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Your Faith in Action!

Dan Heffernan State Deputy

This is the final State Bulletin for my term as your State Deputy 2017-2019.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Your Excellency Bishop Marcel Damphousse for your friendship and guidance during my two years in office.



State Treasurer Elect, Bruce Poulin with Bishop Damphousse, and State Deputy Dan Heffernan

I would also extend my gratitude to my Worthy Brothers on the State Board, as well as the State Team Directors and Chairmen of the various programs, for their assistance, commitment and leadership in performing your officer duties, and portfolios.

It has been a privilege for Rita and I, **to serve you, the membership in Ontario** these past two years as your State Deputy, travelling around the province to be present at Council anniversaries, meetings, festivities, events, and sadly, funerals of brother Knights.

- I would also like to thank Regional Growth Director (RGD), Brother Paul Perry, Paul.Perry@Kofc.Org 203-823-8358, and Brother Wayne Fink, Regional Training Director (RTD), Wayne.Fink@Kofc.Org 203-415-0290 who have assisted this 2018-19 fraternal year to grow the Order in Ontario with Safe Environment & Council training, Recruitment Drives, etc.
- Thank you also to IPSD Alain Cayer, and Brother Denis Belanger for their assistance in Membership Growth last year. Both brother Knights are now working for Supreme and servicing Quebec and eastern Canada.
- Please take the time to read my highlights of the past two years in the article "Reflecting on changing times" in the next section.
- With just weeks to go, Councils and Districts can still reach their quotas to make STAR COUNCIL or STAR District!

**Do not take your foot off the gas,
Working together, I am confident that
we will achieve
our numbers this fraternal year!**

**Dan Heffernan
State Deputy**





Votre foi en action!

Dan Heffernan Député d'État

Ceci est le dernier bulletin d'État durant mon mandat comme député d'État 2017-2019.

J'aimerais prendre cette occasion pour remercier son Excellence Monseigneur Marcel Damphousse pour son amitié et ses conseils pendant la durée de mon mandat.



Le trésorier élu, Bruce Poulin, Monseigneur Damphousse et le député d'État Dan Heffernan

J'aimerais également profiter de l'occasion pour remercier et féliciter les vénérables frères siégeant au Conseil d'État ainsi que les directeurs et présidents des différentes équipes de programmes pour leur aide, leur dévouement et leur leadership dans l'exercice de leurs fonctions ainsi que leurs succès dans chacun de leurs champs d'action.

Ce fût un privilège pour Rita et moi de vous servir personnellement, les membres de l'Ontario, durant les deux dernières années comme député d'État, en voyageant partout en province pour être présent aux anniversaires de vos Conseils, aux rencontres, aux festivités, aux événements et malheureusement aux funérailles de nos frères défunts.

- J'aimerais également remercier le directeur régional à la croissance (DRC) le frère Paul Perry Paul.Perry@Kofc.Org 203-823-8358 et le frère Wayne Fink, directeur régional à la formation (DRF) Wayne.Fink@Kofc.Org 203-415-0290 qui ont été de précieux collaborateurs en 2018-2019 pour faire croître l'Ordre en Ontario avec leurs formations en environnement sécuritaire, formations ciblées pour les Conseils, et les séances de recrutements paroissiales etc.
- Également merci au député d'État sortant, Alain Cayer et au frère Denis Bélanger pour leur aide en croissance de l'effectif l'an dernier. Ces deux frères Chevaliers travaillent maintenant pour le Conseil Suprême en desservant le Québec et les provinces atlantiques.
- Je vous prie de prendre le temps de lire l'article sur les points saillants de mon mandat des deux dernières années dans l'article "Reflecting on changing times" situé dans la prochaine section.

- Avec seulement quelques semaines à faire les Conseils et les Districts peuvent toujours atteindre leur quotas en:

atteignant le Conseil Étoile ou le District Étoile

ce n'est pas le temps d'enlever le pied sur l'accélérateur,

en travaillant ensemble je suis confiant que

nous atteindront

nos objectifs pour cette année fraternelle!

**Dan Heffernan
Député d'État**





Bishop Marcel Damphousse

State Chaplain

STATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

The month of June often presents itself as a “wrap-up” month before the summer in the busy lives of corporations, associations, schools and parishes. The Knights of Columbus’ fraternal year is also coming to an end. But as you well know, life goes on. Changes are upcoming for the State Board. A new slate of fine Board Officers will begin new responsibilities and plan for the months ahead. On this note, I wish to congratulate State Deputy-Elect David Peters and wish him well. I pray that the Lord may guide him and grant him committed members of our Order to fill in the many different responsibilities that make the Knights of Columbus such an important group of Catholic men.

I also want to personally thank State Deputy Dan Heffernan and his wife Rita who have steered the ship for the last two years. Every year brings its challenges and these two were no different. It is important to note that when the journey is done in faith, it takes on meaning and provides an inspired perspective on the mission at hand. I know that Dan and Rita often prayed together under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Thérèse of Lisieux. They implored the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all the decision-making and initiatives they were involved in.

May this Paschal season be a reminder for us all that we constantly need to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Holy Spirit. May the feast day of Pentecost on June 9 bring you all and your families many blessings and joys for the sake of the Kingdom.

Let us ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to teach us how to be docile to the Holy Spirit and help us persevere in this time of waiting.

Bishop Marcel Damphousse
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie
State Chaplain for Ontario





Mgr Marcel Damphousse

Aumônier d'État

MESSAGE DE L'AUMÔNIER D'ÉTAT

Le mois de juin se présente souvent comme un mois de « synthèse » avant l'été dans les bureaux des sociétés, des associations, des écoles et des paroisses. L'année fraternelle des Chevaliers de Colomb tire également à sa fin. Mais comme nous le savons tous, la vie continue. Du changement est prévu au Conseil d'État. Les nouveaux officiers élus prendront leurs nouvelles responsabilités et planifieront pour les prochains mois. Sur ce plan, j'aimerais féliciter le nouveau Député d'État élu David Peters et lui souhaite la meilleure des chances. Je prie que le Seigneur puisse le guider et lui accorder des membres engagés de notre Ordre pour remplir les postes des différentes fonctions qui feront des Chevaliers de Colomb un groupe important d'hommes catholiques.

J'aimerais également remercier le Député d'État Dan Heffernan et son épouse Rita qui ont bien dirigé ce navire au cours des deux dernières années. Chaque année apporte ses défis et ces deux dernières n'ont pas été différentes. Il est important de souligner que lorsque qu'un voyage est parcouru en foi, il apporte un sens et une perspective inspirante sur la mission en cours. Je sais que Dan et Rita priaient souvent ensemble sous l'hospice de Notre-Dame de la Guadeloupe et de Ste-Thérèse de Lisieux. Ils imploraient la gouvernance de l'Esprit-Saint dans toutes leurs décisions et les initiatives qu'ils entreprenaient.

Que cette saison pascalle soit un rappel à nous tous que nous devons toujours préparer nos cœurs à la réception de l'Esprit-Saint. Que la journée festive

de la Pentecôte, le 9 juin, vous apporte à vous et vos familles beaucoup de grâces du Saint-Esprit. Demandons à Marie, mère de l'Église de nous enseigner à être à l'écoute de l'Esprit-Saint et d'être persévérant dans notre temps d'attente.

Mgr Marcel Damphousse
Évêque de Sault Ste. Marie
Aumônier d'État de l'Ontario





David Peters

State Secretary

My dear Brother Knights,

As we proceed towards the end of this fraternal year, I look back on the past months and appreciate all of the efforts and hard work you put in, my brother Knights, in the many programs and activities you have undertaken and successfully brought to fruition. It is very encouraging and motivating to know that so many less fortunate have benefited of your kind acts of charity, and all of your contributions have indeed led to making this world a better place for the many in need: helping people suffering from arthritis, the special Olympians experiencing a sense of pride and accomplishment, kids having a warm coat for the cold winter months, to name a few.

Personally, I feel blessed by the broad support which I have received across the province. You are, my brothers, as supportive a cast as I could have prayed for and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Without you “putting your shoulders to the wheel” to support me (through your Councils, your Assemblies, your District Deputies, your Zone directors, etc.) I am not sure that I would have been able to successfully carry out the duties of my mandate as State Secretary.

Now you have “capped it off” by appointing me as your next State Deputy ... what an expression of your trust! I am at a loss for words to properly express my gratitude to you for bestowing this honour on me. I commit to you, my brothers that I will work tirelessly on your behalf in order to make the Ontario Knights of Columbus stand out as an example to all the other jurisdictions of our Order.

Quite a number of our brothers have gone on to their eternal reward this year. May their souls rest in peace. Please remember them and their families in your daily prayers.

With the passing of so many brothers, the need to recruit good, catholic gentlemen who will be willing to “pick up the torch” has become a point of focus. Please plan successful recruitment drives in your regions this coming fraternal year. If we are to be successful in our mission and carry on the work of our Founder then we cannot allow our numbers to falter.

Only one more month before the start of our new fraternal year! May God bless each and every one of you and your loved ones. May your spirits be uplifted by the warmth and sunshine of summer and may you be prepared to “answer the call” of the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

David C. Peters
State Secretary
State Deputy-elect





David Peters

Secrétaire d'État

Mes chers frères Chevaliers,

En approchant la fin de cette année fraternelle, je regarde ces derniers mois et j'apprécie tout le travail et les efforts que vous avez fournis, mes frères Chevaliers, dans les programmes et les activités que vous avez entrepris et compléter avec succès. C'est à la fois encourageant et motivant de savoir que tant de personnes défavorisés ont bénéficiés de vos actes de charité et que vos efforts soutenus ont contribué à faire de ce monde un monde meilleur pour tout ceux qui en ont besoin : aidant les personnes souffrant d'arthrite, les athlètes des Olympiques Spéciaux qui se sentent fier et important, les enfants qui ont reçus des manteaux chaud pour l'hiver pour ne nommer que ces quelques projets.

Pour ma part, je me sens béni d'avoir reçu un appui inconditionnel de partout en province. Vos êtes mes frères, des acteurs de soutiens de première qualité, que je ne pouvais prier d'avoir mieux, et pour cela je vous remercie du fond du cœur. Sans vous « qui mettez l'épaule à la roue » pour m'appuyer (dans vos Conseils, vos Assemblés, vos districts, vos directeurs de zones etc.) je ne suis pas certain que j'aurais pus accomplir toutes les tâches reliez à mon mandat de Secrétaire d'État.

Pour couronné le tout vous m'avez choisi comme député d'État...belle expression de votre confiance. Je suis à court de mots pour vous exprimé de façon sincère ma gratitude à votre endroit pour cet honneur que vous m'avez confié. Je m'engage, mes frères Chevaliers, que je travaillerai sans relâche pour vous, afin que les Chevaliers de Colomb de l'Ontario soient un chef de file pour tous les autres états de notre Ordre.

Un grand nombre de frères ont pris le chemin du repos éternel cette année. Que leurs âmes reposent en paix. Veuillez les garder avec leurs familles dans vos prières quotidiennes.

- Avec le décès d'un si grand nombre de frères Chevaliers, il est devenu primordial de recruter de bons hommes catholiques qui seront en mesure de prendre le relais, et ça devrait être un point de focalisation constant. Veuillez planifier des campagnes de recrutement pour la nouvelle année fraternelle dans vos régions. Pour avoir du succès dans notre mission et continuer les œuvres de notre fondateur nous ne pouvons perdre plus de membres que nous recrutons.

- Il ne reste qu'un mois avant le début de la nouvelle année fraternelle! Que Dieu bénissent chacun de vous ainsi que vos êtres chers. Que votre moral soit soutenu par la chaleur et le beau temps ensoleillé de l'été afin que vous puissiez répondre à l'appel des Chevaliers de Colomb.

