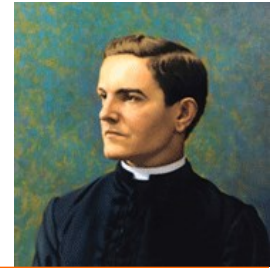




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## STATE DEPUTY MESSAGE

### Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus

“A Family of Councils –  
Sharing Love, Joy and Hope”

I might be stretching the truth if I said that I've been thinking about the priorities and focus of my term as your State Deputy for only the past month or two. Truth be told, I was thinking about that even before I decided to run for election as State Warden. I also admit that I haven't exactly been consistent in my thinking. The challenges and issues that were at forefront in 2008 have been or are continuing to be addressed – thankfully. But new priorities have emerged. Each year we have confronted and we have taken on the challenges and issues of the time.

So then, what will be the priorities and issues that will define my term as your State Deputy?

Obviously it is much too early to begin describing what we did during my term, but if you will, please allow me opportunity to start sketching the picture for what we will be doing. There will be much paint left to put on that picture, but isn't that what life is all about?? We don't always know, but with a trust in God, that He has a plan for us to be the best we can be, it will be an enjoyable journey.

Let's begin by imagining for a moment that we are back in January/February 1882, in and around the east coast of North America. What was it like back in those days? The Catholic Church was under attack. Catholics were being persecuted and discriminated against. The poor, the needy and the outcast – the most vulnerable, need a helping hand. Society was evolving. Family values were changing. The explorers lead the way for the settlers, who now were turning the reins over

to the pioneers. The way of life was changing. This is the backdrop to the life and times of Father Michael J McGivney, that parish priest who founded the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882. He founded the Knights to meet the needs of his parishioners at that time. He and the Knights of Columbus developed programs to strengthen the Church and parish life and build healthy, caring and compassionate communities by helping those in need; and he developed a fraternal benefit society including insurance for members to protect the financial security of the family.

Fast forward to 2016 and what do we find? The year is different, the world that much smaller, BUT - -The Catholic Church is under attack. Catholics are being persecuted and discriminated against. Our Bishops, Priests and Clergy need our solidarity. In Jesus' homeland Catholics are being killed because of their beliefs. The poor and most vulnerable need a helping hand. The pioneers have given the reins to the industrial age and now the information age. Family values are changing. Our way of life is changing. The needs of society in 1882 that Father Michael J McGivney sought to address through the Knights of Columbus, though different, are as prevalent today as they were in 1882. We are called upon to be leaders, families of service “**Building the Domestic Church – While Strengthening Our Parish**”

In a way it is disheartening to think that in these past 134 years we haven't solved all of the world's problems. But more disheartening, think about a world without the Knights of Columbus. Think about all the good deeds that would not have been done, or will be done. Good deeds Order-wide; Good Deeds in our community; Good deeds in our Parish and Church. If not you and I, who would have been there to do it. We have made a difference in a world that desperately needs good men. And we will continue to meet those needs. Not just you and I, but new Knights. We are and will be the men that

## Mission Statement

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other men want to be with – a force for good in this land.

Being the men that other men will want to be with begins with a focus on our State Council Mission:

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To fulfill our Mission we must develop ourselves, grow our Membership and provide Programs – to meet the needs of the parish, community and province.

Programs and membership are like a good pair of winter gloves – having only one glove just doesn't do – both go hand in hand – in Saskatchewan winters you need both gloves. We need new members for rejuvenation, creating opportunities for new leaders and sustaining our programs and good works. We need strong programs to attract and retain members. When we ask a potential new member to join us – to belong – the # 1 question they ask – “what do you do???”. Programs are our #1 recruitment, retention, and rejuvenation tool

It is Membership always, by each one of us – it is not a special or separate program requiring additional extraordinary effort – but rather it is an everyday effort; with Recruitment and Retention – through programs. We are always asking men to join us – everyday. To help us be the men other men want to be with.

Where we may see more of a focus, or refocus, is with Unity and Fraternity. We are “A Family of Councils”. And what do we do as Family?? What do we do as Saskatchewan Prairie Families? We build the Domestic Church – We support one another, in good times and in not so good times. We join hands and help our neighbour – we have a Barn Building Bee – whatever is needed.

We will work together as a strong team. Councils, District Deputies, Program Directors and State Officers. We will work collaboratively, supportive of one another, and celebrate our successes.

The Catholic Church in Saskatchewan is evolving, the Knights of Columbus of Saskatchewan is likewise evolving. We are getting older. We are getting tired. Knights of Columbus is feeling like “work”. But like the times in 1882 when the venerable Father Michael J McGivney founded this great Order – the times today cry out for the need of a strong, active, vibrant Knights of Columbus. We will be united and we will be fraternal. We will enjoy our activities

as they spring from the heart as BIG FAMILY.

We will focus on rejuvenation of Councils and build capacity/leadership for Strong Councils with priorities of Family, Young Adults and Youth (Building the Domestic Church).

It would be my hope that we all believe that the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus is:

### **A Family of Councils sharing Love, Joy and Hope**

**Family** – Is Unity and Fraternity; the comfort of home; the excitement of belonging, giving of self; mother, father, brother and sister.

**Love** - The Greatest Commandment – loving our God and loving our neighbour as ourselves; Our behavior is guided by Love, not a sense of duty; from the heart; compassion; Mercy; forgiveness

**Joy** - as in the Joy of the Gospels; Peace; Birth of Jesus; Joy of Family; the Resurrection at Easter and life everlasting;

**Hope** - a world that thrives in peace; people supporting one another to be the best that they can be; Father McGivney's vision; an expectation/anticipation in the eternal life everlasting

On behalf of our State Officers/State Board Team we look forward to being of service as together, we Build the Domestic Church and that we are a Family of Councils sharing Love, Joy and Hope

Vivat Jesus

Brian Schatz  
State Deputy



# Thank You!

## THANK YOUs and WELCOMEs

Flipping the pages on the calendar from August to September represents a time of change – the change of seasons from summer to fall; going back to work/school from summer vacation; and the end the growing year highlighted with Saskatchewan's annual megaproject – harvest. So it is extremely fitting that with this August – September edition of Knightline that we take the opportunity to express our thanks to those Sask Leaders that have completed their terms, welcome the new Leaders and discuss the evolution and change in Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus leadership.

We say **THANK YOU to Immediate Past State Deputy Denis Carignan**. He worked hard and tirelessly as State Deputy for the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus leading us to heights never experienced before – growing the Order and achieving our first two Circle of Honour Awards. He, along with the Sask State Officers, State Program Directors/ Chairmen, State Membership Director Joe Riffle and the whole State Membership Team were very successful:

- 382 men (and their families) joined us as new brother Knights.
- We were #4 Order-wide, growing by 134.04% of our goal
- 23 Star Councils
- 59 Round Tables.
- One new Council formed – Sacred Heart Chaldean Council #2695 in Saskatoon.
- 236 men became new Insurance members – with Mark Lewans Agency #8 Order-wide.
- Father Hendrik Boels Council #5320, Ituna was awarded the 2016 International Program Service Award in the Family Activity area.
- FDD Jean Duperrault was selected for the Star District Incentive Award
- Father Hendrik Boels Council #5320 GK Michael Spilchuk, his wife Kristine, FDD Jean Duperrault, and his wife Micheline were invited complements of Supreme and they joined the Sask State Delegation at the Supreme Convention in Toronto to receive their Awards.

