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Mission

Statement

The Knights of Columbus of Saskatchewan, in the name of Jesus Christ and through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, strive to build the Catholic Church by developing the spiritual growth of themselves and their families, serving parishes, building communities, and by evangelizing all people according to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights of Saskatchewan,

Time flies by quickly and by now all councils in Sask. should be in full swing in their programming and membership activities.

New member recruitment will be emphasized during the month of Oct by holding at least 1 Church Drive in each district.

Let us make a special effort to ask every eligible Catholic man to join our ranks so that he can be given the opportunity to belong to our great Order and to become involved through service in charitable outreach programs, to take advantage of the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus and to grow spiritually in his faith.

No man is too busy to be an active Knight of Columbus. By spending just 24 hours with us will enable a knight to serve his parish and help those in need in the community, grow in his faith, and provide him access to an exclusive top-rated insurance program to protect his family.

Personally, I can proudly say that becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus has helped me to grow in my faith, to be more merciful, and to serve the Church with more conviction.

Below is an example of how the involvement with the Knights of Columbus for just 24 hours can add something significant to a man's life.

-8 HOURS a year working with his council on a charitable outreach program

-3 HOURS a year enjoying a council social function such as a family dinner, dance or picnic

-4 HOURS a year attending council meetings

-4 HOURS a year (15 minutes a month) reading the Sask. Knight line, the Columbia Magazine or

visiting the Sask. State Website at www.kofcsask.com or the Supreme website www.kofc.org

-1 HOUR meeting with the Knights of Columbus insurance agent to get a free analysis about the

top-rated programs available only to members and their fami-

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-4 hours a month attending Sunday Mass with other brother knights and their families

Programs are also important, The new faith in Action Program Model which was launched on July 1st of this year allows Catholic men and their families the opportunity to grow in the faith, to conduct charitable works of mercy and to help evangelize their parishes.

In one of his addresses to the Knights of Columbus, Pope Francis encouraged the knights to continue to work towards the renewal of the church through their charitable efforts, through prayer and through witnesses of their lives.

He called on the knights to continue in fidelity to the mission of the venerable Father Michael McGivney, seeking new ways of being a leaven of the Gospel and a force for the spiritual renewal of society.

Pope Francis pointed to St. Joseph as “an admirable model of these manly virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men.”

I encourage all knights throughout Sask. to continue to be involved in doing good works to assist in charitable projects, in renewal and evangelization of your parishes, and to be admirable role models for your families and parish communities.



**Vivat Jesus,
Chris Bencharski,
State Deputy of Saskatchewan**



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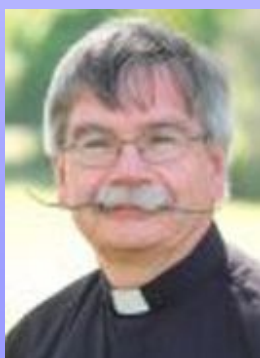
State Chaplain

September 2018 State Newsletter, Chaplain's Message

At the recent Supreme Convention, the State Chaplains of the Order were given an in-depth introduction to the new "Faith in Action" program which expresses the Order's new focus for the coming years, replacing the "Surge with Service" program. The "Faith in Action" program is aimed at building a deeper spirituality: a deeper closeness to our faith, for our members, and in my mind I see this change as a recognition that what the Order needs today is a deeper relationship with our God and a better understanding of the teachings and history of the Church.

Interestingly enough, the Supreme Convention occurred just over a week after the 50th Anniversary of the Papal Encyclical of Pope Paul VI, *Humanae Vitae*, which was promulgated on July 25th, 1968. In the past *Humanae Vitae* has often been attacked as 'Pope Paul banning the Birth Control Pill,' but it is actually a celebration of the sanctity of life which was being endangered by societal attitudes toward life issues. It is a reminder to the world that its move toward abortion, birth control and a culture of death is in opposition to the principles of Christianity, and Pope Paul wrote it so that Catholics would be reminded of the principles of life which are central of our Faith.

And so, this 50th Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* is a good time for us to make the effort to better understand this document and how central it is to our Faith. It is a short Encyclical and I encourage everyone to take the time to read it (easily found on the internet) so as to better understand it, our Faith and our Church. After all, to study *Humanae Vitae* is to be in tune with the aims of the Order's 'Faith in Action' program, to serve the Church and Family while growing in our Faith.



Fr. Edward Gibney
Associate State Chaplain



Prayer For Families

Lord God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

Father, you are Love and Life. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love.

Grant that your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families in the world.

Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love.

Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weakness and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family and through the family.

Through Christ our Lord, who is the way, the Truth and the Life for ever and ever. Amen.

Agency Report



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VALUABLE ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAMS FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

In addition to our line of products, the Knights of Columbus provides extensive services to members and their families:

Survivor Benefits

Our agents are there for members and their families to help them in the aftermath of the loss of a loved one.

Fraternal Benefits

In addition to our products, the Knights of Columbus offers Family Fraternal Benefits that can help our members facing unique needs. Many of these benefits are unique to the Knights of Columbus and some are free. These benefits include: guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children; death benefits available for stillborn or miscarried children; orphan benefits; and member/spouse accidental death benefits.

Personalized Services

A Comprehensive, Complimentary Financial Analysis

The Knights of Columbus provides members a complimentary insurance and retirement needs analysis through their local field agent. Our agents – who are also brother Knights – use “Profiles & Forecaster,” a proven industry analytical tool that helps our members identify their risks and goals.

End-of-Life Planning

The *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook* is a no-cost tool available exclusively through your Knights of Columbus field agent.

The 34-page book is a comprehensive planning guide that will enable you to record personal information, identify personal wishes, and supplement legal

Insurance Q&A

1. What is the Knights of Columbus?

The Knights of Columbus is the world’s largest Catholic fraternal benefit society, with more than 1.9 million members in over a dozen countries. Founded by a priest to help provide financial aid to Catholic families, the Knights of Columbus is now one of the largest life insurers in North America. The Knights of Columbus also helps support a multitude of charitable causes. In the last decade, the Order has given more than \$1.55 billion to charity.



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State Activities

Saskatchewan State Council

2018-2019 Calendar of Events

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EVENT	PLACE	DATES	ADJUDICATION DATE
Charity Appeal	Cudworth (3183)	November 3, 2018	✓
Celebrity Dinner	8215 (Saskatoon)	October 27, 2018	✓
Mid-Term Meeting	Kindersley (4899)	Nov 30 - Dec 2, 2018	✓
Sask Indoor Games	Saskatoon	Jan 24-26, 2019	✓
State Curling			APPLICATIONS?
Spiritual Enrichment week-end	Saskatoon (8215)	March 29-30, 2019	✓
97th State Convention	Moose Jaw	April 26-28, 2019	✓
State Golf			APPLICATIONS?
Priests' Sports Days		July 22, 23rd	

2019-2020

CB

EVENT	PLACE	DATES	ADJUDICATION DATE
Organizational meeting	Yorkton (2031)		July 12-14, 2019 ✓
Clergy Sports Day		TBD	
Charity Appeal	Denzil (3920)	November 2, 2019	✓
Mid-Term Meeting			APPLICATIONS?
Sask Indoor Games	Saskatoon	Jan, 2020	✓
State Curling			APPLICATIONS?
Spiritual Enrichment week-end			APPLICATIONS?
Easter		April 12, 2020	
98th State Convention	PA ???		
State Golf			APPLICATIONS?

State Secretary / State Council (Activities) Director Report:

Greetings my Brother Knights. Many Councils are making plans on activities to do in the next 6-12-18 months (yes, I do hope you are planning that far ahead). Have you considered hosting a State Council event? As you can see listed in the calendar of events, there are a few events that have NOT yet been adjudicated.

WHY?

As with all events, it creates the opportunity for our Order's 3rd Principles: "FRATERNITY". We all look forward to events when we will get to see those friends that we haven't seen since last year. We have all made friends over the years as we attend each event. Plus it creates an opportunity to meet new friends as we support each new event in each new place.

Now, I realize it does take some effort to put on these events. Ok it can take a lot of effort. But it can be very rewarding. And yes, it requires volunteers to carry out these events. So, we start the usual batch of helpers. And then we start calling our Brother Knights working our way down the Council Roster. Maybe we can get "that guy that doesn't like meetings" out to help, or that guy who hasn't missed an Oiler's game on tv (its summer now). We might get that guy out who was remembering why he joined the Knights (Hint: to help serve others). All creating another opportunity for FRATERNITY at the Council level, and the chance to make a few bucks doing it too.

The events CAN be associated with a Council Anniversary. Application forms are located on the State Website (www.kofcsask.com)

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The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, Family, Fraternal Service Organization that includes charitable service and financial aid to our communities, parishes, families and members.

→ BLACK BUTTON “Forms and Applications for State Council Events”).

If your Council is thinking of a date further in the future, please contact me. This list is short to save space. We will consider all applications as allowed as per policy.

If you have any questions about the process, potential dates, anything, please don't hesitate to call me or email me. I will provide as much information as I can.

ON the flip side, if we are wanting Councils to support our events, we need to show support for those other Councils hosting events. While each member may find it difficult to attend them all, it is always nice to make sure all the members are aware of the various events so they can choose to attend any of them. I hear (and I have even said), “sorry, I didn't know of the event”. SO we need to let all the Councils know of the events. Let's share our Council Calendars with the others.

Keep up the GOoD work and THANK YOU for all the things you do in the name of the Knights of Columbus.



Joe Riffel
State Secretary



In Memoriam

In memory of the 40 brother Knights who lost their lives on September 11.

You Tube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljuzSmkxBIE&feature=youtu.be>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/kofcsask/videos/305926996883786/>

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State Trainer Report

Bob Barkman, PSD

Brother Knights,

I would like to thank State Deputy Chris for putting his confidence in me to be the State Trainer.

This being a new portfolio it is very challenging and requires a lot of research and development to train various Knight in their roles within their council. I look forward to serving in this capacity and I only hope you will get to learn more about the different roles within the Knights of Columbus.