- **Vivat Jésus!**

- **David C. Peters**
Secrétaire d'État
Député d'État élu





Marcel Lemmen

State Treasurer

Brothers:

First of all I am happy to report that the finances of the Ontario State Council are in good order and that I will continue to monitor revenues and expenses to ensure that they remain so. Members and Councils are encouraged to stay current in their dues.

In addition to Treasurer I am also Director of New Council Development. Eight new councils have been started in Ontario so far this fraternal year and we are very close to reaching our quota of ten. When most other volunteer organizations are in decline, or struggling to stay afloat, the Knights of Columbus continues to grow, year after year, in new councils, members, volunteer hours, and charitable contributions. What makes us attractive is that we give our members the opportunity to put their Faith into Action! My congratulations to the District Deputies who have recruited the members and started these councils.

I participated in the March for Life and Rose Dinner in Ottawa on May 9th. It is always encouraging to see the number of youth that make the effort to travel to our nation's capital to support the Pro-Life movement. I am also proud to be a Knight of Columbus in this struggle for life. Our members were instrumental in organizing and marshalling the March. Our four Canadian Supreme Directors, Arthur Peters, Graydon Nicholas, Larry Kustra and Arcie Lim led the march. When it comes to standing up for the right to life we Knights don't "tag along", we lead!

This is my second year acting as liaison to the Arthritis Society as a Director on the Ontario Advisory Board. The Arthritis Society has been a principal charity of the Ontario Knights of Columbus for over 40 years. We raise money for them primarily through our annual lottery.

- Another fundraiser is the Walk for Arthritis. The 10th
- annual walk was held on June 2nd this year and my
- Council had assembled a team once again this year to
- participate in the walk. Please encourage your council to
- donate a portion of your lottery proceeds to the Arthritis
- Society and to participate in the Walk for Arthritis. The
- money raised goes to fund cutting edge research that
- enables those suffering from arthritis to lead normal lives.
- A great cause!
- Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable summer.
- I hope that you and your council have planned some
- activities such as a Canada Day celebration, parish picnic
- or golf tournament to help your members and their
- families enjoy the season!

Vivat Jesus,

Brother Marcel Lemmen
State Treasurer





Marcel Lemmen

Trésorier d'État

Frères,

Premièrement, je suis heureux de vous rapporter que les finances du Conseil d'État de l'Ontario sont en ordre et que je vais continuer de surveiller les revenus et les dépenses pour m'assurer qu'elles demeurent ainsi. J'encourage les membres et les Conseils à rester en règle avec leurs cotisations.

En plus de mon poste de trésorier, je suis également le directeur du Développement des nouveaux Conseils. Huit nouveaux Conseils ont été créés à date en Ontario, en cette année fraternelle et nous sommes près d'atteindre notre objectif du Suprême qui est de dix. Alors que d'autres organisations de bénévoles sont en déclin ou ont de la difficulté à rester à flot, les Chevaliers de Colomb continue leur croissance, année après année, avec de nouveaux Conseils, de nouveaux membres, avec des heures de bénévolats et de dons de charité. Ce qui nous diffère des autres et nous rend attrayant, c'est l'opportunité de mettre notre **"Foi en Action"**! Mes félicitations aux Députés de District qui ont recrutés des membres et démarrés ces nouveaux Conseils.

Le 9 mai, j'ai participé au souper des **Roses pour la Vie** durant la semaine de la **Marche Nationale pour la Vie**, à Ottawa. C'est toujours encourageant de voir des jeunes gens qui ont fait l'effort de se déplacer à Ottawa pour soutenir le mouvement pro-vie. Je suis également fier d'être un Chevalier de Colomb qui appuie ce mouvement. Nos membres ont appuyé de façon significative l'organisation et le déroulement sécuritaire de la marche en fournissant des Chevaliers identifiés pour aider. Nos quatre directeurs Suprêmes canadiens étaient sur place: Arthur Peters, Graydon Nicholas, Larry Kustra et Arcie Lim et ils étaient en tête de la parade. Pour ce qui est de soutenir et se tenir debout pour cette bonne cause, les

Chevaliers ne sont pas des acteurs de soutien, mais bien des chefs de file!

Ceci est ma deuxième année comme votre représentant sur le Comité consultatif de la Société de l'Arthrite, en Ontario. Cette société a été le principal récipiendaire des fonds des Chevaliers de Colomb de l'Ontario et ce, pendant plus de quarante ans. Ces fonds proviennent principalement de notre Tombola annuelle. Une autre levée de fonds proposée est la Marche pour l'Arthrite qui a eu lieu cette année le 2 juin. Pour cette dixième édition mon Conseil a fourni une équipe complète pour amasser des fonds. J'encourage les Conseils à donner une partie des profits recueillis lors de la Tombola pour cette bonne cause et les encourage à participer aux marches pour soutenir la Société de l'arthrite. Les fonds amassés servent à la recherche de pointe pour améliorer la vie de ceux qui souffrent d'arthrite. Une excellente cause.

En terminant, je vous prie d'accepter mes meilleurs vœux pour un été profitable. J'espère que vous et votre Conseil avez planifiés des activités, telles que la Fête du Canada, un pique-nique paroissial ou un tournoi de golf pour aider vos membres et vos familles à passer un bel été.

Vivat Jésus!

Frère Marcel Lemmen
Trésorier d'État





Bruce Poulin

State Advocate and Director of Colombian Squires

Dear Brothers;

As this is the final edition of the bulletin for this Fraternal year, allow me to express my sincere gratitude to all of my Brothers who have supported our team's efforts for the good of the Order. Others will undoubtedly recall our recent achievements in this Bulletin, so allow me to state simply that, after four years on the Board, and more recently as your State Advocate for the past two years, I have gained a deeper appreciation for your hard work and your contagious enthusiasm. Thank you.

We do good work and there is much to be proud of. But we cannot simply rest on our laurels. Our families, friends, parishes and community are depending on us. With this thought in mind, I look forward to the opportunities before us and working with our new State Board, Directors, Chairmen, Chaplains, Squires, General Agents and Field Agents. More importantly, I look forward to working with all of you as your State Treasurer in the coming fraternal years. I hope to live up to your expectations and trust you have expressed in me.

Vivat Jesus!

Bruce S. Poulin
Ontario State Advocate and
Director of Colombian Squires





Bruce Poulin

Avocat d'État et

Directeur pour les Écuyers colombiens

Chers frères,

Comme ceci est le dernier numéro du Bulletin d'État en cette année fraternelle, permettez-moi d'exprimer mes remerciements sincères à tous mes frères qui ont appuyé les efforts de notre équipe du Conseil d'État pour le bien de l'Ordre. Dans ce bulletin, d'autres feront sûrement un retour sur nos succès de cette année, mais je garde le droit de dire simplement qu'après quatre ans au Bureau d'État et plus particulièrement à titre d'Avocat d'État durant les deux dernières années, j'ai pu apprécier pleinement vos efforts dans votre travail et votre enthousiasme qui est fort contagieux. Je vous en remercie.

Nous faisons un excellent travail et il y a de quoi être fier. Mais nous ne pouvons pas simplement nous arrêter et nous reposer sur nos lauriers. Nos familles, nos amis, nos paroisses et nos communautés comptent sur nous. Avec cette idée en tête, j'entrevois un avenir rempli d'opportunités en travaillant ensemble avec le nouveau Conseil d'État, les nouveaux directeurs, présidents, aumôniers, écuyers, agents généraux et les conseillers fraternels. Et de plus, j'ai très hâte de travailler avec vous en tant que nouveau Trésorier d'État durant les prochaines années fraternelles. J'espère que la confiance que vous m'avez témoignée sera à la hauteur de vos attentes.

Vivat Jésus!

Bruce S. Poulin

Avocat d'État de l'Ontario et

Directeur pour les Écuyers colombiens





David Gelinas

State Warden and Accountability Officer

State Warden June 2019 report

Worthy District Deputies, Grand Knights and brothers,

I'll be continuing in the role as the Ontario Accountability Officer for Safe Environment for the next fraternal year. We need to make this a priority, in which 100% of our councils identify their executive and directors, on the 185 and 365 forms, without delay or any vacancy in the required positions.

With July and August, the usual leisure period for most councils, the Grand Knight and the three required directors need to complete the online test for Safe Environment during this quieter time so they are ready for September when the council becomes busier.

In reflection, it has been my privilege to serve in the capacity of State Warden along with my other director responsibilities for the past two years. I am humbled by your trust to elect me as your next State Advocate.

I look forward serving the Order in this responsibility to interpret and uphold the rules and laws of our constitution.

I thank my proposers and all the delegates from our past three State conventions for your vote of confidence to serve as a State Board officer. I also thank all the District Deputies for their support and assistance as we have worked together to get councils compliant with the Safe Environment policy.

Vivat Jesus,

David Gelinas
State Warden
Accountability Officer





David Gelinas

Cérémoniaire d'État et Agent de la
responsabilisation de l'Ontario

Rapport du Cérémoniaire d'État de juin 2019

Vénérables Députés de District, Grands Chevaliers et frères,

Je continuerai à jouer le rôle d'**Agent de la responsabilisation de l'Ontario pour l'Environnement sécuritaire** pour la prochaine année fraternelle. Nous devons en faire une priorité, dans laquelle 100% de nos Conseils identifient leurs dirigeants et leurs administrateurs, sur les formulaires 185 et 365, sans délai ni aucune vacance aux postes requis.

Avec juillet et août, la période de loisirs habituelle de la plupart des Conseils, le Grand Chevalier et les trois administrateurs requis doivent se soumettre au test en ligne sur l'Environnement sécuritaire pendant cette période plus calme pour être prêts pour septembre, lorsque le Conseil deviendra plus occupé.

En y réfléchissant, j'ai eu le privilège de siéger en tant que **Cérémoniaire d'État** ainsi que mes autres responsabilités de directeur au cours des deux dernières années. En toute humilité, je vous remercie à l'avance de votre confiance de m'avoir élu en tant que votre prochain **Avocat d'État**. Je suis impatient de servir dans cette responsabilité pour interpréter et faire respecter les règles et les lois de notre constitution de notre Ordre.

Je remercie mes proposants et tous les délégués des trois derniers congrès d'État pour leur vote de confiance en tant que membre du Conseil d'administration d'État. Je remercie également tous les Députés de District pour leur soutien et leur assistance alors que nous travaillons ensemble pour que les Conseils se conforment à la politique de l'Environnement sécuritaire.

Vivat Jésus!

David Gelinas

**Cérémoniaire d'État et Agent de la
responsabilisation de l'Ontario**





Arthur Peters

Supreme Director - Ontario

Brother Knights:

Having recently completed our annual Ontario State Convention, I would like to congratulate Brother David Peters on his election as State Deputy, and the members of the Ontario State Board who were elected for the 2019-2020 fraternal year. We look forward to their leadership and stewardship of the Order in Ontario over the next year.

I would also like to congratulate and thank State Deputy Dan Heffernan and his wife Rita for their leadership of the Order over the past two years. Dan and Rita have dedicated themselves to the betterment of Ontario during his terms as State Deputy, and we are grateful for all that they have done for the Knights of Columbus during this time.

As we enter the final few weeks of the fraternal year, State Deputy Heffernan has noted that we are 469 members away from achieving our intake quota for the fraternal year. This is less than one member per Council and should be achievable over the next six weeks.

Make a commitment to recruit at least one new members into the Order between now and June 30, and we will achieve Circle of Honor status as a jurisdiction – Councils achieving their membership quota will also receive a reduced per capita assessment from State, as well as the potential to have their Supreme per capita reduced if they achieve Star Council status.

- Remember, recruitment is more than about numbers – it is about the future of our Order, ensuring that there will be Brother Knights in the future to continue the good works happening today, which were started by those who have gone before us.