As a result of the combined efforts of all Councils, Districts, State Membership Team, State Program Directors and State Officers our jurisdiction enhanced our programs and continued to make a difference, meeting the needs of our Church, parishes and communities. Our total membership as at July 1, 2016 now stands at 10,629. That takes into account the addition of all the new brother Knights as well losses from suspensions, withdrawals, deaths and transfers out-of-province. We have 102 more brother Knights in service to others than we did on July 1, 2015.

We say **THANK YOU and we look forward to continue our good relationship with Past State Chaplain Bishop Albert Thevenot and Associate State Chaplain Father Greg Elders**. The Prince Albert Diocese was very gracious in lending these two great spiritual leaders to the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus for the past two years. They have been the inspiration, the fire and the light pointing us always in the right direction for our Spiritual Growth and Development.

We **WELCOME, for his second go as State Chaplain Bishop Bryan Bayda**. We look forward to hearing him and his infectious laugh as well as seeing and working with him over the next two years fulfilling our mission and our unwritten duty/obligation to be in solidarity with the Pope, our Bishops, Priests and all Clergy

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# WELCOME

We say **THANK YOU and farewell to PSD Gilles Doiron** and wife Margo who become an official member of the "Who", those Past State Deputies who have stepped out of the limelight after committing 12 years to be on the Sask State Board and will now work quietly, in the background, providing sage advice and guidance to the current State Board.

We say **WELCOME to newly elected State Warden Rene Gaudet**, his wife Suzanne and family. We know that Brother Rene is eager, ready and willing do an excellent job in representing you individually, each and every member and Council, as well as our entire jurisdiction.

Brother Rene joins a solid team of committed, loyal and supportive State Officers, who **we congratulate on being elected to form our new State Board** consisting of:

State Deputy, Brian Schatz;  
 State Chaplain, Bishop Bryan Bayda;  
 IPSD, Denis Carignan;  
 State Secretary, Chris Bencharski;  
 State Treasurer, Joe Riffel;  
 State Advocate, Larry Packet and  
 State Warden, Rene Gaudet

Together we will be a formidable force in addressing the challenges facing the Knights of Columbus. Each one of us will have our specific responsibilities associated with our elected positions. We will also have our collective responsibilities, as the State Board, to provide the leadership and guidance for our great Province. In addition, as Cluster Leaders, we will provide advice, guidance and mentorship to our District Deputies and Councils.

We say **HAPPY RETIREMENT to Former State Executive Secretary Bob Barkman** and wish him all the best for active, healthy and prosperous years ahead. While at the same time we **WELCOME Peter Folk as the new State Executive Secretary** we look forward to the good work of the State Office continuing through a fresh heart and mind, and a new set of eyes and hands.

We say **THANK YOU to the District Deputies and State Program Directors who are completing their terms**. Your work and effort, fulfilling the duties and obligations of your position, has contributed to the success of our State Team and is valued and appreciated. **DDs completing their terms:**

DD #1 Jean Duperrault,  
 DD #3 Glen Piotrofsky;  
 DD #4 Ken Schulwieler;  
 DD #7 Maurice Turgeon;

DD #9 Jim Wanner;  
 DD #12 Larry Karakochuk;  
 DD #17 Martin Dolny;  
 DD #27 Clarence Stinn; and

**Retiring Program Directors and Chairmen:**

State Youth Director Norbert Philippe;  
 State Family Life Couple Paul and Dorothy Bruynooghe;  
 State Member Retention Chairman Abel DeSa;  
 State Newsletter Editor Pat Meuse; and  
 Webmaster Morris Lucyshyn.

In a special way we say Goodbye and Rest in Peace to DD #21 Brother Lorne Kosheluk who passed away in July while in Office. We pay our respects and Pray for the repose of his soul. He will be forever missed.

**We Welcome and look forward to working with new DDs:**

DD #1 Gerry Seidle;  
 DD #3 Rob Chapple;  
 DD #9 Ron Klein;  
 DD #15 Thomas Schwab;

DD #17 Claude Archer  
 DD #18 Trent Zwingli;  
 DD #22 Gilles Favreau; and  
 DD #28 Dennis Kyrzyk.

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**AND We Welcome and look forward to working with new State Program Directors and Chairmen:**

Eugene Achtemichuk, State General Program Director;  
 Don Brophy, State Membership Director;  
 Kerry Swallow, Community Director;  
 Murray Campbell, Council Director;  
 Ron and Donna Denis, Family Life Couple;  
 Brad Lulic, Young Adults Director;  
 Dale Meier, Youth Director;  
 Randy Kary, Ceremonials Chairman;  
 Eric Lautsch, Special Olympics Chairman;  
 Richard Colbow, Charity Appeal Chairman;  
 Jim Stoffel, Member Retention Chairman;  
 Al Dion, Round Table Chairman;  
 Shawn Scherr, Wheelchair Foundation Chairman and  
 Jerome Engel, Coats for Kids Chairman.

**A special Welcome to Gus Janczyszyn, Knightline and News Bulletin Editor as well as Webmaster Peter Folk and Social Media Coordinator Kevin Kanawati.** They along with a yet to be appointed Communications Director will form the Sask State Communications Team who will continue to build and enhance the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus brand, identity and visibility within our own ranks as well as with the general public.

SGPD Eugene Achtemichuk, State Council Director Murray Campbell, and State Member Retention Chairman Jim Stoffel were State Program Directors/Chairman last year, but each have moved to a new portfolio for this year. State Youth Director Dale Meier was DD #28 for the last 4 years.

**Also continuing on for another year (or two) we Thank:**

DD #2, Paul Ponak;  
 DD#6 Wayne Johnston;  
 DD #8 Ray Andreas;  
 DD#9 Curt Orth;  
 DD#11 Rejean Houle;  
 DD#13 Allan Schachtel;

DD #16 Leon Pouliot;  
 DD #19 Wes Dombroski;  
 DD #20 Leo Grimard;  
 DD #24 David Schaan;  
 DD #25 Larry Packet; and  
 DD #26 Adrien Piche.

Mike Bzdell, State Church Director  
 Gerald and Bernie Wiegers, State Culture of Life Couple

We are continuing our search and would welcome expressions of interest for DDs in Districts 4, 7, 12, 14, 21, 23 and 27.

And, in addition to a State Communications Director we are looking for a State Training Coordinator; a Council Forms Administrator; State Council Retention Chairman; State Council Reactivation Chairman; New Council Development Chairman; Father McGivney Guild Chairman; and Protocol Chairman. As we progress throughout the year we are sure that State Programs Activity Directors will welcome assistance for Chairmen of specific programs in their Program Area.

