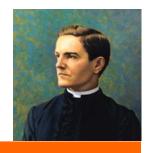


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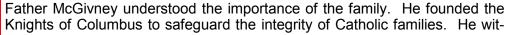
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STATE DEPUTY MESSAGE

We have just completed the yearlong program, "Building the Domestic Church, The Family Fully alive". Through prayer, meditation, scripture reading, and monthly charitable and volunteer projects done together as a family, this program was designed to strengthen family bonds and develop their love for God and for each other.





nessed the challenges that they faced: poverty, violence, alcohol abuse, prejudice and discrimination. Preserving the integrity of Catholic families is as important today as it was 134 years ago. Because St. John Paul II recognized the importance of strengthening the bonds of Christian families, he instituted the World Meeting of Families in 1992. This event, celebrated every three years, was held in Philadelphia this September on the occasion of Pope Francis' visit to the United States.

The model family, to which all Christian families aspire, is the Holy Family. Mary, Joseph and Jesus faced great challenges. From the moment that Mary said "yes" to God's call to the crucifixion of Jesus, the courage, faith, and love of the Holy Family were put to the test. The Holy Family inspires us to be strong and steadfast in our love for each other and gives us hope and courage to overcome the trials and tribulations that we encounter in our daily lives. (continued on Page 2)

STATE CHAPLAIN MESSAGE

To my brother Knights,

Winter will soon be making its entrance as we leave behind the blessed experience of the Nuncio's visit. Many of us were touched by Most Rev. Luigi Bonazzi's presence and by his words of wisdom. After gathering with each of our communities, he came to realize that we see the Church as a family of families who together are building the Kingdom of God, simply and humbly, as we are and where we are.



During the month of November, we will encounter many opportunities that will lead us to a better understanding of this reality. When we were baptised, we entered into this family of families. Jesus asked a pertinent question: Who is your brother, your sister, or even your mother?

November 1 is All Saints Day and yes, we are all called to holiness. In fact, we may know people from our families, our friends, or communities whom we consider saints. What a great opportunity to thank God for their inspirations and for their prayers. For me, I consider my mother and many of my family members saints. You also have someone to name saint I am sure. These people are not only to be admired but perhaps their witness should be imitated. Their life is a page of the Good News, a legacy of faith that has been shared with us. What legacy will we share with our children, at home, and in our communities? Will we be saints for the next generation so they too will be inspired and filled with courage? (Continued on Page 2)

(State Deputy continued from Page 1) This year the Order has launched the Holy Family Prayer Program. At Supreme Convention in Philadelphia, State Deputies received a beautiful image of the Holy Family blessed by Pope Francis. Three framed images along with prayer books and cards will be touring our province. This year, Mike Bzdell, our Church Director, will be coordinating the prayer program. We are called to reflect on the family as a domestic Church, where children and parents grow in love for God and each other. I invite all Knights and their families to come together and pray to the Holy Family of Nazareth. Vivat Jesus.

Denis Carignan

(State Chaplain continued from Page 1) November is also the month of the Holy Souls and the Church invites us to think of those who have died. We are encouraged to pray for all our dead but especially for individuals who have passed after a long illness, because of an accident, or for those who may have lost hope and took their own life. Perhaps, we have not prayed for them yet. This would be a good occasion to begin. Maybe, we could offer a Mass stipend and have our parish community pray with us at the Eucharist. Death leads to separation and grief. Faith with prayer gives us hope and the understanding that all who have passed are still with us. Let us remember to pray for our deceased brother Knights.

On Remembrance Day, November 11, we gratefully honour the many young men and women who have given their lives because they believe in the gift of freedom. However, beyond the battlefield of guns and mortars, there are many kinds of battles for freedom being fought. Every day, we wage the war against letting ourselves and our communities be lost to the power of addiction, consumerism, self-centrism and to a disposable attitude to everything in life. Let us remember that we must uphold the freedom given to us by Christ and all it entails. Lest we forget.

As well, my birthday falls in this month. As your brother, I ask you to pray for me. When my mother was a teenager, she was told that she would be unable to bear children. Saddened by the news, her father brought her to St. Joseph Oratory in Montreal. There she met Saint Brother André who told her to go in peace. Later, she married and had twelve children of which I am the eleventh. As a person of deep faith, she welcomed each one of her children, this large family, simply because we were gifts from God. She believed in a family life that was filled with love, with Christ and his mother Mary at its centre. Thanks to both of our parents, we continue to be a family united in love, faith, and hope.

Life begins at conception and ends with death. My mother died after a battle with cancer in the hands of the Father who came to get her. Again, Jesus asks us: Who is your brother, your sister, or even your mother? Without hesitation, I can reply my mother.

Soon, we will come to the end of our Liturgical Year. It will close with the feast of Christ the King. As we journey through life, I pray that our focus is on Christ. Let him shine through us so that we may be named someone's brother, sister, mother, or father in Christ – a member of our family of families.

