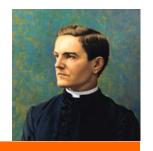


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STATE DEPUTY MESSAGE

The Order of the Knights of Columbus was founded 134 years ago by a young parish priest for the express purpose of defending and preserving the Catholic faith while providing for its members and their families and helping those in need. He saw that his parishioners desperately needed help and he knew that he couldn't do it alone. So he called together 9 men in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven Connecticut and the first Knights of Columbus council was formed. Today our Order has grown to almost 2 million men and expanded to 18 countries around



the World

Throughout the 134 year history of the Knights of Columbus, it has been proven many times over, that the reasons that motivated the formation of that first council are still very present. Today we desperately need men and their families who will stand up and defend our Catholic faith and principles. The sanctity of life is being threatened as never before. People are being persecuted even martyred because of their faith. More and more people are turning away from God and the practice of religion. The poor, the vulnerable, those who are disadvantaged still need help and protection. Those needs have not changed or disappeared over the past 134 years and history has shown that they are here to stay. It's quite obvious therefore that our communities, our country and indeed our World continues to be in desperate need of an organization such as the Knights of Columbus.

Today, our World has become more secular and individualistic. We are influenced more by the media, popular opinion and political correctness than the teachings of the Church. If we think of this as a battle or a challenge, those of us who represent Christian values, the sanctity of life, the teachings of the Church, are indeed facing a very formidable opponent. It will take all our strength, courage and resources to stand up for what is right and good.

We are at a time in our history when it is vitally important for us to do good works. We are all called to love and serve God and our neighbour. This isn't just a nice thought. This is an obligation and duty. We all have talents and abilities. These gifts were given to us, not to keep "under a bushel basket," but to share with others. As members of the Knights of Columbus encouraged and strengthened by the support of our brother Knights in our councils, our Province, and in 18 countries throughout the world, we can do so much good in a World that so desperately needs goodness and mercy.

Pope Francis has declared this the Year of Mercy. The Knights of Columbus are well positioned to be instruments by which God's mercy reaches others, especially those in most need, the vulnerable and marginalized.

For these reasons it's vitally important that the Knights of Columbus continue to grow be actively involved in conducting charitable and fraternal programs in every parish and community in Saskatchewan. We cannot afford to become complacent. We must invite every eligible Catholic man and his family to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. By involving them in our program and activities, we must keep them engaged and interested in being a Knight.

Being alive means to grow. Let's ensure that the Knights of Columbus are alive and growing now and for many years to come.

Vivat Jesus.

Denis Carignan State Deputy

STATE CHAPLAIN MESSAGE

To my brother Knights,

June is the month of many events and activities, most of which embrace family life. Some of us will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Father's Day, National Aboriginal Day, end-of -year school activities, confirmations, and graduations, just to name a few.

As patron of the Diocese of Prince Albert, the Feast of the Sacred Heart is celebrated annually with a diocesan Mass and social. Bishop Albert Pascal was very wise in choosing the Heart of Love for our Diocese. The Heart of Love exemplifies total dedication of one's life to others.



This is the measure of what real love is, total and unconditional. Christ's example is challenging and maybe one could say it is also an impossible goal for humankind to reach. Yet, Jesus wants us out of our comfort zones. He wants us to reach out beyond ourselves, to others, and into the unknown. On many occasions, Jesus said to us, "Do not be afraid for I am with you" (Is 43:5). Holiness is answering this call to live like Christ, and to let Christ live through us.

Father's Day will be celebrated this month. We look to our fathers for many things, help, time, and sometimes, simply, for a smile or the comfort of a hug. Dads are our drivers or spectators to our sports, youth group activities, school events, and although the garage seems to be dad's kingdom, he renders us many services around the house too. Loving our children is a beautiful experience and letting ourselves be loved by our children is also a beautiful experience. Therefore, on this special occasion, let us express our appreciation to our father and thank him for being "Dad" to us.

Many consider the father as the head of the domestic Church, with the mother being the heart. Marriage is a covenant of love between these two persons who collaborate and share their gifts in bringing up their children. Unfortunately, this is not a reality for some people. Separation and divorce has shattered many families and has left a legacy of negative experiences of family life. Therefore, I urge all our fathers, uncles, grandfathers, and Knights to step up and fill a void that may be happening in some child's life or in someone's family life. The father image is so important in the development of a child. Offer your time, gifts, and support. Help to heal the shattered experience and to support others in their time of need.

My brother Knights, the month of June is the perfect time to show your children the love you have for them and to do it with great affection. It is a gift from God that you are called "Dad." Let us celebrate this gift with joy and love for each other and with joy and love of the Father. **Happy Father's Day!**

Most Rev. Albert Thévenot, M. Afr.

Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset?

Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights



of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection. If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides tax-free monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain you and your family's standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact. In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheque, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. Be sure to call your local field agent soon and do a disability income check-up. Even if you have a group plan not all of them cover you properly. If you do not know who you agent is please call my regional office at 306-949-0270. Vivat Jesus!