Please don't hesitate to Contact State Deputy Brian Schatz; State General Program Director Eugene Achtemichuk or State Membership Director Don Brophy to express your interest for or get more information about a DD or State Director/Chairman position.



## STATE CHAPLAIN MESSAGE



### State Chaplain's Reflection for September 15, 2016

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope you have had a chance to get some time to relax and spend time with family and friends. Even a change of venue is somewhat relaxing, even though you might have upset your canoe in the lake like I did just a few days ago. More about that in a minute.

We have just finished the Family Camp called Cana Continues at Madge Lake, SK. It was a great time for spiritual reflection with 4 families on the importance of staying offline and learning to communicate with each other face to face. We set times for supper as individual families. We cooked as families and did chores as families. No texting or connecting with personal friends for one week! All the necessary things that needed to happen got done, but we did them as families. It reminded me of the example spoken of at the organizational meeting last month.

Soil is packed with potential, packed with nutrients and energy. A grain of wheat has beauty and food value with the potential to feed the hungry.

Likewise, a parish (the soil) can nurture this seed with scripture and sacraments. Your family (the grain of wheat) will not fulfill its potential to grow and multiply and feed others without soil.

A family fully alive is in the soil of a parish. Further, an important organization suited to bring this about is the Knights of Columbus.

Knights must be the example of praying with their families, celebrating the sacraments as a family and thus, witnessing as a family.

I was in only 8 feet of water but I had my life jacket on. The wind was getting too much for my canoe as I fished. My anchor unhooked, I turned too quickly to check on it and into the water I went. I made it to shore just 75 yards away. Then I retrieved my anchor (the yellow rope floated) and my fishing rod (the hook floated as well). The methodic 15 minutes fishing trip ended up taking 2 hours after drying out my wallet. All I caught was my breath.

Water the seed that your family is for God (but don't go overboard). Be a family fully alive – strengthening your parish.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+Bryan Bayda, C.Ss.R.,  
Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon      Saskatchewan State Chaplain

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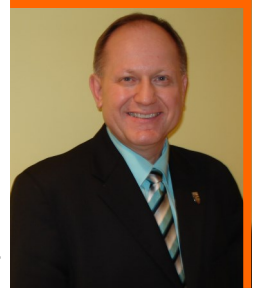
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## Raising Awareness About Life Insurance—Mark Lewans, GA



Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavourable or very unfavourable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. Our primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. We'll answer your questions because we want your decisions to be informed ones. We want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with us, and afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

One outstanding agent who made a long career of serving his Knights of Columbus members was James Nestmann. His 38 year career finished on May 31. James helped protect many Catholic families from financial hardship and ruin due to his diligent work in taking care of their insurance needs. At an agency staff barbeque in August, James and his wife Donna were honoured for their loyalty and dedication to the Saskatchewan Agency.



GA Mark Lewans presenting James Nestmann with Agency Lifetime Achievement Award

## MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES FOR 2015-16

Congratulations and thank you to all the brother Knights who contributed in any way to making our last Columbian year such an amazing success. Here are is a list of last year's deserving winners of the final incentives.

**INCENTIVES FOR RECRUITERS – MAY & JUNE (20 draws of \$75.00 each)**

Richard Colbow – C5707	Marty Schneider – C9539	Chris Bencharski – C5259
Lane Francis – C3031	Philip Lewans – C2725	Fr. Danilo Rafael – C8896
Ryan Shammas – C2695	David Keating – C3031	Paul Caves – C8905
Anthony Adriano – C11429	Gil Wist – C8215	Raul Roduta – C4704
Gerhard Te – C4704	Wes Dombroski – C5479	Fr. Rayasis – C6493
Hal Robinson – C7336	Leon Pouliot – C10856	Paul Cochet – C8638
Joseph Woitas – C3161	David Alm – C12740/	

**12 TOP RECRUITERS (Awarded a Skagen steel mesh watch)**

Marte Nogot – C11429	Kevin Philip – Agent	Shawn Scherr – C2695
James Johnson – Agent	Bernard Matsalla – C13214	Glen Dobmeier – Agent
Rick Istifo – C2695	Vicente Ibias – C11429	Pat Meuse – C9760
Terry Ruf – Agent	Ron Sack – C5626	Curt Orth – C6182

**DISTRICT DEPUTY INCENTIVE (\$200.00 for achieving Star District)**

2 Star Districts have been officially confirmed and we hope to receive confirmation for 2 other Districts.

Jean Duperreault – District 1 (Regina)      Wes Dombroski – District 19 (Goodsoil)

**COUNCIL WITH HIGHEST NET GAIN (\$200.00)**

San Lorenzo Council 11429 – Saskatoon GK Dr. Paulino Pabello – 40 new members

**COUNCIL WITH HIGHEST % NET GAIN (\$200.00)**

Holy Rosary Council 4704 – Regina GK Raul Roduta – 25 new members – 500% Net gain.

**COUNCIL BRINGING CANDIDATES TO A FORMATION & KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE (\$200.00)**

Holy Trinity Council 10401 – GK Walter Kaip (35 candidates including 1 priest advanced to Full Knighthood)

**COUNCIL SPONSORING A ROUND TABLE APRIL 1 – JUNE 30 (\$100.00 Draw)**

Montmartre Council 3559 – GK Gerald Fisher

**STAR COUNCILS FOR 2015-16**

In addition to the Supreme incentive of \$4.50 per billable member, State Council awarded \$1.00 per regular billable member for each Star that a council achieved. For example, 5 Star Councils were awarded \$5.00 per regular billable member.

**STAR COUNCILS (1 STAR)**

Shaunavon Council 2725 – GK Michael Sutter  
 Swift Current Council 3031 – GK Gord Hagen  
 Archbishop O'Neil Council 8896 (Regina) – GK Norbert Philippe  
 Resurrection Council 13214 (Regina) - GK Kenneth Engel  
 Southey Council 6493 – GK Brett Geiger  
 St. Peter's Council 11307 (Regina) – GK George Penn  
 Father Gilpin Council 9760 (Moose Jaw) – GK Les Good  
 St. Joseph's Council 5408 (Langenburg) – GK Mark Neumier  
 John XXIII Council 6182 (Gerald) – GK George Hrushka  
 Denzil Council 3920 – GK Dave Witzaney  
 Father Bigoness Council 5626 – GK Thomas Sieben  
 Father Phil Relland Council 10856 – GK Real Pouliot  
 Meadow Lake Council 5256 – GK Rys Beaulieu  
 Father Schultz Council 5479 – GK Trevor Himmelsbach  
 Father Sinnett Council 6068 (Lanigan) – GK Ron Koberinski  
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 12740 (Outlook) – GK Leo Tomasiewicz  
 Unity Council 5707 – GK Richard Colbow



