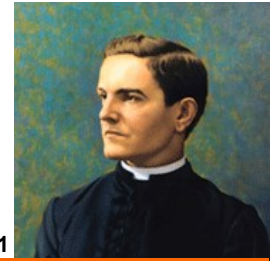




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STATE DEPUTY MESSAGE—DECEMBER 2017

Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus is a family of Councils sharing love, joy and hope

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Christ, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those among those whom he favours!"

(Luke 2.10-14)

HAPPY ADVENT!!!! December 3rd was the 1st Sunday of Advent and the beginning of our preparations in anticipation and patiently waiting for the anniversary of the arrival of the birth of Jesus. Sometimes we can be consumed by the hustle and bustle of the materialistic gifts that this season brings us. But most often we are consumed by the real gift of Christmas!!!! We are so glad to be part of the Knights of Columbus family where, needless to say, we live and breathe the true gift of Christmas – being with family, sharing love, joy and hope.

It was a little more than 2000 years ago that the world was blessed with the birth of Jesus. It was a gift with God sharing and becoming human to lead us to salvation. It was the beginning of Christianity, the Catholic Church, the Holy Family and the Domestic Church.

Undoubtedly this month will be busy. We will continue to perform our daily routines and "jobs". But we will put in extra effort to "Keep Christ in Christmas". We will get together as family and friends to celebrate Christ's Birthday, to wish each other a "Merry Christmas" and enjoy each other's company and friendship. That extra effort is not a call to duty, but rather a labour of love – a gift we share. It is being the great brothers and sisters God meant us to be. We proudly and respectfully invite others to join us in making a difference, building on the common hopes and aspirations we have for a kinder, gentler world and overcoming our differences. We are the men, women, children and families that other men, women, children and families want to be with.

2000 years ago we were given the gift of Jesus. 135 years ago we were given the gift of the Knights of Columbus. A movement centered in our Catholic faith sharing our love, joy and hope living out our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism; and our unwritten duty to support our Pope, Bishops and Priests.

While in the glass is half empty moments we might despair that society has become a living hell, we know that with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit ever on

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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.





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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

Dear Brother Knights,

Christmas – The Holy Family and Freedom

Freedom is a Christmas gift every person should receive. It is given to a person by God and by others. Real freedom is fuelled by love and found only in the context of love. Where there is love there is freedom and visa versa. However, what does it cost?

Recently a friend shared with me how the time had come to take the training wheels off his bike. Way back, when this 5 year old boy demanded his father remove the training wheels from his bike, he wanted to be free, declaring basically that he wanted to ride freely.

This scenario repeats itself so many times throughout our lives. Whether we are the little person wanting to express a right to freedom or the loving parent protecting a dependent child from getting hurt as they make new choices, freedom is found in the context of relationships. Even today, the desire you have to make a choice and to exercise your freedom (and remove some form of training wheels) is always found in the context of relationships, in the context of a society and in the context of a family that is essentially a number of very personal relationships. Freedom is a “gift from God recognized by others” so to speak.

Consequently, the importance of the family, the domestic church, comes into sharp focus. This is the context in which every single human being learns the mystery, the challenge and the meaningfulness of freedom. It is a gift given by God because He created us for this, to freely love God “with all our heart, soul, mind and strength” and love your neighbour as yourself. This is one thing we learn from the Holy Family. Since it is a gift from God, no one has the right to withhold freedom from any individual with regard to so many things in life. By virtue of a person being human, this gift of freedom has to be recognized by others.

Freedom is a gift that is wrapped in responsibility. It has to be recognized as part of human development. Said differently, freedom is given to us from our parents and brothers and sisters as they *recognize* it or acknowledge it. My freedom is the fruit of everyone else’s responsibility. To the extent a person’s freedom is *not recognized* by their family, a person struggles to discover this gift from God. Several people in your family and circle of friends protected you and by sharing gospel values, provided for you. Although it happens gradually, at some point (perhaps over several years), they give you your freedom (recognize God’s gift to you as you develop). A person’s freedom is sustained by everyone else.

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Ironically, the call each person has to be free entails a call to a deeper commitment to others. Freedom is always “from and for” like a magnet that has a “north and south” attraction – freedom from coercion and slavery and freedom for God. Freedom is not cutting ties from others but strengthening and reinforcing relationships of mutual respect. Others have to pay the price of my freedom and I have to pay the price of theirs. In the end, every person is free to sin or be wrong as much as they are free to do good, live the truth and love God. Freedom has consequences. Freedom that is free of consequences is a false freedom.

This is beauty of the domestic church, the Holy Family. Let us reflect this Christmas on the freedom each of us has, how God gives it to us and how we discovered it more and more in our families growing up. May the Holy Family be the source of life for your domestic church, where people discover freedom; the gift **you** can enjoy because of the sacrifice of others; the gift **others** enjoy because of your sacrifice. That is what it costs to give the gift of freedom. Freedom is a relationship of love for the other.

In Christ,

+ Bryan Bayda, CSSR



Most Reverend Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSSR
State Chaplain
Eparch of the Eparchy of Saskatoon

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our side, the glass is always full. Our lives have been enriched with God's gift and we eagerly share that gift with others. We are making a difference. Imagine what our world would be like without God and the support we get through the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Imagine what the world would be like without those gifts. Imagine what the future of the world will be if we don't share those gifts!!!!

Be the missionary disciples we are called to be. Live to share our gifts. How better to celebrate Christmas than to share our faith and invite others to be members of the Knights of Columbus family.

On behalf of our State Officers, our wives and our entire State Board Team we wish you a very Merry Christmas and may you and your families be Blessed to live each and every day to the fullest, celebrating the true gift of Christmas and share love, joy and hope – peace on earth and goodwill to all!!!

