Appendix A: Ontario State Board Election - Candidate Information Sheet
Annexe A: Conseil d'Etat de l'Ontario – Feuille de Renseignements sur les Candidats/Candidates

NAME/NOM:	Joseph Bodnar
COUNCIL NAME NOM DU CONSEIL:	St. Joseph the Worker
COUNCIL NUMBER No DU CONSEIL	9989
LOCATION/VILLE	Oshawa
DISTRICT	36
INSURANCE MEMBER? MEMBRE ASSURÉ?	■ YES/OUI ❑ NO/NON
WHEN DID YOU JOIN? QUAND VOUS AFFILIER ?	May 2001

Using the space provided below please complete the appropriate section using the following headings: **Work History, Goals, Reason(s) for running in election, and Community Involvement**. Information received in any other format will not be included in the election package.
We are using a standard format for each candidate.
Veuillez utiliser l'espace disponible ci-dessous pour compléter la section appropriée en utilisant les titres suivants: **Sommaire professionnel, Buts, Raison(s) de votre participation à l'élection, et vos Activités communautaires.** Les renseignements reçus dans tout autre format ne seront pas inclus dans le paquet d'élection. Nous utilisons un format standard pour chaque candidat.

Work History - retired fin 2009 from General Motors Oshawa (30 years Service) - various assembly jobs, press operator and Union Steward
- currently self-employed for the past 16 years as a residential contractor

Goals - to be the voice of my Brother Knights at the State Board level when decisions are being made keeping in mind our valued traditions but encouraging innovation and creativity when warranted
- to encourage better communication with Supreme highlighting the differences between Canadian & American jurisdictions so our concerns are heard when decisions are being made.
- to share my personal faith and growth experiences that have resulted directly from my membership in the Knights of Columbus to non-members to encourage growth in the Order
- to better recognize all the Knights that volunteer at the local Council level and for their dedication to their local communities.
- to continue to live my life remembering that "I AM THIRD" - God is First, My neighbor is Second and I am Third

Reasons for running in Election - After finishing my two year terms as State Warden (2019-2021), State Advocate (2021-2023), State Treasurer (2023-2025) and State Secretary (2025-2026) I would like to continue serving on the State Board to complete my two year term as State Secretary. Being able to continue serving you all as the State Secretary would be a great blessing. Joining the Knights of Columbus 24 years ago was one of the best decisions I made in my life. I always encourage other men to join, grow in their faith and experience all the life changing blessings that membership in the Knights has to offer. My leadership skills have been enhanced by the opportunities I have been given in the various positions I have held in the Knights of Columbus. I firmly believe that these skills would be an asset to the State Board. Putting these skills to use, to serve you the membership, will allow me to participate in making the tough decisions, always remembering that all decisions must be made for the "Good of the Order" and not for personal gain.

Community Involvement - 1969 - 1978 Mass Altar Server
1979 - 1999 certified coach for youth soccer, ball-hockey, baseball and ice hockey teams in Oshawa and Whitby
1999 - present involved with various fundraising: World Youth Day - $22,500, Seminary in India - $6,000, International Food Festival for Youth Programs at my Church $7,500, Missionaries of the Poor, Catholic Missions in Canada. We have cooked 200+ meals to fund our local Squire's initiatives.
2013 - present I am actively involved with Fr. Ho Lung and the Missionaries of the Poor in Kingston, Jamaica assisting at fund raisers held in the GTA.. I made 3 Mission trips to Kingston, Jamaica to work with the "poorest of the poor"
2021 - present Durham Serra Club member

Knights of Columbus
2001 joined Council 9989 in Oshawa I have received the Knight of the Year, Exemplary Knight Award (2), Family of the Month and Family of the Year Award. Currently I am an Honorary Member .
2001-2011 Chief Counselor Squires Circle 4742 Oshawa - organized various fund raisers, Awarded Provincial Counselor of the Year and Circle of the Year (twice), Our Circle won 16 awards from Supreme - Brother Barnabas Award & Corp d'Elite - during my tenure as Chief Counselor
2008 - 2017 traveled across Ontario with the Squires participating in various fund raising, spiritual, community and membership events
2008 - 2017 organized and ran Squire Counselor/Area Chairman workshops across the province
2008 - 2011 Squires New Circle Development Chairman (Ontario) - similar to New Council Development Director
2008 - 2011 Squires Metro East Area Chairman - similar to District Deputy
2014 - 2016 participated with Supreme in setting up and implementing the new Safe Environment Program for the Squire Program.
2011 - 2017 State Squires Director
2017 - 2019 State Squires Director Advisor
2017 - 2018 State Basket Ball Free Throw Chairman
2017 - 2018 State Mission Chairman - raised funds for Catholic Missions in Canada
2018 State hotel contract negotiator for DD Meetings and State Convention
2018 completed all available on-line training courses for GK, DGK, DD, etc.
2018 State Program Director
2019 - present member of Monsignor Bench Assembly - Oshawa
2019 - 2020 New Council Development Chairman/State Convention Chairman
2018- 2020 Membership Recruitment drives for struggling and new Councils across Ontario
2020 - 2023 Treasurer for Council 9989
2024-present BINGO Chairman for Council 9989
2011 - present Squires Counselor for S.K. Leonard T. Smith Squires Circle 4742
2019 - 2021 State Warden
2021 - 2023 State Advocate
2023 - 2025 State Treasurer
2025 - 2026 State Secretary
2020 - present State Squires Liaison

Over the years, I have been honored to be asked to represent the State Board in various roles and positions always undertaking these requests with diligence, dedication, efficiency, and in a professional manner. I have been asked to attend and give my input at State Board Workshops including "Faith in Action", "Safe Environment", "Struggling Councils", "Membership Recruitment and Retention". Over the past 20 years, I have attended every District Deputy meeting and I am presently acting as the State Squire liaison overlooking the Squire program in Ontario. Serving as the State Warden for two years my responsibilities included: hosting the State Board Hospitality Suite, New Council Development Director, and presently the State Squire Liaison. Serving as the State Advocate I was able to assist councils with constitutional questions they had regarding the running of their council. As the State Treasurer I was responsible to collect outstanding dues and sign all expense forms. Through the various activities that have been given the opportunity to run as a Knight I have met many Brother Knights across the province. I cherish all the valuable lessons you have shared and taught me. Completing my first year as State Secretary I look forward to represent you all this upcoming year. These encounters along with the full support of my wife, Tricia, and our 5 children have inspired me to continue my journey on the State Board and run for the position of State Secretary for 2026. I feel that my two years experience as the State Warden, State Advocate, State Treasurer and one year as State Secretary has given me the ability to fulfill my promises I made to you years ago. My greatest hope is to be able to take all your ideas and concerns and combine them with my leadership skills, experience and enthusiasm so that together we may continue to grow the order in the direction that Blessed Fr.McGivney would be proud of. Vivat Jesus!!!

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