**DOUBLE STAR COUNCILS (2 STARS)**

Radville Council 3161 – GK David Mazenc  
 Msgr. Gerein Council 9859 (Regina) – GK John Lebersback

**QUADURPLE STAR COUNCIL (4 STARS)**

San Lorenzo Ruiz Council 11429 (Saskatoon) – GK Dr. Paulino Pabello

**QUINTUPLE STAR COUNCIL (5 STARS)**

Holy Rosary Council 4704 (Regina) – GK Raul Roduta

**SEXTUPLE STAR COUNCIL (6 STARS)**

Sacred Heart Chaldean Council 2695 (Saskatoon) – GK Rick Istifo

**SUPREME COUNCIL AWARDS**

<b>Star Council Awards</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Columbian Awards</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Founder’s Awards</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Columbian/McGivney Awards</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Columbian/Founder’s Awards</b>	<b>1</b>
<b><u>Total Supreme Council Awards</u></b>	<b><u>56</u></b>

**FINAL RESULTS**

Because of the commitment and dedication of many Knights throughout Saskatchewan, we accomplished the following lofty and worthy goals:

- We brought in 382 new members.
- Our total membership increased by 102.
- We were ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the entire Order.
- We finished first amongst the Canadian jurisdictions, earning the Jean Migneault Award for the second consecutive year.
- We were awarded the Circle of Honour for the second consecutive year.
- Last year, because we achieved all but one of the Supreme goals, we were awarded Circle of Honour Level II.
- We established a new council, The Sacred Heart Chaldean Council 2695 in Saskatoon.
- We registered 59 Round Tables.
- We reactivated 2 councils: Radville and Whitewood.
- We went from 17 inactive councils to 12.

Ituna Council 5320, GK Michael Spilchuk, held a fundraising event that brought the community together to come to the aid of Kent Kozak, son of Danny and Barb Kozak who, as a result of a snowmobile accident, was immobilized from the waist down. The event raised \$52,000.00. This event was recognized by Supreme Council with the International Family Activity Award. Brother Michael and his wife were awarded a trip to Supreme Convention at which time they were presented with this award.

The Saskatchewan Family of the Year recipient, Dr. Jim McLean and his wife Maureen, were selected by Supreme as the first runner up for the International Family of the Year Award.

District Deputy for District 1, Jean Duperreault and his wife Micheline, were awarded a trip to Supreme Convention. Brother Jean’s name was selected amongst the District Deputies who had achieved Star District.

We accomplished all this while continuing to conduct the many good charitable and fraternal programs that Saskatchewan Knights have been doing since the Knights of Columbus was established in our province. This has been a tremendous demonstration of our unity and dedication as Knights of Columbus. We have shown that the KofC are alive and well in Saskatchewan. Let’s continue to stand up for our Catholic principles, to putting our principles of charity, unity, and fraternity into action, while growing in our faith and inviting others to join with us so that we can do even more good.

Vivat Jesus  
**Denis Carignan**  
 Immediate Past State Deputy



## State Secretary's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

The past two years have been excellent years for the Jurisdiction of Saskatchewan for growing the Order. Special thanks to all the knights at the council level for the excellent contribution you have made to accomplish this task. A very special thank you to our IPSD Denis Carignan and to Connie for your perseverance and consistent hard work to lead us to achieve Circle of Honor for the last two years in a row.

We can all be proud of Saskatchewan's accomplishments. Saskatchewan is definitely noticed as was evident at the Supreme Convention that Pat and I attended with the Saskatchewan delegation in Toronto July 30<sup>th</sup>- August 4<sup>th</sup>. We met so many people from other jurisdictions that talked about the accomplishments of Saskatchewan and offered their congratulations.

As a jurisdiction, we have proven that it can be done. Our aim as a State Board is to continue our success in growing the order. It takes hard work, a team effort, and a 'can do attitude'. By now, all districts should have formulated a plan of action for recruiting new members for this Columbian year, made a plan of activities for the year, and completed the 2 forms (185, 365) which are now due. There are so many excellent programs which Supreme and State have initiated which are there to make a difference in the lives of so many people. I encourage each council to assess your church and community needs and to continue to do the good work that

knights are known for. Imagine what we could accomplish if all 10, 560 knights participated in at least 2 service projects during the year and took an active role in our churches and councils. Encouraging more participation from our council members in programming, retention and recruitment is a goal we can all work towards for the betterment of our Order.

Remember that the State Officers and State Program Directors are there to assist you and to help you to be successful at the council and district levels. Please call any of the state officers, your cluster leader or any of the state program directors if you need any assistance or if you have any questions about a particular issue.

Vivat Jesus,

**Chris Bencharski—State Secretary**



## Brothers Knights:

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer with your family and friends. Relaxing time with family and friends is needed by each one of us. Summer months can make us easily forget the good works we do. If we have not done so, let us start to plan out the activities we hope to accomplish this Columbian year within our Council's. We need to have our service program plans in place to have a successful Columbian year.

The State Organizational Meeting was held July 8 to 10. The State Board and District Deputies met in Moosomin discussing the 2016-2017 State Action Plan. Again this year, Supreme has given us a great tool in the Fraternal Leadership Success Planner. Each Council should have received a number of copies of this planner. Please make good use of the planner throughout this Columbian Year.

Reports that are due this new Fraternal Year: Form 185 – Officers Chosen for Term Report – due July 1. Form 365 – Service Program Personnel Report – due August 1. Form 1295 – Semi-annual Audit Report – due August 15.

Monthly Program Reports – are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Councils are encouraged to submit their reports to [kofc.saskstate.sgpd@kofcsask.com](mailto:kofc.saskstate.sgpd@kofcsask.com). Continue using the existing report program. Councils not using the current report program, can email me their reports, excel preferred, to [eachtemichuk@accesscomm.ca](mailto:eachtemichuk@accesscomm.ca). If email is not an option, mail your reports to my home address – 2019 Wagman Dr., Regina, SK., S4V 0P7. Development and implementation of a new Sask. State Monthly Program Report is currently in the works.