Vivat Jesus!

Arthur Peters
Supreme Director - Ontario





Arthur Peters

Directeur Suprême de l'Ontario

Frères Chevaliers,

Ayant récemment terminé notre congrès d'État annuel de l'Ontario, je voudrais féliciter le frère David Peters pour son élection en tant que Député d'État et les membres du Conseil d'administration de l'Ontario qui ont été élus pour l'année fraternelle 2019-2020. Nous attendons avec impatience leur leadership et leur intendance de l'Ordre en Ontario au cours de la prochaine année.

Je voudrais également féliciter et remercier le Député d'État Dan Heffernan et son épouse Rita pour leur leadership au sein de l'Ordre au cours des deux dernières années. Dan et Rita se sont consacrés à l'amélioration de l'Ontario pendant son mandat de Député, et nous leur sommes reconnaissants pour tout ce qu'ils ont fait pour les Chevaliers de Colomb pendant cette période.

Alors que nous entrons dans les dernières semaines de l'année fraternelle, le Député d'État Heffernan a noté qu'il nous restait 469 membres pour atteindre notre quota d'admission pour l'année fraternelle. Ce nombre est inférieur à un membre par Conseil et devrait être réalisable au cours des six prochaines semaines.

Engagez-vous à recruter au moins un nouveau membre au sein de l'Ordre d'ici au 30 juin et nous atteindrons le statut de cercle d'honneur en tant que juridiction – Les Conseils qui atteignent leur quota d'adhésion recevront également une réduction de cotisation per capita de la part de l'État, ainsi que le potentiel de voir leur per capita du Suprême réduit s'ils obtiennent le statut de Conseil Étoile.

Rappelez-vous, le recrutement ne se résume pas à des chiffres, mais à l'avenir de notre Ordre. Veillez à ce que les Frères Chevaliers puissent continuer à poursuivre les bonnes actions entreprises par nos prédécesseurs.

Vivat Jésus!

Arthur Peters
Directeur Suprême de l'Ontario





Wayne Fink

Regional Training Director

Worthy State Board, Directors and District Deputies of Ontario

My Brother Knights,

We are now in the last month of the Fraternal year. As Regional Training Director I wish to encourage you all to work hard and finish strong. If we work together we can again attain Circle of Honour for the second time in successive administrations in Ontario. There are many recruitment drives scheduled in the coming weeks. Please be sure to follow up so no man who expresses an interest in the knights is left behind. Please process the Form 100's quickly.

To this end I am excited to tell you about a "New" kind of Recruitment Drive. It is called a Delta Drive. It is another tool for us to use and helps ensure all interested persons will be provided regular contact and timely, relevant information via the Marketing Department of Supreme. How does it work? Very simple actually. It utilizes a Prospect Landing Page. They can be ordered and customized for your Councils by clicking this link: <https://info.kofc.org/pagerequest>

When you have a prospect from whatever source, you enter their information into the landing page. You Council gets notified and Supreme contacts the interested prospect with occasional "soft sell Information" like Columbia articles, featured Faith in Action programs and relevant local content. The link is permanent and you can continue to use it as long as you wish. For those of us trained as Ontario State Regional Trainers, we also have a landing page setup for the Province at: <http://bit.ly/ontariokofc>

This link is very helpful for assisting Councils that don't feel they can follow up in a timely manner. We can help

them by entering our list of names and for the City, enter your Council number. This will let Ontario State know where the prospect was contacted and you will get help following up.

I personally wish to thank Dan Heffernan for all he has done for Ontario and the faith he has shown me. I look forward to working with you in your new role as Immediate Past State Deputy.

To Our State Deputy Elect David Peters, I'm excited about getting to work with you and your new Board, Directors & Chairmen.

Let us all band together with our current State Deputy and the Provincial Team to help us all to succeed. I'm happy to help with any questions you may have about this program. Council by Council, District by District we can win if we work together.

Vivat Jesus & God Bless

Wayne Fink
Regional Training Director





Wayne Fink

Directeur régional de la formation

Vénérables Officiers d'État, Directeurs et Députés de District de l'Ontario

Mes Frères Chevaliers,

Nous sommes maintenant dans le dernier mois de l'année fraternelle. En tant que directeur régional de la formation, je souhaite vous encourager à travailler dur et à finir fort. Si nous travaillons ensemble, nous pourrions à nouveau atteindre le cercle d'honneur pour la deuxième fois dans des administrations successives en Ontario. De nombreuses campagnes de recrutement sont prévues dans les prochaines semaines. Assurez-vous de faire un suivi afin qu'aucun homme qui exprime un intérêt pour les Chevaliers ne soit laissé pour compte. Veuillez traiter rapidement le formulaire 100.

À cette fin, je suis ravi de vous parler d'un «nouveau» type de campagne de recrutement. C'est ce qu'on appelle un Delta Drive. C'est un autre outil que nous pouvons utiliser et qui permet d'assurer à toutes les personnes intéressées un contact régulier et des informations pertinentes en temps opportun par l'intermédiaire du service marketing du Suprême. Comment ça marche? Très simple en fait. On utilise une page d'accès pour les prospects. Ils peuvent être commandés et personnalisés pour vos Conseils en cliquant sur ce lien:

<https://info.kofc.org/pagerequest>

Lorsque vous avez un prospect potentiel, quelle que soit sa source, vous entrez ses informations dans la page de destination. Votre Conseil est averti et le Suprême contacte le prospect intéressé avec des «informations de vente indirecte» telles que des articles de Columbia, des programmes en vedette de Foi en Action et un contenu local pertinent. Le lien est permanent et vous pouvez continuer à l'utiliser aussi longtemps que vous

- le souhaitez. Pour ceux d'entre nous formés en tant que formateurs régionaux de l'État de l'Ontario, nous avons également une page d'accès pour la province à l'adresse: <http://bit.ly/ontariokofc>

- Ce lien est très utile pour aider les Conseils qui ne se sentent pas en mesure de faire un suivi dans les meilleurs délais. Nous pouvons les aider en entrant notre liste de noms et pour la ville, entrez votre numéro de Conseil. Cela permettra à l'État de l'Ontario de savoir où le membre potentiel a été contacté et vous obtiendrez de l'aide au suivi.

- Je souhaite personnellement remercier Dan Heffernan pour tout ce qu'il a fait pour l'Ontario et pour la confiance qu'il m'a témoignée. Je suis impatient de travailler avec lui dans ces nouvelles fonctions en tant qu'ex-Député d'État Immédiat.

- À David Peters, notre Député d'État élu, je me réjouis de pouvoir travailler avec vous et votre nouveau Conseil d'administration, vos directeurs et présidents.

- Lions-nous tous ensemble avec notre actuel Député d'État et notre équipe provinciale pour nous aider à réussir. Je serai ravi de répondre à vos questions sur ce programme.

- Conseil par Conseil, District par District, nous pouvons gagner si nous travaillons ensemble.

- Vivat Jésus et que Dieu vous bénisse!

Wayne Fink
Directeur régional de la formation



Conseil d'État de l'Ontario



***Olympiques
spéciaux
Ontario***



Tournoi de golf fraternel inaugural de l'Est Ontarien

**Vendredi 21 juin 2019
au Meadows Golf & Country Club
4335, chemin Hawthorne,
Ottawa (Ontario) K1G 3N4**

Inscription : 11h

Dîner : 11h30 - BBQ - Hamburger ou Hot Dog Jumbo

Heure de départ : 13h - Shotgun – Format Meilleure Balle

Souper : 19h – Style Buffet du Sud (Southern)

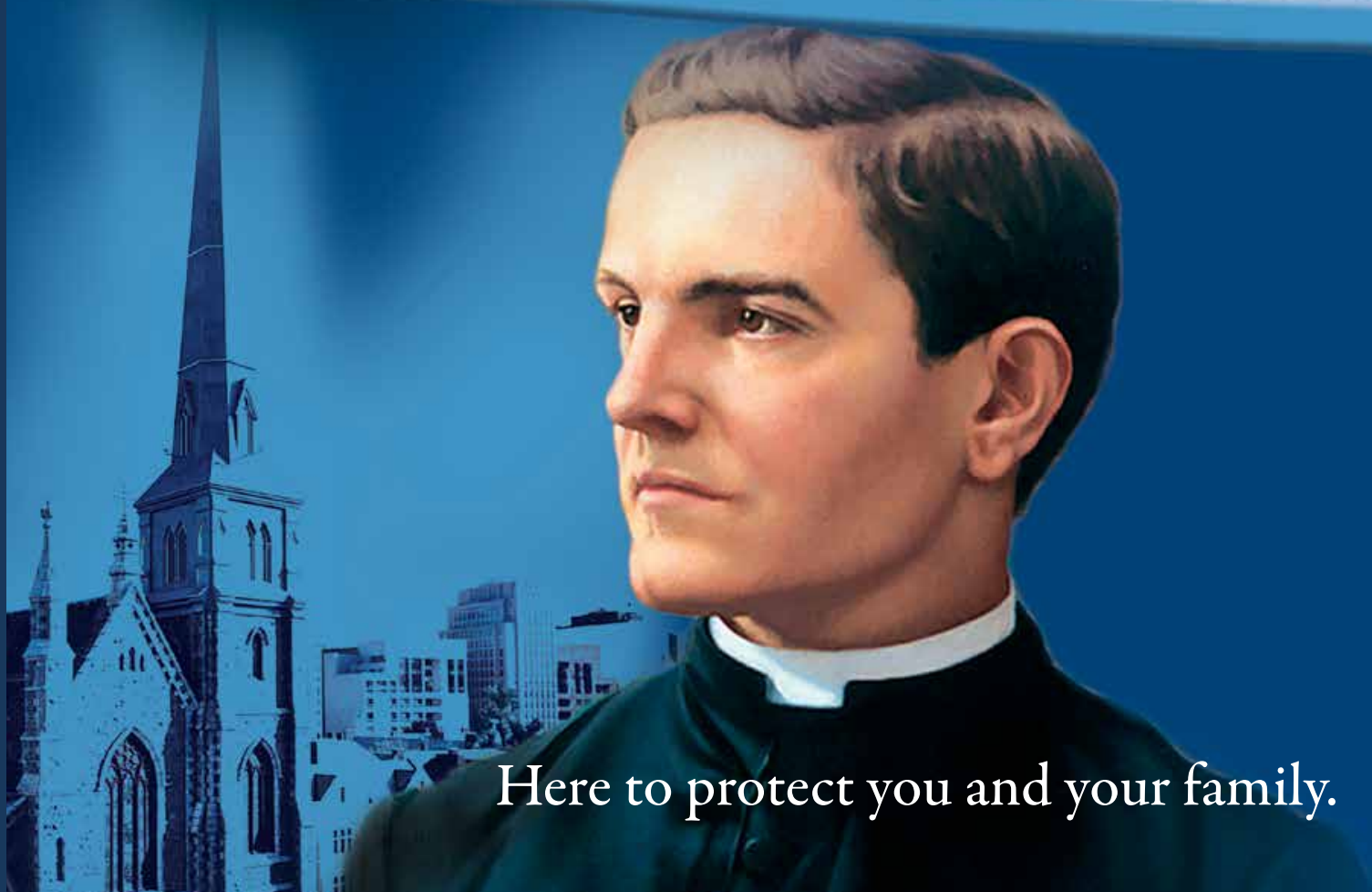
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Reflecting on changing times...