Most Rev. Albert Thévenot. M. Afr.

HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING?

- INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS?
- REPORT OF OFFICERS CHOSEN (FORM 185)?
- SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONNEL (FORM 365)?
- SEMI ANNUAL AUDIT (FORM 1295)?
- DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING?
- SCHEDULE OF FIRST DEGREES?
- ORDERED SOCCER CHALLENGE KIT (SC-KIT)?
- ORDERED CHURCH DRIVE KIT?

| SASKATCHEWAN MEMBERSHIP STATUS | | | | | | | |
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| | 29-Oct-15 | | | | | | |
| MEMBERSHIP GAIN | | | | | | | |
| RANK GOAL GAIN LOSS NET N | | | | | NEED | PER- | |
| 59 | 285 | 53 | | | 232 | 18.60% | |
| SASKATCHEWAN NET GAIN | | | | | | | |
| 39 | 200 | 53 | 7 | 46 | 154 | 23% | |
| SASKATCHEWAN NET/NET GAIN | | | | | | | |
| 57 | 50 | 53 | 71 | -18 | 68 | -36% | |

RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE SEPTEMBER 2015 \$100.00 WINNER

Membership Director, Joe Riffel received 20 submissions for September. 35 new members were recruited in September. The winner for September is Gerhard Bob A. Te from Regina Council #4704 (District #1). Bro Gerhard will receive a cheque for \$100. Congratulations! Note: He submitted 2 entries, so that increased his chances of winning. Keep up the good work. **Joe Riffel State Membership Director**

INVITATION TO HOST A STATE EVENT

We invite applications for the following events to be adjudicated soon:

State Golf June 2017 State Organizational Meeting July 2017

| 2ND / 3RD DEGREE SCHEDULE | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| DATE | LOCATION | HOST DISTRICT | 2ND DEGREE TEAM | CO/PFC | | | |
| Sunday, November 1, 2015 | Regina | 1, 2, 3 | Regina | Carignan/Granatier | | | |
| Sunday, November 8, 2015 | Lanigan | 24 | Regina | Carignan/Deutscher | | | |
| Sunday, November 15, 2015 | North Battleford | 15 | Saskatoon | Carignan/Carignan | | | |
| Sunday, December 13, 2015 | Churchbridge | 10 | Regina | Carignan/Carignan | | | |
| Sunday, January 10, 2016 | Melfort | 18 | Saskatoon | Carignan/Granatier | | | |
| Sunday, January 17, 2016 | Saskatoon | 26, 27, 28 | Saskatoon | Carignan/Deutscher | | | |
| Sunday, January 24, 2016 | Moose Jaw | 4 | Regina | Carignan/Granatier | | | |
| Sunday, February 21, 2016 | Prince Albert | 17 | Saskatoon | Carignan/Carignan | | | |
| Class Patron for the Prince Albert degree is State Chaplain Bishop Albert Thévenot | | | | | | | |
| Sunday, March 13, 2016 | Meadow Lake | 19 | Saskatoon | Carignan/Deutscher | | | |
| Sunday, April 24, 2016 | Saskatoon | 26, 27, 28 | Saskatoon | Devon/Deutscher | | | |
| Sunday, May 1, 2016 | Regina | 1, 2, 3 | Regina | Carignan/Granatier | | | |

Why You Should Be An Insured Member

In the beginning when the Order was founded, there were no associate members. Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney's original vision was for a fraternal benefit society in which all members contributed to the funds that would protect Catholic widows and orphans in times of financial distress. In fact, it wasn't until two years after Father McGivney's death in 1890 that noninsurance or associate members were allowed to join. Today, Knights of Columbus Insurance agents offer products and services of which all members and their families should avail themselves. There are a number of benefits that being an insured member of the Order will provide to you and your family.

Spouse's Right to Apply

The financial security of widows has always been an integral part of the mission of the Knights of Columbus. But, did you know, that widows of associate members are not permitted to participate in the insurance program after the death of their husband? Of course, they are allowed to keep any policies already purchased before his death.

When an insured member dies, the true vision of Father McGivney is carried out. The servicing field agent will help file the death claim and attend to the family's needs. He will look after his brother Knight's wishes.

Best of all, thanks to the Spouse's Right to Apply, the widow of any insured member has access to the top rated, extremely secure products the Order offers for up to one full year after her husband's death. She would have the opportunity to purchase additional life insurance coverage, retirement products, long term care insurance or disability income. She would have access to the ethical service of a Knights of Columbus agent in her area.

Coverage You Need

Each member should have at least one policy bearing the emblem of the Order in his portfolio. We offer coverage that can be customized to your needs and your budget. Remember the mission of the Order and protect your family today.