Mark Lewans, General Agent

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MAY CHALLENGE GOAL: 45 NEW MEMBERS

GOAL. 43 NEW MEMBERS							
				NEW MEM-		MEMBERS	
DATE DISTRICT		LOCATION	COUNCIL	BERS	TOTAL	NEEDED	
						38	
Apr-27	1	Regina	4704	2	2	36	
Apr-27	1	Regina	10313	1	3	35	
Apr-27	2	Regina	8896	1	4	34	
May-03	16	Leoville	10856	1	5	33	
May-03	15	North Battleford	7336	1	6	32	
May-05	19	Goodsoil	5479	1	7	31	
May-10	28	Saskatoon	10587	1	8	30	
May-10	28	Saskatoon	8215	1	9	29	
May-10	15	North Battleford	7336	1	10	28	
May-10	2	Regina	15955	1	11	27	
May-10	13	Fox Valley	5735	1	12	26	
May-15	1	Regina	4280	1	13	25	
May-19	1	Regina	4704	2	15	23	
May-19	2	Regina	8896	1	16	22	
May-19	2	Regina	13214	1	17	21	
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May-23	9	Radville	3161	8	26	12	
May-24	19	Meadow Lake	5259	1	27	11	
May-29	28	Saskatoon	11429				
	28	Saskatoon	2695				
	15	North Battleford	7336				
	28	Saskatoon	8215				

Congratulations and Thank you to the councils who have participated or will be participating in a First Degree during the month of May. Our goal is 38 new members this month. As of May 1, we had 294 new members. To make Circle of Honour this year, we need to bring in 70 more members before June 30. We also want 30 Star Councils. We are into our last 2 months. We have lots of work to do but if we all contribute, we will make it. I hope that you will enjoy this challenge and that on July 1, together, we will have achieved all our goals.

CHANGE AT THE STATE OFFICE

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E-mail kofc.saskstate@kofcsask.com

For the Saskatchewan K of C Charitable Foundation Contact Bob Barkman Phone-306-652-3817 Fax 306-665-1245

E-mail info@SASKKofcFoundation.com

RECRUITERS



\$1,500.00



JACKPOT

SASKATCHEWAN

(\$75.00 x 20 Draws) Note: Provided we qualify for the Supreme Incentives for each of the 2 months.

QUALIFY BY SPONSORING A NEW MEMBER

BETWEEN MAY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 28, 2016

SPONSOR I NEW MEMBER = 1 DRAW ENTRY

Form 100 must be submitted to Supreme Membership by June 28, 2016



SEND FORM 100s TO:

STATE DEPUTY DENIS CARIGNAN

FMAIL: deniscarignan@sasktel.net or fax: 306-937-7604

SPONSOR RECRUITMENT AWARD

SASK. STATE COUNCIL

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

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. Recruiters during the last 2 months will have an excellent chance to win \$75.00.

B. TOP RECUITERS AWARDS

i. The ten 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.

Please note that because of your recruitment efforts, Supreme has provided us with a very substantial amount of incentive money which we were encouraged to use to fund our incentives programs. As a result, we have been able to provide these incentives without putting an undue strain on our State Council budget.

CIRCLE OF HONOUR WHAT EXACTLY DOES IT MEAN?

To earn the Circle of Honour Award, our jurisdiction must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Bring in **285** new members. We have met that requirement.
- 2. Be **Net/Net +50 members for the year**. This means that we need to bring in 50 more members that we lose from suspensions, withdrawals, and deaths. Please note that we lose, on average, a total of 304 members every year. Therefore, we need to bring in a minimum of 360 new members.
- 3. A minimum of **21 Star Councils**. Actually, our goal this year is 30 Star Councils. So, although we have attained the first requirement for COH, we still have work to do. I'm confident that, united for this common purpose and driven by our united efforts, we will attain all our goals and the Knights of Columbus of Saskatchewan will, once again, finish the year strong.

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PROPOSERS INCENTIVE

SKAGEN® STEEL MESH WATCH



The top ten proposers for this Columbian Year, July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, will receive this beautiful SKAGEN STEEL MESH WATCH. We want to encourage and reward those brother Knights who give eligible Catholic men and their families the opportunity of membership in our great Order.

MEMBERSHIP

Greetings Brother Knights.

As we approach the end of the Columbian Year, we are in the best position ever to be considered for a "Circle of Honor" Jurisdiction again. Wow! To repeat last year's goal would be fantastic! And it would show we are truly growing the Order in Saskatchewan Two years in a row. While we are in a "positive" number at this time, we do know we lose a lot of members through death, and withdrawals & suspensions at this time of year. So we can't stop now.

I encourage every Council to recruit one new member (85 councils still have NOT recruited one new member), and Host one 1st Degree per District in June. And while I don't want to harp on membership numbers, we need to look at the big picture for the survival of our Councils in our Parishes. We need to find ways to get new members, get them active in our parishes and our councils so we can continue to support the programs of both. *This will actually become 'ONE', as we continue to promote the Supreme program of "Building the Domestic Church, While Strengthening our Parishes"*. We need to encourage these men to want to volunteer, to want to contribute to something positive, and to allow them to feel the warmth of being apart of something greater than themselves.

We need to mentor these new men, and we need to "re-mentor" some older members that we haven't seen in a while. We need to make sure ALL members feel a part of the council, not apart from it. We all have invested a lot of time and energy inviting members to join with us to work with us. We should spend extra time making sure all of these men want to remain with us and help them to stay with us. Many have said: "Retention begins the day a man and his family join the Knights of Columbus", it never ends. If you didn't know, the Shining Armor Award applies to ALL 1st degree members now (new members and long-time 1st degree members. This tool would be a great example of how to keep all members involved in the activities of the Council and promote membership/insurance too.