I would like to give you a brief overview of some of the leadership training Brother Chris has asked me to do.

1. Training of Council officers is one area in which all can gain some insight. I will explain in detail all officers' positions as well as how to conduct a council meeting.
2. Protocol is also very important and again I can train all in the proper protocol as prescribed by the Supreme Council.
3. Training on various Program Directors Roles and responsibilities.
4. Financial Secretary Roles and responsibilities

These are but a few of the training items that I am prepared to do for your council. I will work with your District Deputy, so we could set up a date, time and location to hold these training sessions. Depending on questions and discussion these should not take more than 90 minutes.

To arrange for any of these Leadership Training Sessions, I ask that you contact your District Deputy, State Deputy Chris Bencharski or myself.

Please note I will be away for the next few weeks so please leave a message or email me at: bbarkman@sasktel.net or leave a message at 306-230-1470. I will return your messages by October 15, 2018

Training videos are also available on line at:
kofc.org Resources: Fraternal Leader Training Webinars

Fraternally,



Bob Barkman, PSD
State Trainer



YEARLY INCENTIVES

RECRUITERS

The 10 top recruiters & their spouses will receive a complimentary trip to the International Supreme Convention and will sit at the Supreme Knight's Reserved Tables during the States Dinner. The Top Recruiter will receive the Top Recruiter Plaque during the Awards Ceremony.

GRAND KNIGHTS

The top Grand Knight in each jurisdiction in the Insurance Territories (based on their Membership Quota) will be entered into a raffle for 5 trips to New Haven for him and his spouse.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

The top District Deputy in each jurisdiction in the Insurance Territories (based on their Membership Quota) will be entered into a raffle for 5 trips to New Haven for him and his spouse.

1 GRAND KNIGHT & DISTRICT DEPUTY

The top Grand Knight and District Deputy along with their spouse in the Insurance Territories (based on their Membership Quota) is awarded a complimentary trip to the International Supreme Convention.

DISTRICT DEPUTY TRAINING

Complete all 5 to receive Certificate, Padfolio and Travel Tumbler:

- Attend State Organizational & Midyear Meetings
- Take the online DD Training course
- Attend 2 Webinars
- Attend your State Convention
- Hold 10 First Degrees in your district

DEGREES



MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH/2018

AGENDA:

*****LADIES PROGRAM – 3:00 – 4:30 P.M.**

MASS:	11:00 – St. Anne Church (217 Lenore Drive)	
REGISTRATION:	12:30 – 1:30 P.M.	\$50.00 FOR CANDIDATES, SUPPER INCLUDED.
FORMATION DEGREE:	2:00 P.M.	
KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE:	3:15 P.M.	
STROKE OF KNIGHTHOOD:	4:30 P.M.	
CLASS PHOTO:	5:00 P.M.	
BANQUET:	5:45 P.M.	\$25.00 / PERSON; BANQUET TICKETS.

BANQUET PROGRAM:

TOASTMASTER: DD # 26 Adrien Piche
 O CANADA: **ALL**
 TOAST TO THE QUEEN: Mike Manabat
 GRACE: Fr. Matthew Ramsey
 SUPPER: Catered by Touch of Ukraine
 INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE: Marte Nogot
 TOAST TO THE CLERGY: John Voltaire Bumoso
 TOAST TO THE LADIES: Vicente Ibias
 INTRODUCTION OF DEGREE TEAM: Denis Carignan
 INSURANCE AGENT GREETINGS: Paul Cochet
 CHAPTER GREETINGS: John Marshall
 GREETINGS FROM THE 4TH DEGREE: Ronald Frehlich
 COUNCIL # 11429 – HISTORICAL CELEBRATION: Marte Nogot
 INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES: DD # 27 Donald Brophy
 INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER: Joe Riffel
 GUEST SPEAKER: Chris Bencharski
 CLOSING PRAYER: Monsignor Raymond Senger
 GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. **ALL**

STATE CEREMONIAL COORDINATOR

DENIS CARIGNAN

As the State Ceremonial Coordinator for Saskatchewan, it is my responsibility to provide you with information that will facilitate, coordinate, and promote ceremonials in our province.

Admission degrees are the responsibility of each council's Grand Knight. He is asked to schedule frequent admission degrees and to post them on the State website. The admission degree may be presented in the following ways:

1. By a First Degree Team who is able to deliver the degree from memory. (There are a few such teams in Saskatchewan. There should be at least one such team in each district.)
2. By the receiving council's First Degree Team who would read (or deliver from memory) the lessons in a convincing and impressive manner.
3. By using the First Degree video. Please note that this also requires preparation.

It is very important to remember that the admission degree is the candidate's introduction to the Order and to your council. You only get one opportunity to make a first impression. The ceremonials are meaningful and the language is powerful, thought provoking and beautiful. It is then up to the members of the degree teams to bring out the power and beauty of those lessons.

The Formation Degree is the responsibility of the District Deputy. He is asked to schedule frequent Formation Degrees in his district and to post them on the State website. In Saskatchewan, there are three Formation Teams:

1. The Saskatoon Formation Team: Ceremonial Staff Coordinator (CSC) – Marty Nogot
2. The Regina Formation Team: Ceremonial Staff Coordinator (CSC) – Paul Ponak
3. The North Battleford Team: Ceremonial Staff Coordinator (CSC) – Hal Robinson

We need more Formation Teams. I encourage any individual who would be interested in taking a part in the Formation Degree to contact me. I will provide the necessary information and assistance to prepare individuals and/or entire teams.

Knighthood Degrees are the shared responsibility of the State Ceremonial Coordinator, the State Deputy, and the District Deputy.

- The District Deputy requests permission to host a Knighthood Degree in his district. He would complete the Form SK. 01 and send it to the State Ceremonial Coordinator. This Form is now available on the State website.
- The State Ceremonial Coordinator (SCC) in consultation with the State Deputy, would assign a Conferring Officer and, if a Formation Degree was being planned for the same day, would assign a Formation Degree Team.
- The SCC would then send a "Letter of Approval to host a Knighthood Degree" to the following individuals:
 - The State Deputy
 - The State Office
 - Supreme Ceremonials (Gary Nolan)
 - The host District Deputy
 - The host Grand Knight
 - The Conferring Officer
 - The Formation Degree Team Coordinator (if applicable)

The Letter of Approval would provide the following information:

- The date, time, location, and host council for the degree.
- The name of the CO and, if applicable, the CSC and their contact information.
- A list of duties and protocol to be followed by the host District Deputy and host Grand Knight.

The SK. 01 Form is now on our State website. If you need any assistance completing this form or need additional information, please contact me by phone or email. Other Ceremonial forms will also be available on the website. I will explain those forms to you in the next newsletter as I feel you've had enough information to process for now. Thanks to Brother Peter Folk who helped me prepare these forms and to format them so that they could be completed and sent electronically.

My hope is that, through our impressive ceremonials and our good works, we attract and retain many new members and their families to our Order. I look forward to meeting you and working with you.

Vivat Jesus



Denis A.F. Carignan

State Ceremonials Director





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2nd 1/4
SASK. 6 POINT MEMBERSHIP
RECRUITMENT PLAN**



Oct 1st- December 31st, 2018

- 1. Each District Deputy will identify, in consultation with the GKs and Parish Priests in the district, 1 Council that will conduct a church Drive in October or November.**
- 2. District Deputies will schedule an Admission Degree to initiate all the candidates from church drives by Nov. 30th**
- 3. Incentives will be provided for individual recruiters and for District Deputies and Cluster Leaders for facilitating church drives, recruitment and follow-up, and holding an Admission Degree by Nov. 30th.**



- 4. A Conference Call will be held on Sept. 20th at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the plan and to go over the points of how to hold a successful church drive.**
- 5. Ten Councils who did not recruit any new members last year will be contacted by Bob Ennis, Supreme Director of Canadian Growth, to discuss how State and Supreme can assist these councils to become membership active.**
- 6. DDs who want to take advantage of the "Two Church Drives Incentive" will schedule another church drive in their district and an Admission Degree by Dec. 31st.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT INCENTIVES Oct 1st- December 31st, 2018



RECRUITER INCENTIVES

- Each recruiter who recruits a new member who receives the admission degree between Oct. 1st-Dec. 31st will receive a Rosary of Our Lady of Guadalupe or of our Founder Father Michael McGivney and will also receive 1 entry into a draw for each member recruited for 1 of 5 Membership Recruitment Golf Shirts.
- Each recruiter who recruits 5 new members who receive the Admission Degree between Oct. 1st - Dec. 31st will receive a Knights of Columbus watch.
- Each recruiter also receives 500 VIP Recruitment points from Supreme for Knights Gear for each member recruited.

DISTRICT DEPUTY INCENTIVES

- Each DD who schedules a Parish Church Drive in Oct. or Nov. will receive 1 entry, for each new member recruited, into a draw for 1 of 4 Membership Recruitment Golf Shirts.
A minimum of 3 members need to be recruited from the church drive and need to receive their Admission Degree by Nov. 30th.
*Draw will be made at the Midterm Meeting
- Each DD who schedules 2 Church Drives between Oct. 1st-Dec. 31st and works with the councils to recruit 8 new members by Dec. 31st will enter his name into a draw for 1 of 3 watches.

GRAND KNIGHT AND DISTRICT DEPUTY SUPREME INCENTIVES

- Check the State Website at www.kofcsask.com for further details.

Programs

Brothers Knights:

As you are reading this, summer is over. 2018-2019 Fraternal Year is nearly 25% over. We are into fall. Time for us to start moving forward with our Knights of Columbus Service Programs. Think about all the good things your council can do for your Church and your Community. Plan your participation in the following programs - Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), Building the Domestic Church Kiosk, Rosary Program (October is dedicated the Month of the Holy Rosary. October 7 - is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary), Holy Hour, Food for Families, Family of the Month, Keep Christ in Christmas, Family Prayer Night, Coats for Kids, Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, Basketball Free Throw Championship, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, Soccer Challenge, March for Life, Special Olympics, Novena for Life and Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest. Order all the necessary kits/forms required to carry out these Programs through Supplies Online. Council officers should log into Officers Online using the "Sign In" button at the very top of the page and then click on the Supplies Online icon.

