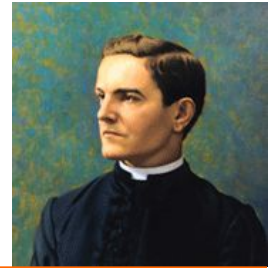




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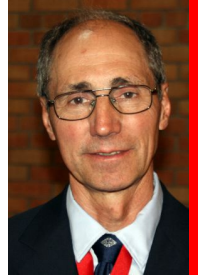
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OUTGOING STATE DEPUTY MESSAGE



My two years as State Deputy has come to an end. I remember how thrilled I was ten years ago, at the State Convention in Regina, that the Knights of Saskatchewan would place their confidence in me by electing me to the State Board. It has truly been an enriching, life changing journey for Connie and me.

We have made many friends and we have come to know many fine people in Saskatchewan, Canada and in every country where there are Knights of Columbus. The

culmination of this journey has been my two years as State Deputy. I will treasure every day, every banquet, every degree exemplification and every conversation I had with and about the Knights of Columbus, and every message I had the privilege of writing and delivering. In short, I loved everything about being State Deputy. There are, of course, many people whom I want to thank and I will be busy doing that during the next few days.

Last year we welcomed 360 new members and their families to the Knights of Columbus. We finished the year with 56 more brother Knights than when we began the year. 26 councils earned the Star Council award. A total of 60 councils earned various awards. We finished 13th in the entire order and first in Canada in terms of growth. We continued to be very active in our programs and in our charitable giving.

This year, we are presently 4th in the entire order. Unofficially we've brought in 382 new members and this year we will have grown by approximately 100 members. In addition we have established 60 Round Tables and we've reactivated 2 councils: Radville, and Whitewood. We also established a new council, the Sacred Heart Chaldean council. 23 councils will have achieved the honour of Star Council. Of those, two earned 5 stars, one 4 stars, one triple star and one double star. In short, we not only met our jurisdiction goals, we exceeded them. I need to acknowledge the invaluable help that I received from Mark Lewans and his team of Field Agents. I can assure you that, without their help we would not have finished with 23 star councils and Saskatchewan would not be celebrating another Circle of Honour.

When I began my term as State Deputy, I knew that I had a two year window. On June 30th the window will be closed. We all have windows of opportunity and for the past two years this was mine. I have been very fortunate to have had the support of many brother Knights throughout Saskatchewan. This was definitely a demonstration of the power of unity. Together, all working towards a common goal, we can accomplish anything that we deem is worthwhile. We proved that. Now we need to continue the good work we have been doing so that the Knights of Columbus will be a strong and proud brotherhood in Saskatchewan for many years to come.

This is my final message to you as State Deputy. Connie and I want to thank all of you who have contributed to making these two years so enjoyable and gratifying. We look forward to getting together with many of you whenever possible.

Vivat Jesus

Denis Carignan
State Deputy
Saskatchewan

STATE CHAPLAIN MESSAGE



To my brother Knights,

The summer months are here. The cabin has been opened. The trailer is ready to roll at a moment's notice. We have completed numerous preparations and now it is time to relax and enjoy ourselves. What a great time of year, a time of opportunities!

As this is my last letter as State Chaplain, I thought it appropriate to encourage you during the summer months to give some thought to what we have focused on as

Knights over the last couple of years. Fittingly, while our minds are quiet and we walk through the woods, cycle on different paths, or go fishing on the lake, let us be in awe and wonder before the beautiful and bountiful nature that surrounds us, a nature that sustains us. It takes many years, in some cases centuries or millennia, for nature to reach its present state of maturity, which we know takes only seconds to be destroyed as we have seen in Fort McMurray. What legacy of the environment do we want to leave our grandchildren? What choices are we making that lead to the abuse of nature that surrounds us? We are connected to or should I say we are all part of this environment that was created by the hands of God on the sixth day.

Speaking of legacies, what legacy of family life will we leave our children and grandchildren? Making time to attend family gatherings or to organize one is really an opportunity to witness how we love and cherish family life, an expression of how we love and cherish each other. Family life has been pulled apart and shattered by the many distractions of the world. We need to ask ourselves very seriously if we believe in family life. Where does family life fall on our to-do list? Is it a priority? Is it even on our list?

Some of us Knights attended the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in 2015. What legacy do we carry of this world event? The Knights of Columbus Supreme Conference in 2015 was also held in the beautiful city of Philadelphia. Supreme Knight, Mr. Carl A. Anderson in his presentation spoke to us of the Domestic Church, the family. Again, what have we brought home to witness to others?

In conclusion to the two Synods of Bishops in Rome, Pope Francis in his Exhortation **Amoris Laetitia** or **The Joy of Love** invites us to do a serious reflection on family life. He invites us to revisit our understanding of family life in its present context, a call to take the pulse of our present reality. We can pray for family life, we can pray as a family, and we can give witness to the beauty of our domestic church. Reading through **Amoris Laetitia**, we discover that the Holy Father has left no area untouched. Sensitive issues have been mentioned and addressed. We may be surprised on how they have been explained.

Let me conclude with the reminder that we are in the middle of celebrating the year of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. What a beautiful time to be witnesses of love and understanding. A love that is like the air we breathe and that is an intricate part of our being, found in every aspect and corner of our life. A love that leads us to mercy, as in the Father's love and mercy, he sent us his only Son.

Mercy touches us all and in a special way, we, as Knights, are instruments of mercy in the world: helping the poor and the elderly, working in building a culture of LIFE, supporting our pastors who come from different parts of the world to serve our Church, being men of unity and prayer, and making our world a place where family life remains the foundation of society.