Also, we are in another great position to have several Councils in the position of reaching Star Council status. Meaning, potentially many are close to: having recruited enough new members, invited enough families to receive insurance, have done several projects in 6 key areas, completed the proper forms and submitted them on time. At this time, please ensure your Council submits the SP7 application form (Columbian Award Application). The form is DUE JUNE 30th (not July 1st, it will be considered late and ineligible). Please complete the form entirely (no missing entries) and send in ASAP. While I know not every council may receive the Star Council Award, but every Council can still receive the Columbian Award. It would be nice to see our Worthy State Deputy hand out 150+ of these awards, just because Councils do what they do and they submitted the form for doing them.

If you feel you need more information, I have several reports, lists, power point presentations, etc. on the State webpage at www.kofcsask.com, Click on 'Programs/Organizational meeting' tab in left column, then click on "Membership" tab. Otherwise, feel free to send me an email (itriffel@shaw.ca) and I will help as best I can.

As we end the Columbian year, I know we can reach our goals of more new members to maintain our goal, 21 Star Councils and reaching COH status. We can do it.

Joseph Riffel
State Membership Director
Good Luck to you all, and keep up the GOoD Works!

STAR COUNCIL

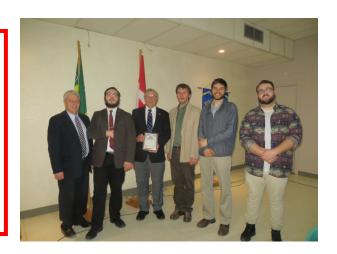
There are good number of councils who are not far from achieving their Star Council requirements. The incentives for Star Councils are great: \$4.50 rebate from Supreme for every billable member and \$1.00 from State Council. Even if your council can't meet all the requirements for Star Council this year, bringing in new members will rejuvenate your council and help to ensure the growth and vitality of your council. Councils who don't bring in new members find that there is no one to take the leadership positions and eventually decide that their council can no longer function.





Left: Presentation to FDD Eugene Achtemichuk of plaque of Campion College Charter

Right: Charter members of Campion College Council present





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COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION

Those councils deemed outstanding in their implementation of the Service are eligible to receive the Supreme Council's COLUMBIAN AWARD. The ciency, industry and excellent activity program of the council. Those cowith justifiable pride. In order to qualify for the Columbian Award, the council must: 1. Have completed and returned the Service Program Personnel Reoffice by August 1, 2015. 2. Annually conduct and report at least four (4) major involvement of the Service Program: Church Activities, Community Activities, Conditional Activities and Youth Activities. 3. Have completed and returned the Annual Survey of Fraternal Act Council Department of Fraternal Services by January 31, 2016.(No. 1, 2015 need not meet this requirement.) The council's program director must complete the necessary informat Each application must be signed by the program director and the granteined herewith. When the application is conveleted activity to the program director and the granteined herewith.	e award is a tangible testimonial of the effi- uncils winning the award should display it port Form (#365) to the Supreme Council programs in each of the following sections ouncil Activities, Family Activities, Pro-Life ivity Report Form (#1728) to the Supreme ew councils instituted after November
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Please list and briefly describe the four major involvement programs s 2015 and June 30, 2016 in each of the six activity areas.	ponsored by your council between July 1,
CHURCH ACTIVITIES (vocations, parish roundtable, parochial service	es, Keep Christ in Christmas, etc.)

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COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION

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Working in conjunction with	"SPECIAL OLYMPICS" and meeting minimum participation requirements, will fulfill all four activity require-
ments in this category.	
FAMILY ACTIVITIES	(widows/orphans, memorials, "Family of the Month/Year," recreation, etc.)
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Participating in a local, region	onal or national "MARCH FOR LIFE," or in the Ultrasound Initiative, and meeting minimum participation require-
ments, will fulfill all four act	tivity requirements in this category.
YOUTH ACTIVITIES*	(Columbian Squires, CYO, scholarships, Scouting, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, etc.)
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	FOR KILYS" program and meeting minimum participation requirements will fulfill all four activity requirements p of a Columbian Squires Circle continues to fulfill all four requirements as well.

Coats for Kids



Programs and Activities Knights of Columbus

COUNCIL

COMMUNITY

CHURCH

FAMILY

YOUTH

CULTURE OF

Culture of Life

Brother Knights of Columbus, I would like to draw your attention to some of the actions you can take to assist in addressing some of the current issues that stand in the way of the building of a "Culture of Life" for all in our Society.

These actions include, but are not limited, to the following:

• Contact Canadian Senators and Members of Parliament with your concerns about Bill C -14 (The Senate has the ability to amend or defeat Bill C-14). You are able to contact these Senate Members by googling: Current Canadian Senators. Write letters to the MP's and Senators and mail these (postage free) to these addresses:

(Name)Member of Parliament Senator(Name)
House of Commons Senate of Canada

Ottawa, Ontario K1A OA6 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A4

• Learn more on the issue of Euthanasia and assisted suicide by going to: www.vivredignite.com (Living with Dignity)

http://www.totalrefusal.blogspot.ca/ (Physicians Alliance for total refusal of Euthanasia)

www.epcc.ca (Euthanasia Prevention Coalition)

www.colf.ca (Catholic Organization for Life and Family)

•Provide your support for Cassie and Molly's Law petition. This petition is based on a Bill brought forth in Parliament by Yorkton MP, Cathay Wagantall. The Bill is intended to tell the Canadian Government and Law makers that the life of an unborn baby matters and asks them to grant protection to unborn babies against murder. To sign the on-line petition go to www.saskprolife.com.