If you do not know who your servicing agent is please contact my regional office in Regina at 306-949-0270. Vivat Jesus!

Mark Lewans General Agent

Charity Appeal

Vawn-Edam Council #5694, in conjunction with their 50th Anniversary, hosted the K of C Charity Appeal Draw. A record \$108,510.00 dollars' worth of tickets was sold. Proceeds from ticket sales are used to support various charities. Approximately \$20,000.00 is earmarked for Teen Aid and Special Olympics Saskatchewan. Councils throughout Saskatchewan that sell tickets get a rebate of approximately 70% which is used for charities at the local level.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

| Bill Mumm—Shellbrook | \$10,000.00 |
|--|-------------|
| TD Canada Trust—Estevan | \$5000.00 |
| Todd Ostafichuk-Fort McMurray, Alberta | \$3000.00 |
| Amy Dutton- Estevan | \$1500.00 |
| MJ Flynn- Swift Current | \$500.00 |
| Irvine Braitenback-Lanigan | \$100.00 |
| Sister Teresita Kambeitz—Saskatoon | \$100.00 |
| Eddie Mushumanski-Russell, Man | \$100.00 |
| R Niebrugge—Humboldt | \$100.00 |
| Elizabeth Werbicki-Saskatoon | -\$100.00 |
| Daniel Fahlman- Saskatoon | \$100.00 |
| Delbert Jensen-Weyburn | \$100.00 |
| B. Hinger -Goodsoil | -\$100.00 |
| Marie Langlois -Prince Albert | \$100.00 |
| Lionel Rutten -Saskatoon | \$100.00 |
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Special recognition to the thirteen councils, who this year, sold the most tickets:

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| Estevan Council #3165 | \$17,230.00 |
| Yorkton Council #5152 | \$4000.00 |
| Weyburn Council #1731 | \$3160.00 |
| Humboldt Council #1886 | \$3122.00 |
| Davidson Council #5384 | \$2960.00 |
| Moose Jaw Council #1534 | \$2820.00 |
| Unity Council #5707 | \$2000.00 |
| Meadow Lake Council # 5259 | \$1910.00 |
| Saskatoon Council #11775 | \$1840.00 |
| Saskatoon Council #9538 | \$1700.00 |
| Esterhazy Council # 5249 | \$1540.00 |
| Goodsoil Council #5479 | \$1530.00 |
| Ituna Council #1520 | \$1500.00 |

Thanks to the many people who supported our Charity Appeal by selling and/or purchasing tickets. Special thanks to the Vawn-Edam Council for hosting this event. We are particularly grateful to Estevan Council #3165 for ticket sales of over 17,000.00 which is approximately 1/6 of all the tickets sold. Proceeds from the Charity Appeal Draw will benefit hundreds of people throughout the province, truly exemplifying the first principle of our order, CHARITY.

Chris Bencharski- Charity Appeal Chairman/State Treasurer





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR KIDS ORDER FORM

Coats come in boxes of 12, and must be ordered by the box. Each box will contain either girl's coats or boys coats, but not both. The cost is **\$245 for orders shipped to Canada**. This cost includes shipping.

The increased cost for orders shipped to Canada is to cover all customs/duty charges, as well as the Canadian GST (Goods & Services Tax).

All cases will contain either boys' coats or girls' coats (never both). The size distribution in each case is: TWO Size S (8), FOUR Size M (10-12), FOUR Size L (14-16) and TWO Size XL (18).

Smaller sizes are also available, and will automatically be included on orders of six cases or more. For orders of less than six cases in which small sizes are desired, please indicate that on the Coats for Kids order form below.

For large orders (8 or more total cases), these smaller size cases will automatically be included as part of the order. For smaller orders, if you want smaller sized cases mixed in please indicate below.

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| Printed Name Signature | Council Number | | Phone Number (For Delivery) |
| Individual Donor: Name | | Membership No. | Donation |
| Address | City | | PC |
| Completed forms are to be Sask K of C Charitable 214 Avenue M South Saskatoon, Sask S7M 2K4 | | ith the cheque to: | |

CRITERIA FOR ATTAINING THE STAR ASSEMBLY AWARD

- Publish and distribute to the assembly membership a minimum of six Assembly Newsletters during the 2015-2016 fraternal year. A copy of each newsletter must also be sent (either in print or electronically) to the Vice Supreme Master.
- Meet the assembly's membership goal, with a net gain of 10% additions over deletions. Earn the Civic Award by conducting a minimum of four patriotic programs during the 2015-2016 fraternal year, and reporting those programs to the Supreme Master by June 30, 2016 on the Civic Award Application.
- Complete and submit to your District Master by April 30 the To Be A Patriot Award application.
- Complete and submit the Report of Officers Chosen for the Tern (#186) and the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) by their respective due dates. The Fraternal Survey form is due January 31, 2016. The office report form was due July 1 but, for Star Assembly qualification purposes FOR THIS YEAR ONLY, forms received on or before December 1, 2015 will be considered "on time".