Programs – If you need any information on Supreme “Featured Programs or about any program in general, please contact the Program Director or myself. All of these programs have several things in common - they help others in need, they satisfy the Councils requirements in a single program area whether it is Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family or Youth and they engage Council members along with parish members to help our parish and community. Go to <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/service> for more information on what programs the Order offers.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced the Domestic Church Initiative last November. Each Council should have received a program booklet from their District Deputy, “Building the Domestic Church, The Family Fully Alive”. This booklet provides monthly meditations, family projects, and scripture readings. We all need to promote this initiative through your Council programs. Every Council is expected to participate. This is an obligation, not an option. The goal in Building the Domestic Church is to strengthen our parishes. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said, “Today, the Knights of Columbus is providentially positioned to play a key role in the new alliance between the Church and the family called for by Pope Francis... What is necessary now is our greater involvement in the renewal of parish and fam-

ily life. But for us to do so requires that we adopt new methods.” The Domestic Church Initiative is one way for the Knights to be more integrated into the parish community. A way for Knights to pull families together. We are a Council – families of families. Pope Francis said “The Church is a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches.” Family is where the children learn the faith. The family is fully alive. The Domestic Church Initiative is not about changing who we are as Knights. It is taking what we are doing and making it part of our parish community. “By building upon our current programs and activities, the Knights of Columbus continues to promote the family as a ‘domestic church’ where husbands and wives, parents and children, grow in their knowledge and practice of the Catholic Faith” <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/domestic-church/overview/index.html>. The basis of this Initiative is not to replace existing programs. Determine what you already do well to support Building the Domestic Church – grow it. Some program ideas that can be re-introduced as activities to help develop the Domestic Church are: Affirmation of Wedding Vows, Consecration to the Holy Family, Holy Family Prayer, Holy Family Celebrations, Journey to the Inn, Family Fully Alive, Family of the Month and 5th Sunday Rosary. This initiative is a great opportunity for evangelization, building families, and promoting the Knights of Columbus. Knights and their families are the domestic Churches the Church needs and our Councils are the agents of the new evangelization in our parishes. This is the way the Order is going. Supreme Council has asked each State Program Director to be in charge of this initiative for their state. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. More information is also available at [www.kofc.org/DomesticChurch](http://www.kofc.org/DomesticChurch).

If you have any questions, please remember your State Board members and Program Directors are here to help. Please don't hesitate to contact us for direction, information or suggestions.

Vivat Jesus  
Eugene Achtemichuk  
State General Program Director



# In Memoriam

We are saddened to inform you that Denise Hounjet Roth, wife of Brother Knight Louis Roth, has passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer. Many of you will know that Denise had been active with the Saskatchewan Knights most recently, along with Brother Louis, as the State In Support of Life Couple. Denise is the mother of Brother Knights Father Greg Roth and Jonathon Roth.

Prayers were held Wed. August 31st at 7:00 pm. And the funeral was held Thursday Sept. 1st at 10:30 am at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, Saskatoon. [Obituary in the Saskatoon Star Phoenix, August 27, 2016.](#)

Please turn our thoughts and prayers to Denise and family.

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It is with heavy hearts that we inform you that on August 28th **Brother Noel Magnin** went home to Jesus after battling a rare galloping kidney cancer. Brother Noel is father of Suzanne Gaudet, wife of State Warden Rene Gaudet.

Brother Noel was a charter member of the St. Louis Knights of Columbus Council #6755. He was an active member for many years and many pancake breakfasts. He was first and foremost a family man and he loved the Knights. He was very honored to be Class Patron with his brothers for the 2nd and 3rd degree Exemplification held in St. Louis.

A "Family time" Prayer Vigil was held for Brother Noel Thursday September 1st.

The funeral Mass will be held Saturday September 3rd at 10:00 am at the St. Louis Roman Catholic Church in St. Louis, followed by his burial in the St. Louis Roman Catholic Cemetery. Lunch to follow with the family.

## For The Good of the Order

We also ask that you keep **Brother Gerald Wiegors** in your thoughts and prayers as he suffers with heart issues in the North Battleford Hospital ICU. At this time he is not able to receive visitors.

You will know Brother Gerald, who along with wife Bernie, are our State Culture of Life Couple.



### From the Bulletin Editor

I am looking forward to producing your State Newsletter to provide communication and information about the great and important events happening in the Councils in Saskatchewan. Any and all interesting articles will be considered. The deadline for submitting Articles/Photos will be the end of day, three (3) days before the end of the month. The **Knightline** will be published and sent out on or near the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month – the 1<sup>st</sup> day of that Month's Edition. We encourage articles/photos to be submitted well before the deadline.

**These deadlines will be strictly adhered to.** Miss the deadline — miss the Newsletter!

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article/Photo Submission Deadline</u>
October 2016	Wednesday, September 28, 2016
November 2016	Saturday October 29, 2016
December 2016	Monday November 28, 2016
January 2017	Wednesday December 28, 2016
February 2017	Sunday January 29, 2017
March 2017	Friday February 25, 2017
April 2017	Tuesday March 28, 2017
May 2017	Sunday April 30, 2017
June 2017	Monday May 29, 2017
July 2017	Tuesday June 27, 2017



**Bulletin Editor  
Gus Janczyszyn**

Send Articles and Photos to Knightline Editor at: [kofc.saskstate.be@kofcsask.com](mailto:kofc.saskstate.be@kofcsask.com)

### State Council Activity Report

Welcome to the new Columbian Year! I am very excited to be part of the Saskatchewan "Team" our Worthy State Deputy, Brian Schatz, has put together.

One of the many things that falls under the Council Activities Director's responsibilities is to help Councils or Districts host the various activities that the State Board sanctions across the province. Some of these activities are, Spiritual Enrichment Weekends, Clergy Sports Day, State Golf, State Curling, State Bowling, Organizational Meetings, Midterm Meetings and the all important State Convention. There are several activities that we are still looking for a council or district to host. The one activity we are attempting to get a host council or district is the State Golf for the summer of 2017. There are councils that do have an interest but it is important that we get a host as soon as possible.

There are councils that may be celebrating an anniversary in the next year. Several councils have incorporated the celebration of their anniversary with the hosting of one of the activities.

I or any of the State Board members would be more than happy to answer any question you or your council may have if you may be interested in hosting an activity.

I look forward to any of your inquiries.



**Murray Campbell**  
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## Culture of Life

### Culture of Life Report for July 2016 Organizational Meeting

The Knights of Columbus, Order wide, stand for Life from Conception to natural death!

Based upon this Belief and conviction, all Brother Knights are called upon to speak out in support of Life and also of equal importance is the need to demonstrate our defense of Life through peaceful means and actions. We were not able to stop the passage of Bill C- 14 although I am assured there were many who did, individually and collectively, sign petitions and provide written letters to MP's and Senators. I believe we will continue to be challenged in the months and years ahead as there will be those who will surely want more provisions added within this Bill. We, as Knights of Columbus, most assuredly need be much more readily prepared collectively in Saskatchewan and across Canada, to counter any move towards widening the scope of assisted suicide and euthanasia within our Country.

As we move forward – how best can we, Brother Knights, expend our time and energies towards assisting with the defense of Life?

As I envision our role, I am reminded of the gardener who upon encountering the many weeds that grow among the garden produce, he/she in order to separate the food from the non-produce must be diligent in order that the garden may yield results. The weeds continue to pop up. This is not unlike the task we, as Christians and Knights of Columbus have before us- we wish to serve God diligently however the Devil is always present to make the task very challenging.