Your faithful servant in Christ



Vivat Jesus
Brian Schatz
State Deputy
Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus

Merry 
Christmas 



Bishops of Saskatchewan and Knights of Columbus welcome new bishop Mark Hagemoen. L to R: **Father Ed Gibney PSD**, **Bishop Bryan Bayda**, **Bishop Albert Thevenot**, **Bishop Mark Hagemoen**, **Bishop Don Bolen**, **Abbott Peter Novecosky**, **Brian Schatz SD**. Missing from picture **Archbishop Murray Chatlain**.

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State Secretary's Message

By Chris Bencharski

Dear Brother Knights,

The Knights of Columbus has always responded to the needs of the Church and the community through their charitable and social outreach activities.

As a Catholic, family, fraternal and service organization, we have the responsibility to dedicate our time, treasures and talents to help our parishes become beacons of the new evangelization, a family of families who are filled with the love and joy of the gospel.

This can be accomplished by conducting many of the excellent 'Building the Domestic Church Programs' which are available by ordering materials from Supreme.

Pope Francis' Exhortation 'Amoris Laetitia' is a guidebook to help in building the domestic church to become a family of families filled with the Love and Joy of the Gospel. Councils are encouraged to order copies of the guidebook and to work with their Parish Priest in evangelizing the parishioners about its contents.

The season of Christmas is upon us and it is a time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas through a variety of 'Keep Christ in Christmas' activities.

Let us also remember the less fortunate and conduct 'Food for Families' programs as well as visits to shut-ins, hospitals and lodges. We also assist our Parish Priest in the liturgical ministries of the Mass and can accompany him to many of the Masses to which he has to travel. Let us also remember to invite our priests to our family gatherings as many of them will spend Christmas alone away from their families.

Remember also to ask someone, whether it be a friend, co-worker or family member, to join the knights of Columbus. We need more knights to conduct the many fine programs which assist the Church. We should also give every Catholic man an opportunity to become involved in our great organization to help him to grow in his faith and to invite him and his family to become part of our family of knights who joyfully meet and work together to build God's kingdom.

My wife Pat and I wish each of you a very Blessed and Joyous Christmas with family and friends.



Vivat Jesus,

Chris Bencharski—State Secretary



Agency Report



Ten Reasons Why You Should Become an Insured Member

It is the Christmas season once again and we are reminded of the many things we have to be thankful for in our lives. The most amazing gift we have been given is the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. As members of the Knights of Columbus we have also been given many gifts.... fraternity, bonds of friendship, faith and love. Sometimes we have been given things we don't always recognize right away or appreciate. The Order's insurance program might be one of them. It is always there, perhaps at times in the background but never far away for our members to utilize to their advantage. So as we ponder our thankfulness for what we have, here are ten reasons to consider why you should become an insured member and why it is a wonderful thing to have this fraternal benefit within our reach.

Insurance for brother Knights by brother Knights. You get to work with a financial professional who has your best interest at heart.

Exclusive access. As a Knight, you and your family have exclusive access to our comprehensive product portfolio including whole life, term life, long-term care insurance, and disability income insurance, as well as our retirement annuities.

Custom solutions. Most of our products are flexible so that you can pick the right amount and the right options for your and your budget.

Dividends. Many of our whole life plans are participating plans which means, if approved by the Board of Directors, you may be eligible for a return of premium, also called a dividend, which you can receive as cash or use to buy more insurance.

Guarantees. Many of our products come with guarantees, such as guarantee of principle, or guaranteed cash values.

Strength. For 42 consecutive years we have earned the highest rating available for financial strength by A.M. Best.

Values. When you do business with the Knights of Columbus, you get the added comfort of knowing that your company invests its money ethically, and gives generously.

Mission. Insured members participate fully in our venerable founder Father Michael J. McGivney's vision of financial protection for Catholic families.

More Free Benefits. Insured members are eligible for two free programs: The Family Fraternal Benefit Program and the Orphan Fraternal Benefit, which can assist brother Knights and their families in a time of need.

Peace of mind. Enjoy the comfort of knowing that your family is secure.

On behalf of the Saskatchewan Agency staff I extend my warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy, blessed and prosperous New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

Vivat Jesus!
Mark Lewans
General Agent



FIELD DIRECTOR CEREMONIALS CANADA

Brother Knights:

I'm writing you this message as your immediate past State Deputy, as Supreme Director for Ceremonials, and as a Brother Knight and friend. Fifteen months ago, when I accepted the position as Ceremonials Director, I had only a vague idea of what this job entailed. What I did know is that I was making a commitment that would require some tough choices. I also knew that I was prepared to do whatever was required of me. This would be an opportunity and if I passed it up, I would never know what I missed. So I took a leap of faith.

It's been quite an experience. I've visited brother knights in every Canadian province. I've met and worked with Ceremonial teams and with the members of hosting councils. I've made many very good friends and I've been very warmly received by hardworking, dedicated, and friendly Brother Knights. There's always someone who has a relationship of one kind or another with Saskatchewan. Suffice to say that where ever I've gone in Canada, people have good feelings about us and our province. The only down side of this job is that I'm gone almost every weekend and am not able to work with the Brother Knights in Saskatchewan as much as I would like to.

Ceremonials are very important to our Order and to our members. They are the "mission and vision statements for the Order and they have a spiritual impact on the life of the candidates and the members who witness our degrees." Basically, they define what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. The lessons are presented clearly and eloquently.