Dan Heffernan State Deputy

In these past two years as your State Deputy, the Ontario State has seen many interesting changes and here are some examples of the transformational changes that affected the way we do business:

- ✓ introduction of Ontario into the Disaster Preparedness Program due to necessity of flooding in parts of Ontario;
- ✓ change of insurance carriers to **Jones DesLauriers**;
- ✓ introduction of the Safe Environment Program;
- ✓ change of venue for our State Convention to Niagara Falls;
- ✓ change of venue for District Deputy meetings;
- ✓ the addition of the province-wide State Recruiter Team (this is a new style of membership recruitment);
- ✓ the introduction of eMembership as our new online recruitment tool;
- ✓ dedicated Canadian content pages in the Columbia magazine;
- ✓ complete redesign and rebuild of our Ontario State Website. View it here: www.ontariokofc.ca ;
- ✓ the use of Knights of Columbus popup tents to promote our Order;
- ✓ new pins: Ontario pin and Our Lady of Guadalupe pin;
- ✓ new State 'Knights on Bikes' program;
- ✓ Ontario's own 'Silver Rose Program' in conjunction with Supreme's program;
- ✓ the proposed Father McGivney Memorial Altar in Midland;
- ✓ the introduction of the new FAITH IN ACTION program;
- ✓ working towards the 1st ultrasound machine in Ontario sponsored by our Ultrasound Machine program;

- ✓ the Coats for Kids Program growing from 2,600 to 5,000 in 2017 and 7,000 in 2018 and a goal of 10,000 this coming year 2019;
- ✓ Basketball Free-throw: extending the age limit from 14 to 17 years for participation;
- ✓ starting of new ethnic Councils in Toronto and Windsor.
- ✓ Inaugural True Fraternity Golf Tournament of Eastern Ontario, see ads in this State Bulletin for more information.
- ❖ Our latest program, **Disaster Preparedness** has unfortunately grown out of necessity. Flooding in many parts of Ontario has been an opportunity for us as Knights to be involved in the sandbagging and community clean up either by providing meals for the volunteers, or by going door to door to affected residents offering assistance.



Brother District Deputy Jim Kay
sand bagging near Clarington,
Ontario – May 2019

Thank you to the many Knights that have answered the call, and I urge you to get involved. If you can spare some time, offer to help. Put your name on a volunteer list – you may never be called, but if you do, you will see how rewarding this offer to assist your neighbour can be.

(See Harold Marcotte's article in this Bulletin.)



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By Dan Heffernan

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❖ **Building upon the method of Recruiting that was initiated by IPSD Alain Cayer, State Recruiters were introduced** to assist YOU to obtain new members in your church communities. This is very successful in helping many Councils who have an aging population, providing a **new face with a new message and a new approach to welcome in new men to the Knights of Columbus.**

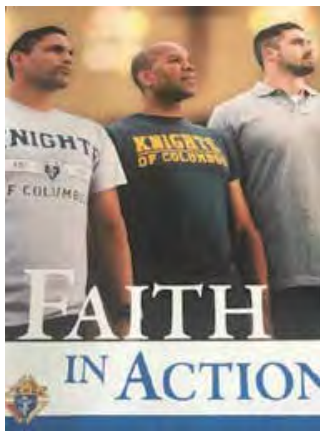
❖ **Involving your Field Agent in Recruitment drives has been shown to produce great success.** Councils may have been doing this in the past but perhaps not to the extent they are now. These men are a great asset to speak to men and encourage them to join Councils.

❖ **This year we were also honoured to have one of our General Agents, Sonny Sangemino** from Windsor, Ontario appointed by Supreme as the Canadian Agency Executive Consultant General Agent for Canada.
Congrats Brother Sonny!

❖ **The Introduction of New Faith in Action Programs** inviting participation for all the parish community to be involved has been a great way to recruit new members to assist our parish priests.

■ When inviting men and their families to join the Knights, try to inform them about the NEW Programs that the Knights of Columbus have introduced, instead of stating the programs that your Council has done in the past:

- Food for Families;
- Family Prayer Night;
- consecration to the Holy Family;



- Knights on Bikes;
- Soccer Challenge;
- Host the “Silver Rose” in your Parish;
- promoting saying the Rosary (perhaps prior to Mass);
- Coats for Kids;
- and numerous other Programs listed in the Faith in Action book.

❖ I am proud to say that we have now expanded our Knights of Columbus Councils into the **Chaldean, and Syriac communities (the first in Canada),** as well as a **Maltese Council.**

We have been called upon to support our brothers and sisters in the Middle East as they face terrible persecution because of their faith.



Bishop Soro of the Chaldean Catholic Church



I am delighted to welcome our catholic brothers into the Knights of Columbus from the Middle East. Let's show our canadian hospitality for those families who have come to start a new life here in Canada.

❖ **Technology has evolved so we must modernize our procedures to attract younger men.** We must be more welcoming to the younger, techie generation who are mindful of our environment, and their use of time.



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By Dan Heffernan

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❖ Our new online eMember registration promoted by our “Join Us”

bookmarks have proven to be a great recruitment tool to bring those young Catholics who do not attend mass regularly to join the Knights. We are called to Evangelize and bring back the “fallen away catholic” to the Church, let’s get them to join the Knights and through our programs they will come back to Church.

- ❖ **Fathers are busy** these days some with long commutes to and from work. By offering them a quick way to join online with all our benefits has shown that 70% will join a Council eventually.
- ❖ Councils offering **shorter meetings with a social after have also been shown to attract Fathers.** *Shorter meetings allowing more social time is good for teambuilding of your Council as members can talk and acquaint themselves with one another.*



- ❖ **Race for Charity** was a great success in 2018 and 2019 with the purchase of a Promotional tent with flags that were utilized at various events around the Province.
- ❖ **Younger Knights took part running**, while we **older Knights manned the booth promoting the KofC.** Catholic Missions in Canada, Coats for Kids and Special Olympics were the charity recipients.

• **KofC - a Family organization**

Our **Children are important** – they are our next generation of Knights and our Society’s leaders of tomorrow. We have great programs for them and have had several international winners in Basketball Free-throw and Substance Abuse Poster contest.

➤ **Substance Abuse Poster Contest**

– even though this Program has been dropped as a Supreme Program, Ontario State has continued with it since each of the last two years we have had International Winners. This is an excellent way of promoting Knights in our schools.



➤ Our **Basketball Free-throw** now continues up to Age 17, as a Supreme Program it still stops at age 14, however Ontario State has extended it to Age 17 and has had great success these past 2 years under the leadership of Joe Bodnar in 2017-18 and Anthony Viresi in 2018-19. This is another program that has seen international winners here in Ontario. Way to go!

➤ Through our **Coats for Kids initiative**, I am proud of the Councils in Ontario who delivered 7,000 good quality winter coats to schools throughout the Province. Let’s raise that number to **10,000** this coming winter.

• **Knights in Action...”March for Life 2019”**

➤ Some Councils have initiated and ran their own local program with their school (ie busing to **March4Life in Ottawa**) to fill a need in their local community.



➤ The **Annual March for Life** was another highlight of this year with more involvement with the **Knights of Columbus** as 4th Degree and Marshals providing signs.



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- **300 KofC red t-shirts** were given out **representing the 300 abortions that take place in Canada every day.**
- The highlight of this year's March was the presence of **Abby Johnson, the person whose life was documented in the book and movie 'Unplanned'.** Abby lead the **Candlelight Vigil on May 8th,** followed by the March through Ottawa streets, and was keynote speaker at the Rose Dinner. The movie is at this point 'banned' in Canada by the Pro-Choice film industry however the Knights in Ontario need to pick up this challenge and get this great movie shown throughout Ontario and hopefully Canada. This could be the movie that changes many hearts and minds to be Pro-Life believers.

All Knights and their families would benefit from viewing this movie.

- **Website 'Knights in Action'/Columbia magazine** Thank you for your pictures and articles. It makes all of us feel proud of Knights in Ontario when you document your own story or that of your Brother Knights accomplishments. Tell your story at <https://ontariokofc.ca/about-us/knights-in-action> and read those of your Brother Knights in Ontario.
- I hope everyone has read **the Columbia January 2019 issue**, found here: <http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/cover/201901.html> which featured our own south western Ontario family, Patti with her family giving witness to the fact that abortion is not the answer after rape.

It is important to document your Council events, and newsworthy items, and send them to brother Jerry Hayes, Communication Director, jerryhayes@bell.net.

- **Improving Communications/Website** was one of my objectives. Although it is not yet completed, it is a work in progress. An "**Obituary and Prayer Line**" have been added together with many other advanced features. Keep connected to stay abreast of news within the Knights as improvements continue.

- **Salt and Light TV** as well as Supreme have documented our State Convention. Look for photos/videos on the website, and in Convention Director Joe Bodnar's State Bulletin article
- **Councils and Assemblies have been sponsoring Daily Mass on TV.** Thank you so much! It is an important venue for promoting the Knights of Columbus. If your Council wishes to sponsor a Mass simply email the National Catholic Broadcasting Network.



- ❖ Our **State Lottery Draw** continues to provide your Council with great payback and promotes our Order while giving to numerous charities – our 2019-20 Lottery will begin this fall.

Don't miss out on participating; contact Liane at our State Office stateoffice@ontariokofc.ca – you will be glad that you did!



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NEW Programs

- **NEW –‘Knights on Bikes’ has been adopted as a State Program.**
What a great activity to attract men to join our Order. This faith filled group organizes rides for Charity, promotes the Knights of Columbus and their faith while enjoying fellowship. If you enjoy motorcycle riding, this program might be of interest to you.



- **NEW - 2 Silver Roses** are now being transported throughout Ontario; one from Supreme, and the other one – our very own Silver Rose donated to Ontario State by District Deputy and ‘Knights on Bikes’ member Dennis Mailloux (housed in a beautiful wooden case crafted by Vern Nelligan). **‘Knights on Bikes’ members are transporting the Rose throughout Ontario.**



- **NEW Destination** for Pilgrimage - new **Venerable Michael J McGivney Memorable Altar, Martyrs Shrine, Midland** which will be constructed with your assistance. Plans are being worked on. Info will soon be on our Website.
Consider “**purchasing a Stone**” in Memory of your **Council, Assembly or Loved One?**
Fundraising is proceeding with the aid of You and your Councils but needs your Support.



- **NEW - Ontario State Council Golf Tournament in Ottawa on Friday June 21, 2019 at:**
The Meadows Golf & Country Club.
This tournament is **new** this year and is being chaired by State Treasurer Elect, Bruce Poulin.

See ads on page 17 and 24



Ontario State Council



Special Olympics
Ontario



**Inaugural True Fraternity
Golf Tournament of
Eastern Ontario**

Friday, June 21, 2019

The Meadows Golf & Country Club

4335 Hawthorne Road,

Ottawa, Ontario. K1G 3N4

Registration: 11am

Lunch: 11:30 – BBQ - Hamburger or Jumbo Hot Dog

Starting Time: 1pm Shotgun Start – Best Ball Format

Dinner: 7pm – Southern Style Buffet

\$150.00 per person: Power Cart – Contests – Prizes

Contact: Bruce Poulin – bpoulin62@gmail.com



Message from General Agent Insurance

Marc Madore, FIC, CHS, CLU, Ch.FC, CFP

Worthy Officers, My Brother Knights,

Another fraternal is coming to an end. Time certainly does not stand still. On behalf of my colleague General Agents and the entire field force of Ontario I thank you for your dedication to your community and our various fraternal programs.

If you have yet to do so, we still have time to recognize your council and your members for their efforts this Columbian year by qualifying for the prestigious Star Council award. We are here to help you achieve it. Check in with your field agent or general agent to inquire about your status in this regard. Your council does have a financial incentive in achieving this distinction.

Should you have members in your council who are currently listed as inactive, a review of fraternal benefits is often all that is required for our Brother Knight to reinstate his membership. Reach out to us should you wish to review the many benefits that come with one's membership. On that front, perhaps a fraternal benefits night is not a bad idea!