In no set order we are asked to consider the following during this Columbian year:

- Continue to speak out in defense of a “Culture of Life” in as informative and articulate manner you are able. This will require that you be fully informed on the matter for which you speak.
- Continue actions that are indicative of our support for the K of C International Day of the Unborn Child which is observed each March 25.
- Be present to visit and assist Brother Knights, and indeed others in society, who may be alone in their final days. There is an initiative currently being developed that may be of significant value herein for the Knights of Columbus. If and when this initiative is fully developed we will attempt to consider this as a possible resource to offer all Member Knights.
- Provide assistance, financial and in other ways, for Groups/Organizations and individuals who are providing or requiring services that truly demonstrate respect and support for Life. Some of these to consider include: ‘Right to Life’, ‘Birthright’, ‘Pregnancy Options Centre’, Sask. and Local ‘Pro-Life’ Organizations, ‘Teen Aid’, ‘Palliative Care Units’.
- Include Prayer, daily, in one’s life – Prayer for the unborn and for Doctors, Nurses and other Medical practitioners in society who oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide and are being pressured to refer patients for such services.
- Attend Pro-life rallies and Pilgrimages to participate and demonstrate Knights of Columbus support for Life. This includes the ‘Life Chain’, ‘March for Life’ and ‘ Millennium Cross Pilgrimage’ to name some that are held, most regularly, on a yearly basis.
- We have a moral duty to attempt all we can, within our ability and power (with God’s help) to reach out to assist when and where we are able towards protecting the most vulnerable in society. Continue to sign petitions that will assist those who continue their fight to protect the rights of the unborn, the marginalized, the Elderly, the physical and mentally challenged. This also includes the petition that speaks on behalf of the Medical Doctors and Physicians who, morally and conscientiously, oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide.

In summary:

We are called upon to support the building of a “Culture of Life” through our active individual and collective efforts, putting our resources towards the best possible avenue that truly demonstrates our support of Life!



Vivat Jesus.

**Gerald Wiegiers**  
Culture of Life Director

## **Saskatchewan Interfaith Statement on Freedom of Conscience and Palliative Care**

*Presented to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan on June 21, 2016*

The legal and parliamentary proceedings over the past year on Physician Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia (also known as Physician Assisted Death) signal a critical moment in Canadian history. As Canadians, we all long to alleviate human suffering, even if we cannot agree about how best to achieve that good. Each person facing grave suffering and dying walks a unique and unrepeatable path that is ultimately their own; at the same time, family, friends, caregivers, and indeed the whole of society are impacted and evaluated by the care and love shared in our communities during life's most challenging times. To care for one another is a great privilege, and we reject attitudes, laws, and practices that present persons who are suffering, vulnerable, and dying as a burden.

We, the undersigned, though diverse in our beliefs and practices, commit to working towards these priorities wherever we can in our respective communities and urge our political leaders and community members to join in building a society of care and support for the suffering, vulnerable and dying among us:

- **We call for the protection of freedom of conscience for individuals and institutions.**

Even in the midst of complex structures and systems, health care is always provided to people by people. Rooted in the principles of civic and religious freedom, individuals and institutions should never be coerced to participate in an activity they deem to be immoral or contrary to their professional codes of conduct or moral beliefs and personal integrity. Whereas many healthcare professionals serve to preserve and protect human life, Physician Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia asks caregivers to participate in causing the death of the patient. In the implementation of legislation, policy and/or regulations, we are calling for resources and processes that allow the safe, timely, compassionate and effective transfer of care of anyone asking for Physician Assisted Suicide or Euthanasia to a setting and healthcare provider where that can be discussed and fully discerned, ever respectful of the values of the person, healthcare provider, and healthcare institution. Upholding the duty to care, we affirm together that, in the provision of care for others, no healthcare professionals or institutions should be required to perform an act that violates the individual or collective conscience.

- **We call for an action plan on hospice palliative care being accessible and available to all residents of Saskatchewan.**

Despite 96% of Canadians supporting hospice palliative care, only 16-30% of Canadians have access to and/or receive this care.<sup>1</sup> Strong and growing research indicates that access to palliative care improves patient and caregiver experiences as well as decreases pressures in acute and long-term healthcare settings. Hospice palliative care provides support and relief in suffering for patients living with and dying from advanced illnesses, as well as support for their families and communities of care. Much more needs to be done to enhance the quality of life for patients and their families, during chronic, advanced, and terminal illness both in the days and weeks preceding death, as well as over the longer periods of time that people live with advanced and/or chronic illness at home. We call on governments, community-based organizations and all members of the community to work together towards accessible and affordable hospice palliative care so that no one in our

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<sup>1</sup> *Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association Fact Sheet, March 2015. Available online: [www.chpca.net/media/400075/fact\\_sheet\\_hpc\\_in\\_canada\\_march\\_2015\\_final.pdf](http://www.chpca.net/media/400075/fact_sheet_hpc_in_canada_march_2015_final.pdf)*

society will face suffering or death alone, in pain, and/or without access to quality care. We call for an action plan that outlines systemic change in the access to, availability of, and funding for hospice palliative care.

Access to Physician Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia in the absence of quality end of life care is not a real choice: the real option is quality hospice palliative care which will reduce the pressure to choose suicide that may be faced by the suffering, vulnerable, or dying among us. People deserve access to holistic care as they live through the process of their dying, and healthcare professionals and institutions deserve to be able to honour their consciences while caring for others.

#### **Endorsements:**

*Ven. Olukayode (Kay) Adebogun, Rector, Anglican Church of the Redeemer, Regina and Archdeacon, Missionary Archdeaconry of Canada*  
*Most Rev. Bryan Bayda, Bishop, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon*  
*Rev. Dr. Jan Bigland-Pritchard, Incumbent, St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Saskatoon*  
*Rev. Eldon Boldt, Lead Pastor, Circle Drive Alliance Church, Saskatoon*  
*Most Rev. Donald Bolen, Bishop, Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon*  
*Most Rev. Murray Chatlain, Archbishop, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas*  
*Edward Cooper, Retired Hospital Chaplain, Saskatoon*  
*Major Shawn Critch, Divisional Commander, The Salvation Army*  
*Very Rev. Lorne D. Crozon, Diocesan Administrator, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina*  
*Rev. Amanda Currie, Presbytery of Northern Saskatchewan, Presbyterian Church in Canada*  
*John Drisner, Saskatchewan District Superintendent, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada*  
*Bruce Enns, Lead Pastor, Forest Grove Community Church, Saskatoon*  
*Rev. Allen Fedorak, District Superintendent, Canadian Midwest District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada*  
*Pastor Brendon Gibson, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Saskatoon*  
*Rt. Rev. Rob Hardwick, Bishop, Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle*  
*Bishop Sid Haugen, Saskatchewan Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada*  
*Rt. Rev. Michael W. Hawkins, Bishop, Anglican Diocese of Saskatchewan*  
*Rev. Roy Hewko, Lead Pastor, Preston Avenue Community Church, Saskatoon*  
*Rt. Rev. David Irving, Bishop, Anglican Diocese of Saskatoon*  
*Rabbi Claudio Jodorkovsky, Congregation Agudas Israel, Saskatoon*  
*Pastor Dale Kary, Hope Fellowship Mennonite Brethren Church, Saskatoon*  
*Imam Mohammed Masloh, Islamic Association of Saskatchewan, Regina*  
*Imam Khalid Minhas, Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Saskatoon*  
*President Yves Noblet, Regina Saskatchewan Stake, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*  
*Rabbi Jeremy Parnes, Regina*  
*Shamoon Rashid, Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Saskatoon*  
*Major Gerald Reilly, Saskatoon Temple, The Salvation Army*  
*President Douglas Robertson, Saskatoon Saskatchewan Stake, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*  
*Saskatoon Christian Centre*  
*Saskatoon Church of Christ*  
*Imam Ilyas Sidyot and Imam Imran Desai on behalf of the Muslim community of Saskatoon*  
*Pastor Harry Strauss, Forest Grove Community Church, Saskatoon*  
*Gary Williams, Saskatchewan Representative, Wycliffe Bible Translators Canada*

