIO STATE CONVENTION**

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Deputy Grand Knight Thomas Dunlevie

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**JULY 19-21, 2024**



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## HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

### ▼ FRIDAY JULY 19

- Opening ceremony and banquet dinner



- Visit the marketplace booths at Sheraton airport hotel



### ▼ SATURDAY JULY 21

- Ladies' program includes Poppy painting followed by an afternoon tea party
- Mass & Installation of new District Deputies
- Banquet dinner featuring mystery keynote speaker and Ontario regional song book followed by dancing and a DJ
- Visit marketplace booths at Sheraton Airport Hotel



### ▼ SUNDAY JULY 22

- Keynote address from our Deputy Supreme Knight Arthur Peters.
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- Address by our Vice Supreme Master Joe Mathews



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS, REGISTRATIONS WILL BEGIN IN THE ISSUE OF THE SPRING 2024 ONTARIO STATE BULLETIN**

For more information on this or other events please contact Ontario Knights of Columbus State Office at 1-800-759-0959 | [stateoffice@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:stateoffice@ontariokofc.ca)

**Joseph Bodnar**  
*State Treasurer*



It is a pleasure to serve as your State Treasurer, and I am grateful for the cooperation I have received from the council financial secretaries this past Fraternal Year. In this capacity, I am responsible for managing all State council funds, which includes receiving, recording, safeguarding, and disbursing funds via the general, office, charity, and trust accounts. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, collecting and disbursing funds, setting a yearly budget, and keeping your yearly per capita collection up to date. Below is my report on the responsibilities to which I have been assigned.



### **Per Capita Charges and Collection**

In the first week of January, each active council is sent their yearly State per capita charges for all active members according to the council membership list we receive from Supreme on January 1st. Our increases, usually based on the annual cost of living index, consider our planned yearly budget to operate a State Council the size of Ontario. This year, through our collective efforts, we reduced our per capita arrears from \$210,000 to just under \$21,000 – a reduction of almost 90%. By cooperating in the collection of the per capita fees, which represents almost 60% of our total revenue stream, we maintain financial stability and secure our budgeting process. Our yearly audited financial records are available for your review in this year's Convention book. Additionally, we will have a financial audit presentation by our State Auditor this weekend, where you will be able to ask any questions regarding our financial status.

### **50/50 Raffle**

This Fraternal Year, the State Board officers decided to use Rafflebox [rafflebox.ca](http://rafflebox.ca) to host our bi-annual **50/50 raffle**. This decision was based on their fee structure and the fact that they are a Canadian company. Our first raffle for 2024 began on January 1st with an Early Bird draw on February 14, 2024, and the final draw will take place this weekend (Sunday, April 28th). Please purchase your tickets in the marketplace to support our local charities.

The next raffle will begin on September 1st and will run until December 31, 2024. Our goal as a State Board is to return 25% of your council's gross sales back to be deposited into your charity account for use in supporting your local charities. We now offer each council the use of a P.O.S. (Point of Sale) machine that you can request from our State Office for a two-week period for your fundraisers or council events. These machines will be mailed to your council along with rolls of paper to print the purchased tickets. There is no charge to your council for borrowing these machines, and you will likely see an increase in your council's sales.

## State Bursary

Each year, the State Council offers five student bursaries of \$1,000 each to first-year full-time students attending an accredited college or university in Ontario. The deadline is June 1st, so there is still time to apply. Applications are available on the State website under the community/bursary link.

## 125th Anniversary Sponsorship

Earlier this year, each District Deputy was presented with a sponsorship package to be presented to each council to support the costs of running the 125th Anniversary celebrations across the province for the next Fraternal Year. To create a historical record of all active councils in the province, we are asking each district to share the cost of an advertising package in the 2025 State Convention book, where you can highlight your council's name, number, location, and executive members.

## "Movember" 2023

This year, the Ontario State Board once again participated in the Movember challenge to raise funds for men's health care research. The State Board team raised \$10,000 in donations, and with the help of other councils participating, the total donations from the Knights of Columbus in Ontario was \$24,960. Our organization is now one of the largest contributors to this cause in Ontario. We encourage the men in your council to participate in next year's event to help raise much-needed funds for this research.

## Squires

Having been an active Squire counselor in my local circle (S.K. Leonard T. Smith Circle 4742, Oshawa) for the past 22 years, I was excited to be asked once again to be the State Squire Liaison officer for the State Board. Reflecting on this year's theme: "Like Father, Like Son," I watch and work with these young men on the Columbian Squire Ontario Provincial Board and look forward to the day when many of these same young men will take up leadership positions within their own councils and more.

Your \$40.00 yearly Squire assessment fee (payable from your charity account) helps cover the costs of running the Provincial Board: meals, transportation, annual workshops, attending the District Deputy meetings, State Convention, and their Squires Provincial convention. Please support them in their raffle they are holding this weekend, which helps offset their convention attendance costs.

Tricia and I would like to congratulate and thank State Squire Director Enzo Caterina, his wife Karen, and their team of chairpersons for providing the Provincial Board members from across the province with the opportunity to serve and represent the other Circles. I would also like to thank the other State Board members for their continued support; it has been a pleasure working with them to serve you as a united board. We all look forward to serving you and preparing to celebrate our 125th Anniversary next year!



*Project Linus Canada Chairwomen, Noreen Kasman, receiving handmade blankets from Joe Bodnar on behalf of the Lady Knights of Columbus.*



19 – 22 JULY 2024

# BE A PART OF OUR MARKET PLACE

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## MARKET PLACE HOURS:


FRIDAY, JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> | 3-6 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> | 10AM – 7:30PM


*The marketplace will feature more than 20 vendors who will offer their crafts and creations to more than the 200 delegates and spouses attending the convention with another 100 people attending the District Deputy Banquet Dinner Saturday night. The market will also be available to the public and other patrons of the hotel complex.*

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**YES SIGN ME UP** – I want to  
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 Each booth will be 4' X 8' and the cost for the booths will be 75.00 + HST for both days.

 The location is the **Sheraton** Airport Toronto Hotel and Conference Center.

 Set-up is at **1:30 PM – 4PM** on the Friday.  
Elevators (Service) are available and transport carts as well. Friday's close - vendors may store their products in a secure room if they wish. The next day the market will be open at **10AM**. Takedown will not commence until **7:30PM**.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE DD CONVENTION

JULY 19, 20, 21, & 22<sup>ND</sup> 2024

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**Henry Miller**  
*State Advocate*



As State Advocate, it is my responsibility and privilege to support you in understanding and effectively using what can best be thought of as essential tools, as elaborated below, that safeguard the integrity and good reputation of our Order. Under this mentorship approach, I have been mindful of your councils' willingness to operate in and serve your parishes and local communities as effectively as possible. In this mentorship role, I have listed below some updates on the portfolios I am managing.



### **Liability Insurance**

In an era of increased litigation, all measures that will make it easier for members to volunteer for programs and seek election to a Council's executive, requires sound liability insurance coverage. Councils may obtain liability insurance through brokers of their choice. In doing so, however, they must ensure they have proper and adequate coverage.

Most Ontario councils obtain their liability insurance through Jones DesLauriers. More specifically, David Gottlieb (a brother Knight) works with individual councils to determine the specific coverage and pricing that is best suited to them. To date, more than 350 councils have purchased liability insurance with Jones Deslauriers for this fraternal year, approximately 63% of Ontario councils.

Liability Insurance includes two important facets. They are the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program and the Jones Deslauriers Risk Management Protocol and Abuse, Discrimination, Harassment Prevention Policy.

### **Safe Environment Program**

This year, Triton Canada, a Canada-based company, has been hired so that all personal information related to background verifications remains in Canada. This program remains a key component of any Star Council Award and needs to be prioritized accordingly.