We extended a challenge to every council in Ontario during the State convention: Kindly consider participating in the Coats for Kids program. We are asking you to have this discussion now rather than in September. As with anything, proper planning ensures success. Our goal is to distribute these gifts of warmth before the end of October. With your support we are sure to meet our goal of 10,000 coats in 2019! Should you wish to review any aspect of this worthwhile cause do not hesitate to reach us.

- While many councils suspend activities during the months of July and August, please be aware that your field force does not. We are dedicated to assisting you and your family secure your financial future through our array of financial products. The summer months offer an ideal time to review your current situation and explore how the Order can assist you and your family achieve your financial needs, wants and desires.

- On behalf of the entire field force of Ontario thank you for your continued support of our mandate of helping and assisting a family in their time of need.

• Fraternally,

• **Marc Madore, FIC, CHS, CLU, Ch.FC, CFP**





Message de l'assurance de l'agent général Marc Madore, FIC, CHS, CLU, Ch.FC, CFP

Vénérables officiers, mes frères Chevaliers,

Une autre année fraternelle touche à sa fin. Le temps ne reste certainement pas immobile. Au nom de mon collègue, les Agents généraux et de l'ensemble des Conseillers fraternels de l'Ontario, je vous remercie pour votre dévouement envers votre communauté et nos divers programmes fraternels.

Si vous ne l'avez pas encore fait, nous avons encore le temps de remercier votre Conseil et vos membres pour leurs efforts cette année colombienne en se qualifiant pour le prestigieux prix Conseil Étoile. Nous sommes là pour vous aider à y parvenir. Vérifiez auprès de votre Conseiller fraternel ou de votre Agent général pour connaître votre statut à cet égard. Votre Conseil dispose d'un incitatif financier pour réaliser cette distinction.

Si des membres de votre Conseil figurent actuellement sur la liste des personnes inactives, il suffit souvent de revoir les avantages mutuels pour que notre frère Chevalier puisse réintégrer son statut de membre. Contactez-nous si vous souhaitez passer en revue les nombreux avantages qui en découlent. Sur ce front, peut-être qu'une soirée bénéfice fraternelle n'est pas une mauvaise idée!

Nous avons lancé un défi à chaque Conseil en Ontario lors du congrès d'État; veuillez envisager de participer au programme **Manteaux pour les enfants**. Nous vous demandons d'avoir cette discussion maintenant plutôt qu'en septembre. Comme pour tout, une bonne planification est gage de succès. Notre objectif est de distribuer ces cadeaux

de chaleur avant la fin octobre. Avec votre soutien, nous sommes sûrs d'atteindre notre objectif de 10 000 manteaux en 2019! Si vous souhaitez revoir n'importe quel aspect de cette cause louable, n'hésitez pas à nous contacter.

Bien que de nombreux Conseils suspendent leurs activités pendant les mois de juillet et août, sachez que votre force fraternelle ne le fait pas. Nous nous engageons à vous aider, ainsi que votre famille, à assurer votre avenir financier grâce à notre gamme de produits financiers. Les mois d'été offrent un moment idéal pour examiner votre situation actuelle et voir comment l'Ordre peut vous aider, ainsi que votre famille, à satisfaire vos besoins financiers, vos souhaits et vos désirs.

Au nom de l'ensemble de la force fraternelle de l'Ontario, nous vous remercions de votre appui constant à notre mandat consistant à aider et à assister une famille en cas de besoin.

Fraternellement,

Marc Madore, FIC, CHS, CLU, Ch.FC, CFP





116th Ontario State Convention April 26-28, 2019

Report by Joe and Tricia Bodnar



Proclamation of Knights of Columbus Week

Prior to the 116th Annual State Convention held in Niagara Falls, Mayor Jim Diadoti, declared the week *April 22 – 28, 2019 Knights of Columbus Week*.



On **Tues April 23rd**, the Knights of Columbus flag was driven by the Knights on Bikes to the Niagara Falls City Hall where an official flag raising ceremony took place. The flag was flown for one week to show the people of Niagara Falls that the Knights of Columbus were in town not only to hold their annual Convention but also to help the less fortunate in their community and showcase what the Knights do every day across Ontario.

On **Wed April 24th** the Ontario State Board, along with volunteers from Council 1652 and Council 1388, went to the Niagara Falls Community Outreach to serve lunch for over 120 people. After the lunch the State Board held a Living Rosary across the street from the Sheraton on The Falls Hotel for all to witness.



On **Thurs April 25th** in the morning the Ontario State Board attended the **St. Catharine's Habitat for Humanity ReStore** to help paint the store walls as well as assist with sorting and testing plumbing donations. In the afternoon, all attended **St. Catharine's Collegiate** to host a **Basketball game between the Special Olympics traveling team** and the **Columbian Squire Ontario Provincial Board**. Even though the Provincial Board with a few guest players namely IPSD Alain Cayer and myself lost the game, it was fun to play and exciting for all the fans to watch.



From **Fri April 26th – Sunday April 28th** over 700 Knights with their families attended the **116th State Convention** where we were privileged to meet special guest, Deputy Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly and his wife Vanessa.



116e Congrès d'État de l'Ontario du 26 au 28 avril 2019

Rapport par Joe and Tricia Bodnar





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Friday April 26th early arrivals were able to participate in the Opening **Welcome Mass** hosted by Bishop Marcel Dampousse with local St Catharine's Bishop Bergie, as well as a talk on **Divine Mercy** by **Fr Tom Rosica**, and a general info seminar put on by our own General Agents.



A fun gathering space '**Hens and Roosters**' was attended Friday afternoon prior to the **Opening Ceremonies** which began on Friday evening with Introductions, videos, a few speeches and Awards.

Congratulations to all the Councils and Member Knights who won Awards. **Special thanks to those Councils who were not specifically recognized but who work hard in their local communities on an ongoing basis to help the less fortunate, widows and orphans.**

District Deputy Steve Cuneo from Walkerton with his Band provided entertainment after the official Opening Ceremonies were completed, and a great time was had by all.



On **Sat April 27**, the Ladies were invited to listen to renown **Sr. Mary Catherine Perdue (a fun member of the resurrected Flying Fathers Hockey Team)** with her friend **Sr. Mary Augustine Hardy** from the **Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate** (Cambridge, Ont) while making 'Divine Mercy' bracelets.

Some of the Ladies then hopped on a bus and visited the local **Niagara College** Winery and Brewery where they were shown the art making local wine, etc. or visited the **local shopping mall**.

After the business session during the day, over 500 people attended the **State Awards Banquet on Sat evening** which was followed by a **50- 60's dance**. Many Knights and their wives boogied and twirled to a local band the **Moonlighters**. Costumes were judged, and everyone present participated in the fun activities.



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Sunday morning while the business session was being completed, **April 28th, Fr Chris of the Mount Carmel Monastery** hosted a tour for the Ladies, and shared info on their facilities in Niagara Falls. The relics of St Theresa of the Little Flower are housed there.



Sunday afternoon April 28th, the 4th Degree under the leadership of **Master Dan Lohin**, hosted the **Exemplification** of approximately 30 candidates.

During the week **Salt and Light TV** along with a film crew from **Supreme** video taped all the Knights of Columbus Week events to showcase what the Knights do. Some of these videos can now be seen on YouTube for your enjoyment.



The new Convention location and Agenda was well received and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The **Ontario State Board** looks forward to welcoming you all to next year's **117th Annual State Convention** which will be held once again at the **Sheraton on The Falls Hotel in Niagara Falls** the *weekend of May 1 – 3, 2020*.

State Board 2019 - 2020



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Proclamation de la Semaine des Chevaliers de Colomb

Avant le 116e Congrès d'État annuel à Niagara Falls, le maire Jim Diadoti a déclaré la semaine du 22 au 28 avril 2019, Semaine des Chevaliers de Colomb.



Le mardi 23 avril, les **Chevaliers à Moto** ont porté le drapeau des Chevaliers de Colomb à l'hôtel de ville de Niagara Falls, où une cérémonie officielle de levée du drapeau a eu lieu. Le drapeau a été arboré pendant une semaine pour montrer aux habitants de Niagara Falls que les Chevaliers de Colomb étaient en ville non seulement pour organiser leur congrès annuel, mais également pour aider les moins fortunés de leur communauté et montrer ce que les Chevaliers font chaque jour en Ontario.

Le mercredi 24 avril, le Conseil d'État de l'Ontario, accompagné de bénévoles des Conseils 1652 et 1388, s'est rendu au **Community Outreach** de Niagara Falls pour servir le déjeuner à plus de 120 personnes. Après le déjeuner, le Conseil d'administration a organisé un chapelet vivant en face du Sheraton on The Falls Hotel pour que tous puissent en être témoins.



Jeudi le 25 avril au matin, le Conseil d'État de l'Ontario a assisté au magasin **Habitat for Humanity ReStore** de St. Catharines pour peindre les murs du magasin et pour trier et tester les dons en plomberie. Dans l'après-midi, tous se sont rendus au **St. Catharine's Collegiate** pour assister à une partie de basketball entre l'équipe itinérante des **Jeux olympiques spéciaux** et le **Columbian Squire Ontario Provincial Board**. Même si le Conseil provincial avec quelques joueurs invités, à savoir IPSD, Alain Cayer et moi-même, avons perdu la partie, il était amusant de jouer et passionnant pour tous les participants.



Du **vendredi 26 au dimanche 28 avril**, plus de 700 Chevaliers et leurs familles ont assisté au **116ème Congrès d'État** où nous avons eu le privilège de rencontrer un invité spécial, le Chevalier Suprême Adjoint, Patrick Kelly et son épouse Vanessa.



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Le **vendredi 26 avril**, les premiers arrivés ont pu participer à la **messe d'ouverture** présidée par Mgr Marcel Dampousse avec l'évêque Bergie de St Catharine, ainsi qu'à une conférence sur la Divine Miséricorde donnée par le **père Tom Rosica** et à un séminaire d'information organisé par nos propres agents généraux.



Un espace de rassemblement amusant «**Hens and Rosters**» a été visité vendredi après-midi avant les cérémonies d'ouverture, qui ont débuté vendredi soir avec des introductions, des vidéos, quelques discours et des prix.

Félicitations à tous les Conseils et membres Chevaliers qui ont remporté des prix. **Nous remercions tout particulièrement les Conseils qui n'ont pas été spécifiquement reconnus, mais qui travaillent très fort dans leurs communautés locales pour aider les moins fortunés, les veuves et les orphelins.**

Le Député de District Steve Cuneo de Walkerton et son groupe ont assuré l'animation après les cérémonies d'ouverture officielles, et tous se sont bien amusés.



Le samedi 27 avril, les femmes ont été invitées à écouter **Soeur Mary Catherine Perdue (une membre amusante de l'équipe de hockey ressuscitée des Flying Fathers)** avec son amie **Soeur Mary Augustine Hardy, des Soeurs de Our Lady Immaculate** (Cambridge, Ont), en fabriquant des bracelets de la «miséricorde divine».

Certaines des dames sont ensuite montées dans un autobus et ont visité l'établissement vinicole et la brasserie locales du **Niagara College**, où on leur a montré l'art de faire du vin local, etc., ou ont visité le **centre commercial** local.

Après la séance de travail au cours de la journée, plus de 500 personnes ont assisté au **banquet de remise des prix de l'État** le samedi soir, qui a été suivi par une **danse des années 50-60**. De nombreux Chevaliers et leurs épouses ont beaucoup 'swingés' avec un groupe de musique local les **Moonlighters**. Les costumes ont été jugés et toutes les personnes présentes ont participé aux activités amusantes.



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Le dimanche matin, alors que la session d'affaires se terminait **le 28 avril**, le **père Chris du monastère du Mont Carmel** a organisé une visite guidée pour les dames et leur a donné des informations sur leurs installations à Niagara Falls. Les reliques de Sainte Thérèse de la Petite Fleur y sont hébergées.