Gerald Weigers

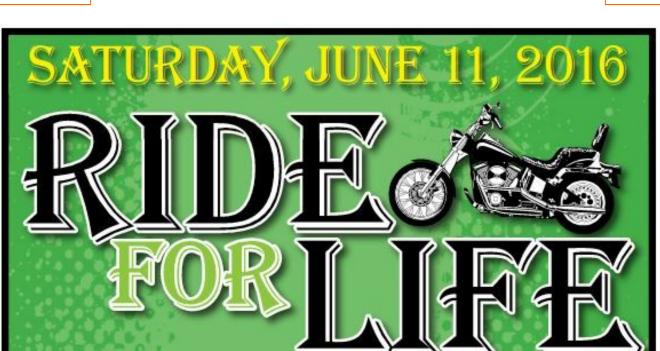
Culture of Life Director







Father Hermes Council 5256, St. Walburg handed out 3 scholarships to daughters of knights.



SHOW'N SHINE

Runs All Day, with burgers and refreshments being served.

Proceeds going to BTEC.

REGISTRATION \$25.00

(Poker Hands Included)

8:30 am-10:00 am at St. Vital Church, #11 - 18th Street East, Battleford

START TIME 10:30 am
SUPPER & REFRESHMENTS

(Included in Registration)

5:30 pm-7:00 pm at St. Vital

For Information Contact MARC GROSJEAN 306-441-1144

SPONSORED BY: K of C #5626



It's Time to Talk... Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The Scriptures teach that life is a precious God-given gift. Our society's acceptance and potential normalizing of physician-assisted death and euthanasia are worthy of reflection. This presentation will explore the dangers these practices pose to all Canadians, providing participants with the necessary tools to engage in this discussion. Come deepen your understanding of the political situation in Canada, share your stories and questions, and learn more about how you can approach suffering with the compassion of Christ.

SASKATOON

7:00—9:00 pm Wednesday, May 25, 2016 Forest Grove Community Church 502 Webster Street

PRINCE ALBERT

7:00—9:00 pm Wednesday, June 1, 2016 Mont St. Joseph Home 777—28th Street East

REGINA

7:00—9:00 pm Monday, June 20, 2016 Parliament Community Church 4011 Pasqua Street



Presenter: Mary Deutscher, Ph.D.(c)

Mary is a member of the Diocese of Saskatoon's Justice and Peace Commission, and a Board Member for the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan. She holds an M.A. in Public Ethics (St. Paul University, Ottawa); a B.A. in Philosophy (St. Thomas More College, U of S); a B.Sc.-3yr in Biology (U of S): and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Public Policy at the University of Saskatchewan. Mary has served as a Roman Catholic Chaplain at Pasqua Hospital in Regina (2010-2013). She also writes a monthly column for the Prairie Messenger titled, "Building a Culture of Life."

This session is free of charge. Refreshments will be provided.



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Master of the 4th Degree

I was asked a few times about the colors of the color corps at the State Convention.

We are printing it in color now for all to read. It would be a good idea to show it to your ladies and explain it to them as it seemed that the ladies were really interested but unfamiliar with the the colors.

Master Ray Gehlen



COLOR CORPS MEMBER'S COLORS

Supreme Master (S.M.)
Chief Administrative officer of the Supreme Assembly.
He wears a blue cape and chapeau plume along with a gold sword, as do Former Supreme Masters (F.S,M.)
do for life.



Highest ranking officer in a province. There are 20 provinces in the Order . The Simon-Fraser Province includes four Districts - B.C/Yukon, Saskatchewan, Alberta South, Alberta North/N.W.T. He wears a light blue cape and chapeau,

plume and gold sword as do

Former Vice Supreme Masters

(V.S.M.) for their life.

Vice Supreme Master (V.S.M.)

ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Faithful Friar
Faithful Navigator
Faithful Captain
Faithful Pilot
Faithful Comptroller
Faithful Scribe
Faithful Purser
Faithful Inner Sentinel
Faithful Outer Sentinel
Faithful Admiral
Faithful Trustees (3)

District Master (M.F.D.)
Highest Ranking Officer in a
District.He wears a gold cape
and chapeau plume along
with
as gold sword, as do
Former District Masters
(F.M.F.D.) for their life

Marshall (M)
Serves at the pleasure of the
District Master for
Exemplifications or District
wide or State or Province
events while serving at the
pleasure of the District

(C.C.C.)

In charge of Color Corps,

(Honour guard and color guard). He wears a purple cape and chapeau plume while serving at the pleasure of the Faithful Navigator.

Color Corp Commander.

Color Corps Members (C.C.)

Members of the Assembly

Color Corps wear a red cape
with a white chapeau plume
with a silver sword with a

black handle for life or until
attainment of
higher honour.

Faithful Navigator (F.N.)
Highest Ranking Officer in a
local Assembly. He wears a
white cape and chapeau
plume. He may have a white
handle on his silver sword, as
do Past Faithful Navigators
(P.F.N.) for life.



State Youth Program

As we approach the end of the Columbian year, it might be apt to take a look in the rearview mirror to see the road we've travelled this year. Why? First, we should take time to celebrate our successes and learn from our mistakes; and second, it's time to plan our activities for next year.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, councils should be ordering their kits from Supreme for Supreme sponsored activities: Soccer Challenge, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Substance and Alcohol Abuse Awareness Poster Contest, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, and Free Throw Championship. Better to have them on hand then to wish we did.