### **Risk Management Protocol and Abuse, Discrimination, Harassment Prevention Policy (the "P&P")**

Consistent with the requirements of the Safe Environment Program, Ontario's P&P addresses the unique needs of Ontario's councils. It sets out the requirements for background checks for council members participating in programs involving youth, in addition to the background checks required for specific positions under the Safe Environment Program.



It is mandatory that council members annually attest to their familiarity with the requirements of the P&P. Supported by David Gottlieb, Account Executive with our Ontario State liability insurance broker, Jones DesLauriers, we have been striving to ensure that complying with P&P requirements is as straightforward as possible. Two well-received innovations supporting this are the P&P slideshow and the one-page 'traffic light' guide to additional background check needs.

### Council Database Repository

The repository was designed and created through councils' consideration of a resolution concerning essential document retention at the 2022 Ontario State Convention, an excellent example of positive State and council collaboration.

### Resolutions

Safeguarding both solidarity and subsidiarity, resolutions are our means of ensuring that we best meet the evolving needs of our order and our councils and their parishes and communities. When, at our convention, we discuss and adopt resolutions, we have a powerful and practical way to inform and influence our order, e.g. through recommendations that, in turn, may be adopted through resolutions considered at the Supreme convention. We also have a powerful and practical means of influencing various other elements of society, through being attuned to both the local and broader societal concerns that inform the resolution crafting process.

Mindful of the solidarity of our core principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, it has been my great pleasure, over the past year, to assist councils and Individual Knights in understanding and effectively using the various essential tools of good governance and sound risk management at their disposal, as elaborated above. In so doing, I have met and spoken with many individuals. In the spirit of this year's theme "Like Father, Like Son," I shall always savour the joy of mentoring and making new acquaintance and, in many cases, earning that true friendship which is rooted in objectivity, fairness and mutual respect.

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SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 2024



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- 2PM:** The re-dedication of the KofC Pray for Peace Memorial located at Dieppe Park.
- 4PM:** An exemplification of the Third Degree for candidates from Michigan and Ontario in Skyline Ballroom A.
- 5PM:** Doors open (cocktails) in Skyline Ballroom B (dinner)
- 6PM:** International Knights Banquet dinner where third and fourth degree Knights and their ladies from both the United States and Ontario will enjoy each other's company. All surviving past Ontario State Deputies will also be honoured at the event to mark the launch of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign.
- 9PM:** Dancing with a DJ.

*Only 350 tickets are available.*

*Anyone interested in attending is asked to reach out to:  
Gordon Edwards at: [master5thont@gmail.com](mailto:master5thont@gmail.com) or by telephone at: 519-300-6812*

## Earle DePass State Warden



A fraternal year has already passed since you, the voting delegates, afforded me the privilege of serving as your State Warden. At that time, I made a commitment to serve to the best of my abilities as a team player, espousing our cardinal virtues of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.



In my role as State Warden, I have participated in several State Council meetings and two very successful District Deputy workshops, as well as our Strategic Action Plan meeting, which you may recall as the Québec+1 Strategic Action Plan. When needed, I have also represented the State Council at various Assembly and Council events, where I have been encouraged by a new wave of optimism throughout the Order.



*Ontario State Council State Board Officers*

This year's theme – "Like Father, Like Son" – perfectly reflects my role as State Warden, where my worthy State Board officers have helped me gain a more strategic vision of our Order for Ontario and have prepared me for future leadership challenges and opportunities. It has been truly fulfilling, and I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for your confidence, trust, and support. I look forward to another fruitful fraternal year. Special thanks to my better half, Lady Francine, for all her dedication and loving support.

# ST. JOHN PAUL II STAMP EXHIBIT

OCTOBER 19 - 22, 2024

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# COLUMBUS BANQUET DINNER

OCTOBER 19, 2024

Banquet tickets will be on sale soon.



## ST. JOHN PAUL II STAMP EXHIBIT

*Back by popular demand, the stamp exhibit features images of all of his tours around the world during his pontificate.*

*Stamp Exhibit will be open from Saturday 19 October until Wednesday 22 October 2024 between the hours of 10AM and 5PM.*

*Stamp Exhibit: Admission is free*

*Groups of up to 30 persons can reserve a private tour.  
For more information about the exhibit, please contact  
Edward Shawchuk, PSD at 416-399-0859*

## COLUMBUS BANQUET DINNER

*Come celebrate the life of St. John Paul II with the members of Toronto Council 1388. Activities will include cocktails, a mystery keynote speaker, door prizes and dancing. 770 Queen Street, Toronto*

**5:00PM** Divine Liturgy - Principal Celebrant Most Rev. Bryan Bayda, C.Ss.R.

**6:00PM** Cocktails

**7:00PM** Columbus Banquet Dinner

**9:00PM** Dancing with a DJ

*The exhibit will be in the Knights of Columbus Toronto Council 1388 hall located at 4 Bellwoods Avenue, Toronto, ON M6J 2P4.*



**Marcel Lemmen**  
*Immediate Past State Deputy*



I am pleased to be serving on the Ontario State Board as the Immediate Past State Deputy, as well as holding the positions of Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation and Director of New Council Development. In addition to these directorships, I have also been responsible for updating the Leaderboard on the Ontario State website daily.



### **Evangelization and Faith Formation**

Evangelization and Faith Formation is a new directorship established by the Supreme Council with the goal of implementing the Supreme Knight's new **Cor** initiative. Many men, especially young men, join the Knights of Columbus because they feel isolated in their faith by secular society and seek to share their faith in a social setting with like-minded Catholic men.

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**Cor** addresses this need through men's faith formation meetings that include prayer and fraternity. The name **Cor**, Latin for "**Heart**," derives from St. John Henry Newman's episcopal motto "**Cor ad Cor Loquitur**," which translates to "**Heart Speaks to Heart**". **Cor** meetings are comprised of three elements: prayer, formation, and fraternity, and are held separately from regular Council meetings. These meetings are conducted at least monthly and should be open to all men of the parish. Detailed information about **Cor** can be found on the Supreme website: [www.kofc.org/cor](http://www.kofc.org/cor).



*Council 14421: Bible Study - Men of the Word - The Good News.*

I attended three days of **Cor** training in New Haven, CT, last August along with Faith Director Joseph Remedios. **Cor** was initiated in Ontario last September, and nearly 30 councils have successfully implemented the program to date with excellent results. I have been attending District and Diocesan Association meetings across the province to promote Cor and have discussed it with several Bishops, receiving their enthusiastic support.

### New Council Development

Last Fraternal Year, we formed three new councils in Ontario. As of the writing of this report, we have established two new councils so far this Fraternal Year: St. Gaspar del Bufalo Council 18394 in Toronto and Sacred Heart Council 18397 in Paris. Our goal is to form four new councils, and there are several prospects in the pipeline: six are actively recruiting and another eight are under consideration. Starting a new council requires twenty members, who can be either new members or transfers. Primarily, the responsibility of forming a new council falls to the District Deputy, and I have been promoting New Council Development at the District Deputy meetings.