The manner in which we conduct our ceremonials must reflect our sincere belief and commitment to the Order and to our Brother Knights. We must be prepared so that we can leave the candidates with a favorable impression of the Order and of our Council. When a man decides to join the Knights of Columbus, he's taking a leap of faith. He's likely to have seen or heard things about the Knights that have led him to taking that important step. It is then up to us to show him that he's made the right decision. The manner in which we conduct his ceremonials will make a powerful and lasting impression on him. They must be impressive and conducted with dignity. They must start on time, be well organized, follow the proper protocol, and make the candidates feel welcomed.

Remember that the purpose of our ceremonials is edify the candidates, not the degree team. We do this totally for them. Therefore, we need to accommodate them by holding frequent degrees scheduled at convenient times for them. They should not need to travel long distances to take their degrees. That means that we need more ceremonial teams. Please consider being part of a team. Welcoming new members to the Order and helping them learn about our Order is one of the most gratifying and satisfying things that one can do. It is an excellent way of making a valuable contribution to the Order and to your Brother Knights.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate and thank all the members of the ceremonial teams in Saskatchewan. They give their time selflessly, never grudgingly, sometimes requiring them to travel considerable distances, to welcome new members or to advance members to higher degrees. Our teams need to be commended for their dedication and commitment.



Connie and I wish you all a very blessed and happy Christmas.

Denis Carignan
Field Director Ceremonials Canada



Programs

Brother Knights:

We are into the Advent season and 1/2 of the way into this Columbian Year. How has your council done the first 6 months? Are all scheduled/planned activities completed? Are all required reports submitted to Supreme or State? To date, I have received very few council reports on your activities for the various categories (10 categories in total). All councils should have received a copy of the Council Activity Program Description Form. If not, it is available on our website www.kofcsask.com. All Council Activity Program Description Forms must be into State by December 31, 2017. I encourage you to start using this form to report on all your Council Activity Programs. You and your team should take time now and reflect on where you are? What have you accomplished/not accomplished? What still needs to be done? Make all necessary adjustments now to get back on track so that your council has a successful year. 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.

Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parish Initiative - All councils should be implementing Domestic Church Activities in their Parishes. The Domestic Church initiative calls on all councils to build the relationship between families and parishes and to strengthen parish youth ministry. Remember that several programs fit in with this time of the year. Programs include - Food for Families, Keep Christ in Christmas, Journey to the Inn, Consecration to the Holy Family, Family Rosary Program and Family Fully Alive Devotional Program. Reminder - To earn the Columbian Award, SP-7, councils must now conduct at least four Surge With Service activities that are also designated as "Domestic Church" programs. Please visit www.kofc.org/DomesticChurch for the most up-to-date list of eligible programs and activities and to find resources that will help your council conduct them.

Implementing the Domestic Church activities does not mean stopping currently successful charitable programs. All councils are called to do MORE, not less, as part of our mission to strengthen Catholic families and renew parish life.

Councils should take advantage of the Domestic Church Council Action Plan (Form 30004). The form should serve as a guide to implementing the initiative in your parish. Conduct and report two programs in each of four areas: Member Activities, Family Activities, Parish Activities, Community Activities. Details and report form are at kofc.org/domesticchurch. Receive a commemorative Holy Family icon in recognition of your work.

All councils should continue using the Fraternal Leader Success Planner. It is a great tool to keep track of all your council activities and to track your council's progress each month throughout the year. The planner is designed to prepare you for your submission of the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) form due January 31, 2018. Use the Success Planner to plan, track and report on your results.

Also, a reminder to all councils who have not submitted Form 185 and Form 365. These forms help State and Supreme Councils send out information to keep you up-to-date with what is happening, offer assistance and help your council succeed and continue to grow and improve as you serve your community.

From my family to yours, Brenda and I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and pray that each of you enjoy a Healthy, Happy and Holy New Year.



Vivat Jesus

Eugene Achtemichuk
State General Program Director





Knights of Columbus - Saskatchewan State Council
Council Activity Program
Description Form

Due at
 Saskatchewan
 State Council
 on or before
 Dec. 31, 2017

An activity can be submitted in one category only.
 Refer to your Surge with Service to determine in which category to enter your activity.
 A separate form should be used for each category.

Instructions to Council: Each quarter, councils are to complete the Council Activity Program Description Form and forward (electronically preferred) to the STATE GENERAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR with a copy to the DISTRICT DEPUTY and COUNCIL FILE.

CATEGORY (MARK ONE):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Council Activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PR/Communications Activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Culture of Life Activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Olympics Activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Activity | | |

FROM: GRAND KNIGHT: _____ TELEPHONE No.: _____
 COUNCIL NAME: _____ COUNCIL No.: _____
 LOCATION: _____
 (Town or City)

- Check if Domestic Church Activity_
- Check if new Council Activity for 2017-2018
- Check if your Council has posted new signage on community roadside

Activity Title: _____

Date Activity Conducted: _____

Purpose of Activity: (In the space provided below, describe the purpose of this activity.)

Results of Activity: (In the space provided below, describe the results of this activity - did it affect the Church, community, council, family)

Number of council members participating in activity: _____

Percentage of council members participating in activity: _____

Number of man hours expended in activity: _____

- Check if Domestic Church Activity_
- Check if New Council Activity
- Check if your Council has posted new signage on community roadside

Activity Title: _____

Date Activity Conducted: _____

Purpose of Activity: (In the space provided below, describe the purpose of this activity.)