Le dimanche après-midi, **28 avril**, le 4ème degré sous la direction de **Maître Dan Lohin**, a accueilli l'exemplification d'environ 30 candidats.

Pendant la semaine, la **Télévision Sel et Lumière** et une **équipe de tournage vidéo du Suprême** ont enregistré tous les événements de la Semaine des Chevaliers de Colomb pour montrer ce que font les Chevaliers. Certaines de ces vidéos peuvent maintenant être visionnées sur YouTube pour votre plus grand plaisir.



Le nouvel emplacement et l'ordre du jour du Congrès ont été bien reçus et tout le monde a semblé s'amuser.

Le **Conseil d'État de l'Ontario** a hâte de vous accueillir l'an prochain au **117e Congrès d'État annuel** qui se tiendra de nouveau au **Sheraton on The Falls Hotel** à **Niagara Falls** le week-end du **1er au 3 mai 2020**.

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Jerry Hayes

Communication Director

As we quickly approach the end of the current fraternal year, it now comes to the point of reflecting on just what we accomplished over the past twelve months. Did we achieve our previous goals that we previously set? Or maybe a better question, did we in fact even set any goals last year? Many of the goals State Council set in the area of communication did in fact come to reality, but many did not. Ontario State Office has made tremendous progress with Salt+Light T.V. and I hope you have seen many of the improvements that have transpired with our web-page as a result of this cohesive relationship. That having been said, we still have a considerable way to go to keep all of our members informed about the many new and exciting initiatives that the Knights of Columbus can offer them. Accordingly, if you have ideas surrounding ways to improve communication on the web-site please send in your ideas. We are always receptive to hearing about positive improvements which assist us all. In this regard, planning has already started for new initiatives and communication realignment that will come to fruition on July 1st in a variety of areas, and you will be informed of them very shortly. Complacency in what we do is a major set-back for everyone, thus we must always be cognizant of the fact that there is room for improvement in all that we undertake.

But let us not jump into this “change mode” too quickly. We still have goals to attain in this fraternal year and we can not let down our guard in these areas. One which is of paramount importance is attaining the Circle of Honour in Ontario. Each and every one of us, can play an important role in making this happen. Please don't let your guard down on membership due to the fact that you are making plans surrounding your summer vacation. Just bringing in one new member between now and the end of June could make a big difference in achieving this

provincial goal. If you have potential candidates and are having difficulty finding a first degree, please let us know. We would be glad to help you out in this regard. Remember that membership is a part of everyone's mandate, which means that all of us should shoulder the responsibility surrounding member recruitment.

Let us all work together to make Ontario stronger and in turn reap the benefits of all that we obtain through this ongoing process, not only now, but over the upcoming fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus

Jerry Hayes
Communication Director





Bryan Noble

State Membership Director

Brothers,

Have you ever been 'on a roll'? When it seems like you just can't lose? It feels good, doesn't it? That's the feeling of success creating momentum & momentum creating success.

Here in Ontario we're on a roll! We've recruited more members in the last month than the first quarter of the fraternal year; and with your help we're going to reach the Circle of Honour milestone. But do so we need you to make an extra effort in the last few weeks of the year. Organize & hold a church membership drive – especially if you haven't had one yet this year. Comb through your list of prospects & reach out to them again. Invite potential new brothers to social events or activities and ask them to join the Order.

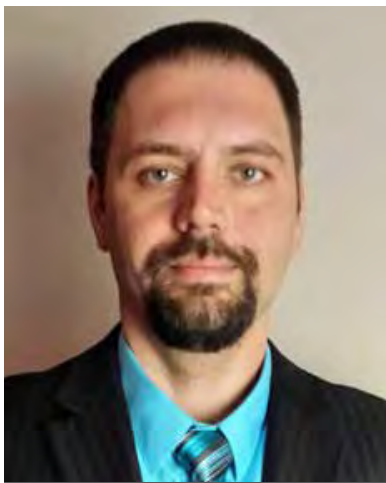
Success is contagious. It generates an excitement that we should want to share and prospects want to share in. Recruiting success snowballs into even greater success; by finishing the year strong you will automatically start next year off 'on a roll'.

Speak to your Pastor about a membership drive & then contact me to arrange assistance from a member of your State Membership Team. Use the DVD Admission Degree to exemplify new brothers before June 28th.

Your State Membership Team looks forward to helping you achieve your Council's membership goals.

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BJ Harrison

State E-membership Director

E membership in Ontario has been going very well. To date we have over 250 new brother knights through the program. This is great news as we are protecting more of our catholic brothers and families as Father McGivney envisioned.

Approximately 70% of these brothers have said they are interested in joining a local council. That being said, we are falling short on actually converting these brothers into degree members. Our conversion rate currently sits at 12%. **We need to get these men into councils.**

Brothers again I'm asking you to keep an eye on your "prospect" tab.

In Member Management each Grand Knight and Financial Secretary has a prospect tab. Within this tab you will find the names of the E member associated with your council.

This information is used similar to a church drive. When you have a *prospect reach out to them, take them out for a coffee, talk to them about joining your council. These men have already shown interest in joining – meet and greet them – welcome them to your Council and find out their interests so you can engage them in a Program.* As you know, this is the best way to keep members.

Brothers, **this is also an excellent recruitment tool.** If you have managed to recruit new members but a degree is too far down the road, USE eMembership.

It allows them to be part of the council until such time they can take their degree. If at a church drive you find some men who are not ready to commit to joining your council, offer them the online membership. Again, these men become your prospects and future council members.

Need more volunteers at your events?

Reach out to your prospects. This will give them a feel for what your council does and help nudge them closer to joining your council. Send them dates of your events and invite them to come out. They don't have to volunteer- perhaps just participating in the event is more in the comfort zone.

July 1, 2019 my tenure as eMembership Director ends. Thank you all for the efforts you have put into this program.

I pray you will continue to push this program and work with the new Director.

Online and social media is what appeals to many men these days, so we must utilize all avenues.

Today it seems that many men are not quick to join groups but are very comfortable online. Use this to our advantage to recruit members.

Your Brother in Christ,

BJ Harrison
State E-membership Director





Harold Marcotte

Ontario State Council Retention Director

Worthy Grand Knights and council officers, it is that time of year when we all take a serious look at the state of our councils and assess what we need to do to have a successful year. Questions we need to ask ourselves include:

1. Do we have enough officers to go around?
2. Do we have enough volunteers to go around?
3. Do we have the right mix of programs and activities?
4. Are we serving the needs of our parishes?
5. Do we work well with each other in our Council, our District or our State?

If your answers are NO to any of these questions, drop me a line dd1@ontariokofc.ca . I can help or know someone else who can help.

Vivat Jesus,

Harold Marcotte
Ontario State Council Retention Director





Arthur Peters

State Ceremonials Chairman

Brother Knights:

Over the past fraternal year, we have exemplified 34 Knights Degrees across our province – thank you to all who have hosted these ceremonials, and to our teams that have exemplified these degrees.

As you start to plan for the next fraternal year, we would ask that you ensure that regularly scheduled degrees are part of your program activity. Work with your District Deputy to schedule Formation and Knighthood (2nd and 3rd) degrees in your area – when a Brother Knight joins the Order, it is our responsibility to ensure that they participate in these ceremonials in a timely manner.

If I can assist in any way please do not hesitate to contact me at 905-791-5563, or arthur.petersd@rogers.com.

Fraternally,

Arthur Peters
State Ceremonials Chairman





Denis LaSalle

Executive Secretary

Worthy Brothers,

The new year has been a busy time. January, February, March and April kept the State office staff hopping as we feverishly tried to keep pace with the workload associated with the 2019 Ontario State Convention. The many changes implemented on behalf of our membership including a new venue, in Niagara Falls Canada, brought new challenges which had to be met. In retrospect, the week prior to the convention was very exciting, with many KofC activities related to the four pillars of our Order. The convention itself was exhilarating, fruitful and rewarding for all who attended.

The per capita for your council was emailed on January 15, 2019 or within a few days of this date. If you have paid for your council dues we thank you. But if you have yet to pay, we encourage you to do so soon. For those councils who may not have received a copy of their 2019 per capita, we encourage you to contact the State office and a copy will promptly be sent to you.

The Charity Lotteries Raffle draw is fast approaching. The deadline for returning tickets is May 01, 2019. So, if your council hasn't returned their tickets, please do so without delay. If there is an issue in this regard, you are encouraged to contact me or any staff member to advise us of your situation. The Draw will take place at the Holiday Inn and Conference Centre 3063 South Service Road, Burlington, Ontario On Friday May 31, 2019 starting at 10am. All are welcome.

Our next project for the office will be to prepare for the District Deputy Organizational meeting which will take place at the Sheraton Airport Hotel, 801 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario. The date for this meeting is July 05, 06, 07, 2019. I encourage all DD's to attend.

The Staff is also gearing up for the Coats for Kids program which is presently in full flight. Last Year we gave away 7000 coats to needy children. This year's goal is 10,000 jackets. This year's jacket will be of the same quality or better than last year. The jackets should be available towards the end of September or early October 2019. You are therefore encouraged to plan a summer fundraising activity. The new order forms will soon be made available to you. The process is the same, you fill the form and forward it to the regional KofC General Agents office. The cost per carton for 12 jackets is \$340.00. This includes the cost of the jackets, shipping and taxes.

The Staff and I would like to wish each and everyone of you a summer filled with fun, joy and peace.

Vivat Jesus,

Denis La Salle,
Executive Secretary





Denis LaSalle

Secrétaire exécutif

Vénérable frères,

La nouvelle année a été un temps occupé. Janvier, février, mars et avril ont gardé le personnel du Bureau d'État sur le qui vive, comme nous avons tenté avec grand tempo de suivre le rythme de la charge de travail liée au congrès d'État 2019 de l'Ontario. Les nombreux changements apportés au nom de nos membres, y compris un nouveau lieu, à Niagara Falls, Canada, ont entraîné de nouveaux défis à relever. Rétrospectivement, la semaine précédant le congrès a été très excitante, avec de nombreuses activités C de C liées aux quatre piliers de notre Ordre. Le congrès lui-même était exaltant, fructueux et enrichissant pour tous ceux qui y assistaient.

La cotisation pour votre Conseil a été envoyée par courriel le 15 janvier 2019 ou a quelques jours de cette date. Si vous avez payé pour vos cotisations de conseil, nous vous remercions. Mais si vous n'avez pas encore payé, nous vous encourageons à le faire bientôt. Pour les conseils qui n'ont peut-être pas reçu une copie de leur cotisation pour 2019, nous vous encourageons à contacter le Bureau de l'État et une copie vous sera envoyée sans délai.

Le jour du tirage de notre Loteries de charité approche rapidement. La date limite pour le retour des billets Tombola est le 01 mai 2019. Donc, si votre Conseil n'a pas retourné leurs billets, s'il vous plaît le faire sans tarder. S'il y a un problème à cet égard, vous êtes encouragés à contacter n'importe quel membre du personnel du bureau d'état pour nous informer de votre situation. Le tirage aura lieu au Holiday Inn and Conference Centre 3063 South Service Road, Burlington (Ontario) le vendredi 31 mai 2019 à partir de 10h. Tous sont les bienvenus.