As Supreme has completely redesigned all these kits/forms to meet the Faith in Action program, I suggest every council to recycle/destroy all current information you may have on hand and reorder the new current information.

Faith in Action: A New Model for a New Age

The new program model "Faith in Action" is here to help Catholics and to help grow your council. Faith in Action programs will help us become the men God created us to be - witnesses of strong faith. These programs can also help recruit men who are looking for a deeper relationship with God. When we come together as Knights, we accomplish great things. It changes you, and everyone you encounter, forever. With our new programs, we'll keep making a difference, touching hearts and together bringing the joy of Christ to the world. Please continue to spread the word about Faith in Action!

The Faith in Action guidebook, in English, will be available on Supplies Online starting September 19, 2018. This Faith in Action Program Book is being mailed (courtesy of Supreme) to all Grand Knights, Program Directors, and Chaplains. If your council requires extra copies, please have your Financial Secretary order them.

For all information on the Faith in Action model go to www.kofc.org/faithinaction.

Safe Environment - Office of Youth Protection:

Last year, Supreme added some requirements that caused confusion. This year, those requirements changed again along with an entire new Program Model. One of the biggest changes is the youth protection training needed by every council. Remember that councils need to be compliant with all the new Safe Environment requirements to be eligible for Star Council Award.

The following people in your council need training and background check:

- Grand Knight - training
- Program Director - training
- Family Director - training and background check
- Community Director - training and background check

Remain compliant with updated Safe Environment requirements (see kofc.org/safe for details).

Supreme Forms:

Remember to complete and submit your council paperwork to Supreme.

- Form 185 - the revised Report of Officers Chosen for the Term - due by June 30.
- Form 365 - the revised Service Program Personnel Report - due by August 1. In order for your council to earn the Columbian Award, submission of this form is one of the requirements.
- Form 1295 - Semi-annual Council Audit Report - due by August 15.

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Submission of your council reports and forms help State and Supreme councils send information to council leadership, monitor the health of your council, keep up to date with what is happening in your council, see where we need to improve, offer assistance or make changes and much more. We are here to help your council succeed and continue to grow and improve as you serve our communities. All forms are available on Supreme website kofc.org.

Council Activity Program Description Form

Attached in this newsletter you will find a copy of the Council Activity Program Description Form. Thank you to the councils that submitted their Council Activity Program Description Forms, continue to submit them to me. To councils that I have not heard from, please start using this form to report on all your Council Activity Programs. Remember that without strong Council Activity Programs, your council will not attract new membership nor will it be able to retain the members you currently have.

The form is also available on www.kofcsask.com website under Forms & Applications for State Council Events - Council Activity Program Report Form.

State Council Recognition Program

Attached in this newsletter you will find a copy of the revised information for this Fraternal Year on Activity Program Awards. Activity Program Awards will be based on three levels - councils with over 80 members, councils with 51 to 80 members and councils with under 50 members. Please read the State Council Recognition Program document to fully understand the changes for this Fraternal Year. A copy of the document is on the www.kofcsask.com website under Forms & Applications for State Council Events - Council Activity Program Report Form.

Thank you for all you do for the Knights.

If you have any questions about the new "Faith in Action" program, please feel free to contact me.



Vivat Jesus

Eugene Achtemichuk
State General Program Director



STATE COUNCIL RECOGNITION PROGRAM

ACTIVITY PROGRAM AWARDS:

Each year, the Activity Program Awards recognizes those councils conducting outstanding activities in each of the ten category activities: Faith Activity, Family Activity, Community Activity, Life Activity, Council Activity, Youth Activity, Young Adult Activity, Membership Activity, Special Olympics Activity and PR/Communications Activity.

Activity has to be submitted on the Council Activity Program Description Form and forwarded (electronically preferred) to the State General Program Director with copies to District Deputy and Council file no later than March 1, 2019.

Copy of the form can be located on the State website, www.kofcsask.com.

Councils can submit their reports to me, whether it be in electronic format or a hard copy. E-mail address is pro-grams@kofcsask.com.

Activity Program Awards will be based on three levels:

1. Large Council - over 80 members
2. Medium Council - 51 to 80 members
3. Small Council - under 50 members

Awards will be based upon the council that conducts well-rounded Faith in Action programs. Programs need to be conducted in each of the ten categories by the council from March 1, 2018 to March 1, 2019.

Judging will be based on:

1. Activity originality - was this a new Faith in Action activity for the Council.
2. Nature of the activity - was it a faith-filled program that attracted men and their families.
3. Participation of members in activity - how many members and percent of membership participated?
4. Results - what was the purpose of the activity? Did the results affect the Faith, Family, Community or Life aspect of the Church and/or community?

ACTIVITY PROGRAM STATE-WIDE RECOGNITION

Each individual State Program Director (SPD) will be responsible for selecting the single best Faith, Family, Community, Life, Council, Youth, Young Adult, Membership, Special Olympics and PR/Communications total activities conducted by an individual council in the twelve month period between the state conventions. Each SPD will review their respective category Council Activity Program Description Form for completeness and accuracy. Each SPD will have control over what activities councils can claim on reports for their respective categories. Each SPD must establish a reason for disallowing an activity claimed in their respective category.

Plaques will be awarded to each council selected on the program effectiveness of the faith-filled program in each of the ten categories. All plaques will be handed out at the annual convention of the State Council.

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SUPREME/STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS:

Form STSP - State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form for Faith, Family, Community and Life. Complete and submit one form per entry per program, along with supporting documentation for each entry.

State/Supreme Council is looking for one activity that best exemplifies the best program conducted by the councils in each of the four categories - Faith, Family, Community and Life. Entries are judged first and foremost on program effectiveness. Award application content is also extremely important in conveying the effectiveness of the program. Submitting a quality entry will improve your council's chances of being selected as a State or Supreme winner. Describe in great detail the Service Program activity that you have chosen. Include pictures of Brother Knights and their families who were involved with the activity. The pictures should have a written narrative explaining what is contained in the picture. Councils can also include letters, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, etc.

The completed STSP form, with all supplementary material, can be submitted at any time during the year to the State General Program Director. State Council must receive the completed STSP Form no later than March 15, 2019.

To assist your council in preparing the STSP, please refer to the Service Program Awards Booklet (#10173). The booklet contains helpful suggestions and examples of how your council should submit its entry.

OVERALL PROGRAM AWARD - ONE PER CLUSTER AREA

Council must fulfill all 8 of these requirements to be eligible of consideration for this award:

1. File Form 185 - Report of Officers Chosen for the Term by June 30, 2018.
2. File Form 365 - Service Program Personnel Report by August 1, 2018.
3. File Form 1728 - Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity by January 31, 2019.
4. File Form 1295A - Semi-Annual Council Audit Report for period ended June 30, 2018 by August 15, 2018.
5. File Form 1295B - Semi-Annual Council Audit Report for period ended December 31, 2018 by February 15, 2019.
6. All State and Supreme bills paid.
7. Show membership increase.
8. Conduct at least four programs in each of the four major categories (Faith, Family, Community and Life). Four of these activities must be designated as a Supreme required program in each category.

OVERALL PROGRAM STATE-WIDE RECOGNITION

One council in each of the six (6) State Cluster Areas will qualify for this award. The council must meet all 8 of the above listed requirements to be selected for the award. The State Deputy and State General Program Director will be responsible for selecting the Overall Program Award for each of the six cluster areas.

Plaques will be awarded to each council selected in each of the Cluster Areas for meeting all of the necessary requirements. Plaques will be handed out at the annual convention of the State Council.



Faith Program Director Report

“Mary is the mother and model of the Church, who receives the divine Word in faith and offers herself to God as the ‘good soil’ in which he can continue to accomplish his mystery of salvation”

Pope Benedict XVI

This quote is taken from October section of the Fraternal Leader Success Planner. How fitting it is that Councils integrate the Rosary Program into their Parish! Although the 5th Sunday Rosary program is no longer necessary, many Councils continue to lead the praying of the Rosary at those times. It is suggested that the Rosary Program be held at least quarterly in our Parishes. Rosary Program Kits (#SR-Kit) are available to order. Speak with your pastor, announce from the pulpit & insert notice of the program in bulletins, in advance, to let your Parish community know that your Council is leading this program.

As well, the booklet A Scriptural Rosary for the Family (#319) is available from Catholic Information Services (CIS). This booklet can be provided to families for their use at home to strengthen their devotion to Our Lady.

This is one of the programs under the Faith umbrella.



Fraternally,

Paul Ponak,
Director Faith Program

Faith in Action printed resources in English will be available on Supplies Online on the morning of September 19, 2018. This Faith in Action Program Book is being mailed (courtesy of Supreme) to all Grand Knights, Program Directors, and Chaplains.

Please continue to spread the word about Faith in Action!

Fraternally,
Tyler



Tyler Lomnitzer

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Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

The order of the Knights of Columbus has established the Father McGivney Guild to promote the cause of canonization of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. The goal of the Guild is to spread the good word about his holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory, and to seek his intercession before the throne of God. The Guild serves as a clearing house for information about Father McGivney, his life and works, and any favours attributed to his intercession. Father McGivney is a unique model for today's Catholic and today's Catholic priests because of his intention to the social ills and injustices of his day and his collaboration with the laity.

Father McGivney was zealous for the life of union with God through prayer and the sacraments, and he would have been right at home in today's world. He was then and would be today an eager apostle for the Gospel of life, and a determined foe of the culture of death. The Guild is anxious to receive reports of favours received through Father McGivney's intercession. It is not only miracles that are required to move the cause forward, but witnesses to the power of the servant of God's prayers before the throne of God.

Membership in the Guild is open to anyone who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Father McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. All members can join on-line at this address: <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/en/contact/register.html>

I invite all members to join the Guild and regularly say the prayer for his canonization, which is available on-line and on a special prayer card, in order to advance the cause of his canonization.