Results of Activity: (In the space provided below, describe the results of this activity - did it affect the Church, community, council, family)

Number of council members participating in activity: _____

Percentage of council members participating in activity: _____

Number of man hours expended in activity: _____

Attest: _____

(State Deputy)

Signed: _____

(Grand Knight)

To be eligible for the awards all entries must be received no later than December 31, 2017

SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY TO: kofc.saskstate.sgpd@kofcsask.com

OR

**SUBMIT BY MAIL TO: Eugene Achtemichuk
State General Program Director
2019 Wagman Dr. E.
Regina, SK. S4V 0P7**

SEND COPIES TO: District Deputy, Council File

ACTIVITY PROGRAM AWARDS:

Each year, the Activity Program Awards recognizes those councils conducting outstanding activities in each of the ten category activities: Church Activity, Community Activity, Council Activity, PR/Communications Activity, Culture of Life Activity, Family Activity, Membership Activity, Special Olympics Activity, Youth Activity and Young Adult 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 before December 31, 2017.

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 www.kofc.saskstate.sqpd@kofcsask.com.

Activity Program Awards will be based on two levels:

1. Large Council - 70 plus members
2. Small Council - 69 and less members

Award will be based upon the **total activities** conducted in each of the ten categories by the council from March 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

Judging will be based on:

1. Activity originality - was this a new 2017-2018 activity for the Council.
2. Nature of the activity - was it designated as one of the Domestic Church programs.
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 Church, community council, family or youth?

ACTIVITY PROGRAM STATE-WIDE RECOGNITION

Each individual State Program Director (SPD) will be responsible for selecting the single best Church, Community, Council, PR/Communications, Culture of Life, Family, Membership, Special Olympics, Youth and Young Adult 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 for best total activities in each of the ten categories. Certificates will be awarded to each 2nd place council selected in each of the ten categories. All plaques and certificates will be handed out at the annual convention of the State Council.

SUPREME/STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS:

Form STSP - State Council Service Program Awards form for Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life and Youth.

Supreme Council is looking for one activity that best exemplifies each Service Program Category. 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. It is recommended that the report be sent in by March 1, 2018 with the nominations for the individual awards.

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, 2017.
2. File Form 365 - Service Program Personnel Report by August 1, 2017.
3. File Form 1728 - Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity by January 31, 2018.
4. File Form 1295 - Semi-Annual Council Audit Report for period ended June 30, 2017 by August 15, 2017.
5. File Form 1295 - Semi-Annual Council Audit Report for period ended December 31, 2017 by February 15, 2018.
6. All State and Supreme bills paid.
7. Show membership increase.
8. Conduct at least four programs in each of the six major categories (Church, Council, Community, Culture of Life, Family and Youth). Four of these activities must be designated as Domestic Church programs.

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.

State Youth Program

Just a few reminders about K of C programs underway.

Soccer Challenge should now be completed. As of the writing of this article – I am submitting results to Supreme.

Basketball Freethrow (BBFT) will be starting in the New Year. BBFT kits should be ordered now to ensure getting them to the schools in the New Year.

Again, it is important to have your Youth Director contact the schools within your council's jurisdiction as soon as you get the kits after Nov. 1st so teachers will get a jump on getting their school's winners for the district competition. Be sure to set a date ASAP for your district's competition and then also your regional competition. Coordinate with your fellow DD's within your region to set the regional date.

When you do your regional competition – be sure to have your winners throw state free throws as well. And email me your results soon thereafter. At the BBFT Competition – be sure to have juice and donuts (or goodies) for the participants as well as your volunteers.

You will need assistance with set up, take down, judging.

For the BBFT I have a script that I read at the start of the competition to all of the participants and parents, etc. that are present. Just to ensure you don't have some irate people. If you want the script – email me and I will email it

to you.

Other youth programs for your council to participate in include: substance abuse awareness poster contest, keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, catholic citizenship essay contest. Kits can be ordered directly from Supreme for all of these programs. These should be under way now.

Don't forget the coats for kids' annual program. You can order the coats through the Sask K of C Charitable Foundation. This way your purchase goes towards your council's quota for the foundation.

Brother Peter Folk (our web master) has a listing on the SK State K of C home page noted as Links of Interest. If you click on there – he has many different youth camps listed with their web sites. If you know of anymore – please email Brother Peter with the information and he can put them on there to.

Thank you All for what you are doing for the youth in your councils. On behalf of my wife, Christine and our daughters, Hannah and Katie, I want to wish all my Brother Knights and their families a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.

Vivat Jesus!



Dale Meier
SK State Youth
Program Director





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SIMON FRASER PROVINCE MASTER, DISTRICT OF SASKATCHEWAN



My Brother Knights,

I would like to announce that two Assemblies in the Saskatchewan District have won the Star Assembly Award:

Assembly #1652 Father Francis Wandler Moosomin and
Assembly #1960 Dr J.M. Hourigan Moose Jaw.

The following Assemblies in the Saskatchewan District have won the Civic Award:

1064 Father Hugonard Regina
1065 D'Arcy McGee Saskatoon
1066 Dr J. M. Uhrich North Battleford
1067 Father St. Germain Ponteix
1068 Father William Brueck Prince Albert
1070 Rev E. Cabanel Swift Current
1286 Brother Stanislaus Yorkton
1526 Bishop Klein Weyburn
1652 Father Francis Wandler Moosomin
1904 Father Michael J. McGivney Wadena
1914 Father Sharkey Zenon Park
1960 Dr J.M. Hourigan Moose Jaw
2166 Abbot Severin Gertken Muenster
2353 Albert Connor Melfort
2859 Fr John Riffel Regina
2875 Bishop Albert Pascal Debden

I would like to personally congratulate all the Assembly winners.

I would like to invite all 3rd Degree Knights to join the Patriotic Degree.

If you are 18 years of age, a citizen of the Country in which you reside, a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See, and you are a Third Degree Member in good standing you are eligible to join.