*Presentation of a leather jacket to DD Kevin Belanger for establishing a new Council in 2023.*

NCD NCD Prospects (July 2023 - March 2024)		
St. Alphonsus	Toronto	Formed Council 18384
Sacred Heart	Paris	Formed Council 18397
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Windsor	Recruiting
St. John the Baptist	Burlington	Recruiting
St. Fidelis	Toronto	Recruiting
St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Toronto	Recruiting
St. Joseph, Nigerian	Scarborough	Recruiting
Ethnic NCD	Etobicoke	Investigating Potential
Blessed Sacrament	Ottawa	Investigating Potential
St. Jane	Toronto	Investigating Potential
St. Boniface	Scarborough	Recruiting
St. Monica	Nepean	Investigating Potential
St. Nicholas of Bari	Toronto	Investigating Potential
St. Wilfred	Toronto	Investigating Potential
St. Leopold Mandik	London	Investigating Potential

# Roll of Honour



## Ontario Knights who served in the Canadian Catholic Army Huts in the Great War (1914-1918)

*During the 2024 Poppy Campaign (October 25 to November 11, 2024) The following Councils will be receiving a Roll of Honour from the Ontario State Council commemorating their brother Knights who served Canada through the Canadian Catholic Army Huts program during the Great War for Civilization (1914-1918).*

St Patrick Basilica Ottawa Council 485

Frontenac Council 728

Ontario Council 755

Ernest J. Wolf Council 798

Superior Council 932

North Bay Council 1007

Brockville Council 1049

Sir Guy Mills Council 1124

Leo Council 1130

Father Brian McKee Council 1387

Toronto Council 1388

St. Catharines Council 1394

Fatima Council 1398

Our Lady of Czestochowa Council 1410

Orillia Council 1428

William E. Prentice Council 1429

Kilroy Council 1431

Fort William Council 1447

Windsor Most Precious Blood Council 1453

Fr Ernest Deslippe Council 1467

Fr. Funcken Council 1504

William J. Sheady Council 1507

Bishop N.Z. Lorrain Council 1531

Barrie Council 1626

Penetanguishene Council 1627

Fr. Victor C. Cote Council 1652

Brantford Council 1679

St. Charbel Maronite Council 1844

Renfrew Council 1916

Glengarry-Sacre-Coeur Council 1919

Fr. F.P. Duffy Council 1970

## Lest we forget

## David Fisher

State Program Director



As we come together for the 121st State Convention in Niagara Falls, it is both an honour and a privilege to address you as your Ontario State Program Director. This year, under the majestic cascade of the Falls, we gather not just in celebration but in reflection on the profound impact our Order has within our communities, our families, and our faith.



Under the framework of the Québec + 1 Strategic Action Plan, we stand on the threshold of opportunity—an opportunity to ignite the flames of service and fellowship through our responsive program activities. Each council, each member, carries within them the spark that can kindle such a flame. It is through your initiatives, your passion for service, and your unwavering commitment that we can transform a single idea into a beacon of hope and a legacy of charity.

Everywhere I have turned during this fraternal year, councils have embraced the call to action, and unprecedented numbers are both conducting and reporting on their respective programs. These are not just activity reports; they are milestones on our journey toward a greater purpose: to help other Catholic men and boys make society a better place for their families to live freely in a healthier and more prosperous tomorrow.

As we move forward, I encourage you to delve into the program reports, discover new and exciting ways to engage with your communities, and never hesitate to reach out for support or share your successes. Remember, if you find yourselves facing challenges, you are not alone. Reach out, communicate, and let us transform barriers into bridges of opportunity. Your efforts, your ideas, and your dedication are the heart of our Order. Let us celebrate

them, share them, and build upon them together.



*Our Program Director leading an Exemplification in London, Ontario*

In closing, let this convention serve to renew our shared belief that we are more than just members of an Order; we are brothers, united in a common cause, driven by faith, and dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Let us fully embrace our role "Like Father, Like Son."



MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
SAT. JANUARY 25, 2025!



# 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANQUET DINNER

Banquet tickets available soon.

Only 400 tickets are available!

*Come Celebrate the 125<sup>TH</sup> anniversary of the Establishment of the first Knights of Columbus Council in Ontario as well as the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus.*

## SATURDAY'S ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

### SAINT PATRICK BASILICA, OTTAWA

[www.basilica.ca](http://www.basilica.ca)

2:00PM Unveiling of Fr. Matthew James Whelan portrait

*Unveiling of Plaque from the Knights of Columbus Acknowledging the birthplace of the Order in Ontario*

*Blessing of the new Council 485 and Assembly 860 banners*

*Tour of the Michael J. McGivney Honoris and book store and gift shop*

4:30PM Vigil Mass (open to the public)

### FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAURIER

1 RIDEAU ST, OTTAWA, ON

[www.fairmont.com/laurier-ottawa](http://www.fairmont.com/laurier-ottawa)

6:00PM Cocktails

7:00PM Banquet Dinner

9:00PM Dancing with a DJ

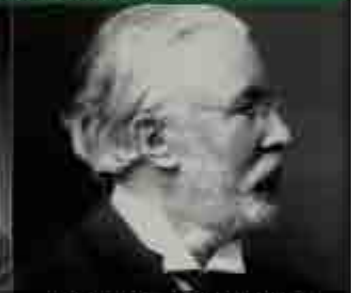
*Anyone interested in attending either or both events are asked to reach out to:*

[stateoffice@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:stateoffice@ontariokofc.ca)

## STATE DEPUTIES FROM ST PATRICK BASILICA, OTTAWA COUNCIL 485



John P. Dunne (1902-1904)



Michael J. Gorman, KC (1904-1905)



Hon. Judge Francis R. "Frank" Latchford, KC (1905)



Sr Philip M. L. Phelan, OBE, KSG (1935-1942)



Vincent Kelly (1963-1965)



Capt. Bruce S. Poulin, CFI (Ret'd) (2023-2025)

# Vincent D'Souza (with Dem Magmanlac)

State Membership Director



The **Québec+1 Strategic Action Plan** we adopted under State Deputy Bruce S. Poulin was both ambitious and innovative. There were many parts, but our focus, under membership, was twofold. First, our State Deputy and his Membership Team would reach out to our subordinate Councils and their members who were still recovering from the COVID-19 lockdowns and inspire them to get moving again. Second, we looked at the data for the past 11 years and determined the monthly average. From here, we set our own monthly goals that were more realistic and achievable because they were based on 11 years of data. From here, we could rank each month by average intake and manage expectations and effort.



## Membership Monthly Growth Calendar

Membership By the Numbers (July 2023 – March 2024)		
2012-2023 (11 Year Average)	2024 COH Goal	2023-2024 Actual
948	1,286	1,325

There are twelve Membership Information Officers, so it was easy for our State Deputy to assign one month to each MIO. The purpose was to bring the resources and leadership of the State Board officers and directors to a specific MIO for a specific month. Using the “Like Father, Like Son” approach, they mentored and trained council executive officers during that specific month. The results were as expected: the month our State Deputy and his team visited the assigned MIO saw a corresponding uptake in recruitment. By February, this strategy not only saw our team achieve our membership goals, but we also began exceeding them. We are, to quote our State Deputy, who is a retired Artillery Officer, “On time and on target.”

## Conversion of Our Online Members



While registering online is a relatively new phenomenon with the Knights of Columbus, begun in 2018, it has become the largest component of our new members. Averaging 75% of all new members, the Québec+1 Strategic Action Plan needed to address this reality and seek out new ways to convert online members into regular members in subordinate councils. It was here that our new online membership chairman, Dem Magmanlac, has played a key role. So far, this fraternal year, he has, almost single-handedly, doubled the conversion rate from roughly 26% on June 30, 2023, to 53% by February 2024.

Membership By the Numbers (July 2023 – March 2024)		
Online Members	Converted to Regular	Ratio
992	542	55%

### Moving Forward

The next three months are crucial as our 11 years of records show that April to June are the best months for recruitment. Based on the results achieved thus far, we encourage our Council members, executive officers, and district deputies to execute our Faith In Action programs and to encourage new volunteers to join the Knights online. From there, we will reach out to them within days and convert them to regular members of a council where they can help other Catholic men create a society that will help our families live freely in a healthier and more prosperous tomorrow.

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SAT. FEB. 15<sup>TH</sup> 2025 | 5:45-9:00PM

# NATIONAL FLAG DAY DINNER

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 632 | 800 TAYLOR CREEK DRIVE, ORLEANS, ON

On Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Knights of Columbus Assembly 2230 will be hosting the fifth Annual National Flag Day Dinner in support of the Soldier On Program at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 632. The Knights of Columbus (4<sup>th</sup> Degree) Patriotic Branch will honour our soldiers and veterans at this event. To date, this event has raised \$25,000.00 for Soldier On with all funds raised this year being donated once again to Soldier On.