Vivat Jesus
Jim Stoffel
Father McGivney Guild Director

Fall is Here!

Culture of Life Report

September 2018

July 13-15, 2018, a **Life and Family Conference**, to which my wife and I attended, was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Rama celebrating the 50th anniversary of Humanae Vitae. The following is a summary of the weekend activities:

Friday evening consisted of participating in the Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Night Prayers followed by Benediction and Candlelight Procession.

Saturday began with Morning Prayer, rosary and Liturgy of the Hours. Mass was celebrated with Bishop Mark Hagemoen of Saskatoon presiding.

Dr. Brett Salkeld, Theologian for the Archdiocese of Regina, spoke on marriage preparation and family planning and how to approach the subject with couples who already live together and are using contraception. He stated it was important to give such participants permission to question what is given without being judgmental. He said natural family planning is not a cure-all for our ills, that to change one's life, one requires changing of practices. He stated there are two pillars of family planning: 1) intimacy and 2) what the Church believes and thinks of children (justification for having children, artificial contraception vs. natural planning and influence of Culture on role of family planning). Dr. Martin Owen, a Medical Doctor who in 2016 founded the Vitae Medical Solutions to address the need for clinical and technological solutions for the medical field internationally, spoke on family and the medical profession as a call to Life from Humanae Vitae. He provided a brief but poignant perspective on how family planning had, in the 1950's, begun utilizing the Billings, Rhythm and Serena methods. He felt that we, as a society, failed to promote natural family planning while research was being manipulated with science in order to get oral contraceptives and the birth control pill out in society. He talked, also, of the huge challenge presented for Doctors who believe in Church directions and acceptance of moral responsibility with respect to Life issues. He felt it was encouraging that we have, today, a larger degree of openness and movement by the medical community to encourage natural family planning.

Three testimonials were provided:

Colm Leyne of the Youth Ministry in Saskatoon spoke of his journey in accepting Christ in his Life. He provided us with a basic recipe for consideration to becoming a Disciple and it consisted of: 1) living the truth; 2) making time for evangelizing; 3) needing to give; 4) not letting fear get in the way; 5) presenting Faith as part of reality; 6) witnessing to your life; 7) needing to pray.

A courageous lady spoke of her journey having to come to grips with overcoming adversity in her life.

A married couple bravely shared their take on the sacrament of marriage and some of the trials and tribulations they had experienced within their marriage. They described marriage as a Pilgrimage. Our gracious thanks to Mary Kowalyshyn, Desiree and Marcy Millette for planning, organizing and overseeing this informative and engaging Conference.

The **Conscience Protection Campaign** will begin in earnest this coming October 2018. Preparations are currently underway to host a Meeting of Knights of Columbus representatives and their allies on October 16, in the Faith and trust that we will manage to discuss and implement a strategy to officially get the Conscience Protection Campaign underway!

Vivat Jesus,



Gerald & Bernie Wieggers
Culture of Life Couple



SK State Community Director's
Knightline Report
September 2018

The Community Program under the new Faith in Action model encompasses 8 different programs. Several are the same programs that councils have been involved in previous years and a few are new. All of the programs allow our Brother Knights to live out their faith in a concrete way. Just a few remarks on some of the different programs.

Coats for Kids should be on councils to do lists now. The weather is increasingly getting colder faster and young people need to be kept warm. Please contact the Coats for Kids program director if you require assistance.

Helping Hands is new. It is a required program to be completed by councils for their Columbian Award. Some examples of ideas for the Helping Hands program include working at a food bank, local soup kitchen, holding drives for specific supplies.

Soccer Challenge is well under way now. Bro. Cody Geiger has sent out reminders about this program already.

Basketball Freethrow is another youth program that will be coming up in the new year. Please watch for reminders about this activity.

Disaster Response is a really new category and Bro. Kevin Kanawati has taken on this program as Chairman. Kevin has quite a bit of experience in disaster response and more information will be forthcoming.

Please take note of the other different programs and their chairmen listed below – that fall under the Community directorship. If you have questions please feel free to contact them or myself and if we don't have the answers we'll get them for you.

Thank you for taking on these programs for the good of our parishes and our communities.

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MADD Golf Tournament – Kerry Swallow ... R: 306-929-2971

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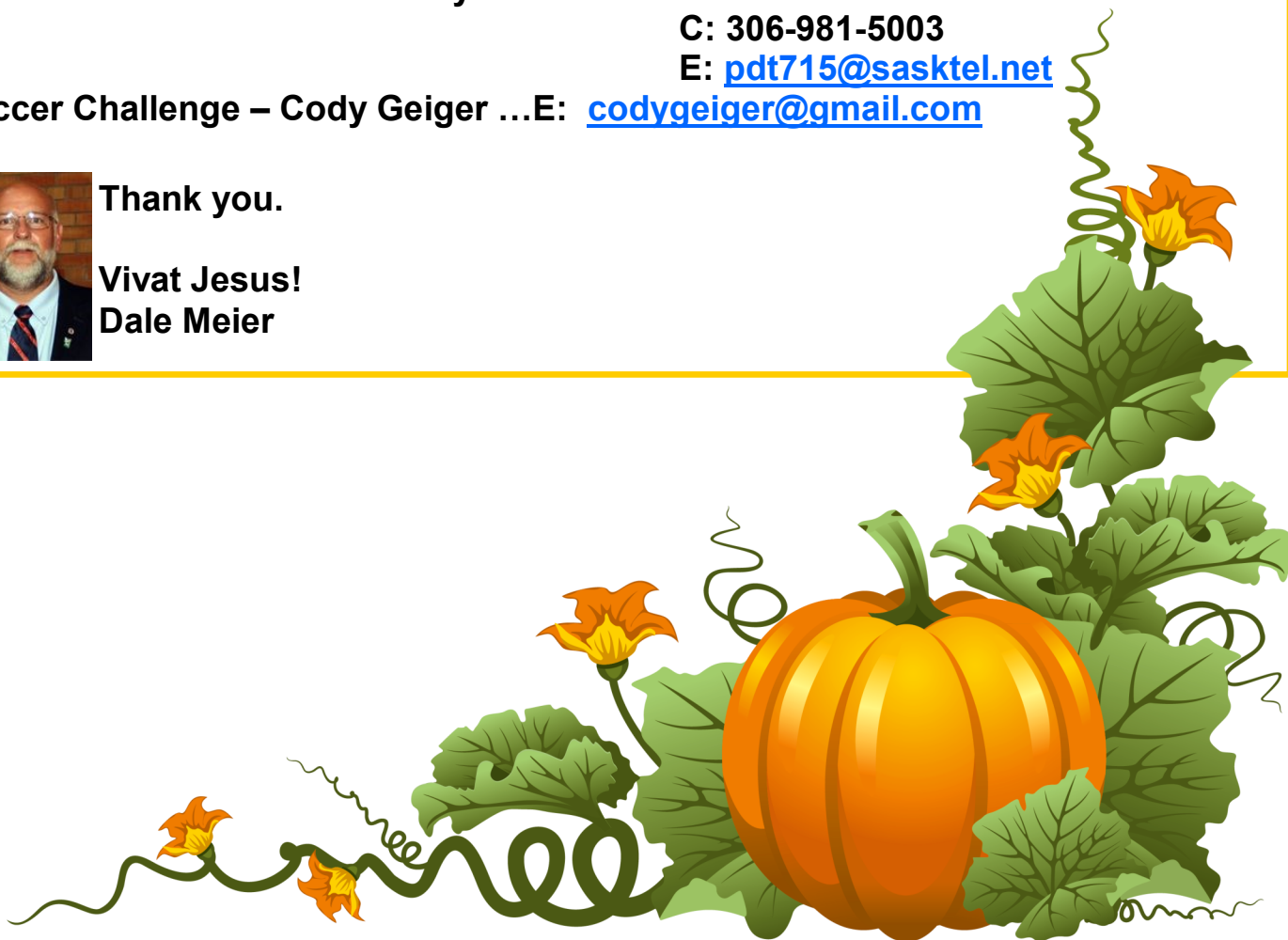
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Soccer Challenge – Cody Geiger ...E: codygeiger@gmail.com



Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!
Dale Meier



CULTURAL DIVERSITY VISION

Greetings Brother Knights,

Welcome to the 2018-19 Columbian year. I hope you enjoyed your two months of summer rest and had a great time with your families.

As the month of September is already hanging in the air, our duties as Knights again start and resume with our regular meetings and rhythm of activities. Like the aster flowers, the birth flower of the month of September, that symbolize wisdom, valor and faith, we the Knights also stand for those kinds of qualities.

Honestly I feel honored to chair this Cultural Diversity Committee and I appreciate our IPSD Brian Schatz and the state board in their trust and confidence in me to start this Ethnic program last year. Thanks also to our new Worthy State Deputy Chris Bencharski who choose me again to lead this mission under his term. For me, your trust my brother Knights is everything that gives me courage and confidence especially when you elected me as the new State Warden of our jurisdiction. Thank you to all of you.

Diversity is one thing we all have in common. We just need to recognize that each individual has a value of its own which we need to follow so we can have respect for the dignity of every individual. I strongly believe if we work together in diversity we will have the greatest strength because what is demonstrated is the principle of Unity. "The single fiber so easily broken but when bound to others resist every effort."

Most Catholics a long time ago experienced the faith through a single cultural lens yet people around the world live and imagine it in ways of a rich diversity.

Maybe one common obstacle is "FEAR". What we need to do is to remove the word fear. If we think of fear, we will come to the situation of not accepting each other. When we don't accept each other because of fear, we will ignore each other and we will not know each other. Fear will only separate us. We are all human being, we are all part of the whole universe, a part limited in time and space. We have our own experiences, thoughts and feelings as something separated from the rest and this makes a kind of optical illusion sometimes we have in our consciousness. Life is like a race, but life is not competition; I believe life is helping each other. But having illusions for other purposes will only imprison us - restricting us to only our personal desires and give affection for what only is nearest to us. Let's make our task to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion not only by word but by deeds, so we can embrace all living beings and all of nature. Deep inside us we're not that different at all.