NOTE: All required forms for the Star Assembly Award can be found on the Assembly Forms page of kofc.org/forms

Family Life Report

Ideas and projects for your Councils to consider for the month of November

- 1. Keep Christ in Christmas. Encourage your members to have a nativity scene contest or have one of their own scenes in their own yard to remind the community Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus.
- 2. Coats for Kids. With winter coming so it is a good time to give coats to kids who are less fortunate.
- 3. Find out if there are any families in your Parish or Community who are in need of food. If not right now maybe at Christmas time. No one should go hungry at Christmas time.
- 4. If you know any family that may be slipping in their Church participation, maybe you can have a talk with them to see if there is anything you can do to help them come back. Strong church communities build strong families who, in turn, strengthen the Church.
- 5. I see in the last few months that nobody has sent their Family of the Month to Supreme. This is a simple way to give a family a little recognition.
- 6. Start thinking about your Family of the Year. This program provides a Family in your Council the Honor and Recognition that they deserve. You have a few months to think about it.

Family Life Couple,

Paul and Dorothy Bruynooghe

CULTURE OF LIFE REPORT

Brother Knights, I am respectfully requesting your attention towards the continuation of expressing your concerns to our Federal Members of Parliament concerning the issue of euthanasia and assisted suicide. As there is now a majority Liberal Party Government we are called to request that these Liberal Members as well as Members of the other Federal Parties invoke the "Notwithstanding Clause" in order that Parliament is provided necessary time to deliberate and debate the issue that has been thrust upon them by the February Supreme Court ruling.

Please write letters to Members of Parliament outlining your position with respect to euthanasia and assisted suicide and why you would oppose such becoming an accepted practice and what you would ask each to consider. There is the option for you to send the letter via mail, which would not require postage, or by e-mail. You may also wish to talk directly to your Member of Parliament by telephone or through a face to face encounter.

The Saskatchewan College of Physicians and Surgeons have indicated that Doctors, by Policy, have a responsibility to provide patients with information about services "even if the provision of such information conflicts with the Physician's deeply held and considered moral or religious beliefs" and to ensure that patients are able to access those services. This Policy has to do with the provision of services for contraception and abortion.

The College has not, as of yet, set the Policy respecting the issue of euthanasia and assisted suicide, however one does not expect this decision to be delayed for any lengthy time. We, as Knights of Columbus Members can and ought to ensure that our voices are heard herein. Write or e-mail the College of Physicians and Surgeons to let them know you support the right of Doctors to conscientiously decline from assisting in a patient's death and to also not having to refer patients to a Doctor who would carry out the patient's death.

In conclusion, Brother Knights let us speak through our actions, never ceasing to continue building upon and defending a Culture of Life!

Gerald Wiegers Culture of Life Director

PLEASE VISIT OUR SASKSTATE WEBSITE (www.kofcsask.com)

Our website contains a wealth of information that you will find interesting and useful. Here is some information that you will find:

- Membership Incentives for 2015-16
- Incentive for Recruiters Monthly Draw form to be sent to Joe Riffel
- · Calendar of State Council Events
- Schedule of 2nd and 3rd Degrees
- Hockey Draft
- Celebrity Dinner information and Sponsor Form
- The State website also contains pictures of Knights in Action. We invite you to send
 pictures of KofC events in your community and your council to Pat Meuse and/or Morris
 Lucyshyn. They will display them on the website.
- There is also a space titled "We the Knights of Columbus Pray for the Following:" Here
 again, we invite you to send Pat and/or Morris the names of Knights and/or their families who are in need of our prayers.

You are also encouraged to visit the Supreme website regularly. **(www.kofc.org)** On the Supreme site you will find virtually everything that you would want or need to know about the Knights of Columbus. These two websites are invaluable resources. The more you use them, the more indispensable they will become for you.

NEW CROSS FOR BATTLEFORD CEMETARY

Knights of Columbus members of Father Bigonesse Council #5626 installed a new large metal cross at Battleford Cemetery on Saturday, October 17, 2015. Project coordinator Ron Sack was grateful that that Brother Knight Owen Gentes drilled the hole for the footing while G & C Concrete donated the cement. Sad Sack Welding donated the labor in construction of the metal cross. The Knights of Columbus Council paid for the material.



Grand Knight Tom Sieben and Garret Francais stands on the truck To raise the cross while Howard Senger guides the base. Project Coordinator Ron Sack makes sure the



Garret Francais, Tom Sieben and Ron Sack look at the new cross while Howard Senger tightens the final bolt. At a later date Council Chaplain Father Greg Elder will bless the cross.