Our small intimate dinner has grown to include current and retired men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces, Cadets from the Royal Military College and veterans from the Perley and Rideau Veterans Health Centre, with the dinner being served by the Ottawa Uplands Military Wives Choir.

Soldier On inspires recovery and rehabilitation for former and serving military members and veterans to adapt and overcome permanent physical or mental health issues through the transformative power of sport and physical activity.

Corporate Sponsorship for this event enables the Knights of Columbus to donate tables to local Legions and Veteran's Groups, enabling deserving veterans and service members to attend this event free of charge. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please contact Jay Sanko (contact details below) to support our service Men and Women and our Veterans.

Thank you.

Jay Sanko

[jay@stelis.ca](mailto:jay@stelis.ca) | 1.613.884.3138

# Joseph Remedios

State Faith Director



As we come to close our Fraternal Year, it is my Honour to report to the delegates gathered at the State Convention of 2023-2024 that the Faith pillar has performed extremely well in all its programs under the theme "Like Father, Like Son." This pillar encompasses some of the key programs that are the reason many of us joined the Order.



I have learned a lot from my role as Faith Director, and I understand even more why this is such a great Order. This pillar comprises several portfolios. Since I am afforded only limited space in this convention book, I will cover only the major ones.

## Pilgrimage to St. Kateri Tekakwitha



*(LtoR) Tom Deerhouse and Arnold Lazare with our State Deputy along with the Statue of St. Kateri from her Shrine in Kahnawake, Qc.*

Beginning in 2017, the State Council established a custom whereby a saint would be adopted as our patron. Effective July 1, 2023, under the Poulin Administration, the Patroness Saint Kateri Tekakwitha was adopted in the spirit of our Truth and Reconciliation efforts.

St. Kateri is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012.

On July 23, 2023, following the District Deputy Workshop weekend, a pilgrimage was arranged for members to visit the St. Kateri

Shrine in Kahnawake, Québec. This visit included a traditional lunch and a special Mass with the local indigenous choir. The local Knights, who are partly responsible for the Shrine of St. Kateri, also agreed to loan our State Council one of the two statues of St. Kateri used at the Shrine for us to venerate for the duration of our current State Deputy's term.

## Holy Hour

A Holy Hour was scheduled at both District Deputy Workshops held in July and December 2023, respectively. We were Honoured to have our Worthy State Chaplain be part of this wonderful prayer service, which concluded with Benediction. The service was followed by the celebration of Holy Mass.



We need to foster the need to spend more time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, as it helps us to strengthen our confidence in our faith, especially during these difficult times.

## Rosary Program



*KofC Rosaries made of gun metal.*

This year, our State Council continued the virtual Second Saturday Rosary Devotion program at 8:00 AM. We need to be unified by praying together so that, with our show of solidarity with Our Lady, we can continue to strengthen our faith to overcome all our tribulations and trials.

The relationship between the Ontario Knights of Columbus and the Rosary took on a new dimension during the Great War (1914-1918) when almost 20,000 rosaries were donated to our soldiers deployed overseas. This custom was repeated during the Second World War (1939-1945).

Our State Deputy, also a military veteran, wanted to remind our members of this proud legacy of support to our military community. To that end, each District Deputy, upon their installation, received a replica rosary from the Great War made of gunmetal. Since then, the program has grown exponentially with orders from our members, both retired and serving military members.

## Feast Day of Blessed Michael J. McGivney

This year, the Feast was celebrated at St. John of the Cross Church in Mississauga and was very well attended. Rev. Father Joyson George, who serves as the Chaplain of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council #12706, encouraged each of those present to work towards the vision of our Founder. There was a Fourth Degree Honour Guard, well represented by the Second Ontario District.



At the end of the Mass, our Deputy Supreme Knight provided his message.

Thank you for all you have done in this Fraternal Year, and please continue to keep up the good work and vision of our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, and pray that he attains Sainthood.

SAT. MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2025



# 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BISHOP'S CHARITY DINNER DANCE



**FAVOURITE  
CHARITIES  
DINNER DANCE**

*Carmen's Banquet Centre  
1520 Stone Church Rd. E.  
Hamilton, Ontario*

**DISTRICTS**  
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100 · 109

**Jaime Libaque**  
State Family Director



It is a pleasure for me to present to you some of the highlights of the Family pillar of our Faith in Action programs for this Fraternal Year. As Catholic Knights of Columbus, we support the concept of lifelong matrimony between one man and one woman and parental responsibilities/rights because we are strong believers in the family – the bedrock of trust – which brings out the best in us all and makes our world go round. This approach is particularly relevant to our theme of “Like Father, Like Son.”



While there is discussion about the concept of traditional versus modern families, we need to look no further than the Holy Family to draw inspiration and clarification of the roles of father, mother, and children. In fact, one of the Family Programs is the “Consecration to the Holy Family.”

The Family Pillar consists of eight (8) programs that are executed at different times during the year. During 2023-24, we have seen an increase in the participation of Councils in various programs. This increase in participation is the result of a team effort (with Chairmen, District Deputies, State Office) and a concerted effort in communications (including Webinar, numerous articles, and presentations at District Deputy meetings). I remain optimistic that, with proper support, this trend can continue.

### **Family of the Month Award**

The Family of the Month / Family of the Year program remains underutilised. It is a simple way of recognising families for their good work contributing to Church, School, and Community. We hope to see this growing in the next Fraternal Year.

### **Keep Christ in Christmas**

Not long ago, we celebrated Christmas. The “Keep Christ in Christmas” program saw good participation in the school poster contest, with 42 submissions. We also had several submissions of crèches/nativity scenes. The lawn signs, buttons, and magnets continue to be popular and provide fundraising opportunities for Councils.



*Leo Council 1130 build a Nativity Scene in a Public Park in Thunder Bay.*



## Family Day

Beginning on 19 February 2007, the provincial government established Family Day in Ontario. Since then, we have encouraged Councils to spend quality time with their respective families and extend the celebration, with other families, to make it a "Family Week" (another Family Program).

## Food for Families

During this past Thanksgiving and the upcoming Easter, many Councils will have participated in the "Food for Families" program, either by collecting non-perishable items or raising funds to be donated to local Food Banks. In the spirit of giving, and to help alleviate the food insecurity issue, Councils had raised more than \$16,000 and 20,000 pounds of non-perishable foodstuffs. Although these amounts are impressive, we know government programs are falling short, and more needs to be done.



*Food drive volunteers from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council 12706 in Mississauga.*

The last three programs "Family Prayer", "Family Fully Alive", and "Good Friday" present opportunities to nurture our Faith so that families could be transformed and actively engaged in other Service Programs.



*Council 13417 on the Thanksgiving Food Drive for a daily food bank in their community.*

Thank you for your support of the various Family Programs during 2023-24 and to our State Deputy for the opportunity to serve the Order in this capacity.

SAT. MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> 2025



# THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S PARADE THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEAD THE PARADE

As Knights of Columbus the annual St. Patrick's Parade provides a wonderful opportunity to show Ottawa that we are an active fraternal charity organization within our community. In particular for the 4th Degree as the Visible Arm of the Order, leading the parade offers the avenue for great exposure. The Councils are also invited to bring their members with families and Council banners to fill the ranks of Knights of Columbus walking.

## PARADE DETAILS

**Formation:** The Knights are to meet in the main lobby of City Hall by 10:15 a.m.

**Parade Time:** The parade will start at 11:00 a.m. and finish at approximately 12:30 p.m.

**Parade Route:** The Knights will line up at the corner of Elgin Street and Laurier Avenue. At 11:00 a.m. it will move westward to Bank Street, then South on Bank Street to Lansdowne Park.

**Parking:** Parking is available at City Hall and Lansdowne Park (underground) for a fee. Therefore, carpooling by participants is recommended.