Today our Order's principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism are the perfect fit for every community regardless of cultural differences. Diversity now in the modern world is more than just skin color; it's gender, age, special background and even Catholicism appeals to different cultures for various reasons but still our faith is universal.

This Columbian year the Cultural Diversity committee will launch a program to help our Order grow especially here in Saskatchewan. This is to encourage all Ethnic Catholic immigrants living in the province to join our Order of Knights of Columbus. The title of this project is "GROW IN YOUR FAITH WITH THE KNIGHTS", in order for the Church to move forward, we the Knights need to help and carry the responsibility with our faith bringing more men to the Order as we are part of an important role in helping the Church. We the Knights have no exemptions and we are committed to work in repentance, reform and rebuilding of the Church as our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson directed.

We need more good men. While Roman Catholics remain the largest religious group in Canada with an estimated 14 million followers with growing numbers of adherents from African and Asian communities, that's shifting the makeup of Canada's largest church.

Here in our province of Saskatchewan many Catholic immigrants are coming, but do we invite them to get involved?

To all Councils, to all District Deputies, Grand Knights and Cluster leaders, let's do our duties to help them grow their faith in the Knights of Columbus. We need their intrinsic qualities of Catholicism and it will help our councils grow. We need young good men to join our Order of the Knights of Columbus. On the State board, Cluster leaders are committed to do a church drive and we are asking all DD's and GK's to schedule a church drive in your area with the help and coordination of your Parish pastor.

Let our Worthy State Deputy Chris Bencharski know of your Church Drive plan and Cultural Diversity involvement plan and we'll make it happen in a way in which you are comfortable in your parish.

Jesus is still calling and being just a catholic is not enough. We need to stand strong in our faith. We need to be his fisherman or his carpenter. To be a knight is to become his disciple so let's start living a life - offered for the sake of others.

Fraternally yours,



SK Marte Clemente Nogot
State Cultural Diversity Chairman
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Council Activities

Council 4899 Kindersley held a Membership Recruitment Church Drive at St Joseph's Parish on Sunday, Sept. 16th.



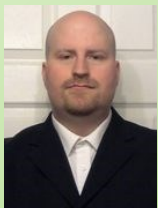
*From Left to Right: **Randy Schwartz**--D.D. of District 13; **Balzer Schafer**--Former D.D. of District 13; **Garnett Gremlick**- Former D.D. of District 13 and Past State Membership Director; and **Marte Clemente-Nogot** - State warden and State Cultural Diversity Chairman. Missing Fr. Emmanuel*

Soccer Challenge

Greetings, Brothers. Just a reminder for the **soccer challenge**. At this time, you should have already run your council competitions, or at least have them scheduled soon. District Deputies or a designate they have arranged should be taking care of district competitions, if more than one council in the district is participating. The district competitions should be completed by the end of October at the latest, but I would suggest the earlier the better, as it is supposed to get cold early this year. If there is no regional competition in your cluster, the kicks for the State competition should be completed by the winners of the district competition and forwarded to me for tallying. All regional competitions should be completed by the end of November, as the deadline for State entries will be December 1.

Again, if there are any questions please contact me at codygeiger@gmail.com.

Vivat Jesus!



SK Cody Geiger
State Soccer Challenge Chairman

Greetings by the State Deputy at the 19th Annual Millennium Cross Annual Pilgrimage

One of the four main programs in the new Faith in Action four part Program Model of the Knights of Columbus which was launched on July first of this year was Life. The new Faith in Action Program Model allows us to come together to share our faith with our families and to defend life at all stages in every condition.

Coming together as we did here today is a great way to show our support for the sanctity of all human life.

I urge all of you to continue to be involved the entire year to show your support and to encourage others in your communities to support the Culture of Life through local marches for life, by supporting your local prolife group, by organizing masses for people with special needs in your parishes, by working with your parish priest to hold a Novena for Life in your parish, to support pregnancy centers and to show the governments through our words and actions that we believe in the sanctity of all human life from the moment of conception.

We need to show through words by sending letters to our elected officials and to become vocal in expressing our views about our support for the Culture of Life.

We also need to show through our actions by attending rallies and marches in support of human life. At the beginning of May, the March for Life is held in Regina across from the legislative buildings--- This year instead of 150 people attending—if we are serious about our convictions and beliefs—we need 1050 people attending. We need each one of you present today from every council to organize a van full of supporters to join you to attend the March for Life next May in Regina.

The other area where we need your support is on a project which we will work on this year- to persuade the Government of Saskatchewan to pass Conscience Protection Legislation where doctors and other health care professionals are protected from performing procedures which are against their religious beliefs. We have with us today Our State Culture of Life Couple Gerald and Bernie Wieggers who will be working on a committee with a meeting planned for Oct 16th at the Cathedral. This meeting will be attended by representatives from different groups who will plan a campaign to press the Government of Saskatchewan to pass Conscience Protection Legislation.

I thank all of you for your attendance here today and I urge all of you to continue your participation through words and actions for the defense of all life. I also encourage you to be Culture of Life Ambassadors in your communities and to work to involve more people in this very important cause.

Vivat Jesus,
Chris Bencharsi
 State Deputy of Saskatchewan.

*Left-Right: His Excellency **Bishop Bryan Bayda**, Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus State Chaplain; **Maire Claire Bissonett**- Executive Director of Campaign Life Coalition; **John Srrosta**- Chairman of the Millennium Cross Board of Directors, **Valerie Hettrick**-President of Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association; **Joe Bayda**-Father of Bishop Bryan Bayda; **Chris Bencharski**- State Deputy of Sask. State Council Knights of Columbus, and **Gerald Wieggers**- Knights of Columbus State Life Chairman*



The Millennium Cross is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus "Praying for the Sanctity of Life"

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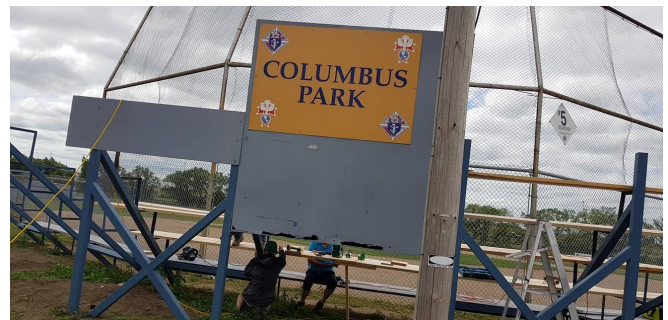
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[Brochure for more information](#)

Columbus Park Maintenance by Regina Chapter Work Group last July



SPECIAL OLYMPIC SASKATCHEWAN 2018 TRUCK CONVOY AND FUNDRAISER

Saturday, September 15th, 2018

The 2018 Truck Convoy (comprised of 45 semi truck drivers and 8 Truck Pull Teams) was a unique celebration of the trucking industry and its support of Special Olympics. Local law enforcement agencies made a special dispensation and escorted a convoy of trucks from Swift Current to Regina and from Saskatoon to Regina to the Turvey Centre in Regina.

The 12th Annual Convoy was welcomed by the Special Olympics community, athletes, families, friends, colleagues, law enforcement officers, and the organizations, companies and agencies that made up the trucking industry.

A barbeque and truck pull competition was held to recognize participating truckers, law enforcement agencies in support of the trucking industry and particularly for raising funds for Special Olympics and awareness of people with intellectual disabilities. (Note: Norm Scheiderham, a corporal with the Orange County Sheriff's Dept. first created the Truck Convoy).

This year's Truck Convoy raised over \$20,000 for Saskatchewan Special Olympics and provided for more awareness of the organization's principles and purpose.

The Knights of Columbus Bishop O'Neill council Brother Knights assisted in the preparation and serving of the barbeque of hot dogs, hamburgers and the serving of refreshments and snacks.

Thank you to all brother knights who supported the 2018 Truck Convoy! We will see you there next year!

Note: for further information on the 2018 truck convoy, see the Saskatchewan Special Olympics website.



Council members led by **Norbert Philippe** led the barbeque



State Program Director for Special Olympics **Terry Shalley** with Special Olympic athlete World champion swimmer

Submitted by **Terry Shalley**, State Special Olympics Program Director

The selling of the Charity appeal tickets, \$1.00 from every K of C member goes directly to Special Olympics Saskatchewan for all their athlete programs and activities in the province. Last year our State donated over \$17,000 to their organization.

Knights of Columbus Council 4704

Sunday lunch on August 12, hosted by Kevin and Reham Kanawati.



In the pictures:

In the group picture:
 Worthy DD **Rob and Shannon Chapple**
 Worthy GK **Tyler Wolfe**
Father Danilo Rafael

The Filipino guy playing pool is:
Father Danilo Rafael



Praying to combat the powers of darkness in Canada

ROSARY COAST TO COAST CANADA
 4 PM Eastern Time, 3 PM Central Time,
 2 PM Mountain Time, 1 PM Pacific Time,
 5 PM Atlantic Time, 5:30 PM Newfoundland Time

7 OCTOBER/OCTOBRE 2018

CHAPELET D'UN OcéAN À L'AUTRE DU CANADA
 16h00, heure de l'Est, 15h00, heure du Centre,
 14h00, heure des Rocheuses, 13h00, heure du Pacifique,
 17h00, heure de l'Atlantique, 17h30, heure de Terre-Neuve

RosaryCoastToCoast.ca

Priez pour lutter contre les puissances des ténèbres au Canada

Veillez vous joindre à nous!

Time/Le temps:

Location/Emplacement 1:

Location/Emplacement 2:

Contact name at email/nom à courriel:

Councils Recruiting New Members

Goodsoil Council #5479	1
Meadow Lake Council # 5259	2
Kelvington-Rose Valley # 6543	3
Saskatoon Council # 8215	3
Saskatoon Council # 11429	1
Saskatoon Council # 11888	1
Regina Council # 4707	1
Regina Council # 10797	2
Regina Council # 5949	1
Total	<u>15</u>

Online members :

Moose Jaw	2
Meadow Lake	1
Martensville	1
Prince Albert	3
Saskatoon	1
Regina	1
Total Online members	<u>9</u>
Total Members to Sept 15th For Saskatchewan	<u>24</u>

Thank you for your recruiting efforts.