OCTOBER CHALLENGE GOAL: 35 NEW MEMBERS REPORT OF FIRST DEGREES

| DATE OCTOBER | LOCATION | COUNCIL | NEW MEM- BERS | | MEMBERS NEEDED |
|--------------|-----------|---------|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Humbolt | 1886 | 3 | 3 | 32 |
| 2 | Gerald | 6182 | 1 | 4 | 31 |
| 3 | Regina | 12415 | 1 | 5 | 30 |
| 18 | Regina | 10401 | 1 | 6 | 29 |
| 18 | Moose Jaw | 9760 | 3 | 9 | 26 |
| 18 | Moose Jaw | 1534 | 1 | 10 | 25 |
| 18 | Regina | 8896 | 1 | 11 | 24 |
| 23 | Leoville | 10856 | 3 | 14 | 21 |
| | | | | | |

October Challenge and Incentive plan: If we recruit 35 new members during the month of October, councils will receive \$25.00 for every new member recruited during the month.

Unfortunately, we did not meet our objective of 35 new members for October. I understand that harvest was delayed and that may have been a factor. The November Challenge has not yet been announced. I will let you know as soon as I get word from Supreme. I'm sure that there are many Catholic men in Saskatchewan who can be convinced to join the Knights of Columbus. We desperately need younger Knights to carry on the great work that the Knights have been doing for the past 134 years. Please invite them to become part of our great Order.

ATTENTION GRAND KNIGHTS & FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Please check your council's roster on the Supreme site to verify your members' status. Some councils have found that some of their members who had received their 2nd and 3rd degrees were recorded as First Degree members. Whenever there is a change of a member's status, for example, he obtains a higher degree, the financial secretary has two options: 1) Send the information on a Form 100 indicating the date that the member was initiated to a higher degree. 2) A Financial Secretary can just go on the Member Management portion of the Supreme web site and enter the Date of the Degree. They do not have to send in a form 100 anymore.

Saskatchewan Catholic Summer Camps

When planning your annual Youth Program, consider including activities to support a Catholic summer camp in your area. Support them in their fundraising efforts. Ask them if they need volunteer assistance for fundraising projects or preparing the camp for the next season. Talk to your parish priest to determine if some local youths in need might benefit from a sponsorship to attend a camp session. It's a wonderful way to provide our youth with healthy exercise in a setting where our faith is celebrated.

MESSAGES AND REMINDERS FROM THE STATE DEPUTY CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Again this year, we will be publishing a Christmas Newsletter that will be mailed out to every KofC member in Saskatchewan. The deadline for submitting articles is November 15. Although producing and mailing this newsletter is very costly, we feel that it is important to reach all of our members directly at least once a year. We do urge Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries to continue forwarding our monthly newsletter to the members of their council throughout the year.

INCENTIVE MONEY FOR SEPTEMBER CHALLENGE

Councils who recruited new members during the month of September will receive their incentive money as soon as we receive the cheque from Supreme.

WILL YOU BE A STAR COUNCIL THIS YEAR?

Last year 26 Councils in Saskatchewan met the requirements of Star Council. That was a tremendous accomplishment. This year, we want to repeat those successes so that the Knights of Columbus can continue to be a force for good in our communities.

The first step is to decide that your council is going to do what it takes to be a Star Council. Here are the requirements:

- 1. Submit these Forms: Program Personnel (365), Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities (1728), and the Columbian Award Application (SP7).
- 2. Meet your council's Membership and Insurance quotas.

Every council should be striving for Star Council. It's important for your members and for your community. Please let me know if your council is committed to becoming a Star Council. I will prepare a list and provide you with whatever guidance and support you need. I look forward to working with you as you strive to become a Star Council in 2015-16.

FIRST DEGREES

Last year, we had several First Degrees at this time. As a result, we recruited 26 new members in November and 28 in December. Let's do as well or better than last year.

Please send me your schedule of First Degrees for November and December. I would also need your schedule of Church Drives. Please know that I am available to assist you with your Church Drives. After your First Degree, please fax (306-937-7604) or email a copy of the Form 100 to me.

MIDTERM MEETING IN UNITY

The State Midterm meeting will be held in Unity December 4 - 6, 2015. I remind all District Deputies and Program Directors to register and to reserve their hotel room at the Prairie Inn if they haven't already done so. We look forward to celebrating the 50^{th} Anniversary of the Unity Council 5707 in December.

BISHOP ALBERT CELEBRATES A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Although all birthdays are special however, November 6 this year, Bishop Albert is celebrating his 70th birthday. On behalf of all the Knights in Saskatchewan, I wish our State Chaplain a very happy and blessed birthday. It's an opportunity for us to express our appreciation and love for our bishop, chaplain, and friend.

NATIVITY SCENES

St. Walburg prides itself in being the Nativity capital of Saskatchewan. For years now, the Knights in St. Walburg have been constructing Manger Scenes. These have been erected on many of the front yards in this town. If you would like more information about these manger scenes, please contact Maurice Champigny, GK. 306-248-3607.