Rev:

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# 2016 Canada Day Mass & Brunch



Hon. Ralph Goodale - DD#2 Paul Ponak



4<sup>th</sup> degree Faithful Navigator Jim Grill of Father Hugonard Assembly



DD#1 Jean Duperreault



4th Degree Honour Guards



Priests from various parishes



Sto Nino Council GK Heintje de Sosa, SD Brian Schatz, Lois Schatz, Shiela de Sosa, Annabelle Escanlar



SD Brian Schatz and wife Lois



State Deputy Brian Schatz



Marian Centre Soup Kitchen BBQ – July 16, 2016

The Regina Chapter K of C’s were approached & agreed to participate in a summer BBQ to help celebrate 50 years of service to the community by the Marian Centre Soup Kitchen. Over 20 Knights came out on a very warm Saturday to arrange the site, prepare the menu & serve the clients. The day went very smoothly & great to see many smiling faces take part in the BBQ. Thank you to all the Bro. Knights & volunteers who were able to attend.

From Hugo Isaza, Director of Marian Centre Soup Kitchen – “I just want to express our gratitude to your Company (Saskenergy) for the support given to us (through the K of C) for our BBQ that we offered last Saturday July 16. Everything went so well, **we had 370 people attending** the event”.

“We also would like you to express our appreciation to the Knights of Columbus who were involved in this event. We have received a wonderful feedback from the people who attended it: the music, the food, the weather, the decoration, the volunteers etc.... everything went so well. Thank you, thank you and many blessings on your good work for people in need”.

An excerpt taken from the Prairie Messenger –

# Diocesan News

## Marian Centre celebrates 50 years of service

By Frank Flegel

07/27/2016

REGINA — Regina’s Marian Centre hosted a public barbecue July 16 as it continues to celebrate 50 years of service. The actual date of the anniversary is Oct. 15 but the people at the centre decided to do something special for those it serves during the summer.

Marian Centre provides a hot lunch Monday-Saturday every week, but this particular week a barbecue was held outside. Members of the Regina Council of the Knights of Columbus spearheaded the barbecue, aided by SaskEnergy, which provided \$500 to help purchase food, provided the barbecue and the staff to cook the burgers and hot dogs. Volunteers, along with the knights, served the food.

The local band Vision provided upbeat music while the crowd got their food and sat in chairs in front of the band.

Photos from the Marian Centre 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary BBQ



**370+ clients lining up for the BBQ**



**Taking a seat after getting their meals**



**Going through the line-ups**



**Knights & friends serving up a tasty meal**



**Having fun & looking good too!**



**Photos courtesy of Bro. Gordon Stopanski**

# Special Presentation



On Sunday, July 24, 2016 Swift Current Council #3031 and FR. Cabanel Assembly #1074 presented an encased 4th degree ceremonial Knights of Columbus sword and scabbard with the permission of State to departing Father Richard Jasiask.

The emotional presentation was made by DD Wayne Johnston, G/K Gord Hagen and Sir Knight Dave Stewardson for Father's gift of humbling spirituality and support to both Knights and their families during his four year tenure at Christ The Redeemer Catholic church of Swift Current.

DD Wayne explained the spiritual significance of the sword and why the Knights of Columbus had adopted the sword as part of their ceremonial protocol to the Parish, referencing St. Paul and a quotation from Revelations. The presentation was followed by a parish luncheon in honour of Father.

Submitted by DD #6 Wayne Johnston



# Fourth Degree

## AN INVITATION

My Brother Knights,

This is an invitation to all 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree knights to join the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus. In order to assist you in finding the closest Assembly for you to join, on the State Website there is a contact list. It contains a list of the Councils in Saskatchewan by number and their associated Assembly. In addition for each Assembly there is a contact number for the Faithful Navigator.

What you require to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is your uniform, a Tuxedo (one or two button so the social baldric can be seen) (Note NO TAILS PERMITTED). Your shirt must be a white tuxedo shirt with a lay down collar (NO WING TIPS OR RUFFLES PERMITTED), Black Bowtie and cummerbund. Should you decide to join the Colour Corps, you can procure your Regalia (Hat, Cape & Sword) at a later time. Please note that some Assemblies have regalia that they loan to members when they are to be in an Honour Guard.

A list of available Exemplifications (4<sup>th</sup> Degree Ceremonies) in the Province is available on the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Website ([www.kofcsask.com](http://www.kofcsask.com)) (Select the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Symbol to go to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree portion of the site.)

If you have any questions, please contact either myself or the Faithful Navigator of your nearest Assembly.

Pat Meuse MMM CD PGK PFN  
 Master, District of Saskatchewan  
 Simon Fraser Province

### MAJOR DEGREE SHEDULE 2016-2017

DATE	LOCATION	HOST DISTRICT	2ND DEGREE TEAM	CO/PFC
30-Oct-16	Hosted by: Council #15955	2	Regina	Carignan
20-Nov-16	Council #3031 Swift Current			
15-Jan-17	Humboldt			

## Your Help Is Needed

A few weeks ago, widespread disastrous flooding in southern Louisiana left 13 people dead and damaged more than 100,000 homes. In the aftermath, the people of Louisiana responded with hope and perseverance, as volunteers — including members of the Knights of Columbus — came to lend a hand in the recovery.

Victims of the flooding are still in dire need of help, however. Severe mold is taking over the homes that are still standing, which could lead to severe allergic reactions and fatal respiratory seizures. The cost of the repairs to fight such damage is yet another blow to the already devastated communities. In addition, many of these homeowners do not have flood insurance to help cover these costs.

These people desperately need your assistance. Please, if you are able to help, make a donation today.

Donations can be made online at [www.kofc.org/flood](http://www.kofc.org/flood) or sent via check or money order. For information, click here. <http://www.kofc.org/en/news/releases/louisiana-flood-relief.html>

Also, if you know anyone who would be interested in contributing to this cause, please forward this email and ask them to do whatever they can to help.