I've enjoyed the experience as a State Youth Program Director and I wish to express my gratitude for this opportunity to our Worthy State Deputy Denis Carignan. Thank you also to the State Officers, District Deputies and Council members for their hard work and cooperation in carrying out the youth activities. You are true champions!

Norbert Philippe State Youth Program Director

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.





Pictures of the Regina KofC building at Camp Monahan. Thanks to the volunteer work of the KofC of Regina, they were able to build a second cabin. The Knights plan on building more cabins.

Dear Brother Grand Knights and District Deputies:

Have you talked to your Council Chaplain about the Clergy Sports Day which will be held at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster on Monday, July 18th and Tuesday, July 19th? What a great opportunity the Knights have to show support to our priests.

The complete package of information will be out shortly. Check the State website at www.kofcsask.com to access the registration form.

Please do the following in the next week: Talk to your Council Chaplain and tell him about the information in this email. Offer to pay his expenses so that he can attend. Also offer to drive him to Muenster. Knights are encouraged to attend and participate in the games along with their Council Chaplains.

Below is a brief summary of events:

Monday, July 18th 4 - 5:30 PM Arrival and registration 5:30 Vespers/Evening Prayers

6:00 Supper

7:00 - 10:00 Activities, Fraternity, Snacks and Refreshments

Tuesday, July 19th 6:20 AM Morning Prayers

7:00 Mass 8:00 Breakfast

9:00 - 12:00 Games and Activities

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Closing Remarks

1:20 Departure

This year is the 6th Annual Clergy Sports Day and once again will include a variety of activities: Kaiser, Whist, Ping Pong, Darts, Horseshoes, Ladder Golf, Bocce Ball, Soccer, Basketball, and Washers.

Details regarding costs for rooms and meals will be on the registration form which will be out shortly with the rest of the information package.

Rooms can be booked now with Fr. Demetrius at guestmaster@stpeters.sk.ca See you at Muenster

Mike Bzdell-State Church Activities Director



First Degree Team for Council # 4280 (Performed Degree of initiation in French),

Worthy Grand Knights and Brother Knights:

In July, for the last five years, the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus were proud to host a Clergy Sports Day for the clergy of the four Dioceses and Eparchy of Saskatchewan at St. Peter's College in Muenster.

This year, the 6th Annual Clergy Sports Day will again give Priests, Bishops, Deacons, Seminarians and brother Knights an opportunity to fraternize, to participate in many sporting events, and to reflect in prayer at the Monastery Chapel.

The Benedictine community is once again offering their sports facilities, room accommodations and dining facility. A variety of events are being planned for all abilities and interests.

As a result of our experience over the years and comments from the participants, we offer the following plan.

- 1. On Monday, July 18th, we encourage participants to arrive by 5:30 for prayers, supper At 6:00 followed by informal games, cards, fraternity and refreshments. Participants would then take a room for the night at the College.
- 2. On Tuesday, morning prayers are at 6:20, Mass at 7:00, Breakfast at 8:00, organized games between 9-12:00 and lunch at 12:00.
- 3. All Knights of Columbus members are encouraged to come out and participate along with our brother Priests, Bishops, Deacons and Seminarians. Knights of Columbus councils are asked to cover the total cost for their clergy to attend and to accompany their clergy to Muenster. The Clergy has invited and expects the Knights to participate in the games with them. This is a wonderful way to show support to our clergy and to exchange fraternity among us.
- 4. Monday evening will be more leisurely as participants will be able to participate in games of their choice, as well as to socialize and have a few refreshments. Tuesday will be more structured with participants placed on teams that will complete against one another.
- Activities will be varied to accommodate A VARIETY OF INTERESTS AND ABILITIES.

This is an excellent opportunity for Knights and Clergy to get together for a day of camaraderie and fun. This is also an excellent opportunity to show appreciation to our clergy.

I am asking you and your council to talk to your priests/clergy and extend this invitation to him and to accompany him to Muenster. We want our clergy to know that they are important to us and that they deserve an extra day of relaxation

Clergy and brother Knights are asked to register by July 11 on the registration form in this package.

Further information can be obtained from Mike Bzdell-State Church Activities Director by phone- 306-545-9963 or by email at mbzdell@sasktel.net

Please assist your Clergy and Chaplain to take advantage of this wonderful day. We understand that your Clergy may have responsibilities that won't allow him to participate but we ask all to pray for the success of this event to foster fraternity among the clergy of Saskatchewan and to enhance a stronger relationship between our clergy and the members of our order.

Vivat Jesus,

Denis Carignan State Deputy

Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus



Major Degree Holy Family Council # 10797 Regina: 35 candidates May 1

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Clergy Sports' Day

St. Peter's Abbey – Muenster & Humboldt SK.