**Busing:** Free shuttle school buses will operate between Lansdowne Park and Ottawa City Hall starting at 8:30 a.m.

Questions about KofC participation in the Parade may be directed to: Sir Knight Michael Ferrigan, Assemblée Cartier Assembly 860 and Saint Patrick Basilica Ottawa Council 485 by telephone at **613-230-2713** or by E-mail at [mferrigan@rogers.com](mailto:mferrigan@rogers.com).

For additional information respecting the Ottawa Irish Festival 2025 (March 8th – 17th) see a list of activities and the Parade on the website: [www.irishsocietyncr.com](http://www.irishsocietyncr.com)

**Alex Schadenberg**  
State Life Director



It has been an honour and privilege to serve as your Life Director this past Fraternal Year under the Poulin Administration. As the Life Director, my responsibilities include promoting our pro-life and anti-euthanasia portfolios, the purchase and donation of ultrasound machines, managing the Seniors' program, organizing blood donor clinics, and coordinating our involvement in the Special Olympics and the annual March for Life. It also includes overseeing our initiatives for the Special Olympics and the Christian Refugee Relief in the Holy Land and for Persecuted Christians, which have their own separate reports in this book. Here is my report on the responsibilities assigned to me.



### **Pro-Life**

As Catholic Knights of Columbus, we assume a leadership role in supporting the dignity of life from conception to natural death, consistent with our theme "Like Father, Like Son." We believe that all human beings, including the unborn, the vulnerable, the elderly, the broken, and the forgotten, are created in the image of God and are therefore wanted and loved. To that end, our Québec + 1 Strategic Action Plan has adopted two tactics: prayer and our Faith in Action programs.



*KofC donation for the purchase of an ultrasound machine in 2019.*

### **Ultrasound Machine**

Building on our success in 2019, when we provided an ultrasound machine to a clinic in Ottawa, we are working to have another ultrasound machine donated to a clinic in the Toronto area before the end of this Fraternal Year.

### **March for Life**

The National March for Life will take place on Thursday, May 9, 2024, on Parliament Hill. We need Knights of Columbus members to volunteer for various roles, including distributing signs and serving as "Event Marshalls." Additionally, we need 4th Degree members to walk together in the **March for Life**, providing a visible presence for the Knights of Columbus.

My wife, Susan, and I thank you for upholding Life as a gift from God.

**Daniel Mainville**  
*State Community Director*



Thank you to our State Deputy for the privilege of serving as your community Director. My responsibilities include the oversight of the following: Global Wheelchair Mission, Prostate Cancer Awareness, Habitat for Humanity, Disaster Preparedness, Coats for Kids, Basketball Freethrow, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, Hockey and Soccer Challenge, and Knights on Bikes.



While, this report only covers some of the major portfolios, I am very proud of each and every program under my Pillar because of their positive impact in communities across the province. Leadership through example and mentorship is a particularly fulfilling role the volunteers enjoy under this Pillar – a perfect example of our them “Like Father, Like Son.”

### **Global Wheelchair Mission**



With the passion of Brother Francisco Naar as the Chairman of the Global Wheelchair Mission, this has been a great success, year after year. For the Fraternal 2023-2024 year, the Ontario State Board has decided to donate 110 wheelchairs to Puerto Rico. Wheelchairs cost approximately \$200 each, so this shipment to Puerto Rico represents a donation of \$22,000.

### **Prostate Cancer Awareness**

Brother David Fisher was the Chairman of Movember with was another success story for the Ontario State Council. With thirty men participating, we raised over \$24,000.

### **Basketball Free Throw**

This is another great initiative from the Knights of Columbus to include the children. Thank you to Chairman of the Basketball Free Throw, Kevin Belanger for taking the reins and organizing all the Councils. A special mention to the Sault Ste Marie Diocesan Association for hosting a Regional Basketball Free Throw first the first in many years. They had more than 60 shooters in the gymnasium with just as many parents encouraging the shooters.



The Community Pillar, which forms an integral part of our Faith in Action initiative, is specifically designed to strengthen our communities, help our youth, show our Faith and of course Promote the Knights of Columbus. As your Community Director, I am grateful for the cooperation you have given me, and I invite you to keep up the great work.

### Coats for Kids

Echoing part of the State Deputy's report, we finally met and surpassed our target of donating 10,000 coats. Thanks to a special request from a First Nation Community in the Thunder Bay area for more than 1,000 coats, we not only met or as yet unfulfilled annual target of 10,000 coats but exceeded it by more than 1,500 coats in this Fraternal Year. The current cost of \$345 (including S&H) for a box of 12 brand new coats (or \$28 per coat). With the cost of living that keeps rising, more and more children will need our help to stay warm and go to school.



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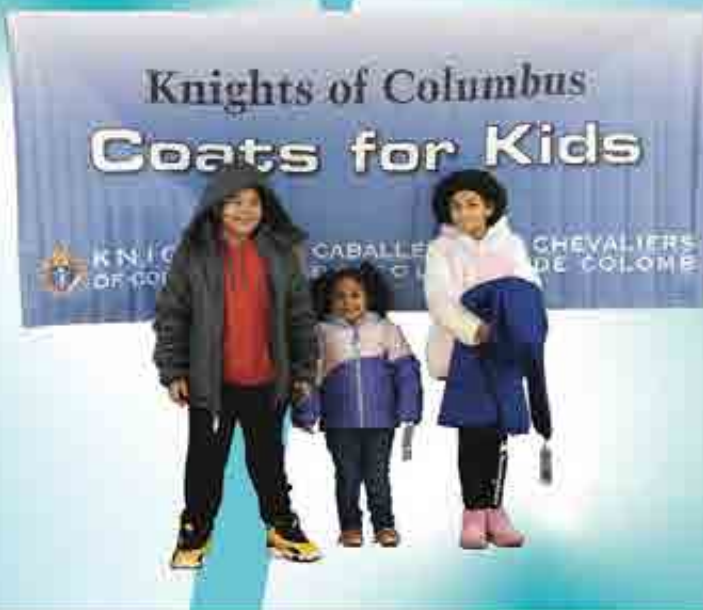
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# SAFE DONATION OF RETIRED SMART PHONES



## **Brother State Convention Attendees,**

Is not attendance at a state Convention a marvelous way to meet and exchange ideas and plans with like-minded Knights in a truly fraternal environment? And speaking of interesting and potentially gratifying ideas, I have a proposition to share with you.

There are approximately 1.5 billion smartphones sold each year around the world. Many are replacing older smartphones that have only been in service for a mere two years, sometimes even less. And where do they end up? I suspect in many cases, they are stuffed into the backs of our desk drawers along with their chargers and cables.

I propose we repurpose these retired data warriors in a way that is safe for us and will provide benefit to needy future leaders, industrialists, and educators in developing countries. Start collecting retired smart phones with chargers and other accessories and please consider bringing to the DD Workshops in July 2024 and December 2024 and at the next State Convention in Ottawa in April 2025. There you will be able to drop them off at Welcome/Registration desk. I will personally see to it that every single phone is professionally inspected and thoroughly data cleaned as necessary. Subsequently, we will distribute them to priests who will, in turn, distribute them to deserving individuals in developing countries.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [shembri@sympatico.ca](mailto:shembri@sympatico.ca) or call me at **613-226-6520**.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

John Schembri, PGK, PFN, Former Master District 1, DD #79

## Enzo Caterina State Squires Director



We had a great and positive start this Fraternal Year during our changeover back in July. The Provincial Board named their theme “**United in our spirituality, striving for success.**” This theme statement reminds us to stay united in our spirituality for our Lord God in our hearts and in all the events that we undertake, through meetings and our daily lives. We are all striving for success in everything we do to serve Him.