What you require to join the 4th Degree is a black or dark suit. After you are a 4th Degree member, should you decide to join the Colour Corps, you can procure your Uniform at that time, however for regular functions only a dark suit with a white shirt and tie are required..

The next Exemplification is currently planned for Moose Jaw on 03 March 2018. There is a possibility that other Exemplifications could be added to the schedule so regularly check the Saskatchewan District Web Site www.sask4th.ca for a list of upcoming Exemplifications (4th Degree Ceremonies)

For those of you concerned about the end of wearing the old Regalia, as Supreme has currently over 8000 new uniforms on backorder, they extended the time you can wear the old Regalia to June 30, 2019.

Margaret and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus



W Pat Meuse MMM CD PGK PFN
Master, District of Saskatchewan



Church & Vocations

We have been blessed with beautiful weather this fall it is hard to believe the Christmas season is upon us. We must promote the true meaning of Christmas by Keeping Christ in Christmas. There are a number of things that we can do like setting up Nativity scenes in our homes, parishes and communities, sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest or sell Nativity scene ornaments. All Grand Knights would have received an email earlier in December asking to promote Keep Christ in Christmas with public service announcements that can be found on the Supreme website kofc.org/Christmas and I hope many of you did play some of the videos in your councils and parishes.

The Holy Family Prayer Program will start in the New Year, all Icons and kits are at the starting councils. Please visit the state web site www.kofcsask.com for program information and schedules.

I also want to remind you that there are many church programs that will fulfill your church activity requirements on the state and supreme websites as well as in the district deputy's binders. Please try to facilitate programs that help build the Domestic Church. A few programs are:

Ride to Church – provide a ride to those in need.

Spiritual Enrichment through the CIS booklets – order prayer booklets from Catholic Information Services (CIS), read them and discuss them with your councils and parishes.

Holy Family Prayer Program – participate in your council's prayer service when the Icon is scheduled to be in your parish.

Family Rosary Program – formally known as the 5th Sunday Rosary Program, councils are encouraged to schedule rosary prayer services on any day of the week, at any time of the year, with your pastor's permission.

More information on these programs and more can be found in the Surge with Service manual and the supreme web site www.kofc.org

I wish all of you a joyful Christmas season and God's blessing for a healthy New Year.



Mike Bzdell
State Church and Vocations Director



Round Table

December, 2017

Saskatchewan State had a total of 61 Parish Round Tables from approximately 158 (159) active Councils in 2016-17. Of these 61 Round Tables we have only had 9 report for the 2017-18 year leaving us 41 short for this period.

The Parish Round Table Program remains an easy and effective way for Knights to better serve their individual parishes, priests and to be the visible force for good in areas where full councils are not practical or available.

The Round Table Chairs are members of the sponsoring council, and may be members of that parish or act as representatives to that Parish from the Council. In Saskatchewan we have between 350 and 462 communities with a church facility or a congregation with approximately 159 Councils and 61 Round Ta-

bles to cover these locations.

Over the next number of years, it a hope that we can bring this up by reviewing the listing of the communities and Churches in Saskatchewan to see if we can provide those communities without Knights of Columbus representation, access to a Round Table or where numbers are prevalent a full council.

Please forward to the appropriate Grand Knights to complete the following forms to ensure that we maintain our existing Round Tables and give them the credit that they deserve. These reports are the

1. Annual Report, #2629 Due June 30 or each year (Mandatory)
2. The Report of Round Table Co-ordinator, #2630, due January 15 of each year and can be used to report on the activities of the Round Table and provides more detail about the community.

Al Dion, Round Table Chairman

MEMBER RETENTION

The Knights of Columbus is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one Council, parish and community at a time. They stand together in faith dedicated to uphold the principles they cherish while lending their support to fellow Brother Knights.

Member Retention is a very significant part of every Council's activities throughout the Columbian Year. The task of Council member retention begins as soon as the admission (First Degree) ceremonial is conferred upon a new member. To inspire new and current first degree members that have been inactive for more than one or more years the Council should promote the Shining Armor Award.

THE SHINING AMOR AWARD

To qualify for the Shining Amor Award new and current Knights must during their first or second year of membership

- Be involved in at least three Council service programs
- Attend at least three Council business meetings
- Receive their Second and Third Degrees
- Meet with their Council's insurance representative
- Recruit at least one new member

The main focus of the program is to get new and current members actively involved with their Council.

At the Mid-Term Meeting held in Saskatoon from December 1-3, 2017, I personally invited the District Deputies to go back to their Council's and invite the Council's Trustees to become "Mentors" for the new and current members. The Trustees are very worthy trusted and responsible members of every Council.

Here are some ways the Trustees can help new and current members alike to become active participants in their Council.

- Telephone members and remind them of the date and time of Council

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meetings and activities.

- Offer to provide transportation to members who would like to attend Council functions.
- Answer any questions members will ask why Council activities are done in a certain way and if things can be changed. Provide them sufficient information.
- Inquire about the particular interest of the members through membership surveys.
- Help new members make new friends in the Council by introducing them to fellow Knights.
- Do all you can to help members feel important to the Council.
- Accompany this member to his Second (Formation) and Third Degree (Knighting) Exemplification and remain with him throughout the day.
- Introduce him and his family at Council events and encourage him to involve his family in Council sponsored activities.
- If a new member becomes inactive in Council activities try to find out why.
- If a member becomes in danger of being suspended his proposer should work with the Retention Committee to find out why. With a little personal effort you can help the member, not only to become an active member of the Knights of Columbus but a member for life.
- By showing this interest in new and current members alike your Council will confirm its commitment to all members and will increase their willingness to assist in programs for the Council, family, Church and communities.