July 18 & 19, 2016

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Invitation to all Seminarians. Priests. Bishops. Deacons, & all Knights of Columbus Members

invitation to all Seminarians, 1	Registration I	Form
Name:	•	
Title:		
Address:		City/Town:
Email:	Phone:	
Diocese/Eparchy:		_
Council #:		
Sports: (Please indicate ye	our preferences) Circ	le 3 choices.
Soccer	2. Ladder Golf	3. Horseshoes 9. Washers
Volleyball	5. Darts	6. Ping Pong
Card &/or board games (spe	ecify)	8. Other
Note: Kof C Councils are e	encouraged to cover i	the costs of the priests attending and to
accompany them to Mu	enster.	
Registration Fee: (Please sele	ect the costs that apply	y to your participation.)
Supper (Monday)	17.85	
Social- Monday Evening)	10.00	
Room (Monday night)	45.00	
Breakfast (Tuesday)	11.55	
Lunch (Tuesday)	17.85	
Total registration amount		
Make cheque payable to: Sask		cil K of C
Send registrations by July 11		
Mike Bzdell – State Church	& Vocations Directo	r
6443 Hird Cres		
Regina, Sask. S4X 4H2		
For questions about the Priests	'Sports Day, contact	Mike Bzdell-State Church Activities Di-
rector at 306-545-9963 or by e	mail at mbzdell@sasi	ktel net

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016-17 STATE OFFICERS

Congratulations and all the best to the following Brother Knights who were elected to lead the KofC in Saskatchewan for the next Columbian Year:

Brian Schatz: **State Deputy** State Secretary Chris Bencharski: Joseph Riffel: State Treasurer Larry Packet: State Advocate Rene Gaudet: State Warden

ROUNDTABLE REPORT

Father Michael J. McGivney, a priest of God who was blessed with a magnetic personality and profound preaching style, was convinced that he was doing God's will, and inspired by the Catholic men and their families, he forged ahead in the face of many obstacles to form the Knights of Columbus. He was truly a missionary of mercy and he intended his Knights to continue to dispense mercy by showing to the world the glory of the Risen Christ in their works of benevolence and in the fraternity of each local Council.

Over the course of the last four years, I have been very privileged to coordinate the Roundtable Program for our jurisdiction, two years under the guidance and direction of PSD Gilles Doiron and the last two years under the current SD Denis Carignan. I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of loyal and dedicated brother Knights carrying out the mission of the Knights of Columbus by serving our Bishops, priests, church and communities.

Brother Knights, I have some wonderful news that I would like to share with all of you. Our jurisdiction has already met our goal of fifty (50) Roundtables prior to the end of May 2016. Congratulations and a very personal thank you to all the District Deputies, Grand Knights and Councils for sponsoring a Roundtable(s) in your neighbouring parish(es). Thank you for sharing your time, talent and programs and truly following the principles of our Order.

I would also like to thank our State Deputy Denis Carignan and the Cluster Leaders who have provided a lot of support to the Roundtable Program during this Columbian Year.

Once again, I would like to remind all of the Councils who sponsored a Roundtable between April 1 – June 30, 2016 that there will be a draw for \$100.00 that will be announced through our State Office.

Last, but, not least, I would like to ask all the Councils who are sponsoring a Roundtable to please fill out Form No. 2630 which is the Annual Roundtable Report prior to June 30th. This report not only summarizes the activities that were conducted, <u>but, also registers your Council as a Roundtable sponsor for the next Columbian Year.</u>

Brother Knights, I want to thank all of you for making the Roundtable Program here in Saskatchewan a total success.

May the Good Lord bless and keep us all. Have a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Jim Stoffel

State Roundtable Director

MAJOR DEGREE SHEDULE 2015-2016					
DATE	LOCATION	HOST DIS- TRICT	2ND DE- GREE TEAM	CO/PFC	
12-Jun-16	Sacred Heart Church Saska- toon	28	Saskatoon	Carignan	

Church and Vocations Report

Clergy Sports Day

This year marks the 6th annual Clergy Sports Day. It will be held at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster on July 18th and 19th. All councils are encouraged to invite their priest to attend this fun event and pay for their registration. If you are able please provide a ride and attend this even with them. The information package will be sent out to all district deputies and councils. The information will also be available on the state web site. Please plan to attend.

Holy Family Prayer Program

Thank you to all councils for participating in this program.

Please return the Icons and kits to the State Office so we know where they are for next year.

Father's Day Renewal of Wedding Vows

As many of you may have read in the May edition of Knightlne, supreme council, as part of the Domestic Church initiative, encourage each council to plan a Renewal of Wedding Vows event. The renewal should take place on Father's Day, during or immediately following all Masses celebrated at the parish on that day. Please see the supreme website for more information on planning this event

Mike Bzdell

Church and Vocations Director

RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 19, 2016

This is a new initiative from Supreme. There is hope that by annually sponsoring this event on Father's Day it will help make your council visible to the parish community and show your member's support for fathers and husbands.

During this event Knights and their wives along with all married couples in the parish have an opportunity to renew their commitment to their wedding vows.

ACTION STEPS

- 1. Ask your parish Priest permission to conduct the event. Set up possible times to do this.
- 2. Promote the event several weeks before,
- 3. On the day of the event make a pulpit announcement just before Mass begins. (See the other attachment) Invite all married couples to participate not only the Knights and their wives.
- 4. A reception after may be planned.

Congratulate all couples and thank them for their witness.





Father Gilpin Council 9760 Moose Jaw hosted a BBQ Steak Night. Everyone had a great time. Even with the rain.





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FATHER'S DAY OF RENEWAL VOWS

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you we turn with trust.

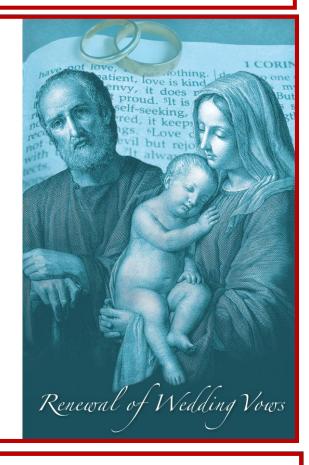
Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth. make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

> Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

Prayer composed by Pope Francis and taken from the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Lactitia (The Joy of Love, 2016)





Celebrating our Catholic Marriages and Families

Father's Day is an important time to celebrate and promote the role of fatherhood within the Christian family. Fathers, by their word and example, pass on the faith and reflect the image of God the Father within their homes. Christian marriages reflect the relationship between Christ and the Church and have the Holy Family as their primary model.