JIM PATTISON
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION

**Knights of Columbus
5th Annual**

**Celebrity
DINNER EVENT**

**Presented by...
Les & Irene Dube**



Where:
Cathedral of the Holy Family

When:
Saturday October 27, 2018

MC...
Jeff Rogstad

Guest Speakers...
CFL Commissioner - Randy Ambrosie
Smiling Hank - Henry Burris



Link: <https://knightsforcolumbus8215.com/celebrity-dinner-2018/>

Website Report

1. There are new videos posted on the state website. To view them, click on "VIDEO GALLERY" on the left-hand side of the website.
2. Council numbers, names, and name of each council's grand knight (and a link to email the grand knight) are listed on the state website. Click on "COUNCIL DIRECTORY" on the left-hand side of the website.
3. Clicking on "LINKS OF INTEREST" on the state website takes you to a listing of some links of interest to Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus members.

Fraternally,



Peter Folk
Saskatchewan State Webmaster
www.kofcsask.com



From the Bulletin Editor

Do you like the Saskatchewan Knightline newsletter? Do you encourage all Knights to look at it? Anyone can go to the website and look at the newsletter. So if you have someone that is interested in the Knights and wants to know what we do, tell them to check out the newsletter.

Deadlines for the next articles and photographs:

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article/Photo Submission Deadline</u>
October 2018	October 15, 2018
November 2018	November 15, 2018
December 2018	December 14, 2018



Gus Janczyszyn

Send Articles and Photos to Knightline Editor at: editor@kofcsask.com

****When providing articles and pictures, please be specific. Include caption notes and names of individuals in pictures. A picture alone means little, unless you were there! Just think of the reader as a first time reader. Would he or she understand the picture, story etc.**



Social Media Report

As a result of a continuous team efforts and due to your support and participation, our Social Media Channels continue to grow and to play a major role, not only as a method to connect to members, but also as tools for your councils to connect with parishes and to reach their community.

Recent numbers from our Facebook Public Page <https://www.facebook.com/KofCSask/>

Reach

August 17 - September 13

16,160

People Reached ▲47%



Total Page Followers as of Today: 800



Facebook Members Area Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KofCSask/>

Groups Insights

29 +38%

New Members
Last 28 Days

346 +3%

Posts, Comments and Reactions
Last 28 Days

Growth Last 28 Days ▼

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Total Members

Aug 18, 2018 - Sep 14, 2018

712 Members



712

Total Members
+65%

*** New Announcements Section in the Members Area Group ***

Up to ten announcements can be added this section, which show up at the top of the group page. However, only one announcement shows up, with a little "See More" link to view the rest of them. This objective of this section is to publish all kind of announcements and events from the State Council office to reach members of the order in the "Members Area".

Also follow us on:

LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/knights-of-columbus-saskatchewan-state>

YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2YBn-icoLS1jnbAx5C_wiA

Twitter <https://twitter.com/KofCSaskState>

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/kofcsask/>

To share your council news and events on our Social Media channels, please email us at Kevin@oosd.com.



Vivat Jesus!

SK Kevin Kanawati B.Comm., PgD, MSc. IT
Social Media Chairman



SASK K OF C CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

State Newsletter - September, 2018

www.saskkofcfoundation.com



Harvey Granatier
President

Sask K of C Charitable Foundation is extremely pleased with Council & member support thus far in 2018

- Total donations reached \$105,789.75. This is a result of a few very generous donations from individual members.
- 30 Councils have reached their target for 2018
- 80 Councils have made a donation to the Foundation in 2018

We invite you to view our website at www.saskkofcfoundation.com and click Councils on the bottom right hand side of the home page to view the contributions by your Council.

The goal of the Sask K of C Charitable Foundation is to have every Council participate. We currently have 80 Councils that have made a donation in 2018. That means we have 57 Councils that have not contributed thus far in 2018. Our Board of Directors are striving to achieve a 100% participation and ask our Grand Knights & District Deputies for your assistance in achieving this goal.

Memorial Fund Contributions

We encourage Councils and members to remember deceased members, family and friends through a Memorial donation to the Sask K of C Charitable Foundation. For each donation, the family of the deceased will receive a certificate acknowledging the donor. The name of the deceased member will also be included in the website www.saskkofcfoundation.com as well as in our Foundation Memorial Mass.

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:

Mike Vass	Regina	Jerome Hengen	Estevan	Frances Pollries	Humboldt
Tony Hopfauf	Regina	Peter Greif	Regina	Madeleine Carignan	Calgary, Alberta
Therese Groat	Tisdale	Brian Wappel	Battleford	Rose Ann Corbeil	Edam
Jake Volk	Regina	Elmer Hauta	Unity	Dan Mueller	Humboldt
Joseph Boser	Unity				

These departed individuals are recognized due to a Memorial donation made on their behalf in the month of May. To contribute, we ask you to indicate Memorial Donation on a sheet attached to your check payable to the Sask K of C Charitable Foundation. Also place the name of the deceased (and their Council, if appropriate) on the attached note together with the name and address of the family member to whom you wish us to mail the recognition certificate.

Wheelchair Purchase – Sask K of C Charitable Foundation has partnered with the State Board on a project designed to provide wheelchairs to churches, community centers etc in partnership with the local Councils.

It is our intent to purchase 65 wheelchairs from the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation and then sell them to Councils who will then distribute them to those in need within their community. The wheelchairs will be identified with a permanent Knights logo. We will have information to share with Councils shortly.

Donations can also be made on the website at www.saskkofcfoundation.com under the tab Donate Now.

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Knights of Columbus State Board Statement

in Response to the Findings Of The Pennsylvania Grand Jury

Knights of Columbus – Chevaliers de Colomb



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Dear Saskatchewan Brother Knights and Families,

If we do not look for Christ, what are we looking for and whom do we expect to see?

It seems all our lives we look for Jesus. Often we believe we see Him or His hand in creation, such as in a sunset or a riveting picture of grand lakes and mountains. But we know that also in great pain and suffering we look for Him. Often we are confounded and blinded by our acute pain and are spiritually challenged asking, "Where is Jesus?"

So likewise, with the recent confirmation of decades of disaster of sexual abuse, we find ourselves with so many other faithful, knights, clergy and hierarchy in the same place. We are all struggling to express the numerous emotions of disgust, anger, fear, resolve, loss, shame, confusion, despair that make up a host of reactions that come to our minds and our hearts. Many are desperately wading in an emotional bog. We are looking for meaning in what seems to be a situation that is bereft of any easy answers. So we ask, "Where is Jesus?" and we look for Him. What are we looking for if we are not looking for Christ Jesus? The evil one wants us to feel as though we are in the depths of despair and think we are alone. In our pain the last thing he wants is for us to look for Jesus. And so we look for Him.

It gives insight into the overwhelming disillusionment that must have been experienced by those who learned of other major tragedies in history. How could this be? This is inconceivable! How can people do this to other people? As if our pain could not be intensified, it finds new depths when we consider that people intentionally perpetuated a narcissism that forever changed the lives of innocent children, their families and friends, clergy, hierarchy, the church and indeed all of society.

A Host of Victims

Where is Jesus? Well, without a doubt we see Christ in the victims. The people who were abused emotionally, physically and sexually are Jesus on the cross. As Christ felt forsaken by the Father so must these people have experienced being forsaken by God and possibly others such as parents, friends and family, who led them, in part, to trust people that now stripped them of their dignity. This has devastated their sense of identity, sense of humanity and eclipsed their sense of being a child of God. If we want an insight into the suffering of Jesus, we look into the eyes and the heart of a helpless person, as they grow emotionally and spiritually numb. This is where we see Christ, in those who are helpless, abandoned and emotionally devastated.

We also see Jesus in everyone around the primary victims, those who may feel indirectly victimized in some related fashion. What must go through the mind of a person who was caring for vulnerable people and thought the current level of security was sufficient but now gaze upon a home, a family, a parish or a diocese that was invaded? It is in the faces of people feeling betrayed that we see Christ. The sense of being victims in light of their responsibility to protect others is haunting.

In Christ we find comfort, wisdom and healing. No matter what a person is experiencing upon learning of this abuse disaster, people need to affirm their understanding, their feelings and their perspective of the tragedy. They look to others for this. They ask themselves, "Is what I am experiencing real?" "Did people in positions of trust and power actually do this?" "Are others as angry as I am? Are others as devastated as I am?" Again, here is where I look for the face of Jesus.

The person who drops the ball belongs to a team.

Parents, friends, knights, family, clergy and hierarchy trusted certain other "team members" who lied. The degree of responsibility varies when we consider the coach or the captain or other teammates. Each parent, friend, family member, priest, religious brother or sister and bishop had made an act of trust that resulted in tragedy for so many. In life, lawyers trust the integrity of other lawyers. Doctors trust the integrity of other doctors. Professionals trust other professionals and

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spiritual leaders trust the integrity of other spiritual leaders. Astronauts trust the rocket someone else built. Commuters trust engineers and construction workers who designed and built the bridges they use everyday. Yet things fail because people fail. Failure is intensified when people know of a danger to others and intentionally do not act upon it. Every one tries to trust others in a crowd or school, but woe to the person who brings a weapon to harm others. In the end, children placed their trust in everyone older than them. The “ball was dropped” and they feel the team let them down.

Trust is like a forest fire.

For decades a forest will grow and spread, enhancing a landscape and offering a place of beauty and sustenance for wildlife and people alike. Yet with one small match, in the span of a few hours, large portions of a forest can be destroyed that took decades to grow. It seems the forest of trust is still smoldering. Is there any limit to where it will spread?