INACTIVE INSURANCE MEMBERS

Letters have been sent out to all the inactive insurance members in Saskatchewan. I sent an email to every council letting them know that these members had been invited to reactivate their membership. I also sent a list of all the inactive members. I'm asking you to check the list to see if any of those members are currently residing in your community. If so, please invite them to become part of your council. When an inactive insured member reactivates his membership, your council is credited with a new insurance member. He does not retake his degrees of course.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2015

Wednesday, November 11, we pause to remember and pay tribute to the men and women who defended our freedom. Many of them paid the ultimate sacrifice. Knights of Columbus need to be visible, actively participating in the Remembrance Day ceremonies in their communities. I encourage our Fourth Degree Knights to take part in the Remembrance Day Honour Guards.

ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day is celebrated November 1 and is dedicated to all the saints that have been recognized by the Catholic Church.

ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. It is celebrated November 2. On that day, we pray for the souls of our departed brothers and sisters.

5TH SUNDAY ROSARY PROGRAM

Note: Although you would have missed the August 30 5th Sunday, you can still participate in the Rosary Program starting Nov. 29.

To help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotion to Mary, the Knights of Columbus Supreme council is pleased to announce a new church activity, the 5th Sunday Rosary Program. Knights, their families and other parishioners are encouraged to pray the rosary as a corporate body every time a 5th Sunday occurs during a month.

The 5th Sunday Rosary services will be conducted on Aug. 30, Nov. 29, Jan. 31, and May 29, during the 2015-2016 fraternal year.

Finger rosaries that can be used during the program, are available from the Supreme Council and can be ordered by using the *5th Sunday Rosary Kit* (SR-KIT). Participants may also use their own rosaries, and Knights are encouraged to use the rosaries that they received during their First Degree. Conducting this Church Activity every time a 5th Sunday occurs during a month as part of the 2015-2016 fraternal year will allow your council to list each one in the Church Activities section on the *Columbian Award Application* (#SP-7). In addition, it provides a visible "faith formation" program that will engage current members and their families, and offer parish families who are not yet part of the council an opportunity to experience the faith and fellowship that comes with being a member of the Knights of Columbus.

To assist you in promoting the 5th Sunday Rosary program, the Supreme Council offers the following items, free of charge, that are available in the 5th Sunday kit. Kits can be ordered using the SR-Kit form, found at kofc.org/forms.

- -Finger Rosaries (#PG-210)
- -5th Sunday Order Form (SR-KIT)
- -5th Sunday Report Form (#10243)
- -Prayer Card (#10242)
- -Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) (Due 6/30)

For additional information on how your council, assembly or circle can participate in the 5th Sunday Rosary Program, please contact Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services (203)752-4571.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CONDUCTING FIRST DEGREES

Never have a prospective member wait or travel a distance to receive his First Degree. Therefore, your council should schedule regular and frequent First Degrees and every council should have its own First Degree Team.

Have a positive attitude and a well prepared team ready to conduct First Degrees. This is the first impression that a new member will have of the Knights of Columbus so you want him to feel that he is joining a good organization of dedicated and caring men.

The following three options for conducting First Degrees are listed in order of preference:

- 1. A First Degree Team who conducts the ceremonials by memory.
- 2. A First Degree Team who reads the parts.
- 3. A First Degree Team who uses the First Degree Video.

To conduct the First Degree without using the video, you will need the necessary First Degree paraphernalia. If you are not sure what you need or how to order it, please contact State Deputy Denis Carignan.

To conduct the First Degree using the video, you will need the following:

- 1. The Ceremonial baldrics (Order them from Roger Sauve)
- 2. The jewels of office for:
 - a. The Grand Knight
 - b. Deputy Grand Knight
 - c. Chancellor
 - d. Financial Secretary
 - e. Warden
 - f. Inside and outside guards
- 3. The Constitutional Roll
- 4. The Candidates' Kit #537 (Includes: rosary, These Men They Call Knights (937), Shining Armour Award, Lapel pin, Membership Document (#100), New Member Travelling card (4817), First Degree certificate (268)) You should also order an Honoree scroll (271)
- 5. The Compass of Virtue.

The video "First Degree Ceremonial Production" is available on the KofC Supreme Website. District Deputies were also given a DVD which includes a very good video on Conducting First Degrees. This is also available on the Supreme website.

For any information or assistance on conducting First Degrees, please contact Bert West or Denis Carignan.

DON'T LET YOUR STATE DEPUTY BE SHAMED!!!