Let us continue on this journey together, learning, growing, and serving each other and our fellowman through Christ, our Lord.

Thank you and may God bless you!

Most Rev. Albert Thévenot, M. Afr.

Worthy State Chaplain and Associate Chaplain

I would like to offer a special thank you to Bishop Albert Thevenot, our State Chaplain and to Father Greg Elder, our Associate State Chaplain. We thank you for the support and guidance you provided to the Brother Knights in Saskatchewan over the past two years. Thanks for your inspirational messages in our newsletters, at our Eucharistic celebrations, and at our various state events. I appreciated the opportunity of working with you these past two years.

Newsletter Editor

A big thank you to Brother Pat Meuse for his role in preparing the monthly newsletter. My goal was to produce a monthly newsletter that was current, interesting, visually appealing, and communicated important information. Pat helped me to attain that goal. Thanks to him the newsletter was always very well prepared and sent out on time.

Pat and I worked very well together and the newsletter was a good example of teamwork.

Council Reactivations

Saskatchewan was selected as one of five jurisdictions in the order to participate in a reactivation pilot project. We were challenged to reactivate at least 2 councils and to merge a sufficient number of councils so that we would end the year with a maximum of 13 inactive or suspended councils.

I am please to report that we ended the year with two reactivated councils and now have only 12 inactive councils. This did not happen without a lot of hard work on the part of members of the two reactivated councils guided and supported by Terry Ruf, Kevin Philip, Brian Schatz, and Curt Orth. Thanks also to Georges Haddad and Wojciech Dadak from Supreme. As a result of their efforts, Whitewood, and Radville councils are now reactivated. I wish these councils all the best. May they serve their members and community for many years to come.

To My Brother Knights,

For the last six years I have thoroughly enjoyed being the editor of the State Newsletter. At this time I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our newsletter by submitting pictures, articles, posters etc. Without your contributions, nothing I could do would produce anything anyone would want to read. As this is my last official State Newsletter, I would like to sign off by saying I would not change the last six years even if I could.

Pat Meuse, Editor

Worth District Deputies

When you accepted the title of District Deputy, you were given the responsibility of representing the State Deputy and by extension the Supreme Knight. That is an awesome responsibility. Thanks for accepting the duties and responsibilities that came with it. I enjoyed getting to know all of you and working with you assisting and supporting the councils in your district. Thank you for all the work you did in helping Saskatchewan attain its goals again this year.

Knights of Columbus Agency Department

Thank you Brothers! To Mark Lewans and the Agents. You and your agents went far beyond the requirements of your job. Because of your extra efforts, especially during the month of June, we went from 8 to 23 Star councils and completed the re-activation of 2 councils. Many agents made extra trips and spent days completing insurance requirements. They even covered the extra expenses incurred out of their own pockets.

Thanks Brothers. You're #1 in my books!

Worthy State Program Directors

You were invited to take a program because we felt you had the talents and skills necessary to be a successful program director. We also recognized that you would be a good fit for a particular program. Programs are the essence of our order because they serve a very important purpose. Good programs attract people to our councils and they retain them by keeping them engaged. Thank you for the leadership and dedication you provided in your program area. I have enjoyed the opportunity of getting to know you and working with you these last two years.

Worthy State Officers

State Officers have the responsibility of leading and guiding the Knights in Saskatchewan. It is an awesome responsibility. As State Officers we need to lead by example. We are also a team within the larger team of Knights in Saskatchewan. Thank you for accepting this important role. Thank you for your support and for doing your assigned roles to the best of your abilities. All the best to you as you assume your new roles on July 1st.

Final Incentives

Thanks to our good work, Supreme Council provided us with a substantial amount of money which we were asked to use for our own incentives program. Congratulations and thanks to all the brother Knights and councils who will be receiving incentive awards. You earned them and I so hope you will enjoy them. The recipients will be announced later in July as soon as the numbers have been officially finalized.

Here is the list of State Incentives that will be awarded to deserving recipients.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

1. INCENTIVES FOR RECRUITERS

A. MONTHLY DRAWS

- i. July to April, we have awarded \$100.00 for each of those months.
- ii. For May and June, we will be making 20 draws of \$75.00 each.

B. TOP RECRUITERS AWARDS

- i. The twelve top recruiters for the year will receive a beautiful Skagen watch.

C. COUNCIL INCENTIVES

- i. Star Councils will receive a \$4.50 credit from Supreme Council for every regular billable member in their council.
- ii. Star Councils will also receive \$1.00 per regular billable member from State Council. Double, triple, and quadruple Star Councils will receive an additional dollar for each Star they achieve.
- iii. The Council with the highest net gain in membership on June 30, 2016, receives \$200.00.
- iv. The Council with the highest percentage net gain in membership on June 30, 2016, receives \$200.00.
- v. The Council who sponsors a Round Table between April 1 and June 30 will be entered in a draw for \$100.00. Note that the Council will be entered each time they register a Round Table.
- vi. Councils who bring candidates to 2nd and 3rd Degrees from January 1 to June 30 will be entered in a draw for \$200.00.

D. DISTRICT DEPUTY INCENTIVE

- i. District Deputies achieving Star District this year will be awarded \$200.00.

E. SHINING ARMOUR INCENTIVE

- i. Members earning the Shining Armour Award during the 2015-16 Columbian Year will be entered in a draw for \$100.00. Please contact State Deputy Denis Carignan to inform him of those earning the Shining Armour Award. The SD also has pins and certificates to present to all the recipients of the Shining Armour Award.