This current Fraternal Year, the Provincial Board planned a Remembrance Day Squire Mass in Toronto with a few circles and held a couple of Lenten retreats, the first one in the GTA and the second one in Windsor. We embarked on a mental health campaign and utilised virtual platforms, such as transforming their Compass newsletter into a virtual compass with each committee member’s ideas for the circles. The Board made visits to the Stouffville, GTA, and Windsor areas. In Windsor (Holy Family Retreat Centre), the Provincial Boards held a spiritual camp with Lent programs and activities for all the circles in Ontario.



*State Board donation to Squires Director Enzo Caterina (centre)*

The theme for this year’s state convention is “Like Father, Like Son.” The Latin version of this expression is ‘Qualis pater, talis filius.’ The meaning describes a son who takes after his father in certain ways. With the Squire program, we have many Knights who have their sons involved in Squires. Squires follow their fathers’ footsteps in joining the Knights of Columbus, which aligns with our theme for this year’s convention “Like Father, Like Son.”

Worthy Knights, on behalf of my wife, Karen, the Provincial Board, and myself, I thank you for your financial support of the program and for making a difference in our youth. I also thank you for supporting our annual raffle for the convention.

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## Joseph Mathews State Special Olympics Chairman



The Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires across Ontario have been active supporters of the Special Olympics movement through our Flag Relay program, which acts as an umbrella for all the activities and events we conduct for the Special Olympics.



Special Olympics sports programs and competitions are held at schools and Hometown Games throughout the province. The results of these local competitions will determine the participants for the two province-wide events scheduled for this year. The first will be the 2024 Provincial Spring Games at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo from May 23rd to 26th. This will be followed by the 2024 Special Olympics School Championship Games, to be held in Chatham-Kent from June 10th to 12th.



*Members of Council 12706 General meeting in Mississauga after signing the Flag in support of Special Olympics.*

This year, we again held our province-wide Knights of Columbus Flag Relay, during which twelve Special Olympics flags were passed from district to district to gather as many signatures as possible, along with raising both public awareness and funds for local Special Olympics programs. We also continued our virtual Flag Relay, where anyone could sign a virtual flag and donate by visiting [kocflagrelay.com](http://kocflagrelay.com).

During the Flag Relay, several councils conducted flag-raising events, invited Special Olympians to their Free Throw Competitions, held fundraisers such as Bottle Drives, made donations to Special Olympics, and organized many other activities. Additionally, with the help of Brother Derek Carter, a school outreach program has been developed for the Flag Relay.



Through this program, the Knights, along with the police and Special Olympians, will visit both elementary and secondary schools to raise public awareness and funds for the Special Olympics community in their area. Several schools in Eastern Ontario have expressed interest in this program, and plans are in place to expand it across Ontario.

In closing, I would like to thank the Brother Knights, the Squires, and their families and friends for their help and continued support of the Special Olympics. Their efforts have made the experience memorable for many Special Olympians and their families.



*District Masters of Cardinal McGuigan Province Supporting Special Olympics.*

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## Michael O'Neill

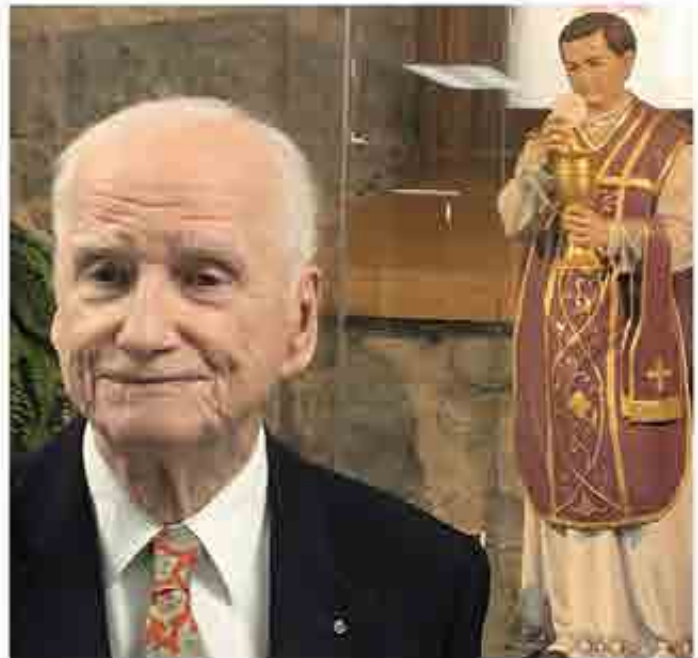
*Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney Honoris and  
Guild Chairman*



In addition to his role as parish priest and spiritual founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed father Michael J. McGivney has embarked on a post-modern journey toward sainthood since 1996. On March 15, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared him venerable, and, on October 31, 2020, the Venerable Michael J. McGivney was beatified.

Blessed Father McGivney's ability to intercede in our daily lives has been recognized at the only Honoris in Canada located at the Spiritual home of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario at St. Patrick Basilica. Here, a "Request for favours box" has been installed. This is a very private and confidential part of

The Honoris, but it is made available to the faithful who may wish to send a request for favours. You may send a request by mail or via email which will then be printed and placed in the box.



*Brother Michael O'Neill of Council 485 with the statue of  
Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney at the Honoris in Ottawa.*



*State Deputy, Bruce S. Poulin, along with a fourth degree Honour Guard, hosting an event at the Blessed Father  
Michael J. McGivney Honoris at St. Patrick Basilica in Ottawa.*

The Honoris, which was established in 2013 and includes a first class relic of Father McGivney, is co-located with the pioneer Council of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario, St Patrick Basilica Ottawa Council 485, as well as the first Fourth degree Assembly in Ontario, Cartier Assembly 860.

On July 1, 2023, a new fundraising initiative was launched whereby seven-day candles, which features a picture of Blessed Father McGivney along with the prayer for his canonization on the other side, are available for purchase.

### **Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild Chairman – Michael O’Neill**



Every fraternal year, the Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild embarks on an annual subscription drive aimed at promoting the canonization of our beloved founder. It is a time when we renew our commitment to spreading the word about Blessed Fr. McGivney’s remarkable life and virtues. The Guild organizes numerous activities, including celebrations on his Feast Day, August 13, and throughout Founders Week in March, in addition to offering free subscriptions to the Guild.

Our records suggest that approximately 3,554 of more than 56,000 members in the Ontario jurisdiction have joined the Guild. This number reflects a significant gap in our collective support and underscores the need for increased participation among our members.

On behalf of the 180,000 members of the Guild worldwide, I extend a heartfelt invitation to each one of you to join us in this noble cause. Your support is crucial, especially at this pivotal time when another miracle attributed to Blessed Fr. McGivney is under investigation by the Vatican. Such a development brings us one step closer to his canonization, a momentous event that would not only honor his significant contributions but also illuminate the path of faith and service that he envisioned for Catholic laymen.

The canonization of Blessed Fr. McGivney goes to the very core of what we do in the Knights of Columbus. He envisioned a community of Catholic men not hiding their faith but living it vibrantly and publicly. Through his inspiration, we are called to put our faith into action, a mission that continues to guide our work and ministry. By supporting his canonization, we affirm our commitment to this mission and honor the legacy of a man whose vision gave birth to our fraternal order.

To register for the Guild, please visit  
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# Francisco Naar

Global Wheelchair Mission Chairman



Having the honour and privilege to serve you again as the Chairman of the Global Wheelchair Mission program this past fraternal year has been the experience of a lifetime. I would like to congratulate our State Deputy, Brother Bruce S. Poulin, for trusting me with one of the most meaningful and heart-touching programs that I have ever had to run – restoring the dignity of freedom, mobility, and independence for the disabled and their families.



As you are aware, our wheelchair program works in partnership with the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation and its Executive Director, Christiana Flessner.