Worthy Brother Knights, on behalf of my wife, Pat, and our family, I would like to extend special greetings to all during this Advent Season as we await the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. Wishing all of you health, happiness and prosperity in 2018.



Vivat Jesus
Jim Stoffel
State Retention Chairperson



Charity Appeal

CHARITY APPEAL - Report from Program Director Richard Colbow

Humboldt Council # 1886, in conjunction with their 100th anniversary, hosted the 2017 Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Charity Appeal Draw. A record \$122,348 dollars was raised compared to \$113,729 in 2016; \$106,274 in 2015 and \$105,189 in 2014. 2016 and 2017 recorded increased sales of 7.01% and 7.58%. The goal for 2018 is \$130,000 which is a 6.25% increase over 2017.

As this report is paper based and going out to all Brother Knights I hope that everyone takes the time to read the recommendations for a successful campaign and directions for returning tickets.

Recommendations for a successful campaign

- Before the end of March select a member to act as Charity Appeal chairman and decide as a council what local charities or projects you will be supporting with your rebate cheque. Food Bank and minor sports are two good projects that the whole community can support which will enhance the number of potential ticket buyers.
- Pick up your tickets at convention. I will distribute the package of books and rebate cheques to your DDs. If you are unable to attend convention arrange with your DD to pick up. If you don't have a DD, hopefully a council from your District will pick up your package and get it to you. *If you don't have your package by May 15 please contact me* so that I can follow up on getting the package to you.
- Upon receipt of package turn over the rebate cheque to the FS and give the Tally report and tickets to your Charity Appeal chairman. Start selling right away (I mean May 1 and not September 15) - get every able bodied Knight involved. I found that handing out books to Brother Knights before Mass is an easy way to distribute the books. Please get your Priest's permission before doing so. Remember that anyone can buy tickets; they don't have to be a Brother Knight or even Catholic.
- Here are a few additional sales options. I'm sure you can come up with many more.
 - Be sure to distribute books to Brother Knights at council meetings.
 - make up a poster as to where rebate funds will go.
 - distribute tickets to Brother Knights places of business.
 - do ticket blitzes at shopping malls and grocery stores
 - set up a booth at trade shows and other community events
- A reminder to the Charity Appeal chairman to use the top copy of the book as his control by recording the name and phone number of the person who has the book. Remember to complete and tear off the top copy when you hand out the book This way you know who has what books and can follow up if books are not returned. FYI - There were 280 lost books in 2017 and 733 unsold books. We need to reduce the number of lost books and turn them into sold books.
- Once you sell all your books please contact me for more books. Remember that July and August are a good time to sell tickets.

Return of tickets

Gather all funds, sold and unsold tickets by date stated on page two of ticket books (this year it was October 11, 2017) Turn all funds over to FS and obtain a cheque from the Council Treasurer for dollars sold. Make cheque payable to **Intercouncil Charity Appeal. Do not send cash or personal cheques.**

In order to complete the Tally Report you will need to count the number of books being return as follows - books completely sold, books partly sold and books completely unsold. This should add up to the number of books you received. If there is a difference you must record the book numbers of the missing books. If you have missing books please put all the books in numerical order so that I can easily verify. Complete the rest of the Tally report and sign. Be sure to indicate number of books for next year and to which charities your rebate will be going. If you would like an acknowledgement that I received your tickets please record an email address on the Tally Report.

Once you have accounted for all monies and books you are ready to prepare books for shipping

- Please remove the second page from all completely sold books as well as the backing. **Be careful not to remove any sold tickets.**
- If ticket stub has not been removed at time of selling please remove as well
- bundle tickets in groups of 10 using elastic bands. If your council sells more than 100 books bundle in groups of 25. Do not use straps or tape to bundle.
- Tickets can be shipped by Canada Post or by courier.
- **Tickets must be delivered to me at least two weeks before draw date.**

There are certain rules that we must follow to comply with Sask. Liquor and Gaming and I really appreciate it when councils make my job easier. You should know that Alfreda and I spent over 100 hours in October 2017 verifying and getting ticket books ready for the Friday evening separation in Humboldt.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my Brother Knights for buying and selling our Charity Appeal tickets.



Richard Colbow
State Charity Appeal Program Director

Have a very Merry CHRISTMAS and a Happy and Blessed New Year.

- Richard and Alfreda Colbow

Council Activities

Photos from Remembrance Day 2017 at Victoria Park

-Pete Escanlar



Charity Appeal



Charity appeal winner **Sandra Kaun** from Pince Albert. Presenting her with a cheque for \$500.00 is District Deputy # 17 **Claude Archer** and State Warden **Rene Gaudet**.



Charity appeal winner **Colette Hayward** \$500.00
Colette receiving check from Naicam FS **Harry Stumborg**



Brian Schatz (far left), State Deputy, and Garry Maier (far right), chairman of the 4th Annual Celebrity Dinner event, hosted by Denis Mahoney Council 8215, present a cheque for \$90,000 to the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation.

The cheque is being accepted by Jayne Wolfe (L), manager of Development and Engagement, and Brynn Boback-Lane, President and CEO of the foundation. With this donation, the Knights of Columbus of Saskatchewan Celebrity Dinner have donated \$255,000 to the foundation for the purpose of purchasing equipment for pediatric care in the children's hospital scheduled to open in 2019.

A special acknowledgement, and thanks, goes to the Mount Carmel Council 5549 of Landis which contributed over \$23,000 to the event. The Knights will be sponsoring a room in the new Children's Hospital and will be acknowledged with a name plaque.