Notre prochain projet pour le bureau sera de préparer la réunion organisationnelle des Députés de district qui

- aura lieu au Sheraton Airport Hotel, 801 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario. La date de cette réunion est le 05, 06, 07, 2019 juillet. J'encourage tous les DD à y assister.
- Le personnel se prépare également pour le programme manteaux pour enfants qui est actuellement en plein vol. L'année dernière, **nous avons donné 7000 manteaux aux enfants nécessiteux. L'objectif de cette année est 10 000 manteaux.** Les manteaux de cette année seront de la même qualité ou mieux que l'année dernière.
- Les manteaux devraient être disponibles vers la fin de septembre ou début octobre 2019. Vous êtes donc encouragés à planifier une activité de collecte de fonds estivale. Les nouveaux formulaires de commande seront bientôt mis à votre disposition. Le processus est le même, vous remplissez le formulaire et le transmettez au Bureau régional des agents généraux du C de C. Le coût par carton pour 12 manteaux est \$340.00. Cela inclut le coût des manteaux, de l'expédition et des taxes.
- Le personnel du Bureau d'État et moi-même voudrions souhaiter à chacun d'entre vous un été rempli de plaisir, de joie et de paix.

Vivat Jésus,

Denis La Salle,
Secrétaire exécutif





Race for Charity

Harold Marcotte

State Race for Charity Director

Brother Knights, the first year of Race for Charity was a learning experience. We entered three races, Mississauga, Ottawa and Toronto and all three were successful in that we raised several thousand dollars for Catholic Missions in Canada, Coats for Kids and Special Olympics. Our most successful event for raising money was the Ottawa Race Weekend where we raised \$6,900 which works out to about 230 coats. With these three events we managed to expose the Knights of Columbus to over 100,000 people at our Race Expo Booths. Ontario leads all jurisdictions in e-membership and it is in no small way did these events contribute to these great results. Where we had difficulty is in convincing the local Councils that race for charity was a worthwhile way to engage younger members of our Councils and contribute to these worthwhile causes. I'm not sure why more Councils don't participate. It is fun, easy, very few volunteers are required and you raise a whole lot of money for a charity of your choice. This year with a narrowed down scope including the Ottawa Race Weekend, is still adding up to better than last year with our target at \$7,000.

Harold Marcotte
State Race for Charity Director



Faith Hope & Charity - Youth of Today

By Narciso Rodrigues



As said by our founder Brother Barnabas, “The supreme purpose of the Columbian Squires is character building.” Our theme for this year ties in with the supreme purpose of our Founder.

Right from the investiture, every Squire is surrounded by group of Knights that are there to teach and guide the Squires, all the way until their 18th birthday. From there, they can start a new journey with the Knights of Columbus, as a young council member looking to give back to their supporters through commitment and hard work. What better way to help grow the brotherhood by adding the graduating Squires to the Knighthood.

Ontario is one of the premier zones in the KOC Organization. It is only natural that we lead the way to demonstrate the value of having the Squires program continue as opposed to not being allowed to grow and add new circles or even re-activate circles that were previously in operation.

The current Provincial Board has been working hard to unite all Squires across the province by talking to all Chief Squires and Chief Counsellors on a monthly basis, by hosting Spiritual Events, participating in walks for awareness to the tragedies of miscarriage/ stillbirth & SIDS, Conducting workshops, visiting

circles and more. The Provincial Board could not have done all these activities without the financial support of the Councils. Thank you to all brother knights for your financial & moral support.

Our 65th Annual Squires Convention is being held on 31st May – 2nd June 2019 at the Holiday Inn Burlington. Please visit our website www.ontariosquires.com for additional information & check out our Squire Compass produced every 3 months.

Esto Dignus – Be Worthy

Narciso Rodrigues
State Squires Director





Dennis Mailloux

Knights on Bikes Director

It is with great appreciation that the Ontario Members of the Knights on Bikes – Canada say “THANK-YOU” the Ontario State Board and the delegates at the 2019 Ontario State Convention for the support and recognition of the Knights on Bikes within Ontario and as part of the Knights of Columbus.

We hope that over the future that the Councils and members and the parishes within Ontario we call upon the KonB to assist them with their charitable and other events that they conduct.

Although there is currently only 110 Members within 10 of 14 Diocese in Ontario. I would like to mention as well the Bishop Scott McCaig of the Canadian Military Ordinariate is also a member.

We are looking forward to taking on and accepting task and challenges to assist the Ontario State Board with their duties within the province. We have already accepted the Silver Rose Relay and continue to work with the Rosary Sunday and Martyrs’ Shrine.

I know that many of the members within Ontario and Canada are looking forward to participating and attending the 2019 International KonB Convention and Rally in Lansing, Michigan during the first week in August.

Dennis Mailloux
Director Knights on Bikes – Ontario
Canadian National Vice President



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Robert Bentley Faith Pillar Director

Brothers in Christ

As we are coming closer to the end of this fraternal year and the start of a new one, I know that many of you have been working diligently on the "Faith in Action Program". I pray especially on the Faith Pillar which is closest to me, as your Faith Director over this past fraternal year. Although it is always a daunting task to manage a new program like Faith in Action, Supreme has put a lot of work into the design of this new initiative to help all of our Councils succeed.

I know that your council can succeed in the Faith in Action Program. As you have the overall improvement of your parish and your council in your hearts, even if you were not able to do all the programs to earn the Columbian award or Star Council award, please consider all you have accomplished as a great success and an excellent base to move forward, in the upcoming fraternal year.

Now of course is the time to reflect on this year as it comes to an end, while trying to conclude those last few programs you may want to finish off. As you are doing this, it is also a time to sit down with you newly elected executive officers, directors of your programs, and with your parish priest, to plan for the next fraternal year thorough your Faith in Action Program book.

In doing this, as you enter the summer months you will be alive, active and have a great running start on a successful year to come. For as you know, an active Council will not only retain its members but attract new ones as new blood. This is imperative to our continued success for years to come if we are to stay vibrant as a Council.

As Knights of Columbus in our parish, it is always the

- winning team we all want to be a member of. To show
- our family, friends and parishioner's that we are active
- Catholic gentlemen, doing God's work, and of course,
- -- what a better way, than to be in an active Knights of
- Columbus Council.

- So, in closing "Brothers in Christ", I want to thank all
- of you for your good work and encourage you to start
- your planning now for the next fraternal year. This
- will enhance your council's health, your parishioner's
- awareness of your work, and at the same time give the
- men in your parish the opportunity, --- and I do mean
- "opportunity" to join the Knights in doing God's work in
- your parish and in the world.

- Please have a safe and productive summer.
- God Bless you and yours.

- **SK Robert Bentley**
- **Faith Director**
- **Ontario State Council**



Marionville Council

Conseil de Marionville



L'icône de Notre-Dame du Secours aux chrétiens persécutés était présente lors de la messe, précédant la réunion du mois de Marie (mai) des membres du Conseil 7743 Marionville. Également, l'icône faisait la Une lors de la messe du dimanche dans l'église Ste Thérèse d'Avila de Marionville. Nous apercevons en photo le Grand Chevalier Joël Bouchard en présence du curé de la paroisse, Michel Pommainville, et de deux membres de l'exécutif du Conseil 7743. Notre-Dame du Secours aux Chrétiens persécutés, priez pour nous.

Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians icon was present at Mass preceding the May monthly meeting of Council 7743 Marionville. Also the icon was front and center during the Sunday weekly mass in the Ste-Thérèse d'Avila church of Marionville. We can see the Grand Knight Joël Bouchard in presence of the parish priest Michel Pommainville and two executive members of Council 7743. Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians, pray for us.





Earle DePass

Community Pillar Director

As the fraternal year comes to a close, I am delighted to thank all State Chairmen for their support and input over the last year. It has truly been an honour for me to serve in this capacity and I thank our State Deputy – Bro. Dan Heffernan for allowing me to do so. I look forward to working again on this during the 2019-2020 fraternal year.

Ontario Substance Abuse – Bro. JC Legault: In 2018-19; 2300 students, 44 Councils, 33 Districts and 6 regions participated in the Ontario Substance Abuse Poster Contest. The 6 State winners in the 3 age divisions (8-10, 11-13, 14-17) and drug and alcohol categories were announced at the April 2019 State Convention. Plaques and \$100 monetary awards will be presented in May and June at respective schools.

Basketball Free Throw - Bro. Anthony Viresi: As the fraternal year is slowly coming to an end so is the Free Throw program with only the presentation of awards to the State Winners left to do. I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful year! We had over 45,000 children participate throughout the province from 279 Councils and we had two International Winners this year. I look forward to continuing as the State Free Throw Chairman in the upcoming fraternal year and to working with all of you once again in making this program even more successful than it was this year. Have a wonderful and safe summer my brothers, Vivat Jesus!

Soccer: Thanks to SK Peter Scott for his service to December 2018. We were fortunate to have an International Winner from Kingston.

Hockey: Thanks to SK Peter Scott for his service to December 2018. Thanks to those councils who participated. This week, I will be presenting awards to 3 winners from Lancaster Council.

Habitat For Humanity - Bro. Stephen Maloney: Many thanks to all councils who participated in this worthwhile program. It was a real pleasure to recently be a part of the home build in Orléans with brother Steve.

Wheelchairs – Bro. Francisco Naar: Congratulations to all members of the State Board for a successful year. I extend my congratulations to all members of the Order in Ontario. Having the honour and privilege to serve you as the State Wheelchair Chairman has been the experience of a lifetime for me. The opportunity to deliver containers to Panama and the Dominican Republic has been the most gratifying experience in my life. We will deliver a container at the end of June 2019 to Costa Rica and any success that we may have accomplished this year is not because of what I have done, contrary, the success of this program is because you took it seriously and devoted yourself and the Council to meet our goals. There are not enough words to express my gratitude to all the Councils who supported the Wheelchair Program. Our next two containers are going to Puerto Rico and Mexico and I would like to encourage all of my brothers to keep it up and take an active role in this program and fulfill the dream of our Founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney by helping people to have freedom and mobility. Vivat Jesus

Coats for Kids - Bro. Neil Bouvier: Thanks to Bro. Neil and all General Agents for their tremendous support last year. The councils who provided coats are to be commended for their generous support of this very worthwhile program. We look forward to being able to provide over 10,000 coats next year.

Earle DePass
Community Pillar Director





Neil Bouvier

Coats for Kids Chairman

Brothers,

The Knights of Columbus programs typify the principles of the Order, bringing brother Knights together and reminding us of why we joined the Order in the first place. One program has made a resurgence recently, the Coats for Kids program. In Ontario, in 2016 we distributed 2676 new winter coats to children in need.

2017: A new approach

In 2017, we tried something different. We centralized the ordering process, with the Ontario State Board, councils and the field force all working together. As a result, that year we doubled our numbers and distributed 5256.

2018: A new vendor and increased participation

In 2018, we used a new Canadian vendor that offered a better-quality coat. We also saw more councils participate, which increased our coat count to 6859. As you can see, the trend is upwards. But what about this year? How many can we distribute in 2019?

2019: 10,000

We are ambitious and hopeful. We've set 10,000 new winter coats as our target. We think that it's attainable but to achieve this, two things need to happen. First, the councils that participated in the past will need to do so again this year, and second, we will need more councils participating. How many more? About 50% more.

50% INCREASE...

- Last year, 120 councils (of approx. 535) participated in the Coats for Kids program across Ontario.
- Therefore, to achieve our goal of 10,000, an additional 50%, or 60 councils will need to buy into the program this year if we are to hit our goal.
- The need for kids' winter coats remains a problem in Ontario.
- To find out more about this program and how to get involved, please visit:

www.OntarioCoatsforKids.com

Thank you,
Vivat Jesus!

Neil Bouvier
Ontario Coats for Kids Chairman



Habitat for Humanity Greater Ottawa

By Stephen Maloney

The Ontario Knights of Columbus volunteered on March 27 and 28 to help with the next phase of the Habitat Greater Ottawa Leacross Landing development located at 6208 Jeanne d'Arc, Orléans. It is the first year that the KofC has volunteered for this project in the Greater Ottawa area.