As devoted Catholics, members of the Knights of Columbus nourish, support and strengthen Catholic family life through parish-based programs and charitable works. Today, our parish's Knights of Columbus council invites each couple present to affirm their wedding vows. We hope that by doing so you and your spouse will again experience the grace received on your wedding day, when you gave witness to the union of Christ and the Church. We pray that your marriage continues to be strengthened through the example of Holy Family and the love that comes from Christ.

During or immediately following the liturgy all couples will be invited to affirm their wedding vows in a simple and solemn ceremony

RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS

The celebrant will invite couples to stand together in their pews or to gather at an appropriate place in front of the sanctuary

- Y Dear brothers and sisters, on your wedding day you joined your lives in an unbreakable bond through the Sacrament of Matrimony. I invite you now to join your right hands and renew the promises you made to one another.
- And so I remind you, husbands, that by the Lord's goodness you took this woman to be your wife. Do you affirm your promise to be true to her in good times and in bad?
- R I do.
- In sickness and in health?
- R I do.
- Do you promise to love her and honor her all the days of your life?
- And so I remind you, wives, that by the Lord's goodness you took this man to be your husband. Do you affirm your promise to be true to him in good times and in bad?
- R I do.

- V In sickness and in health?
- y Do you promise to love him and honor him all the days of your life?
 Ry Ido.
- y Lord God and Creator, we bless and praise your name. In the beginning you made man and woman, so that they might enter a communion of life and love. You likewise blessed the union of these married couples, so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church. Look with kindness on them today. Amid the joys and struggles of their life you have preserved the union between them. Renew their marriage covenant. Increase your love in them and strengthen their bond of peace, so that surrounded by their children they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- R/ Amen.

BLESSING OF MARRIED COUPLES

- y Husbands and wives, please bow your heads for the blessing
- y May God the eternal Father keep you of one heart in love for one another that the peace of Christ may dwell in you and abide always in your home.
- y May you be blessed in your children, have solace in your friends and enjoy true peace with everyone.
- May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity, so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness may one day receive you thankfully into the eternal dwelling of God.
- y And may almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- R Amen

Vows of renewal and blessing adapted from the Roman Missal, Third Edition. Prayers modified from the Prayer of Blessings of a Married Couple, Book of Blessings (1989).



Featuring the Trudel Family





July 24: Prince Albert

E. A. Rawlinson Centre

July 25: TBA

July 26: Saskatoon

Cathedral of the Holy Family

July 27: North Battleford St. Joseph's Church Hall

July 28: TBA

July 29: Regina

Holy Child Parish Church

July 30: Yorkton

St. Mary's Cultural Center

July 31: Humboldt

St. Augustine Church

Tickets \$50 each available from your local Council

A fundraising endeavor for the Bishops of Saskatchewan

SASK K OF C CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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. Fort McMurray Fire Victims

The Sask K of C Charitable Foundation has been accepting donations for victims of the fire disaster at Fort McMurray. Individual donations were sent through to the Red Cross and then matched by the Federal Government. This option ended May 31st, 2016. personal donations will the Councils he sent directly to in Fort McMurray. All Council, parish or corporate donations will also be sent directly to the two Councils in Fort McMurray to support the members affected including the 24 members who have lost their homes.

Total donations received to date was \$27,639.00. This truly exemplifies the lesson of Charity. We will continue to accept donations until June 15, 2016.

Payment Options

Donations can be forwarded directly to our Sask K of C Foundation office or made through our website 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, fami-

ly & friends that have passed away:

Richard Valois Zenon Park Don Salkeld Gerald
Rose Mihalicz Lestock Roman Fleischhacker Humboldt
Allan McLean Lanigan Leon Marchildon Zenon Park

Edmund Wrubleski Kuroki

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

Council Donations

Total Council donations have now reached \$111,719.00 which represents 155% of our target of \$7.00/member.

86 Councils have made donations to the Sask K of C Charitable Foundation in 2016

28 Councils have exceeded their target for 2016

Below is a listing of the top 10 Councils to the end of May 2016. (Next Page) A complete listing of all Councils can be found on our website at www.saskkofcfoundation.com.

	Council	Ran	king	Target	Donated	%	No. of
Dist		May	Apr		To Date	Of Tar- get	Members
2	Regina 9859	1	19	\$ 525.00	\$41,500.00	7905%	75
14	Macklin 5474	2	1	\$ 868.00	\$13,000.00	1498%	124
2	Regina 15955	3	6	\$ 210.00	\$ 2,082.00	991%	30
19	St. Walburg 5256	4	13	\$ 308.00	\$ 2,972.00	965%	44
8	Candiac 7564	5	113	\$ 259.00	\$ 1,720.00	664%	37
19	Goodsoil 5479	6	33	\$ 364.00	\$ 2,345.00	644%	52
26	Saskatoon 9539	7	3	\$ 966.00	\$ 5,000.00	518%	138
14	Luseland 6684	8	106	\$ 301.00	\$ 1,340.00	445%	43
13	Kindersley 4899	9	86	\$ 637.00	\$ 2,345.00	368%	91
2	Regina 13214	10	10	\$1,204.00	\$ 3,972.00	330%	172







Upper Left: (Presentation of 50th Anniversary Certificate to GK Ken Rolheiser Council # 5861 Fr. Decorby Council Canora.
Upper Right: Cutting of the Anniversary cake by

Upper Right: Cutting of the Anniversary cake by some of the Charter Members of Council # 5861.