Again, we see Jesus here! After a string of fires, lives are counted and reconsidered, the damage is evaluated, some rebuild, some move elsewhere, but everyone has learned more about the cost of trust. There is a price. Jesus is in the faces and the hearts of those who pick up the pieces. Jesus dwells in the people, who, similar to the blue berries after a forest fire, start new growth. They adopt better practices and start rebuilding the trust.

It is important to know that the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors has recently met (September 7-9, 2018) in Rome and the person in charge; Cardinal O'Malley, is a strong Knight of Columbus. It will be interesting to see what further measures experts say should be taken by entire dioceses/eparchies as well as other organizations so that the dignity of children and families are protected in the best manner possible. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is meeting at the end of September and the energy they have directed toward this issue for some time now will soon be shared.

If we do not look for Christ, what are we looking for and whom do we expect to see? We look for Jesus in scripture to confirm and comfort others and me in the chaos.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling block comes! Matthew 18:6-7

“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Matthew 7:1-2

How does a person respond?

Like most tragedies, there are immediate responses as well as responses that have to be well thought out so that steps can be taken to thoroughly prevent further tragedy. Some might be offended by the length of time responses come but the larger the issue the longer it usually takes to address it in a comprehensive way. An immediate response can offend by seeming to treat the issue superficially while a more comprehensive response can offend because it is not swift. Both are needed, but immediate cannot be interpreted as thorough.

Victims need to be recognized. Some have carried this pain for some time. Like a broken bone that heals poorly, setting the broken bone properly later calls for a new wave of pain. The victims need the space to deal with this and follow a way of healing that makes sense for them. Other indirect victims in the church are called to walk with them. Wounded people have an insight about how to help others who are wounded.

Many dioceses and eparchies have abuse prevention protocols and policies in place. None of them are perfect and they usually include rules and behaviors that are expected, legislated and aimed at prevention. It can be argued that over the past several years, efforts by dioceses and eparchies to uncover abuse are evidently working or these tragedies would still remain hidden. Policies in place since 1992, however, are continually improved upon and ongoing training to deal with these issues of abuse is one more comprehensive way to educate all adults about prevention, be they bishops, priests, religious, professionals of any stripe, volunteers, parents and friends.

In a letter by Holy Father Pope Francis that was addressed to the People of God in August he says:

“It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion.”

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Likewise, penance and prayer will help us to open our eyes and our hearts to other people's sufferings and to overcome the thirst for power and possessions that are so often the root of those evils. May fasting and prayer open our ears to the hushed pain felt by children, young people and the disabled. A fasting that can make us hunger and thirst for justice and impel us to walk in the truth, supporting all the judicial measures that may be necessary. A fasting that shakes us up and leads us to be committed in truth and charity with all men and women of good will, and with society in general, to combatting all forms of the abuse of power, sexual abuse and the abuse of conscience."

For the complete text go to Pope Francis: Letter to the People of God, 20 August 2018 http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20180820_lettera-popolo-didio.html

Statement by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the findings of the Pennsylvania Investigating Grand Jury

Catholics across our country are rightly ashamed and saddened regarding the findings of the Pennsylvania Investigating Grand Jury. With Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, we reiterate the profound sadness that we as Bishops feel each time we learn about the harm caused as a result of abuse by Church leaders of any rank.

The Bishops of Canada treat with great seriousness instances of sexual abuse of minors and inappropriate conduct on the part of all pastoral workers – be they fellow Bishops, other clergy, consecrated persons or laity.

National guidelines for the protection of minors have been in place in Canada since 1992, which dioceses and eparchies across the country have applied in their local policies and protocols. This fall, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops will launch updated and expanded guidelines promoting the safeguarding of minors and increasing accountability and transparency within Church leadership.

In communion with Pope Francis, the Bishops of Canada want victims to know that the Church is on their side. Those who suffer are the Church's priority, and the Church wants to listen to them and to learn from them.

The Catholic Bishops of Canada understand well how much these crimes can shake the faith and the spirit of believers. We hope and pray that the Catholic faithful will assist all of us in every way to create safe and respectful environments for everyone, especially minors and vulnerable adults in the Church and in all of society.

http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/CCCB_statement_-_Findings_of_Pennsylvania_Investigating_Grand_Jury_-_EN.pdf

Declaration of the Director of the Holy See Press Office, Greg Burke, 2018-08-16 says:

The Holy Father understands well how much these crimes can shake the faith and the spirit of believers and reiterates the call to make every effort to create a safe environment for minors and vulnerable adults in the Church and in all of society.

Victims should know that the Pope is on their side. Those who have suffered are his priority, and the Church wants to listen to them to root out this tragic horror that destroys the lives of the innocent.

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2018/08/16/180816b.html>

The joint statement by Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Bishop Timothy L. Doherty, Chairman, USCCB Committee for the Protection of Children and Youth People, 14 August 2018 reads:

We are profoundly saddened each time we hear about the harm caused as a result of abuse, at the hands of a clergyman of any rank. The USCCB [Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People](#) and the office of the [Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection](#) will continue to offer avenues to healing for those who have been abused. We are committed to work in determined ways so that such abuse cannot happen.

The Pennsylvania grand jury report covers a span of more than 70 years. In 2002 the U.S. Catholic bishops adopted the [Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People](#), which commits us to respond promptly and compassionately to victims, report the abuse of minors, remove offenders and take ongoing action

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to prevent abuse. This Charter was revised and updated in 2011 and again in 2018. We pledge to maintain transparency and to provide for the permanent removal of offenders from ministry and to maintain safe environments for everyone. All policies and procedures regarding training and background check requirements are made publicly available by dioceses and eparchies.

<http://uscceb.org/news/2018/18-138.cfm>

No surprise our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has expressed his response to this news:

Worthy Chaplains and Dear Brother Knights,

The issues that have come to light concerning sexual abuse by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick and in the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report are cause for grave concern among Catholics and Brother Knights. Many feel deeply betrayed by those whom they long held in high regard. Such concerns are shared not just in the United States, but in Europe, Latin America and elsewhere.

These sins of commission and omission have sent the Church we love, the Church we serve and the Church that Jesus Christ established into convulsions. Sadly, the disgrace not only is borne by the perpetrators, it hurts us all, as does the silence of shepherds who have ignored the cries of their flocks.

There are many wonderful and faithful laborers in the vineyard of the Lord among our priests and bishops. However, it is clear that in addition to devastating criminal acts, we have seen many other moral failings by clergy that represent a crisis of commitment to the Gospel.

Too often the needs of victims have been subordinated to a distorted sense of mercy toward the perpetrators or an instinct for clerical self-preservation. The sexual acts — both criminal and non-criminal — highlight the need to recover a respect for and a renewed commitment to the priestly promises of celibacy.

The Knights of Columbus has supported the pastoral and charitable work of our bishops and priests since our founding by the Venerable Father Michael McGivney. We understand that the priest should lead the parish and the bishop should be the center of unity in a diocese. But we — like all Catholics — are painfully aware of the wreckage that ensues when elements of this leadership are abdicated by evil actions whether directly perpetrated or covered up.

Now, the Knights of Columbus — laymen, priests and chaplains together — will have an important role to play in rebuilding the Church. We must commit the Knights of Columbus to work for repentance, reform and rebuilding of the Church. Repentance should include a full accounting of the misdeeds by those who have committed them. Archbishop McCarrick and others at fault owe us a full account of their actions, motivations and cover-ups. After years of having us confess to them, it is now time for them to come clean about what they have done and what they have failed to do.

This will also help increase the recognition that clerical sexual abuse is a global problem that must be addressed at the highest levels of the Catholic Church. Moreover, priests and bishops who refuse to live according to their promises of celibacy should be removed from public ministry, not out of retribution, but for the protection of the faithful and to prevent future variations of the scandal we now suffer.

Reform must include many good ideas that have been proposed, such as a full and complete investigation of sexual abuse led by an independent commission that includes laity; complete transparency by the Catholic hierarchy into all matters of criminal sexual misconduct past or future; an expansion of the zero tolerance policy to include sexual activity or misconduct by clerics including bishops, and by seminarians; and a call for faithfulness by all members of the clergy, including bishops. There must also be an independent ethics hotline for reporting of criminal and other conduct at odds with Catholic teaching on the clerical state of life; and there must be protections against retaliation.

Such reforms will be difficult for a Church largely unused to them, and we must support our bishops and our priests in embracing these reforms in order to rebuild.

We can help to rebuild our Church in several ways. Above all else, Knights — and our chaplains — must embrace love of God and love of neighbor. This is Christ's great commandment and the founding mission of our Order. It is also exactly the opposite of the rejection of God and exploitation of neighbor that our Church has witnessed in these scandals.

Shortly before becoming Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger decried the "filth" in the Church "even among those, who in the priesthood, ought to belong totally" to Christ. He also provided the antidote, stating at other times that what the Church needs now more than anything else is "saints." Pope Francis reiterated Pope Benedict's sentiments in his letter on Aug. 20.

In the days ahead, the Knights of Columbus will help renew our Church on a national level through a Novena of Masses in reparation for these sins that have so grievously wounded the Body of Christ. I take this opportunity to ask that you offer this Novena of Masses for our Church at your earliest opportunity.

Beginning in November, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor, in cooperation with the Shrine of St. Jean Vianney in Ars, France, a national tour of the relic of the heart of this great patron saint of priests. In the coming weeks, I will share more details with you about this initiative.

We will also continue to strengthen and rebuild our Church at the level of our families and parishes through our Building the Domestic Church program. Its twin elements of imbuing families with faith and strengthening parish life are critical to providing a Catholic Church that rebuilds based on the Gospel principles of love of God and love of neighbor. Together with our recently announced "Faith In Action" initiative, we will strive to make our parishes truly become, in the words of Pope Francis, "a family of families."

Now is the time for all brother Knights to stand steadfast in faith, as Catholics and as gentlemen. We will assist

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priests, bishops and our fellow Catholics in helping the Church chart a course for the future that puts Christ at the center, so that truly we may say, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

This is the moment in which Knights — including in a special way our priest members — can be part of a great renewal for good in our Church. And as we strive to follow the Lord more closely in the days ahead, may he deliver us from every evil and in his mercy graciously grant his Church peace and unity.