Thanks to the contribution of many Ontario Councils this past fraternal year, we have prepared and shipped 120 wheelchairs (valued at more than \$25,000) for distribution in Puerto Rico between April 30th and May 7th. Our State Deputy will be representing Ontario, and I will be representing Christiana Flessner at this event.



With the Puerto Rico program almost behind us, we now set our sights on Panama for 2025. I encourage all my brothers to include a donation to the Wheelchair Mission in your budget for the next fraternal year and to make this new project another success. Teamwork makes the dream work, so let us put our Faith in Action together and help those in need.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my total appreciation and gratitude to all the District Deputies and Grand Knights who over these years have supported and promoted this program. Last but not least, please allow me to thank my family and especially my wife, Benigna (Benny), for her unconditional support over the years.

## Global Wheelchair Mission

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- Opening Ceremony and awards
- Visit the marketplace booths at Westin Ottawa hotel



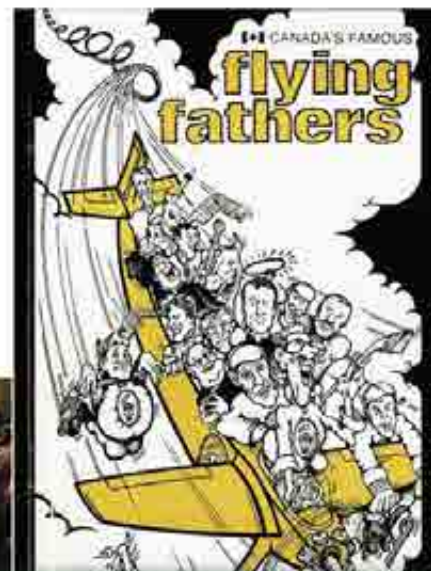
### SATURDAY APRIL 26

- Business sessions consisting of State Board elections and Resolutions
- Unique Ladies Program (details TBC)
- Mass to be held at the Notre Dame Cathedral
- Banquet dinner featuring mystery keynote speaker and Ontario regional songbook with a DJ
- Visit marketplace booths at Westin Ottawa hotel
- Visit the Notre Dame cemetery (Montreal Road) where the founding members of the Order in Ontario, the founders of the Canadian Catholic Army Huts, as well as several past State Deputies are buried



### SUNDAY APRIL 27

- Catch all the action. Fundraiser hockey game against the Flying Fathers at 2pm at the Jim Durrell Recreation Centre



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## Hikmat Dandan

*Christian Refugee Relief Holy Land and Persecuted Christians*



In the last fraternal year, the Knights of Columbus in Ontario raised over \$780,000 for Christian Refugee Relief, a testament to the innovative restructuring under the Life pillar, including the creation of a new directorate.

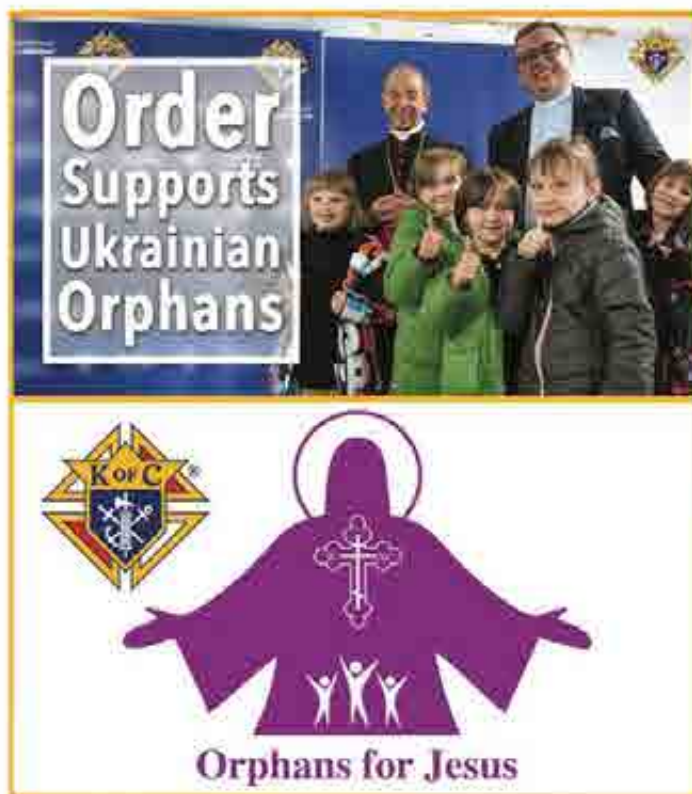


### Initiatives and Digital Outreach

Aligning with our “Like Father, Like Son” theme, Hikmat Dandan’s efforts underscore the familial transmission of faith and service. The relief program’s revamp into over 15 initiatives has broadened participation across councils and communities. Following the launch of [christianrefugeerelief.org](http://christianrefugeerelief.org), Deputy Supreme Knight Arthur Peters and Toronto’s parishioners provided significant support. Key initiatives include aiding Catholic education within the Melkite Catholic Patriarchate and the successful [jerusalemstudents.org](http://jerusalemstudents.org) project, alongside substantial donations: \$20,000 (CA) to the Melkite Catholic Patriarchal Seminary of St. Anne, \$100,000 (CA) for the Rosary Sisters Hospital’s post-Beirut blast recovery, and a \$50,000 (US) contribution to Foyer de L’Amitié in Lebanon.

### Compassionate Care for Orphans

The program has placed significant emphasis on caring for orphans. Alongside the \$5,000 (CA) donation to the Caritas Knights of Columbus orphanage in Poland to assist Ukrainian orphans, Hikmat has transferred \$5,000 (CA) each to The Holy Family Children’s Home, known as Bethlehem Creche, in the Holy Land, and to Centre Saint Charbel Orphanage in Baabdath, Lebanon. These donations form part of his Orphans for Jesus initiative, supporting various orphanages from Poland to the Holy Land. Furthermore, \$77,300 (CA) was allocated to Foyer De La Providence, a Mosaic School for Challenged Youth in South Lebanon, a crucial contribution that helped keep the school operational.



In the midst of the Middle East's ongoing turmoil, the remarkable efforts of the Knights of Columbus have created a ripple of hope and support. The Christian Refugee Relief program's substantial donation of approximately \$250,000 (CA) to Caritas Lebanon, providing crucial aid such as food kits and medicines, particularly for the elderly, is a testament to the Knights' profound impact.



This narrative of resilience and compassion amid adversity is a clarion call to all councils, members, and their families across the globe. It urges us to tap into our collective potential to bring light and hope to those in despair. Each contribution for initiatives like ORPHANS FOR JESUS significantly uplifts those in dire need, supporting orphans and fulfilling the will of our Lord and the wish of Blessed Michael McGivney. Let us unite in our mission to brighten lives and demonstrate the strength of our commitment in the face of the evolving challenges faced by Christian refugees in the Middle East. Together, we can continue to forge paths of hope and solidarity in regions overshadowed by strife.



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**Mario Duguay**  
*Executive Secretary*



As we move into the 125th anniversary celebrations, our communities across this province not only need, but must have more Knights of Columbus members to guide, assist, and to be Christian witnesses. It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as your Executive Secretary this past Fraternal Year, and I want to thank my team (Liane Dumas, Ani Kaluzny, and Anna Kocmarek) at the Hamilton office for their hard work and dedication.



### **Office Staff**

These past five years, after undergoing significant changes in our personnel at the Hamilton office, including some downsizing, we are now rebuilding our capacity to deal with increased participation in events and the upcoming 125th-anniversary celebrations in 2025. For example, our District Deputy workshops have seen a 90% participation rate coupled with a 100% increase in the number of ladies attending with their husbands. The Saturday night District Deputy banquet dinners have been expanded to include all brother Knights in the local area, which, in turn, resulted in an increase of approximately 30% in attendance at these dinners.

These new capabilities include a new full-time employee, Godwill Tengen, who started working in the Hamilton Office this past February. This addition will help provide more support to our Councils, District Deputies, Membership Information Officers, and the State Deputy's Administration and State Board officers, and offer guidance to our members in the spirit of "Like Father, Like Son."