Left: L to R: DD Rejean Houle, DD Lorne Kosheluk, GK Ken Rolheiser, KofC Field Agent Terry Ruf.

SASKATCHEWAN KNIGHTS DONATE AND ASSIST WITH WHEELCHAIR DE-LIVERY IN THE UKRAINE

Community Activities / Wheelchair Foundation Director



Canadian Wheelchair Foundation:

Saskatchewan delegation of nine, left Canada on May 9, to Ukraine to help deliver much-needed wheelchairs to locations in Lviv, Kiev, Dnipropetrovs'k and surrounding areas. Thank you to Caritas Ukraine (Luidmilla Sukhareva), Canadian Wheelchair Foundation (Christiana Flessner) and local Knights of Columbus Councils for your help in making arrangements to have wheelchairs distributed to various individuals at Children's Hospital, Military Hospital, Senior Homes, Orphanages and various home visits. Thirty wheelchairs were delivered in Lviv and area, sixty wheelchairs in Kiev and area and the remainder in Dnipropetrovs'k and area. Thank you to the group - Most Rev. Bryan Bayda, CSsR, Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan State Deputy elect Brian Schatz and his wife Lois, John and Marie Lebersback, Ken and Betty-Ann Piecowye, Eugene and Brenda Achtemichuk for volunteering and helping with the wheelchair distribution. It was a very emotional and a truly life changing experience. We are transforming lives through mobility. One wheelchair at a time. A big Thank You to Bishop Bryan Bayda, for being our spiritual leader, translator and our tour guide on this trip. We got to see many beautiful Cathedrals and Monasteries and with Bishop Bryan's knowledge, we learned much about Ukraine and Ukrainian history. Thank you, again, to all those members and Councils who have contributed and

helped make this project a success.

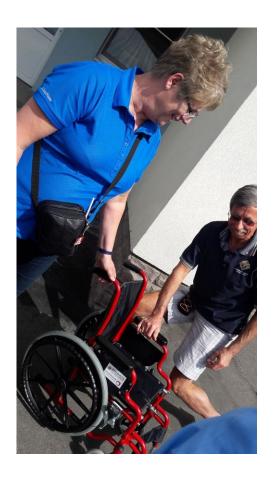
Eugene Achtemichuk

Community Activities / Wheelchair Foundation Director





Wheelchairs to Ukraine







Brother Knights of Saskatchewan, as we approach the end of this Columbian year, we again face several changes. We recently said good-by to a great individual, Bob Barkman, who has served the Knights of Saskatchewan in one capacity of another for many years. He has served as a Council Officer, Field Agent, State Officer, State Deputy, Executive Director K of C Indoor Games and most recently as the State Council Administrative Secretary. Bob continues to serve as the Saskatchewan Charitable Foundation Executive Secretary. I would be remised if I did not offer words of welcome to our new Secretary Peter Folk. We all wish you the best in this new and at times challenging job.

In just a little over a month, we will see another change in leadership as we say good-by to State Deputy Denis Carignan and welcome Brian Schatz at the helm. I want to take this opportunity to thank SD Denis for his leadership during the last two years and his friendship during our time on the Board. I also wish for you a strong finish, to hopefully equal if not beat last year's accomplishments.

Finally, as I prepare to join the "Who" gang, I want to thank those who have supported me during the last fourteen years involvement at the State Council Level. There are too many to list them all but there are a few that I would like to mention for specific reasons, PSD Martin Nienaber for planting a seed that would lead me to take on a leadership role, PSD/VSM Bert West for asking me to be on his team fulfilling the role of Membership Director, my fellow board members Bob Barkman, Marvin DeSchryver, Arden Andreas and Ed Gibney from whom I learned much of the workings of the State Council, Bob Zurowski who did not laugh at me when I asked him to nominate me for State Warden, those Board members who served under my leadership and finally to those who answered the call to serve as either Districts Deputies or State Program Directors, you know who you are and at the risk of missing some I will not name any. Just know that I am ever so grateful that you let your name stand to serve the Knights of Columbus in Saskatchewan and that it was a pleasure to serve alongside all of you.

Finally I want to mention one special gentlemen who's guidance and idea was and remains important within our organization. Our Chaplains are vital to who we are and what we do so Bishop Brian Bayda, you took me on quite a ride. From teaching me how to distribute communion in the Ukrainian rite, me a Roman Catholic of Acadian descent I must say it does not happen every day so thank you for that and everything you have done for the Knights as Chaplain during my time and I know you will continue on the new team.

The last fourteen years have been an experience Margot and I will not soon forget and I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for welcoming us in your midst so we could meet many of you, celebrate your accomplishments and journey together to make the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus a stronger and more relevant organization.

In closing, I wish to express my best wishes to the incoming State Deputy and his team and I hope that you will continue to work with them to continue the work laid out by those who are turning over the leadership. I hope that all who come in the future will remember to "Leave it Better than you Found it".

Vivat Jesus

Gilles Doiron
Past State Deputy
Saskatchewan