In closing, know that your faithful witness and sacrifice can bring inspiration and hope to millions of your fellow Catholics. It will be needed in the days ahead more than ever before. And to every priest and bishop whose commitment and dedication to our Order and to our Church has been faithful and exemplary, please accept my gratitude in both a personal way and on behalf of the Knights of Columbus.

Let each one of us prayerfully invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, so that in the words of St. Maximilian Kolbe, our hearts "would be cleansed and themselves become immaculate, similar and like unto her own heart."

Fraternally,
Carl A. Anderson Supreme Knight

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/communications/supreme-knight-letter-to-chaplains.pdf>

Yours In Christ,

Most Reverend Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR/Knights of Columbus State Chaplain

Father Edward Gibney, Associate State Chaplain

Chris Bencharski, State Deputy-Saskatchewan State Council

Joseph Riffel, State Secretary-Saskatchewan State Council

Brian Schatz, Immediate Past State Deputy-Saskatchewan State Council

Larry Packet, State Treasurer-Saskatchewan State Council

Rene Gaudet, State Advocate-Saskatchewan State Council

Marte Clemente Nogot, State Warden-Saskatchewan State Council



2018 Supreme Convention-Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.

My name is **Kevin Rutt**. I am the Grand Knight of council #5259, from Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada. My wife and I had the honour and great pleasure of being invited to go to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention for 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland. We got to go because of the amazing job our council, our parish, and our community did to try to help a Brother Knight and his family. His daughter was diagnosed with an aggressive and rare brain tumor, of which the only treatment available was not covered in North America, so the costs were very high. The "Hope for Hana" benefit program that we helped with was a huge success, and although Hana eventually succumbed to her illness, we helped give her and her family some more great time together to celebrate life. All that hard and amazing work got noticed by the Knights of Columbus. Our council and the "Hope for Hana" project was nominated, and then won for the International Family Project of the Year! That is an amazing honour, to win for such a worthwhile and true to our heritage event, never mind the fact that we won from almost 2 million members worldwide! Our little council in our little town shone bright. We proved what an amazing community, parish, and council we have. I cannot begin to explain how proud I am to be Grand Knight of such an amazing council.

The Supreme Convention was amazing. I have been to a few State Conventions, which are always awesome, and help make you sure of why we are knights. But the Supreme Convention is on a whole other level. To be a part of it, just to walk in and see the thousands of fellow Knights, from all over the world, is truly humbling and inspiring. The opening mass was a truly beautiful and unbelievable spectacle of grand proportions. The cross brought in is over 200 years old, and is truly beautiful. Especially to a Knight, when you consider that it is from the Baltimore Basilica, which was the first Catholic cathedral in the United States, ever. Also, our founder, the venerable Father Michael McGivney was ordained at that amazing cathedral, most likely viewing that same cross. Just to think that I was on the same ground as the man that had the vision, strength and determination to form the Knights of Columbus, and by doing so, literally change the world for the better, was hard to even fathom. We all try to do things that make the world a better place, but being on the same ground as a man that made such a huge impact, and gives us the tools to try and do the same thing by continuing his mission, was unique and uplifting.

The Supreme Convention afforded me these opportunities, and every event was choreographed and organized to a tee. The entire convention ran like a well-oiled machine, which is saying something when you consider the sheer numbers of people that were being dealt with. I cannot even begin to word my appreciation and gratefulness for being able to take part.

We also had the opportunity to receive the award for Family Project of the Year from the Supreme Knight himself, **Carl Anderson**. Getting to meet him and shake his hand was also a huge honour. But hearing the stories behind the other award winners was equally amazing. From the International Family of the Year, who formed "Camp Veritas" for youths, that touches the lives of thousands of our young people, to the council that rebuilt their local parish's church after it was destroyed in a senseless act of arson, and the council in Texas that helped rebuild their entire community after devastating flooding, to the brave Knights of Columbus who are setting up councils in the Ukraine, to help Catholic men there be able to do good work and try to change their world for the better. This project in particular moved me deeply, because this is a war torn country, where the current Catholics are persecuted, who have to be afraid to live out their faith. I know that sounds like something from the past, it sounds like one of the reasons Father McGivney formed the Knights, but it is happening right now, and the Knights of Columbus are at the forefront of not backing down, doing great things despite the adversity, and having councils prosper despite all of that. If that does not inspire you as a Brother Knight, nothing will.

I have only touched the surface of the amazing things I got to take part in, hear about, and be inspired from at the 2018 Supreme Convention. If I ever think that I might not have time, or have too much other stuff going on, or whatever other excuse crosses my mind sometimes when I think I might not want to take part in one of our council's events, I will now think twice. I will think twice because the Supreme Convention reminded me that together we can change the world, and make no mistake, the Knights of Columbus are doing just that. And how many people can truly say that they are a part of something that is changing the world for the better? Well, we Brother Knights, we can say that.

Vivat Jesus!



Grand Knight Kevin Rutt,
Council #5259,
Meadow Lake, SK, CAN



Sask K of C Wheelchair Project

The Sask K of C State Board & the Sask K of C Charitable Foundation have partnered with the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation in bringing a car load of wheelchairs into our province.

The wheelchairs will be very similar to those distributed overseas. The attached photo shows Bishop Bryan Bayda sharing a chuckle with two gracious young recipients of a K of C wheelchair at the Children's Orphanage in Dnipropetrovs'k, Ukraine. The chairs we have ordered will also have the K of C emblem embroidered into the fabric as shown on the photo.

We have ordered two styles of wheelchairs. The solid standard is the traditional chair designed for basic use inside of buildings. The solid standard with mountain bike tires is a stronger chair with primary use outside of buildings.

The intent of this project is to provide Councils and/or individuals with the opportunity to purchase chair(s) and gifting them to individuals, nursing homes, churches, community halls, rinks, schools etc. We should not focus strictly on our own community, but also consider any place where there may be individuals that may need a chair for the short or long term.

We have ordered 105 chairs of differing sizes. We anticipate their delivery to Saskatoon in mid-December. We invite you to pre-purchase utilizing the attached order form. The chairs will be only be considered purchased when the payment and order form are received at the Sask K of C Charitable Foundation office in Moose Jaw. Unfortunately promises will not be acceptable.

The number & sizes of chairs that have been ordered are:

- 4 – 12" solid standard – recommend for youth to Grade 8
- 4 – 14" solid standard – recommend adolescent up to 100 pounds
- 12 – 16" solid standard – recommend adult up to 150 pounds
- 15 – 18" solid standard – recommend adult up to 200 pounds
- 20 – 20" solid standard – recommend adult over 200 pounds
- 5 – 22" bariatric – recommend adult over 250 pounds
- 20 – 18" solid mountain bike tires – recommend primary use outside for adult up to 200 pounds
- 25 – 20" solid mountain bike tires – recommend primary use outside for adult over 200 pounds

The storage in Saskatoon is currently at no charge, however, this may only be available for a short term. If anyone has an alternate location, please contact Shawn.

Please recognize that there are a limited number of each size, so once again, ordering early will provide a better assurance that you get the size you requested. If the size you ordered is no longer available, you will be contacted by e-mail and/or phone to ask if you will accept an alternate size. If an appropriate size is not available, you must decide whether we will either hold or return the funds until another order is made. There will be no assurance of timeframe for next order.

We will be making this offer available to other State jurisdictions upon receipt of the chairs. Therefore, ordering before December may be a prudent move.

The cost of a chair if picked up in Saskatoon is \$225.00 Canadian. This includes all of our costs for shipping to Saskatoon, embroidering etc. If you wish to have the chair(s) shipped from Saskatoon to your community, it will be at your expense. All shipping arrangements will be made in conjunction with Wheelchair Project Chair Shawn Scherr.

Further information is available from either:

Sask K of C Wheelchair Project
Chair Shawn Scherr
306 222 9549
shawn.scherr@hbc.com



Sask K of C Charitable Foundation
Exec Dir. Gerry Gieni
306 631 1610
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WHEELCHAIR ORDER FORM



Sask Knights of Columbus Wheelchairs are available for sale for a price of \$225.00. It is anticipated that the wheelchairs will be shipped to Saskatoon in December 2018. The wheelchairs will be available for pick up or arrangements for shipping by contacting State Wheelchair Chair Shawn Scherr at 306 222 9549.

Wheelchairs are sold in various sizes to accommodate different users. Consideration should be given to the individuals and usage. There are a limited number of wheelchairs available in each size. The orders will be filled on a first come first served basis. The order will only be confirmed once the order form and funds are received at the office of the Sask K of C Charitable Foundation. If required, assistance in choice can be made by contacting Shawn.

Please select from the following wheel size options:	Number Ordered
12" solid standard (youth chair to Grade 8)	_____
14" solid standard (adolescent up to 100 pounds)	_____
16" solid standard (adult up to 150 pounds)	_____
18" solid standard (adult up to 200 pounds)	_____
20" solid standard (adult over 200 pounds)	_____
18" mountain bike tire (primary use outside up to 200 pounds)	_____
20" mountain bike tire (primary use outside over 200 pounds)	_____
TOTAL NUMBER OF WHEELCHAIR REQUESTED	_____ x \$225.00 = _____

Payment can be made by EFT (donations@saskkofcfoundation.com)

Credit Card _____, or Check:

Sask K of C Charitable Foundation
Box 61, Moose Jaw, Sask S6H 4N7
Phone: 306 631 1610 Attention: Gerry Gieni

Council Name & Number	Authorized Signature (Grand Knight/Fin. Secretary)	Printed Name (GK/FS)
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PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE TO PICK-UP or ARRANGE SHIPPING.
 Shipping fees are the responsibility of the purchaser. Expect a call or e-mail when chairs arrive in Saskatoon.

Name	Address	Town/City
Email contact address	Phone No.	

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Assistance can be received by contacting Wheelchair Chair: Shawn Scherr
 Saskatoon, Sask.
 306 222 9549 shawn.scherr@hbc.com