Photo by Bob Barkman, PSD

Council 6594 - Kelvington-Rose Valley

Former Financial Secretary for 40 years Bro. **Mitch Gawron** receiving a Certificate of Appreciation.

Bouquet of flowers presented from our Council 6594 in appreciation of his wife **Brenda's** help also.

Frank Lipinski, FS



Fr. Kunka Council, # 6594, Kelvington- Rose Valley



50th Anniversary of ED & Cheryl Tremblay Presented by Bro. Ed Ceslak



50th Anniversary of Ken & Penny Staresina presented by Bro. Ed Ceslak



Bursary to Cassandra Lozinski presented by Bro%27s Frank Lipinski Past GK & Nick Chorney



Bursary to Megan Gale presented by Bro. Don Kizlyk



For 40 years as FS Bro. Mitch Gawron and Brenda presented by State Secretary Bro. Chris Bencharski



Past GK Bro. Frank Lipinski presented by DD Bro. Bill Chorney

- Frank Lipinski, FS #6594



Celebrity Dinner

Leo Schwebius of Mount Carmel Knights of Columbus, right, presents \$23,539.00 to Garry Maier representing Saskatoon Knights of Columbus, proceeds were from the dinner, silent auction and cash donations on October 27, 2017 in Saskatoon. (Submitted Photo)



On October 21, **Mount Carmel Knights of Columbus Council 5549, Landis Sask**, held a very successful fundraiser supper and silent auction for the Children's Hospital . One hundred and forty people attended the supper enjoyed by all; included Bigger, Unity, Wilkie, Macklin, Saskatoon and the community of Landis and Handel. Thank You **Clarence and Nicole Perlinger** for doing a wonderful job of the supper. 35 council members took part in decorating , setup and clean-up. Thank You to contributors to silent auction and community support for the silent auction, supper and cash donations. Guest speakers were from Saskatoon Knights of Columbus **Wayne Koshman** and **Shawn Scheer** to speak a bit about Knights of Columbus Children's Hospital Fund. We raised a grand total of \$ 23,539.00 which we took to the 4th annual Celebrity Dinner in Saskatoon on October 27 , 2017

Leo Schwebius, Grand Knight 5549 ims@yourlink.ca 306-658-4606



60th ANNUAL SASKATCHEWAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CURLING

FEBRUARY 9, 10, 11, 2018

Shellbrook

Shellbrook Council #9761

Entry Limit 32 Teams

REGISTRATION FORM- K of C State Curling – Shellbrook
February 9, 10, 11, 2018

COUNCIL _____ No, _____ CITY/TOWN _____

TEAM MEMBERS: SKIP _____ TEL # _____

THIRD _____

SECOND _____

LEAD _____

SKIP'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ENTRY FEE: \$280 until January 20th \$ _____

Entry Fee: \$300 after Jan 20th \$ _____

Extra Saturday Banquet Ticket ____ @ \$30.00 each \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

NOTE: A cheque for the above amount payable to Shellbrook Council 9761 must accompany entry.

Send entry to: Saskatchewan K of C State Curling- 2018
Al Dion - Registration Chairman
Box 915
Shellbrook, SK S0J-2E0

FURTHER INQUIRIES: Phone Al Dion at 306-747-3301 or Ron Cripps at 306-747-3266

Each skip will be notified by e-mail as to the time & location his team will curl their first game. Curling begins @ 3:30 pm on Friday, February 9th. Out of town teams please indicate if you would like the later draw. We will try to accommodate your request.

Games will mainly be played at the Shellbrook Curling Club located at 125 Main Street, Shellbrook with others at the Debden Curling Rink at 246- 2nd Street East, Debden

Note: Draw times and locations subject to change given amount of teams registered;

PLEASE GET YOUR ENTRY IN EARLY: LIMIT OF 32 TEAMS



STATE CURLING 2018

Shellbrook Council No.9761 is pleased to host the 2018 Knights of Columbus State Bonspiel in Shellbrook on February 9, 10, 11, 2018.

Come and join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship and faith.

Schedule of Events:

Friday – Draws: 3:30 pm curling commences

Saturday – Draws: 8 am curling commences

Sunday – Draws: after Mass



Note: Times and Draws are subject to change given amount of teams registered;

Team Makeup & Rules

Each team must have at least 2 Knights, ladies are welcome.

SCA rules apply unless altered by committee.

Games will be 8 ends - ties will be broken by one curler from each team throwing one rock (sweepers allowed). Closest to the button wins.

All final games will be curled at the Shellbrook Curling Club

Information on the bonspiel and registration forms will be sent out to all councils in Saskatchewan in November. The entry fee is \$280 per rink until January 20th after which the fee will increase to \$300 per rink.

There will be an early bird draw for teams entering prior to December 15, 2017 for return of the entry fee.

Accommodation:

Shellbrook Hotel – 306.747.2233

3 double rooms (two queens) @ \$60 (includes tax)

2 single rooms @ \$40 (includes tax)

Rooms will be held until January 26, 2018

Indicate “**Knights of Columbus**” when making reservations

Prince Albert is located 35 minutes east of Shellbrook for additional accommodations

No rooms have been ‘blocked’ in Prince Albert

Reserve early ... don’t be disappointed

Entry limit 32 Teams

Website Report for December 2017

Saskatchewan Knightline

Some things you might not have seen on the website:

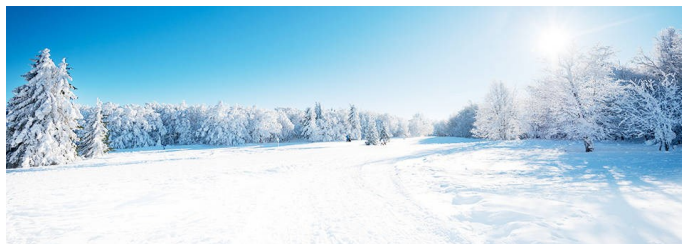
1. Membership incentives for this fraternal year. (Your council may be eligible to win CA\$H).
2. A listing of all councils and a link to each council website if they have one.
3. Calendar of events.
4. Degree schedule.
5. Video of the Pro-Life Millennium Cross Pilgrimage on August 27, 2017.
6. Information and order forms for the "Coats for Kids" program.
7. Prayer requests.
8. Photo Galleries of degree classes, council activities, and other events.
9. The 2017-18 State Roster (password protected)

Your photos can be added as well, please email them to the webmaster.