The latest Challenge we are facing is "The Exchange Pride Jersey". It started in July. The losers will be forced to wear the winners' Jerseys at the Supreme Convention in Toronto next August. In addition, at the State Deputies' Mid-Year Meeting this November in San Antonio Texas, the top recruiting team will force the 4 losing teams to wear the winner's choice of jersey during the informal parts of the 3 day meeting. The ladies will also need to participate. So, if you don't want to hear that Connie and I are parading around in a BC Lion, Stampeder, Blue Bomber, or Argonaut jersey (YUCK!!), we will need to get to work recruiting new members. There are 12 weeks left until November 16th. Remember, we are all hoping that the Riders will turn things around so let's lead the way and turn things around for the Knights of Columbus Team in Saskatchewan. Let's show our KofC and Rider Pride.

GO KNIGHTS GO!!!





State Deputy Denis Carignan presents awards to District 19 in St. Walburg





HAS YOUR COUNCIL RECEIVED THE STATE COUNCIL DIRECTORY?

The Grand Knight and Financial Secretary should have received a copy of the State Council Directory for 2015-16. If your council has not received the Directory, please contact me and/or Bob Barkman at the State Office. We are also asking that you notify us of any errors that you find. Corrections and updates will be made on the State Council website. Corrections and updates will also be emailed from time to time.

The State Council Directory on the State Website is now Password Protected. The Password is being distributed to the District Deputies who will provide it to the Councils. If you need the Password contact Pat Meuse.

STATE ROUNDTABLE REPORT

When September rolls around most of us start picking up the threads of life that have been on hold during the summer. We commit ourselves anew to school, work and parish programs. Such new beginnings always bring to mind the Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney, and his endless round of duties and activities.

Father McGivney was often seen rushing around New Haven during the early years of his priesthood. He visited the sick and the elderly and walked to the jail to attend to the spiritual needs of prisoners. His travels to other cities to gather information about fraternal benefit societies are well documented. He admitted that he did not have a single day off in his first year at St. Mary's Church.

The example of Father McGivney is an inspiration. Father McGivney had to face the trials of disappointment in others, when he dared to found a new organization for Catholic men. For over a century, the Knights of Columbus have been dedicated to serving the Catholic Church, and all it stands for.

The Knights of Columbus created the parish Round Table Program as an easy and effective way for member Knights to better serve their individual and associate parishes. As such, by supporting the programs and parish Round Tables, Knights of Columbus Councils not only assist individual parishes, but, their communities as well.

Brother Knights, we are already five months into our Columbian Year and a very concerted effort from all of us will be required in order to achieve our goal of fifty Round Tables. To date, we have five Round Tables that have been registered with State and Supreme.

Please find attached the Guidelines for sponsoring a Round Table in your Council and District. If you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at stoffels@sasktel.net or call me at 306-789-2805.

Jim Stoffel State Round Table Director

ROUND TABLES GUIDELINES

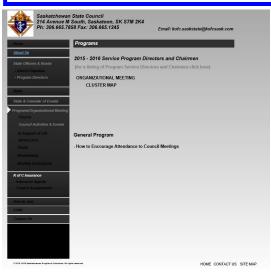
- The Grand Knight of the Council must initially meet with the pastor and ask him Father, What can the Knights of this parish do to help? The ultimate aspiration of any Parish Round Table remains the same "to serve as needed and when needed by the Parish Priest".
- The Grand Knight explains that the Round Table initiative provides the opportunity to support associate parishes with council programs readily available as outlined in the "Surge With Service" booklet.
- All members of the sponsoring parish council are now members of the Round Table.
- There are no elective officers in the Knights of Columbus Round Table.
- The Grand Knight appoints one Parish Round Table Co-ordinator for each designated Parish.
- The appointed co-ordinator is the only officer.
- The Co-ordinator should meet frequently with the priest to determine the programs the priest wishes to conduct.
- The Round Table has no dues, no regular meetings or collects any funds.
- Round Table projects are completely separate from Council projects.

Only two forms are required for this program – the Report of the Round Table Co-ordinator (Form No. 2629) should be completed by the Grand Knight as soon as possible on-line at koc.org or a hard copy forwarded to me by mail at 3010 Ash Place, Regina, SK S4V 2C8 or fax to 306-585-0411 or if you prefer to email them to me at stoffels@sasktel.net. The second required form (Form No. 2630) Round Table Annual Report which outlines a variety of activities can be completed by June 30th.

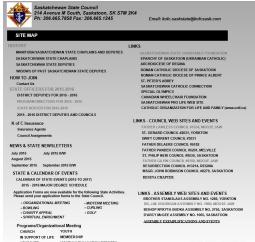
Vivat Jesus Jim Stoffel

STATE WEBSITE

Our State Website located is www.kofcsask.com. It opens on the Home Page (Picture to the Right). It consists of the Menu on the left side, links and articles on the right side and a guick menu on the bottom. From any page you can always select the Site Map from the Bottom right of the page (Picture bottom right) The site map gives a listing of all the pages and links on the web site. Simply click on the link to go to that page. On the home page you can click on any of the menu items on the left side. These will bring up a sub menu (picture below left of the Programs/Organizational Meeting submenu. To go to the submenu item, simply click on it and that submenu item will open up (picture of Monthly evaluations submenu Below Centre). If you cannot find something on the State Web Page, please E-mail me at wpmeuse@sasktel.net and I will help you.









STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT

Greetings Brother Knights.

I am hoping everyone had a successful Membership Blitz during October. We started planning dates and training the blitz teams in August/September. Now I am hoping to have many new members submitted on the State Incentive form as we get 1st degrees underway. So, now what do we do with these new candidates/members? We make sure we have someone take them to the 1st degree (aka. Admissions degree). After joining, we assign the new member a suitable mentor (age & knowledge appropriate) to help ensure the new member is: properly invited into the order, made aware of Council activities and invite them to participate in the activities, and to help create better bonds to Council members. Also, we need to keep in mind the "Shining Armor Award" opportunity (pamphlet #4297), it can be considered an extra incentive for members to get involved.

Now, I recognize not every Council had a Membership Blitz in October. I won't challenge the Councils with "why". But I will ask "when" will you have one? When can you approach your Chaplain and ask for a couple minutes to speak about the Knights of Columbus at mass? Also, we know good "One-on-One" or "Two-on-Two" recruiting works; this should be on-going (Membership 365). I challenge all Districts to host a 1st Degree every month (one 1st degree, per district, per month as per Supreme). Consider setting up a rotation of 1st Degrees through the various Councils in the District. This way, as new candidates are found, a date should be known to invite them to it (set by calendar à best practice).

Being 1/3 into the Columbian year, now is a good time to evaluate if your Council is on track for receiving the Star Council Award. Has your Council: - submitted the Service Program Personnel report (form #365)? — begun preparing to submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities (form #1728)? — taken steps to gain new members (1/3 of target)? — taken steps to invite members to become insurance members (1/3 of target)? — performed and recorded projects with the Council towards the Columbian Award (form #SP7)? — and maintained "In Good Standing" with Supreme (Council assessments current)? If you answered "YES" to all, good job. But if you answered "NO" to any question, it is still early enough in the year to take corrective actions and get back on the right path.

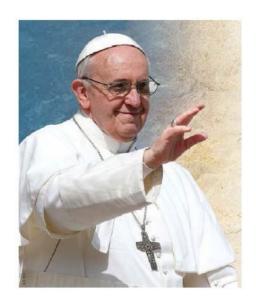
Keep up the GOoD work.

Joseph Riffel State Membership Director



Charity Appeal Draw Held in Edam 24 Oct 2015





Extension of Promotion! Recruiter's Award 2nd Quarter - 2015

In honor of Pope Francis, we are extending the special incentive to all recruiters. Between July 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015, you will receive 2,000 VIP points for every new or former member recruited in this time period in addition to a medallion similar to the one above for the first new or former member recruited only. If you've already received a medallion for the 1st quarter, you will continue to receive 2,000 VIP for any member recruited in the 2nd quarter.

Examples:

- 1. You recruit 1 new member in this time frame: you get only one medallion plus 2,000 VIP points.
- 2. You recruit 5 new members in this time frame: you get only one medallion plus 10,000 VIP points.



Winter Tournament: CANADA: Hockey

November: Need not be net/net positive:

| | | | Power | Power | | |
|-------------|------------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|--|
| | Wrist Shot | Slap Shot | Play | Goal | Hat Trick | |
| | 6% | 7% | 9% | 11% | | |
| Division 1: | \$400 | \$500 | \$600 | \$700 | \$1,400 | |
| Division 2: | \$340 | \$425 | \$510 | \$595 | \$1,190 | |
| Division 3: | \$280 | \$350 | \$420 | \$490 | \$980 | |
| Division 4: | \$220 | \$275 | \$330 | \$385 | \$770 | |
| Division 5: | \$160 | \$200 | \$240 | \$280 | \$560 | |
| Division 6: | \$100 | \$125 | \$150 | \$175 | \$350 | |

The first in each division will win a bonus (must be above 8% in each month to qualify)

 Division 1: QC, ON
 1st place: \$300
 Division 4: SK, MB
 1st place: \$225

 Division 2:
 Division 5: NS, NF
 1st place: \$200

 Division 3: BC, AB, NB
 1st place: \$250
 Division 6: PE
 1st place: \$175

THE NOVEMBER CHALLENGE

Supreme has just announced the November Challenge which you will find in this newsletter. If we meet our goal of 11% or 32 new members, recruiters will receive \$25.00 for each member that they recruit during the month. Please know that for Saskatchewan to have any chance of achieving Circle of Honour again this year, we will need a minimum gain of 11% or 32 new members every month from now until the end of June. We desperately need younger Knights to carry on the great work that the Knights have been doing for the past 134 years. Please invite them to become part of our great Order.