*L-R: Liane Dumas, Mario Duguay, Anna Kokmarek, and Ani Kaluzny.*



*Godwill Tengen*

## Hamilton Office Renovations

In concert with our staff revisions, we have also embarked on an ambitious renovation project at the State Office. These renovations include a new State Deputy office and a modern state boardroom. This allows the State Office to save money by holding some of the state board meetings in the Hamilton office. We have also added a new space dedicated to our new inventory items geared for the 125th anniversary of our Order in Ontario. These items have now been added to our online store.


As this Columbian Year draws to a close, I remain steadfast in my appreciation for all the support and guidance I received from my office employees: Liane, Ani, Anna, and Godwill, our newest member of the team. They continue to make my days as your Executive Secretary much easier. All of us at the State Office would like to send a special thank you to all our members, and I look forward to another exciting year with you all as your humble servant.




*John P. Dunne Boardroom then.*



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## Joseph Mathews Vice Supreme Master



I bring greetings to you on behalf of the Supreme Master and approximately 10,000 Sir Knights from the Cardinal McGuigan Province on this your 121st Ontario State Convention of the Knights of Columbus.

This past Fraternal Year we have seen a renewed interest in fostering a growing relationship between brother Knights and Sir Knights of the Fourth degree. For example, our brother Knights, including our State Deputy and military veteran SK Bruce S. Poulin, have supported the efforts of Assembly 9005 to raise funds for the Soldier On program. This year our Sir Knights raised more than \$10,000 in the Ottawa area alone, thanks in large part to the generous donations of our brother Knights.



Aside from local Assembly "Patriotic" programs supporting our veterans, the Knights of Columbus in Ontario have modelled leadership in the care of our homeless veterans with the following initiatives:

- We introduced our Remembrance Day lawn signs program, which through its sales, has helped support homeless veterans in Ontario, through Veteran's House, which is our charity of choice.
- The erection of a cenotaph at Veterans' House Canada in Ottawa, which provides shelter and continuing care for some of our previously homeless veterans.
- Donating new winter coats to veterans without shelter.



*State Deputy and Honour Guard place wreath at Veterans' House on Remembrance Day*



*KofC Coats for Veterans' donation to Veterans House.*

- Today, our legacy of support to our Military by donating WWI replica rosary beads to our District Deputies, and supplying rosaries to serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

In this spirit, our State Deputy donated some 30 replica rosaries made of gun metal to Captain (Padre) Richard Bernier of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada. These rosaries will be offered to any serving military member upon request, furthering our commitment to those who serve our nation.



*State Deputy donating replica rosaries to Captain (Padre) Richard Bernier.*

- Our Knights on Bikes group, of which a number of Sir Knights are members, will be participating in the Annual National Memorial Ride held each year at the National Military Cemetery at Beechwood, Ottawa, to raise funds for our veteran community. This year the event will be held on June 2, 2024.



- We have taken on a larger challenge in identifying the Brother Knights from Ontario who have served in the military. With the assistance of Supreme, we have the names of the brothers who served in the Great War (1914-18).

I am also encouraged by the close working relationship I have with our Ontario State Council officers concerning the ongoing preparations to celebrate, in 2025, the 125th anniversary of both the Knights of Columbus in Ontario and the formation of the Fourth Degree. For this, I would like to thank our State Deputy SK Bruce S. Poulin for his steadfast support of the Fourth Degree.

Finally, my wife Ruby and I want to express our deepest gratitude to my district masters who have supported me this past year.

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# Daniel Duval

General Agent - Northwestern Ontario



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This Fraternal Year, a record number of members sought insurance. Specifically, the Order has more than \$122 billion of life insurance in force, with an anticipated \$125 billion by the end of this Fraternal Year.

Once again, the Knights of Columbus has earned the highest ratings for financial soundness and claims-paying ability from one of the top rating firms, A.M. Best (A++ Superior). This is the 46th consecutive year we have achieved this rating. We also received the 2023 World's Most Ethical Company designation by the Ethisphere Institute.

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Against this background, one may easily surmise that the Knights of Columbus continues to be one of the top-performing fraternal benefit societies thanks, in part, to the high level of participation by the members as well as the exceptionally hard work of the insurance agents across the Order and, more specifically, the more than 50 agents in Ontario.

Among all the agents representing the Order, each year our Supreme Knight awards the top 75 agents and the top 25 General Agents memberships in the prestigious "Supreme Knights Sales Club." This recognition includes a special Knights of Columbus lapel pin. Once this honour is bestowed, a diamond is added for every subsequent year this significant achievement is maintained. Ontario's honoured recipients for this Fraternal Year will be acknowledged at the 142nd Supreme Convention, scheduled to be held from August 5 to 8, 2024, in Quebec City.

On behalf of the Ontario Field Force, I wish to express my gratitude to our members, our State Board Office staff, and all Council officers who have cooperated and assisted during the course of this Fraternal Year. With your continued support, we will continue to grow as we protect our families for generations and fully embody our theme: "Like Father, Like Son."

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# Knights in Action



Councils of District # 14 raised the Special Olympics Flag at City Hall showing support to the Special Olympic Games, Athletes, and Coaches.



Dr. J. F. Dunn Council 5153 BBQ Team In action at St. Gregory's Catholic School in Carleton Place and serving teachers, students and parents.



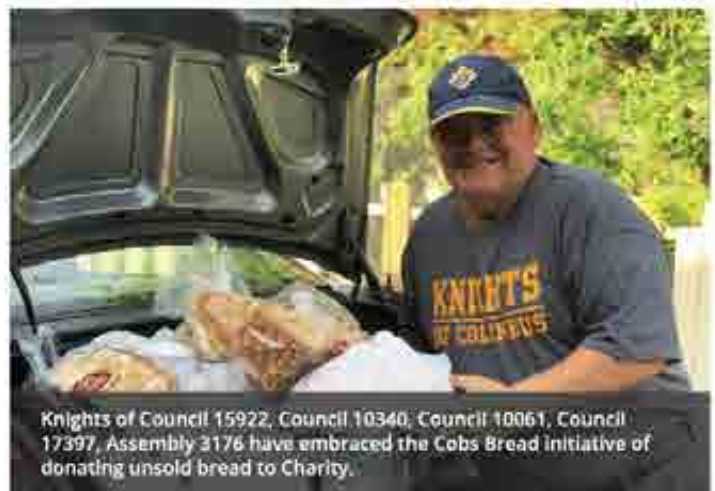
Dr. J. F. Dunn Council 5153 Adopt a Road in Carleton Place (were on hand to cleanup 3km of roadside on Townline Rd. in Carleton Place.)



Knights of Mary Mother of God Council 14446 contributed and presented the winter coats for kids to the founder of SafetyNet Children and Youth Charities.



Knights in the Ottawa area celebrated Columbus Day with a fundraising dinner for the Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall and State Chaplain of the Order, Bishop Marcel Damphousse.



Knights of Council 15922, Council 10340, Council 10061, Council 17397, Assembly 3176 have embraced the Cobs Bread initiative of donating unsold bread to Charity.

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Jesus the King Council 15045 Bingo Knights Charitable Gaming in support of Food Banks and Arthritis Society.



Ontario Council 755 served pancakes on Shrove Tuesday to over 400 students from Bishop Mac Donell Catholic School.

# Knights in Action



Rhéal Council 6198 presented a cheque for \$10,000 to the Clarence Rockland Help Centre.



St. Agnes Tsao Council 15176 collected a total of 3,140 lbs of food and \$1420 in support of Good Shepherd Ministry Food Drive program.



St. Aidan Council 11332 donated boxes of winter coats for kids to St. Aidan Catholic School.



St. Lawrence Martyr Council 13417 successful Life Chain.

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