As on any website, the information needs to be constantly updated. So, if you find any information that is incorrect or out of date, or you have some information to add, please contact the webmaster, Peter Folk at peter.folk@sasktel.net



Fraternally, Peter Folk
Saskatchewan State Webmaster
www.kofcsask.com



From the Bulletin Editor

The **deadline** for submitting Articles/Photos will be **before the end of the month**. We will webpost and email within the next couple of days after that. If you can send the reports a couple of days earlier, it would be much appreciated.

****When providing pictures, please include caption notes and names of individuals in pictures.**

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article/Photo Submission Deadline</u>
January 2018	January 2, 2018
February 2018	January 29, 2018
March 2018	February 26, 2018
April 2018	March 30, 2018
May 2018	April 30, 2018
June 2018	May 28, 2018

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



Bulletin Editor
Gus Janczyszyn

*Barb & I would like to wish all
Knights and their families a very
Merry Christmas and a very Happy
New Year.*



SASK K OF C CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONE-mail www.saskkofcfoundation.com

Phone 306 631 1610

The Sask K of C Charitable Foundation would like to thank our Councils and membership for their ongoing generosity and support. Our Foundation has achieved over \$3.5 million in assets. Total donations for 2017 have reached a total of \$203,002.00 with 77 Councils or 54% of total Councils having made a donation. We are very pleased with the total contributions, however, it would be very rewarding to see 100% Council participation and support. To view the donation totals of all Councils, view our website www.saskkofcfoundation.com and hit "Council Targets" on the Home page.

The Foundation provides financial assistance to projects and organizations that support our Catholic faith as well as improve the quality of life for the less fortunate within our communities. Applications for requesting funding through our annual grant program can be found on our website. Closing date for applications is January 15th, 2018. We ask that you make qualifying organizations within your community aware.

The Foundation also partners with Councils in raising funds for specific individual needs through Contingency Projects throughout the year.

We are proud to offer fourteen \$1000.00 Bursaries in support of post secondary education each year. The Adrienne & Mervyn Welter Education Endowment provides three \$1,000.00 Bursaries to each of our Catholic Universities (St. Peter's - Muenster; St Tomas Moore - Saskatoon; Campion - Regina). The Foundation also offers a \$1,000.00 Bursary to a student at each of the four Sask Polytechnic Campus (Regina, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Prince Albert). This year we are also introducing a Bursary for a student enrolled at St. Teresa College in Bruno.

Applicants for every Bursary must be either a Knight, spouse, child or grandchild of a Knight of Columbus. Unfortunately we have not had sufficient applications in the past to award all Bursaries. Please ensure that your child or grandchild is aware that these applications can be found on each University &/or Sask Polytechnic website.

Memorial donations to the Foundation are an excellent method of expressing sympathy of loss of a loved one to the family. If the family indicates the Foundation as a "Charity of Choice" on their obituary, envelopes should be available at the funeral home. Otherwise, send the donation to the Foundation and please include the name of the deceased together with the name and address of the spouse or next of Kin. Upon receipt of the donation, the deceased member's name will be placed on our website for a year and included within our Memorial Mass celebration. The Foundation will also forward a certificate to the spouse or next of kin indicating that you and/or your Council has made a donation (no amount is shown) and a mass will be offered on their behalf. In support of Memorial donations, the State Convention in 2017 approved a Resolution that each Council will provide a \$100.00 Memorial donation to the Sask K of C Foundation in the name of each member that passes away within their Council.

Endowments are an excellent vehicle to create a legacy in the name of your family or as a memorial for a deceased family member. Each year, the family that establishes the Endowment can direct the earnings to their recipient of choice as part of the Grant allocation process. Please contact our office or any Board of Director if you wish further information.

As we celebrate Christ's entry into the world, may we be ever mindful of the needs of others. May you and your family enjoy a very Merry Blessed and Safe Christmas Season.

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Sask K of C Charitable Foundation**



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Donation Form - Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation

Mail To: SASK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
 Box 61 Moose Jaw, Sask. S6H 4N7

Name: _____ Membership No. _____ Council No. _____
 Address: _____ Town: _____ P Code: _____
 Amount: \$ _____ Cash ___ Cheque ___ E-mail address _____

Credit To:

Capital Fund _____	Fr. O'Leary Endowment _____	Adrienne & Mervyn Welter Education Endow _____
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Joseph M Glasser Family Endowment _____		John & Beatrice Sidloski Family Endowment _____
Indigenous Non Indigenous Relations Endowment _____		George J Lewans Memorial Endowment _____

Signature of Donor: _____ Receipt will be sent by e-mail (if provided above)

IF Memorial Fund : In Memory of _____

Send Memorial Card to: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ P. Code: _____

Which Savings Would You Rather Have?



Register your funds with the Knights of Columbus before **March 1, 2018** to qualify for the 2017 tax filing year.

Save more money for retirement with your RRSP from the Knights of Columbus.