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## SASK K OF C CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

[www.saskkofcfoundation.com](http://www.saskkofcfoundation.com)

### Contingency Fund Projects

The Sask K of C Charitable Foundation continues to work together with Councils and their members in funding projects and programs to support our faith, assist in a family crisis or improve the quality of life for those in need.

We are currently partnering with Councils in the following projects.

#### 1. **Campion College - Give a Lift**

This project is in partnership with Campion College Council (#15955) & Regina Chapter.

There is need for an accessibility lift to be built into the new Campion College front entry, to enable individuals with mobility challenges to access Campion building from the new underground tunnel being built to connect the residence towers to the College.

This is only a small part of a massive building improvement project being undertaken by Campion College to make the entire facility more accessible. The Regina Chapter together with the Sask K of C Charitable Foundation has accepted the challenge to raise the funds needed for this lift.

#### 2. **Mark Banga - Marriage & Family - John Paul II Institute**

This project is in partnership with Regina Monsignor Gerein Council 9859

Mark & Maggie Banga joined the Camboni Lay Missionary Program and began a mission in Ethiopia in February 2010. Mark has served for 6 years at the Awassa Catholic Secretariat, the main diocesan coordinating office servicing the south of Ethiopia. This experience has convinced them that they wish to dedicate the remainder of their lives as lay missionaries and in particular to return to Canada to undertake a ministry of evangelization with the Church on "marriage and family".

Mark will commence a two-year master's degree in theology at John Paul II Institute in Washington D.C. beginning in August 2016. Mark, Maggie and their three adopted children will be moving from Ethiopia to Washington D.C.

Mark is the son of Monsignor Gerein member Alex Banga.

#### 3. **Pray for Rayne**

This project is in partnership with Gerald Council 6182

Rayne Bryan was born with a form of Spina Bifida. She has defied the odds of such a disease and through medication coupled with family love and support can walk and enjoy life as a four year old should.

Rayne requires \$1500/month for medical supplies so that she can get through day to day life. Her family has sought help from health programs only to have their applications denied repeatedly. Shockingly because Rayne is "too" well functioning, i.e. she can walk and is not mentally affected.

The Bryans intend to dispute the loopholes, however, in the interim they are struggling to foot the immense health bills. The family and their loved ones have been doing everything in their power to foot the monthly bills themselves. The Bryans live in Spy Hill Saskatchewan.

#### 4. **Seminarian Warren Dungen**

This project is in partnership with St Georges Council 9655 in Prince Albert

Warren Dungen is a married seminarian with four children attending Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Ottawa Ontario. With a family, the costs are significantly higher than for a single person, therefore, the Council agreed to assist this family with funding during this study program.

After this final year in the Seminary, Warren will be returning to the Eparchy in Saskatchewan.

#### 5. **Walter Buckingham - Health Travel Assistance**

This project is in partnership with Shellbrook Council # 9761

Brother Walter Buckingham from Shellbrook Council has commenced cancer treatment in Mexico. His first treatment took place in June and he is scheduled for a second treatment in October. The costs for travel, accommodations etc are creating significant strain on his family and so his Brother Knights have agreed to partner in providing financial support.

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**Payment Options for all projects listed above**

Donations for any of the projects listed above can be forwarded directly to our Sask K of C Foundation office or made through our website [www.saskkofcfoundation.com](http://www.saskkofcfoundation.com). Go to the "Donate Now" and you can make the donation by credit card. You will receive a tax receipt as well as confirmation of your donation.

**Memorial Fund Contributions**

The Sask K of C Charitable Foundation would like you to say a special prayer for the following Brother Knights, family & friends that have passed away:

Ben Kehrig                      Tisdale                      Victor Ottmann      Wadena                      Lambert Schneider      Saskatoon  
 Rita Engel                      Regina                      Gerald Hergott      Humboldt                      Stephan Horacki      North Battleford  
 Jean & Marie Anne Bothorel      Regina                      Brenda Newmann      Battleford

These departed individuals are recognized due to a Memorial donation of \$50.00 or more in the past three months. Each individual will also be included in our Memorial Mass Celebration

**August Donations**

Our Foundation is very appreciative of the significant financial support received by Councils and members. We have now received \$157,942.00 in donations which represents 218% of our annual target.

Here are the top 10 Councils for 2016:

Dist	Council	Aug	Target	Donations	% of Target
2	Regina 9859	1	\$525.00	\$42,100.00	8019%
28	Saskatoon 2695	2	\$175.00	\$2,750.00	1571%
14	Macklin 5474	3	\$868.00	\$13,000.00	1498%
17	Prince Albert 8655	4	\$420.00	\$4,883.00	1163%
2	Regina 15955	5	\$210.00	\$2,122.00	1010%
19	St. Walburg 5256	6	\$308.00	\$2,972.00	965%
19	Goodsoil 5479	7	\$364.00	\$2,845.00	782%
10	Langenburg 5408	8	\$273.00	\$2,039.00	747%
13	Kindersley 4899	9	\$637.00	\$4,345.00	682%
8	Candiac 7564	10	\$259.00	\$1,720.00	664%



**Harvey Granatier,  
 President  
 Sask K of C Charitable**



# NEWS RELEASE – JULY 21, 2016 – CASSIE AND MOLLY’S LAW: NANOS POLL

According to the Nanos poll, a majority of Canadians are in favour of Cassie and Molly’s Law, with nearly 70% of respondents saying that they support a law that would make it a separate crime to harm or cause the death of a preborn child while harming a pregnant woman. Support among women is even higher at nearly 75%.

Cathy Wagantall, MP for the Constituency of Yorkton Melville is introducing a Bill in the House of Commons that would make it a separate crime to harm or cause the death of a preborn child. We are asking that you sign the petition that is being circulated. The more people who sign the petition in support of this Bill, the more time Mrs. Wagantall will be granted to speak on behalf of this proposed law. Please sign this petition and mail it directly to Mrs. Wagantall. No postage is necessary. Your anticipated support is very important and much appreciated.

Gerald Wiegiers

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### PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

**Petition to recognize pre-born children as separate victims when harmed or killed during attacks against their mothers**

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED RESIDENTS OF CANADA, draw the attention of the House to the following:

THAT in current federal criminal law, a pre-born child is not recognized as a victim with respect to violent crimes;

THAT when a pregnant woman in Canada is assaulted or killed, because we offer no legal protection for pre-born children today, no charge can be laid in the death of the pre-born child;

THAT forcing upon a pregnant woman the death/injury of her pre-born child is a violation of a woman’s right to protect and give life to her child.

THAT the Kaake family of Windsor, Ontario is grieving the loss of Cassandra and her pre-born daughter Molly who she was thirty-one weeks pregnant with when they were brutally murdered in December 2014.

THEREFORE your petitioners call upon the House of Commons to pass legislation which would recognize pre-born children as separate victims when they are injured or killed during the commission of an offence against their mothers, allowing two charges to be laid against the offender instead of just one.

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Please send to your Member of Parliament or mail to: Michelle Lemire PO Box 79064 Vanier RO, Ottawa, ON K1L 1A1

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