"We're very happy and grateful to Habitat Greater Ottawa for allowing us to be part of this experience," said KofC State Deputy Dan Heffernan. "And we look forward to helping them with their Re-Store build in Niagara Falls during our KofC State Convention in April 2019."

"Volunteers are the key to the success of Habitat for Humanity projects in Canada as well as in some 70 other countries worldwide," said Habitat Greater Ottawa Chief Executive Officer Marc Caron. "We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus Volunteers for their support of Habitat Greater Ottawa's mission to help families build strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership."

Habitat Greater Ottawa's Leacross Landing development in Orléans is its largest to date. Now completing Phase II of construction, it will total 16 homes and will be completed later in 2019.

For additional information about Habitat Greater Ottawa, please visit their website:

<https://habitatgo.com/>

About Habitat Greater Ottawa

With the help of volunteers and Habitat homeowners, Habitat for Humanity builds safe, decent and affordable homes, including single-family and multi-unit houses. Habitat has been building homes in Ottawa since 1993, and has served 73 local families over the last 25 years.

About Knights of Columbus

The Ontario Knights of Columbus, headquartered in Hamilton, is the Ontario-based arm of the Knights of Columbus organization, a global Catholic fraternal organization with almost 2 million members worldwide.

Stephen Maloney





Harold Marcotte

Disaster Relief Director

Our Knights of Columbus are once again stepping up in a big way in Ontario when the country finds itself in a state of crisis. We have a long tradition of such service when our country faced the possibility of disaster during the great wars with the institution of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Army Huts. We provided food and entertainment, comfort and safety and everyone was welcome, everything free. We provided help and sustenance to the local people recently liberated by our troops overseas. This time around, we are not facing devastation from the ravages of a human war, we are being confronted by devastation brought on by nature itself.

Our Knights of Columbus, Ontario State Council has reached out to the NGO (Non-Government Organization) Alliance to offer our support in helping to alleviate the hardship that flooding has caused our local communities. They have responded by accepting whatever help we can provide. We recognize the need to coordinate our efforts so we don't duplicate them or get in the way of front-line responders. We can contribute directly on the ground by providing much needed supplies or limited hands-on support, or supplying or preparing breakfasts, lunches or dinners during the clean-up efforts.

The immediate crisis continues in some areas and is subsiding in others however, this may yet be a good time for us to step up, as the supplies may be running low and the crisis volunteers are going home for much-needed rest. We are hoping that we can establish action plans in each affected community to help fulfill the needs with the necessary supplies and logistics to meet such needs.

A CALL TO ACTION: Grand Knights, please reach out to all your members and ask them to come forward if they can volunteer in any capacity to help alleviate the hardship that the flooding in Ontario has caused – get

- names and phone numbers so they can be easily reached when the time comes. Members, please reach out to your Grand Knights to volunteer. Grand Knights and District Deputies remember your district or council does not have to be in the flood stricken areas to be a part of the solution. Grand Knights and District Deputies, please assess if you can, your local conditions and make contact locally with the Emergency Operations and to see how you can help them during the crisis period, then coordinate your local volunteers with them. Councils who are not in the affected areas – please consider putting on a fundraising event to help us cover the costs of provisions for those affected residents and send in to the Ontario Knights of Columbus Charity Foundation, earmarking your funds for disaster relief. Please email Harold Marcotte at DD1@ontariokofc.ca to keep us abreast of your location, a brief flood relief activities and results, volunteer numbers and volunteer hours. In the meantime we will be formulating a plan for the future, where we will be better prepared to engage our members and community earlier in the events to come.

For updates on the current flood situation in Ontario, here are a couple of handy websites you may visit.

1. Ontario Flood Forecasting and Warning Program
<https://www.ontario.ca/law-and-safety/flood-forecasting-and-warning-program>

2. For local Ottawa Flood information:
<https://ottawa.ca/en/residents/emergency-services/emergency-preparedness/flood-information-0>

Harold Marcotte
Disaster Relief Director





David Gelinas

Family Pillar Director

Worthy District Deputies, Grand Knights and brothers,

Hopefully by this time, every council has completely adopted the new Faith in Action program. Together with my brothers, Denis Keefe, Ron Hutt, Michael Simpson and Deacon Leonard Tetreault, we promoted some long running familiar and some new programs under the Family pillar. It was our pleasure to showcase how important these programs are to the overall success of your council for the purpose of attracting new members and keeping your current members active. Keep in mind the feature program, Food for Families, if minimums are met, it qualifies for 2 programs, and the Essential program, Consecration to the Holy Family, which is the mandatory program in the Family pillar toward your Columbian Award. Grand Knights should also make a promise to themselves each year to set aside 10 minutes at the beginning of each month, starting July 1st, to complete and submit the 10668 form for recognition of their Family of the Month. Some programs occur during July and August so the time to begin to plan the new fraternal year is shortly after the election of officers.

Fraternally,

David Gelinas
State Warden
Family Pillar Director





Alex Schadenburg

Life Pillar Director

Thank you to the many Knights of Columbus members and families who attended and helped with the **National March for Life** in Ottawa. We were very pleased by the number of brothers who assisted as Marshalls, distributing March for Life signs, serving as ushers at the masses and attending the All Night Adoration. Many councils sponsored buses for the National March for Life bringing people to Ottawa from around Ontario.

This year we worked closely with the Pro-Life Initiates team at Supreme who helped us organize volunteers and to become a visible presence at the March for Life.

For instance, we had 40 Marshalls who did an excellent job at keeping the March orderly.

For many years the Ontario State Council has been unable to provide **ultrasound machines** for Crisis Pregnancy Centres (CPC) or Pro-Life physicians who work with CPC's due to Ontario medical regulations.

Research indicates that a mother who sees the ultrasound image of her baby will rarely have an abortion because the mother sees the humanity of the child and forms a bond with her baby.

In the past month we had a breakthrough with a pro-life physician who helps Crisis Pregnancy Centres and is also an ultrasound technician. Before the end of June, the first ultrasound machine will be purchased and placed with a pro-life physician by the Knight of Columbus in Ontario. It is our hope that this success will open the door to many more ultrasound machines and save lives.

The first Knights of Columbus Ontario **Pro-Life Sunday** is June 16. We are still able to send you copies of the bulletin insert – ***Changing the World by Caring for Others***, in English and French. We can also email you a PDF of the bulletin insert and you can photocopy it.

- Thank you to the many Councils who are participating in this program.

- How many Councils participated in the **Special Olympics** this year? Brother Joe Mathews has provided many opportunities for councils as this is the 50th year since the first Special Olympics games in Ontario. Special Olympics is one of our primary programs. Contact Joe Mathews at: joemathews.kofc@gmail.com

- The **Roses for Life** program is one of the most effective ways to raise money for pro-life groups in your local community or within Ontario. Many councils collect donations through the Roses for Life program on Mother's Day, but some councils participate in the Roses for Life on other weekends.

- If your council did not participate in the Roses for Life program this year, please do so on Life Chain weekend, (Sunday, October 6, 2019). Order the Roses for Life from the State Office (form SO-15). Donations collected from distributing the Roses for Life make a difference.

- Did your council organize the Novena for Life? If your council has not yet done the Novena for Life there is still time in June. Participation in the Novena for Life can be done by many participants or a few. The Novena for Life is a nine day prayer commitment. Prayer is essential for changing hearts and minds. Email me at: lifedirector@ontariokofc.ca for the Novena for Life prayer card.

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Why we march for life

Alex Schadenburg Life Pillar Director

The Knights of Columbus were founded by Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney in response to the plight of widows and orphans. The purpose was to bring together the men of the parish and provide care and protection for the most vulnerable in the community.

Though the times have changed many realities remain the same.

Today the Knights of Columbus are involved with many worthy projects and recognize one of the four key pillars of our work is Life.



The March for Life is a featured program not simply to represent a united voice for life, but to recognize that human life is a sacred gift from God and to stand against the cultural wave that suggests that not all human lives are worth living.

We are very proud to announce that the Knights of Columbus were more visible in our assistance and support for the National March for Life than ever before. It is our goal to have many more Knights of Columbus members and their families attend the March for Life.

We are not judgemental, but rather a force of caring and support. We support, among other initiatives, Special Olympics, Pregnancy Centers and the Ultrasound program. Life in all its stages is sacred.

I am so proud to announce that the first Ultrasound Machine will soon be placed with a worthy physician in Ontario. Studies show that woman who see the Ultrasound image of their child will rarely have an abortion. Considering the red-tape in Ontario, this is an amazing success story, but it only occurred through a combined effort of Knights of Columbus leaders.

We March for Life in service to life. We love life, we love our faith and we care for people in need.

It is our hope that someday abortion will be unthinkable and woman will feel supported as they give life to future generations.

Vivat Jesus

Alex Schadenburg
Life Pillar Director





Joe Mathews Special Olympics Chairman

Brothers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of Special Olympics, especially during the past 12 months, as Special Olympics celebrated its 50th Anniversary and the Knights of Columbus celebrated a 50 year partnership with Special Olympics. The Knights were there from the very beginning, in Chicago in 1968 and our steadfast support for Special Olympics continues to this day.

The celebrations in Canada are not as yet over, as Special Olympics Ontario will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the first Canadian Special Olympics Games, which were held in Toronto on June 9, 1969 and the Knights were there too.

On March 25, 2019, the Knights were at many of the 50 cities and towns across the province to celebrate Special Olympics Day in Ontario and to help raise the Special Olympics flag at these locations.

Our Flag Relay, which serves as an umbrella for everything that we do for Special Olympics in Ontario, had 24 flags go from District to District across the province raising public awareness about Special Olympics and our ongoing support for this worthwhile cause. These signed flags had been displayed prominently at the various venues of the Special Olympics Invitational Games, which were held from May 14th to 17th in Toronto and Mississauga, and where a number of Brothers served as volunteers during these Games. The Fourth Degree participated in greeting over 2,000 athletes and coaches, along with carrying in the Special Olympics flag, during the Opening Ceremonies of the Games,

Ontario State Council, and a number of Councils, have financially supported Special Olympics in a variety of

- ways, which resulted in over \$50,000 being raised for
- Special Olympics and for the Invitational Games. Our
- support included participating in the Draft-an-Athlete
- program, which helped change the lives of a number of
- athletes by assisting them in covering the costs incurred
- while attending the Games, such as accommodations,
- meals and transportation. Our support was truly
- appreciated by the athletes and by the community.
- The Special Olympics Canada Winter Games
- (specialolympics2020.com) will be held in Thunder Bay
- from February 25th to February 29th where over a 1,000
- athletes, coaches and officials will be participating in
- eight winter sports: Cross Country Skiing, Alpine Skiing,
- Floor Hockey, Five-Pin Bowling, Figure Skating, Speed
- Skating, Curling and Snowshoeing. The Special Olympics
- Ontario Spring Games will be held in Waterloo Region
- from May 28th to 31st and will include five sports:
- bowling, rhythmic gymnastics, powerlifting, basketball
- and swimming. Volunteer and sponsorship opportunities
- will be available for both of these events.
- More information about our involvement in Special
- Olympics, including the Flag Relay events and the various
- social media coverage, can be found on our website
- at <http://www1.kocflagrelay.com/> or please feel free to
- contact me.
- Again, thank you for your continued support of Special
- Olympics.
- God Bless.
- Fraternally,
- **Bro. Joe Mathews**
- **Special Olympics Chairman**
- **joemathewskofc@gmail.com**





Special Olympics Ontario is very proud of its partnership and continued support from the Knights of Columbus, who have been with us from the very beginning. Youth and community are very important pillars that we both value and respect. Special Olympics athletes and their families truly value and appreciate all that the Knights do on our behalf. Special Olympics is honoured to have the Knights of Columbus as part of the Special Olympics family.

In service to one, in service to all.



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